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# DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Rev. J. C. Gunst**  
 Sunday Morning, June 19 — Ingersoll, Oklahoma.  
 Sunday Evening, June 19—Okeene, Oklahoma.

**Rev. Martin L. Leuschner**  
 Friday, June 17 — Jansen, Sask.  
 Sunday Morning, June 19 — Morris, Manitoba.  
 Sunday Evening, June 19 — Winnipeg, Manitoba.

**Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist**  
 June 5-19 — Creston, Nebraska.

**Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist**  
 June 26-July 10 — McLaughlin, South Dakota.

**Prof. R. P. Jeschke and Rev. Jacob Meister, Guest Speakers.**  
 June 16-19 — Alberta Association at Central Church, Edmonton, Alta. **Dr. T. W. Bender and Rev. C. F. Zummach, Guest Speakers.**

June 21-26 — Southern Conference Young People's Encampment at Latham Springs, Texas. **Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker.**

June 22-26 — Manitoba Home Builders' Retreat at Lake Dauphin, Manitoba. **Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.**

June 22-26 — Minnesota Young People's Conference at Buffalo Bible Camp, Buffalo Lake, Minn. **Prof. R. P. Jeschke, Mr. Harold W. Gieseke and Miss Margaret Kittlitz (June 26 only), Guest Speakers.**

June 22-26 — Pacific Conference at Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia. **Prof. T. W. Bender, Guest Speaker.**

June 22-26 — Dakota Conference at Aberdeen, So. Dak. **Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Prof. A. S. Felberg, and Mrs. Florence E. Schoeffel, Guest Speakers.**

June 23-26 — Central Conference at Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, Mich.

## CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES

June 12-18 — Iowa Young People's Camp at Iowa Falls, Iowa. **Rev. Frank H. Woyke and Mr. Harold W. Gieseke, Guest Speakers.**

June 15-19 — Central Dakota Association at Bismarck, No. Dak. **Dr. A. S. Felberg and Rev. Jacob Meister, Guest Speakers.**

June 16-19 — Northern North Dakota Association at Goodrich, No. Dak.

**Dr. William Kuhn, Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Rev. A. F. Runtz, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, and Miss Margaret Kittlitz (June 23-24 only), Guest Speakers.**

June 27-July 1 — Bad Lands Young People's Assembly at Plevna, Montana. **Prof. R. P. Jeschke and Rev. E. P. Wahl, Guest Speakers.**

June 28-July 1 — Manitoba Tri Union and Association at Whitemouth, Manitoba. **Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.**

June 29-July 3 — Saskatchewan-Alberta Tri Union at Medicine Hat, Alberta. **Rev. H. G. Dymmel, Guest Speaker.**

June 29-July 4 — Central Dakota Assembly at Jamestown, North Dakota. **Prof. T. W. Bender, Mr. Harold Gieseke, and Miss Margaret Kittlitz (June 29-July 1 only).**

June 29-July 3 — Ontario Association at the First Baptist Church, (Country), Killaloe, Ontario. **Dr. George A. Lang and Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Guest Speakers.**

**REV. JACOB MEISTER'S ITINERARY**

June 16-17 — Central Dakota Association at Bismarck, No. Dak.

June 18-19 — Northern North Dakota Association at Goodrich, No. Dak.

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## AMONG OURSELVES

It will not be long before Laura E. Reddig begins her flight from Africa to the United States! She is scheduled to leave the Cameroons late in June or early in July. The plane flight itself will only require a few hours. Miss Reddig's first public appearance with messages will be at the General Conference in Sioux Falls. There she will be the featured speaker at the Sunday afternoon mass meeting and at the session of the National Woman's Union. Let us pray for her safe journey through the skies from Africa and then look forward to the thrilling experiences of hearing this missionary herald again!

## IN THIS ISSUE

Anyone who reads this number of "The Herald" will soon know that the month is June. Commencement days are depicted in the baccalaureate message by the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke. The romance of travel and of visitation tours is seen in the announced itineraries of several Seminary and C. T. I. musical groups. June as the month of weddings also presents its problems when God is not in the marriage picture, as the Rev. Fred J. Knalson forcefully shows in his article. Even the new serial story, "Tawah, Son of Thunder," ought to make this a very happy and bright month for the reader.

## COMING

**The Banso Baptist Hospital** — These articles by Miss Laura E. Reddig and Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, illustrated with the latest picture of the hospital's dedication, will be superb. Four pages will be devoted to this wonderful story!

**"Take Heed, My Friend!"** This sevenfold Scriptural admonition is strikingly and emphatically interpreted by the Rev. E. O. Gutsche of Corona, South Dakota.

**Seminary Commencement** — The reports of the graduation exercises and of the Seminary board session will have much important information for every reader.



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# Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

## Almost --- But Not Quite!

**T**HE RESPONSE of our people to the challenge of the Million Dollar Offering during the past two years has been most heartening. Our denomination has taken great forward strides in missionary service. In addition to heavy demands for local building programs, our churches have contributed generously to the larger Kingdom work. Some have given sacrificially as never before. As in the days of Nehemiah, our people have had a "mind to work."

As the close of this two-year period hovers into view, we wish that we could report that the goal of the Million Dollar Offering will definitely be reached. We are almost there — but not quite! It now appears, if present trends of missionary income continue, that we shall be short of the goal by \$75,000 to \$100,000. That in itself is a creditable record and a noble story in giving, but it is not the crowning glory which we would like to see at the General Conference at Sioux Falls. We would like to report that the million dollars have been laid upon God's altar by our churches.

If every church with most of its members could make that "extra effort" with the second mile in service, a special offering laid upon God's altar, a real sacrifice dedicated to the Lord, then the Million Dollar Offering goal could easily be reached. It would take so little with only two or three dollars by every member in a special offering which would make this possible. But there will be no high pressure financial drives from headquarters to force this program.

During June and July every pastor will be asked by the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, to do what he can to lead his church to recognize its full share of responsibility in helping us to reach the goal. At the beginning of the Million Dollar Offering program, it was stated that every church ought to recognize its minimum share of responsibility as at least twenty-five dollars per member toward the offering over the two-year period. If this ideal has already been attained by a church, it ought to be willing to go a bit farther with a very special love and thankoffering.

At the General Conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota from August 22 to 28 the names of the Honor Churches of our denomination which have made contributions of twenty-five dollars or more per member toward the Million Dollar Offering will be posted prominently. Such churches, whose names will appear on the Honor Roll, will not only be able to bask in the limelight of this enviable record but will also be assured of the words of recognition by the Master, "Well done!" Certainly, this goal is also worth striving for by every one of our churches!

"Almost — but not quite!" It is heartrending to be so close to the goal, and still not to be there in successful completion of the assigned task. If these words are heard by enough of us and really become the concern of our hearts, the goal can still be reached and the task finished. God grant it through you and me!

### BIBLE TEXT

„Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hands of their masters, . . . so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God" (Psalm 123:1-2).

Prayer by Bishop Ralph Spaulding Cushman in "More Hilltop Verses and Prayers":

"O Lord and Christ, who, by thy word hast taught, and by thy death on the Cross hast proved, the meagerness of our devotion; pardon the sin which makes of thy service an occasion for self-seeking or a means to position among men; and, do thou, O Lord, so replace self in us by such a love to thee that we may seek thy will and thy honor alone, and, being envious only of thy benediction, aspire after no reward but thy praise. Amen."

### MISSIONARY PICTURE PACKET

A thousand packets, containing 19 uniform sized pictures of all of our missionaries, are now being distributed among individuals and groups in our churches. These pictures are five by seven inches in size and are printed on heavy paper. The names of the missionaries also appear on the sheets. A lacquer finish gives the appearance of an original photograph.

These pictures are ideal as illustrative material in your church organizations. They can be shown on the bulletin board of your church or be placed around a map of the world. They will be an inspiration to individuals to be kept before them at home. The entire picture packet of all of our missionaries at home and abroad can be secured for one dollar postpaid. Send your order with your dollar to North American Baptist Headquarters, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois and the packet will be mailed to you promptly. The printing of a thousand packets will probably soon be exhausted. Be sure to get YOURS immediately!

### THE CALL OF THE CAMEROONS

We can now announce the greatest of all bargains! The new study course book of about 110 pages with a colorful front cover, concerning our Cameroons Mission field in Africa, is now ready for distribution at fifty cents a copy! The price has been kept down to enable every North American Baptist, or at least every family, to purchase a copy. This book, "The Call of the Cameroons," consisting of eight chapters has been prepared by our missionaries with almost every our missionary question about our mission field answered. It will serve admirably as a textbook in discussion groups, Sunday School classes, young people's assemblies or leadership courses. We expect the three thousand copies to sell quickly.

# The Greatest Commission of Christ

Baccalaureate Sermon to the Members of the Graduating Class of the North American Baptist Seminary at Rochester, New York on Sunday, May 22, 1949

By the REV. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE of the White Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

**W**E as the ministers of the Gospel are the visible and audible substitutes of Jesus Christ. Our feet are his feet carrying his message to men. Our lips are his lips speaking his words of eternal life. Our hands are his hands giving his blessing and service. Our ears are his ears ever open unto those who call. "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21).

The representatives of governments have their dignity and decorum, a violation of which is considered a dishonor to their nation. You and I do not represent an earthly kingdom but a heavenly. We are ambassadors of a celestial King with a Kingdom of enduring splendor, with which men are to affiliate themselves for their eternal good. Therefore we are clothed with a greater dignity than the emissaries of kingdoms that come and go.

### OUR PREACHING COMMISSION

Our commission is one of spiritual orientation and reconciliation unto God. Man by himself is only one-half of a whole. His counterpart is the eternal God, the Father of spirits.

When God determined upon the plan of the universe, he saw it as the scene of a being made after his own pattern, with capacities akin to his own, upon whom he could shed his infinite love. The Apostle John says: "God is love." Love is essentially a relationship between two beings of like nature, and one of self-giving.

Love worthy of the character of God cannot be self-love. Even in man self-love must always be secondary, never primary. When self-love is primary, it is as stagnant and deadly as the Dead Sea. But the kind of love which God is needs to be shared if it is to result in happiness. This is the reason man was created in the image of God with a God-consciousness planted within him. "The rocks and hills, the woods and templed hills" could not consciously receive and return the love of God, because they are inanimate. Only a spiritual nature can have relationship with a spiritual God.

Therefore, man without God is one-half of a whole. Without this relationship to his Creator man is as dead as a radio that does not receive the transmitted voice, or the lower die of a

large stamping machine without the upper, or an electric eye that fails to receive the beam of light. Man needs to be spiritually oriented and reconciled to God.

We think of this ministry of reconciliation as our preaching commission. The Apostle Paul said: "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

### GREAT PREACHING

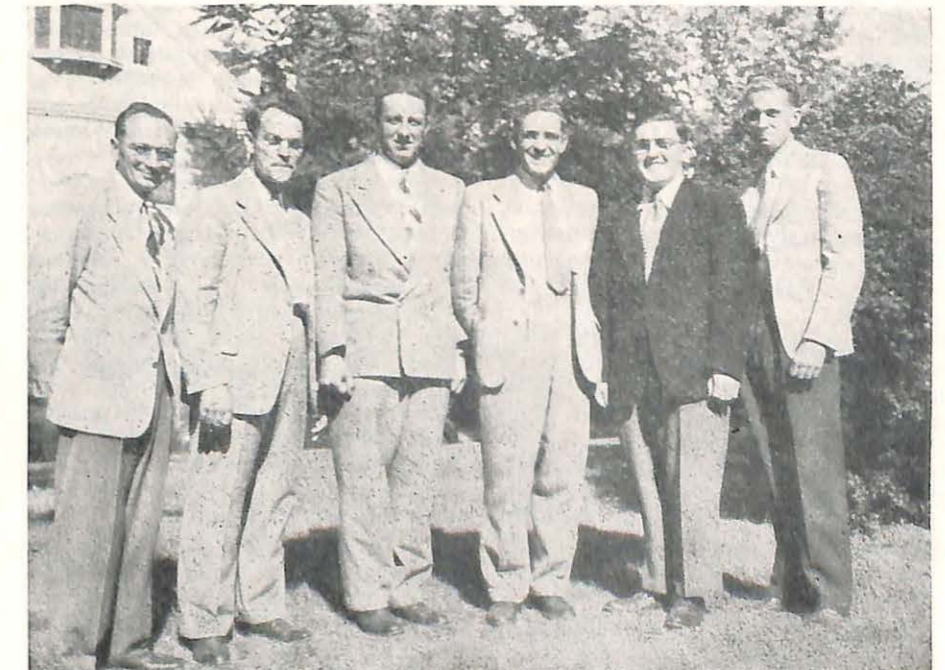
It is the opinion of great men that this type of preaching has gone into a decline during the last two or three decades. George Bernard Shaw is supposed to have made this observation: "Some preaching is like wine: it has color and sparkle, but does no permanent good; some is like drinking coffee: it stimulates but does not nourish; some is like carbonated water: a fuss over nothing; some is like spring water: good, but hard to get."

