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 Sunday, March 13 — Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.
 Thursday, March 17 — State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill.

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 March 1-3 — Northern Conference Mission Committee and Christian Training Institute Board Meetings, Edmonton, Alberta.
 Sunday, March 6 — Victoria Ave. Baptist Church, Regina, Sask.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
 Feb. 27-March 4 — Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
 March 6-10 — Leadership Training Course, Emery, South Dakota.
 Saturday, March 12 — Youth Rally, Washburn, North Dakota.
 Sunday Morning, March 13 — Underwood, North Dakota.
 Sunday Evening, March 13—Turtle Lake, North Dakota.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner
 Thursday, March 3 — Woman's

Missionary Guild, Forest Park, Illinois.
 Sunday, March 6 — Spokane, Wash.
 Tuesday to Thursday, March 8 to 10 — Pacific Conference Missionary Committee Session and Ministers' Retreat, Chilliwack, British Columbia.
 Friday to Sunday, March 11 to 13 — Kelowna, British Columbia.

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AMONG OURSELVES

The busy summer season will soon be here. Young people's assemblies will be attended by greater numbers than ever before. One of our Cameroons missionaries, Miss Magaret Kittlitz, will visit many of our churches during the summer. The General Conference at Sioux Falls, S. D., from August 22 to 28 will certainly break many records for attendance and blessings. On March 18 and 19 the Summer Visitation Committee will meet at Forest Park, Ill., to plan for the attendance of denominational leaders and workers at these many summer gatherings. Send all data pertaining to time and place of each conference to Rev. Frank Woyke, executive secretary, as soon as possible.

IN THIS ISSUE

The Bible rises like a snow-crowned mountain above the valley in this issue. It is the theme of the sermon by the Rev. Erwin A. Kohfield of Wasco, Texas. It is the basis for a remarkable study of the Palestine problem by the Rev. Emil D. Gruen of Brooklyn, N. Y. It is the witness of our evangelist, Rev. H. Palfenier, in his account of his evangelistic experiences. It is the cornerstone of our Baptist statement of faith, as interpreted by Mr. H. P. Donner. It is also the motive for the observance of Bible Sunday on March 13 as outlined by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner. Read this issue of "The Herald" with your Bible open before you!

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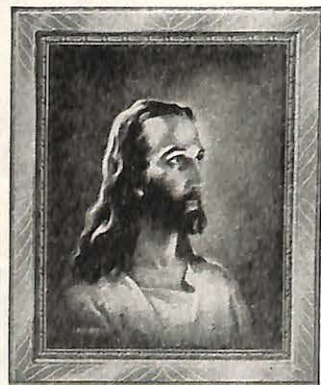
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Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

Days of Preparation

THESE ARE DAYS of spiritual preparation, leading us to the renewed observance of Easter Sunday and to a greater awareness of the risen and triumphant Christ in our lives. The recent events of "Youth Week" have left an indelible spiritual impress upon the lives of many of our young people. The observance of the Worldwide Day of Prayer on March 4 and of Bible Sunday on March 13 will strengthen these spiritual resolves in many hearts. God has placed great missionary and denominational tasks upon our shoulders as churches. We have dared to expect great things from our Lord as we have advanced with firm tread into larger mission fields of the world. All of this has entailed the consecration of every individual and the setting before us of the missionary goal of the Million Dollar Offering. We have come to the testing time when God will learn how worthy we are of the great trust he has placed in us.

These will then be momentous days of preparation for us. All of our churches, including pastors, general workers, laymen, women and young people, are being asked to set the days of Sunday, March 27, to Sunday, April 3, aside for earnest prayer, spiritual self-searching, and fervent intercessions to God for the outpouring of his blessings upon us. Can we really carry out this task which God has assigned to us? Are we spiritually prepared for these blessings of a great missionary advance? What can you and I do to share in this undertaking?

On one of these two Sundays our ministers have been asked to speak concerning our missionary advance and the needs of our denominational enterprise. The emphasis will be on spiritual things, on God's expectations of us as a denomination. There will be no direct appeal for funds. Some neighboring ministers may even arrange for an exchange on these Sundays. Special packets with the latest missionary information and denominational data will be made available to our pastors and leaders in their preparation for these services.

These days of preparation, during which you have prayed with hosts of other North American Baptists and heard the spiritual challenge of your pastor concerning this divinely entrusted work, ought to bring you expectantly to the Passion Week from Palm Sunday, April 10, to Easter Sunday, April 17. The joys of your own heart, as a result of these days of preparation, will prompt you to lay your gifts upon God's altar, and an even greater joy will then be yours as you expect God to do exceeding abundantly unto us as a denomination.

On January 1, 1949 our churches almost reached the height required for that day if we were to attain the Million Dollar Offering goal by the time of the next General Conference at Sioux Falls in August 1949. But since then we have fallen considerably by the wayside. Only as each one of us does more than is usually expected and as each church faithfully remembers its missionary obligations, will we be successful in this undertaking of ours. Days of preparation are always testing times which can lead to the victor's crown!

"Thro' days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King Eternal, we lift our battle song."

BIBLE TEXT

"Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you" (John 12:35).

The glory of the Light and our walk in the light seem to go hand in hand together, as these words of Jesus suggest. Christ is the Light of the world that "lighteth every man that cometh into the world." But unless we recognize the Light and acknowledge Christ as Savior and walk in that light, darkness will come upon us. That is an awesome truth which ought to give us much thought for reflection. It will also help to emphasize the challenge of the selected motto for the General Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, "The Light Will Triumph." Our walk in the light and the ever brightening luster of Christ's light will triumph ultimately. That is our confident hope which gives strength and firmness to our Christian walk!

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OUR EVANGELISTS

Do you follow both of our evangelists, the Reverends Henry Pfeifer and Herman Palfenier, with your prayers as they go from place to place? These two servants of God are probably the busiest men in our fellowship. They are away from their homes the greater part of the year and they must be at their best physically, mentally and spiritually night after night for weeks in succession. God is blessing their evangelistic ministry with an encouraging harvest of converts. They are a blessing to our pastors and churches with their spiritual ministry. Their itineraries have been arranged many months in advance. Take courage, brethren, and be assured that God's people are supporting you with their interests and prayers in your behalf.

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BIBLE COLPORTER

The first of March marks the beginning of the ministry of our newly appointed field representative and missionary colporter, the Rev. H. Renkema, for our Publication Society. His picture appears on the front cover of the Bible Day programs and on another page of this issue of "The Baptist Herald." We believe that there is great need for such a ministry among our churches and we are equally assured that Brother Renkema, formerly pastor of our church at Baileyville, Illinois, is God's man for this important position. The harvest field is large, and Brother Renkema enters the field with a well equipped car and with a heart filled with devotion to Christ and enthusiasm for his task.

"Come and See!"

The Lord Jesus himself stressed the great importance of the written Word of God as to its effectiveness in leading men and women to God

A Sermon by the REV. ERWIN A. KOHFELD
of Wasco, California

THE WORDS, "COME AND SEE," were spoken to Nathanael by Philip. Philip had found the Lord Jesus, to his own great satisfaction, and he immediately set out to find Nathanael and to share the good news with him. However, Philip's testimony was not so readily received but, on the contrary, was questioned by Nathanael with the remark, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Faced with the difficulty of bringing Nathanael to see what he saw, he replied, "Come and see!"

You will readily see that it is not just the easiest thing in the world to lead men to the Lord. All Christians, I believe, are constantly confronted with this same problem. We may have good success at one time, but we find difficulty and even failure another time. At times we may even be completely baffled. This need not frustrate us in our efforts, though it may discourage us at times.

We can take heart when we know that the Lord himself had like difficulties. We read in Matt. 23:37, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, but ye would not!" The Lord devised many ways and means and sent his prophets to gather his people but they would not hear nor be persuaded.

THE REFUSAL OF MEN

John, being sent of God, came to the people, neither eating nor drinking (partaking of such luxuries as the people had) and they refused his message saying of him, "He hath a devil." Christ came to them in the opposite manner, both eating and drinking (living among the people) and they said of him, "Behold, a gluttonous man and a wine-bibber" (Matt. 11:18-19). John's message was a stern warning of the judgment of God upon the unrepentant. "And now also the axe is laid to the root of the trees," he cried. Christ again, as the opposite of John, had a message of God's love and of his pardon and peace. "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest,"

was his plea. But from whatever angle God presented his truth, men refused and turned away from it.

I believe that God has done all that he can in winning a lost world to himself. It would seem that a manifestation of miracle working power would arrest the attention of all men, but even this was not heeded. When Christ healed the man at the pool, who had long been ill, he commanded him to take up his bed and walk. The great miracle was wrought on the Sabbath Day when men were free from their work and could give attention to the things of God. However, when they saw the healed man carrying his bed on the Sabbath and heard that Jesus had commanded him to do so, they overlooked the miracle of healing and were prepared to put Christ to death. The divine manifestation was rejected.

Even a greater miracle than that of healing was wrought when Christ called Lazarus from the grave after he had been dead long enough for decomposition to set in. This should have been sufficient manifestation of God's power to persuade all men of divine truth. However, we read that so far from being persuaded, they consulted to destroy both Christ and Lazarus so that they might put an end to both the miracle and its results. They refused to "come and see."

SIGNS AND WONDERS

Our strength today may be greatly limited in comparison, but even though we had power such as Christ gave to his apostles, we would not be able to persuade the world to turn to God. The Apostle Paul was the Lord's special messenger, the Apostle to the Gentiles, and he was indued with power to discharge his office of an apostle. Exceptional miracles were wrought by Paul (Acts 19:11) and yet he said that this wasn't fully effective, for the Jews wanted a sign and the Greeks wanted wisdom (1 Cor. 1:22). The Jew said, "Show me a sign and I will believe" and the Greeks said, "Show me wisdom in this thing and I will believe." When men adopt this attitude it is impossible to say to one and all alike, "Come and see" and have them behold and believe the Lord.

God's Word Is Precious to Those Who Read and Treasure It!

Several times in the New Testament we read that the Father's own voice came audibly from heaven to the ears of men. Once in Matthew 3:17 where the Father recognized the Son saying, "This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased." There was the occasion when the Greeks came to the feast in Jerusalem to worship, and while there they sought to see Jesus. When Jesus heard of it, he was troubled in soul and prayed asking the Father to glorify his name. The Father's voice responded saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again" (John 12:28-29). Notwithstanding the fact that the Father's voice was heard, we do not read in the record that many turned to the Lord, yet Jesus himself said that the voice came especially for the sake of those present. However, men simply regarded the voice as thunder or as the voice of an angel.

PERSUADING MEN

The greatness of these incidents, though they may have borne fruit, did not settle the problem of how we might bring men to the Lord. We of the present age may desire a repetition of such incidents, but we have no reason to believe that they would be any more effective today than they were in that day.

The Lord's presence on earth among men was fully understood by many, even though some rejected the

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—Ewing Galloway Photo
Devout Jews at Prayer Sit Alongside the World-Famous Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, Palestine

Palestine, the Powder Keg of the World

A remarkable analysis of the Palestine problem and a Christian interpretation of all factors involved in the light of God's Word and prophecy by an able student of Palestine affairs

By the REV. EMIL D. GRUEN of Brooklyn, New York, a Member of the Evergreen Baptist Church

THERE IS no problem more vexing and more fraught with danger than that presented by the little country of Palestine. It is today a powder keg which can well produce the third World War. It seems to have an importance in world affairs entirely unjustified by its size and apparent strategic value to world powers.

A friend of mine well expressed the confusion this creates in the minds of many in these words, "I cannot for the life of me understand why there should be so much fuss over a little piece of land, no larger than Rhode Island." It would be well to clear up this point at the very outset of our consideration of Palestine.

GOD SET THE BOUNDARIES

We are not left in doubt as to the real boundaries of God's Palestine. Two passages of Scripture give them to us. In Genesis 15:18 we read:

"Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates."

And in Exodus 23:31 God says:

"I will set thy bounds from the Red sea, even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river."

Now if we will square off these boundaries, from the Nile on the south to the Euphrates on the north, from the Arabian Desert on the east to the Mediterranean on the west, we shall find that we have a land area nearly twenty-five times the size of Palestine today. And we must remember that God is not a niggardly giver. So we find that that land is rich in oil, chemicals, raw materials, precious metals and a very productive soil. It contains more than two-thirds of the known oil resources in the world today; the multi-billion dollar wealth of chemicals in the Dead Sea. It's a rich prize, indeed!

Although it is not my purpose to make this a study in contemporary history, it would be well to look quickly at the peoples who are involved

now in the Palestine problem and to see why.

There is, first of all, Great Britain. She needs Palestine to continue her empire policy and to protect her empire life - line, the Suez Canal. This nation's interest in Palestine, as is her interest in all of her colonies, is a purely selfish one. That is why, when it served her purpose, she made two diametrically opposed promises to the two peoples most concerned in Palestine during the first World War.

THE POWERS NEED PALESTINE

To the Jews she promised, through Lord Balfour, to facilitate in Palestine the creating of a homeland for them. To the Arabs she promised, through Colonel Lawrence, British Colonial representative to the Arabs, that she would maintain the status quo in Palestine for a price. The price was to be their revolt against Turkey, and thereby the weakening of the position of the central powers in the Near East.

