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DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

ENGAGEMENTS

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Friday Evening, Nov. 18 — Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Installation of Rev. Robert Zimbelman, Pastor.

Sunday, Nov. 20 — New England Area.

Dr. William Kuhn

Sunday, Nov. 20 — State Park Church, Peoria, Ill.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Friday, Nov. 25 — Hurnville, Texas. Saturday, Nov. 26 — Youth Rally, Waco, Texas.

Sunday, Nov. 27 — Cottonwood Church, Texas, (Morning); Gatesville, Texas (Afternoon); Crawford, Texas (Evening).

Monday, Nov. 28 — Dallas, Texas. Wednesday, Nov. 30 — Donna, Texas.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner

Sunday, Nov. 20 — Ashley, North Dakota.

Sunday, Nov. 27 — Clay St. Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Rev. Henry Pfeifer

Nov. 15-27 — Herreid and Artas, So. Dak.

Nov. 28-Dec. 11 — Streeter, No. Dakota.

"YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS" for young people's meetings.

December 4, 1949 — "Into the Rising Sun" by Mr. Jay Hirth, Chicago, Illinois.

December 11, 1949 — "How Do I Know That I Am Saved" by Rev. Henry F. K. Hengstler, Los Angeles, California.

THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 20 to Sunday, Nov. 27.

Offerings to Be Received in All of Our Churches for Our Denominational and Mission Advance for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Remember to Pray Earnestly and to Give Generously!

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AMONG OURSELVES

It is almost impossible to keep up with the fast moving developments that concern our Seminary. Our School of the Prophets has moved to Sioux Falls, So. Dak., to the campus of Sioux Falls College and its new address, Box 451, Sioux Falls, So. Dak. The old buildings in Rochester, N. Y., have been sold for \$55,000 cash. Agreements with Colgate-Rochester Divinity School have been reached for a settlement of endowment funds. The contracts for the new Seminary building in Sioux Falls have been awarded and construction work has already started. The newly appointed Seminary Fund Raising Committee has met and laid plans for an intensive drive for \$225,000 during January and February 1950. That's ADVANCING!

IN THIS ISSUE

This number makes "a joyful noise unto the Lord" with thanksgiving. The song of gratitude is raised by the Rev. John Wobig in his sermon. Thanksgiving in action is outlined by the Rev. J. C. Gunst and Dr. George A. Lang in their articles. Great rejoicing is heard on the Indian mission field and seen in the testimonies of the Indian mission workers in this number. Two 75th anniversary reports sound the same note for their respective congregations. It's a doxology of praise from cover to cover in this Thanksgiving number!

COMING

Bender Is Still Remembered! The dedication of the memorial plaque in honor of the late Rev. Carl J. Bender of Africa will be described with articles by Missionaries Edwin Michelson and Esther Schultz and by several striking pictures.

One Week Before Judgment! This sermon by the Rev. Kenneth Nelson of Gatesville, Texas will be a stirring challenge to every reader with its earnest evangelistic appeal.

The Gospel and the Children's Home — The ministry of our denomination to homeless children through our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Michigan is depicted by its superintendent, Rev. A. F. Runtz, in time for the Christmas season.

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Hands of Gratitude

"LIFT UP YOUR HANDS in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord." In these striking words (Ps. 134:2) the Psalmist is describing hands of gratitude as an outward symbol of the thanksgiving of the heart. It is noteworthy that such hands, lifted up in the sanctuary, are symbolic of various guides to gratitude.

All of us are acquainted with the folded hands of prayer. Thanksgiving is fundamentally "giving thanks to God" — "blessing the Lord." Christian gratitude begins with folded hands, acknowledging God "in all thy ways," giving him all the glory for life's blessings. There can be no real Thanksgiving Day apart from folded hands and bended knees in prayer. Only such who have learned this truth will be able to "lift up the hands which hang down and the feeble knees" (Heb. 12:12) and to "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Heb. 12:1).

We are also familiar with the handclasp of friendship. In the Browning Room of Baylor University, Waco, Texas, you can see a life-like reproduction of the hands of Robert Browning and his wife, clasped tenderly in loving understanding. Friendship is essentially the losing of oneself in devotion to another. Christian friendship should be the height of this devotion, since it is the outgrowth of all that is done in the Name and Spirit of Christ. "In noble hearts the feeling of gratitude has all the ardor of a passion," as Poincelot wrote. The passion of the Christian for OTHERS, symbolized by the clasping of hands, makes his life an adventure of joy and thanksgiving.

There is also the outstretched hand of service. The Lord Jesus Christ is pictured in many stained glass windows of our churches with outstretched hands bidding all to come unto him. For he came to this earth not to be ministered unto but to minister to others. As his disciples we are commissioned to serve. There can be no real gratitude to God, without the outstretched hand of service to others. For this is one of God's commandments: "That he who loveth God love his brother also" (1 John 4:21).

Last but not least, there is the open hand, a symbol of giving. That is thanksgiving in action. It is the outward demonstration of inner gratitude. It should always follow the lifting up of your hands in the sanctuary. It definitely belongs to this thanksgiving season.

The most thankful people have always been generous in their dealings with others. They have learned the secret of blessedness in sharing the good things of their lives with others. They have regarded the things in their possession as a trust from God to be used in advancing his Kingdom and bringing happiness and blessing to others. Their gratitude is more than a profession of words; it is the overflow of gifts in the ministry of hands that are always open to give to others.

What will your gift be with the open hand of gratitude during the Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week from November 20 to 27? Those of our people will stand in God's holy place to praise him who have generous hands and thankful hearts!

BIBLE TEXT

"And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only" (Matthew 17:8).

Thanksgiving is a blessed experience only when it magnifies Jesus Christ. He is the Source of all our spiritual blessings. He is the Author of our salvation. He is the Sustainer of eternal life. The accompanying editorial describes hands that are lifted up in praise and thanksgiving. The above Bible text refers to the eyes of the disciples that were lifted up in courage and gratitude to Christ on the Mount of Transfiguration. In John 4:35 Jesus challenges his followers to lift up their eyes upon the harvest fields of the world. In everything — our worship services, our pilgrimage of life, our missionary outreach — the Name of Christ must have the preeminence. He is the focal point of our thanksgiving, the embodiment of our gratitude. At this Thanksgiving Season we want to see and know and honor Jesus Christ ONLY!

THANKSGIVING WEEK

The observance of our denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week from Sunday, Nov. 20, to Sunday, Nov. 27, is at hand. Some opportunity for missionary giving will be given to our people in every church. The needs have been described in our publications. The advance in which our denomination is engaged ought to inspire every heart. There is work to be done. There are souls to save. There are missionary fields to occupy. God's business requireth haste. It deserves our best gifts and most prayerful concern. Only as we pray and give with sacrificial earnestness will the blessings of the Thanksgiving Season be multiplied a thousandfold for us. This is your opportunity to do something EXTRAORDINARY for Jesus Christ in thankfulness for his EXTRAORDINARY blessings for you.

ANNUAL PREVIEW

The 1950 ANNUAL is receiving unusual attention from the editor and printers for its dramatic debut in December! This publication with its 68 pages crammed with wonderful articles and profusely illustrated with more than 80 pictures is "tops" with our people. The printing of 5000 copies is usually exhausted by April 1st. It's the biggest bargain for spiritual enrichment at fifty cents a copy.