Joseph R. Sizoo, in his latest book, "Preaching Unashamed," in the first chapter says that being on the committee to select the best sermons of the year he has about four thousand

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Members of the 1949 Graduating Class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York and the Churches Which They Will Be Serving: (Left to Right) Rudolph Rapske, Medicine Hat, Alberta; Raymond F. Dickau, Venturia, North Dakota; Vernon Link, Fessenden, North Dakota; Isador Faszler, Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan; Norman G. Miller, Hettinger, North Dakota; and Alvin L. Wetter, Spring Valley, South Dakota.

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sermons to review. He comments: "One cannot refrain from saying there is too much shoddy preaching today . . . We must make ourselves much more effective if we are to win the confidence of our day."

After naming a score or more of the greatest preachers of Christian history, Dr. Sizoo declares: "All that is coming back. This is the age of preaching. The sermon is coming back into its own . . . People are coming to church, if they come at all, to hear the voice of a prophet, to look into the face of a man who has been alone with God." "He is called to be an ambassador and deliver from the King of kings a message to the people of earth. He did not make that message, neither can he change it, neither can he disregard it."

The power of the pulpit is still the greatest power. By their preaching Paul and Chrysostom, Luther and Calvin and Wesley applied the power of God to the souls of men and changed the character of nations. That is still being done today.

In the beginning of his public ministry Jesus appropriated the words of Isaiah unto himself: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." And after he had preached for three years, he handed the commission down to the apostles and to us when he said: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

But preaching is not the whole commission of Christ. When he had won disciples by preaching, he further taught in detail the principles of his Kingdom, and it is said that he "taught them as one having authority."

#### OUR TEACHING MINISTRY

It is hard to draw a line of distinction between preaching and teaching, because if preaching isn't teaching it is pure demagoguery, and if teaching isn't preaching it is perfunctory and without spiritual power. But, generally speaking, we think of preaching as an address to that section of the general public there congregated, and teaching as the specific instruction of those who have come because they are interested in a given realm of thought.

In what is known as the great commission Jesus emphasized both of these aspects. First, we should "make disciples" by preaching, and then "teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Paul speaks of the gifts of the Christian ministry in at least three places in his writing, always distinguishing between teaching and preaching, but never to the disparagement of either.

Effective teaching is a distinct gift from God. In some respects it is harder than preaching because it is

more detailed in analysis, and it requires greater patience with and understanding of the pupil. The careful teacher may have to say some things over again, perhaps several times, before the pupil has understood him. Some years ago a great educator, addressing a convention of public school teachers, said: "No teacher has taught until the pupil has learned." That good maxim applies to the Christian teacher even more than to the secular, for the Christian teacher feels more keenly that his influence so largely determines the attitude of the scholar.

Christ always taught so plainly and effectively that all could understand him. It did not matter to him whether his class numbered one or over five thousand. He taught some of his greatest truths to audiences of one person, as in the case of Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman. It is commonly agreed that the best teaching is done in small classes because the attention of the teacher is less divided.

In all our teaching we represent our Master to the learner. Christ taught from the beginning of his ministry, and at the close said: "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

#### CHRISTIAN SERVICE

There is another aspect to this greatest of all commissions, that of service. Our Lord said: "The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister." He ministered to man's whole being. Never a cry fell on deaf ears or an unwilling spirit.

To the physically ill he gave much of his time and energy. The lepers were cleansed, the blind were made to see, the lame to walk, the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak. Even the dead were raised and restored to their families. It made no difference to him what time of day the needs were presented, or how fatigued he was. The conscious output of energy always was with a compassionate heart. Can we do such miracles today? I am afraid we do not know how many miracles of healing are wrought as we minister at the bedside, for the Spirit of God touches the patient with his grace sufficient to every need.

In this ministry of service there is also the feeding of the hungry. When five thousand people had followed Christ for several days, he told his disciples: "Give ye them to eat." When provisions were far too inadequate, he multiplied them by dividing them unto the satisfaction of all. That charge must still be headed by the Christian church.

The feeding of Christ's flock regularly every Sunday with the Bread of life must not be overlooked. Our Lord said: "I am the Bread of life which came down from heaven; if any man eat of this Bread he shall

live forever." "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

There is still another way in which this glorious commission applies to us. This is a very unwelcome part of our charge. Jesus said that the "Son of man had come to give his life a ransom for many." We know that this was accomplished through his sufferings which were sufficient to make atonement for all who would believe.

But however sufficient his sufferings were for atonement, the sufferings for its application would go on. The Apostle Paul said: "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church" (Standard Version). Peter declares: "But now rejoice inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings."

#### SUFFERING WITH CHRIST

The minister of Christ must always be ready to suffer with his Lord. In this country it is the church members who cause the preacher the greatest sufferings in their misunderstandings, their lack of Christian grace, their refusal to support the church with service and finances according to Biblical instructions. How many times is the heart of the pastor grieved over strife within the church! Like Jeremiah he often weeps over them, or like Samuel he feels himself rejected when they have rejected God, or again like Paul he could wish himself accursed from Christ if that would remedy things.

This measure of sufferings is never filled up. Paul had his share and Peter his. You and I must endure ours. If any man shrinks from the thought of these hardships he is not worthy of his Lord, nor is he faithful to his charge. Many of the Christian graces and virtues grow only on the tree of affliction. Perhaps more is accomplished in a day of suffering than a year of preaching.

Dr. Sizoo quotes from the book by Emile Cammaerts, "Upon This Rock," in which he tells of his son, an R. A. F. flier, being killed. The father discovered that his daughter, the strongest Christian in the family, was the most desolate. Upon being addressed she replied: "It is not a question of strength, it is a question of realization. I never realized before what the Cross meant. We are sharing the responsibility for that suffering now, and the crucifixion goes on." "Jesus showed unto his disciples how that he must go unto Jerusalem and suffer many things." "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Thus, the greatest commission charges us to preach, to teach, to serve, and to suffer as the visible and audible substitutes for the Son of Man today.



Miss Ruby Salzman Plays on the Accordion for a Church Service in the Cameroons of Africa While the Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, Also Missionaries of Ours, Watch the Faces of the Christian Natives in a Scene Similar to That Described by Missionary George Henderson in the Accompanying Story

## Songs in the Night at Victoria

A Thrilling Story of Easter Sunday Morning in the Cameroons, Africa  
Related by the REV. GEORGE HENDERSON, Missionary  
Stationed at Victoria

OUTSIDE, while it was still dark, four o'clock in the morning to be exact, loud singing voices awakened the hundreds of relatives in Victoria village on Easter Sunday morning. As the eyes of those who slumbered were opened, the sensation could be described as the joys of another world while the music flowed through the air.

Through the windows and doors of the Victoria huts the chords of harmony blended into an awakening concert. Louder and louder the music grew until it sounded as if an entire army of singing soldiers had invaded the town. With the first thoughts of consciousness, one was inclined to ask himself such questions as: "Where am I? What's happening? Who's singing at this time of the night?"

#### A NEGRO SPIRITUAL

Possibly one could turn over in bed, but the words of the song continued to sound forth:

The Jews killed our Jesus,  
The Jews killed our Jesus,  
And laid him in the tomb.

Then down came the angel,  
Then down came the angel,  
And rolled the stone away.

He arose, he arose, he arose,  
He arose and went to heaven.

Over and over the words of this Negro spiritual sounded forth. If one made his way to the door to look out, all that could be seen was a mass of black figures robed in white, which formed a silhouette against the glossy waving palms.

The villagers were being reminded that the Baptist Christians of Victoria were assembling for their sunrise service. "Not yet daylight, and time to take another nap." Probably those were the thoughts of many who wished to sleep. But with the gradual increase of music, the sleeper gave up in defeat. "Chance no dey for sleep," were the words of the missionary's house boys.

#### THE MARCH TO CHURCH

Through the streets of Victoria and New Town (Stranger's quarters) marched the Dorcas Society and the Christian Woman's Society. Both groups of choristers were heralding forth the tidings of the resurrection of their Risen Lord. Up one street and down the other were the marching orders! The sound of perfect harmony blended with the stir of marching feet and served as an alarm clock for the

occasion.

"Dong! Dong! Dong!" sounded the old church bell at six o'clock. Along the streets men, women and children moved with great excitement towards the church. Approaching the church, again the air was ringing with the songs of glad voices. First one group, then the other, all singing of the resurrection. By this time the children had been roused and the volume increased. Within a short time after daylight, the building was packed with people.

#### THE RESURRECTION DRAMATIZED

Several hundred people were seated before the garden scene in the historical old Baptist Church of Victoria on this Easter morning. Some of the British Government people had heard the awakening chorus and had come to join with the natives in their worship. The beautiful Easter story was recited by one of our talented young ladies while the school children responded with songs about the Cross of Calvary. Anxious and eager eyes witnessed the events of the resurrection.

Suddenly there appeared several  
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# Mixed Marriages, a Problem of the Church

By the REV. FRED J. KNALSON of Underwood, North Dakota

THE PROBLEM of mixed marriages is the problem of the churches, not of the pastor. It is a problem with which every church is contending to a greater or lesser degree. In this article the author has special reference to only one phase of this problem which is that of Protestant-Catholic marriages. The remedies suggested here can be applied to all phases of this problem as a corrective.

In approaching the problem of mixed marriages and in endeavoring to suggest any correctives for this problem, we are aware that each local situation has its peculiar difficulties. In this article the author would not pose as an authority on the subject of mixed marriages.

## FOUR BASIC PRINCIPLES

These four principles are basic in the approach to this problem. The very nature of these principles brings out very clearly a long felt conviction that the problem of mixed marriages is not a pastor's problem, or the problem of the advisory board, but a problem which every local Baptist Church should consider fearlessly by adopting a policy which would be scriptural and practical for the pastor.

The local church must come to the place where it will stand back of the pastor on Biblical grounds in this acute and serious problem. In too many cases the local church has been trying to evade or to escape the responsibility which she rightfully must assume in regard to marriage and especially to mixed marriages.

The churches of the great Protestant Reformation have usually been noncommittal and haphazard in their approach to this universal problem. We have, therefore, seen our young people flocking to Catholic priests for instruction so that they "may" get married to a Catholic and in a Catholic church. And what do we say when it happens? More than often parents and friends in the church say: "Well, it's better this way than if he doesn't go to any church at all."

From whence comes this authority, this seeming power which the Catholic church has over its communicants? We know that it is the authority of the Roman Church which is held out to the young people as being final and the only authority on all things. We also know, or we ought to know, that the Word of God, which shall never pass away, is our final authority and that man has no other recourse.

Let us teach and preach this Word

with authority to our young people and to our parents. When one of our young people is led astray by any other propaganda, we get excited about the affair and it causes no small stir in the community. After a while we settle down again to our daily routine and forget about it until it happens again and then we go through the same routine of condemnation and excitement. This excitement will never help our young people.

What we need is a consistent teaching of the Word of God on the Christian marriage in the Sunday Schools, from the pulpit, in our youth meetings, at our assemblies, at our conferences and conventions and wherever an opportunity is given. In most cases mixed marriages take place, and a Protestant joins the Catholic church as a result of ignorance about the teaching of the Word of God on this matter. This ignorance of God's Word and his plan for marriage leads to disaster. An informed and well grounded Christian is the exception in such cases to which we have been referring.

May the Church of Christ, his Body, take upon herself the God-given responsibility to "preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine" (2 Tim. 4:2).

In the following paragraphs some of the God-given opportunities of the church are suggested which will go far in stemming the tide of unscriptural marriages and the resulting broken homes.

## EVANGELISM

First and foremost, we must emphasize "Evangelism." In relationship to this problem, we do not refer to evangelism merely from the pulpit or special evangelistic meetings. The need is for personal work. The very nature of such an effort makes it a job for the entire church. There is nothing that can take the place of soul-winning efforts by the entire church. Many of our young people who marry Roman Catholics have never been "born again." They come from Christian homes and have attended Sunday School and church services, but they have never made a personal commitment of their lives to Christ as Lord and Savior.

If a young man or woman has truly been born again and has experienced the grace of God in his life, the chances are very slim that he will succumb to any Roman church pressure. He will, on the contrary, be a

witness, in word and deed, to his Catholic friend. He will be able to point him to the Christ who alone can save to the uttermost. The parents of these young people along with the church cannot fail in their responsibility here. This is fundamental in our approach to the problem. Thus, we can nip in the bud, in the years before young people think about marriage, this problem of mixed marriages among our youth.

