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ENGAGEMENTS

- Rev. Frank H. Woyke**
Sunday, May 15 — Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Rev. H. G. Dymmel**
Sunday, May 15 — Chilliwack, British Columbia.
Sunday, May 22 — Oak St. Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa.
Sunday, May 29 — Dedication of Church, Aberdeen, So. Dakota.
- Rev. J. C. Gunst**
Sunday, May 22 — Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.
May 23-27 — Leadership Training Course, Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.
Sunday, May 29 — First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. and Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif.
- Rev. M. L. Leuschner**
Sunday, May 15 — Lyndock Baptist Church of Ontario, Canada.
Sunday Evening, May 22 — Missionary Address, Commencement Exercises of Northern Baptist Seminary at Garfield Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.
- Rev. H. Pfeifer, Evangelist**
May 30—June 12 — First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta.

CONFERENCES IN MAY

- May 14-15 — Atlantic Conference Young People's Convention at the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. A. S. Felberg of Rochester, N. Y., Guest Speaker.
- May 26-29 — Oklahoma Young People's Institute. Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Missionary, Guest Speaker.
- May 27-29 — Eastern Conference Young People's Convention at the Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y. Prof. R. P. Jeschke of Rochester, N. Y., and Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill.

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"YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS" for young people's meetings

- June 5 — "Captain Luke Bickel" by Mrs. William Wirth, Vesper, Kans.
- June 12 — "The Holy Spirit in Evangelism" by Dr. George A. Lang, Rochester, New York.
- June 19 — "Clinching a Decision" by Rev. F. W. Bartel, Spokane, Wash.
- June 26 — "Winning Friends for Christ" by Rev. Edwin Miller, Cleveland, Ohio.

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AMONG OURSELVES

The commencement exercises of our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., on Sunday, May 22, will be most eventful. The members of the graduating class have found open doors to some of our most promising churches and challenging fields. The commencement speakers are the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke of the White Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio, and the Rev. E. P. Wahl, President of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. At the sessions of the Seminary Board, epoch making decisions will have to be made which will affect the Seminary as well as the denomination for many years to come. Watch for the reports!

IN THIS ISSUE

A Christian publication is well prepared if it has a three-fold approach in its articles with contributions by a minister, a missionary, and a layman. This number is unusual with such an approach. The sermon is by the Rev. Albert Stelter of Arnprior, Ontario. Missionary Earl Ahrens describes his most recent experiences in the Cameroons. A layman, Mr. Martin Potratz of Sumner, Iowa, looks at the preacher and the work of the church. In addition, there are reports from our mission fields in Austria, from the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton and from our churches, besides an editorial for Pentecost Sunday.

COMING

Treasure in Earthen Vessels — "The Herald" will present another new minister in our ranks, the Rev. John K. Kroeker, pastor of the Emmanuel Church of Marion, Kansas in this fine, though provoking sermon.

Our Denominational Boards — Most of the next issue will be devoted to reports and a colorful interpretation of the annual sessions of many of our boards, committees, special groups, and the General Council.

Lebanon's Hour of Glory — The Centenary Jubilee of the Lebanon Baptist Church near Watertown, Wisconsin was an hour of triumph for this little church which refused to close its door until the 100th milestone had been reached. Watch for this illustrated story!



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Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

Be Filled with the Spirit

PENTECOST REMINDS US that apart from the fulness of the Holy Spirit we are powerless. And yet this truth is a closed book in the understanding of many Christians of today. The experiences of the first Pentecost belong to the past of long ago, as far as these people are concerned. For them the words of Christ, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you," have little vital meaning.

Pentecost belongs to the Christian calendar. It ought to be a tremendously uplifting experience in the life of every Christian. It represents "the lost radiance of the Christian Church," as expressed by some writer many years ago. It is the secret of being on fire for the Lord and the source of strength for those who accomplish great things for God. It is the challenge of Scripture to every Christian: "Be filled with the Spirit" (Ephesians 5:18).

Two simple truths must be noted in dealing with this great thought. You have received the Holy Spirit when you believed on Jesus Christ as your Savior. His coming into your heart is the receiving of the Spirit. You do not have to wait for some strange, ecstatic experience to know this truth. When Christ speaks the words of forgiving grace to you, "Peace be unto you!," he also imparts this message to his disciples, "Receive ye the Holy Ghost." Recognize this possession of the Spirit in your Christian life as an essential, vitalizing part of God's gift of salvation to you!

The second truth is as clear as the first but often far more difficult to realize. We are filled with the Holy Spirit only as we empty ourselves of self and yield ourselves unreservedly to HIM! There can be no compromising on this point. We cannot hold back anything on God. We must be clay in the Potter's hand, "meet for the Master's use."

"Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always living in me."

This truth of Pentecost is illumined by the following illustration. A friend once wrote to Turgenev, the philosopher: "It seems to me that to put oneself in the second place is the whole significance of life." To this Turgenev replied: "It seems to me to discover what to put before oneself, in the first place, is the whole problem of life."

For the real Christian this is no problem. His heart has been cleansed of sin by faith in the redemption of Christ on Calvary's cross for him. His house of life has been swept clean, and he is no longer the Master on the throne. But something more is needed! He must surrender himself to Christ's Spirit until the Holy Spirit is always in complete domination of that life in every waking thought and vital experience. To be filled with the Spirit means to realize the fulness of that truth of complete yieldedness to Jesus Christ without exception, without fail.

Pentecost opens the door to the greatest blessings which any Christian can ever receive on earth. Blessed is the Christian who walks through that door and is filled with the Spirit!

BIBLE TEXT

"He endured, as seeing him who is invisible." Hebrews 11:27b.

That is a brief biography of Moses. It was the secret of his endurance. It accounts for his spiritual greatness. "Like one who saw the King Invisible, he never flinched" (Moffat's translation). There is more to this story than appears on the surface. There was an open channel of spiritual communication between God and Moses. There was loving, unflinching devotion in Moses' heart for God and his will. In the same spirit it is said of the Christian concerning his relationship to Christ — "Whom having not seen, ye love." God's power was given to Moses to endure and to conquer. In the same manner but with greater fulness the Christian is given the assurance of an invincible might. "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you." He who has received the Holy Spirit sees the King Invisible and therefore never flinches!

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YOUTH SERVICE PLAN

During the forthcoming summer months a total of 35 students will be engaged in a spiritual ministry among our churches and at our conferences, supported in part by the Youth Service Plan. These many young people are students at our Rochester Seminary and at Bible Schools, Christian colleges and seminaries elsewhere. They are all members of our churches. This opportunity for practical work will strengthen their faith in Christ, deepen their loyalty to the denomination and impart many blessings to our churches. Their experiences will be summarized in forthcoming articles in "The Baptist Herald." We wish all of them a profitable summer out on the field witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ.

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THE SIXTH GOAL

Our churches will emphasize the sixth and last goal of the Christian Achievement Plan during the months of May and June. CHRISTIAN TRAINING is the objective of this goal. It calls for the promotion of Christian Leadership courses in every local church and for the providing of opportunities and channels of service for those within the church. Another colorful poster has been sent to the pastors to be placed prominently on the bulletin board. Informative leaflets and other literature are available upon request. This and the other five spiritual goals of the Christian Achievement Plan have directed the attention of many of our people to the deepening of their Christian faith and have blessed our churches immeasurably.

All Scripture Is of God

I stake my whole ministry upon this! I believe the Bible is God's Word free of error and complete in itself. If I believed otherwise, how could I preach the Gospel?

A Sermon by the REV. ALBERT STELTER of Arnprior, Ontario, Can.

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable." 2 Timothy 3:16.

THE BIBLE is pre-eminently the preacher's Book. He has none other. If he makes substitutions, his ministry is weakened, and he has no divine authority. Every man called of God to the sacred office of the ministry is commissioned to "preach the Word!"

I feel this subject to be so important that I stake my whole ministry upon it. I believe it is God's Word free from error, and complete in itself. If I believed otherwise, how could I preach from a book with its contents full of mistakes, which would not be entirely trustworthy? That would be a most discouraging task to prepare a sermon out of a book where I had to pick out contents here and there and say, "This is of God," and then discarding what I believe to be of human origin.

THE MASTER'S BOOK

No one has ever been or ever will "be born again" apart from the Bible. Enticing people to join a church so that they will be well thought of in the community and will be more honored in society is vastly different from true soul winning. The Word is the incorruptible seed by which we are born again.

The Bible, the Word of God, was the Master's Book. To it he always made his appeals, and on it he based his life-giving message. He was very particular that everything he did was in fulfillment of that which was written. "Think not that I am come to destroy but to fulfill" (Matt. 5:17). By day and by night our Savior lived by the Bible. And now those who love it and accept it, as Jesus did, have found its all-powerful message one of salvation and inspiration and comfort.

THE POWER OF GOD

Apostasy begins with unbelief in the Bible. The moment we question what is written that moment we are on our way down. This is the reason why multitudes are falling into unbelief, and are giving up the Bible. But this does not happen all at once, since the strategy of Satan is too keen to permit that. The process resembles

a drug, like opium, that quiets the nerves for a while, but soon becomes a deadly habit.

Men in their conceit have fancied themselves too intellectual to be deceived into the acceptance of the entire Bible as being inspired of God. The downward step is the surrender of the miraculous, which includes the Virgin Birth, the cross as the atoning sacrifice, the physical resurrection of Christ, his glorious miracles, and finally his ascension, in other words, everything that pertains to the supernatural. To such who deny the Bible Christ is only a teacher like Moses, or a great emancipator like Abraham Lincoln.

To us who believe, the Gospel of the Bible has the same Good News and the same power as it had for Paul, so that we say with him: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

NO OTHER GOSPEL

Paul had to say to the Galatians: "I marvel that ye have let yourselves be led astray so soon from the grace of Christ" (Gal. 1:6). He had preached unto them the simple Gospel of salvation by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross. "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace" (Gal. 5:4).

Let us not make the same mistake as the Galatians. For there is no other Gospel than the Gospel of the cross of Jesus Christ unto salvation. Paul says twice: "If any one preach any other gospel, let him be accursed."

How peaceful and joyous is your conscience when it finds itself in full accord with the Word of God, and when the heart can say with assurance: "I know that the Lord Jesus is my Redeemer."



—Photo by Harold M. Lambert

Working With the Lord in Africa

By REV. EARL H. AHRENS of the Mbem Field, Africa, One of Our
Twenty-six Missionaries in the Cameroons

THE RETURN of the missionary to the mission field after a period at home on furlough is by far a greater thrill than having come out to Africa for the first time. Anyway, this was the case with me. It is exciting to see again the familiar faces. It is inspiring to see how the work has progressed for the Lord.

There are sorrows because certain hopeful individuals have failed in your expectations of them and certain goals have not been reached. But the overall picture of the work here in the Cameroons is wonderful. I wish more of our people at home could see what has been done with so little. We can only acknowledge the Lord's hand in it.

TASKS AT MBEM

The first task facing me at Mbem was to build a school house. That is one thing which the missionary wishes he did not have to spend his time upon. But it is necessary, and working equipment is needed. So a hand is put to the task to get it completed. I will be fortunate at Mbem because the station is well equipped with facilities and there will only be secondary

building needs from now on.

The house "that Paul Gebauer built", where we will stay, needs considerable work done upon it. It was never really finished. Walls need to be plastered, floors need to be laid, a fireplace must be built and windows installed. We were able to construct the 60 by 15 foot school building in two and one-half weeks. The zinc roof is not yet completed because no nails are available. This will leave Mbem station with only a need for staff quarters.

The native evangelist of Mbem station now is Philip Ngong from the Bela area. I knew him before I went home while he was a church teacher at Lus. He seemed to be just an ordinary individual filling the post all the time. Then I had no idea that some day he would fill a responsible position in the work of the Church of Christ. So you can well imagine my surprise when he stood up in my first service at the Mbem Church and I heard him deliver a spirit-inspired message from the Word of God.

A week or so later we had a meeting with all of the church teachers of Mbem area. In this meeting there

arose a question of dealing with a certain individual who had made a bad "Christian fashion." After a period of considerable discussion, Philip Ngong finally got up and made a quiet unassuming suggestion which seemed to be the solution to our problem at the time. I was wondrously pleased at his spiritual insight. Since then he has manifested his true spirit of love and wisdom in the Lord in innumerable ways. God is calling out more native leaders for his work here and we continue in prayer to ask for more.

TREK TO NGUNG

I would also like to mention this about the Mbem Church. At present it is one of our strongest churches in Mbem area, being self-supporting and being also a mission church by caring for the support at two outside stations. But there seems to be a stubbornness which is hard to break through. It is what we might call "a Christian self-righteousness." However, they are still pliable so that we can work with them. We must commend them for their help in the building of the school. Each Christian

gave a full two days of free labor. This was a great help, both spiritually and materially.

After being at Mbem station for a month, I started my first tour of some of our churches. Among them were the Ngung churches. When I arrived at Ngung the "die cry" was just beginning to spread through the villages. A native woman, eight months along in pregnancy, had died. I couldn't help but realize that here in the midst of death we were bringing the message of life, life eternal in Jesus Christ.