Since Britain received the mandate over Palestine in 1922, she has been faced with these two contradictions. And since the Arabs were of greater importance to Britain than the Jews in the post-war period, every obstacle was placed in the path of the Jews, while the Arabs were furthered in the efforts to consolidate their position in Palestine.

From 1922 to 1944 the Jewish population of Palestine increased from 84,000 to 504,000, and the non-Jewish, (Arab) from 668,000 to 1,174,000. Then the White Paper of 1939 limited the Jewish immigration to 75,000 over a five year period, after which all further immigration was to cease. But no limit was ever placed on Arab immigration, so that today they outnumber the Jews more than two to one.

Furthermore, Britain divided Palestine from above the Sea of Galilee on the north to the southern tip of the Dead Sea. Everything east of the Jordan River she gave to King Abdullah and created the satellite nation of Trans-Jordania. This was contrary to the Mandate of the League of Nations. She subsidized this nation to the tune of seven million dollars per year, and in return she took 30,000 natives whom she trained, equipped, officered, and used to control Palestine. These were the soldiers, British trained, equipped and still British officered, who attempted to drive the Jews out of Palestine after May 15, 1948; and they were the only ones who had any degree of success. Immediately we have the amazing spectacle of King Abdullah attempting to establish himself as the King of Palestine. And while his bold scheme had the approval and connivance of the British Government, the six other Arab nations rebelled openly and vigorously. Naturally if Abdullah's ambitions could succeed this would enable Britain to continue her death grip on important parts of Palestine and the near east.

RUSSIA EYES PALESTINE

Russia also has her eyes on Palestine. With her goal as the destruction of the democratic way of life, she knows that eventually it will mean war. Three things are needed for modern warfare: manpower, oil and raw materials. Of these three she only has one, manpower. But oil and raw materials are in abundance in Palestine. So she is beginning to cast covetous eyes southward. Ezekiel 38 tells us how this thing will come to pass.

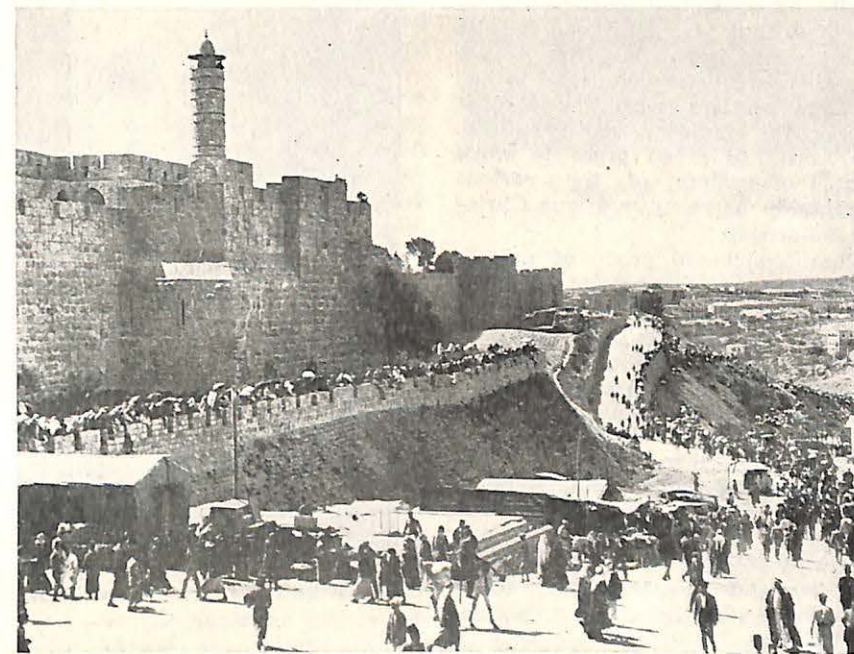
The Arabs too are involved in Palestine, but only as a rallying cry for the larger scheme, a great Arab nation. The foundation for this was laid by former President F. D. Roosevelt and our State Department after the Yalta conference. We have created a Frankenstein monster in the Pan-Arab

Union which may one day turn on its creator and attempt to destroy him.

It is quite possible that the Arabs will join with Russia at the time of crisis. In his heart the Arab hates the westerner, because Christianity is the religion of the West. And the sword of Islam is ever raised against the Cross. Had it not been for the petty jealousies of the various Arab chiefs, we might have seen this all-Arab nation formed during this Arab-Jewish crisis in Palestine.

So far they have not been able to submerge their differences. But it only needs a strong leader to bring that to pass. It may be Abdullah, whose secret ambition it is to be the

ish nation, with representatives in all other nations, to protest when its nationals are mistreated. The Jew reasons this way. Now we are helpless, at the mercy of all, for there is no one to speak for us with authority. But if we become a recognized nation, with representatives at all governments, then we will have a voice that can be raised in protest, a voice that will be recognized. Then we will be able to make our protests heard, and we will be given redress when we are abused. Palestine is the logical and traditional place for such a Jewish nation. On May 16, 1948 this came to be when the Israeli government was established in Tel Aviv.



Pilgrims from All Over the World Visit Jerusalem, the Holy City, at Easter and Walk Around the City's Wall. A Truce in the Fighting Between Jews and Arabs Is Usually Declared for These Holy Seasons to Permit the Pilgrimages to Continue Unmolested

head of all Arabs, and whose ambition is furthered by Britain; or it may be someone yet unknown. One thing is certain, Ishmael will not rest until he has destroyed Isaac and his seed.

A JEWISH REFUGE

Then there are the Jews. They too have a need for Palestine, a two-fold one. To the Jew of Europe, Palestine is the only possible place of refuge on this earth. They must leave Europe; too often its soil has been watered with their blood. They have no further abiding place there. A European Jew, writing to his friend in New York City, well expressed it in these words, "The soil of Europe is burning our feet." But where can they go? Every nation, including our own, has closed its doors to the refugee Jew. Only Palestine is left!

Then there is another reason which affects the Jews the world over. Palestine must be the seat of a national government. There must be a Jew-

I have not placed the United States in this consideration of national interests in Palestine for a very obvious reason. We have no definite Palestine policy. We are governed, on the one hand, by the British Colonial policy, which has dominated the thinking of our State Department since Roosevelt's day. And on the other hand we are concerned about the more than two and one-half billion dollars invested in Arab oil. When you add to these political expediency, it is easy to understand why we have so bungled, to our eternal shame, the crisis in Palestine. We have permitted foreign thinking and dollar diplomacy to blind our eyes to human need.

GOD'S ANSWER FOR PALESTINE

Having considered some of the more obvious phases of the contemporary Palestine problem, we must come to the conclusion that something is missing. The picture is too hazy; some-

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Experiences Along the Trail

Snapshots of the Ministry of One of Our Denominational Evangelists
During the Past Year

By the REV. HERMAN PALFENIER, Evangelist

WE SHALL endeavor to share with the readers of "The Baptist Herald" a few of the experiences which we have made during the year of our service as denominational evangelist. How fast that year has gone by! It almost seems impossible that it is a year since we were privileged to begin our services with the Baptist Church in Madison, South Dakota. The Lord has given grace to work with the pastors of the various churches in harmony and true Christian fellowship.

What a splendid group of pastors we have as a denomination! I thank God upon every remembrance of them. What devotion and loyalty to God and the denomination! What devotion to duty and the care of souls! They are, indeed, God's elect, working with singular unselfishness and with a single eye to the advancement of the cause of Christ and the salvation of souls. God bless them!

In the following we shall not give a detailed description of all which we have seen and done, but rather a few experiences, snapshots, if you please, will be given.

THE YOUTHFUL PRAYER HELPER

Two young girls of about fifteen years of age step out of the bench and come forward. They kneel in prayer and pour out their hearts in supplication and petition. They know that they are lost and need Christ as Savior. After the service is over and we prepare to go home, a young girl comes to us with eyes that reflect the very light of heaven and smilingly she says: "I have prayed for these two girls, and I'm so happy tonight that they have found the Lord." May God give more such prayer helpers to our churches! The secret of soul-winning is faith in prayer and intercession.

We hold in our hand a letter, written by our own little daughter, ten years old. As we read, there comes to us the joy which only those can know who have made a similar experience. The letter tells us that our little daughter has accepted the Lord as her Savior in a "Youth for Christ" meeting. In it she pours out her love to the Lord and the gladness of her heart.

That evening we read the letter in a church service. The heart of a



Rev. Herman Palfenier, Denominational Evangelist

young girl is touched and there awakens in her heart a longing after God and salvation. At home she asks her mother, "Mother, if the Lord could save that little girl, don't you think he could save me?" Joyfully the mother tells her that such is indeed the case. The little girl kneels by her bed and yields herself to Christ in simple faith. With great joy mother and child tell us about it at the next meeting. "Unto such is the kingdom of heaven!"

A FOOLISH MOTHER

We step into a home and invite the people to come to the services. In the course of the conversation, we are told by the mother of the home that she does not believe in child-conversion and because of this reason she does not permit her son to go to the meetings. To our question as to the age of the boy, we receive the answer, "Thirteen years of age." With sad hearts we leave that home.

When will parents awaken to the fact that sin is real, even in the lives of children, and although they are young, they will steal and lie and do all manner of evil? When will they

learn that their children can be kept from sin and its devastating power by the grace of God in Christ? "Let the children come unto me, and forbid them not."

We are in the inquiry room and kneel with a young woman who sobs her heart out in agonizing prayer. She bows down as under the strong sweep of a mighty wind and pours forth the longing of her soul and desire after salvation. As we pray, there comes the note of thanksgiving and praise from the lips of this one who had just before groaned under the burden of her sin: "Oh God, I thank thee that thou didst lead me all thy way across the sea and into this land, that I might find thee!"

We join the angels in thanksgiving and praise. What can surpass the joy of being co-workers with Christ in the winning of souls? The riches and the acclaim of this world are as nought in comparison with the joy of leading one precious soul to Christ! Why do so few Christians covet that joy?

THREE BEER BOTTLES

We are out with a pastor making calls. Soon we draw near to a farm home which we intend to visit. All is quiet; only the dog comes to us as we step out of the car but he sniffs at our heels and soon leaves. The pastor goes to the door of the house and knocks. There is no response. He tries the door, and it opens. He gazes into the house for a moment and then beckons with his hand. We step to his side; he points with his hand. We look into the kitchen, and there on the table we see three beer bottles.

"This is the greatest enemy of this community and of my church. The people who live here are members of my church," the pastor says sadly. It's the slimy trail of that serpent that strangles the happiness and well-being of countless people in our country. When will the people awaken to the fact that alcohol kills the living and preserves only that which is dead? How can professing Christians indulge in such things and not come under condemnation?

We are on our way to our next destination, but our train is late and there seems little chance that we

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March 1, 1949

Bible Day, Sunday, March 13th

Last year \$5,000 were spent for the free distribution of Bibles, New Testaments and Christian Literature. Our field representative and missionary colporter begins his ministry on March 1, 1949

By the REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER, Business Manager
of Our Publication Society

FOLLOWING the custom established many years ago, Sunday Schools and churches of our denomination will again observe Bible Day on Sunday, March 13th, of this year.

Last year most of our Sunday Schools observed this day and there is reason to believe that an even greater number will participate in 1949 in this most worthwhile endeavor to bring the value of the Bible and Christian literature to the attention of our people.

Two new songs have been written for this occasion by Dr. H. von Berge, and Dr. T. W. Bender has prepared an excellent selection of recitations dealing with the importance of the Bible and Christian literature. As our Sunday Schools use this material in the preparation of a suitable program, they are preparing the hearts and minds of our people to participate in the very important work of distributing Christian literature and the Holy Bible.

DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLES

It is needless to point out that the Holy Bible is important in life and for life. As Christian people we know its value and should ever be found giving our best efforts that the written Word shall be available to all who seek it, whether they are our neighbors here at home or whether they live in a distant foreign land.

Last year the offerings given by our Sunday Schools on Bible Day were most generous. These gifts from our Sunday Schools to the Roger Williams Press have brought much comfort and help to many people. We also believe that they have led some to the foot of Christ's cross.

During the past year we have spent approximately \$1500 for the free distribution of Bibles and New Testaments. Furthermore, approximately \$3500 were spent for the free distribution of the German publication, "Der Sendbote," among the Baptist churches of Germany. These people have so few religious periodicals and, from the many letters received from them, we definitely know that the reading of this publication did much to

strengthen their faith during the dark hours.

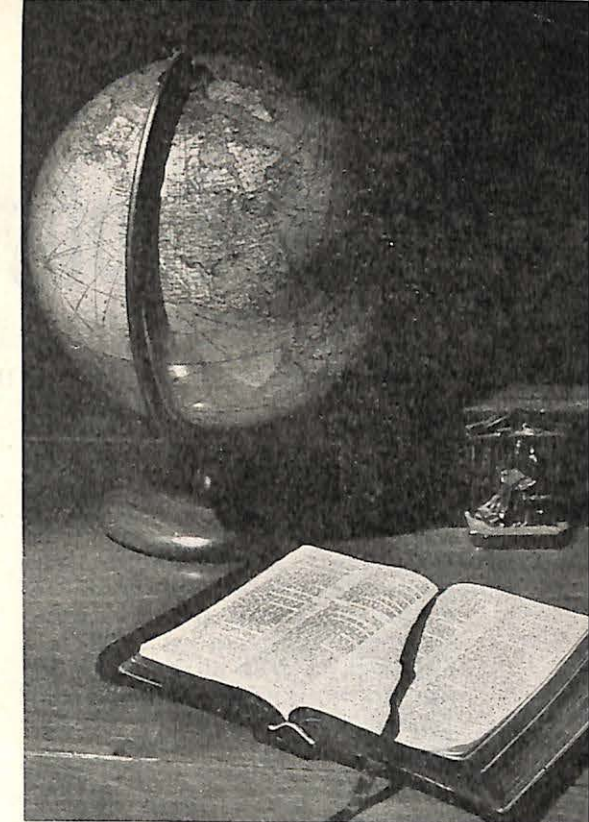
BIBLE DAY OFFERINGS

Bible Day offerings are also used by the Publication Society wherever and whenever God opens a door for the free distribution of his Word. The society stands ready to serve our own mission fields wherever it can and frequently answers the Macedonian call for help from individuals and churches who are definitely seeking to build the Kingdom through the use of the printed word.