The 1950 ANNUAL will feature the story of Russell H. Conwell of Philadelphia, Pa., the famous Baptist preacher whose lecture on "Acres of Diamonds" was delivered thousands of times. It will present articles about every phase of our denominational work besides giving a biographical sketch of all our ministers. Watch for further announcements! It is with pride that we are preparing the 1950 ANNUAL for the eager reader!

The Christian's Duty of Thankfulness

A Sermon for the Thanksgiving Season by the REV. JOHN WOBIG,
Pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

NOT ALONE because the president of our nation, seconded by the governors of the states have recommended and requested a Day of Thanksgiving do we assemble in our churches and at various gatherings joyfully to obey their summons, but chiefly because God, the Supreme Ruler of the universe, has bidden us to render such gratitude for bountiful blessings bestowed.

In the mind of the Apostle Paul there dwelt some splendid ideals, as is evidenced by the advice given in his letter to the church at Colosse. In the third chapter of his epistle to the Colossians he first shows how the Gospel as a standard for life over against any substitution of a mystic knowledge raises us with Christ and makes us sharers of his life, supplying our desires with heavenly thoughts.

He then urges us to put off certain things that vitiate the Christian life and prevent its beauty from becoming manifest, beseeching the believers to disrobe themselves completely from their sinful past. Then he calls upon them to put on elements of the finest character and to open their hearts as a dwellingplace for God's peace.

Finally, he shows how all is to be accomplished by the spirit of thankfulness as he says, "And be ye thankful." The people of God can never dwell in an unthankful heart. If we rightly adjust ourselves to God, we shall have 365 thanksgiving days every year.

GOD DEMANDS GRATITUDE

From this portion of Scripture let us consider several elements of thankfulness. The words, "Be ye thankful," point out that thanksgiving is an obligation, yea, an imperative duty. It is to be a product of the will or of the intentional life. The duty of thankfulness was the constant theme of the Apostle Paul with upwards of thirty references. Paul always found some reason for thanksgiving. The Psalmist also commands us, "Give thanks unto God for he is good." Anything that is done for us that we cannot do for ourselves ought to demand our gratitude to God.

How good God has been! He has given us life, a place to live, our redemption through the gift of his Son, the manifold spiritual and material blessings, and the provision of a



Pilgrims Giving Thanks to God for His Bountiful Blessings

future home. His goodness demands our thanks.

The story is told of a man who found an \$18,000 bank draft in the lobby of a hotel. He immediately spread the news about it, thinking that the person who lost it must be very anxious to have it returned. Soon a man did come to claim it, but instead of expressing his thanks he rebuked the finder by saying, "Why didn't you take the check to the bank; you caused me a great deal of trouble."

In like manner many of us treat the Lord as we receive all the bounties of life from him in that kind of a spirit. It is only as we realize our own obligation of thankfulness to God for his goodness that real gratitude will spring from our hearts and speak from our lips.

On another occasion Paul said, "In everything give thanks." He knew how to do it even in trial and suffering. We must learn to be thankful when days are dark as well as when the sun shines. We can only appreciate the one as we experience the other. To be thankful in affliction is to appreciate one's health.

To the Philippians Paul writes, "I thank God for every remembrance of you." That demands our gratitude, love and thanksgiving to the person who offers us some new thought, or creates some new object of beauty, or finds some untrodden path in the world around us, or sings some new melody to cheer our way. On this Thanksgiving Day, like Paul, let us remember our friends and be thankful for them and the contributions they have made to make our lives more pleasant. Thanksgiving is a duty most acceptable to God and most profitable for man.

BLESSINGS AWAKEN GRATITUDE

Again, these words of the apostle show that thanksgiving should be combined with every blessing. Paul exhorts us to consider our thankfulness in special connection with the experience of our new birth, the experience of forgiveness, and the enjoyment of peace. Only he who has fully experienced the forgiveness and peace of God can be truly thankful. Our Christian faith would not live long if we would cease being grateful.

A chaplain once told of a soldier who had been converted through the song of a soloist who sang at a chapel meeting. Soon afterwards, a "thank you" for bringing to him the message of salvation and the resulting peace of God if that salvation is accepted. The blessing of being saved made the heart thankful.

So it should be with regard to every providence and blessing. How often do we praise God for the common things? Do we not often forget? A teacher once suggested to his class of boys such things as their homes, friends, church, health, food and clothing to be thankful for during the Thanksgiving Season. One of the boys replied, "But they don't count, they are just common things."

An old lady is said always to have found something to grumble about. Then one year she had a bumper potato crop and the village parson said to her, "Granny, for once you ought to be pleased." She retorted, "Well, they are not so poor, but where are the poor ones for the pigs?" How different from that other old lady who lived in a dingy north room and never saw the sunshine who, being reminded of it, said, "But I see it on the neighbor's window." Every blessing should

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The Seminary's Relocation to Sioux Falls

The new chapter in our Seminary's history calls for the prayerful and financial support of our people everywhere

By Dr. GEORGE A. LANG,
President of the North American Baptist Seminary

AFTER ten years or more of investigation regarding relocation, the General Conference in August of this year passed the resolution to open the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota this Fall. Two conditions were laid down before a real opening could be accomplished. First, the sale of our property in Rochester, New York, and secondly, the securing of a favorable agreement with Colgate-Rochester Divinity School respecting the endowment fund, which our mother institution has been managing so efficiently and graciously for us since about the beginning of this century.

ROCHESTER BUILDING SOLD

A committee consisting of Dr. H. Theodore Sorg, Dr. Paul J. Trudel, Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Mr. Edwin Marklein and President George A. Lang worked most faithfully at this task. Dr. Sorg made weekly trips to Rochester from his home at Newark, N. J., to interview prospective buyers of the Seminary property and to confer with the authorities of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School. A cash offer of \$55,000 for our entire property was secured. The Divinity School presented an agreement which gives our Seminary \$75,430 from the endowment fund and terminates all former agreements.

Since the laws of the state of New York require that the sale of any religious property in the state must be approved by at least two-thirds of the full membership of the Board of Trustees in a meeting especially called for the purpose of deciding on the specific sale, the Seminary Board with the General Council of the denomination met in Forest Park, Illinois, on Saturday, October 15th. The Board of Trustees which had 100 percent attendance voted unanimously for this specific sale of the property and placed the \$55,000 into the fund for the new Seminary building. The favorable agreement with Colgate-Rochester Divinity School was approved wholeheartedly by the Board and the \$75,430 were allocated to the Seminary Endowment Fund which now amounts to over \$225,000. The General Council unanimously voted its approval of these transactions.

Much activity was found in the halls, classrooms and dormitory rooms of the old Students' Home at 246 Alexander Street, Rochester, New York immediately on return of personnel from the Sioux Falls Conference. It was no small task to pack and to move the library books, seminary equipment and professors' possessions. Superintendent of buildings, Mr. Okko De Boer most efficiently managed the packing and supervising of the removal at the Rochester end, with Professor R. P. Jeschke overseeing the library. Four of the largest moving vans were required to transport the goods to Sioux Falls.

MOVING DAY!

Dr. A. S. Felberg was sent in advance to Sioux Falls as faculty representative with the purpose of finding housing for the faculty and married students and to help the pre-theological students matriculate in Sioux Falls College. The housing problem was well handled by Dr. Felberg but it is a most difficult one in Sioux Falls. No member of the faculty has as yet found a satisfactory permanent dwelling. We are hoping, praying and looking for such accommodations.