## DOCTRINAL PREACHING

Closely related to the above, we would stress the need of doctrinal teaching in the Word of God from the pulpit and in the classroom. When we refer to Bible doctrine, we do not mean the commonly used methods of Bible teaching in our Sunday Schools. To establish our young people in the faith, once for all delivered to the saints, we must, in a systematic way, inform them what the Bible says, if anything, about the mass, about purgatory, about the Virgin Mary, about the sacraments, about baptism, about confession, about penance and other teachings of the Roman Church. We must meet error with the Truth.

On the positive side, the teaching of the Bible regarding sin, salvation, sanctification (separation), baptism, the Lord's Supper, marriage, etc., should be taught and emphasized. There are many books and tracts which are true to the Word which can be obtained and distributed to enforce the message of the teacher. The reason why so many of our young people take the wrong step when it comes to marriage is because they have not been taught how to walk. "All Scripture," Paul tells us in 2 Timothy 3:16, "is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." The only way to combat Roman Catholic doctrine and tradition is by Bible doctrine.

Msgr. Fulton Sheen tells us that his converts from Protestantism are not so much converts from Protestantism, but from "confusionism." If this is true, then we have only ourselves to blame, and he has done us a great favor by pointing out this weakness to us. This statement from Msgr. Sheen does not mean that there is no confusion in the Church of Rome. It abounds in confusion and contradiction. But we cannot let that be an excuse for confusion in our ranks. Let us be as unwavering and as dogmatic about the teaching of the Word of God concerning marriage, as the

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Catholic Church is about its own traditions.

In close relationship to the doctrinal teaching of the church, we need to bring to the attention of parents and young people alike as much of the usable and available printed material as possible. The American Tract Society has a very good tract on the general theme of marriage entitled, "God's Place in Marriage." A tract by Dr. Clarence MacCartney entitled, "Getting the Best of Marriage," is filled with practical teaching. On the specific subject of Catholic-Protestant marriages, the Concordia Publishing House has a pamphlet entitled, "To Sign Or Not To Sign the Catholic Prenuptial Contract."

New information and reading material should be made available from time to time to the young people of our churches. The Converted Catholic Magazine is a good magazine to keep on hand for the pastor or teacher. This magazine, edited and published by former Roman Catholic priests, has some very striking articles at times on the attitudes of the Roman Church regarding marriage and other issues. If there is the tendency among the youth of the local church to think that the pastor, teacher or parent is "narrow" or dogmatic on this all important matter, they will find in the reading material, as suggested above, that they are quite lenient.

The young men and women of our churches, who are of marriageable age, ought to be given all the information possible. This information, coming from reliable sources, will be welcomed most of the time. In it we will win their confidence and respect. They will thank you for it later, if not right away.

In our endeavor to solve this problem we must give our young people in our churches the one thing they desire and crave more than anything else. We must provide Christian fellowship for them. Too often our churches are an institution open for business one hour on Sunday morning with nothing for its young people by way of fellowship or recreation during the week. This fellowship, when not provided in the church, will be sought elsewhere.

Eventually they will venture out into the night clubs of your town and meet and fall in love with that Catholic, who hangs out there, or with an insipid Protestant. When this happens, we all get excited and become more convinced than ever before that our young people are all going to the dogs, when in reality we have failed in our responsibility to them and to God. Nothing is more discouraging than to see young people come to church for an hour on Sunday morning and then to be told by the pastor from the pulpit that there will be another service at the same hour next

## We, the Women

### OUR 1949 SCHOLARSHIP GIRL

By MISS ALETHEA S. KOSE, Member of the Faculty of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Illinois.

It gives me genuine joy to introduce to you Ernestina Schmidt, our 1949 Scholarship girl. "Tina," as we love to call her, comes to us from Alberta, Canada, her home church being the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary. The Rev. Henry Schatz, her pastor, gave her an excellent recommendation.

Tina Schmidt is a truly consecrated young woman, fully dedicated to her Master. Through prayer and hard work, she overcame many obstacles which threatened to hinder her special preparation for missionary work. At last her prayers were answered and it was made possible for her to enter the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Illinois. She is the type of young woman whom the school keenly appreciates, for she is a conscientious student, with a pleasing and gracious personality, possessing rare spiritual qualities. The following is Tina's letter of appreciation to the women of our denomination.

Open Letter by Miss Tina Schmidt, Scholarship Girl

Have you ever had the experience

of having printed words fairly jump out at you? Such was the case when I read the sentence in the editorial of the February 1, 1949 issue of "The Baptist Herald." "The greatest discoverers have not been those who have been first to set their feet on a new continent or those who have uncovered some gold nuggets in a river bed, but those who have believed fervently in the possibilities of some young person and have encouraged and inspired that individual to momentous heights of attainment."

After I accepted Christ as my personal Savior, I felt the call to give my life to missionary service, but to fulfill that call I needed preparation. Through the encouragement of understanding Christians, I got a start toward my goal. Included in this group of understanding Christians were you, the women of your North American Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, who granted me a scholarship to start my missionary preparation. For your gift I am humbly grateful and pray that I may prove worthy. In addition to your tangible encouragement I would like to express my appreciation for your prayers.

May God continue to use you as you endeavor to encourage those who are preparing for, and those who are already serving in Kingdom work.

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Sunday morning. In such an atmosphere, our children hardly get to know other Christian young people.

Generally, our young people marry someone from the group with whom they fellowship most. The church can and must afford this Christian fellowship to her youth. The wider

fellowship of assemblies, conferences and rallies are to be encouraged by the church for the young people. When high spiritual goals are kept before our young people in these places of fellowship, they will develop and grow spiritually and will want to make the right choices in life.



# Miss Martha Leypoldt at Headquarters

## Introducing the Editorial Staff Assistant of Our Denominational Headquarters

By REV. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary of the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union

SINCE JUNE 1st Miss Martha Leypoldt has been working full time at our headquarters office in Forest Park. She will be known as "editorial staff assistant." In May Miss Leypoldt completed her formal training at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Illinois, receiving her degree of Master of Religious Education.

The Executive Committee of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union in consultation with the executive secretary and the promotional secretary of the General Council have made the following arrangement for Miss Leypoldt's program of work:

Under the direction of the general secretary of the National Y. P. and S. S. Workers' Union Miss Leypoldt will give three-fourth of her time to the National Union work. She is to be the associate editor of the "Youth Compass," assist in the editorial work of the Junior Union mission materials,

the Sunday School superintendent's leaflet "Action," and do such additional editorial work as shall be necessary from time to time. In addition Miss Leypoldt is to do stenographical work for the general secretary of the National Union.

One-fourth of Miss Leypoldt's time is to be devoted to the denomination's promotional department under the supervision of the promotional secretary, Dr. M. L. Leuschner. She will be editor of "The Cheerful Sower" beginning with Jan 1, 1950. Furthermore, she will assist in the editing of the Mission Study Courses, Sunday School leaflets and such other denominational leaflets that will be necessary.

From time to time Miss Leypoldt will be available as instructor and inspirational speaker at youth assemblies, worker's conferences, young peoples' rallies, and leadership training courses for which she is well qualified.



Miss Martha Leypoldt of Milwaukee, Wisconsin Who Is Now Employed in a Full-time Capacity at Our Forest Park Headquarters as Editorial Staff Assistant

We welcome Miss Leypoldt as a full-time Christian worker into our ranks. She is no new-comer and knows our denominational work well. During her school years she has been working in our office and also active in our Forest Park church. God has given her many talents and she has made excellent use of her talents. Her services and abilities in leadership will be a great blessing to our work in general.

Says England's C. S. Lewis in his startling "The Great Divorce": "There are only two kinds of people in the end: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done', and those to whom God says, in the end, 'Thy will be done.' All that are in hell choose it. Without that self-choice there would be no hell."

The wailing of Christ over Jerusalem is a revelation of the heart of God. He weeps in the presence of man's rebellion — because of his inevitable doom. But his sorrow cannot deter judgment! "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate."

In the 1883-84 D. L. Moody and Sankey campaign in England, there stands out an unforgettable and daring "Night for Infidels Only." It occurred at the height of Charles Bradlaugh's sweeping championship of atheism. Hearing of the evangelist's bold challenge, Bradlaugh instructed his clubs to attend and take possession of the hall. Five thousand men did so.

Moody's preaching majored powerfully on personal experiences that night, after which he allowed opportunity for any person to leave before going into the "usual inquiry after-meeting." Not a man left. The

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### Songs in the Night

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African boys carrying their dead (a sight not uncommon in Africa). Several young women followed weeping and mourning the departure of HIM whom they loved. The body was placed in the garden tomb as the King's soldiers began their watch. In the twinkle of an eye the sepulchre door rolled open (moved by a boy under the floor). Then a great puff of smoke ascended. All eyes strained to see what had happened.

Then Mary came to the tomb in search of her Lord, only to find the sepulchre empty. Running with great haste, Mary cried to the other disciples, "They have taken away the body of the Lord from the sepulchre!" (Actually the body had been passed through the hole in the floor inside the tomb.) With much excitement, as only our natives can show, the disciples came to witness those things that had been told them.

### TRIUMPHANT VOICES

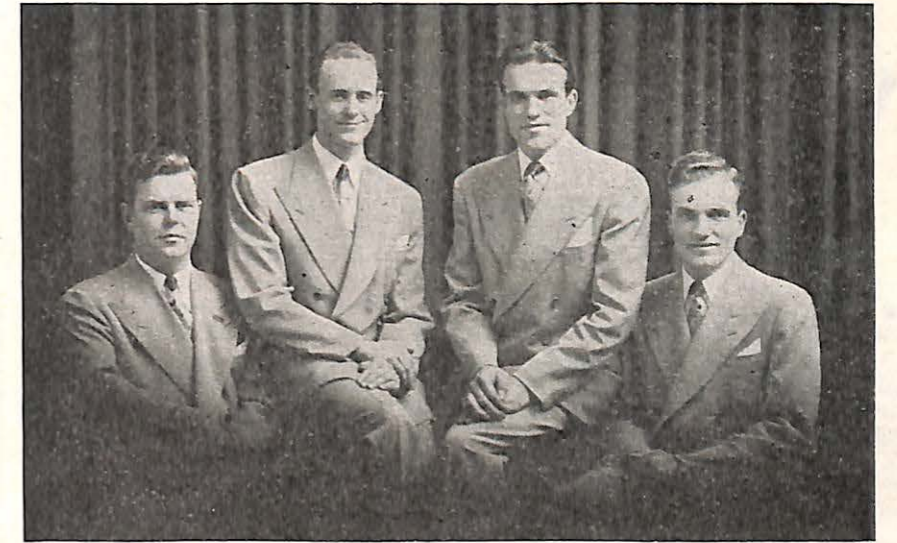
True to Biblical teaching, Mary then appeared alone at the tomb as she longed to find the body of her Lord. She spoke to someone, thinking it to be the voice of the gardener. Suddenly she heard her name, "Mary!" When she turned she knew it to be the voice of her Lord. She exclaimed, "Robboni — Master!" (The Scripture words of the Lord were read by the missionary behind the scene.)

With triumphant voices all the school children joined in singing the well known Easter anthem, "He Lives, He Lives! Christ Jesus Lives Today."

The hope of the resurrection was again visualized to our Africans as the Scriptures in Romans six and 1 Corinthians fifteen were illustrated to them. A handful of seeds was cast to the floor by the evangelist, and while the Scripture was being recited, a real flower literally began to grow out of the floor (the flower came up through an opening in the floor).

"For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection." The hope of the resurrection has taken on a new and fuller meaning for our Christians in Victoria. "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Lifting their voices in one accord the natives sang the doxology in their native Duala language and the school children in English: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." From the coastal town of Victoria the believers distinguish themselves with "songs in the night," a living Hope which they have here in this land of darkness.



"The Seminars," Quartet of the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York (Left to Right: Helmut Riemer, Edward Link, Joseph Sonnenberg and Fred Sonnenberg)

# Seminary Quartets on the Road

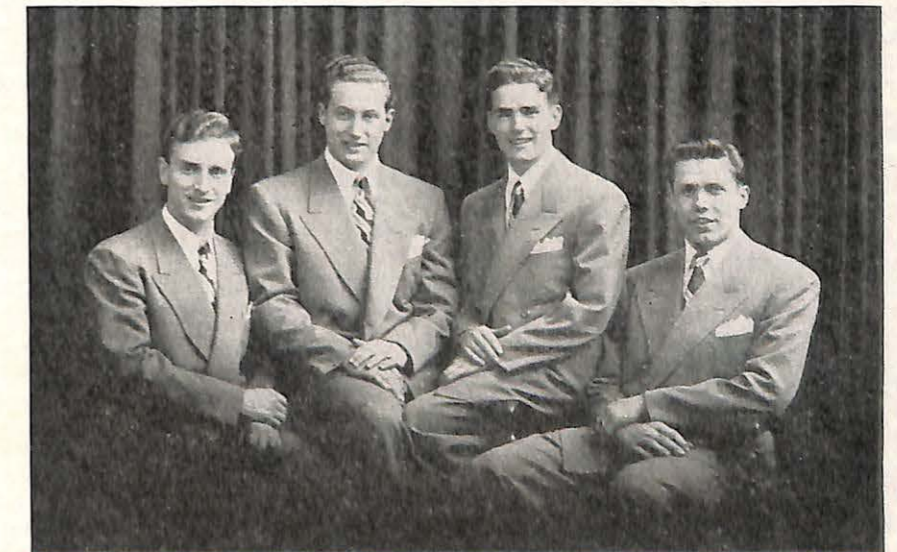
FOR THE FIRST time in many years, our Seminary of Rochester, New York will be represented during the summer months with two splendid quartets. They are already on their extensive visitation tours which will come to an inspiring climax at the General Conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota where the young men will sing as a double quartet.