All that night the broken beat of drums and the wail of the mourners broke into my sleep. Being a veteran now, I was not too much bothered by the noise and yet it caused me to call unto our God that truly on the morrow we might clearly and in the power of the Holy Spirit give the message of life. Many, many people passed by the mission on their way to give their last respects to the one who had died.

Later when I also went to the village proper to witness the burial, I saw these people in their cry of hopelessness. I should say there were about 500 to 700 persons present. When the time arrived for the service quite a number came back to the mission, approximately one hundred. On this trip I took my flannelgraph pictures along and presented the message of the death, resurrection and ascension of Christ. The attention of the natives was of the best and there was little disturbance except for the drumming and wailing nearby. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will continue to bless his message to these people.

After the service all proceeded to the place where the burial was to take place. It was my privilege then to witness my first native autopsy. You have heard of this custom mentioned by the missionaries at home. I even spoke of it. But knowing of it and witnessing it are two different things. The repulsiveness of it didn't bother me so much as its crudity. Here was a corpse from which the person had gone. What matter then what man did with it? But, oh, how they did it!

A NATIVE AUTOPSY

From an anthropological and medical standpoint the details would be very illuminating and valuable. But, in short, I want to say that they literally stripped this woman of her whole insides, taking each part of the internal system and cutting it into pieces, thereby attempting to ascertain the cause of her death. The verdict for the cause of death was said to be "that a witch got her." I was also told that at times the body is literally cut to shreds in order to catch the witch, because it tried to hide from being discovered and moves to different parts of the body.

In conclusion, the body was unceremoniously dumped into a hole in the ground and covered with stones. As soon as the body was in the grave, the wailing ceased as though one had shut off the motor of a large generator. All the people picked up their baskets and proceeded to their homes to live on until their turn came to be treated in like manner. What a great responsibility we have in giving forth the Word of Life so that there might be the song of hope, even in death!

The carriers and I proceeded on to village after village. I tried to hunt a little and use my guns, but for some reason or other the guns didn't seem to shoot straight and there was no success. Monkeys, deer and antelope were seen. We even heard chimpanzees jabbering in the bush. After a day's trek, on entering a certain village, I even had to have more trouble by spraining my ankle. So we tied it up and I stumbled on. How terrible, you say! Don't worry about it. Those little things are expected, and we carry on.

Soon we reached Mbembe. Many other things could be said about meetings and incidents along the way, but space will not allow. Mbembe to me as an individual missionary seems to be one of our great challenges in mission work. One thing which makes the work so difficult for us in Kaka area is that during the week all the people move out of the villages into the bush and have another of their houses right on the farm. Actually they only leave their farms on the country holidays and special occasions. Hence it is difficult to reach them and do a consistent bit of work with them. The Mbembe people are different in that most of the time you will find them in their villages on a morning or evening. This means that we are able to contact them quickly and quite thoroughly.

SOLOMON FUNJONG

The best way to illustrate our progress here would be to continue the life story of Solomon Funjong. The reader will remember about our speaking of him frequently as one who had a rather outstanding experience of his soul's salvation and surrender to full time service for the Lord. While at home I was seriously concerned for his spiritual welfare and wondered if this spiritual life would remain on a high, God-glorifying level.

Recently I had the privilege of being in the village where he is laboring and could witness the fruits of his labor. The result was that I saw how the Father in heaven could use a man as a vessel to his glory in such a marvelous way. His main work is that of school teacher. He has failed in his qualifying examinations for higher class training, but I often wish that some of our more highly qualified



Missionary Earl H. Ahrens Presenting Pastor Johannes Tonto of the Mbem Field in the Cameroons With a Bible for His Many Years of Faithful and Devoted Christian Service

teachers could win the hearts and lead the children to the Lord as much as he has done.

After all, winning others must be our goal. Funjong has done just this. The atmosphere at the school is quiet and orderly, and it seems to be a natural quietness as opposed to compulsive attention. When he opened the class period with prayer, before I spoke, he truly led us to the presence of God. It was a thrill for me to speak to this group as they literally hung on all of my words. Today with 24 girls, he has the largest enrollment of girls in any of our grassland schools. He says, "I'm here to work, work, and work for the Lord."

Walking through the village with him, I noticed that he is greeted with respect. The chief thinks most highly of Solomon and consults him in many instances. The school is enrolled to full capacity, with two other teachers helping him. But his work does not end here. He is an active leader in the church. Although there are as yet no baptized Christians in the village, there is an inquirers' group of 64 and a Sunday School group of 100.

QUEEN OF AKWADJA

An outstanding witness to the ministry of the Lord in the hearts of some is seen in the work of the Queen of Akwadja in the church. The chief came to one of the services which I led in his village but the Queen came

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The Entire Group of Men Who Are Serving as Our Missionaries in the Cameroons of Africa
(Left to Right, Front Row: Paul Gebauer, Leslie M. Chaffee, Edwin Michelson, Donald Ganstrom and Earl H. Ahrens; Back Row: George Henderson, Gilbert Schneider and Kenneth Goodman)

A Layman Looks at the Minister

An article that will make you want to stand on your feet and shout with approval or stamp your feet with disapproval, but, nevertheless, a timely. Scriptural article

By MR. MARTIN POTRATZ of Sumner, Iowa

"HOW SHALL THEY hear without a preacher?" To me the preacher is a man who is loved, respected, and sought after; and one who is also despised and ridiculed. This is as he is viewed by the people. He is a person who is born and called to a special office. "For every high priest (minister) taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God. And no man taketh this honor unto himself, but . . . is called of God" (Heb. 5:1-4).

He is called to a life of holiness. God is holy, and God's ministers must be holy. He is called to a life of prayer. Prayer is work, high work, and hard work. The preacher is called to "give (himself first, and) continually to prayer, (then) to the ministry of the Word" (Acts 6:4).

He is called to preach. What is he to preach? The Bible, not as "containing" God's Word, but as being God's infallible Word! He is to come forth, not a respecter of persons, with

"Thus saith the Lord!" If the foregoing is not true, if the preacher fails in fulfilling his high office, the cause of Christ has suffered and the Devil has won a great victory.

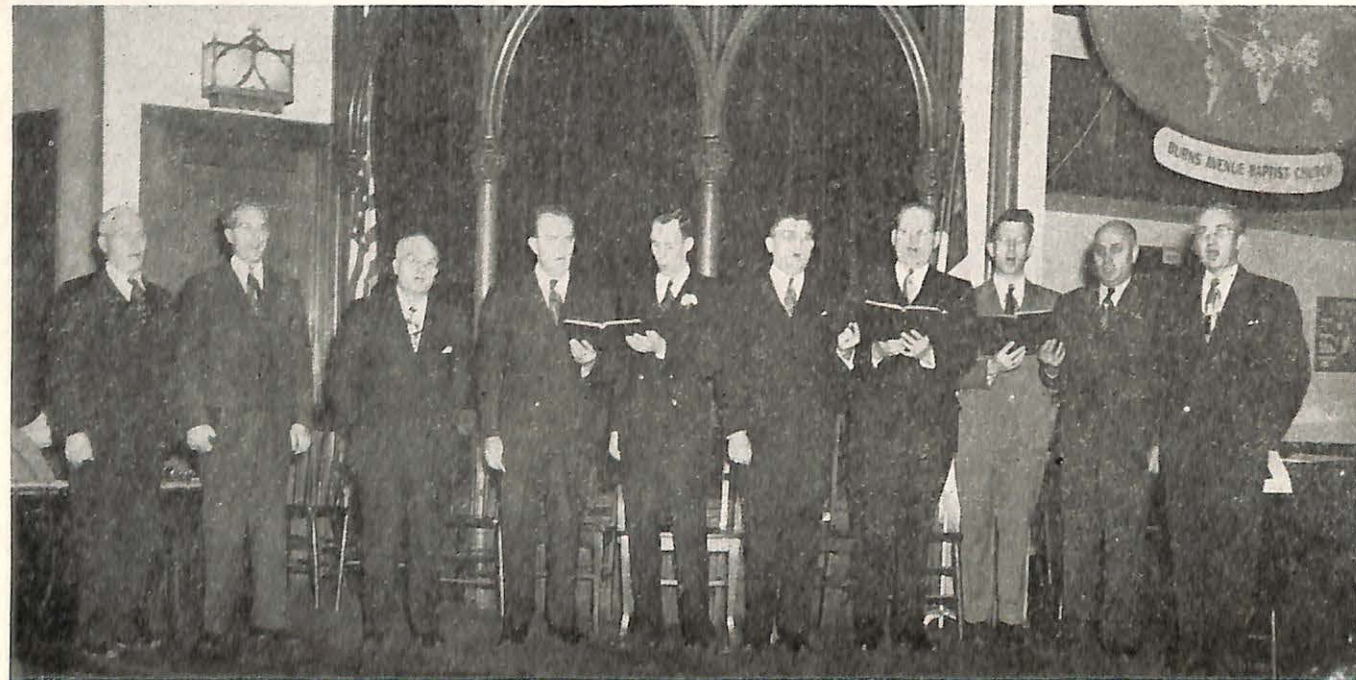
GOD'S AMBASSADOR

It would do well for us always to remember that the preacher's mission is the highest among men. He is God's ambassador to plead with men in Christ's stead; a "match-maker" for the Lord. His passion is to be in the will of the Lord and to bear him all glory. He bears the awesome responsibility of warning men and seeking to keep them from hell.

He gives his ministry more time and preparation than do others generally in any profession. Besides high school, the aspiring preacher continues through four years of college and three years of seminary into a life of continued self-denial and self-discipline, spending many hours each week in prayerful study. There is sacrificial investment in time and

money. All this is done that you — dear reader — may have a preacher in your church, and that the doors of your church may be kept open.

The preacher seeks to be prepared to minister to many needs and conditions. He wants to be an effective administrator in the church without giving the fatal impression that he is assuming too much authority. He is supposed to be a scholar as well as a promotional man. He plans programs, appoints committees and does their work for them. He might spend his waking hours with the organizational part and the organizations of the church, or in necessary study, or in calling on the sick, the shut-ins, the lost, the unchurched, the members. He tries to keep people out of each other's hair, and to scramble out himself without too much loss. He is to serve as a handy decorative piece for public functions. He is to give comfort and cheer, be a "regular fellow" at socials and picnics, not impair his dignity, and never let his feelings be ruffled.



Ministers of the Gospel at the Reception for Dr. A. Dale Ihrle in the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan (Left to Right: Reverends H. Kayser, H. S. Houbolt, D. Batsel, Stanley Geis, A. Dale Ihrle, Otto Patzia, Arthur McAsh, J. Lester Harnish, R. Bloom and Arthur Thom)

Then there are some young men who look at the preacher's lot on the surface, and think of it as an easy and highly desirable profession. All they see is that when the preacher comes to their house, everything is put out at its best — a big dinner, roast chicken, and the neck is not the preacher's part. The preacher's family is always well dressed. Men tip their hats to the preacher on the street. "Only a few hours of work on Sunday!" they think.

A MINISTER'S INVESTMENT

Do we laymen appreciate and support our pastor's family in the way we might and should? My observations in the forty-seven states in which I have travelled, in the countless churches that I have visited, in the many conversations I have had with Christians and nominal Christians, lead me to believe that a great majority of church members do not. Their deeds and attitudes speak louder than any words. We accept and often "tolerate" the preacher (and his family) because we never know when we may need him for a wedding or funeral. He is a necessity, but something of a costly one!

Now, what about his support? Scripture says: "Evenso hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of (be supported by the work of) the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14). Christ's work, when he was on earth, was supported by those "which ministered unto him of their substance" (Luke 3:3). Remember the investment that has been put in of many years of diligent preparation and of money. And yet almost anyone, without education and with little preparation, can find work today that will net more than the average preacher's salary! It is more truth than poetry when the preacher's critic lightly calls him, "Poor preacher," because that wage bracket is among the very lowest. What a shame! You don't complain if you have to go to any other professional man, doctor or lawyer, and pay him some hundreds of dollars to save your body or your property. But to pay a reasonable sum toward the support of one who has been instrumental in saving your eternal soul, or of those dear to you, that you cannot see!

If your pastor is not concerned about eternal souls and your spiritual welfare, then that's another matter. If he trifles with God's Book, does not preach Christ — crucified, risen, and coming again, that salvation from sin is only through Christ's shed blood, then he is a "ravenous wolf in sheep's clothing" (Matt. 7:15). "From such turn away," and turn them away!

"Through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you" (2 Pet. 2:1-3). They will come in deceitfully, hiding their true selves for a time behind well-sound-



Mr. Martin Potratz of Sumner, Iowa and His Son, Howard

ing words and phrases. They are worse than publicans and saloon-keepers who rob openly and without excuse. If men outside the church are collecting money under false pretenses, they are sent to jail.

THE PREACHER'S SALARY

How should the preacher's salary be determined? What is God's plan about how they are to "live of the things of the temple? It is clearly outlined in the Old Testament. Shall we not do as well? Of the twelve Israelite tribes, eleven were given farm-property. They were to carry on commerce and to make money. (Capitalistic economy, no less!) The twelfth tribe, Levites, was responsible for the temple ministry and worship. The eleven tribes supported the twelfth by means of the tithe (Numbers 18). And that tithe was not taken of the amount left after every conceivable expense, taxes, etc., has been squeezed out. According to this Scriptural pattern, the present-day preacher's salary should be at least ten percent above the average salary of the members of his congregation!