It was a day of rejoicing when the faculty and students met together in the library room in Meredith Hall on the campus of Sioux Falls College for Registration Day on Monday, October 17th. Regular theological classes commenced on Tuesday, October 18th. To our great delight 43 men and women have registered for part-time or full-time classes. Fifteen of these had already enrolled in pre-theological classes in Sioux Falls College on September 12th. There are six in the entering class. Meredith Hall houses the single men students of the Seminary. On its first floor one classroom and our library are located. The college chapel building is likewise used as a classroom and for faculty offices.

EVERYBODY IS HAPPY!

Classes have thus begun and the faculty is again busy in the classes. Dr. Firman A. Early was appointed by the faculty to serve as instructor in theology this year. Dr. Early is a graduate of Howard Payne College and Southern Baptist Theological

Seminary at Louisville, Kentucky and has been professor of philosophy and religion at Sioux Falls College for six years.

The adjustments which must be made for living and operating in limited quarters are accepted good naturedly by both faculty and students alike. The college treats us kindly as they too must make adjustments. So "adjusting" has become a pleasantry as we look forward to the completion of our new seminary building.

A spirit of triumph and praise to God was much in evidence in our chapel service when summer experiences were recounted. The students spoke of spiritual victories in Vacation Bible Schools, house visitations, quartet programs, young people's camps, worship and revival services. Souls were saved; lives were blessed. What triumphs of the Lord!

Following the resolutions of the General Conference at the joint meeting of the Board of Trustees and General Council on October 15th, it was decided to make Sioux Falls the permanent location of the Seminary and to award contracts for the construction of our new building. These contracts were let on Monday, October 17th. In the afternoon of that day the contractor's shanty was moved on our property. Digging for the foundation is about completed at this writing. Strenuous efforts are being made to get the concrete footings in before cold weather and to proceed with the construction of the building as far as possible before winter really begins. Thus, building has already begun and with it has come a buoyant spirit in our Seminary family at Sioux Falls.

BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN

The committee in charge of the campaign for raising funds for the construction of the Seminary building was appointed by the General Council and consists of the Secretarial Staff, Mr. Arthur Schwerin, Mr. Fred A. Grosser and President George A. Lang, with Rev. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary, as chairman. Mr. Arthur Schwerin has been selected as Campaign Manager, and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner as Director of Publicity. Everyone else on the committee

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NOT ALL PEOPLE get the significance of the Harvest Season. Many individuals enjoy the results or benefits of a harvest, but they are not always able to appreciate its full meaning. Generally speaking, we have in mind material things when we think of harvest. It is significant also that we think of a spiritual harvest. The Harvest of Talents in a real sense can be both spiritual and material, both visible and invisible.

A harvest is the result, or a crop reaped, from a seed sown. So we have a harvest of grain, fruit, vegetables, and so on. There may be also a harvest of souls. That is the result of planting or sowing the Word of God. It is the grace and salvation of God manifested in the life of the believer.

TALENTS OF ABILITY

To speak of a harvest of talents takes on still another form. A talent is referred to in the Bible as both a material substance but also a service rendered or deed performed. In the Old Testament reference is made to a talent of gold (Exodus 25:29), also to a talent of silver (1 Kings 20:39) having purchasing value.

In the New Testament a similar reference is made in Matthew 18:24 where the servant owed his Lord ten thousand talents. In the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-30) the Lord speaks of five, two, and one talent to be put into special use. The servant using the talent to good advantage received in exchange more talents. The one who made no use of his talent was deprived of what he had.

A talent in our day has also come to mean eminent ability. That is to say, a person who possesses a talent is endowed with special skill and power to a degree higher than the person without that talent.

In this brief message we want to confine ourselves to the talents with which our churches and denomination are blessed in the talents of our young people. This being a Thanksgiving message, we want to remind you how grateful we need to be to God for so many consecrated young people who use their skills and power to his honor and the advancement of his Kingdom. A large number of our Christian young people each year prepare for special service as they attend Christian schools. Some prepare in seminaries, some in colleges, still others in Bible Schools. All of them have in mind to put their God-given talents to better use after their training.

STUDENT SERVICE PLAN

Last summer a host of our students went out into our churches under the Student Service Plan. To give

The Harvest of Talents

A Message for the Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week
by the REV. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary
of the Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union

you something concrete for which to be grateful, let me list the names of these young men and women, the places where they are from, where they served, and some of their achievements.

Lawrence Bienert of Leduc, Alta., Canada, seminary student, served in the Southern Conference.

Ertman Bredin of Kelowna, B. C., Canada, Bible School student, served at Osoyoos, British Columbia.

Fred David, seminary student, served in his home church, the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa.

John Engel of Medicine Hat, Alta., Canada, Bible School student, served at Lashburn, Sask.

Eleanor Folkerts of Victor, Iowa, college student, served at Beatrice, Nebraska.

Harold Gieseke of Trenton, Ill., seminary student, served as a conference worker at various assemblies.

Geraldine Glasenapp of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., college student, worked in her home church.

Shirley Granzow of Forest Park, Ill., college student, served in the San Luis Valley of Colorado on our Spanish-American mission field.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Hardy Hoffmann of Springside, Sask., seminary students served the churches in Onoway and Glory Hills, Alta., Canada.

Eldon Janzen of Morris, Manitoba, Canada, seminary student, served the Evergreen Church in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Eric Jeschke of Nokomis, Sask., seminary student, served in Killaloe, Ontario, Canada.

Bernice Kern of Millet, Alta., a Christian Training Institute student, served on the Bull and Pigeon Lake Indian Reserves in Alberta, Canada.

Edwin Kern of Millet, Alta., seminary student, served in the Bull and Pigeon Lake Indian Reserves in Alberta.

Alfonz Lamprecht of Camrose, Alberta, seminary student, served in the Southern Conference.

Ellen Lehr of Aplington, Iowa, teacher, served in the Southwestern Conference.

STUDENTS IN ACTION

Martha Leypoldt of Milwaukee, Wis., seminary student, served in two summer assemblies.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Maier of Medicine Hat, Alta., C.T.I. students, served in the Peace River District of Alberta, Canada.

Luanna Majeske of Midland, Mich., Baptist Missionary Training School student, served in the Humboldt Park Church in Chicago, Ill.

Willy Muller of Herbert, Sask., seminary student, served the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., Can.

Ida Mae Nordland of Forest Park, Ill., seminary student, served in her home church and at Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Fred Pahl, a Christian Training Institute student, served in Hilda, Alta., Canada.

Eveleen Rumpel of Ochre River, Manitoba, a Christian Training Institute student, served in the Bull and Pigeon Indian Reserves in Alberta, Canada.

Ramona Schacht of Lorraine, Kansas, college student, served in the San Luis Valley of Colorado on our Spanish-American mission field.

Reinhart Schalin of Lockwood, Sask., seminary student, served in Midland, Michigan.

Meta Stober of Winnipeg, Manitoba, a Christian Training Institute student, served in the Bull and Montana Indian Reserves in Alberta.

Walter Sukut of Napoleon, N. D., seminary student, served at Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Manuel Wolff of Grand Forks, N. D., college student, served in his home church.

DEMONSTRATION OF TALENTS

Almost all of these students served in Vacation Bible Schools. Altogether they brought 585 messages, some preaching at various occasions in churches. A total of 3,796 calls were made by these students and 50 souls were saved under their ministry. They served in eight conferences and approximately 42 churches.

You realize that space does not permit to mention all the many people who hold offices in our 21 assemblies in our conference and regional union organizations.

As we look to God in gratitude this Thanksgiving season, we thank him for the many material gifts so near at hand and for our own advantage. Let us not forget also to think of our many spiritual blessings. Especially let us be thankful for special God-given talents to our great host of young people who have so ably learned to put these talents to good use in Christ's service through the churches and denomination.