As an example, we may call attention to a gift of German teacher's Bible going to the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany. Each student is to receive a copy of this Bible. No Bible of this kind is available in Germany at present. These young men at the Seminary are in urgent need of a good teacher's Bible and your Publication Society is happy to act in behalf of our Sunday Schools in presenting each student with this valuable book. Through the society the Sunday Schools are sharing in the important task of training the future



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



—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert
God's Word for the Whole, Wide World!

ministers of the Baptist churches of Germany.

FUTURE PLANS

For the year 1949 we shall continue to serve wherever God leads us. Although plans are not complete at the present time, we propose to make a very distinct contribution toward the furnishing of Christian literature for the Cameroons mission field. The Publication Society has also appointed a field representative and missionary colporter, the Rev. H. Renkema. More will be published about this appointment at a later date but one of his duties will be to explore and exploit every opportunity where the distribution of Christian literature will serve in Kingdom building and the salvation of souls.

The Publication Society is, indeed, grateful to our churches and schools for all support. Unto each contributor it would say, "Thank you."

We believe that under the direction of God, this money has contributed toward the establishment of the Kingdom through the medium of the printed word. May I urge our Sunday Schools everywhere to make mention of this day, to offer the best possible program, to remember it in your prayers and to place a liberal offering on the altar of God. May we always remember that our gifts are intended to provide printed materials which we trust and pray will lead others to a knowledge of the Savior.

Printed programs have been prepared and sent to our schools. Should there be any school which has not received these programs, please advise us and a supply will be sent immediately.

A Baptist Statement of Faith

A Word of Clarification by MR. H. P. DONNER of Cleveland, Ohio,
Former Business Manager of the Publication Society

IN A BRIEF editorial in "Der Sendbote" in its issue of October 13, 1948 under the caption of "Christian Confession of Faith" unfavorable reference seems to have been made to the recommendation of the Central Conference in its last session that the General Conference formulate a statement of faith to be subscribed to by those who teach in our existing institutions of learning, by the missionaries entering service on the home or foreign field, and by all general workers chosen for denominational service. In "The Baptist Herald" of November 15, 1948 there appeared an article by my good friend, Mr. E. Elmer Staub of Detroit, Mich., in which he obviously condemns such a requirement under the impression that the recommendation grew out of suspicious criticism and was divisive in its motive.

EARLY DEVELOPMENTS

These public utterances seem to require a further word of clarification. It will be well to be informed on the steps that led to the action of the Central Conference in passing the resolution in question, inasmuch as the thought was a natural development of proceedings without premeditation.

It was in the 1947 session in Cleveland that first reference was made to the subject. The seminary was represented by the chairman of the board of trustees, Dr. Paul J. Trudel. He made quite a full report on existing conditions and, among other things, mentioned that the question of establishing some statement of faith had been under consideration and he intimated that there might be some development in that direction.

Before adjournment on Saturday noon the report of the resolutions committee was presented. Brother Staub was a member of that committee but during the presentation of the report he was absent, whether intentionally or inadvertently, I do not know. During the discussion of the report, some expression of dissatisfaction over a certain condition in the seminary was made which encouraged the conference to amend the committee's report by the additional request that the seminary set up a statement of faith for the acceptance of the members of the faculty following the original recom-

mendation of the reporting committee "that our educational institutions be kept pure in doctrine."

CENTRAL CONFERENCE RESOLUTION

At the 1948 session of the conference in Benton Harbor the seminary had no direct representation. The resolutions committee appointed by the chair brought in a renewed recommendation covering this item. Until then the suggestion dealt only with the seminary. In the discussion that ensued, one of the delegates felt as though the seminary was being discriminated against and had been singled out for unfriendly attack. At this juncture of the deliberations, the chair appointed a special committee to reformulate the resolution in the light of this criticism.

This representative committee discharged its obligation by placing before the conference the resolution as published in a recent issue of "The Baptist Herald." It was passed by a decisive majority although there were some dissenting votes. However, while the motion was before the house, no voice was raised against it.

Thus you will see that this recommendation, now going to the General Conference, but channeled through the General Council for formulation, was an evolutionary process devoid of all rancor and free from those ugly things that make for contention that Brother Straub had imagined. It should also be said that he was not present at the conference in Benton Harbor and so he will appreciate this first hand information.

BAPTIST TRADITION

It will be in keeping with the tenor of this article to add an observation on the major theme. To the writer it does not seem incongruous with good Baptist tradition to adopt a simple, but definite, articulation of

OPEN FORUM

Prior to the General Conference in August, "The Baptist Herald" will open its pages to any contributions that pertain to our denominational enterprise, provided they are not more than 600 words in length, are not of a personal or divisive nature, and are signed by the contributor. Send your "Open Forum" contributions to the editor, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

the cardinal doctrines of our faith which are doctrines inextricably rooted in the Bible and which we unhesitatingly accept as the Word of God. They are what we individually live by, from which the church gets her inspiration, and on which we are charged to stand fast.

There is a good deal of zeal expended in the claim that we as Baptists have no creed but the New Testament. In our heritage we have repeatedly adopted "confessions of faith," "covenants" and "statements of faith" which in historical treatises have actually been called "creeds." A creed is "to profess the faith within us. It never precedes faith but presupposes it. Where there is faith there is also profession of faith. The value of creeds depends upon their agreement with Scriptures" (Schaff). The term "creed" is harmless. It is derived from the Latin "credo," "I believe." That's the thing we are doing with the great doctrines of our historic faith.

CHURCH COVENANT

We generally accept, for instance, the Philadelphia Confession of Faith. That was adopted by the Philadelphia Baptist Association in 1742 and it is said to be a recension of the Westminster Confession with some differentiations. In 1693 a Baptist catechism was drawn up which was based on the latter confession. The Philadelphia Confession stemmed from "the Confession" of 1688 which was approved and recommended by the messengers of no less than a hundred Baptist churches in England.

Even in 1644, three years prior to the Westminster Confession (Presbyterian), seven Baptist churches in London had their own confession. The New Hampshire Confession, so well known to our churches, dates back to 1833-1834 and, to use a borrowed phrase, is regarded as the most popular "creed" among Baptists. This looks as though we were on historic ground. When churches are received into our fellowship, it is revealed that they are founded on some definite confession of faith.

It is common practice for our churches to provide a "covenant" to which every member assents as he joins the fellowship. When the new constitution of the General Conference was adopted in Tacoma in 1946,

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Get Ready for the General Conference

Advance News by the REV. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

Twenty-ninth General
Conference
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
August 22 to 28, 1949

● It looks like a record-breaking, thrilling General Conference to be held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota from August 22 to 28, 1949! The program committee, which is pictured below, has held several sessions and has provided for an unusually inspiring program. The committee's chairman is Dr. John Leypoldt of the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis., and its secretary is Mrs. Florence Schoeffel of the Grace Church, Chicago, Ill.

● Copies of the tentative program for the General Conference will be mailed to all participants before the close of February. An immediate response is requested of those receiving these copies. We are hoping to publish the full program in the April 15th issue of "The Baptist Herald." The colorful souvenir programs to be distributed at the General Conference will be provided with the compliments of the Baptist Life Association.

● In April the pastors of our churches will receive a number of registration blanks to be distributed among those church members and friends who plan on coming to the conference. These blanks will be used for all requests for housing and hospitality and sent

to Mr. Arthur Schwerin, chairman, Box 308, Burlington, Iowa. Arrangements have already been made for the housing of about 2000 people in Sioux Falls.

● Program highlights include missionary addresses by Laura E. Reddig and Margaret Kittlitz, Cameroons missionaries; a graphic, up-to-date review of Europe today by Rev. Otto Nallinger, relief director for the Baptist World Alliance; a young people's banquet on Saturday night for 1400 people; daily Bible expositions by an outstanding Baptist leader whose name will be announced later; an evangelistic service geared to young people on Friday night; and much more like that!

● The Coliseum is the finest meeting place of any of our conferences. It has a seating capacity of about 2500. Mass choirs from all the South Dakota churches, besides a large men's chorus and a wonderful young peo-

ple's choir will vie with the splendid ministers' choir and the Glee Club of our Rochester Seminary in lifting the General Conference sessions to musical mountain-tops of glory! A large Hammond organ will also be installed for the conference days.

● The Annex under the same roof of the Coliseum is an immense cavern of 23,000 cubic feet in which basketball games can easily be held. This will be the scene of the youth banquet on Saturday evening and the place for the denominational exhibits and book room throughout the week. Miss Kittlitz is bringing four large boxes of Cameroons exhibits for the General Conference with her from Africa. Every department of our work will be colorfully dramatized.

● The Milwaukee Line will provide for a special train from Chicago to Sioux Falls on Sunday afternoon, August 21, and arriving in Sioux Falls early on Monday morning. Every kind of accommodation will be available on the air-conditioned train. Special services will be arranged for Sunday evening in the observation car of the Pullman section and in the commodious coach car. Watch for further announcements!



Members of the Program Committee for the General Conference to Be Held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota from August 22 to 28, 1949 as They Met at the Forest Park Headquarters

What's Happening

● Recently the Rev. Ronald Stabbert resigned as the pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church of Vesper, Kansas due to a partial recurrence of an illness. Mr. Stabbert brought his ministry to a close on Sunday, Feb. 6th, to the great regret of the church members. Both the Bethany Church and the large group of his friends hope that a period of rest will restore him to health again. Mr. Stabbert had served as pastor of the Bethany Church since 1947.

● Miss Twila Bartz, who served as our missionary on the Bobtail Indian Reserve in Alberta, Canada for almost two years and on the faculty of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, has accepted a position as director of Christian education at the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Illinois. On Sunday, Jan. 5, she was given a formal recognition and reception by members of the Elgin Baptist Church. This is a church of the Northern Baptist Convention.

● The young people's society of the Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana held its annual election of officers on January 1st. The following young people are serving for this year: Ruth Sieler, president; Edward Burkle, vice-president; Evangeline Roesler, secretary; Albert Losing, treasurer; Richard Huber and Paul Losing, ushers; and Irene Huber, pianist. At the Watch Night service the young people were in charge of the program. The church has been without a pastor since the Rev. David Littke left for Billings, Montana.

● The Rev. Thomas Stoeri of St. Joseph, Michigan was able to attend the services of the First Baptist Church, of which the Rev. L. H. Broeker is pastor, for several successive Sundays in December. But he was again quite ill in the weeks that followed. The editor, Rev. M. L. Leuschner, visited him and his wife at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kovalska, on Sunday, Jan. 30. Mr. Stoeri follows the denominational activities with great interest and wishes to be remembered to all his friends.

● A banquet for all North American Baptist young people and Sunday School workers who are attending schools or working in the Twin Cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota was a highlight of the Minnesota

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Sends Relief Goods to Germany
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This Offering Needs Your Regular and Generous Contributions.
Plan Now for a Sacrificial Easter Offering

Mid-winter Institute on Saturday evening, Feb. 26, at the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn. The Institute was held at the Riverview Church of St. Paul from Feb. 25 to 27 with many young people in attendance. Mr. Robert Stassen, president, was in charge of the Institute program.

● The young people of Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Chilliwack, British Columbia presented the play, "Midnight," at the Watch Night service. Miss Vera Jacobi, reporter, stated that "the young people's society holds meetings regularly every second Tuesday evening of the month and takes charge of the church service on the last Sunday evening of each month. From March 8 to 10 the church will serve as host to the sessions of the Pacific Conference mission committee and Pastors' Retreat. The Rev. Phil. Daum is pastor of the Chilliwack church.

● The chapel in the new edifice of the Old People's Home at Bismarck, North Dakota is to be furnished in memory of the late Rev. Karl Gieser, the first superintendent of the Home. A special fund has been created for this purpose, to which members and friends of the churches, in which Brother Gieser served as pastor, have already contributed. There may still be others who would like to contribute to this memorial fund. The Home will soon be completed and it is hoped that the chapel will be completely furnished for the dedication services. The Rev. R. Sigmund is the superintendent of the Home.

● Miss Ruth Doescher, former missionary of the Fleischmann Memorial

Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., is now quite ill at the home of friends in St. Joseph, Michigan. She lives at 811 Elm Street, St. Joseph, Michigan, where cards or letters will reach her. She is confined to her bed most of the time. During a visit with her on Sunday, Jan. 30, the editor of "The Baptist Herald," who was formerly associated with her in the ministry of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, promised to extend her greetings to her large host of friends everywhere and to request their prayers in her behalf.