And here is how we have been giving! In a recent year this nation's annual luxury bill was \$200 per capita, the crime bill amounted to \$111 per capita, the drink bill \$46, and the individual contributions to religious purposes averaged fifty cents. In 1947 the churches tell us they received less than twenty dollars per family of their members for the building of the Kingdom at home and abroad. What an insult to HIM who became poor that we through his poverty might become eternally rich! You will have to give an account of it, if you have been robbing God! (Malachi 3:8-10).

Do you love money more than God? You may hedge under the preaching of tithing, and try to excuse it away. You may even make a pious, hypo-

critical remark that one God-robbing Christian made: "But sir, does not everything that a man has belong to the Lord?" "Yes," answered his pastor, "But if I were the Lord and you were the man, I would be willing to settle for ten percent cash."

If Christians would tithe, thus obey God's pattern for the financing of his Kingdom, there would be no need of commercial money-raising methods in the church. It would purge the church of bazaars, sauerkraut suppers and sales, and the other God-dishonoring that God hates. It would do away with that long-faced "tipping" of the Lord for his favors. It would prosper the cause of missions. Whereas it took \$55,000 tax money to kill a Japanese during the last war, it would have taken much less than a hundred dollars to have won him eternally for Christ, and possibly have averted a war!

BLESSINGS IN RETURN

It pays to be generous with your pastor. Don't be afraid of giving a bonus or gift on the side. Wait on the Lord to see its return. You may not see it in just a week or two, for most of us are so far behind that what we may have given "extra" may only have been a part of the interest that we had long been holding back. But the encouragement will be sure to intensify your preacher's consecration to his task, relieve the family of unnecessary burden, and give you the greater blessedness of giving than even receiving.

There are other ways in which good can come back upon the church as it honors and helps its pastor. (A very excellent leaflet, for only five cents, on "How a Church can Help the Pastor" can be gotten from the Tract Club of America, 411 S. Wells St., Chicago 7, Ill.) Be faithful in going to hear what he has received and prepared for your soul's good. He has as much right to stay away from a meal that you may prepare for him some day, as you have to spurn the banquet-table of the Lord.

Do you pray much for your pastor? If only some Christians who complain about the preacher would say less before men and before their children (!), and would apply themselves to pray to God for him with humble, fervent and unceasing prayer, they would see so much more spiritual return, and inward harmony besides.

Spurgeon was once asked the reason of his marvelous power in the world. Pointing to the floor of the Metropolitan Tabernacle, he said, "In the room beneath, you will find three hundred praying Christians. Every time I preach they gather there, and uphold my hands by continuous prayer and supplications. It is in that room that you find the secret of the blessing." May God give us many churches like that!

Baptist Progress in Austria

What a setting for inspiring services — a baptism in the Salzburg bathhouse, the Lord's Supper observed in the famous Mozart House, an evangelistic meeting in a camp for displaced persons, a youth gathering at the ski paradise of Saalbach in the Austrian Alps

By Several Reporters of Vienna, Austria.

THE FIRST baptismal service for 1949 at Salzburg, Austria, one of the most famous cities of our country, was held on Sunday, March 6. At this occasion we as Baptists of Austria rejoiced with ten converts as they gave their public testimony in baptism.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE

The service was held in the strange but lovely surroundings of the Salzburg bathhouse, which is widely known as a health resort and sight-seeing mecca. Many of our Baptist church members and friends had come

In the afternoon we gathered in the music hall of the famous Mozart House and Museum in order to give the hand of fellowship to those who had been baptized and to observe the Lord's Supper together. Again the room in which we met was much too small. Mr. Fuellbrandt spoke to the new church members as well as other representatives. Dr. Franks addressed the congregation through an interpreter and stressed the importance of the ordinance of baptism and the Lord's Supper, both of which are to remind us of the Lord's death.

But the blessings of this memorable day had not yet come to a close. In

the evening a great evangelistic service was held in the Rositten Barracks in a large camp for Displaced Persons. The church choir had come along to lend their support to the meeting. Even the camp director was also in attendance.

The Reverends Carl Fuellbrandt and D. Gigsleder preached in the German language and the Rev. C. Denisiu in Rumanian. Messages were also brought by means of interpreters by the honored guests from the United States, Dr. Franks and Chaplain Mayfield. The chaplain also thrilled the large audience with several selections on his trumpet.

SAALBACH'S SKI PARADISE

This was indeed a glorious day of fellowship with the Lord and a day of service for the Master. Gratefully happy, we returned to our homes, assured that the days of victory for the Lord are still with us.

Towards the close of March, Baptist young people of Austria held an enthusiastic youth rally and gathering for an entire week at Saalbach, the well known ski paradise of Austria. Saalbach is beautifully located in a picturesque valley, completely surrounded by high, rugged mountains.

It was a perfect setting for an inspiring youth gathering. Snow had fallen and the young people were thrilled by this scenic ski paradise. A mountain resort had been prepared for us, and we were well taken care of in this comfortable home.

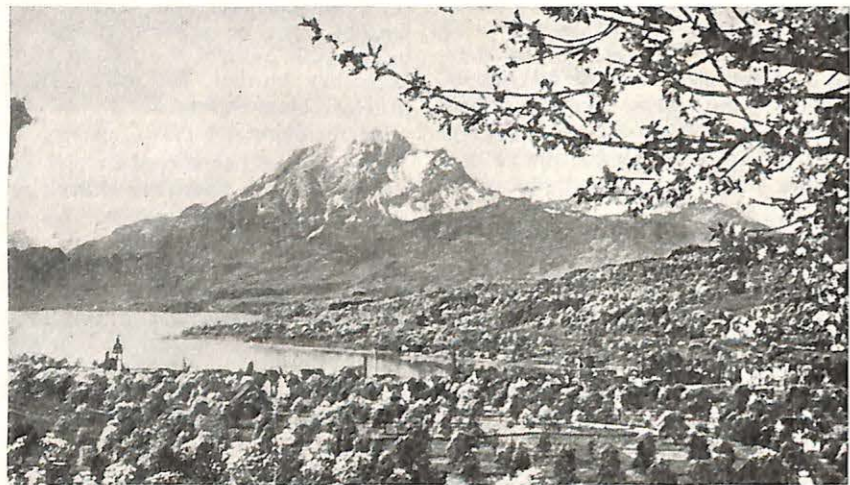
GOD'S SPIRITUAL GIFTS

But God had prepared even greater blessings for us with his spiritual gifts. Truly, God is good to us! A good sized delegation of Baptist young people had come from Vienna. They had brought with them a young friend from Bulgaria. Among the visitors were also the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Fuellbrandt, who now are members of the Baptist Church of Salzburg.

Daily we met for a devotional service and for an intensive study of God's Word. The young people participated by asking many questions and making contributions to our studies. As was to be expected, we sang a great deal. Even the host and hostess in this mountain resort were attracted to our meetings and expressed their appreciation for our services. Those were blessed days for our Baptist youth there at Saalbach.

BAPTIST WORK IN AUSTRIA

The Baptist work in Austria among young and old, among Austrians, displaced persons and refugees, is continuing with aggressive leadership and with God's accompanying blessing. There is still much to be done, and there are still many difficulties in the way. But we rejoice that the preaching of the Gospel has not been in vain and that God's Word is still the power unto salvation to those who believe.



A Picturesque Scene in the Austrian Alps Not Far from Saalbach Where the Austrian Baptist Young People Recently Held a Week's Retreat

from far and near to attend this service. They crowded into every available inch of space as interested observers.

The introductory message was brought by the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt of Vienna on Acts 2:37-41. He then introduced Dr. Jesse R. Franks of the Southern Baptist Convention of the United States, who extended greetings and spoke briefly. Afterwards the Rev. D. Gigsleder prayed with the converts and then led them individually into the baptismal waters. This was a happy, festive service of consecration for all the Baptists who were present.

CHURCH DEDICATION, ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA Sunday, May 29

The dedication of the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, So. Dak. will be held on Sunday, May 29, with services in the morning, afternoon and evening, as announced by the Rev. R. A. Klein, pastor. The Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary, will be the guest speaker. Members and friends of neighboring churches are invited. The church is located at 424 No. Second Street, Aberdeen, South Dakota.

Commencement Exercises at C.T.I.

A Report of the Closing Exercises at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada by the REV. J. C. GUNST, National Young People's Secretary

CLOSING exercises and commencement at the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta are always a welcome and festive occasion for students, faculty and the many friends of the school. Hundreds of visitors and friends attended this year's closing exercises from March 29 to 31. The students of Christian Training Institute play an important role in the program.

The evening of March 29th was Mission Night. Under the direction of Miss Esther Kaiser, one of the instructors, the students presented a mission play entitled, "The Sacrifice" by C. B. Howe. There was nothing amateurish about the actors. The message of the play challenged young and old to a better missionary understanding. Some 150 people stood through the entire ninety minute presentation in the overcrowded High School auditorium. Many people were turned away for lack of space.

PRAYER SESSIONS

Throughout the day on both Wednesday and Thursday, March 30 and 31, the student body, faculty and friends of the students and the school met in the spacious new chapel at the Christian Training Institute. Principal speakers in the day meetings were the Rev. Henry Smuland, the Rev. William Turnwall, Home Mission Secretary representing the General Baptist Conference, and the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Illinois.

During the afternoon of each day an hour was spent in prayer at which time the audience was divided into three groups, each group meeting in a different room. One group led by the Rev. C. H. Seecamp concentrated on praying for foreign missions. Another group led by the Rev. R. Schilke prayed for our home missionary enterprise, and a third group led by the Rev. Karl Korella prayed for world problems. There is a strong emphasis on prayer in the school and students practice it very freely.

Those attending the Thursday morning sessions were greatly inspired by the messages of the seven Seniors, when each member of the graduating class brought his or her personal testimony on their own selected subject. (The picture of these students accompanies this report.)

An outstanding event on the program is the sacred concert at these annual exercises. The entire student

body, under the tactful direction of Miss Agnes Buckles for the mixed choir, the Rev. A. Johnson for the male chorus, and Miss Bodil Gottlieb for the ladies' chorus, participated in the sacred concert this year. The concert was held at the First Baptist Church of Edmonton. The enthusiastic response of city and neighboring churches was most gratifying as the people filled the large, beautiful church to the last seat. Miss Ethel Ruff, former instructor at the Christian Training Institute, brought a timely message.

presented for a winning thesis written upon an assigned topic in the first, second, and third year courses. Ten dollars were presented to the winning first year student, Harvey Neumann. The same amount was presented to both Arlene Scheeler and Doris Riemer, the second and third year winning students. A five dollar scholarship went to Ervin Strauss, the most representative student out of the first, second and third year classes. Miss Estelle Forsman was presented with a twenty-five dollar scholarship by the Women's Union of the Swedish Con-



Members of the 1949 Graduating Class of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Friday night marked the colorful, yet highly spiritual, activities of the commencement exercises. Some twenty of the Bible School students were presented with Christian Workers' certificates. Seven of the students, having completed four years of Bible School studies and having met the necessary requirements, were presented with diplomas by the Christian Training Institute president, the Rev. E. P. Wahl. These were: Marion Olver, Robert Reinhold Hoffmann, Leonard Victor Maier, Eldie Tracy Fritzsche, William John Olson, Reuben Winfred Ziolkowski, and Ella Caroline Detert.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Miss Esther Kaiser officiated in the presentation of scholarships. The Martha Liebig Scholarship is pre-

ference of Alberta.

The Ethel Ruff cup is awarded to the outstanding project in Christian Education. This year a Vacation Bible project was prepared in which teacher manuals for each department were made for a ten-day, two-hour daily program. Miss Darlene Thole was the chairman of the winning group of students who prepared the Primary Manual. The Intermediate, Junior, and Beginners' Manuals were presented second, third, and fourth prizes, respectively.

WORKMEN FOR THE MASTER

The Rev. William Turnwall, representing the Swedish Baptist Conference, brought salutations to the graduates. The commencement address

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What's Happening

● On Wednesday, April 13, the Rev. J. P. Schultz of Olds, Alberta, Canada went home to be with the Lord after a lingering illness of some months. He had served the Baptist Church of Olds with great faithfulness and earnestness for several years. The more detailed obituary will appear in the next issue of "The Herald."

● The Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana has extended a call to the Rev. Gottfried Beutler of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan. Mr. Beutler has served the East Ebenezer and Yorkton Baptist Churches since 1943. He has responded favorably to the call and will shortly begin his pastorate in Plevna where he will succeed the Rev. David Littke, now of Billings, Montana.

● The Rev. Wesley Simonson of Anamoose, North Dakota recently resigned as pastor of the nearby Rosenfeld Baptist Church which he had served for several years. His resignation has already taken effect at the date of publication of this issue of "The Baptist Herald." His plans for the future are not known at our Forest Park headquarters.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta has extended a call to Mr. Rudolph Rapske of Morris, Manitoba who will be graduated from the North American Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., on Sunday, May 22. Mr. and Mrs. Rapske will begin their ministry in the Medicine Hat Church soon after June 1st. Mr. Rapske will succeed the Rev. Ervin J. Faul, now of Wishek, No. Dak.