Worldwide Bible Reading Program

An Important Announcement for the Days from Thanksgiving to Christmas

THE SIXTH annual Worldwide Bible Reading Program, which is sponsored by the American Bible Society, will start on Thanksgiving, November 24 and end on Christmas Day. The theme that has been selected for this year is "The Book to Live By."

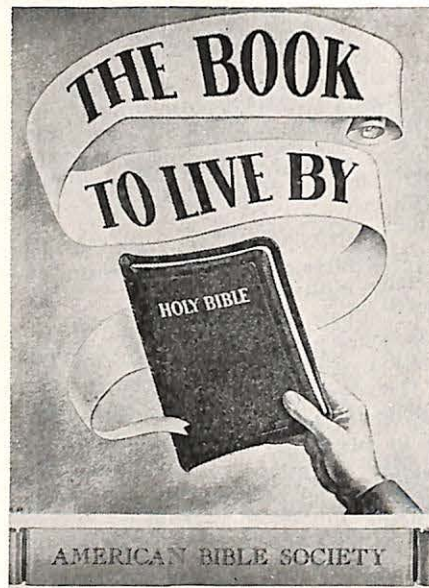
"I believe it is very important for people to set aside and keep a regular daily time for reading of the Bible," declares Miss Faith Baldwin, a member of the National Sponsoring Committee that lends its support to the Bible Society in the promotion of the program. "I shall use the Bookmark, that contains the list of daily Bible readings myself," Miss Baldwin commented. Miss Baldwin is one of the most popular writers of today, her books being noteworthy for stressing the best in traditions of American idealism.

For the 32-day reading program, the Bible Society has prepared a list of daily Bible readings in the form of a bookmark, which fits conveniently in the Bible. Last year more than twelve million of the bookmarks were distributed in response to requests the Society received. (Copies of this bookmark may be had by writing to the editor of "The Herald," Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois and stating your request.)

The Worldwide Bible Reading Program is also observed in those areas covered by the Bible Society's twelve foreign agencies. The bookmarks are printed in the languages spoken in those countries, which include Chinese, Arabic, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish.

Some part of the Bible has now appeared in 1,108 languages and dialects, according to a report issued by Dr. Eugene Nida, secretary for translation of the American Bible Society. "No book has such worldwide circulation as the Bible," Dr. Nida declares. "Last year Scriptures appeared in new languages for people 300 miles north of the Arctic Circle as well as the steaming jungles of Africa. Africa is an awakened continent," said Dr. Nida who returned recently from a six months' tour of African missions. "Nowhere is there such a rapid growth of literacy and such an insatiable demand for Scriptures."

"There are still over three hundred languages of Africa into which no part of the Bible has been translated, and in many others the available Scripture portions are entirely too small to meet the requirements of a grow-



ing Church, which is being pressed by Mohammedanism on the one hand and by irresponsible, politically violent propaganda on the other."

Home for Medical Treatment

An Open Letter to "Baptist Herald" Readers Written on Oct. 18

by the REV. EDWIN MICHELSON, Missionary

GOOD NEWS and bad are all a part of our African life. However, we were startled when it was made known to us that we were to end our second term of missionary service abruptly and return to America for medical purposes. I have developed an abdominal growth, the full nature of which is not yet determined. Dr. Chaffee had to make this decision since there is no equipment in all Africa for the treatment of such a tumor.

I am now at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota for examination and treatment. As I write this the results of the examination are not known and will not be disclosed for

LATEST REPORT

On Saturday, Oct. 22, the Rev. Edwin Michelson underwent the operation for the removal of the tumor at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. The operation was successful, but it will be necessary for Mr. Michelson to stay in this country for about six months for further treatment and observation. Letters to him can be addressed to Anamoose, North Dakota.

The following Bible passages are to be read daily — Thanksgiving Day to Christmas!

Thanksgiving, Nov. 24	Psalms 23
Friday	Psalms 27
Saturday	Psalms 103
Sunday, Nov. 27	Isaiah 35
Monday	Romans 12
Tuesday	Isaiah 55
Wednesday	1 Corinthians 13
Thursday, Dec. 1	John 14
Friday	Psalms 8
Saturday	Revelation 21:1-7
Sunday, Dec. 4	2 Timothy 2
Monday	Micah 6:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 17:16-34
Wednesday	Revelation 22:1-7
Thursday	John 3:1-17
Friday	1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
Saturday	Mark 4:1-20
Universal Bible Sunday,	
Dec. 11	2 Chronicles 7:11-13
Monday	John 4:1-14
Tuesday	Luke 10:25-37
Wednesday	Matthew 25:31-46
Thursday	Exodus 20:1-17
Friday	Matthew 6:5-15
Saturday	Psalms 119:33-40
Sunday, Dec. 18	John 1:1-14
Monday	Matthew 5:1-12
Tuesday	Isaiah 9:2-7
Wednesday	Romans 8:12-39
Thursday	1 Corinthians 15:35-58
Friday	Isaiah 40
Saturday	Isaiah 53
Christmas, Dec. 25	Luke 2

another week. Neither do we know just why the Lord allowed all this to come to pass. As always we trust in him, knowing that he cares and that the prayers of many are ours to claim. "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:6).

After two weeks of packing and preparation, we found ourselves on the same banana boat that brought us out last year. The trip from Tiko, Africa to Liverpool, England in the company of 100,000 bunches of bananas was most pleasant and restful. We missed connections in England and had to wait eleven days for the "S.S. America" to take us to New York City, arriving there on October 7th. We hit a storm on the Atlantic which put some grown-ups into bed, but our children, Paul and Judith, enjoyed it all. They learned new things every hour, it seems.

We trust that our stay at home will not be long and that it is in God's plan to have us return to the work and the people we love. We know they are waiting for us and the further teaching of the Good News in Africa.

God's Witness to the Alberta Indians

The Inspiring Story of Six Christian Young People Who Served as Summer Workers Among the Indians on the Montana, Bull, Pigeon Lake and Stoney Reserves of Alberta, Canada

By the REV. FRED W. BENKE of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada,
District Missionary of the Northern Conference

THE PROVINCE of Alberta in Canada recently received considerable attention because of its rich and manifold natural resources. But it is also a province that has mission opportunities and possibilities. Although improved road conditions have made it much easier to reach the different scattered mission appointments, yet there are a number of settlements that require the most that is within us for the glory of God and the salvation of mankind. Our student mission workers of this past summer have also heard the call: "Who will volunteer to labor in this harvest field of mine?"

They have also manifested the spirit of the Master, who went about doing good. They were willing, amid discomforts and hardships, to venture out for the Lord, telling "the sweet story of Jesus" and his love to others, irrespective of race, age, class or nationality.

All of our workers who are here reporting about their services have been in mission work among the Indians, some for full-time, others part-

time. Besides these, there were two Christian young women from the Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church who assisted gratis in the Indian mission work. They are Fay and Hilda Strohschein.

Then there were also several of the students appointed under the Youth Service Goal who served the Lord in other types of service in white settlements, especially in the Peace River District. There too several of the young people of the Valleyview Baptist Church served without any monetary return in the Lord's work. They are Christian Hufnagel, Bob Sutherland, Joseph Hufnagel and Lydia Hufnagel. We are also thankful to the fine Christian families that opened their homes to the Christian workers, both for those who worked among the Indians as well as those in the Peace River District.