● Dr. George A. Lang, president of our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., has announced that the Rev. Paul Galambos, who served for many years as pastor in one of our mission fields and Baptist churches in Hungary and who came to this country with his family as Displaced Persons, is now enrolled as a Seminary student in the second semester. This brings the enrollment up to 56 students. Mr. Galambos is seeking to become more proficient in the English language so that he will be able to serve the churches of our conference. He hopes to be available for such an appointment after this semester in June 1949.

● Mrs. Nellie M. Zirbes, the widow of the Rev. W. J. Zirbes, is now residing in Victor, Iowa, where she has an apartment in the home of one of her three sisters, Mrs. Anna Bohstedt. Her two other sisters in the Baptist Church of Victor are Mrs. Martha Muller and Mrs. Adelaide Folkerts. Mrs. Zirbes' permanent address is Box 17, Victor, Iowa. From 1898 to 1914 Mr. Zirbes served as pastor of the old First German Baptist Church (later Shaker Heights Church) of Cleveland, Ohio; and from 1915 to 1931 as pastor of the Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mrs. Zirbes' pastor at the Victor Baptist Church is the Rev. Dale Chaddock.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Richard A. Grenz and family of the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Michigan report that the church and friends of the church remembered them at Christmas time with a purse of money. A few days later they were called to the bedside of Mr. Grenz's mother in North Dakota and the church and friends made such a trip possible. How encouraging when a church remembers its pastor and fam-

ily with deeds and gifts of kindness! Farm produce and other gifts have been a real help to this pastor's family in these days of high cost of living. May the Lord reward the church!

● The Rev. Dale Chaddock of Victor, Iowa is the director of Youth for Christ for Iowa County, in which Victor is located. He is also serving as the chairman of the Steering Committee for Youth for Christ in the Iowa-Nebraska region. On Dec. 29th he attended a regional meeting for directors held at Des Moines, Iowa. On Saturday evening, Jan. 22, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., addressed the Youth for Christ gathering at Williamsburg, Iowa with the Rev. Dale Chaddock leading the meeting. Mr. Leuschner also showed missionary pictures at the Victor Baptist Church on Friday evening, Jan. 21, and brought messages and pictures on Sunday, Jan. 23. The young people of the church are in charge of the services at the Iowa County Home on the second Sunday of each month.

● Mrs. Anna Weber of Burlington, Iowa, a member of the Oak Street Baptist Church, collected a life insurance policy for \$3000 on herself in view of her 100th birthday on June 22, 1948. When the policy was written in 1898, it was stipulated that the policy holder must live to be 100 years old in order to collect on it personally. Mrs. Weber is believed to be the only person in the United States thus far this year to collect on an insurance policy by living to be one hundred years old, according to the Burlington newspaper, "The Hawk-Eye Gazette," in which the story and picture of Mrs. Weber appeared. Her pastor, Rev. A. R. Bernadt, states that she is an active member of the Oak Street Baptist Church and that her 100th birthday was celebrated last June with a special service and the presentation of an orchid by the minister.

● The Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon was delighted to receive a very fine communion set which was presented to the church by Mr. Henry Voth, a member of the church for many years and senior deacon. It was recently dedicated in connection with a communion service. The church also had the joy of dedicating a library of 600 volumes, consisting of an excellent selection of religious books. The library was a gift from the Denny family whom the pastor, the Rev. Emanuel Wolff, had the joy of baptizing last Spring. During Prayer Week the older classes of the Sunday School, including the young people, were in charge of the services. A large number of the members took part in one way or another. The musical numbers and messages were exceptionally fine. The attendance went as high as eighty.

The Pilgrim's Guide

Brief Expositions of God's Word

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

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IN THE THIRD chapter of Matthew we have a beautiful record of that great man of God, John the Baptist. As a person he was a child of promise, strange in dress and food, fearless, and spiritually humble. His pulpit was a bare desert valley, north of Jerusalem. His message concerned repentance, righteousness, and a warming-of-a-judgment to come. Contrary to popular opinion about such things today, John's ministry resulted in mass evangelism.

On this occasion, he was astonished to see the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptismal service. These men thought they were indispensable to God. John made an effort to revise their thinking on the subject. But we are especially interested in what he said about baptism. Let us consider the eleventh verse; first, the baptism with water; second, the baptism with the Holy Spirit; third, the baptism with fire.

BAPTISM WITH WATER. Thoughtful Christians ask about the mode of baptism, but too few are concerned about the true meaning of baptism. Its significance is often overlooked. John's baptism was a water baptism as a token of acknowledgement of sin as their own, repentance, and a felt need of deliverance from sin through faith in the coming Messiah.

Today, only the "born again" believer should be baptized, upon repentance of sins and confession of faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. It is not a senseless requirement of the church, but a commandment of God. Baptism is the immersion of the believer. It is symbolic of the death and resurrection of Christ, and through faith in Christ the candidate dies to sin and is alive unto righteousness. It is a beautiful and meaningful ordinance.

BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT. The third Person of the Trinity is the inward reality of the outward symbol of regeneration and eternal life. The sinner comes first to Christ, and upon receiving him, he is given the gift of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost was the historic beginning. That which enables the Church to

overcome all forms of evil and keeps it from being destroyed is the Holy Spirit within her.

There is a great deal of unnecessary confusion and abuse relative to the word "baptism" in this connection. The Holy Spirit is not limited to any one group of believers or to only one manifestation. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body." Victorious living and power for service come through being filled with the Spirit; and he fills us when we humble ourselves, surrender all to him and obey his will. It means the cross in the heart. No more, no less!

BAPTISM WITH FIRE. Here we face various interpretations. The most important suggestions are: 1) the refining, purifying influences of the Holy Spirit; 2) descent of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost; 3) fire of hell; 4) judgment of the believer's works and purification from defilements in the day of judgment; 5) tribulations, crosses and afflictions which believers in Christ are called to pass through.

It is the writer's opinion that it means tribulations, crosses and afflictions which Christians are called to pass through in this life. It has been pointed out that Christ was first baptized with water, then the Holy Spirit, and then the baptism of testing in the wilderness.

When the two disciples asked for the honor to be seated next to Christ in his kingdom, he asked the question, "Are ye able to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They said, "We are able." Here it is symbolic of his suffering and self-denial. Peter tells us that we are not to think it a strange thing when we have hard trials. To reign with Christ, we must suffer with him. Without the cross there will be no crown.

Because we are Christians, we are not to think that we therefore escape troubles, testings, sickness and other afflictions. But we are promised grace, strength, hope, and a "very present help in the time of trouble." Christ will never leave us nor forsake us. Be strong and of good courage! There are no "basement bargains" in God's service. It is the soundest, the most blessed, the most profitable investment for life and eternity. Commit and trust; then God will give the dividends when they are due.

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—Photo by Herman Siemund
Forests of Trees Can Be Seen on the Way to Paradise Valley on the Slopes of Mount Rainier, Washington.

Cloud Across the Sun

A Novel by G. FRANKLIN ALLEE
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SYNOPSIS

Larry Brantwell, a famous radio announcer and singer, was told by the doctor that he was through with his radio career because of a bad throat condition. All that the doctor could further suggest was to get out-of-doors, to go logging in the Northwest country. It wasn't long before Larry was on his way to the white-capped Olympics in Washington to begin life all over again at Camp One, of which Big Jim Rand, a bold dynamic leader, was foreman. As a result of a friendship with the boss, Sam Reese, Larry was made superintendent and then his relationship with Jim Rand became strange and tense. But both men had hard work to do together, because of further labor and financial troubles. Both Jim and Larry went to church one Sunday and the minister seemed to preach right at them. Going back to camp, Jim let Larry know that he was acquainted with his past. The air was tense as the two men talked to each other.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

IN A SUDDEN endeavor to turn Jim aside — to reply would be to permit the insinuation—Larry said, "You have been converted, haven't you, Jim?"

"Yes; I think I was about three years ago. But I've just started goin' to church again."

"I've been doing a little checking up on myself lately," Larry said, guiding the car slowly along. "I'm beginning to believe that there is something in what that preacher said. I've never gone clear down to bed-rock in my surrender. I've kept an

awful lot of me in reserve."

"So have I. And I'm gettin' plenty tired of it," Jim returned as they drove up in front of the camp that lay basking peacefully in the moonlight.

Jim fought the bully, Bill Barlow, on Wednesday evening of that week. Contrary to the desires of both Jim and Larry, the fellow had come back when logging operation had been resumed, and according to union rules they had to accept him. But when he held Harry Barnes against a wall and forced some of his "snuce" into the weaker man's mouth — after his other tricks had failed to elicit laughter from the crew—an open break came.

It was a terrific conflict, lasting thirty minutes, with the greater endurance of the logging boss finally bringing Barlow to his knees admitting defeat.

Larry watched the fight with mixed feelings, a glow of admiration for Big Jim's gallant championing of the weaker man's cause, as well as for the skill, the strength and the endurance he exhibited, and also a feeling of regret and pain that the logging boss had been forced into such a struggle. They had not been fighting long before it became plain to every-

one that Jim was using defensive tactics purposely to let the other man wear himself out. When his opponent had completely exhausted himself, the foreman drove in with a few powerful blows that put his opponent down, admitting defeat and asking for mercy.

Jim lifted Barlow to his feet then, helped him wash the blood from his face, and applied cold fresh steak, which the cook brought him from the cook shack, to the bruises. Larry heard him say, "I'm sorry about this, Bill; but you've been asking for it and wouldn't be satisfied until you got it. It won't affect your job here. But you'll leave Harry alone from this time on!"

They solemnly shook hands then and Jim walked away without a word to anyone else. Later, when Larry asked for him, Barnes said, "He went off up the skid road by himself. I doubt if he'll be back soon."

The crew was eating breakfast early the next morning when Jim rapped on the door of the camp office. His eyes were red from loss of sleep, and on his forehead a dark discolored bruise showed, but his smile was happier than Larry had ever seen it. He entered, closed the door behind him,

and spoke tersely. "The preacher was right, Larry!"

That was the first time he had ever used the superintendent's first name; and, more than that, he did not lower his eyes but stood with his fine big head held self-reliantly erect. He continued. "I was so low-down ashamed of myself over that affair last night that I couldn't look a man of the outfit in the face, so I went off into the woods to hang my head."

"I don't see anything you had to be ashamed about," Larry said. "You fought fair and let him off easier than he deserved. He certainly had it coming; and no one else but you give it to him."

"That may be so, but the trouble is—I enjoyed doing it more than I should have."

Larry smiled and said, "I was perfectly willing to permit you the pleasure—and the job. And I must confess that I shared your enjoyment."

Rand laughed then, more heartily and clearly than anyone in camp had ever heard him. He sat down without an invitation from Larry and said, "I went up into the woods last night, sick of heart and hating myself. How could I be a real born-again Christian if I enjoyed beating a man? How much influence would I ever have to win one of these fellows to Christ after that? When I was feeling at the lowest I remembered that sermon of last Sunday. So I really accepted Christ as my personal Savior. He forgave my sins, and I gave myself up to God like I'd never done before. Like I told you, I've been a professing Christian, but if I ever found myself down in a hole it was last night. I found out I'd been worshipping a great big I a lot more'n the Lord."

"Well, in the end, with the Lord's help I really let go of myself, and now I know I'm really born again and I want to surrender that old I to Him."

The old minister had been the first to tell him that God demanded his all. Could it be that as the pastor said, his selfish ego was frustrating his own plans, burning up his nervous energy and leaving him defeated and unhappy? Only by being saved from sin through the blood of Christ could one be wholly consecrated. To endeavor to make a full consecration with a selfish purpose in mind was useless. One might as well try to lift himself by his own bootstraps. Rand's complete surrender had begun with disgust with himself.

Reese, looking thin and worn, but quiet and seemingly at ease, came up Friday afternoon. Larry accustomed to the nervousness and the restless energy, the constant snapping of his fingers and the biting of his nails that had always characterized his employer, could scarcely understand the change that had come over him.

Seemingly it was the resignedness of a man who after a long struggle has given up and accepted the inevitable, and in doing so finds himself at greater ease than when he continued the effort. But there was something in Reese's spirit that could not be accounted for even by this explanation.

As he listened to Reese's account of his trip to Washington and then back to Olympia, Larry knew the news had not leaked out about how they had gone ahead and tapped his hidden valley and were now working furiously with a full crew bringing the timber out to the river. When Sam had finally related the full details of his failure to secure more timber, he hesitated a moment, appearing to be at a loss for words, and then said, "Larry, I hate to tell you, but I'll have to lay you and Rand and the cook off tomorrow."

"Is that so?"

"Yes. You see, it will be January at least before I can get another tract and, on top of that, old man Jonas, down here in Sheldon, has served notice on me. He's closing me out."

"When did that happen?" Larry asked.

"Wednesday of last week. Since then I've been trying to find someone to refinance the outfit, but it's no go; I've given up."

Inwardly Larry was smiling; outwardly he was very grave and sympathetic. Sam went on to apologize for the inconvenience his failure would impose upon his superintendent and logging boss, while Larry tried to comprehend what had wrought such a change in him. How could he, whose whole heart and mind had been completely occupied and tied up in his business, take defeat so calmly? Here he was announcing defeat without a tremor in his voice, without a flicker of his eye. He hadn't believed Sam had it in him to exert such self-control in the face of financial disaster. When he appeared at an end of his explanation and self-condemnation, Larry leaned toward him, smiled easily and spoke.

"Mr. Reese—"

"Sam, to you."