● The Baptist Training Union of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas recently held a study course. The Seniors and Adults used the book, "The Growing Christian," taught by Mrs. Gordon Rice of San Marcos and the Juniors and Intermediates studied the book, "This is the Bible," taught by Mrs. Arthur Schmeltkopf. Light refreshments were served each evening between class periods. The David Zimmerman is pastor of the church.

● Evangelistic meetings were held for two weeks from March 20 to April 1 by the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon with the Rev. H. Palfenier, denominational evangelist, bringing the messages. Seven persons confessed Christ as their personal Savior in these well attended meetings. The church has begun work on

a new Sunday School unit, according to the pastor, Rev. Emanuel Wolff. The new addition to the building will provide for about 12 additional Sunday School rooms.

● Evangelistic meetings were conducted at the Immanuel Church of Beulah, North Dakota from April 3 to 17 with the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, denominational evangelist, bringing the messages. On Sunday, April 3, more than sixty people were in attendance which was most gratifying for this small church. In spite of flood conditions in the nearby vicinity, the attendance and interest grew. A number of conversions were reported by the pastor, Rev. Fred Trautner.

● The Walnut Street Church of Cincinnati, Ohio is now being served by the Rev. Monroe D. Chalfant. A reception was held for Mr. and Mrs. Chalfant by the church on Sunday afternoon, May 1st. Further data about the new pastor, will be published in a forthcoming issue of "The Herald." Mr. Chalfant has succeeded the Rev. John Hasel who resigned early this year and went to serve a Northern Baptist Church at Villa Grove, Illinois.

● A week of evangelistic services was held by the First Baptist Church of Underwood, North Dakota with the Rev. and Mrs. Gerald Splinter of Jamestown, No. Dak., serving the church. Friends from the nearby towns of Minot, Max and Wilton were also in attendance every evening. Six persons made their confession by faith in Christ. The Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor, reports that Mr. Splinter is a dynamic preacher and that Mrs. Splinter won the hearts of the people with her singing.

● The First Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta with its Zion Station has called the Rev. J. G. Rott of Sumner, Washington where he was serving a church of the Northern Baptist Convention during the past several years. Mr. Rott is a graduate of our Rochester Seminary and served a number of our churches, including that of Odessa, Wash., before going to Sumner. He is beginning his ministry at Carbon in the near future and will succeed the Rev. E. M. Wegner, now at Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

● Gospel meetings were held at the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill.,

from April 5 to 10 with the Rev. Roy L. Schlader of Racine, Wisconsin bringing the messages. On Sunday evening, April 10, the pastor, Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel, baptized six converts. Recently the Sunday School surpassed its goal of 135 with a fine attendance of 145 scholars. Mr. Herbert Siemund is the Sunday School superintendent. On Easter Sunday evening, April 17, the church choir rendered the cantata, "The Crucifixion," directed by Mr. David Smart.

● The choir of the Baptist Church of Cathay, North Dakota sang the Easter cantata, "Hosanna" by Wolfe, on Sunday evening, April 17. Mrs. Albert Reddig directed the choir of 32 voices, representing a union choir of the Baptist and Methodist Churches of Cathay and the nearby Germantown Baptist Church. A Good Friday service was held on April 15 at the Baptist Church of Cathay with the Fessenden, Germantown and Cathay Baptist Churches participating. The Reverends Walter Schmidt of Cathay and Daniel Klein of Germantown brought the messages.

● The Baptist Church of Washburn, North Dakota has extended a call to the Rev. Paul Galambos, formerly pastor of a Baptist Church in Hungary and more recently a student at our Rochester Seminary. He and his family came to the United States as refugees in December 1948. The story of their flight from Europe was described by Brother Galambos in the April 1st issue of "The Baptist Herald." He is beginning his ministry at Washburn in May, and he and his family will be warmly welcomed by this church that has been without a minister for several years.

● The Baptist Old People's Home of Bismarck, North Dakota moved into its new edifice, costing about \$150,000, early in May. The new building is situated on the outskirts of the city in full view of the imposing state capitol. The Rev. A. J. Fischer, president of the Home's Board, has announced that the Rev. B. J. Krentz of Los Angeles, Calif., has accepted the appointment to serve as the Home's representative in collecting monies for the building fund in the area of the Dakota Conference, succeeding the Rev. R. A. Klein, now of Aberdeen, So. Dakota.

● The Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Waltereit returned to Lehr, North Dakota on

April 21st after an enforced absence of almost seven weeks from the church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Waltereit were hospitalized at Excelsior Springs, Missouri during that time. While they were away from Lehr, they received many cards of greetings and gifts of money from organizations of the church. Upon their return to the parsonage, they found the refrigerator as well as the cupboards stocked with a great variety of food. Mr. Waltereit wrote: "We were too deeply moved for words!"

● The Rev. L. B. Holzer, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., received 25 persons into the fellowship of the church on Easter Sunday morning, April 17. Of these 22 had been baptized by the pastor at an earlier impressive service. The annual meeting of the church was held on May 11. The Woman's Missionary Society held its annual banquet on May 19. Miss Lois Jean Holzer, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Holzer, won the 1949 scholarship, awarded to a Carrick High School student, for studies at the University of Pittsburgh. This will amount to \$660 for the four-year period.

● Union services were held in McClusky, No. Dak., during the Passion Week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. The Rev. A. J. Fischer of the Baptist Church spoke at the Evangelical Church on Wednesday evening, April 13. He also brought the message at the Easter Sunrise service which was well attended by the people of McClusky. Mr. Fischer is also director of Youth for Christ meetings in McClusky. Such a youth service was held on Saturday evening, April 9, at the court house with the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., bringing the message. He also spoke at the services of the Baptist Church on Palm Sunday, April 10, and showed missionary pictures.

● The Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa had an Easter offering of \$683.40, all of which was designated for the missionary and denominational advance of the North American Baptist General Conference. This is by far the largest offering for the denomination ever received by the church, since the previous high was \$271. Three persons were received into the church's fellowship by the Rev. Dale Chaddock on Easter Sunday morning. A candle-light communion service was held on Good Friday evening. A baptismal service is planned for Sunday, June 12, at which time four converts will be baptized. On Tuesday evening, May 10, a Youth for Christ rally was held at the Marengo Methodist Church with the Rev. Dale Chaddock in charge and with Dr. Bob Cook of Chicago, Ill., as the guest speaker.

The Pilgrim's Guide

Brief Expositions of God's Word

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

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EASTER SUNDAY was a day of joy and inspiration. The unquenchable assurance of eternal life and resurrection of the body give strength and joy to every Christian.

Unfortunately, in many churches the program of the year now comes to a close. Too often there is a "let down" after Easter. This situation was not true after the first Easter. There were weeks of victory and blessing, precious hours spent in the presence of the living Christ. These days ended with the ascension when Christ promised the Holy Spirit and his personal return. They did not begin their ministry in their own strength, but in preparation they met in fellowship, unity, and prayer in the Upper Room until they were clothed with power.

Yes, Pentecost follows Easter. Pentecost came fifty days after Easter, and under the power of the Holy Spirit Christ's disciples dared to do the impossible. From the prayer meeting they went forth to begin a world mission crusade in the name and power of the risen Christ. The cost they counted as nothing. They had one passion, and that was the will of God. That heaven sent revival, which began after Easter, has been going on ever since whenever the Church has been willing to meet God's conditions and to realize the unity, fellowship and prayer of the Upper Room. It is such an atmosphere that is charged with the blessing of God. We have this illustrated to us in John 21:1-14. Observe, first of all, the powerless effort of the disciples.

POWERLESS EFFORT Verses 1-3

Here we see seven disciples on a fishing trip. While they were waiting for the promised appearance of Christ, they turned to their former work for support. But it is hard to fish and to catch nothing! The words, "and that night they caught nothing," reveal hard work, weary and hungry men, and disappointment. This failure of theirs as literal fishermen without the presence of Christ no doubt was divinely ordered as a symbol of the utter failure of the fishers of men without Christ.

After Easter we may have high ideals, good organization and leadership, and money, but there will be much powerless effort resulting in fruitlessness unless God, the Holy Spirit, is pleased to bless. He should

have the first consideration. The Holy Spirit is the secret of fruitful service and victorious living.

PRESENCE OF CHRIST Verses 4-8

When the morning was come, Jesus made his appearance and asked if they were successful. They had to confess that their nets were empty. Upon his command they cast the net on the right side of the boat and it was so full of fish that it was almost impossible to lift. A miracle of 153 large fish and the net unbroken! The great catch was symbolic of the success of their future ministry after Pentecost.

What had been a barren field now became very fruitful. Where they had caught nothing, they now are able to catch much fish. What made the difference? The presence of Christ! Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning when Jesus is near. When Jesus comes into our hearts, our homes, our services, he turns night into day, defeat into victory. Witness the death and tears at Lazarus' tomb, then observe that death gives place to life, and tears to joy when Christ is present. He has promised never to leave us nor to forsake us.

When the great catch was realized the disciples knew it was the Lord and hastened to the shore. They knew it was Christ by the miracle of the great catch. The Apostle John urges us not to love in word only, but in deed and truth. When Christ is Master we know the beauty and blessedness of faith and works.

PROVISION ENOUGH Verses 9-14

When the disciples had arrived at the shore they saw a fire and a breakfast of fish and bread prepared for them. Provision enough for all! Christ was mindful of their needs. What a welcome sight to these tired and hungry fishermen! Upon the invitation of Christ, they had breakfast with the Savior!

How wonderful it is to know that he has provisions for daily living and service. Just when we need him most, he is near. He has prepared a table of spiritual resources and invites us to come and dine. Do we need forgiveness? He died and arose from the grave to justify us. Do we need victory and grace in our Christian life? He has sent the Holy Spirit. Do we need health for the body? He is sufficient. Let us testify with Paul, "I

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

Cloud Across the Sun

A Novel by G. FRANKLIN ALLEE

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SYNOPSIS

Larry Brantwell, a famous radio announcer and singer, was told by the doctor that he was through with his radio career because of a bad throat condition. All that the doctor could further suggest was to get out-of-doors, to go logging in the Northwest country. It wasn't long before Larry was on his way to the white-capped Olympics in Washington to begin life all over again at Camp One, of which Big Jim Rand, a bold dynamic leader, was foreman. As a result of a friendship with the boss, Sam Reese, Larry was made superintendent and later discovered a way of putting the logging company back on its feet financially. He had also found joy in surrendering to Christ as a result of a preacher's sermons. At the church services Larry had also come to know Beth Linden, a singer in the choir. In a marvelous way Larry was able to unite several important people to a dinner at Hotel Vance on the following Saturday night. At that dinner some startling revelations were bound to be made.

CHAPTER SIXTEEN

BETHEL LINDEN had come to find herself in the confusing position of one who sees everything she has hoped for, idealized, dreamed about and striven to obtain through much of life, suddenly laid at her feet, but now that it is hers she discovers the desire for it has departed.

Life had been no pathway of roses for her. In fact, with the exception of the past five years, it had been one continuous struggle with privation,

disheartening obstacles to be overcome, and even persecution to be endured. Her father had been a habitual alcoholic and she could not remember a time in her earlier girlhood when she had not been either hungry, cold or afraid. She could recall many nights when, frightened by the wild raving — and even beatings — of a drunken father, she had slipped out through a window of their pathetically inadequate home to spend the night huddled in a corner of the woodshed and shivering with fear and cold.

Her patient, refined Christian mother — who had been reared in a home of culture and comfort, only to fall in love and elope with a handsome, dashing young worldling — had taken beatings, suffered poverty and heartbreak for years in order to keep her family together. But the strain had been too heavy and long, the day they brought her word that her drunken husband's decapitated body had been found on the railroad track less than a mile from their home she collapsed, never to walk again. That was the week Bethel graduated from grade school, and for her the struggle was not over. With an invalid mother and three other children in the home, all younger than herself, she had valiantly struggled on, indefatigably determined to obtain an

education. She had gone through high school and college while working several hours each day for wages, running home to care for the home and her mother, never knowing an hour of ease or comfort. Her mother had gently eased out of this life of suffering and into a better one shortly after Bethel had obtained her degree in music.

Although those hard years had tempered her soul with patience, fortitude and a sincere sympathy for all unfortunates, they had also implanted in her heart one desire that surmounted all others: a deep yearning for that which she had never known — comfort and security. This longing grew upon her every time she passed a comfortable, well-kept home. It persisted with greater force when she saw happy, well-fed and well-clothed children at play, and often became a pain when she saw an adored wife and mother living in comfort and security, surrounded by love — and she remembered the pitiful want and grief of her own mother's life.

One determination had grown upon her during those lean years, and had not perceptibly lessened in these later and more comfortable but not less lonely ones; she would never marry unless that union carried with it the

guarantee of comfort and security. Then just before the war she met Tommy Banks, the nephew and heir of a wealthy businessman. He had attended the chapel services with her and had professed to accept Christ, while laying violent siege to her heart. And, although she had never given him a definite answer, they had finally come to understand that they would be married as soon as feasible. Then had come the war, with its subsequent separation. Tommy had written as regularly as possible, first from training camps, then from North Africa, later from China, and finally from Japan. Bethel had prayed for his safe return, and dreamed of the time when they would live in security in the beautiful home his uncle had bought for him in the north end of town.