"The Seminars" began on Tuesday, May 31st, at the White Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio. They will visit our churches in the following states and provinces: Illinois, Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Two of the men, Joseph and Fred Sonnenburg, are brothers from Morris, Manitoba. The others in the

quartet are Edward Link and Helmut Riemer.

"The Gospel Harmonizers" will be going through the following states: Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and then work their way back to Sioux Falls, South Dakota for the General Conference. The young men are Adolph Braun, Bernard Fritzke, Chris Weintz and Harold Weiss.

In addition to these two gifted Seminary quartets, a third quartet composed of first-year students was recently organized. They have called themselves "The Ambassadors." A news report about their ministry during the Easter holidays appears on the "What's Happening" page.



"The Gospel Harmonizers," Quartet of the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York (Left to Right: Bernard Fritzke, Harold Weiss, Chris Weintz and Adolph Braun)

# When God Has Failed!

This article first appeared in "The Sumner Gazette" as a regular feature of the town's newspaper

By the REV. WILLIAM H. JESCHKE of Sumner, Iowa

THERE ARE two striking figures in Scripture that stand out in portraying the amazing relationship of God with man. In Christ's standing before and knocking at the individual's heart's door we are impressed by something of a heavenly "courtesy." The Almighty could crash through resistance to subdue each individual unto himself, but he will not! "Force is not an attribute of God" (Epistle to Diognetus).

"Our wills are ours, we know not how; Our wills are ours, to make them thine."

The second figure appears in Christ's lament over Jerusalem . . . "How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings,

and ye would not!" It is an obvious picture of danger. The Savior came "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish . . ." It is also a picture of offered safety. The believing soul who hastens to Christ soon learns to sing: "Under his wings I am safely abiding . . ." But it is most distinctly a picture of divine failure!

Multitudes will be lost to God, and will go out into the eternal blackness of separation. This, despite the fact that "the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost!" If God "is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance," then it must be man who is "not willing" to be saved! "Ye will not come to me that ye might have life" grieved the Master. "I would . . . ye would not" will forever be the final verdict of heaven.



# What's Happening

● On Easter Sunday, April 17, the Rev. Herman H. Riffel, pastor of the Holmes St. Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., baptized eight persons on confession of their faith in Christ. The church now has a membership of 189. The Sunday School has a present enrollment of about 80 pupils over that of last year.

● On Easter Sunday morning, April 17, the Rev. Monroe D. Chalfant, pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, baptized seven young people from the Sunday School. A sunrise service was held at 6:30 A. M. in fellowship with members and friends of a nearby Methodist Church. This was followed by a fellowship breakfast and the Sunday School session.

● The Jeffers Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minnesota has announced that the Rev. Arthur Odens of Lake Benton, Minnesota has accepted the call to become its pastor. He and his family have already moved into the parsonage and have begun their ministry at the Jeffers Church. Mr. Odens has succeeded the Rev. William G. Trow, now pastor of the Ebenezer Church near Elmo, Kansas.

● Recently Mrs. N. B. Neelen, for many years a faithful member of the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was honored by having her son elected for a second term as judge in Milwaukee by a majority of over one hundred thousand votes. Mrs. Neelen is the widow of the late Judge Neelen and a present member of our Children's Home Board in St. Joseph, Michigan.

● A birthday dinner was held by the Woman's Mission Society of the Grace Church of Hettinger, No. Dak., on March 31st with the president, Mrs. Magdalene Fusch in charge. The society has remembered the Bismarck Old People's Home with sheets, pillow cases, towels and food. The church is looking forward to the ministry of Mr. Norman Miller, a 1949 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., beginning with the month of June.

● The annual program of the Ladies' Aid of the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta was held on Feb. 27. A dialogue was presented along with musical selections and a message by the Rev. R. Milbrandt. The officers for this year are Mrs. F.

## IT'S A BOY!

The Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens, missionaries at Mbem in the Cameroons, have announced by cablegram that a boy was born to them on May 12, weighing 7½ pounds. He has been named William Andrew. The cablegram concluded: "All are well and extremely happy." Congratulations!

Klinger, president; Mrs. A. Zeitner, vice-president; Mrs. J. Hoffman, secretary; Mrs. W. Williams, vice-secretary; Mrs. J. Epp, treasurer. The society has 36 members. Mr. Rudolph Rapske of Morris, Manitoba is the newly called pastor of the church.

● The Rev. William Swyter of Union City, N. J., died on May 15 at the age of 79 years. He was a retired minister of our fellowship, having served the Second German Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., for 26 years from 1914 to 1940. He passed away in the Jersey City Medical Center of cerebral thrombosis. The memorial service was held on May 18 at the Second Church of Union City. It has also reported that Mrs. Swyter, his widow, is seriously ill, having suffered a cerebral stroke shortly before her husband's homegoing.

● On May 15 the Rev. George W. Zinz, Sr., of Winburne, Pa., preached the baccalaureate sermon in the Cooper Township High School on the subject, "The Will to Win a Higher Life." On Easter Sunday Mr. Zinz baptized two young women on confession of their faith in Christ. On May 1 and 2 the Rev. H. Renkema, colporteur and representative of the Publication Society, visited the Forest Baptist Church and preached in the services. Brother Zinz wrote concerning him: "He should find a warm welcome in all our churches."

● On Sunday morning, May 1, the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, pastor of the White Ave. Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, had the privilege of baptizing four persons upon the confession of their faith in Christ. A communion service was held in the evening when the hand of fellowship was extended to these and two others who were received on confession of faith. The Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Illinois was the guest

speaker in a brief series of five inspirational Gospel services held from March 30 to April 3.

● On Wednesday evening, May 4, the members of the Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin surprised their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. M. Vanderbeck, on their 25th wedding anniversary. Mr. Arno Dechent presided over the program, during which church representatives expressed their commendation for the ministry rendered by the pastor. The Vanderbecks were presented with a small tree fittingly decorated with silver coins as a present from the young people, Willing Workers, missionary society and Sunday School of the church as well as from other members and friends.

● On Sunday evening, May 22, the Rev. Arthur Ittermann of the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa brought the baccalaureate message for the local high school on "We Finish to Begin." On Thursday evening, May 12, Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Cameroons missionary, was the guest speaker. On Wednesday evening, May 18, the Rev. Herman Renkema, colporteur and representative of the Publication Society, brought the message at the midweek service. At the well attended Mother's Day service on May 8, Mr. Ittermann spoke on "The Graces of Mother." The B. Y. P. U. held a special Mother's Day program at the evening service.

● The Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, South Dakota has extended a call to Mr. Alvin Wetter who was a senior student at our Rochester Seminary from Benton Harbor, Mich. He was graduated at the Seminary's commencement exercises on Sunday, May 22. He served as the president of the Senior class. He has accepted the call and will begin his ministry at the Spring Valley Church about July 31st. He will succeed the Rev. Kenneth E. Nelson, now of Gatesville, Texas. The church and parsonage are both being redecorated by the women of the Missionary Circle, as reported by Ruby Oller, church clerk.

● The Rev. Stanley Johnson, who formerly served as pastor of our Baptist Church of Bellwood, Illinois, is the new director of the Christian Service Men's Center of Tacoma, Washington located at 15th and Pacific

Streets. This work is sponsored by the Pierce County Association of Evangelicals. The Rev. H. J. Wilcke of the Calvary Church is a member of the board of directors. Service Men who are stationed at Ford Lewis or McChord Field near Tacoma are cordially invited to use the facilities of the Center. The Rev. H. J. Wilcke recently met Earl Kovalski of St. Joseph, Mich., who is now stationed at Fort Lewis.

● The Ambassadors Quartet, composed of first year students of our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., visited the churches of Killaloe, Lyndock and Arnprior, Ontario during the Easter holidays. The quartet members are Sam Appel, Harold Faba, Rubin Herrmann and Walter Hoffman. On Good Friday evening, April 15, they sang at the Calvary Church of Killaloe. On Saturday night they presented a program at the Lyndock Church. Easter Sunday was a heavy day for them as they spoke and sang at the sunrise service, Sunday School and church services and visited a number of shut-ins of the Arnprior church. One young man accepted Christ as Savior at the Arnprior church service.

● A year ago, every member of the Dorcas Class of the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., was given a dollar bill to be used to increase her talents. The Biblical talent parable has netted the Dorcas Class a total of \$395, according to Mrs. Wilmo Ninfo, president. This sum will be used for the purchase of new hymnals for the new church. The plan was originally started with 22 members. Like the man who distributed talents or gold pieces among his servants, Mrs. Ninfo told each member to invest her dollar and then to bring in the returns by April 30. The women sold homemade baked goods, gift cards, cosmetics and aprons, among other things. The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer is pastor of the church.

● The Woman's Missionary Society of the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., of which Mrs. Johanna M. Husmann is president, celebrated its 55th anniversary on Wednesday evening, May 11th. The entire program for this festive occasion was well planned, very well received, and outstandingly well attended by 135 people. From start to finish the program was conducted in the German language, two solos only being beautifully rendered in English. During the past year 134 gift parcels were packed and shipped to Europe collectively by the members of the society which now has a membership of 37. At the end of the celebration a program folder par excellence was made available indicating that the Woman's Missionary Society has already outlined its program until March 1950.

# The Pilgrim's Guide

Brief Expositions of God's Word

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

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## THE COST OF FOLLY

THE STORY of Samson is found in Judges 13-16. It is a drama that has its corresponding tragedy in the lives of many Christians today. For this reason it is profitable to consider Samson whose name means "awe inspiring." He was a child of promise. His parents were devout Israelites.

In addition, he was a Nazarite, "one separated to God." He separated himself from ordinary men by 1) abstinence from wine and strong drink; 2) not cutting the hair during the vow, (it symbolized strength and manhood dedicated to God); 3) non-contact with a corpse. One and two express the corresponding obligation of our Christian life. Romans 12:1-2. As Judge of Israel for twenty years, his judgeship coincided with the last years of the forty years' Philistine rule. He roused the people from indifferent submission, and by his mighty blows he began the deliverance of Israel. In our brief study, we will consider his folly, his loss, and his restoration.

## SAMSON'S FOLLY

1. **He broke his vow to God.** Delilah, the languishing one, proved his undoing. On four occasions she tempted him to tell the secret of his great strength. The fourth effort proved successful. By daily vexing, she learned the secret. The revealing of his secret to Delilah and the parting with his Nazarite locks of his consecration was virtual renunciation of his union with God. It is not a light thing to break a covenant with God.

2. **He failed to keep himself pure.** He played with sin. Passion ruled his life. On one occasion he carried off the gates of a city to escape from a trap set by his enemies while he was sinning. Once burned was no warning to him. But the time came when he put his head in the lap of sin and lost it. His philosophy was modern: "Just this once!" "Everybody's doing it!" But so is God's universal law of sowing and reaping. All impurity is sin, and it will expose itself and the sinner. It cannot be hidden.

3. **God forbidden fellowship!** Samson disregarded the legal prohibition against relationships with idolatrous women. He spent his time in the company of non-believers, and finally married a harlot of the Philistines. He paid a terrible price for this folly. With a sad heart the writer has witnessed this folly among Christian

young people. If we would but realize that if one sleeps in the lap of forbidden fellowship he will awaken as a captive of the enemies of Christ. What fellowship has light with darkness?

4. **He silenced his conscience.** At first he was sensitive about his Nazarite vow. But the day came when he trifled so with the divine gift in his trust as to suggest tying his hair in a web. The next step was the revelation of his secret. By this time there was no voice, no sense of wrong. What he did was right in his own eyes.

## SAMSON'S LOSS

1. **He lost his power.** Samson's strength was not natural strength. His strength lay in dedication to God, of which his Nazarite locks were a sign. When he lost them, he lost God in him. Lust severed him from God, the source of his strength, and made him powerless. How tragic that he knew not that the Lord had departed from him. The fellowship was broken and he knew it not! A picture of some Christians and churches. What an unhappy condition! Unless we allow God's power to operate through us, we are outclassed and must "dig in." God's transforming power is the answer to the many forms of evil surrounding us today.