"Excuse me, Sam; I had forgotten. I have a confession to make and a surprise—two of them, in face—in store for you."

"Good confession, or bad?"

"Well, depending; but I think it's good."

"Fine! Glad that one's over with. Now how about the surprise? Is it good or bad?" Sam said in his vivacious way.

"Definitely good; very good. So good, in fact that if your heart is at all weak we'd better go a little slow."

"It's strong. Bring on the surprises. All the surprises I've had for many a day have been bad — except one."

"Come along with me," Larry commanded, rising and moving toward the door. "But no questions, please, until you see the results."

He took the camp panel-truck and, avoiding all places of recent activity, drove out along the old logging road toward the river until they came out upon a high bank and, looking down, saw great masses of freshly-cut logs being secured into rafts for the trip down the river. Larry spoke first.

"They're yours, Sam."

"Mine? What do you mean?"

"Just that. Those logs are your property. Those two rafts will be ready to start the trip down to your mill Monday. And more are hitting the river as fast as we can assemble them. Besides, we have fifty men at work now."

Sam looked at him incredulously, slowly shaking his head in unbelief. "How can I believe that? Where are they coming from?" he asked.

"From up on top. From the valley you said couldn't be reached without building a railroad."

"No!"

"Yes!"

"Well, I'll be jiggered! How come?"

Larry explained how Big Jim had conceived the idea of bringing the logs down, and of how the two of them had, in three weeks' time, cleared the canyon and built the dam.

Reese seemed to overcome even to express his gratitude properly. After discussing the matter for a time, he said, "I still can't see through it, but I'll accept it, anyway. I don't see how I'll even begin to make it right with you fellows, but I hope you understand how I feel about it."

As they drove toward the canyon he said, "I'll have to go down and see if by any chance I can stave Jonas off till we get those logs sawed and the timber marketed."

"You won't need to see him," Larry said.

"Why?" he asked staring. "Have you two wonder workers taken care of him, too?"

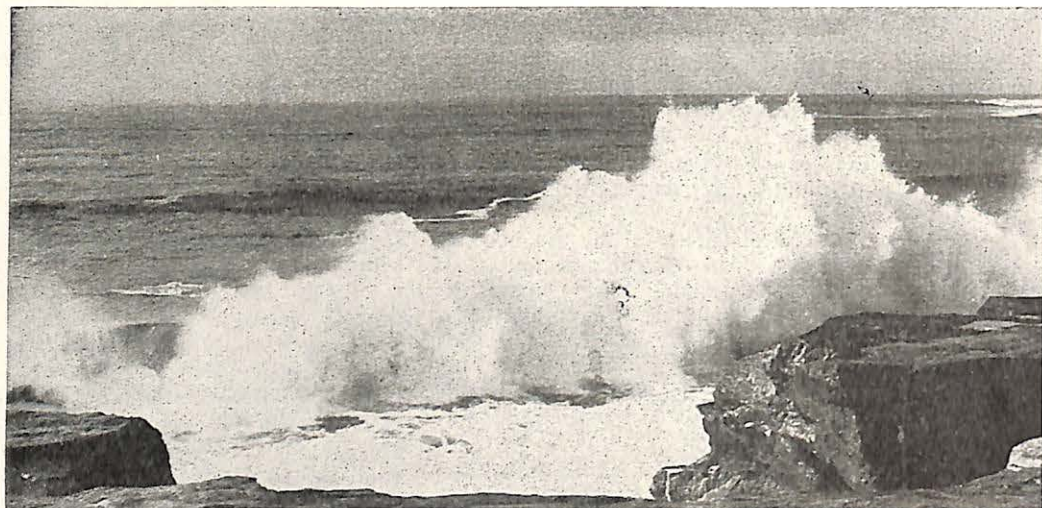
"No, we haven't done anything there, but it's fixed up just the same; you may rest assured of that. But I would like to ask you for a favor there, if you can take it by faith."

"Shoot. You're entitled to any favor in my power to grant."

"Don't say anything to Jonas about it. And don't worry. But don't give me the credit; I just discovered it by accident."

He wanted to have a talk with Hill and then, because of Sam's long-standing suspicion of the lumberman, select a proper moment for the denouncement.

They made the long climb up to the scene of the logging operations where Sam looked on in bewilderment, still unable to believe what his eyes saw. He heard the crash of fall-



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In the restless round of the activities of life, which is like the ceaseless pounding of breakers against the shore, let us not forget the assembling together for prayer to wait upon God and to study His Word

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ing timber, listened to the sputter and the roar of the bulldozers as they nosed or dragged the logs to the edge of the lake, and saw an endless stream of logs shoot the white water of the canyon. When he came down the trail toward camp his face was alight with gratitude and hope. Back at camp he beckoned to Larry and said, "Come, sit in my car for awhile; I've something I want to tell you."

It was raining now, a soft, slow drizzle that drifted down easily like cherry blossom petals sifting to the ground. Sam slapped his knee where the wet brush had soaked him, and said, "I'm wet. I'll start the motor and run the heater."

He let the motor run on a slightly-opened throttle for a few minutes, then slowed it down, turned on the heater and spoke.

"Larry, I know you must think of me as a money-mad fool. No, don't try to salve my feelings; I know I've been all that, and then some. Of course, I always told myself that it was for the sake of Mother and Sis that I wanted to make this thing go. But although that was in my mind, the real truth is that I've been money-crazy ever since I was a kid and, against my Mother's wishes, used to sell papers after school and on Saturdays. It's been a disease with me; a driving, tormenting thing that has haunted me and often made me insensible to, and unappreciative of, the finest things of life.

"I've tried to shake it off, but it seems as though it was born and bred in me. You're a churchman, Brantwell, so you know a man can't be much of a Christian if he's money-mad."

He turned to look at Larry, who cringed inwardly at his words; not being money-mad, but being fame-hungry—that was Larry's weakness. He coughed and mumbled, "That's right."

Sam resumed. "I've found a remedy for my weakness. At last my fever is gone and my temperature is

down to normal. And that sounds more trite than it really is. I've burned up, nearly, with my restless, insane desire to be a big business success to make money hand over fist, till it's literally been like a fire in the marrow of my soul."

As Sam talked, Larry was thinking how he, too, had been so athirst for success in his field, and of the similarity of their problems. Although he had read his Bible daily and kept up a semblance of prayer life, had even paid his tithes and gone to church with some degree of regularity, still he knew that the real first love of his life was fame, lasting renown, distinction. And all at once he knew what the doctors had known but had withheld from him, that it had been this very "fever" and "fire" Sam spoke about which had burned up his own nervous energy and left his throat unfit for singing. Sam glanced sidewise at him, apparently wondering at his abstraction, and continued to speak.

"Some of these things I never noticed, although Mother tried many times to warn me, but with me it was the same as with the sailors on the ship Paul was on, as long as 'the south wind blew softly' I refused advice and drove on; but when the Euroclydon fell upon me it caught me totally unprepared. It swept me so completely off my feet that—though I'm ashamed to admit it—I came terribly close to suicide. I shudder now to think what might have happened if it hadn't been for that what I always thought rather radical idea of my mother's. It saved the day for me, just as it had done for my sister in her time of trial."

He paused, looking out of the car window a moment, wondering if he should go on, or if he was merely boring this fine, handsome fellow by his side. Somehow it did sound a bit far-fetched, this idea that had meant so much to him recently, when it was exposed to the broad light of day and the commonplace of life. But Larry answered his companion's unspoken

question by saying, "I'm very much interested. Go on, please."

Sam continued. "It dates back to shortly after I was born. My father, from what I've been told, was a very successful businessman. He had started out working for a logging outfit, and in less than ten years he owned a big outfit of his own, including this timber you're cutting. But money seemed to be his failing, the same as it has been mine. Two years after I was born they had another son, but when he was about a year old he was kidnapped by an old nurse, a kind of crackpot I guess, and when he was finally found he had been starved until he was nothing but skin and bones. From what I've heard, I guess it was a terrible thing. Anyway, he died soon after they got him back. It was through that terrible experience that Dad and Mother discovered a formula that enabled them to take it on the chin and come through. It was about the same thing as we heard the preacher in Sheldon putting out. That's what made me wonder when I heard it. They found some kind of covenant between them; I've seen it in Mother's Testament where they had written it out and signed it. Well, I came home in despair the other night, ready to do something desperate, and sis told me how she had gone through the fire but had gotten hold of herself through this plan. So I tried it, not as an experiment, but I was so at the end of myself that there was no other way out—except, as sis says, the coward's way. And the plan that worked for sis worked for me."

"You mean you surrendered yourself fully to Christ and through that you licked your problem?" Larry asked. He was a bit nervous; this was coming too close. From every side it was crowding in upon him, hammering at him until there seemed no escape. Sam was speaking again.

"Larry, I don't suppose you'll understand; I doubt if I can make myself clear enough; but there is a rich,

delightful restfulness running clear through me, a peace that I had no idea I would ever know. It isn't that I've lost my pep or that I don't care to succeed now; but it is as though now I'm on top of my ambition, riding it instead of its riding me. In other words, the dollar mark is no longer my boss."

Larry remembered some of Reverend Martin's words: "The dollar mark loses its power to inflict you with pain." He said, "That's the second time I've heard that lately. You think you've discovered monetary emancipation?"

"Exactly. And I'm glad I found it while I was still ignorant of what two of the grandest friends a man ever had were accomplishing for me."

"Forget that."
"Can't be done, my friend; can't be done. And you don't need to think I'm going to try."

Their conversation drifted to the business of logging, as Larry had several problems about which he wished to consult Sam, who said a bit later, "I guess I'd better be rolling along. We'll have to get our saw-mill crew together and get ready to start sawing as soon as those logs get there. Are you positive about Jonas' holding off?"

"Absolutely. It's all tight."
"Well, if you can solve this problem here the way you have, I guess I can trust the rest to your judgment. Anyway, it seems hard to worry with any degree of success since I found this new way. You know, I'd surely like to know where that preacher got hold of that theory. I thought it was original with my folks."

(To Be Continued)

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UNDER THE SNOW

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH.

Under the snow lie last year's flow'rs,
Back in the past lie happy hours;
The snow has come and covered them over,
The regal rose and the humble clover,
And time has hidden with mists of gray
The laughing joys of an ended day.

Last year's flow'rs lie under the snow,
Back in the past the long ago,
For time has changed, the year has seasons,
And men have faults, and God has reasons,
And whatever it is the summer brings,
And lovely things are the fragile things.

Under the snow — but the heart forgets
To think of next year's violets.
Under the snow of each December
Lie buds of next year's May, remember.
Under the snow lie next year's flow'rs,
And always ahead lie happy hours.

We, the Women

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

MEMOS!

Many of us find it helpful to have a memo pad handy, on which to jot down things that we must do, important dates and other pertinent facts. Here are a few "reminders" which ought to appear on at least our "mental" memo pads.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. Be sure to attend these services on Friday of this week, March 4. On no other occasion does one experience quite so strongly the "tie that binds" Christian women all over the world. Many on this day will brave persecution, hunger, cold, gathering in some bombed out ruins of a church in order to join in this fellowship of prayer. We in our comfortable, even luxurious churches need to pray just as much, perhaps more, lest we complacently rely upon our own strength, and forget to thank God for all his mercies.

BROADCAST. Some of you have asked why you do not receive this popular and helpful paper every month. Please remember that it is published only six times a year — every other month. The next issue will appear on March 15th.

Ministers' wives, you — we — are the "movingest" people! Please be sure to send in your change of address to the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

Presidents! We also depend on you to keep the mailing list up-to-date by advising the Roger Williams Press of any change of officers. Please mention the name of the retiring president as well as that of the new one. Please note that each society may now receive up to ten copies of the "Broadcast" going to one address (president's) by requesting the additional copies from the Roger Williams Press.

WHITE CROSS INSTRUCTIONS. In the September issue of the "Broadcast" there appeared a list of White Cross instructions. We had a number of additional copies printed of this page and will be glad to send any number (up to ten) to any society requesting the same. Please write to Mrs. Robert Schreiber, 5142 No. Meade St., Chicago, Ill., the secretary.

CLOTH BAGS. These little bags are always needed by the relief headquarters. Perhaps you will want to take a few minutes at your next White Cross meeting to sew a number of these simple bags. Sizes were given in the February 1st issue of the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote."

AUGUST 25. Put a red ring around this date on your calendar, or mark it well on your mental memo pad, for that is the big day for "we the women" at the General Conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conferences	Jan., 1949	Jan., 1948
Atlantic	\$ 3,766.26	\$ 1,810.75
Eastern	1,763.28	2,220.45
Central	4,782.01	7,715.58
Northwestern	4,393.82	8,289.07
Southwestern	4,398.82	3,723.68
Southern	1,066.11	1,847.52
Pacific	5,909.05	7,979.60
Northern	1,126.31	1,657.91
Dakota	6,132.03	11,608.30
Total for the Month	\$33,337.69	\$46,852.86

MILLION DOLLAR OFFERING

January 1, 1949 to January 31, 1949	\$ 33,087.69
August 1, 1947 to January 31, 1949	734,717.96

Total required to date \$750,000.00

TOTAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

April 1, 1948 to January 31, 1949	\$381,461.86
April 1, 1947 to January 31, 1948	436,815.65

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



An Open Letter From Margaret Lang in the Sudan Interior Mission of Nigeria

My dear Friends of the Iowa Young People and "Baptist Herald" readers:

It gives me joy once more to let you hear from me. I cannot but praise and thank the Lord at every remembrance of you. May the dear Lord richly bless you in all your services for him.