Tommy, she knew, was not a Christian and, despite her former longing for the things such a marriage would assure her, she could find no answering "Yes" in her heart. Yet to turn away from the one door that for her opened into the world of plenty and unmolested security was a difficult decision after these years of dreaming.

For a week now her mind had been in a riot, a strife of conflicting emotions and desires. The time had come when she must admit to herself that she was in love with Larry Brantwell. The very thing she had assured herself would never happen had come to pass. Her father had been a logger, and in her mind there was an inseparable connection between men of that group and ne'er-do-wells such as he had been. To her all loggers were wild spendthrifts whose families endured pathetic hardships. Even though she could discern that Larry was a man of culture and character who seemed out of place among his fellow workman, another issue arose — for she knew only too well the economic insecurity that was a part of the lives of the families of the logging clan. There would come long periods of unemployment, when logging operations would be closed for various reasons. Strikes would close the camps periodically. Accidents were the common thing among the workers.

Then there was another phase of the issue: she had no positive assurance that he loved her, or that she could win that love were she to try. Had he not avoided her the last time he was at church? No doubt but that she had been very foolish to allow herself to become so interested in him; yet try as she would, the thought of him could not be excluded from her mind.

Larry drove into Sheldon Tuesday afternoon to complete arrangements for Saturday's venture. He felt very much like an unworthy conspirator, which, indeed, he assured himself he was not. Yet the daring and the pre-

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sumption of the undertaking gave him chills whenever he permitted himself to view it candidly. There was a grave possibility he might be building his plans on a false assumption. If he were, the dinner would simply be a gathering of a group of his friends for mutual acquaintance. If he were correct, the results might produce untold good, or, on the other hand, they might prove highly explosive.

After dining at the hotel he made a call on Jim at the hospital, and found him again in the company of the beautiful nurse. Jim informed him, "Doc said I could leave Friday."

"That's a pity!" Larry returned, throwing a knowing look in the direction of the nurse. She colored prettily and Jim said, "No foolin'! It is."

Their evident pleasure in each other's company added to the pain of his own loneliness and as he drove away a few minutes later he was thinking how strange it seemed that, whereas others could find the right one with whom to fall in love, he was always unfortunate in choosing the unattainables.

As he was about to leave town he decided to invite Pastor Martin to the Saturday-evening dinner and, acting upon that decision, he stopped his car in front of the parsonage. Through the twilight a light shone from an upstairs window. As he closed the gate behind him he saw someone rise from a chair on the front porch. "Mrs. Martin?" he called, thinking she might be startled to see a man approaching through the dusk. But it was the voice of Bethel Linden that replied.

"Mrs. Martin has retired. She isn't well this evening."

"Miss Linden!" he exclaimed in surprise, slowly ascending the steps. "Excuse me. I couldn't see very well, and I thought you were Mrs. Martin. Is she quite ill?"

"Not seriously. But she is scarcely able to be around, so I put her to bed and am waiting till Mr. Martin gets back from Tacoma. He is speaking there tonight. But excuse me—I'm rude. Won't you come in? I'll go tell Mrs. Martin you are here."

"Thank you; but I was really looking for the pastor. However, if you don't mind, I will sit here on the porch a few minutes," he said, moving toward a chair as he spoke, so that there was no way out for her but to welcome him. He could see that she was either embarrassed by his presence or nervous from some other cause. Possibly she was waiting for a different caller

—a major in the Air Corps. That could account for her uneasiness. He said, "Or perhaps I am intruding."

"Not in the least," she said cordially. "I have nothing to do but sit here and wait until Reverend Martin gets back; and that may be another hour."

He waited for her to be seated, and then took the other end of the swinging porch seat. The soft spring air moved caressingly across their faces, bringing him the mild aroma of some rare perfume she was wearing. The closeness of her presence was intoxicating and made his pulse trip with a heavier beat. He wanted her more than any other thing on earth; wanted her more than he desired success, or popularity or comfort; yes, even more than life itself. But it was such a hopeless desire. Without doubt she would soon be married to the major, if he were to believe the rumor that had reached his ear that day.

"I was over to see our foreman, Jim Rand, who was injured in clearing out a log jam," he said after they had verbally exchanged commonplaces for a few minutes.

"Oh, yes. How is he doing?" she replied.

"Fine," he answered, adding, "In both ways."

"You mean his injuries are healing, and—"

"Emotionally." He finished for her. "I don't believe I understand that—"

"You wouldn't until you saw him with a certain nurse over there."

"Oh, I see! Now that you've aroused my curiosity you'll have to tell me the rest of it. Who is the lucky girl? I know most of the girls over there."

He said, "The beauty of the lot: Miss Vale."

She caught her breath, remembering how the pastor's remark the other night had cut deeper than he had realized or intended. She said, "Miss Vale! You don't say! That is something. Do you mean that they are serious?"

"Beyond any question," he replied.

"Oh, Larry, that's fine. I'm glad for them. Ruby is a wonderful girl, and Mr. Rand seems to be such a splendid fellow. I'm sure they'll make a fine pair," she said, seemingly unaware that she had used Larry's first name.

"I hope so," he said, something of doubt in his voice purposely. "But I am a little skeptical about it, myself. Miss Vale is not only beautiful and cultured, but she is well educated, whereas Jim is just a lumberjack, even if he is a bit above the average. Do you think that will work out?"

"I can't see why it wouldn't. Why shouldn't a girl like Ruby marry a man who happens to be a logger, provided, of course, that he is otherwise worthy of her?"

He smiled to himself in the gloom and replied, "Oh, I don't know. I was

just wondering about it; didn't think it was being done in the best circles."

"I can't see how a man's vocation makes any difference—as long as it's an honest one—where people love each other," she returned firmly.

"Can love leap the gap that lies between the rough life of a logger and that of a nurse or, say, a teacher, for instance?"

He heard her catch her breath, and then in a low voice say, "There are no real gulfs where friendship—or love—is concerned. Did you think there were?"

"I didn't know what else to think—lately," he finished lamely.

"Lately? How much time does it take to make a lately?" she said. And then, yielding to a quick impulse, "Is that why you ignored the invitation these people sent you, because you were afraid teachers, and such like, felt they were above association with timber workers?"

Her voice seemed cold and contained a strange quality in it, and after a long pause Larry slowly said, "I don't understand; I haven't had any invitations to ignore."

"Didn't you receive an invitation to have dinner here with the Martins, and some others, last Saturday?"

"I did not."

"They sent you one, by one of your truckers, Jule Richards."

"Jule Richards ran his truck into the ditch near Aberdeen Friday, and I haven't seen him since."

"Then I'm very sorry I said that, Mr. Brantwell. I know it was awfully rude for me. It's just that—I—we—were so disappointed when you didn't come, and I'm sure they felt bad. It wouldn't have been bad if we'd known you didn't get the invitation. Please forgive me."

Her evident relief, as well as her obvious contrition, broke down his last wall of resistance and pushed aside all tact, and with blunt abruptness he said, "Miss Linden—Beth—will you answer one question for me?"

"If I can."

"Are you in love with Major Banks?"

She started, fumbling with her handkerchief, and then as he leaned closer to see her face she said, "I'm afraid that is quite a personal question, Mr. Brantwell."

"Excuse me," he said, drawing back. "I know I was out of order on that one, and I hope you'll overlook my dumbness."

"That's all right; I don't mind."

He rose and stood, hat in hand, looking down on her. She was sitting now so that the light from a street lamp a half-block away dimly revealed her face. He thought she looked pale, her face strained. He knew he loved her as he loved no other in all his life, and he was determined that no one else should have her if he could possibly win her love.

We, the Women

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

CONFERENCE PRELIMINARIES

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! This is news for the 29th General Conference to be held at Sioux Falls, So. Dak., from August 22 to 28. The wives are not to be outdone! While the ministers rehearse under the leadership of the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, their wives will join their voices in a grand chorus, directed by Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland, Oregon. This was such a successful feature of the program at the last General Conference, that the committee has persuaded Mrs. Meier again to lead the MINISTERS' WIVES' CHORUS. Please take note, all you singing ministers' wives, and try to be present, if at all possible. Announcement of time and place of rehearsal will be made in the conference bulletin to be distributed on the first day of the conference. Watch for it!

The theme for the General Conference is: "The Light Will Triumph!" What have we the women done in the past triennium to help spread the light? This question will be answered in a brief DEVOTIONAL SERVICE, using "Living Pictures," prepared by the program committee under the leadership of Mrs. A. Huber, Linton, No. Dak., chairman. This will truly be inspiring and will lead us into the very presence of him who is the Light of the World.

Fortunate indeed are we to have not one, but two of our very own missionaries home for the conference. What a great thrill it will be for a missionary-minded group such as our North American Baptist women to hear from the lips of the missionaries

He wanted to tell her how adorable he thought she was; longed to take her in his arms. But wisdom dictated patience, and he said, "I hope you don't think I am always as rude as I have been tonight, Beth—Miss Linden. Will you charge it up against my work? This has been a terrible day for me out there, and I'm a little brainfagged. And if that isn't enough, you might charge it up against my simple-Simon thick-headedness."

She laughed softly, and returned, "I'm not charging anything. Your account is all paid to date. If anything—I'm the debtor."

He said good night then, and left while they were in that mood.

As he drove back toward camp he thought upon every word she had said, looking at each first from one

stories of their experiences! MISSIONARIES LAURA REDDIG and MARGARET KITTLITZ will bring to our women's program a message that, no doubt, will be the highlight of the conference.

"THANK YOU" to all of you who have sent us your YEARBOOKS for display. They are varied in make-up; some have very original features. It will be of interest to all of you, as it has been to me, to look through them carefully. But surely there are more! We should like just as wide a representation as possible. If your society has not sent a copy, will you please do so, and thus share your ideas with others. Send them to Mrs. F. E. Schoeffel, 1725 N. Burling St., Chicago 14, Ill.

For the first time, as far as we know, women will have a part on the conference program other than at the regular Woman's Missionary Union meetings. On Friday morning four women will give their testimonies on the theme: "My Favorite Bible Verse, and Why." They are: Mrs. Walter Grosser, Forest Park, Ill., and Mrs. Freda Reddig, Cathay, No. Dak., laywomen; Mrs. E. Mittelstedt, Los Angeles, Calif., and Mrs. C. H. Seecamp, Leduc, Alta., ministers' wives. It is an honor to appear on a General Conference program, and we are glad that the committee has recognized the ability of our women to make a real contribution to the program.

"Meet me in Sioux Falls!" Let this be our password from now until August. It will surely be worth our while to go. Remember the dates—August 22 to 28, 1949!

angle and then another. Her answer to his question had been evasive, and, despite the rebuff of it, he was convinced she was not in love with Banks.

The next day was a busy one, giving him little time to think about the events of that evening. A long-distance call reached him over the company line from Dick Ralton. The National Broadcasting Company was offering him a contract for a program similar to the one he had previously conducted, and he was to be ready for its initial appearance the first of the following month, just fifteen days away. He promptly called Sam and notified him of his plans, and Sam, while voicing his regret at losing him, expressed sincere pleasure at the news. (To Be Continued)



CHILDREN'S PAGE

MOTHER'S DAY

By ANETA BERINGER of Spokane, Washington

When Mother's Day comes, I'm always glad;

I try to make mother happy, not sad;
Because Jesus wants us all to obey;
And not to be nice just on Mother's Day.

A THOUGHT TWISTER FOR YOU!

What two words containing four letters each are found in all of the following Bible references? Colossians 3:20; Ephesians 6:1; 1 Samuel 15:22. Send these two words with your name and address to Mrs. F. W. Bartel, 1108 East 8th Ave., Spokane 10, Washington, and wait for a surprise.

THE FLYING WORM

(Apologies to Mr. Harry Rimmer.)

Jim and Janet eagerly entered the house. "Mother, mother, see what we have!" Snuggled into their small, grimy hands was a roly-poly caterpillar. They had found two caterpillars crawling along the sidewalk on this warm, sunshiny day.

Mother said, "Be careful. Do not squeeze them and we will show them to daddy when he comes home." The next two hours seemed endless for Jim and Janet as they were anxious to show their daddy the treasures.

Finally a car drove into the yard, and before daddy could open the car door, the twins, Jim and Janet, had opened it and were pulling their daddy out, excitedly telling him about the worms they had found wearing fur coats on a warm afternoon.

Daddy smiled, and taking his girl's hand in one big hand and his boy's hand in the other big hand strode quickly into the house where their treasure lay comfortably in a shoe box. "Yes, children, you have found two caterpillars and we will keep them in this box, give them some twigs and grass and dirt and watch what they will do."

Throughout the next months the children daily watched their treasure. One day they found one worm in a corner unable to move. Upon closer investigation it was found to be dead. The other worm was weaving a little house about itself in preparation for the winter. Finally, securely tied to a twig, it fell asleep in the little house for a long winter's nap.