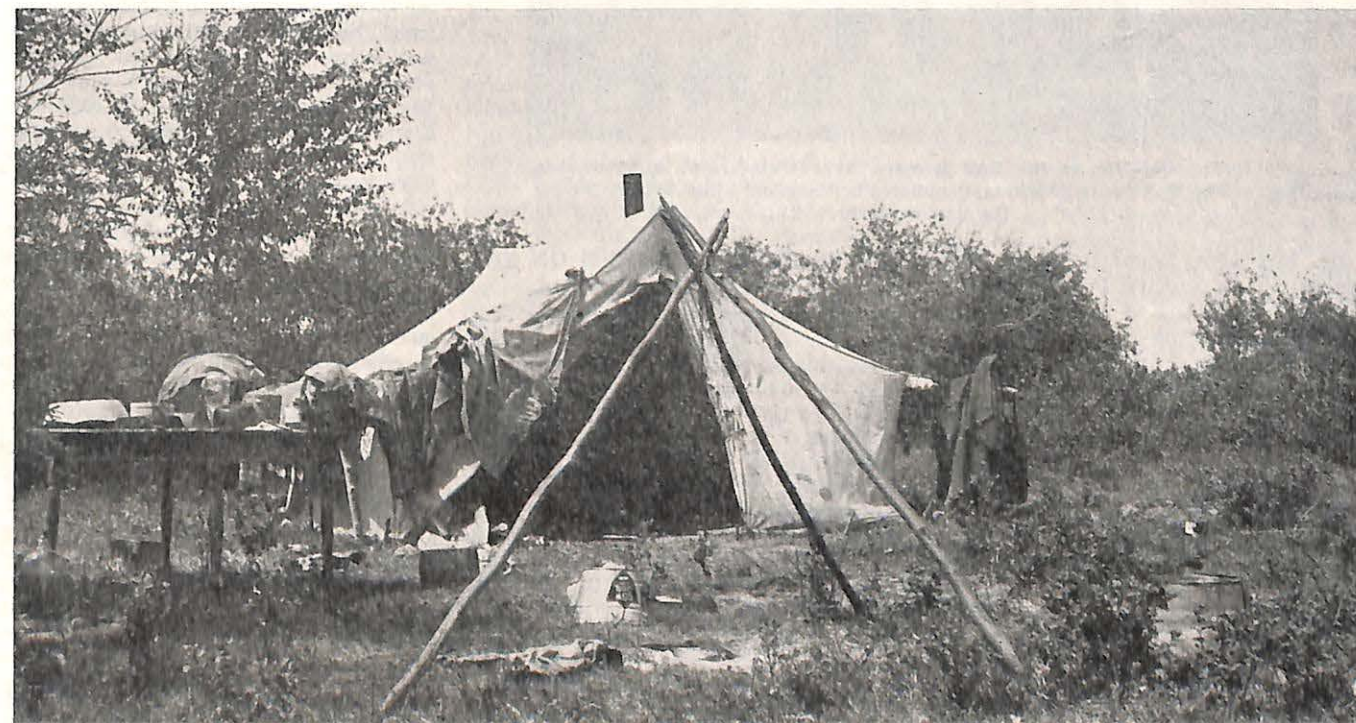
OUR INDIAN FRIENDS

Our Indian friends have proven themselves friends, indeed. How the older people prayed and were concerned about the services! The young

people were eager to know more of the Christian life and to follow the Christ, whom to know is to have Eternal Life. How the children showed ability in art work and in the memorizing of the Bible verses. How willingly they participated in the services and sang "the Jesus' Songs."

The words of the famous Missionary among the Indians of former times is so applicable for our times and age also; "The most reliable and progressive Crees are those who have learned from the early missionaries the habit of reading daily a portion of the Holy Scripture, and the Church is strongest when the redeeming Word of God has interpenetrated the life of its members" (Edgerton Young). All our student mission workers were much concerned about the spiritual needs of our dear Indians, the natives of our country, and took readily to them as their friends.

Besides the regular duties of mission work our students and myself also paid frequent visits to the Indian Tuberculosis Hospital in Edmonton and in the Name of Christ brought



The Primitive Indian Home of Lady Three Fingers on the Bull Reserve, a 90 Year Old Christian Indian Saint, to Whom Missionary Workers Come to Bring Comfort from God's Word

messages of Christian cheer through words of prayer and testimony, song and through the printed page.

These six devoted servants of the Lord, except one, spent three months in a devoted ministry for their Lord and Master. The total of their efforts can be summed up: House and hospital visits were made, sermons, testimonies and children's talk were given, many songs were sung, a number of classes were taught, hundreds of tracts were distributed, and a number of precious souls were won for the Lord.

Miss Meta Stober of Morris, Manitoba served during the months of May, June and July on the Bull Reserve, at the Bible Conference at Valleyview, on the Montana Indian Reserve and Sylvan Lake Junior Camp.

Miss Bernice Kern of Leduc, Alberta devoted her talents in Indian mission work at Pigeon Lake and on the Bull Reserve for the months of May, June and July.



Two Indian Children of the Bull Reserve Near Wetaskiwin, Alta., Canada Where Our Missionary Workers Conducted a Vacation Bible School During the Past Summer

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Maier gave themselves in service for the Master during the months of June, July and August among the Indians at Hobema and among Indians and whites in the Peace River District.

Miss Eveleen Rumpel carried on mission work among the Indians at Pigeon Lake and on the Bull Reserve from June 12 to September 4.

Mr. Edwin Kern worked for the Lord Jesus Christ in his vineyard among the Indians on the Bull Reserve and at Pigeon Lake during the months of July and August.

This eventful summer of activities by the students and myself came to a close when two of the students, Leonard Maier and Edwin Kern, came along with me to visit the Stoney Indian Reserve at Nordegg, Alberta.

Here there is no church of any denomination. Under the blue canopy of God's glory and the star-lit skies, the Gospel meetings were held. We were deeply touched as many a hand went up requesting prayer and as heart-felt petitions ascended to the throne of God from the lips of the natives and the mission workers.

Especially impressive was also the dedication of the three Indian children, whom their parents wanted to be brought to the Lord in early childhood. Brother Joe Rabbit, the able interpreter, and grandfather of the three children who himself had come to the saving knowledge of Christ the Lord and had followed Christ in baptism a year ago assisted in Word, prayer and song.

May we all sing and say:

"To the work, to the work,
We are servants of God;
Let us follow the path
That our Savior has trod!"

The baptismal service held there will be a never-to-be-forgotten day for me. To see the happy faces of this number and to hear their testimonies was most touching and brought moistness to the eyes of many a listener and onlooker. The fields are white unto harvest. There is a longing for something more secure in the lives of these peoples and they are most attentive when the Word of God is brought to them. The sincere prayers for forgiveness and a better understanding of the Word of God are most touching.

Countless blessings have been mine while visiting the sick in the Indian tuberculosis hospital. How much they appreciate these visits as they lie there, some many miles from their loved ones, and how eagerly they accept tracts and other Christian literature given to them. Quietness comes over the ward as God's Word is read and special numbers in song are sung. It is a joy to visit with these people and the hour passes much too quickly.

During my term of service I took part in 65 house and hospital visits, 42 special songs, gave 19 children's talks, six testimonies in services conducted, taught 28 classes and distributed 151 tracts.

A TESTIMONY FOR CHRIST AMONG THE INDIANS

By Miss BERNICE KERN of Millet, Alberta.

Truly, I can say that every minute of my time spent in doing mission work among the dear Indian people has been enjoyed. And I feel that it has not been in vain.