I cannot tell you in words how surprised I was to receive the gift which you in Iowa sent to me for the work here in Nigeria through headquarters in Forest Park, Ill. Thank you, and again I say thank you! Eternity only will tell what has been accomplished with this gift.

We are glad for the privilege of witnessing undisturbed in this land for the Lord, but here in this section of Nigeria there is a definite spirit of Communism evidenced and also a strong anti-European attitude is being made felt. It seems as if the time is getting short and our Lord will soon return.

I have been privileged to go to small villages and to proclaim the Word. One of the churches that was just about dead has been quickened and we praise the Lord for this. The medical work proves a real blessing and is such a good avenue to get the Gospel to men's hearts.

Central Conference

Evangelistic Meetings and Baptismal Service at the Fourth Avenue Church, Alpena, Mich.

The Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Michigan united in thirteen days of evangelistic meetings from Oct. 12 to 24, with the Rev. John Basil Long from Los Angeles, California serving as evangelist.

Beautiful color shots taken by the evangelist from coast to coast were shown each evening preceding the service. Everyone who attended was blessed by this wonderful tenor soloist, song leader and dynamic speaker. The Saturday evening services were especially for the children, at which time Mr. Long conducted the Children's Magic Hour. At many services standing room only was available. Appreciated also were the fine musical selections by our church choir and quartet. Among the definite results of this revival were eight conversions.

During the first hour of our Watch Night meeting a baptismal service was conducted by our pastor, Rev. R.

A. Grenz, at which time ten persons were baptized. At 10:15 P.M. a fellowship hour was enjoyed by all in the church basement. A playlet was later presented by five of our young people on what people in different walks of life expect in 1949. The last moments of the old year were spent in testimonies and prayers.

On Sunday, January 9, our pastor had the joy of extending the hand of fellowship to 12 persons, of whom 10 came by baptism and 2 by letter.

Mrs. Clarence Zgorski, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Recent Events at the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin

Recently the Woman's Missionary Society of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin celebrated its 66th anniversary. It was our privilege to have Mrs. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Illinois as speaker. The women of the Immanuel Church of Kenosha were guests and provided a special number. The offering taken at this special occasion was to be used for the support of a native missionary couple in India.

The Ambassador Quartet from Wheaton College in Illinois, were with us Sunday morning, November 14. How we thank God for Christian young men who use their talent to honor and glorify him!

On Christmas Eve we had our annual Christmas program. The recitations and songs of the Primary and Junior Departments were enjoyed by all. The young people presented the pageant, "The Babe of Bethlehem." The offering of the evening was sent for the support of a native missionary in the Cameroons.

Our pastor, Rev. R. L. Schlader, baptized 13 persons on profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and we received two members into the church by letter during 1948.

Mrs. Myron Dudek, Reporter.

Reception at First Baptist Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, for Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Wegner

A reception was held by the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wisconsin for its new pastor, Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Wegner and six month old Danny, Friday evening, January 21st. It began with a church fellowship dinner enjoyed by all, with Miss Caroline Kriemann presiding, and served in the church parlors. Miss Kriemann also led in many activities of the church in the absence of a pastor.

The church presented Mrs. Wegner with a beautiful corsage for the occasion.

Following the dinner messages of welcome were given by the leaders and presidents of the choir, adult and primary departments of the Sunday School, trustees, woman's Missionary Society, Men's Brotherhood, Ruth Guild, young people, and deacons. Mr. and Mrs. Wegner responded and expressed their thanks and appreciation for the welcome and the filled pantry shelves. Mr. Wegner based his response on the verse, "If we walk in the light as he is in the light we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7). Special numbers consisted of a solo by Mrs. Richard Specht and a duet by Alice and Carol Anthold.

We were, indeed, happy to have the Rev. H. Palfenier with us who was represented in a three-fold capacity: as a member of our church, former pastor, and at present a representative of the North American Churches as evangelist. The church is looking forward to rich blessings, and with God's help and the cooperation of the people great things will be accomplished in Manitowoc under his leadership.

Reporter.

Northern Conference

Young People's Annual Program and Election of Officers at First Church, Leduc, Alberta

We, as young people of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta presented a play entitled, "The Great Refusal," before a large audience on Nov. 28th. The program opened by singing "All For Jesus" which was the motto for the evening. Then we had quartet, a trio, and duet numbers. The offering went to the Indian Mission.

We also had a dedication service for the new officers of the young people who are as follows: president, Bernard Fillenberg; vice-president, Victor Priebe; secretary, Joyce Hammer; assistant secretary, Cecilia Priebe; treasurer, Verna Roth; assistant treasurer, Ardon Frederick; pianist, Clara Seecamp; assistant pianist, Lorraine Lessing; and librarians, Lillian Fillenberg and Leona Benke.

Our prayer and aim is that we may be of better service for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Joyce Hammer, Secretary.

Young People's Candlelight Service and Banquet at Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta

The young people of the Thochu Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta held their annual executive meeting on Dec. 1st, at which officers were elected for the following year. Then a very interesting Bible study was led by Rev. R. H. Zepik, our pastor.

An impressive candlelight service was presented by our "Missionary Echoes" on Dec. 19. They had the church decorated and lighted very appropriately with candles. The group of girls were seated in a semi-circle on the platform and many beautiful Christmas carols were sung.

On Dec. 27, a delicious banquet supper for the young people was served in the church basement. The dinner was prepared by some of the young people's very able cooks. We pray that we as a group of young people may do our best in Christ's service throughout this year.

Lydia Bachler, Reporter.

Building Plans and Recent Activities at the Baptist Church, Edenwold, Sask.

Our Baptist group in Edenwold, Sask., Canada has suffered tremendously since the country church burned down about three years ago. This was a serious loss. The building we are using at present comes far short of our requirements. However, the Lord has given us faith and courage to trust him for a new building that will meet our needs. Although we do not have all the funds that we will need to finish this project, and the crop prospects are not too promising for 1949, we are waiting on the Lord to supply our needs.

The fire struck a severe blow at all the branches of the church. The first one to rally is the young people's society. The membership is small but the quality is good. The group launched out by beginning a new library. Since the old one was destroyed, we had to start from the beginning again. This new library was dedicated to the Lord on New Year's Eve. Now we have started a young people's paper. Our earnest desire is to introduce other young people to the Lord Jesus Christ by our various efforts.

The Sunday School is most seriously handicapped. We have no room for our classes, so we have the whole school divided into four classes. This is by no means practical but it is the best we can do. Our boys and girls do not have a fair chance. But ample provision will be made for them in the new building.

The church we are going to build by God's grace, will be located in Edenwold. We have already purchased and dismantled an Airport Hospital Wing which provides us with a quantity of material. Work on the erection of the building will begin as soon as possible this Spring. We will have to rely on volunteer labor.

E. L. Thiessen, Pastor.

Annual Prayer Day at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta

The spiritual blessings are greater which God showers down upon those who wholeheartedly seek his face. We as the students and faculty experienced this at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta on January 5th. In every school term one day is set aside as a Day of Prayer. On that day we truly experienced that God's blessings are far greater than we are able to comprehend.

The program for this special day of the school year was as follows. A quiet period of meditation and private devotion was reserved for all. At the meeting in the chapel, with the theme, "Standing in the Need of Prayer," the special speaker was Rev. H. J. McVety. In the afternoon we again met in our chapel and our topic was, "Making Intercession." The Rev. F. W. Benke was in charge and brought a brief message appropriate for the occasion.

At 3:15 P. M. we divided into four special groups with each group meeting in some designated place for prayer, testimony and intercession. It would be too much to make mention of the many items that were particularly prayed for and we do want to mention that special prayer was made for our denomination, our churches, our pastors, and our loved ones.

A "Hallelujah Service" was held in the evening. This was a fitting climax for the day. The student orchestra assisting, special numbers were rendered, reports from the group leaders of the afternoon sessions were given, and testimonies of the day's experiences made it a service of shouting and praising the Lord. Victories were won for Christ and a number of students came to decisions by giving themselves more fully to the Master. Such who had become lukewarm rejoiced in having again the fullness of the Holy Spirit in their hearts.

The Rev. E. V. Steele, general director of the European Christian Orphanage, was our guest speaker at this evening service. He related to us concerning the experiences which he made and the things he had seen while on his recent tour in Greece, Italy and Germany.

Thus the entire day proved as a spiritual revival for our school. Both faculty and student body agree it was a day that will long be remembered.

Pacific Conference

Baptismal Services and Special Programs at the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif.

On the last Sunday in November several converts were baptized in the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California, and on New Year's Eve seven more followed the Lord in the

waters of baptism. Among these were the father, mother and daughter of one family. We praise the Lord for these tokens of his blessing.

We had a very inspiring Watch Night service with a large audience dedicating themselves anew to the Lord for 1949. Our pastor, Rev. P. G. Neumann, was in charge.

Dr. Wilbur Smith of Los Angeles, Calif., was the special speaker at the November meeting of the Men's Brotherhood. Seven men indicated their decision for Christ at this meeting. Many men who do not go to any church are invited to the Brotherhood and are thus won for Christ.

As usual, the Christmas program was well attended and the children did their part admirably under the leadership of Mrs. Margaret Haugh. The White Christmas money and offering amounted to almost \$1,000, which went towards the support of our Sunday School missionary, Miss Hilda Tobert, working in the Cameroons of Africa.

The prayer meetings are well attended and a real blessing to all.

Ella Sitenhof, Reporter.

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Kaiser by Baptist Church, Startup, Washington

It was a beautiful day in Startup, Washington on Sunday, Jan. 9th, and good cheer filled the hearts of all present at the Baptist Church. At last after many disappointments and delays, the day had come to welcome the new pastor, the Rev. R. Kaiser, and family, formerly of Hettinger, North Dakota. He preached his first sermon in the morning, based on Acts 27:24-25. It was a message filled with faith, cheer and hope.

In the afternoon the reception took place and the church was again well filled with members, friends and visitors. The Rev. E. Bibelheimer of Tacoma, Wash., had been invited for the occasion and was privileged to preside. After the Scripture reading (I Cor. 12:12-27) which shows God's plan for his church of "One for all and all for One", the undersigned spoke words of welcome as found in Acts 10:33—"Thou hast done well that thou hast come."

The church and its various organizations were represented by the deacon, Mr. Andrew Albrecht; by the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Jake Keck; for the Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Stover; for the Missionary Guild, Mrs. Hieb; and for the young people, Ed Lentz. Greetings and words of welcome were also expressed by Mr. Alvin Bibelheimer of Tacoma representing the young people of the Pacific Northwest Association. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser responded with very fitting words. A number of selected readings and musical numbers were enjoyed by all.

We believe that the Lord has an important work still to be done in Startup by our co-workers, and we wish them the hearty cooperation of God's people and God's richest blessings.

E. Bibelheimer, Reporter.

"Christ for Anaheim Campaign" Is Held By The Bethel Church, Anaheim, California

With two weeks of prayer and praise services, we of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., prepared our hearts for the deeply stirring and challenging messages brought to us by our visiting evangelist, Dr. Joe Henry Hankins of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, in our "Christ for Anaheim Campaign" which was held from Jan. 16 to 31.



The Roy Seibel of Waco, Texas, Pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Digs Into the Ground at the Ground Breaking Exercises for the Church's New Parsonage

Dr. Hankins is an evangelist of unusual power and ability, and in his simple, straight forward manner he won our hearts completely. Truly, it was a great privilege to receive the blessings of those two wonderful weeks, for they will stir our souls and ring in our hearts for a long time to come.

During these days we rejoiced to see more than 100 persons converted through Christ's saving power. This is considered quite a large number because we are already so richly blessed with the services of our pastor, the Rev. P. G. Neumann, who is so keenly interested and successful in his work for the Lord.

Dr. Hankins was assisted by the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Alexander of Los Angeles who were in charge of music and the youth work of the campaign. Afternoon sessions were held for all children of Anaheim and vicinity. More than 125 children attended regularly. These programs were unusually attractive and fascinating to children as well as a spiritual builder, for many precious little ones were led to the Savior.

The increasingly large attendance made it necessary to move to the Junior High School auditorium for the service on Sunday evening. A large crowd heard the final message and it was with deep regret that we saw these meetings come to a close.

Mrs. Mae Beat, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Ground Breaking Exercises for the New Baptist Parsonage at Waco, Texas

If it is true, as has been said that "the great essentials of happiness are

something to do, something to love and something to hope for," then the members of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas should be a happy group. There is a staggering amount of work to do. Unique harmony and love are giving motivating power, and the hope of success enlightens the way to the final goal.

The Lord has blessed and prospered the people of our church in a marvelous way. Church and Sunday School attendance has increased. The need for more room to facilitate the work

of the church with greater efficiency was felt for some time by the pastor, the Rev. Roy Seibel, and members. A building fund was established and some building material was acquired, and an entire block of land in a new addition of the city was purchased.

After much prayer and consideration by the pastor, the building committee and the church, it was thought wise not only to erect a new church edifice but also a parsonage on the same ground. It is a great undertaking for a comparatively small membership. However, with God's blessing we cannot fail.