Boys and girls, have you seen a cocoon? That is what this little worm was sleeping in so cozily. Jim and



Aneta Beringer of Spokane, Washington, Who Wrote the Mother's Day Poem on This Page and Her Mother, Mrs. Otto Beringer, Who Is Also the President of the Woman's Missionary Society of Spokane's Arthur Street Baptist Church

Janet thought winter would never end, even though they had many days of coasting and ice-skating which were their favorite sports. Why did winter seem so long? Because their daddy had told them to watch the cocoon. In the Spring something would happen.

At last Spring came in all her glory. The crocuses peeped out of the dark soil in their pretty dresses of yellow, white, and blue. The grass grew longer and greener each day. The dandelions began to appear. The birds started to build their nests. Everywhere there was joy and gladness that the long winter was past.

Then one day, when Jim and Janet made their daily trip to peep into their treasure box, they stared in wonder because resting on the twig was a beautiful sight. The cocoon was broken and in its place was not a fuzzy worm but a beautiful butterfly with brilliant colors. Daddy and mother were quickly brought to the scene, and all gazed in rapture upon the beautiful butterfly.

The Editor of the Children's Page for April, May and June 1949 is Mrs. F. W. Bartel, 1108 East 8th Ave., Spokane 10, Washington.

"Oh, mother, look at the velvety soft wings," Janet exclaimed. Jim pulled his daddy closer and said, "Look, the big spots on their wings look like marbles." Mother joined in by saying, "Who ever would believe such beauty could come forth from such a dry, dull looking cocoon?"

Father replied, "Only our heavenly Father knows how such a transformation came about. The worm sleeping inside the cocoon has burst forth in brilliant colors. Let us put it outside in the warm sunshine where it can enjoy life."

They carried the treasure box outside and soon the beautiful butterfly lifted itself and flew into the air. The children watched it fly farther and farther until it was out of sight. As they stood gazing into the air, daddy said, "This reminds me of a Bible verse found in Acts 1:10, 11. 'And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.'

"The verse reminds me that Jesus is coming again. When he comes again all we who are trusting in Jesus will receive beautiful new bodies, without sin or blemish of any kind. In the twinkling of an eye we will change from these sinful bodies into beautiful, glorified bodies, just like our little worm changed into a thing of beauty.

"Not every one will receive new bodies. Only those who received Jesus as their own personal Savior here in their present bodies will receive a glorified body. Those who do not accept Jesus will be like the worm which died before it became a butterfly. They will stay in their sinful bodies forever and ever. Jim, would you like to have your sins washed in the blood of Jesus? Would you like to rise to meet him in the air when he comes again?"

"Oh, yes, daddy. I love Jesus and am sorry for my sins and accept him now as my Savior." "Me too," chimed in Janet. Mother smiled through her tears as she looked at her two children in daddy's arms and said joyfully, "Likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth. Let us now bow our heads and thank our heavenly Father for giving Jim and Janet eternal life."

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



Southern Conference

Margaret Kittlitz, Cameroons Missionary, is Welcomed Home by Central Church, Waco, Texas

It was a pleasant surprise for us in the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas to hear that Margaret Kittlitz, our Cameroons missionary, was home again, and still more pleasant to see her in our church on Wednesday evening, March 2nd. Sunday, March 6, was her first Sunday with us. On that day hymns of missionary appeal opened our morning services. The Rev. Roy Seibel brought very thoughtfully chosen words on the subject, "In the Shadow of Calvary."

As a surprise for Margaret Kittlitz, the former "Sextet," in which Margaret sang, was again reorganized and very beautifully sang, "My Jesus, I Love Thee." The "Sextet" may be remembered as the one in which Margaret sang with five other Waco young women at the General Conference held in Portland, Oregon in 1937. After this number Margaret responded with a few words.

On Monday evening, March 7, the Woman's Missionary Union sponsored a Mother and Daughter Fellowship program. Since this was also the date of Margaret Kittlitz' birthday, a decorated umbrella was brought to her filled with gifts. Fifty-eight mothers and daughters attended. It has been a joy to have Margaret Kittlitz home with us, and, truly, through her work, we have been stirred and inspired to carry on our work both at home and abroad.

Mrs. L. Kraemer, Reporter.

Anniversary Program of Woman's Missionary Union, Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas held its anniversary program on Thursday evening, March 30. Special music was given by the mixed and ladies' choirs. An imaginary radio program was presented calling on the different missionaries in the various mission stations for a direct, "on the scene" report about our mission work in the Cameroons. The different voices which were heard were those of some of the members of the Union who were seated behind a curtain. All that was visible to the audience was the radio on a table.

The radio skit followed the installation of officers. The Rev. David Zimmerman had charge of the service. Following are the officers for this year: president, Mrs. David Zimmerman;

vice-president, Mrs. Arthur Schmeltekopf; recording secretary, Mrs. Bill McGee; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Kurt Lengefeld; treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Schmeltekopf. A social and fellowship hour was enjoyed in the church basement by everyone present.

May it please God to continue to bless us in the furtherance of his Kingdom's Cause.

Mrs. Kurt Lengefeld, Reporter.

Fifth Anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. David Zimmerman at Kyle, Texas

Rev. and Mrs. David Zimmerman and family entertained with "Open House" at the Immanuel Baptist Church parsonage of Kyle, Texas on Sunday, April 10th, in the afternoon and also after the evening service for the members and friends of the Immanuel Church.

The table was laid with a lace cloth. An arrangement of bluebonnets in crystal over a reflector and crystal candelabra with white candles formed the centerpiece. This and other arrangements of bluebonnets were made by Mrs. W. C. Schmeltekopf. Punch was served by Misses Faye Doyle Hill and Juliann Schmeltekopf and the Misses Margaret Lengefeld and Grace Ahlhardt poured coffee. White cake squares, cookies, and mints were served.

The dining room hostesses were Miss Emma Lengefeld and Mrs. Billy McGee and assisting in the kitchen were Mrs. Arthur Schmeltekopf and Mrs. Walter A. Hill. Flash pictures were taken during the afternoon by Mrs. Julius Hill. A special attraction was a bulletin board of snapshots "through the five years."

This occasion marked the fifth anniversary of the present pastor and his family with the Immanuel Baptist Church congregation. Approximately eighty visitors signed the guest register, which was presided over by Miss Rosemarie Schmeltekopf and Miss Ruth Zimmerman.

David Zimmerman, Pastor.

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Central Church, Waco, Texas

On Tuesday evening, March 22, the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas celebrated the 29th anniversary of its Woman's Missionary Union with a program and social gathering.

Mrs. Roy Seibel opened the meeting in the usual manner by calling on Mrs. Kenneth Nelson of Gatesville for prayer. "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" was sung by a trio, including our missionary, Miss Margaret Kittlitz. A playlet in the form of a White Cross meeting was presented, during which

the ladies tuned in on the radio to hear the skit, "A Radio Visit With the Cameroons Missionaries." Aided by a public address system the broadcast was made very realistic, especially with Margaret reading her own part.

With a few words and an enlarged picture of the six boys who launched the "Nurses' Training Project," Margaret Kittlitz presented a plea for the further support of this national project. In response, \$57.00 were received during the organ rendition of "Träumerei" by Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht. Mrs. W. B. Marsteller of Cottonwood was called on for closing prayer. After this refreshments were served by Mrs. Herbert Schneider, social chairman, and by helpers.

The officers for the ensuing year are: Mesdames Roy Seibel, president; Ernest Steindam, vice-president; Douglas Boyd, secretary; Herbert Schneider, treasurer; Miss Martha Scherwitz, pianist; Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz, devotional chairman.

Mrs. Helen Boyd, Secretary.

Southwestern Conference

Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla., Hears Missionary and Dedicates Remodeled Church

The Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Oklahoma had the joy of hearing the Rev. C. L. Young, missionary of our Spanish-American mission field in Colorado, on Wednesday evening, March 30. He spoke to us about "always abounding in the work of the Lord" as he gave us some first-hand information about the mission work among the Spanish-speaking people in Colorado.

He also took part in our dedicatory service, in which we dedicated the latest improvement in our church building to the service of the Lord. The roof was covered with new red composition shingles, the ceiling in the auditorium and other rooms with celotex, the walls painted a pale pink, the floors sanded and varnished, and the benches and woodwork cleaned and varnished.

But progress costs something. If you had seen our people at work donating their services day after day and week after week, even through the night once or twice, you would say it costs labor and besides it cost us \$1,066.89 in money. Our church edifice now looks like new, and it should be more adequate for the spiritual services for which it is dedicated.

H. A. Meyer, Reporter.

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Reeh at La Salle, Colorado

On Sunday evening, March 27, approximately 130 members and friends of the First Baptist Church of LaSalle, Colorado were present at the church for the farewell reception given for Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Reeh and family. Rev. and Mrs. Reeh as honored guests sat on the platform. Mr. Robert Oster led the audience in singing. Mr. H. H. Meyer read the Scripture and led in prayer. Then the Rev. A. E. Reeh was requested to lead the choir for the last time as they rendered the anthem, "Great Is the Lord".

Mr. Fred Meyer called on the representatives of the seven organizations of the church. Mr. Gottlieb Oster spoke for the deacons, Mr. Paul Croissant in behalf of the Sunday School, Mrs. Fred Meyer in behalf of the Ladies' Missionary Society, Mr. Fred Meyer for the choir, Mr. Gerald Meyer and Mr. Carl Jepsen in behalf of the Young People's Group, Miss Irene Croissant for the Awoik Girls and Mrs. Adam Moser in behalf of the Sewing Circle.

The speakers of the seven organizations expressed their personal appreciation and that of the organizations they represented for the seven years of service which the Reehs have rendered to the church. Each representative of the seven organizations presented the Reeh family with a gift of money as their token of appreciation. Mr. Gottlieb Vogel gave a reading, "Farewell to Our Minister."

Mrs. Reeh then expressed her joy in working with the church and commended them to a fuller life in the future. Mr. Reeh expressed his appreciation for the words of gratitude of the members and gave words of encouragement for the church.

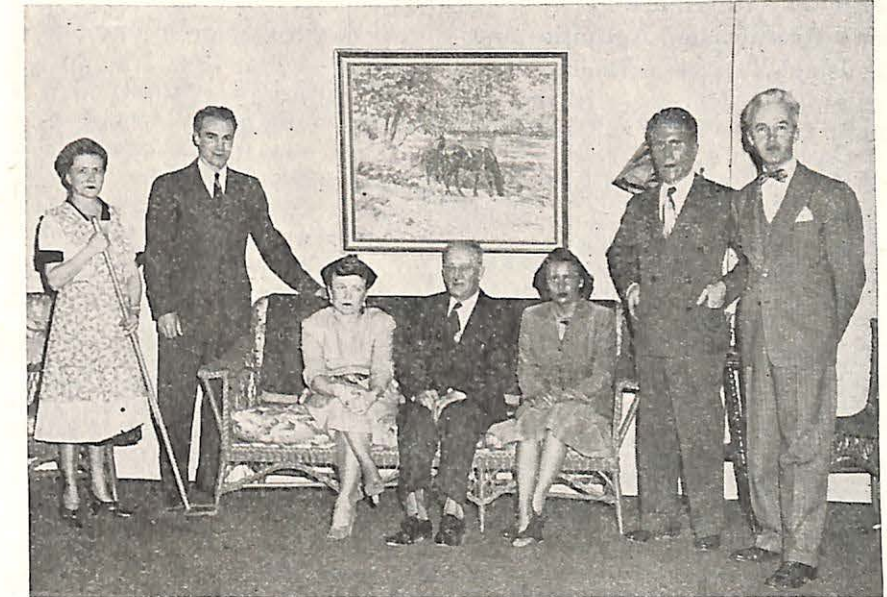
The congregation retired to the church basement for the reception. The Missionary Society was in charge of refreshments. The Reeh family and other honored guests sat at the head table, which had a center piece of a chocolate cake topped with seven candles, representing the seven years of service of the Reehs and the appreciation of the seven organizations of the church. The center piece was flanked on both sides with green candles and two bouquets of carnations.

Our prayer is that God will bless the Reehs in their new work at Stonington, Illinois, and that God will guide our church in choosing a new leader.

Pacific Conference

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.

The first annual program of the Woman's Mission Society of the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., was held on Sunday evening, March 27, under the leadership of our president, Mrs. A. R. Weisser. This group met together for the first time on March 7,



The Cast of Characters for the Play, "Between Two Worlds," Presented at the School of Missions Held by the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

1948 with the aim of furthering the work of our church program and of strengthening the spiritual life of our fellowship. The encouraging number of 43 women signed the charter list of active members.

Monthly meetings were held in a series of devotional, educational and musical programs, and Mother's and Father's Day were commemorated in special programs. It thrilled our hearts to be able to hold our first meeting in our new church on August 2, 1948. Many prayers had been answered and we rejoiced in the knowledge that "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord."

During the past year the Woman's Mission Society has purchased dinnerware and glasses for 300 place-settings and silverware to accommodate, kitchen utensils, platform drapes, refrigerator, nursery drapes and accessories, Lord's Supper tablecloth and the church carpets. Since March of last year the organization has grown from 43 charter members to 63 members. Four members moved away, leaving an active total membership of 59. Our prayer is for continued growth in love and harmony and for joy to do our Lord's will for the glory of his name.