A memorable experience came to me one day when the Indians brought to the mission a little boy who was not expected to live. As we were about to apply a mustard plaster to the little fellow, some of the older Indians in the room began to murmur among themselves in their native Cree tongue. It seemed that they had changed their minds and did not want us to continue our treatment. With a prayerful spirit we finally persuaded them that it wouldn't hurt the child in any way. The Lord answered our prayer and did give Wayne, the Indian boy, health again. To show us their appreciation for what we had done for them, the Indians asked us to come over one afternoon to have a short service for them.

Our Indian Woman's Mission Circle meetings were very well attended. We took up the study, "Women of the Bible." The only way we could see whether they were getting something out of this study was by having a quiz afterwards. They were very attentive and answered the questions. After our worship period the Indian women fellowshiped together doing their sewing and chatting. Never did we have a dull or lonesome moment. A

day never passed by during which an Indian did not come to visit us.

My earnest prayer is that my walk and talk with the Indian friends has been a testimony for Jesus.

MEMORABLE IMPRESSIONS OF OUR INDIAN MISSION FIELD

By Mr. and Mrs. LEONARD MAIER of Medicine Hat, Alberta.

It was a privilege for us to be able to attend the first Indian baptism in Western Canada. The testimonies of these ten Indian converts, who are our brothers and sisters in Christ, have challenged us to go forth as mission workers with a greater zeal, assuring us that our labor in the Lord is not in vain. It impressed us to see how sincere these Indians were in taking the step in following their Lord.

House visitations are very helpful in winning the confidence of the Indian people. One that impressed us greatly was a visit with an old Indian grandmother by the name of Three Fingers. She had been sick for several weeks lying in rags all alone in her tent to keep her warm. We read to her precious and comforting promises of God's word, prayed with her and sang.

When we asked her how she felt, she replied, "It would be very lonesome if I would be alone, but God is always with me! I sing and pray much which is my comfort." She also said that she is very happy and thankful that young people have enough love to visit an old lady such as she. She could not come to church services, but crawled a few hundred yards away from her tent toward the church to hear us sing.

It was a grand experience for us to be able to be in charge of the Montana Reserve while our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Neuman, were at the General Conference. The prayer meetings, church services, house visitations and several calls to the sick were a real aid in strengthening our Christian lives.

Here also we had one week of Vacation Bible School. God richly blessed us in this week of study and our closing program was a great blessing to parents and friends of the children. Their handwork was very neatly done. We were also greatly impressed by how many Bible stories and verses these children knew. It is due to the good work of the missionaries of the field, Mr. and Mrs. Neuman.

OUT OF THE TEPEE ON THE PIGEON LAKE RESERVE

By EVELEEN RUMPEL of Ochre River, Manitoba.

Living among our Indian friends is an experience to be treasured. Our home consisted of a small trailer which was set in the shade of the trees overlooking the beautiful shore of MA-ME-O BEACH near Pigeon Lake. As soon as one enters the Re-



Young People Who Served as Missionary Workers on Several Indian Reserves During the Past Summer

Left to Right: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Maier, Meta Stober, Eveleen Rumpel and Bernice Kern (Edwin Kern is Missing in this Picture)

serve one is entirely off paved roads and in a tangle of overgrown lanes and brambles.

We have been greatly impressed in observing how peaceful life can be among the Indians. Most of all, they enjoy the great out-of-doors with all its beauty and splendor. The Red Man is a great lover of nature. He is very reserved, and he is far from being emotional. In our first contacts we found the Indians to be courteous, brave, dignified. We learned too that they are eager to help and eager to learn.

While working among these people, we naturally had dreams about the scope of the material we would use, the territory we would cover, the quality and number of people we would interest. Yes, we had to have courage to face facts, a sense of humor, endless patience and faith. God's hand was clearly seen in developments during the past summer, and we are thankful for the wonderful way in which he has and still is working out his wonders. We certainly praise our heavenly Father for the doors of opportunity that were open for us to tell our Indian friends how the great God provides, cares, and loves us all.

CHRISTIAN WORK AMONG THE INDIAN YOUNG PEOPLE

By Mr. EDWIN KERN of Millet, Alberta.

My greatest joy last summer was that of working with the Indian young people. We had from 15 to 20 young people at most of our Tuesday evening youth meetings. It was a great joy to see them develop a hunger after the Word of God.

One Sunday evening a group of young boys came over to our trailer.

We decided to ask them if they would enjoy "a singspiration," and to our joy they consented. This was a blessing to my heart as these young Indians sang praises to our God.

Our visitation work in these humble, untidy Indian homes and tepees always meant much to me. It usually started with some conversation, a portion of Scripture was read, a song was sung and word of prayer offered. Through our brief visits we kept in close contact with the people and gave them the mission announcements.

Several young Indian boys used to spend most of their spare time at our place. We had invaluable conversations with them. One evening as we were singing we told them about our Christian experience. Then we received the following response. One of the boys was a slave to liquor. These are the words he said, "Gosh, it must be good to feel as free as you do." My heart was thrilled and I know that he is looking for the peace that passes all understanding in Jesus Christ.

I also had the privilege of asking some of the Indians questions about their customs and traditions. One man in particular knew his old Indian customs. At one time he was preparing himself as a medicine man. He enjoyed getting up early in the morning and playing the Indian war songs on his tom-tom. This always impressed me because of the weird rhythm found in the chants. It was also interesting to speak to those Indians who had followed Jesus all the way, even to the waters of baptism. I asked one convert how he was enjoying his new life in Christ and he said, "Jesus help me very much, and I know he help me even more."

What's Happening

● The Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., set aside its Sunday morning service on Oct. 9 to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Noll of the church. The Rev. L. B. Holzer, pastor, spoke on the topic, "A Family Portrait." In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Noll held open house for their many friends at the church parlor.

● The Haven of Rest, the Northern Conference Home for the Aged at Medicine Hat, Alberta, has moved into a new wing for the Home, providing a convalescent section, increasing the facilities of the Home and giving the Home a capacity of 90 guests at present. The Rev. R. Milbrandt serves as superintendent of the Home and his wife as matron.

● On Sunday, Oct. 9, the Rev. Alex Sootzmann of McLaughlin, South Dakota baptized a young man and his wife in a service held in the Baptist Church of Mobridge, South Dakota. This was the second baptismal service held this year. On the preceding Sunday a young woman rededicated her life to Christ and on confession of her faith was received into the membership of the church.

● On Sunday, Oct. 2, five young people and an elderly woman were received into the membership of the Baptist Church at Odessa, Wash., by the Rev. Alfred Foll, pastor. These five young people had been baptized on the previous Sunday evening. From Oct. 24 to Nov. 6 Miss Ann Swain, Scripture memorization worker, served the Odessa church in the interests of Scripture memorization.

● The First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Ill., has called the Rev. Ronald C. MacCormack of Warwick Neck, Rhode Island as pastor. Mr. and Mrs. MacCormack and their two children are hoping to move into the new parsonage purchased by the church by Nov. 15. It is located at 35 So. 20th Ave., Maywood, Ill. The church has been pastorless since Dr. A. Dale Ihrie left for the Burns Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich., early this year.

● The Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa recently extended a call to the Rev. Henry Smuland of Millet, Alberta, Canada, pastor of the Wiesen-tal Baptist Church since 1946. Mr. Smuland accepted the call and begins his pastorate in the Iowa church on

Dec. 1st. The Sheffield Baptist Church has been pastorless since the Rev. Lyman Church resigned about a year ago. Mr. Smuland is a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary in the class of 1945.