It has been decided first to build the parsonage. On Sunday afternoon, January 2nd, the members of the church assembled on the newly purchased ground. It was a beautiful and warm Texas January afternoon. The members present formed a large circle. Joyful singing, led by Mr. J. N. Kittlitz, rang through the air. Deacon R. E. Engelbrecht read an appropriate Scripture passage, followed with prayer by the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn, after which our pastor, the Rev. Roy Seibel, gave an inspiring message. The Rev. W. H. Beunning led in the closing prayer.

Then the actual ground breaking took place. The spade was first sunk into the ground and earth removed by the pastor, Rev. R. Seibel. Others followed, making a beginning for the foundation.

The occasion of ground breaking was a signal for the building committee to go forward. Our God has led hitherto and we trust our Master in leading us to the final completion of church and parsonage. The financial burden will be greatly reduced with the money which we hope to realize from the sale of the present church and parsonage.

J. E. Ehrhorn, Reporter.

A Baptist Statement

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some distinctive articles of faith were incorporated as a desirable preamble.

With this historical background, why should any constituent organization hesitate to include in its regulations a simple doctrinal clause which binds it and its exponents to our historic faith, which is Bible-centered? It may be seriously questioned whether anyone declining such committal is qualified to serve on the mission field or to teach and train young men for the highest calling known among men. It definitely makes for the purity of doctrine as was enjoined by Brother Staub's committee.

In the last analysis, the General Conference has the responsibility to safeguard its institutions against doctrinal error. Its very existence is at stake. It, therefore, is fully justified, in fact, it is incumbent upon it to make provision against threatening apostasy foretold in the Scriptures. The question of condemning anyone of our number is not involved. The wisdom of such precaution is obvious.

Let it be noted that what is proposed is no innovation. It is quite the rule with Bible-centered institutions to have some doctrinal statement to which faculty members and trustees subscribe and in many, if not all, it is the annual practice. Look, for instance, at Northern Baptist Seminary, at Eastern, at California Baptist Seminary, at such outstanding Bible Institutes as those of Moody and Los Angeles, and even at Wheaton College which is primarily a liberal arts college but which has a conservative doctrinal statement which is subscribed to without mental reservation.

It is comforting to know that our Rochester Seminary is conservative and true to Baptist tradition. May she never depart therefrom. When President Lang was installed in 1944 he made the public statement that our Seminary is not a Bible School (in the sense of a secondary training institute) but is a Biblical school, which could only imply that it is true to New Testament doctrine and theologically conservative. This was reassuring.

Incidentally, is it not somewhat surprising that the constitution of the Educational Union does not contain a doctrinal preamble that could be expected from an institution devoted to the indoctrination of men trained for leadership in our churches?

After all has been said, I am sanguine enough to believe that our present faculty will want to draw up its own statement of faith to make for the permanent improvement of the institution dear to our hearts.

Palestine, the Powder Keg of the World

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thing vital to the question has been left out. To find this missing element we must follow the suggestion made by an English preacher of some years ago. Speaking to his congregation he said: "My people, there is a land which is unlike any land on this earth; that land is Palestine. There is a people unlike any people created by God; that people is Israel. And there is a book unlike any book written by man; that book is the Bible. The only place where you will find any authoritative information about either the people or the land, is in the Book."

What does the Book tell us about Palestine?

First, it tells us that Israel owns the land. In Genesis 17:8 we have the title to the land given to Israel.

"And I will give to thee (Abraham) and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

The land is to be the everlasting possession of Abraham and his seed. And lest any should lay claim to this promise, "thy seed" for Ishmael's descendants, and that is being done today by many who are pro-Arab, God makes it clear which seed is to inherit the land, in Genesis 17:19.

"Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed, and thou shalt call his name Isaac; and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him."

And further, in verses 20 and 21:

"As for Ishmael; I have blessed him... twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac."

Secondly, only Israel shall enjoy the land. Much has been said about Jewish exploitation of the poor natives of Palestine. Crocodile tears have been shed about the sad state of these poor Arabs who have given up their ancestral lands to the Jews, who have been pauperized by the Jews, who by their greater abilities and resources have taken away from the Arabs their livelihood.

THE WILDERNESS SHALL BLOSSOM

One thing should be made clear here. Every inch of land which the Jews own in Palestine has been bought from the Arabs. Good gold was exchanged for poor land in proportion far beyond immediate worth. Furthermore, the Jews have brought to Palestine a standard of living, sanitation and health facilities, and modern community methods which have enriched



Rev. Emil D. Gruen, Missionary-worker of the American Board of Missions to the Jews and the Author of the Article, "Palestine, the Powder Keg of the World"

and greatly benefited the Arabs. I believe that if they had been left alone, the Arab and Jewish farmers could have settled down to a happy co-existence on the land.

The fact that the Jews have done such miraculous things with the land should not surprise us. For God has declared that only Israel shall profit from the land, and while she is away from it, the land shall rest. In Leviticus 26:33-34 we read:

"And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you. And your land shall be desolate and your cities waste. Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies' land: even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbath."

Here God makes it clear that as long as Israel is out of the land, it shall rest, that is, it shall not produce. This should explain to us why the Arabs, in the more than a thousand years that they have been in residence in the land, have barely been able to eke out an existence, but the Jews, even greater wonders of productivity are foretold for the time when Israel shall be fully established in the land. In Amos 9:13-15 we read:

"Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountain shall drop sweet wine, and the hills shall melt. And I will

plant them (Israel) upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God."

ZIONISM NOT GOD'S WAY

Many are concerned with the changes that have taken place in Palestine. The influx of Jews into the land, the almost miraculous rehabilitation of the land by the Jewish colonists, the establishment of the Israeli government, have all seemed a fulfillment of prophecy. Therefore many have asked whether this is the return of Israel to the land as foretold by the prophets. A study of the prophetic word will show us that the answer must be "No!" This is not God's re-gathering of Israel to the land.

In Ezekiel 37 we have one of the prophetic pictures showing us the re-establishment of Israel in Palestine.

"Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord."

We must note here that the re-establishment of Israel upon the land and the accompanying blessings, are predicated upon their acknowledging Jehovah as their Lord.

The day of Israel's redemption is to be a day of mourning, a mourning deep and so despairing that they will separate themselves and mourn as family groups. All shall be imbued with a deep sense of sin as they come face to face with Jesus Christ, the pierced One. There is no evidence of such mourning in Palestine today. On that day there shall be a fountain opened to all of Israel, "a fountain for sin and for uncleanness" (Zech. 13:1).

In the light of Scriptural passages it is obvious that whatever success the Jews may have had in Palestine is not of God. He has permitted the marvelous changes in the land, but only as a fore-shadowing of what will be when he fulfills his promises to Israel. There is no evidence whatever to support any claim that God's approval is upon Israel's actions in Palestine today. It is rather Satan, and not God, who is leading Israel today.

A MATERIALISTIC STATE

Reports that come from Palestine make it evident that God has not been recognized by the Israeli nation. To be sure, there has been some lip service given in public pronouncements, but there is every evidence to point to the fact that the Jews are establishing a materialistic state in Palestine. This is perfectly consistent with the ideology of the driving force

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"Come and See" — A Sermon

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accredited witness which was given in accompanying miracles. Had men questioned the Lord's apostles, their testimony would have been such as Peter's, namely, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). Nathanael's testimony was much like Peter's as he said, "Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel" (John 1:49). Paul wrote of him in 1 Timothy 3:16 as "God manifest in the flesh." This kind of testimony from those who knew him best should have carried much weight in persuading men of God's truth.

Although men had access to the testimony of the apostles of the Lord, and no doubt questioned them, for they often disputed with them, this did not prove to be as effective as we might wish it had been. Passing up the apostle's word, men went directly to the Lord and questioned him. They asked, "How long dost thou make us to doubt. If thou art the Christ (the Son of God) tell us plainly" (John 10:24). Jesus answered their question very plainly in John 10:30, "I and my Father are one." This should have been conclusive, but instead the Jews gathered stones to stone him to death.

Such plainness of speech greatly aggravated already existing troubles. If neither miracle nor testimony from heaven or earth will persuade men to believe, how then can we reach men for the Lord? How really difficult it is to cause men to "come and see"!

PREACH THE WORD!

Now finally, let us notice what is written regarding the rich man who in hell lifted up his voice and called to Abraham beseeching him to send Lazarus (who had died and gone to heaven) to warn his five brothers concerning the awfulness of hell. These five brothers were undoubtedly brushing aside all light that God had shed upon their pathways. Abraham replied to him saying, "They have Moses and the prophets (the written word of God), let them hear them." The rich man, however, insisted that if one went to them from the dead, his message would be more effective. Again Abraham answered him saying, "If they will not believe the written word, neither will they be persuaded, though one should go to them from the dead" (Luke 16:31).

It was the Lord Jesus himself who gave us this dialogue out of the world beyond and it is very plain that he did so intending to stress the great importance of the written Word of God and how effective it should be in leading men to God. I believe that is why Paul wrote to Timothy exhorting him to "preach the Word." Paul also said that it now pleased God "by



The Rev. Erwin A. Kohfeld of Wasco, California in an Informal Snapshot Taken in a Park Arbor

the foolishness of preaching (preaching God's Word) to save them that believe" (1 Cor. 1:22). We gather then that if we would be effective workers for the Lord, we must be loyal to and faithful preachers of his Word. This, we believe, is designed of God to be the present-day method of winning souls.

Our text, "Come and See," fits so beautifully as an exhortation to study God's Word. So powerful and so effective is the Lord's Word that the hearing of it creates faith in God (Romans 10:17). The church or the individual that neglects the Lord's Word will securely weaken in faith, the one great essential of salvation, and will consequently become helpless in winning men to the Lord. Let us give heed to Paul's word as he says, "And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

Evangelistic Experiences

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shall make the connection with the next train that we must take. Finally, the train stops and we gather up our luggage and step out into the snow to go across the tracks to the station. There is another train ready to leave!

Quickly we ask the station master whether or not that is the train we must take. He looks at us and says, "Say, you are lucky. Ordinarily, you would have missed this train by about half an hour, but just today the crew of the train did not show up in time and it was late about an hour."

We smile and thank him and climb into the train. But in our heart there is a song of thanksgiving and praise to God. He knew we had to catch this train! "Brethren, pray for us!"

Obituary

MR. DAVID SCHLITTENHARDT
of Gackle, North Dakota

Mr. David Schlittenhardt was born to Mr. and Mrs. Phillip and Christina Schlittenhardt on September 28, 1875 in South Russia. On January 20, 1904 he and Rosina Bechthodt were joined in holy wedlock. Mr. and Mrs. David Schlittenhardt came to North Dakota in June, 1908. They lived in the vicinity of Gackle, North Dakota until his decease.

In 1915 while listening to a message preached from 2 Cor. 5, he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and Lord. Three years later he was baptized and accepted into the Baptist Church of which he was a member in good standing. He died of a heart attack on January 21, 1949.

He reached the age of 73 years, 3 months, and 24 days. He leaves to mourn his departure: his wife, Mrs. David Schlittenhardt; four sons and four daughters, David Carl, Edward, Robert and Ruth of Gackle, North Dakota; Mrs. John Weikum, Mrs. Walter Rieger, and Amelia of Fargo, North Dakota; nine grandchildren; and a host of friends and neighbors.

Gackle, North Dakota.

John Reimer, Pastor.

MR. HENRY BECKER
of Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Henry Becker of Philadelphia, Pa., was born on May 20, 1861 in Philadelphia, Pa., and went to be with his Lord on December 31, 1948, aged 86 years and 7 months. As a young man he was converted and was baptized on June 27, 1880 by the Rev. J. Linker into the fellowship of the Pilgrim Baptist Church. He was quite active during the early years of the Church and faithful in the service of his Lord until almost total loss of his hearing and physical weakness kept him home. But he was able to attend the recent ground breaking for the new edifice of the Pilgrim Church and represented the older members in the exercises.

From 1914-1922 he and Mrs. Becker managed our local Home for the Aged very ably. Mrs. Becker preceded him in death in 1937, as did five children. Since December 8, 1942 Mr. Becker has been a guest at the Home, and helped as long as he was able. His death is mourned by one son, Harry R. Becker of Argus, Pa.; his daughter-in-law; 2 grandsons, one granddaughter and one great granddaughter; as well as two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Marberger and Mrs. Harriet Leslie. The pastor of the Pilgrim Church brought the message of comfort from Psalm 23. May the Lord comfort the bereaved!

Pilgrim Baptist Church,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Walter C. Damrau, Pastor.

MRS. KATHARINA WORMSBECKER
of Tripp, South Dakota

Mrs. Katharina Wormsbecker, nee Buchholz, of Tripp, South Dakota was born in Alt Danzig, South Russia on March 9, 1863 and passed to her heavenly reward on Dec. 17, 1948 at the age of 85 years, 10 months and 7 days.

In the year 1880, at the age of 17 years, she came with her parents to America. They settled on a homestead in Bon Homme County, South Dakota, 8 miles north and 2½ miles east of Avon. On Dec. 14, 1879 she was married to Heinrich Wormsbecker, who preceded her in death. This union was blessed with 3 sons and 5 daughters. One son and two daughters preceded the mother in death. She leaves to mourn her departure two sons, three daughters, 30 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, one sister and many relatives and friends.