Mrs. Edwin Howen, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

School of Missions for Six Weeks at the Immanuel Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin concluded its School of Missions on Sunday, April 3. Under the direction of the Rev. George W. Zinz, Jr., pastor and dean of the School of Missions, interesting and enlightening meetings were made meaningful and real by the use of visual aids. Movies, black and white and colored, sound and silent, filmstrips, slides, a one-act play, and illustrated

lectures rounded out the six weeks of concentrated effort to present the missionary opportunity to the members and friends of the Immanuel Baptist Church.

Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary of the North American Baptist Conference, presented the work in the Cameroons via exquisite colored motion films which have recently been released. His lecture, together with the pertinent, interesting, beautiful photography, explained the work most effectively and shed new light on the happiness our mission effort has brought and continues to bring in the Cameroons. At the young people's meeting, Mr. Leuschner used color films which he had made of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, host city for the 1949 General Conference.

"Between Two Worlds," a one-act play of Indian-American life today, was presented by the Homebuilders Sunday School Class. The play, which presented the problems which face our American Indians because of racial prejudice, was directed by Mr. E. C. Quade, teacher of the class. The play cast (see accompanying picture) included Mrs. Ann Black, Mr. Kenneth Pezoldt, Mrs. Dorothy Wolf, Mr. Arthur Wiles, Mrs. Laura Rothenmaier, and Mr. Walter Neubauer.

Closing the school, Mrs. Zinz presented to the youth groups the Baptist missionary work at Kodiak via the colored slide set "Uncle Sam's Attic," and at the evening service, "Beyond Our Own," a motion picture drama, unveiled the lives and very souls of two brothers of high professional achievement. Through smiles and tears the men and women of the congregation were again brought face to face with the power of God to mould lives to beautiful, full Christian service in every walk of life NOT JUST giving financial aid, and were shown that this work is beautiful only to those who are genuinely humble and who forget self for the abundant joy of service unlimited.

Mrs. George W. Zinz, Jr., Reporter.

**Missionary Programs,
Men's Brotherhood Activities and
Baptismal Service at Racine, Wis.**

Greetings again from the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin. The Lord is truly blessing us and we pray for continued strength to labor for him. Our Bible School has undertaken the support of a native Cameroons pastor, whose name is Noah Ndiko. He is a young married man with three lovely children. He is an assistant evangelist on the Victoria field and is very energetic. He will be under the supervision of Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson.

It was a particular joy to us to have Miss Lillian Jacobson as our missionary speaker on March 6th, who was home for a short visit from the Cameroons field in Africa. From 1947 to 1948 she served the British government as a school supervisor working out of the office at Calabar, the capital of the Cameroons. Miss Jacobson gave us a graphic picture of the Baptist mission work being done by our faithful missionaries on their respective fields. She told us of their problems and difficulties as well as their victories through the strength of Christ. Miss Jacobson recounted for us her own experience on the stations where she worked, and told us some of the promising native workers that were in the process of being trained to work effectively with their own people. Upon leaving us, Miss Jacobson returned to Calabar to become the supervisor of a school under the auspices of the Scottish Mission Board.

Our Men's Brotherhood is really on fire for the Lord. Besides their class meetings each Sunday and monthly get-togethers, they conduct a service at the Rescue Mission once a month. They are undertaking the project of securing a movie and sound projector for use in the church. Mr. Otto Jensen is their very capable and sincere teacher, while Mr. Les Whittington is president.

Our pastor, Rev. R. L. Schlader, had the blessed privilege of baptizing three adults on Sunday evening, March 27. They were welcomed into the church fellowship on Sunday, April 3. A young mother was also received into the church by letter.

Mrs. Myron Dudek, Reporter.

**Showers of Blessing
at the Pioneer Baptist Church of
Pound, Wisconsin**

The first Spring rain was falling gently as the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois alighted from the streamliner, "Chippewa" at Coleman, Wisconsin. That meant, of course, that showers of blessings would follow in its wake for the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wis. His visit proved just that. The days of March 27 and 28 will be long remembered in our community. It was a delight to listen to the Scriptural utterances which fell so rapidly and forcefully from the lips of our guest speaker. Yes, whether it was during the Sunday School session or the worship service, young and old sat in rapt attention.

**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
at the
North American Baptist Seminary
of Rochester, New York
on Sunday, May 22nd.
Commencement Speakers, Rev.
Paul F. Zoschke of Cleveland,
Ohio and Rev. E. P. Wahl of
Edmonton, Alberta.**

A visit to the Gillett Baptist Church in the afternoon was very beneficial and profitable. The Rev. Warren Thompson, pastor of the Section Eight Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., who is successfully ministering to the Gillett people, invited Brother Leuschner to deliver the message during the afternoon service. Many of the worshippers there had never heard one of our own denominational men and so were very favorably impressed.

During the evening service in Pound, we received a rare treat as Brother Leuschner delivered his famous missionary picture lectures. Our hearts fairly leaped for joy at the sight of our great work at home and abroad.

On the following evening, a special union men's meeting of the three Pound Baptist churches, the Gillett Baptist Church and the Bethel Baptist Church of Marinette, Wis., was held in our church. Seven preachers were there and with them over one hundred men. Mr. Matt Meyers, our genial Brotherhood president, was in charge. How uplifting was the song service! How inspirational the various musical selections! How challenging the message of Mr. Leuschner! The offering was dedicated for our hospital project in the Cameroons. A very cordial social hour followed after the service, during which guests and hosts alike, were generously treated.

Several hours later, as the deep and penetrating locomotive whistle first announced the thunderous approach of the Chicago night express, a light rain was falling again upon the lonely platform of the village station. At this time, though, the intermittent patter of the raindrops blended perfectly with our sad mood. As the long train came to a grinding halt, four gentlemen boarded a sleeping car, one of them being our departing guest, Mr. Leuschner.

John E. Grygo, Pastor.

**Observance of Youth Week
by the Baptist Church of Aplington,
Iowa**

"God-used young people can be a blessing to a whole church." We at Aplington, Iowa thank our Lord for the wonderful time of blessing and spiritual refreshing which took place in the Baptist Church during Youth Week from February 13 to 20. On the first Sunday our pastor, Rev. C. Fred Lehr, brought inspiring messages directed primarily to young people. In the evening the young people's choir sang and Mr. Lehr spoke on "The If's of Discipleship."

On Monday evening all of the young people met at the church to find that

the boys of the society had planned a surprise bob-sled party. There's something about a ride in God's great out-of-doors with the snow drifting down softly and with christian friends with whom to fellowship that seems to bring God nearer and "rain down" some kind of special blessing.

Again on Wednesday evening the young people met at the church, and after a time of devotion and prayer they went out for an evening of visitation. When they reported at the home of the president, Miss Eunice Ontjes, at the end of the evening for more refreshments and about the success of their evening, all were full of the happiness that can only come to children of God, and, as they told the results of their visiting campaign, they knew that again the Lord had been with them.

Thursday evening was really one of the highlights of the week, as the young people took complete charge of the Prayer Meeting. The program included Scripture reading by John Junker, a boy's quartet number, and a marimba solo. Then four of the young people brought short talks on the theme, "Prayer in the Lives of Young People." After these four (Barbara Reints, Dahlia Frey, Henry Groeneveld, and Louis Chenette) were finished, our president brought a message, ending with a heart searching poem. Young people led in prayer and gave their testimonies, but even though they were the ones who took part, all the older people were also richly blessed.

Friday night brought more mountain-top experiences to all of us as the young people's societies of two neighboring churches, Parkersburg and Steamboat Rock, which had been invited to a banquet in the church parlors. More than 125 young people were in attendance. After a delicious meal served by the ladies of the church, Eunice Ontjes, toastmistress, introduced the Rev. Howard Johnson of Steamboat Rock, who delivered a wonderful message on "You Are Christ's Epistle". The boy's quartet sang as did the girl's trio, and a marimba solo was played by Louis Chenette, after which everyone went to the church auditorium to see the latest pictures of our Cameroons field and some of our denominational conference shown by Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill.

On Sunday morning Brother Lehr again brought an inspiring message directed to the young people. On Sunday evening the young people had charge of the service. Our president opened the meeting and led the singing, after which Myrlin Huisinga read the Scripture, and Alvin Junker led in prayer. Miss Martha Leypoldt of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., was guest speaker and brought us an interesting message.

It really is wonderful what our Lord can do with us when we let Him have his way. All of those who took part or were in attendance at the Youth Week meetings want to thank the Lord for the many blessings which we as a church and as a young people's society have received.

Louis Chenette, Secretary.

Central Conference

**Forty New Members Are
Received Into Clay St. Church,
Benton Harbor, Mich.**

The Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan has had another day of rich blessing about which to report, as on March 27th, we were privileged to witness the baptism of 30 converts and to receive an additional ten persons into our fellowship by confession of faith and church letters.

The entire morning worship hour was given over to the baptismal service which was followed by the official reception of members. It was with full hearts, indeed, that we joined with our new brothers and sisters in Christ to partake of the Lord's Supper.

This special in-gathering of souls was the fruit of weeks of personal evangelism as our pastor, Rev. Wm. Hoover, and our church missionary, Miss Norma Robertson, led a corps of personal workers in a systematic home visitation campaign. Many rich experiences have been reported as in true Scriptural fashion 12 to 15 teams were sent out two by two to witness for our Lord. We rejoice that in this effort our young people's department and Sunday School also have been enriched and increased. Thus far, in the two years of Brother Hoover's ministry with us 117 persons have been added to our fellowship. Our one desire is that we might grow in grace and wisdom together unto a fruitful testimony.

Greatly used of the Lord also was a recent series of prophetic messages, "God's Plan Through the Ages." Mr. Hoover delivered six lectures on consecutive Sunday evenings, using a 14-foot chart. Local interest and hunger for the Word ran so high that audiences of 600 and 700 people crowded out both auditoriums. "The Rapture" drew such crowds that more than 100 persons were of necessity seated in the church parlors to hear the message over loud speakers, others being turned away for lack of space.

During the week of April 3 to 8 we feasted on the Word of God as Dr. Arthur F. Wells, superintendent of Brookes Bible Institute of St. Louis, Mo., brought us a scholarly series of messages on "The I Am's of Christ." Myrtle Achterberg, Reporter.

**It Happened at the
Grace Baptist Church of Chicago,
Illinois at Easter**

Easter Sunday, April 17, was a glorious culmination of spiritual experiences of successive mountain-tops for the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., Early in the morning our Youth Fellowship conducted a sunrise service with Harold Gieseke as guest speaker. Breakfast followed immediately. The tables were attractively decorated with flowers and nests of artificial green grass containing colored eggs.

Both in the Sunday School and the morning worship record attendances



The Rev. William Hoover (Back Row, Center) of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Michigan and Thirty Converts Whom He Recently Baptized

heightened the inspiration and fellowship. Our Sunday School with Herbert Siumund as superintendent spread the Easter cheer in a novel way. Each one of the 150 persons present received a small begonia plant. How proudly the children hurried home with them!

The evening service was dedicated to music. Our church choir under the leadership of Mr. Dave Smart, organist and director, rendered inspiringly the cantata by Stainer, "The Crucifixion." Guest soloists for the occasion were Mr. George Zinn, tenor, and Mr. Irving Obergefell, bass. At the morning service the choir sang Haendel's, "Since by Man Came Death," and Mr. Helmuth Steinke, popular professional singer, a member of our church, sang with great feeling, "The Beatitudes" by Malotte and "The Holy City" by Adams.

A baptismal service featured Palm Sunday. It was our pastor's first bap-

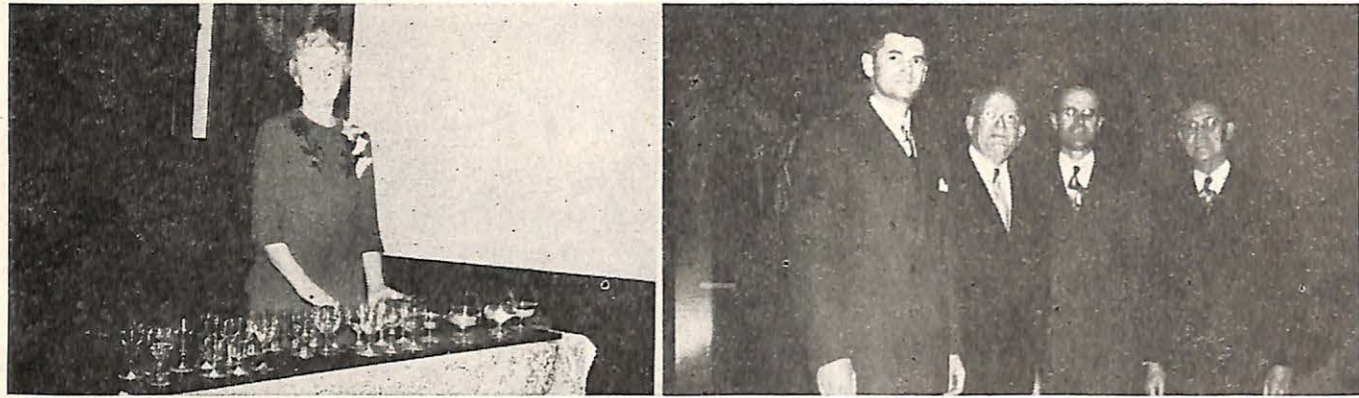
tismal service in the same baptistry in which he himself had confessed Christ as a young lad. At this occasion the Rev. W. L. Schoeffel led five adults and one Junior girl into the watery grave. Palm Sunday was also the last day of a series of evangelistic services in which the Rev. Ray L. Schlader of Racine, Wis., very ably assisted. The spiritual impact of these well attended meetings was profound and deep and several decisions for Christ cheered us in our work.