2. **He lost his influence.** There was a time when the Philistines trembled at the mention of his name. Now they mocked and laughed for the giant had fallen. No one is afraid of cold ashes. Can it be said that it is no longer necessary for the world to take the church seriously? Perhaps there is need of a burning bush.

3. **He lost his eyesight and liberty.** His eyes were either pierced, bored out, or seared with a red hot iron. Sin has a deceitful way of dulling one's spiritual vision until there is blindness and a lack of discernment. Samson's liberty ended in severe bondage. Gaza, the place he demonstrated his power at a time of lustful living, proved, in the end, the place of defeat and slavery. To abuse liberty is to take away one's liberty. Jesus says, "Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin."

## SAMSON'S RESTORATION

What a terrible price Samson paid for his folly. He was the loser! No wise person will follow his steps. Yet we see some following in his steps, wise in their own eyes, but the end

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# 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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TAWAH stood at the crest of the largest dune, looking out across the restless green of Lake Michigan. His massive body was silhouetted against the June sky like a statue cast in bronze. The wind flattened his magnificent ruff and whipped his tail around his feathered legs. His tulip ears twitched as he caught the harsh, derisive laughter of the gull which had just eluded him. Tawah watched its flight from the tail of his eye and then, suddenly he grinned. He could always see a joke, even if the joke was on him.

Chad Garrison paused in the welcome shade of a stunted poplar and pointed: "Look at him standing up there! Like Balboa discovering the Pacific! What a dog!"

"He always poses like that when he gets to the top of a dune. It's his masculine ego," Jill Macon laughed. "He knows how beautiful he is, and he just can't resist showing off for his public."

But it wasn't the big collie which challenged her interest. It was the

strong, determined profile of her companion, with its uncompromising angles and high, flat cheekbones. It was an arresting face, the firm, smooth brown of driftwood; a face of strange, sharp contradictions. The chin was blunt and stubborn, the mouth sensitive and vulnerable, the brow wide and placid, with eyes a tumultuous gray, like the Lake before a storm.

He caught her searching glance and parried it with a grin. "Not guilty," he said promptly. "Whatever you're thinking, so help me, I'm innocent."

"I was just thinking that you're the most unpredictable person I've ever met," she confessed frankly, meeting the bold amused eyes with a friendly smile that removed all sting from the words. "We've known each other less than a month, and I've already changed my mind about you a dozen times."

His grin widened. "Good! Then, at least, I'm not proving to be a bore." He sprawled in the warm sand, as he pulled her to a sitting position beside him. Tawah, abandoning his tableau, galloped down the dune, and flung

himself in panting obeisance across Chad's feet.

"Get off, you big ox!" Chad ordered, but the tone in which he said it, made Tawah's back muscles quiver with ecstasy. "We're about to discuss the most absorbing of all subjects! Me! So go away and scratch your fleas until we're through!"

"So, I'm unpredictable, am I? Go on, Jill. Tell me more!"

She laughed, not willing that he should guess the small panic his deliberate audacity caused her. "You are an enigma, you know," she said. "And puzzles have always intrigued me. I used to spend hours working the crossword kind in the 'Daily.'"

"Wonderful! May I ever remain a riddle and may pour passion for solution continue," he chuckled, an impudent twinkle in his eyes. "But to placate my itching curiosity, just what is it about me that proves such a conundrum?"

She pretended to consider, though the answer was on the tip of her tongue, an answer derived from many wakeful nights of sober meditation.

Surely she didn't want to hurt Chad, but there were certain essential things which had to be cleared up, if their friendship was ever to progress beyond this present state of wary give-and-take.

"In the first place," she began slowly, feeling her way through a wilderness of conflicting emotions, "you came here to spend your vacation, instead of choosing one of the smarter resorts. Yet, admittedly, you prefer a smoother, more sophisticated setup: Such as Crown Point or Mackinac Island."

The grin began to fade — "When did I say that?" he demanded uncomfortably.

"You let it slip once when you were off guard," she told him. "That's all right. It's no sin to prefer Grand Hotel to our homespun community. But you make yourself at home in our shabby hostelry, and manage to get on friendly terms with the natives faster than any resorter I ever saw. Yet a part of you has never quite come down to the dusty level of Main Street. A portion of you, a carefully repressed and well-hidden portion, sits back and holds its nose at our loutish attempts to amuse ourselves. In other words, you've swallowed our way of living, but you've gagged a little."

Chad wasn't smiling any more. There was a slowly growing heat in his cheeks. "You needn't dissect me any further," he interrupted shortly. "What you've just said isn't altogether true. I like the people here; sincerely like them. But sometimes I do get a tinge of loneliness for the things I've been used to." He paused an instant, studying her. "Since you believe as you do, you must think I'm an asinine, double-faced prig."

It was Jill's turn to flush. "No, I don't!" she contradicted. She was a heart-catching slip of a girl, sitting there in the warm sand, as straight as a spar, as brown as dried kelp. With the sweep of the dune behind her, and an etching of clouds for a backdrop, she made a picture to take any man's breath. Her hair was the yellow of moist sand, and the cloud of it was shot through with warm fires. Her eyes were the changing blue of the bay beyond the shoals, and there were crinkles of past laughter around her mouth.

"No, I don't!" she repeated staunchly. "And please don't be angry with me for this frankness, Chad. That's another thing that bothers me. Just when I've decided to heartily dislike you, you do something fine and generous, like making all those window boxes for old Mrs. Barnes . . . oh, you needn't deny it! I saw you putting them up while she was gone to her niece's funeral! And then — well, then I change my mind, and promise to spend a whole day with you — like now," she ended in confusion.

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He was silent a long tense minute, absently pulling a sand reed through his fingers. She could feel the intensity of the mental struggle which was being waged in his mind, as though, in some strange way, she was having a part in it.

Suddenly he looked up with a totally disarming smile, like a small boy begging forgiveness. "You're the one person I've got to make understand," he said simply, imprisoning her hand and cupping the palm beneath his cheek. "It doesn't matter so much about anyone else, but it's going to hurt like the deuce if you think I'm a snob!"

"I didn't say," she began miserably, but he placed a compelling finger across her lips.

"Please, Jill — let me explain a few things."

Tawah, hearing the note of urgency in Chad's voice, whined deep in his throat and sighed, his limpid eyes fixed intently on the face above him.

"Until a few years ago, I never had to think much about money," Chad began, speaking with frowning concentration. "My folks were both dead, but I had a grandfather who saw to it that I had everything of a material nature. I went to prep school and had a year at Yale." He paused, squinting at her through half-closed lids. "Don't get the idea I was a spoiled brat. Grandpappy gave me plenty, but he cracked the whip often, too."

"No one would ever accuse you of being spoiled!" she interjected hastily.

"Thanks," he said, with a wry grin. "I just didn't want you to misjudge the old man. He never believed in sparing the rod and spoiling the child; but he did like comfort, especially when he was vacationing. So I've played jacks on the famous steps of the Grand Hotel at Mackinac Island for

more years than I can remember. In a way, it's like home."

"No wonder you'd rather go there than here," Jill murmured, but Chad wasn't listening.

"It was the summer before Pearl Harbor that my private world began to collapse," he went on slowly. "My grandfather died suddenly, without having discussed his financial affairs with me, except in a general sort of way. I couldn't believe it, when his lawyer told me that everything was mortgaged to the hilt, even the house in Detroit. We lived handsomely while it lasted, but the depression of the early thirties took the bulk of his wealth and he was too old to make a comeback."

Chad traced a circle in the sand and shrugged as though to rid himself of an old misery. "You can't imagine how sunk I was. I didn't have enough education to do me much good, but I had to go to work. I had a natural flair for mechanics, so I got a job in a garage and went to night school. I lived at the 'Y' and avoided my old crowd."

The smile he gave her didn't quite reach the ache of memory in his eyes. "It's devilish how much stiffnecked pride a kid can have. It took a lot of hard knocks to rid me of it. When war was declared, I enlisted. I served with the infantry for three years. Then I got a scratch in France which put me out of commission and I received my medical discharge last spring. Now I'm working in a new automobile plant; a plant that was turning out jeeps until 'V.J. Day.' This is my first vacation. Doctor's orders," he added, his eyes looking unhappy. "Incidentally I've never spent a more pleasurable month. I wish you would believe that, Jill."

Shame stung Jill's eyes to sudden tears. "Forgive me," she pleaded un-



steadily. "Me and my bungling analysis of you! I ought to be kicked!"

"Hardly! But I might agree with you if you'll substitute the word 'kissed,'" he grinned, relief crinkling his face. "And as Grandpappy used to say, 'By all means follow up a good idea with action!'" And before she could gasp a protest, he bent his head and kissed her gently on the cheek.

It was a questioning caress, however, obviously the prelude to some deep emotion. His eyes were, abruptly, the intense blue-gray of channel water. "Jill, I love you!" he exploded with boyish lack of finesse. "Right now I'm too scared to think of any fancy speeches, but, well, what I'm trying to say is: Will you marry me? I've been screwing up my courage for three weeks to ask you . . . Please don't look at me like that. I'm asking you to be my wife. I'm not much — but I'm honest and hard-working and . . ."

Jill was never quite sure when the halting stumbling proposal ended, for most of it was lost against her hair. Chad's arms were humble but determined.

It was Tawah who brought them jarringly back to earth, by thrusting a cold wet muzzle into their faces and barking his puzzled enthusiasm.

"Go away! you canine interloper!" Chad commanded, but his voice was so full of unconscious elation and hope that Tawah took the words for an invitation to romp. Before Jill could stop him he launched himself wholeheartedly at Chad's chest, knocking both Jill and her lover off the narrow shoulder of the dune. The next instant she was rolling downhill like an elongated tumbleweed, clutching frantically and vainly at small objects on the way. Somewhere, close by she heard smothering shouting, mingled with the dog's delighted barks.

When she opened her eyes, Chad was just picking himself out of a jungle of sandburrs and desert fern, his face comically void of expression. At the water's edge, a yard distant, Tawah squatted tentatively, his red tongue lolling in vast enjoyment, every muscle tensed for action. This was a game after his own heart. He wasn't just sure of the next move, but he was already for it.

Chad straightened gingerly, spit sand from his mouth and opened one eye experimentally. She rather expected a livid oath, especially as a number of sandburrs were still clinging to various parts of his anatomy. But instead he looked around for her, discovered that she was still hale and hearty, and slowly began to grin.

"Do you suppose the big brute is jealous?" he demanded, hunting for a tormenting burr under the cuff of his pantleg, "or is that just his gentle way of offering congratulations? If it is, he's a bit previous. You haven't

#### FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows the chapel on the picturesque campus of Jamestown College, Jamestown, No. Dakota where in June 1948 the Assembly of the Central Dakota Young People's Union was held. That same group will meet for its 1949 assembly at the same place from June 29 to July 4.

During the next two weeks about fifteen conferences and assemblies are scheduled to meet in various parts of our denominational territory in the United States and Canada. This ought to be a busy and blessed time for our people!

said 'yes' yet!"

Suddenly, Jill knew she could love this good-natured winsome man. If this was the way he met the rough spots in life, then she was certain she wanted to be his wife. Still sandwiched between a pile of driftwood and a charred log, she met the dancing laughter of his eyes with an answering twinkle in her own.

"If you'll get this sandburr out of my back, I'll marry you whenever you say," Jill told him.

After that, even Tawah knew that it wasn't just a game.

The sun was low before the tumultuous sweetness of love's revelation quieted sufficiently to allow for sensible planning. With the approach of twilight the wind had ceased and the lake swells were lazy and slow. Thin spirals of fog rose from the marshland beyond Spider Creek, and merged with the soft shadows of early dusk. Tawah sprawled in blissful contentment, now that he had been made to understand that love-making was a part of the new order of things and not a bid to frolic.

Chad, holding Jill in the crook of his arm, his cheek against her tumbled hair, broke a small exquisite silence, "I wish I had a decent place to take you after we're married, Darling," he said wistfully. "You'll find a postwar factory town not much different from a defense town of war days. We're crowded in worse than doves in a cote."

Jill moved a bit closer to the solid warmth of his shoulder, wondering a bit tardily, what her parents were going to say to her plans for a hasty marriage. She was an only child and she knew they would take her sudden departure very hard.

"We'll manage!" she said staunchly. "What difference does it make where we live, so long as we're together?"

"You're a game little gal," he said tenderly. "But three rooms in a housing project can get pretty stuffy. I hope you won't regret marrying me."

"Never!" she said firmly. And then to reassure her own heart, she repeated defiantly, "Never!"

His arms tightened, "It's not too bad. The rooms are new and clean and fairly comfortable. They're just awfully small. Most of the families have gardens across the street and spend a lot of evenings working there. Shall we have one next year?"