● It will be of interest to "Baptist Herald" readers to learn that the Rev. Gordon H. Schroeder, for six years director of evangelism for the Baptist Convention of the state of New York, resigned in order to accept a call to become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Schroeder is one of the "sons" of the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, where members of his family are still very active. Congratulations, Gordon Schroeder!

● Miss Margaret Kittlitz of Waco, Texas, one of our Cameroons missionaries now on furlough, has enrolled in a course of anthropology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas and also in an observation course with library privileges and such lectures as might be suitable for her missionary needs in anesthesia at Baylor Hospital in Dallas. She is living with her sister, Mrs. Amelia Price at 5507 Winston Court, Dallas 9, Texas during this college semester.

● Evangelistic meetings were held in Bethel Church of Salem, Oregon from Oct. 16 to 25 with the Rev. H. C. Phillips of Vancouver, B. C., as evangelist. The song services were directed by Mr. John Schmidt, a layman of Salem. Special musical numbers were rendered each evening. The choir director at the Bethel Church is Mr. W. C. Heringer, a son of the late Rev. August Heringer and formerly a resident of Napoleon, No. Dak. The Rev. Rudolph Woyke is pastor of the church.

● Mr. Harry H. Geis of Okeene, Okla., was re-elected president of the Oklahoma Gideons at the annual state convention of the Gideons held at Enid, Okla., on Oct. 9. Mr. Geis is a member of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene. He is also a member of the Southwestern Conference mission committee. The Oklahoma Gideons set as their goal for this year the distribution of New Testaments to every pupil from the fifth through the twelfth grade in state schools.

● Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hildenbrand of Lansing, Michigan, recently observing their 25th wedding anniversary, were honored by their children at an

"Open House" on Sunday, Aug. 14. Approximately 150 guests attended. The Rev. Herman Riffel, pastor of the Holmes St. Baptist Church, read a Scripture passage and brought the congratulations of the church of which Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hildenbrand are faithful members. Mrs. Hildenbrand is the former Miss Maggie Miller of Lehr, North Dakota.

● The Rev. Ralph Rott of Fargo, North Dakota has resigned as Youth Director of the United Temperance Movement of North Dakota and has accepted a position as pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York. He will also serve as the director of the Emmanuel Christian Center. Both the church and the Christian Center are affiliated with the Northern Baptist Convention. He will begin his duties there on Nov. 15. Mr. Rott was formerly pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., and of the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis.

● The pulpit of the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas from Oct. 30, 1949 to March 1, 1950, while the pastor, the Rev. Fred Ferris, is on a visitation tour of the Cameroons, Africa with the Rev. H. G. Dymmel is being supplied by the Rev. Herman Renkema, colporter and representative of the Publication Society. Mr. Renkema has been given this brief leave of absence from his ministry with the Publication Society by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, business manager, that he might render this service for the Lorraine Baptist Church.

● On Sunday, Sept. 18, the Rev. Henry Hirsch of Goodrich, No. Dak., baptized three converts. The service was held on a very cold day at near-by Lake Bentley. Nine converts were to be baptized but a number were detained because of illness and the weather. Another baptismal service will be held shortly. Mr. Hirsch also assisted the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman in the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak., in a Christian Teaching Mission for one week and in evangelistic meetings for a second week.

● On Sunday, Nov. 13, the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held its first worship service in the new church building at 51st Boulevard and Medford Ave. A brief service was held at the church entrance

led by the pastor, the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, after which the choir and congregation entered the church. This Sunday was also known as "Registration Day." The Lord's Supper was also held at the service. The official dedication of the church will be observed from Jan. 13-15, 1950, for which all former pastors of the church have been invited.

● The First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., of which the Rev. P. G. Neumann is the pastor, ordained the Rev. Walter W. Wessel of Los Angeles, Calif., into the Christian ministry in an impressive service held on Friday evening, Sept. 30. Mr. Wessel is "a son" of the Fifteenth St. Church of Los Angeles, Calif. and at present is serving on the faculty of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. The Reverends E. A. Kohfield of Wasco, Henry Hengstler and E. Mittelstedt of Los Angeles also participated in the service. Professor Bernard Ramm of Los Angeles preached the ordination sermon.

● During the first week of October the Rev. J. C. Gunst, young people's secretary conducted a Leadership Training Class in the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Chilliwack, British Columbia. The course taught was "New Testament Studies" by W. E. Denham. A good interest prevailed and Mr. Gunst was much appreciated as a teacher. He also participated in the Sunday School on Sunday, Oct. 9th, and preached in both services. The church through its pastor, the Rev. Phil. Daum, had the joy of receiving seven new members into its fellowship at the communion service on that Sunday.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Harry Miller's Mother Killed by Train

An Announcement by
Mr. E. ELMER STAUB of Detroit,
Michigan.

Many of our young people remember Harry Miller of Vermillion, Ohio (now 62 years old) who for many years has been paralyzed, in bed, able to move only his eyelids, his tongue and throat muscles and one little finger. His mother — 89 years old — has been caring for him alone for over 35 years.

On October 8th on the road to a bakery she was struck by a fast mail train and instantly killed. Why this was permitted, or the effect on Harry, are both unknown. I wrote Harry Miller immediately upon receiving the newspaper clipping from the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner. There are many others who may wish to have a part in supporting Harry with prayers and otherwise in this hour of his distress. Harry Miller's address is as follows: Harry D. Miller, 112 E. South Street, Vermillion, Ohio.

The Pilgrim's Guide

Brief Expositions of God's Word

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

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THE WIDOW'S MITE VS. THE WITHERED MIGHT

ONCE AGAIN we will observe "Thanksgiving Day" in our country and "Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week" in our North American Baptist Churches. But what does it really mean to us? By this question we do not mean the historic significance but the spirit and practice which we as professing Christians manifest today.

We know we ought to be humbly thankful to God but the means of expressing thanksgiving is held by too many to "words" of song and testimony only, and not enough in "deeds." In spite of lip service to Christ, selfishness is characteristic of the majority of professing Christians. We are living in a dying world and a nation in peril, yet so many church people choose a life of selfish indulgence to a life of sacrificial service. The annual church records of ratio between membership and gifts, statistics and observation reveal this sad condition. But, thank God, over against this withered might stands the widow's mite (Mark 12:38-44). May her number increase!

THE UNTHANKFUL SEEKERS

When Jesus broke with his religious opponents he warned the people of their pride, greed and hypocrisy. These characteristics were revealed in their seeking after publicity, position and profits, but not after the will of God. Wearing special clothing, they rejoiced in the titles bestowed on them in public. Long prayers were said for commendation. They desired seats of honor in religious and social gatherings, and by dishonest means took the living of widows. What a dishonest and unthankful group of seekers, especially since they professed spirituality. Human nature has not changed since then. Our Lord says that such shall "receive greater damnation."

THE UNKNOWN GIVER

This widow is a shining star in this night of dead religion. The dead religionists lost by seeking; here is one who gained by giving. She gained more publicity, position and profit than she ever realized in this world. Surely, God remembered her and blessed her life. She discovered then and in eternity that it is more blessed to give than to seek the things that

pass away. God has used her sacrifice as an object lesson to the church ever since.

Jesus took this occasion to instruct his disciples. Though her gift was small, it was a great sacrifice because it was her ALL. Others gave out of their much. In degree she gave more than all of them. The amount of wealth we may be fortunate enough to possess is no indication of special blessing; but the amount we give will indicate what blessing we will receive. The writer is convinced that every Christian should begin by giving the tithe. Stewardship is a question of faith in God and his promises.