Good Friday was another great spiritual experience, for in spite of bad weather a large gathering attended our evening service. The platform was beautifully decorated with a large white cross surrounded by lilies and other Easter flowers and illuminated with flood-lights. That and the Lord's supper together impressed us profoundly with the full significance of Easter's message.

Mrs. Naomi Brock, Clerk.



The Rev. William L. Schoeffel of the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., and Six Baptismal Candidates Whom He Baptized on Palm Sunday



Mrs. Theo W. Pitt at the Musical Glasses During the 92nd Anniversary of the Central Baptist Church, New Haven, Conn., and (Right) the Reverends August Lutz, Wm. J. Appel, Alfred Weisser and George Hensel Who Participated in the Program

Special Evangelistic Meetings and Baptism of Fourteen Converts at Kankakee, Illinois

A new spirit of devotion has been evident among our people in the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois. Since the first of the year our mid-week prayer services have averaged a little better than fifty persons each week.

On Sunday evening, March 13, the church celebrated its 85th anniversary with a fellowship supper prepared and served by the Young People's Class. Miss Alma Salzman is the teacher. Reports for the year were given by the officers of the church and presidents of the various church organizations. The pastor, Rev. F. Y. Lower, showed colored slides of his recent visit to the San Luis Valley and of Mesa Verde, Colorado.

From March 20 through April 3 Lenten evangelistic services were held with Dr. Homer Hammontree, evangelist and Gospel singer, and Mr. David Christiansen, chalk artist and musician. The average attendance for the two weeks was 185 with 300 present for the Youth for Christ Rally. There were eight conversions during the meetings and on Sunday, April 3, thirty-six persons came to consecrate their lives to Christ. Twenty-four of these were young people yielding themselves in full surrender for service wherever the Lord might lead.

On Easter Sunday, April 17, fourteen candidates were baptized. Two others presented themselves for church membership on profession of faith and two by letter, making a total of eighteen persons added to the church at this time. We praise God for this increase and for the outpouring of his Spirit in our midst.

Fred Lower, Pastor.

Birthday Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Mt. Sterling, Missouri

With the singing of the song, "Ready to go, ready to stay, ready to do his will; ready for service lowly or great", the members of the Woman's Society of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Mo., expressed their desire to do their part in the Kingdom work. Newly organized, they gave their first public program on April 15

under the leadership of their president, Mrs. Arthur A. Voigt.

The pastor, Rev. Arthur Voigt, welcomed the goodly number of members and friends who had gathered in the little white church on the hill. The women then took over, serving with well-chosen songs, poems, and a violin solo. The treasurer's report showed a good balance on hand, and revealed the spirit of giving prevalent among the members. To the roll call the 13 members responded with words chosen from the story of the crucifixion.

The guest speaker was Mrs. Florence E. Schoeffel, president of the National Woman's Missionary Union. She spoke on the theme, "Crucify or Witness?", and challenged the women to witness for the risen Lord through the various activities of their society.

At the close of the program, ice cream and cake were served by the women, and a time of fellowship was enjoyed. All agreed that the evening had been full of rich blessings and would bear repeating. As one man expressed it, "You should have this once a week, not once a year!"

Florence E. Schoeffel, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Ninety-second Anniversary of the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn.

The Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., celebrated its 92nd anniversary on Sunday, April 10, with a special evening service. The Rev. Alfred Weisser, pastor of the church for the past 2½ years, conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. George Hensel of the Kings Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, and the Rev. August Lutz of the Liberty Street Baptist Church of Meriden. The anniversary sermon, an inspiring challenge for the future, was delivered by Dr. William J. Appel, assistant pastor of the Baptist Temple of Philadelphia, Pa., and the son of Rev. William Appel, pastor of the Central Baptist Church from 1882 to 1884.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. Theo. H. Pitt on the musical glasses, Mr. Herbert Nallinger on the violin, and by the church choir, under the di-

rection of Miss Mabel Lock. Miss Helena Spalty, president of the Ladies' Missionary Society, formally presented the newly laid rugs to the church on behalf of the Society.

Members of the sister churches of Meriden, Bridgeport and New Britain also attended to make this anniversary service a success. Following the program, refreshments, including an anniversary cake, were served.

Theo H. Pitt, Reporter.

Easter Services and Children's Work at the Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

The Lord has been blessing the various phases of children's work at the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. This is the second year of the Junior Bible Club, a club held each Friday evening from 7 to 8 o'clock for children seven years and older. The meetings have been well attended, and the Lord has blessed as several children have asked Jesus to come into their hearts.

There is also a "Little Jewels" Bible club for children of kindergarten and first grade age. Here, too, the Lord has blessed. On Wednesday afternoons the pastor, Rev. Robert S. Hess, teaches a Weekly Church class held at the church. A great deal of interest has been shown in the Beginner — Primary department, since it began last winter, and we are now looking forward to a new phase of our Sunday School work.

It will be a Sunday School Nursery Class for children two and three years old. A room is now being redecorated, and the class is expected to begin the first part of May. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

At 6 o'clock on Easter Sunday morning the young people met on the lawn of the church to glorify our risen Lord. Songs of the resurrection were sung, and testimonies given. The pastor spoke for a few minutes. Following the service, breakfast was served at the church. At the morning worship service, four young people were welcomed into the church fellowship. A baptismal service was held on Palm Sunday. The choir completed the Easter services with the presentation of the cantata, "Life Eternal."

Audrey Orange, Reporter.

New York Woman's Missionary Union Meets at the Ridgewood Church on May 19

The semi-annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of New York and vicinity will be held at the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Catalpa Avenue and 64th Place, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Thursday, May 19th.

In the afternoon meeting at 3 o'clock Mrs. H. J. Freeman will lead in the devotions, and Missionary Herman Becker will be guest speaker. No one needs to bring sandwiches along, because the Ladies of the Ridgewood Church will serve a supper.

The evening service will begin at 7:30 o'clock with a song service and the guest speaker will speak in the English language.

Johanna M. Husmann, Secretary.

Dakota Conference

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society at Carrington, North Dakota

The annual program of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, No. Dak., was held at the church on Wednesday evening, April 6th. The president, Mrs. Wilfred Meyer, opened the meeting with the audience singing hymns, accompanied by Mrs. August Felchle as pianist, and Mrs. Raymond Klein as accordionist. The Scripture was read by Mrs. Charles Siebold and the Rev. Wilmer Quiring led in prayer. The women of the society sang the hymn, "Calvary."

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Albert Leppke and the secretary's report by Mrs. Raymond Klein. Some of the highlights of this report were as follows: \$91 given to different mission projects, such as the Old People's Home at Bismarck, our newly organized church in Aberdeen, So. Dak., the Crippled Children's School at Jamestown, No. Dak., the Children's Home at St. Joseph, Michigan, and many things for hospital work in the Cameroons. The ladies participated in such projects as White Cross work, clothing for relief for Europe, and making improvements at the parsonage. Mrs. Henry Anweiler gave a reading, after which our offering was taken for the hospital work in the Cameroons. This amounted to \$43.63.

We were fortunate to have the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill. as our guest speaker. After a short address, he showed a film about our Cameroons mission in Africa. This was greatly enjoyed by a church that was filled to capacity.

Our election is held in May. The officers for the past year are: Mrs. Wilfred Meyer, president; Mrs. August Felchle, vice-president; Mrs. Raymond Klein, secretary; and Mrs. Andrew Klein, treasurer. Each year our Society strives to meet all requirements so we can be called a Gold Star Society. We have 31 members and 2 honorary members.

Mrs. Raymond Klein, Secretary.

Commencement at C.T.I.

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was brought by the Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, on the theme: "Workmen for the Master."

Thus, another school year at the Christian Training Institute was brought to a close. The occasion also marked the tenth year of activities in the Christian Training Institute. One is greatly impressed with the high spiritual standards of the Bible School. The choice young people coming from the many churches for a thorough Bible knowledge are most encouraging, to say the least.

The president, the Rev. E. P. Wahl, and the fine faculty deserve our respect, appreciation and continued prayerful support. These leaders and teachers are giving unselfishly of their time and talents for the building of Christian character and laying spiritual foundations in the lives of these young people that shall endure against the powers of evil for all time and prepare useful church leaders. Our entire denomination can be proud, in the real Christian sense, of this good Bible School doing untold good for our many Christian young people.

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can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

Jesus cared for their physical needs in preparation for his spiritual ministry. It was after they had dined, when Jesus brought Peter to his public testimony and charged him with a holy ministry. Let us never forget that a loaf of bread, an article of clothing, or a kind deed contains a great deal of Christianity. Often, it is the means of leading a lost soul to Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul puts it in these words, "Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

May it be true in our denominational family this year, that after Easter came Pentecost with a special outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon us, revitalizing our fellowship and service.

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Working With the Lord

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to all three. Every time she came she brought with her a long line of women. I am told that she is one who goes to the different quarters of her village and tells the people to come to church. She is a woman who is no longer young but still has numerous years of life on this earth, the Lord willing.

OBITUARY

LARRY EDWARD WUERCH of Warren, Manitoba

Larry Edward Wuerch, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wuerch of Warren, Manitoba, Canada was born on July 14, 1946 and passed away at the St. Boniface Hospital at Winnipeg, Manitoba on February 6, 1949. (The cause of death was pneumonia. The bereaved parents find their consolation in the words of Job: "The Lord has given, the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord!"

McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
DANIEL FUCHS, Pastor.

MRS. EFFIE PRUISNER of Parkersburg, Iowa

Mrs. Effie Pruisner, nee Huting, of Parkersburg, Iowa was born in Pleasant Valley Township, Grundy County, Iowa on June 6, 1878 and died suddenly on March 25, at the age of 72 years, 8 months and 18 days. In 1897 she was united in marriage to Mr. Hildert Pruisner. This union was dissolved in 1944 by the death of the husband.

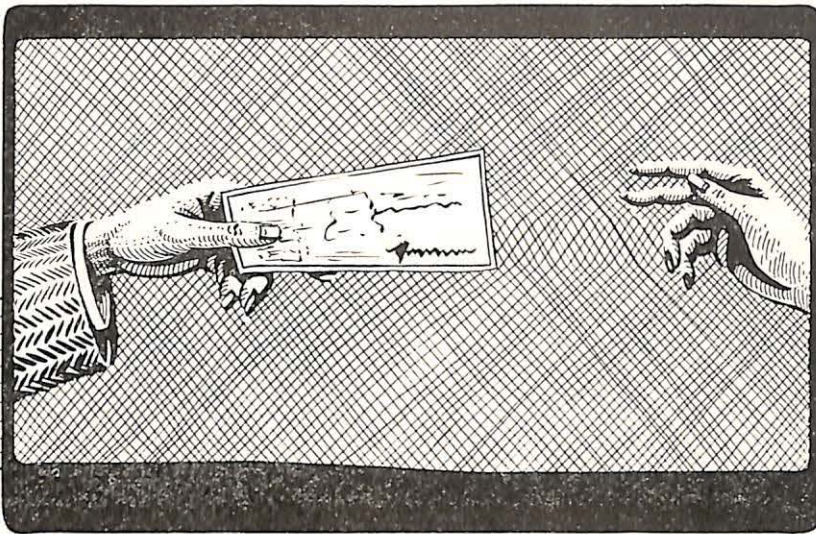
At 14 years of age, she was converted to God, and became a member of the Buck Grove Baptist Church, later transferring her membership to the Parkersburg Baptist Church of which she was a faithful and honored member. It was always a pleasure for her to lend a helping hand wherever she could, and she was always deeply grateful for the slightest favors given to her. Her kind and gentle ways will be missed by all who knew her. Three sons and one daughter, also 17 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, as well as other relatives and many friends mourn her departure.

Parkersburg, Iowa
H. LOHR, Pastor.

After one of my flannelgraph messages on the resurrection of Christ, she called me over to her and through an interpreter said, "I love God too much. I love the God story too much. Make the Mission no leave my country. Make the mission send more teachers for the far quarters of my country."

Again before my leaving Akwadja, she said, "If I no look Massa again, I go look Massa for up." In other words, she was confident of the life which was hers in Christ and that she fully expected to go to heaven and would see me there. For all of our efforts and expenditures in this area, if we only had one testimony such as this of the Queen of Akwadja, it would be worthwhile. But there are many more who in one sense or another have expressed their thanks for the work which the mission has done in teaching them. The Queen was one who was outspoken. Others are not, but they still would say the same thing.

So you have a picture again as to how the work is carried on here in the Cameroons and as to what the problems are which the missionary faces. We are continually waiting on the Lord for help and guidance and grace in declaring him. However, we do need the help of the people at home and ask of you to do your best with your prayers and gift supports.



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