"Why not?" she laughed. "I'll get me a pair of blue jeans and a big straw hat, and we'll grow something of everything. But what about Tawah? Is there any place where he can run?"

"Are you kidding?" Chad demanded incredulously. "There isn't room around there to exercise a midget in a flea circus!"

"Oh well, we can take him to the edge of town once in a while and let him run behind the car," Jill decided, "and during the day, I'll take him out on the leash."

Chad held her away, staring down into her sweet serious face in growing consternation. "Say, you really sound serious, Honey. Of course, you must know that you can't take that dog! What on earth would you do with him in that dollhouse of an apartment? We'd have to have a shoe-horn to get him in even!"

Jill straightened up in indignant surprise. A wisp of bright hair blew across her forehead, giving her the appearance of a startled child. Her eyes were wide and hurt, "Are you suggesting that I leave Tawah behind?" she gasped. "Why, he has never been separated from in his life. Even when I had scarlet fever last year, they couldn't get him to leave my door. I've had him since he was six weeks old!"

"But Jill . . ."

"Why, he won't even eat when I'm away. I . . . I thought you liked him . . ."

"Darling, I do. He's the grandest dog I've ever set eyes on. But you don't understand," Chad pleaded desperately. "Four won't go into two, and Tawah won't go into that apartment! It's a matter of arithmetic. Tawah, plus a few square yards of floor space, plus some necessary furniture, plus us, just doesn't add up!"

Her warm joy of a moment before was being diluted by an influx of cold bewilderment. It had never occurred to her that she would have to take her choice between Tawah and matrimony. Being an only child, she had come to love the dog as a companion and friend in the four years since he had been given to her by her Grandfather McTavish.

The old man had presented the puppy the week before he was drowned off Sandy Point when his fishing scow overturned. Jill never looked into Tawah's eloquent brown eyes without remembering what her Scotch grandparent had said when he put the animated bundle of fluff into her arms that early spring morning.

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# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## Fishing Days

Hello, boys and girls! Let us read the best Story Book in all the world, "The Bible." We will read John 6: 5-14. "After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracle which he did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

"When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred penny worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him, There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place.

"So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciple, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten. Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world."

How many people dined? Yes, about five thousand. How many loaves were broken? Yes, five. How many fish were divided? Yes, only two. How many lads gave their lunch to Jesus? Yes, just one. The people had been following Jesus because he healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, and hearing to the deaf. They listened to his words telling of the Love of God. Many hours passed and they were far from home and hungry. Jesus knew their need. Only one lunch was found. Isn't it wonderful what Jesus can do with the smallest thing we give him?

The Bible doesn't tell us this about the little boy but it is possible that

early that morning he went fishing. His mother had baked some rolls and given him five. He dug worms, grabbed his fishing rod and rolls and started for the creek, just as Mr. Sun began to smile. As he strolled along whistling he could hear the birds chirping, and here and there a chipmunk would dash across his pathway. Once a big snake raised itself to see who was so happy early in the morning.

He reached the creek and perched

voice sounded kind. He strained his ears to hear what was being said. The voice was speaking about the love of God.

As he listened, he desired to hear more and he wished to see the speaker. Forgetting his hunger he quickly put his fish in the lunch basket and dashed off in the direction of the voice. Arriving there he saw thousands of men, women and children surrounding the speaker. He pushed through the crowd to the front



Two Boys Come Home from a Successful Fishing Trip!

himself on a big stone, baited his hook with a worm, and began to fish. The water was clear; the fish were swimming merrily. A bull-frog sitting on a water-lily slipped into the water making a splash. Shortly our lad felt a nibble and he quickly lifted his rod but no fish was on the hook. He threw the line back into the water and again felt a nibble. This time he hooked a fish, full of life, trying hard to free itself. He placed the fish on a stringer in the cool water. Another worm for his hook and fishing started again.

The fish kept swimming near by but none were caught. The sun rose higher. Suddenly his line tightened and quick as a flash he landed another lively fish. His tummy told him to eat. Laying aside the fishing rod, he cleaned his fish, made a fire, and cooked the fish. His delicious lunch was ready when he heard a voice. The

where he could see. The man was telling how much God loved everyone.

The little boy felt happy inside and made up his mind and heart to serve God. A man came through the crowd asking for food. There was none. The little boy was hungry because it was late in the afternoon but when he learned that food was needed he offered all that he had, his little lunch of five rolls and two fish. Jesus was pleased with this lad.

Boys and girls, have you given all to Jesus? He wants your heart and life so he can use you to tell others of God's wonderful love. Are you telling others that Jesus died for the sins of the world, that he rose from the dead and is ascended to his Father in Heaven, and is coming again?

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# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



## Northwestern Conference

### Wisconsin Young People's Rally at the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Once again our Wisconsin Young People's Rally has come and gone. It was another outstanding rally. We were royally entertained by the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin on April 23 and 24. The meals were good, the messages outstanding, and the different societies were well represented.

The theme of our rally was, "Builders for Eternity." If we keep working together as Christian young people should, how can we help but be Builders for Eternity, and keep serving our Lord each day. Everyone was in the right mood, both physically and spiritually, and we all know that God had a hand in this rally.

We are glad when rally days come around to meet new Christian friends and fellowship with the ones we have already known. Sometimes these rally days go too fast. We thank all those who had a part in making this rally a success.

Joyce Kopf, Secretary.

### Bob Anderson of Kenosha, Wis., and His Father Will Conduct Meetings in Germany

The Rev. Charles J. Anderson of Kenosha, Wisconsin and his son, Bob, who is an active member of the Immanuel Baptist Church and its young people's society of Kenosha, will sail on the "Queen Elizabeth" on June 15th for a spiritual invasion of Germany with meetings also scheduled in Great Britain, France, Italy and Switzerland.

Mr. Anderson spent seven weeks in Germany last summer as a representative of Youth for Christ International in a whirlwind evangelistic tour, and many of his meetings this summer will be "follow ups" of last summer's contacts.

This will be Bob's first overseas trip. Three other members of the team are expected to meet the Anderson's on German soil. As last summer, the team will be provided with hundreds of German language Bibles, which are gifts of Youth for Christ rallies in the Upper Central and Great Lakes Region.

Charles J. Anderson, Reporter.

### Rev. Arthur Odens, New Pastor of the Jeffers Baptist Church of Minnesota

The Jeffers Baptist Church of Jeffers, Minnesota is happy to announce



Rev. Charles J. Anderson and Son Bob of Kenosha, Wisconsin Who Will Conduct "Youth for Christ" and Evangelistic Meetings in Europe This Summer

that a favorable response has been received from the Rev. Arthur Odens of Lake Benton, Minnesota who was given a call to the Jeffers church some time ago. Mr. and Mrs. Odens and family expected to move here on June 1. In the meantime, the parsonage has been undergoing a complete redecorating job. All the rooms have been painted, and woodwork and floors have been refinished. We have also been finishing work on the church basement. A Nu-wood tile ceiling was put on and a new floor is to be laid very soon. Walls will receive a finish as a climax to this project.

During the time that the church was without a pastor, the pulpit was supplied with students from Northwestern Schools in Minneapolis, included among them our own local boys, Cecil Siefkes and Glen Carlblom. One Sunday evening service was in charge of the cabinet of the Minnesota Young People's and S. S. Workers' Union who brought an interesting and inspiring program.

We are looking forward with real anticipation to a wonderful time of fellowship when the Northwestern Conference meets here with us from July 6 to 10.

Anna Jo Courts, Clerk.

### Many Evidences of Christian Ties Binding Pastor and Church at North Freedom, Wis.

As a church and pastor's family of the North Freedom Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., we can look back upon more than four years of

working together in a fine Christian spirit and as we look back we praise God for the many blessings he has given to all of us. There have been hours of sadness when we laid to rest many soldiers of the Cross. There have been also hours of joy when a new soul was born into the Kingdom of God to take up the light and to carry on.

Time has gone by very quickly. It hardly seems possible that more than four years have gone by since the present pastor's family came to North Freedom. Some one has said: "It seems more like a year and a half than four years." Perhaps the time seems so short because we have all kept busy in the church. We do not say this boastfully; rather we thank God humbly that we have been privileged to work together in a fine spirit of Christian love and co-operation. The members of the church have been loyal and faithful to God's cause and have been an inspiration and encouragement to the pastor's family.

The members of the church have delightful ways of expressing their love and thoughtfulness for their pastor, the Rev. Thomas Lutz, and his family. In March of this year the pastor was given another substantial increase in salary. Two weeks later, during the Bible Day program we were reminded that this was our fourth anniversary as pastor of the church by a poem, written by Mrs. Walter Wilzweske, after which the church treasurer presented the pastor with a sum of money from the church.

Recently the church decided to remodel and modernize the parsonage kitchen. This project took about six weeks to complete, with much of the work done by volunteers, but with an outlay of about \$700. After it was completed, the pastor's family had "open house" so that all who wished might see the finished project.

Again, it became one of those occasions when the members and friends of the church showed their love for their pastor's family by using this opportunity to not only see the "new kitchen" but also surprise us with a pantry shower. Before the evening was over, enough food had been brought to fill several shelves of the new kitchen cabinets. To climax the occasion the members of the church presented the pastor's family with a beautiful 96 piece dinner set. We do thank God for the many blessings that have come to us through the members of this church. May he keep us humble and make us worthy of such love!

Thomas Lutz, Pastor.

### Easter Cantata and Dedication of Hammond Organ at Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis.

There have been many activities among the various organizations of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin during the winter and spring months, but two recent outstanding events were the Easter cantata and the dedication of our new organ. On Easter Sunday evening, April 17, the choir of 21 members presented, "The First Easter" by Edith Sanford Tillotson. The choir is directed by Mr. A. W. Krause, and Mrs. L. J. Lange is the accompanist.

Early in April our new Hammond organ was installed, and on Wednesday, April 20, the dedication service was held. Mr. Arthur Damkoehler of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin presented a program which showed the many possibilities of beautiful combinations, affording a means of musical expression that should be an inspiration in our worship services. Our pastor, the Rev. J. G. Benke, spoke a few words of dedication in which he said that although any instrument can be used for good or evil, this organ will be used only in religious services of the church. The talk was followed with a dedicatory prayer.

Esther S. Krueger, Reporter.

### Parents-Teachers' Conference by the Bethel Baptist Sunday School, Sheboygan, Wis.

The Sunday School of the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin held its first Parents' and Teachers' Conference on April 18th. The theme was "Building Christian Character." The conference started with a pot-luck supper with three neighboring churches invited. More than 80 persons attended in the newly enlarged and redecorated dining hall of the church. Rev. John Vanderbeck of Chicago opened with song, doxology and prayer. During the meal we had special music by a whistler and on a musical saw. Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., spoke briefly about "David," the native African missionary worker whom the Sunday School is supporting. Dr. M. Vanderbeck, the pastor, spoke on "A Ticket to Heaven," remarking that infants and the saved are on the road to heaven, but that as we grow older, we must make an effort to have others travel with us.

A conference period followed when the parents and teachers could meet and also view displays of the children's handwork, displays of Christian literature, see a map of the bus route which picks up the children each Sunday on a definite route, and see a group of Cub Scouts which operate through the church.

The concluding conference period was held in the church with Rev. John Vanderbeck leading the song service, and Rev. E. M. Wegner of Manitowoc leading in Scripture and prayer. A Scout executive spoke briefly on building boys in scouting, and Mr. Ottar Rohrstaff sang the solo, "My God and I." The speaker of the evening was Rev. J. C. Gunst, our National



The Baptist Church Choir at Watertown, Wisconsin With Mr. Art Krause, Director, and Mrs. L. J. Lange, Pianist

Young People's and Sunday School Workers' secretary, who spoke on "Christian Boys and Girls." The chief aim of teachers should be to lead boys and girls to Christ.

An open discussion period followed with Mr. Gunst leading and remarking that any one person's problem becomes everyone's problem for a successful Sunday School and home. Problems touched upon were: influencing children who do not come from Christian homes, the importance of visual education and object lessons, and the problem of having the children remain for church as one continuous worship service on the Lord's Day. In conclusion Mr. Gunst presented ten teachers' certificates to those who had completed the course on "Improving Your Teaching." Francis H. Guenther, Superintendent.

## Eastern Conference

### Farewell Services for Rev. and Mrs. H. Hiller at Buffalo's Temple Baptist Church

On April 22nd the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., bade farewell to the Rev. Herbert Hiller and his family as they completed eight years of loving and faithful service. Each branch of the church was represented and with words of appreciation presented the pastor and his

wife with gifts as tokens of their love. The Junior Church and the Primary Department of the Sunday School also remembered Harry and Alice Hiller with gifts as they bade them farewell. The pastor and his wife then responded with words of thanks.