In April 1915 she and her late husband moved to Tripp, where she lived until her death. In 1887 she gave her heart to Jesus Christ and on her confession of faith was

baptized by the Rev. Mr. Paul and became a member of the Tyndall Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful member until her blessed homegoing. Our sister was a true child of God, a loving and beloved mother, grandmother and great grandmother, a person who was loved by all. Her memory will remain a blessing, not only to her children, but to all who knew her.

Tyndall, South Dakota

Albert Itermann, Pastor.

MR. THEOPHIL RICH
of Hillsboro, Oregon

Mr. Theophil Rich of Hillsboro, Oregon was born at Salem, Oregon on May 25, 1895. When 13 years old he came with his parents to Bethany, Oregon where he resided to the time of his death. He was converted in 1908, and baptized by the Rev. G. Schunke. He was a member of the Salem and Bethany Churches for almost 40 years. He was a great lover of music and was director of the church choir for many years.

He was married to Eleanor Eggiman on February 13, 1920. Theirs was a happy union, to which four children were born, all of whom survive. He leaves to mourn his wife Eleanor; his children, Grace Helen Jenne, Harold Theo, Lorraine Louise of Bethany and Roland Glen of Los Angeles, Calif.; his father, Christian Rich, his mother having preceded him in death in 1943; four brothers, Dr. Mark Rich of Harrington, N. J., David of Sherwood, Ore., Sam of Hillsboro and Amos of Bethany; two sisters, Alda Eggiman of Bethany, Ore., and Helen Holsman of San Francisco, Calif., also a large host of friends since our brother was a man who made many friends. We will miss his friendly smile.

Our brother had been ailing for about 15 months, about four of which were spent in the Veterans' Hospital in Portland, Oregon. He went home to be with the Lord on December 9th at about 9:00 P.M. We are sorry to have lost him, yet we sorrow not as such who have no hope, for we look forward to the great reunion. The memorial service was held at the Bethany Baptist Church on December 11th with the undersigned speaking words of comfort.

Bethany Baptist Church,
Near Portland, Oregon

Frank Friesen, Pastor.

MRS. MARGARET SCHNEIDER
of Waco, Texas

Mrs. Margaret Schneider, nee Wiegand, of Waco, Texas was born in Kassel, Germany on April 26, 1884, and was called home to meet her Lord on January 10, 1949 at the age of 64 years.

Her parents brought her as an infant to Kyle, Texas where they made their home. Later they made their residence in Gatesville, Texas. For the past 17 years Mrs. Schneider was a resident of Waco, Texas. She was united in marriage with Otto Schneider on November 3, 1905, to which union two sons were born.

Under the ministry of the Rev. G. Schaible she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior at the age of 16 years. Since that time she was active in the Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union, and other departments of the church. Her sterling character and loyal spirit bear testimony that she lived near to God.

She is survived by her two sons, Herbert of Waco, Texas, and Thomas of Galveston, Texas; four sisters, Mrs. W. P. Stockmier of Dallas, Texas, Mrs. O. R. Gaffner and Mrs. George Robinson of Ranger, Texas, and Mrs. Arthur Mueller of Gatesville, Texas; five brothers, Henry and Charles Wiegand of Gatesville, Texas, David Wiegand of Marlin, Texas, and W. M. and George Wiegand, also of Gatesville, Texas; two grand-children, and a large number of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, and interment was made in Hemaline Cemetery near Gatesville, Texas.

We mourn, but not as those who have no hope!

Central Baptist Church,
Waco, Texas

ROY W. SEIBEL, Pastor.

MRS. ADOLPH HIEB
of Avon, South Dakota

Mrs. Adolph Hieb, nee Hirsch, of Avon, So. Dak., was born on October 12, 1883 at Scotland, South Dakota and died at the Sacred Heart Hospital at Yankton, So. Dak., on Jan. 18, 1949 at the age of 65 years, 3 months and 7 days. On December 27, 1902 she was united in marriage to Mr. Adolph Hieb. The Lord blessed their happy union with three children, one daughter and two sons. The eldest son, Harold, preceded the mother in death at the tender age of 5 years and six months.

As a young woman she came to know Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized into the fellowship of the Tyndall Baptist Church by the late Rev. John Reichert. Later she became a member of the First Baptist Church at Avon, So. Dak.

She leaves to mourn her demise: her beloved husband; one daughter, Mrs. Helmut Berndt; one son, Robert Hieb; one son-in-law; one daughter-in-law; four grandchildren all of Avon; one brother, George Hirsch of Napoleon, North Dakota; a large host of other relatives and friends, as well as her Church where she was sincerely loved and highly esteemed by all.

Our sister was a faithful mother and a humble follower of Christ her Savior. May God in his infinite grace and love comfort and bless all her loved ones and all the sorrowing unto eternal salvation and glory in Christ Jesus, our blessed Redeemer. Rev. Albert Itermann of Tyndall took part in the service at the church. Two duet numbers were sung at the service.

First Baptist Church,
Avon, South Dakota

P. Geissler, Pastor.

MRS. FRANCISCA BORCHERS
of Bessie, Oklahoma

Francisca Agnes Meyer-Borchers, nee Hoenow, born on January 6, 1862 in Germany, was called to her eternal reward on January 2, 1949 at the Western Oklahoma Hospital at Supply, Okla.

In her long and eventful life she experienced much joy and happiness, but also much grief and sorrow. At the tender age of five, her mother passed away, overshadowing her life with a dark cloud. In her teens she came under the influence of the Gospel message, accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, upon which confession she was baptized by the late Rev. D. Kurant and added to the fellowship of the Königstrasse Baptist Church of Berlin, Germany.

In 1882 she was married to Herman Gustave Meyer, and in 1886 this young couple migrated to the United States of America, settling at first on a farm in South Dakota, and a few years later in the La Salle district of Colorado where her husband passed away in 1933. She married the late C. A. Borchers of Bessie, Okla., in 1936.

Early in life she had made her choice to be a faithful, loyal and true follower of Christ, devoting much of her time and talents in sacrificial service to HIM who had done so much for her. She shed her Christian influence abroad as a good Sunday School teacher, young people's adviser and faithful president of the Ladies' Aid for 25 years.

She was a devoted wife, a good mother, a fine Christian character and example. A God blessed her with thirteen children, of whom six died in infancy. Two sons preceded her in death a few years ago; Reinhold in 1942 and Rudolph in 1948; while five survive the mother: H. Herman and Fred W. of La Salle; Helene, Mrs. Reck and Portland, Ore.; Herbert of Ingersoll, Okla.; Emma, Mrs. Schimpf of Weiser, Idaho; also 42 grandchildren, 47 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; many Christian friends and former neighbors.

La Salle, Colorado

A. E. REEH, Officiating Pastor.

MRS. ANNA PASTORET
of Philadelphia, Penn.

On September 29, 1948 a large group of relatives and friends gathered in the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., to pay honor to a saintly

pioneer of our denomination in a simple memorial service conducted by the Rev. John F. Crouthamel, pastor. The passing of Mrs. Anna Pastoret to her eternal reward marked the loss of another great soul whose labors of love in those early days of our German Baptist development contributed measurably to the strong spiritual foundation upon which our Kingdom enterprise has been established.

Anna Pastoret was born in Switzerland on September 12, 1865. The following year the family came to America and settled in Rochester, New York. Early they became associated with the Baptists there, and, as a young woman, she gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized on January 18, 1885 by Rev. John Ritter. Here too she met John H. Pastoret, who was a student in the Theological Seminary, and on May 23, 1888 they were married.

Their first charge was in Topeka, Kansas. Here their work was so effective that they were able to establish mission stations at Leavenworth and Atchinson. After several years of vigorous work, they moved to Lorraine, Kansas, where they are still remembered and held in affectionate esteem even after the passage of many years. Many long hours were spent traveling across the prairies in horse and buggy. They had the mind and heart of Christ as they gave themselves to the most exhausting labor so that the Gospel might be brought to those in the isolation of the western plains in the days when the new west was arising like a sleeping giant. The first Ladies' Missionary Society in the entire region was organized by Mrs. Pastoret.

From Lorraine they went to Higginsville, Missouri. The work there was highlighted by success among the young people. Many young people were led to a knowledge of Christ and nurtured in the faith through the patient witness of the Pastores.

After 14 years of ministry in the West, Mr. Pastoret was called to the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y. He accepted the call and came East with his wife and children, two daughters and a son. From 1902 until 1909 Mrs. Pastoret worked shoulder to shoulder with her husband. She organized the King's Daughters and worked with homeless girls from Europe in the Girls' Home, where she held Bible study classes for them on Sunday afternoons and then helped them to prepare supper in the church. She spent many afternoons distributing tracts to tenement dwellers and fearlessly exposed herself to many dangers in some of the rougher neighborhoods of New York.

Her energy seemed to be boundless. In spite of her diminutive stature she was a woman of unlimited resources. Even though she was busy raising her own family, she took it upon herself to call for many neglected children in godless homes and took them to Sunday School. As a result of her interest and testimony, many of these were won for Christ. She even found time to assist her husband in raising funds for the new church during this period.

In 1913 the Pastoret family removed to Philadelphia, Pa., where they provided leadership for the Third German Baptist Church until 1921, when the church disbanded. The work here was difficult, indeed. Social and cultural changes made the lot of this church difficult in its location. Nevertheless, John and Anna Pastoret were undaunted and worked with the same patience and love that always characterized their ministry. Indeed, they succeeded in welding the members into such a bond of Christian fellowship that until this day they are united in love toward one another, even though they have not met as a congregation for 28 years. Many of the members of this church are now key leaders in the Philadelphia churches of both Baptist conventions. Their present work is a monumental tribute to the lives and labors of the Pastores.

Shortly after her husband's death, Mrs. Pastoret joined the Fleischmann Memorial Church where she was an honored member and a beloved friend. She will be best remembered as a mighty soul winner. She understood as few do the relationship between men's material needs and their spiritual needs and mastered the art of caring for both. She has entered into rest but her works do follow her.

Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

JOHN F. CROUTHAMEL, Pastor.



Snow Covered Peaks in the Rocky Mountain National Park of Colorado

I HEARD GOD'S VOICE

By MRS. M. ZURBRIGGEN
of Sumner, Iowa.

I stood upon a mountaintop
And heard God's voice;
I felt his ever-presentness,
For he is all around.
And there, up in the snowy height,
Away from all the strife,
I felt his breath upon my face.

Peace and contentment
Like a cloak around me fell

In that great height,
Where naught disturbs,
And where communion with him
Is all-sufficient
And complete!

Oh, let me never stray;
Hold fast my hand
Now that I've seen the Light!
And Lord, give me the radiance
Of love divine
To shine for erring ones
Upon the way.

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The Bible pictured on the front cover of this issue is the Gutenberg Bible, which is one of the most valuable books to be seen at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. It belongs to the Vollbehr Collection and was purchased by the United States Government in 1930.

The Gutenberg Bible, known as the Saint Blasius-Saint Paul copy, was printed by Johann Gutenberg in Mainz, Germany, between 1450 and 1455, the first great book ever printed. It is the Vulgate edition in Latin. This copy is in three volumes and is one of three perfect vellum copies known to be extant, one other being in the British Museum and another in the National Library of France in Paris. Until 1794, the St. Blasius-St. Paul copy was kept in the Benedictine Abbey of St. Blasius in Germany. During the troubled times following the French Revolution, in 1809 it was

taken to the Abbey of St. Paul in Austria, where it remained till August, 1930. Dr. Vollbehr paid \$250,000 for it, besides interest charges and taxes which brought the total cost to over \$300,000, the highest price ever paid for a single book.

Remember that Bible Day will be observed by most of our churches on Sunday, March 13th.

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behind the Israeli government, Zionism. Zionism is a political movement and has never professed the slightest interest in God or in his Word. Even the Jewish national anthem, the Hatikvah, makes no mention of God. When we read the statements of Zionist leaders, we are told what they have done, but no reference is made to God or his sovereign will in the life of Israel.

Satan can also, within the limits of God's permissive will, give success to the endeavors of man, to the end that through the perversities of Satan, God's purposes may be fulfilled. Is it not written, "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee" (Psalm 76:10). Here in Palestine he is crowning with apparent success the efforts of the Jews in order that he might lure many more to that unhappy land. He knows

that the time is coming when Palestine will become the burial ground of two-thirds of Israel. He has always attempted to destroy them, and Palestine will be the land where he will put forth his greatest and final effort.

GOD'S JUDGMENT

Thirdly, the land shall see Israel avenged. This land, given us an eternal heritage to Israel, has been the desolation and destruction of this people. Jewish blood has flowed like rivers through the terrain. It has been used as a pawn in the game of world power politics without regard to the needs of its rightful owners. But God will not be forever unmindful of this, and so he has declared that a day of judgment and retribution is coming. In Joel 3:2 and Ezekiel 39:21-22 we read:

"I will also gather all nations, and bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

"And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them. So the House of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward."

We must note here that partitioning of Palestine was foretold many thousand years ago, and that God is sorely displeased with that so expedient solution to the Palestine problem. Every nation which participated in this is answerable to God and will receive his judgment upon them.

What shall we, God's children, see in all that the Palestine problem presents to us? I believe that it should primarily speak to us of the love of God for Israel. If God gave them a land flowing with milk and honey, is now keeping it for them, and will one day return them to it so that they may enjoy it; and if, furthermore, he will avenge their suffering upon it, then we must accept all this as evidence of God's great love for Israel. Deuteronomy 7:8 speaks of this:

"But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he hath sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand."

If then God so loves them, must we not love them also?

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