Musical numbers were beautifully rendered by the choir, ladies' trio, Mr. Herbert Brunner and Rev. Roger Schmidt. At the close of the service refreshments were served in the Sunday School room. The pastor was also celebrating his birthday, and a large birthday cake adorned the center of the table. Many congratulations and gifts were showered upon Mr. Hiller in honor of this event.

Our church recently held evangelistic meetings with the Rev. Paul D. Ford of Erie, Pa., bringing the messages each evening. On Palm Sunday, as a result of these meetings, Mr. Hiller baptized 15 men, women and children. This beautiful service was a very fitting climax to the work of Brother Hiller at Temple Church. On April 24th he preached his farewell sermon to the congregation followed by communion around the Lord's Table.

It is with deep regret that we said farewell to the pastor and his family as they left for their new work in Madison, S. D. A host of friends remember them in their prayers as they continue their work in the Master's vineyard.

Mrs. Walter Schmidt, Reporter.



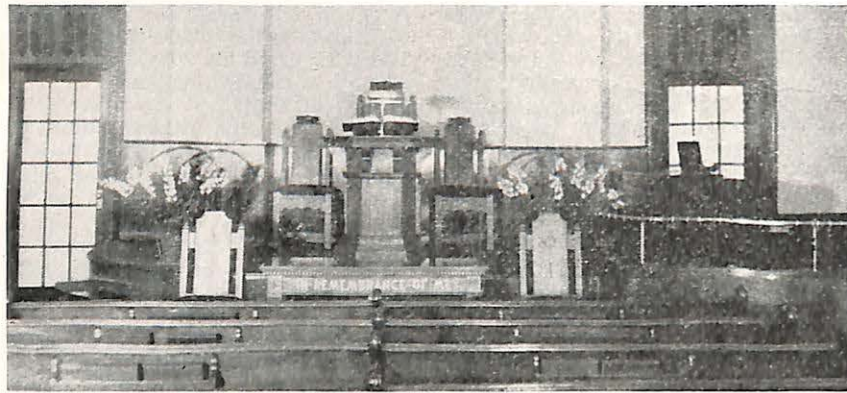
The Rev. J. C. Gunst (Left), Young People's Secretary, Addressing the Session of the Parents-Teachers' Conference at Sheboygan, Wisconsin and Dr. M. Vanderbeck, Pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Speaking at the Supper Meeting



## Atlantic Conference

### Dedication of New Pulpit Chairs, Communion Table and Choir Robes at Meriden, Conn.

Recently the Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Conn., held a very impressive dedication service for our new pulpit chairs, new communion table and chairs, and choir robes. The purchase of the new furniture was the project which we had adopted for our 75th anniversary last June. In addition to the funds contributed by our members, the Friendly Circle and the Serve Others Club, two of our ladies' organizations, raised the money needed to complete the project. The furniture of light oak matches the pulpit made years ago by one of our



The Attractive and Worshipful Sanctuary of the Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden, Connecticut

members, Mr. Henry Runge, Sr., and has greatly improved the appearance of our sanctuary. At the dedication service the new robes, purchased by the Serve Others Club, were also dedicated.

During March, two neighboring Baptist churches united with us in a series of three mid-week Lenten services. The messages on "The Preaching of the Cross," "The Power of the Cross," and "The Sacrifice of the Cross" were brought by the pastors of the churches and were well received by large audiences.

It is also our privilege, in cooperation with other churches of Meriden, to carry on a radio ministry over our local station WMMW once every three months. It is a service deeply appreciated by the shut-ins of our church and by others as well. It is our prayer that the Lord may continue to prosper his work and the efforts of our pastor, Rev. August Lutz, and his family in our midst.

Lydia Stockburger, Reporter.

### Sessions of the Delaware Association at the West Baltimore Baptist Church

The Delaware Association met with the West Baltimore Baptist Church of Baltimore, Md., from April 25 to 27. Delegates and visitors were present from the following churches: Calvary, Bethlehem; Fleischmann Memorial and Pilgrim, Philadelphia; Jamesburg; Elsmere; and West Baltimore.

At the first session the Rev. Gustav

Schmidt of the host church extended hearty greetings and a cordial welcome to all delegates and visitors. The Rev. Robert S. Hess brought the first evangelistic message, using for his text, Hosea 10:12. The general theme of the association was: "Christ and His Church — Present and Future."

Papers were presented by the following brethren and followed by lively discussions. "What Saith the Scripture About Being Born Again" by Rev. Christian Peters; "The Second Coming of Christ" by Rev. Victor J. Hammond. The devotional services were led by the brethren Gustav Schmidt and Christian Peters in the absence of two of the pastors, the Rev. Victor J. Hammond brought two fine evangelistic messages. Mr. Samuel Bodlein served as song leader which added to the effectiveness of the worship services.

was the guest speaker. He spoke on "Atomic Energy In Peace Time." Those present agreed it was a great evening spent in Christian fellowship.

The Mother and Daughter banquet was held on May 10 in the Sunday School auditorium of the church with over 200 persons present. A delicious dinner was served and a fine program was presented. Among several numbers were a recitation entitled, "Mother's Mending Basket," and a three generation chorus. Mrs. M. B. Hodge was the guest speaker.

Our young people gave their exchange program at the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of our city on May 15. They presented the play, "The Greatest of These Is Love," which had been given previously at our own church.

Martha Kepl, Reporter.

### Ordination of the Rev. Mel Bryant at the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

On Wednesday, April 27, the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California called together a council from the neighboring churches for the purpose of setting Mr. Mel Bryant apart for the Gospel ministry. The following churches were represented: First Church of Elk Grove, Ebenezer Church of Los Angeles, Temple Church of Lodi, and First Church of Lodi.

The meeting was called to order with the singing of a hymn, the reading of God's Word, and prayer by the pastor of the entertaining church, Rev. Gustav G. Rauser. A welcome was then extended to the visiting members of council and the list of delegates was taken. Following this Rev. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove was elected chairman of the council with Rev. Arthur R. Weisser of Lodi as secretary.

The chairman called upon Mr. Rauser to introduce the candidate for the Gospel ministry, Mr. Mel Bryant. In brief and well chosen words Mr. Bryant brought a concise testimony of his faith and convictions. All questions were answered to the satisfaction of all. The council being satisfied with the testimony of our brother's Christian experience, his call to the ministry, and his statement of doctrine, as well as to his definite call to the Christian work among the Kentucky Mountain people, it was moved and seconded that the church proceed with the ordination and that the program be arranged by the officers of the committee.

A supper was served in the dining room of the church by the ladies of the entertaining church, and at 7:30 P. M. all met for the ordination service. Rev. G. G. Rauser was chosen by the candidate to bring the ordination sermon. He used as his text: Acts 28:16-18. Rev. Henry K. F. Hengstler offered the dedicatory prayer during the impressive service climaxed by the laying on of hands. Rev. W. W. Knauf welcomed our brother into the ranks of the ministry and Rev. Arthur Weisser gave the charge to the candidate entering the Gospel ministry.

Arthur R. Weisser, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### Inspiring Evangelistic Services and Baptism at the Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio

Inspiring evangelistic meetings were held at the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio from April 3 to 10. Our pastor, Rev. Edwin Miller, was our evangelist. Outstanding musical talent and stirring messages by our pastor made the meetings a great success in which thirteen persons were won for Christ.

Our church is rejoicing in the fact that within the last several months seventeen persons have come to the foot of the cross and have expressed their desire to go all the way with our Lord and Savior.

Easter Sunday was a great day at our church. We started with an Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by the Young People's Society and having as our guest speaker, Rev. Paul Zoschke of the White Avenue Baptist Church. The climax of the day was the thrilling experience to see thirteen converts go through the baptismal waters in a very impressive candle-light baptismal service.

Our hearts rejoice and we praise the Lord to see how the Holy Spirit is working among us.

Bernice Guenther, Reporter.

### Many Blessed and Memorable Events at Chicago's Foster Ave. Baptist Church

"Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love —" Joyfully we of the Foster Ave. Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., were aware of that tie as we stood singing below our pastor's window. About 45 of us had gathered there after the evening service of May 15th, to let the Rev. Robert Schreiber know that we had missed him and to welcome him back after his stay at the hospital, where he underwent an appendectomy on May 10th. We rejoice in his recovery and complete restoration. During the absence of Rev. R. Schreiber we were privileged to have with us Dr. Wm. Kuhn. As always it was a spiritual feast to listen to him.

Sunday, May 8th, was a memorable day too. In the morning we heard inspiring messages by our pastor and in the evening the Christian Girls Reserve presented a very fine program in honor of motherhood.

The blessed days of our missionary conference from April 24 to 27 are still very much in our mind. Miss Margaret Kittlitz told of the work in the Cameroons and conducted classes on foreign missions. Dr. M. L. Leuschner showed colored films about the work in Africa, and Rev. Fred Ferris told of the work among the Spanish-Americans. Other speakers were: Dr. G. A. Lang of Rochester, Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, and Rev. Lilly, chaplain at Cook County Hospital. Our Easter mission offering was completed during these inspiring days, totaling \$558.92.

Easter Day was a succession of won-

derful programs. At 6 A. M. we enjoyed a television program, coming from Cook County Hospital under the direction of Rev. F. Crumb and featuring our pastor as speaker, Miss Joyce Pankratz as guest soloist, and doctors, nurses and patients of the hospital all glorifying the Risen Lord in word and song. From 7 to 8 A. M. our B. Y. P. U. presented a fine program. Breakfast followed with 150 people enjoying food and fellowship. The program by the Sunday School was a treat for everyone. During the morning worship service the choir rendered special selections and our pastor brought inspiring messages in both languages. The day was concluded with a baptismal service.

Mrs. Louise Zoch, Church Clerk.

recitations. Our new church edifice at Medina is almost completed. Plans for a dedication service are being made. We are thankful to God for such a fine place of worship.

Lillian Graf and Milton Zeeb have returned to our church after attending the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta. April 3rd was their first Sunday at home. May the Lord continue to lead them in service for him.

The Rev. Henry Pfeifer conducted evangelistic meetings in the Medina Church from May 15 to 27th. The Rev. Frederick Alf is the pastor of the church. We thank God for his faithful ministry and the splendid cooperation of Mrs. Alf.

Adella Graf, Reporter.



Fifteen Converts Who Were Baptized Recently and Received Into the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio by Its Pastor, Rev. Edwin Miller (Back Row, Extreme Right)

## Dakota Conference

### Special Programs, New Church and Evangelistic Meetings at Medina, North Dakota

On Easter Sunday evening, April 17, the B.Y.P.U. of Medina, No. Dak., presented a program, consisting of musical selections, a dialogue and

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### Welcome Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Hiller at Madison, South Dakota

On Sunday evening, May 8, the members of the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, South Dakota assembled in the church to welcome the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Hiller and family. Mr. Charles Backhaus, acting as chairman, opened the program with group singing and prayer. He then introduced the speaker for the evening, President E. E. Smith of Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. D., who gave an inspiring message on "The Magnetic Christ."

The choir sang several beautiful selections and a solo was sung by Mrs. Graydon Rohrer. Brother Hiller responded with sincere words of encouragement, assuring us that his mission here is to preach the Gospel and to serve the Lord in every way possible.

Mrs. Hiller expressed her appreciation for the work that had been done in the parsonage and for the pantry shower. She also introduced their two children, Ruth and Harry, who favored us with a duet. A social hour followed the serving of refreshments in the church parlors.

Mrs. C. Frautschy, Reporter.



### The Pilgrim's Guide

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thereof is death.

We are glad that the story does not end with Samson in complete defeat. His conscience began to work. He prayed and repented. His hair grew, and as it grew his strength returned. Finally, he was able to achieve a great victory over his enemies, but he died with them. Prayer restored him again spiritually but he never enjoyed his sight and liberty again. He could not fully recover his great loss.

Let this be a warning to any who think sin is something with which to play, something to take or leave alone at will. It isn't that easy. Only by waiting on the Lord and surrendering all to him, we, like Samson, can renew our strength which was lost by self-indulgence, and live a life of blessing and service.

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### When God Failed

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preacher said he would explain four words: "Receive, believe, trust, take." Having done so, he made appeal, "Who will take Him? Just say 'I will.'" After some moments one man growled, "I won't."

Quickly came the answer: "That's right! That's your decision. The battle is on the will. When the prodigal said, 'I will arise and go', that was his decision . . . I want every man here who believes that man is right to follow him and to rise and say, 'I won't'." The men sat as if transfixed. Overcome by the surging of divine compassion, Moody burst into tears and cried, "Thank God! No man wants to say 'I won't'! Now, who'll say 'I will'?" Five hundred men broke from the ranks that night and before the week was over 2,000 had turned to Christ.

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### New Serial Story

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"He's a saucy tike," he had grunted, a twinkle under his bushy brows, "and as smart a one as I've seen in many a day. He'll make a great dog, Bairn, a great dog. Make sure ye deserve the love he'll offer ye!"

But she knew she hadn't deserted the selfless devotion Tawah had lavished on her. No one could be worthy of such measureless loyalty. During that painful siege of scarlet fever, he had remained stubbornly outside her door, his nose to the crack, an anxious whimper in his throat. He had grown gaunt with misery but never once had he willingly left the sound of her voice until she was well enough to go with him.

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Twenty Converts Whom the Rev. H. Schatz (Center, Back), Pastor of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta Baptized on Easter Sunday

### Northern Conference

#### Ministry of Choirs and Quartets at the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

The choir of 40 voices of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, under the leadership of the Rev. C. H. Seecamp, sang an Easter cantata entitled, "Gethsemane to Calvary." This cantata was rendered at our Mission Station of Clover Lawn on Good Friday, April 15.

Easter Sunday was a busy day for the choir, singing the cantata in the First Baptist Church of Leduc in the evening. We also sang it in the Temple Church of Leduc on April 24.

Our choir organization consists of mixed, male and Ladies Choirs. Besides these choirs we have a male and mixed quartet. The choirs and quartets serve us regularly in our church service from Sunday to Sunday. Our orchestra plays every Sunday evening.

We as a choir certainly receive a blessing by singing praises unto our heavenly Father. May each member of the choir by strengthened day by day as they try to labor more for our Lord and Savior.

Lillian Fillenberg, Reporter.

#### Twenty Converts Baptized on Easter Sunday at the Bridgeland Church, Calgary, Alberta

We of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta have recently experienced wonderful spiritual blessings. The Lord's presence in our midst gave us courage and joy as a church and as an ever increasing audience to pray for our planned evangelistic meetings.

We are truly thankful to the Lord for the privilege of having had the

Rev. F. E. Klein, his wife and daughter from Colfax, Washington with us from Feb. 28 to March 11 to conduct our evangelistic meetings. Mr. Klein's sincere, inspiring and pleading messages together with songs and object lessons by Mrs. Klein and her daughter helped to fill the church every evening, in spite of storms and other hindrances. These two weeks of wonderful showers of blessings that God sent to us through Mr. Klein are deeply imprinted into our hearts and resulted in 17 persons being brought to the Lord.

On Easter Sunday 20 persons followed the Lord in baptism administered by our minister, Rev. H. Schatz. On the following Sunday we had the joy of extending the hand of fellowship to 29 new members. We are truly thankful to our God for these new fellow-Christians and pray that we may labor together in love and harmony for our Master.

Mrs. H. Schatz, Reporter.

#### DAKOTA CONFERENCE at Aberdeen, South Dakota, from June 22 to 26.

The Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, So. Dak., invites all delegates and friends to the Dakota Conference to be held at Aberdeen, So. Dak. from June 22 to 26. Special attention to S. S. superintendents and officers! There will be a clinic for these workers on the program. Be sure and take advantage of this. The friends and delegates are urged to make their reservation for lodging in advance, if at all possible, to avoid embarrassment. Address your correspondence to REV. R. A. KLEIN, 20—9th Ave. S. E., Aberdeen, So. Dakota.

## Obituary

### MRS. KATHARINE HUST of Billings, Montana.

Mrs. Katharina Hust, nee Klundt, of Billings, Montana was born in Rohrbach, South Russia on Oct. 23, 1856 and died on April 21, 1949 at the age of 92 years, 6 months and 28 days. She was united in marriage to Mr. John Hust on March 7, 1877 and emigrated to the United States in May 1888. Their union was blessed with 16 children of whom eight preceded the mother in death. In March 1938 her husband was taken from her side. Then she took up residence with her children living around Billings, Montana.

She was born again spiritually at the age of 25 and together with her husband baptized into the death of Christ in 1894 and united with the Baptist Church, now known as Streeter, No. Dak.

She leaves to mourn her passing eight children: five sons, Christ and Jacob of Jamestown, N. Dak., Henry of Tapen, No. Dak., John of Huntly, Mont., and Gottlieb of Lodi, Calif., and three daughters, Mrs. Aug. Heitz, Gackle, No. Dak., Mrs. Matt Wolf, Ballantine, Mont., and Mrs. Peter Waganman, Warden, Mont.; 100 grandchildren, 157 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Billings, Montana

DAVID LITCKE, Pastor.

### MR. HUGO HENRY ZION of Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. Hugo Henry Zion of Cleveland, Ohio was born in Erfurt, Germany on January 30, 1894. He emigrated to America at the age of 15 and located in Cleveland, where he lived ever since. In 1915 he was married to Miss Helen Schultz. Three sons and two daughters came to grace their home. Mr. Zion successfully engaged in various business enterprises in the city. After several weeks of illness, death relieved him of his suffering on May 10. He is survived by his wife, Helen; their five children, Homer, Hugo, Jr., Mrs. Ruth Lupo, Mrs. Lila Spiegel, and Hubert; seven grandchildren; one sister and one brother. Mr. Zion was a tender husband and father, living in close and affectionate relationship with his family.

White Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Pastor.

### MRS. MARIE AHRENS of Hoboken, New Jersey.

Mrs. Marie Ahrens, nee Knorr, of Hoboken, N. J., was born on April 5, 1873 in Oehringen, Württemberg, and died on April 12, 1949. She was privileged to reach the age of 76 years and 7 days. In 1891 she came to America with her brother, Rev. Knorr. In 1894 she married Mr. Henry Ahrens who preceded her in death.

In her 13th year she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized into his death. With the exception of about eight years, she always lived in Hoboken. Here she helped her brother found the First German Baptist Church, now called Willow Ave. Baptist Church. She visited and invited people, and worked hard for the little church that began in a store as a Sunday School, and later became a fine church. For the past 20 years she was president of the Woman's Missionary Society, until illness confined her to her home. She was loved and respected by many.

God gave her four sons: William, Herman, Henry and Charles, and two daughters: Mrs. Edna Mazzei and Mrs. Marie Anderson, who mourn the homegoing of their mother. She also leaves 17 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. May the Lord comfort them with the hope of the resurrection and reunion in glory. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Willow Ave. Baptist Church, Hoboken, New Jersey

HERMAN G. KUHL, Pastor.

### MISS LAURA WIDDER of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Miss Laura Widder of Milwaukee, Wis., was born on December 25, 1883 in Richfield, Wisconsin. The city of Sheboygan, Wisconsin was to be her next home. It was there that she was converted. She was baptized by the Rev. W. J. Zirbes in April 1896. In 1901 the family moved to Milwaukee, Wis. Laura Widder united with the Immanuel Baptist Church and was a member for 38 years. She was active in the different branches of the church and church school. Then came God's call for her to receive her heavenly reward. She answered the call on April 23, 1949. She leaves to mourn her passing one brother, Arthur; a sister-in-law, Helen; and two nieces, Marguerite Aspinwall and Marie Kelber, and many relatives and friends.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

G. W. ZINZ, Pastor.

### MISS ELLA SCHROEDER of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Miss Ella Schroeder of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was born in Templin, Germany on July 20, 1876. She came to Milwaukee in the year of 1891. She accepted the Lord as Savior and upon the confession of her faith was baptized by Pastor Merkel in February, 1892. She was most active in church work supervising Junior Church, teaching in Sunday School and superintending the same. She and her sister, Elizabeth, have been very faithful in aiding the relief work for Germany. Ella Schroeder died suddenly at her home on March 13, 1949. She leaves to mourn her passing, a sister, Elizabeth Schroeder; two nephews, William and Erie; and a niece, Nancy; and many friends.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

G. W. ZINZ, Pastor.

### MRS. GOTTFRIED WALTH of Hebron, North Dakota.

Mrs. Marie Walth, nee Scheuffle, of Hebron, N. Dak., was born on February 2, 1868 in Neu-Gluckstal, South Russia, and died on May 6, 1949 at the age of 81 years, 5 months and 11 days. In 1889 she was united in marriage to Gottfried Walth. In the same year they came to America and homesteaded about 30 miles northeast of Eureka, So. Dak. Here they lived the life of true American pioneers.

Thirteen children were born to this union. Two died in infancy and one son, Jacob, died at the age of 43. Her husband and the ten remaining children mourn the passing of our sister. The children are: John, Dan, and Mrs. Alfred Vietz of Hebron, Mrs. Frieda Nathan, Mrs. Ed. Vietz and Sam Walth of Dickinson, Gottfried of Jamestown, August of Bowden, Mrs. Alma Hudgins of Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Elsie Gore of Fort Worth, Texas. Also 19 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren survive her.

On Feb. 8, 1891, the day she celebrated her birthday, she accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior and on June 14, 1894 she was baptized upon the confession of her faith by Rev. D. Golling and received into the membership of the Berlin Baptist Church.

After 21 years of pioneer life in the vicinity of Long Lake, So. Dak., she moved with her family five miles west of Hebron, N. Dak. Here they lived on their farm for 16 years until they retired to the city of Hebron. In Hebron Mrs. Walth was an active and beloved member of the Baptist Church and the Ladies' Aid. She was a kind, sympathetic, sweet mother and was dearly loved by all her children and her husband, as well as by many friends.

On Nov. 25, 1946 she was afflicted with a stroke which made of her a helpless invalid. Several strokes followed this first one, which finally led to her death. During her long illness of 2 years, 5 months and 11 days her husband lovingly cared for her in a self-sacrificial way.

At the funeral service which was conducted in the Baptist Church, the Rev. Emanuel Broeckel of Bismarck, a long time friend of the family, spoke in the German language and the Rev. Edward Kary of Bismarck spoke in the English

language. The large audience and the beautiful display of flowers were evidences of the esteem in which she was held.

Hebron, North Dakota

EDWARD KARY, Officiating Pastor.

### MR. GUSTAV J. LEISCHNER of Sacramento, Calif.

Mr. Gustav J. Leischner of Sacramento, Calif., was born on Feb. 27, 1880 near Parkston, South Dakota. On December 21, 1899 he joined hands in marriage with Mary Lohe, his beloved and now bereaved wife. This union was blessed with one child, Vera Marie (Gaskill), now of Sacramento, Calif. Mr. Leischner was converted on March 25, 1896 and baptized on the profession of his faith in Jesus Christ and united with the Parkston Baptist Church. He proved his faith in Christ with a faithful life of service in the church. He served as Sunday School superintendent and teacher for many years, also as church clerk and church treasurer. He took special interest in music and helped the choir of the church for many years with his talents.

For 29 years Brother Leischner was in the implement and automobile business in Parkston, S. D. He retired in 1930 and came to Lodi, Calif. He moved to Sacramento, Calif., in 1943 where he resided up to the time of his death. He had a long siege of suffering, having had his first stroke in Feb. 1944 and many after that. But he bore the cross as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. He received loving care through all these years in the home by his devoted wife and daughter. He passed away on April 11, 1949 in the peace of God. He reached the age of 69 years, one month and 14 days.

He leaves to mourn his homegoing his beloved wife, Mary; his daughter, Vera Marie Gaskill; one sister, Amelia Sievert; one brother, John of Parkston, S. D.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral services were held at the East Lawn Chapel with Rev. G. G. Rauser and Rev. R. Johnson participating. Calvin Lohr, a friend of the family, was the soloist.

Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Correspondent.

### MR. OTTO H. DEUTSCHMAN of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Otto H. Deutschman of Chicago, Ill., was born in Germany, September 6, 1875. As a youth of 17 years he came to the United States, settling in Chicago, where he remained until his death on April 18, 1949 at the age of 73 years, 7 months and 11 days.

Having trusted in Christ for his soul salvation before coming to this country, Mr. Deutschman united with the First German Baptist Church immediately after his arrival. From the beginning he was active in his Master's service, taking a special interest in the work of the Wabansia Avenue Mission of the First Church. Shortly after the Immanuel Baptist Church was organized, he transferred his membership there and continued his manifold activity. For a number of years he labored with the Irving Park Mission, serving as deacon and financial secretary. After the dissolution of that mission he returned to Immanuel Church where again he took up the work as deacon, financial secretary and trustee. He was also instrumental in effecting the recent merger between the Immanuel and First Churches into the Foster Avenue Baptist Church.

However, his activity was not confined to the local church, for he served on the board of the Western Baptist Old People's Home for many years, a position he held until the time of his death. His sphere of interest included the entire denomination where he was known and loved and respected by many. The work of Christ's Kingdom on earth has lost a faithful and zealous worker, but our loss is heaven's gain.

Those who mourn his passing are his wife, Julia; a brother, Gustav; four children by a previous marriage, Mrs. Alma Berry, Miss Esther Duane, Walter Duane and Elmer Duane; four grandchildren and a great host of friends.

Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

ROBERT SCHREIBER, Pastor.





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