To the degree that we believe in and love God and are thankful, we will give him our money.

A FAITHFUL STEWARD

One may recognize his responsibility as a steward by the pious statement, "All that I have is God's," but mean nothing practical about it. A Bible class teacher was emphasizing the necessity of giving a regular sum, at least one-tenth of income for the extension of the Kingdom. One member, with a reputation of holding his money with a strong grip, said to the teacher: "Tithing may be all right for some of you who are not fully consecrated, but suppose a man has laid his all on the altar?" "Well," replied the teacher, "if I were God and you were the man, I would take ten percent cash and call it square."

THE UNSEEN OBSERVER

Near the scene sat the One from whom nothing is hidden. He saw more than what meets the natural eye; he saw the motive behind each act. Man sees the amount, but God weighs the motive. We are watched and judged by God in our least conscious and most secluded hours.

In the midst of so much false piety and pretense, God knew the genuine and faithful one who sought his will. This unknown widow became well known for sacrificial love. God knows his own, and their loving devotion and sacrifice are observed and noted for future blessing. God knows also those who profess his name but live unthankful lives of sham and indulgence. How dreadful! The call is to surrender all and to follow the Christ of Calvary. This is reasonable and profitable in the light of the Judgment Seat of Christ and eternity!



Love Is Like That

A Story of Triumphant Love (In Two Parts Copyrighted by the Zondervan Publishing House)

By JOYE HOEKZEMA

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child. Just trust Him. And ask forgiveness for the bitterness in your heart. It doesn't belong there. Ask that His will be done in your life. You'll see how quick He is to answer!"

She stopped abruptly and sat back in the familiar silence so characteristic of her. Tom could only guess what urgency had prompted the long and earnest speech. But he was grateful now; grateful and ashamed. He had been bitter and angry when he should, as a born-again child of God, been in prayer before his Father in Heaven. Without another word to his Grandmother, he went to his room and then to his knees. When he rose, he was in part, at least, surrendered to the will of the Lord. If the Lord said "College," then college it must be, though his heart be torn to bits.

As is always the case, yielding to the gentle guidance of the Lord, brought relief to his soul, and he slept the deep refreshing sleep of exhaustion.

It was gray dawn when he awoke. He knew his first duty was to tell Sarah. He knew she would be down at the south sheds, feeding the new lambs, and he headed in that direction the minute the chores were done.

The sun was just topping the woodlot as he vaulted the fence. Dew diamonds caught the slanting rays, and flashed a myriad of colors on the long grass. A lark spiraled into the gold-blue arch, trailing song behind him. And then Tom heard Sarah laugh and his heart leaped up in him and began racing like mad.

She came to the door of the lamb shed when he whistled, a modern shepherdess in blue slacks, her face glowing with happiness. "Tom!" Her voice was a small explosion of breathless tenderness.

He shoved his clenched fists into his pockets and tried to ignore the warm invitation in her eyes. It hurt brutally to have to tell her that they couldn't be married unless God 'moved a mountain,' by changing his father's attitude.

"Got some new orphan lambs?" he

asked needlessly, avoiding the subject at hand for the moment.

"Yes. The old ewe died yesterday. Come in and see the rest of the flock..."

They were in the dim shed now. Through the cracks, long fingers of sunlight touched the woolly backs of resting sheep. Lambs spraddled on thin, awkward legs. Sparrows quarreled noisily in the eaves. Sarah leaned toward him suddenly, dropping her pretended interest in the flock, her lips soft and sweet with the touch of her love. "Oh Tom, I couldn't sleep last night. I — I was so happy. Did — did you tell your father?"

Her breath was warm on his cheek. Love of her went through him like touching a live wire. He had to feel her in his arms again. He had to kiss that tender young mouth. With a half-sob he pulled her to him and pinned her head against his shoulder.

"I love you, Sarah," he said violently. "But unless God performs a miracle. I can't marry you for years. It looks now like it's college and a profession for me!"

Her body stiffened against him. Her eyes came to his, frightened and questioning. "Your father won't let you give up college?"

He didn't answer. He kissed her again instead, almost savagely because of the driving pain in him. "We — we can't get married?" she whispered.

"Not for years," he said between his teeth. He couldn't look at her, but he knew that she was crying. "I — I didn't understand what it means to Dad. I knew he'd sacrificed to put money in the bank for me. But I didn't know he'd given actual years off his life, just so I'd have a chance at the things he missed."

"He told you that?"

"No, but Mom did last night."

Sarah was silent, and after a minute he made himself look at her. She was staring out the doorway, the tears stealing helplessly down her quivering face. But even as he looked, she squared her shoulders and lifted her chin.

"I'm going to pray, Tom. God does work miracles for His children. I'm going to pray that if it be in His permissive will that you get the farm and that we get married soon, He will do it. But if He wants it otherwise..." Her lips quivered but she went on bravely, "If He wills it that you go to college, then I'll wait for you. I'll — I'll be right here when you come back for me."

"Sarah, darling!" She melted into his arms, and they sank down together on a bale of fresh hay. This time he kissed her soberly, humbly. "I don't deserve a wonderful girl like you, but if you'll really wait, sweetheart, I'll spend the rest of my life trying to make you happy. I will — honestly."

"Of course you will, Tom. But I haven't given up hope yet. Our Heavenly Father can move mountains..."

"Yes — that's what Grandma reminded me last night. He can move mountains if we have faith that He can. But I have so little faith," Tom admitted miserably.

"He is such a wonderful and tender God," Sarah said reverently. "And we know that all things do work together for good for them who believe on His name and who are called according to His purpose. Let us pray together — believing!"

But Tom knew he didn't have her staunch faith. In spite of his continual prayers, the day was a misery he would always remember. He took the team and cultivated corn on the bottomland until time for the night chores. He didn't even stop for dinner. But weariness didn't cool the heat of pain or dull the edge of his hurt.

They ate supper in almost complete silence. His father's face was brooding and grim, his mother's anxious and white with sympathy. Only his Grandmother looked peaceful and contented, as though she communed silently with the God whose child she was. Just as they shoved back their chairs, she said unexpectedly, "All of you come into the parlor and sit! There's somethin' I've got to say. Better get Sarah, Tommy."

His father looked up in astonishment. His mother started to ask a question but thought better of it and put a napkin over the bread instead. Tom was too deeply sunk in his own unhappiness to wonder much why this unexpected request had been made. Nevertheless he went after the bewildered Sarah, and all of them filed into the parlor and sat down uncomfortably on the hard chairs.

Grandma pulled her rocker close to the window where she could watch the sun setting behind Duncan's woods. Some of its glow seemed to creep into her cheeks, and when she spoke her voice was so different that no one moved after her first word.

"I've been doin' a sight of thinkin'

the last twenty-four hours. It's took me back like, and I been livin' over the past. Queer, all the things a body remembers, things that didn't seem important at the time. Seems like human nature, bein' what it is, we all have to make so many mistakes before we learn. I reckon folks ain't really fit to live until they're about ready to die!" Her eyes came to her son's face, and they looked steadily at one another a moment across the stillness of the parlor.

"Lookin' back at it now, Dave, I'd have mortgaged the farm rather than have you give up the thing you wanted to do! But your pa's death was still so fresh. I reckon I was selfish. I know I was, God forgive me. I wanted you to carry on your pa's work. I honestly thought it would be better for you, with your health like it was. I didn't try very hard to see your side of it. I know that now because the wisdom of the Holy Scripture has revealed my folly to me!"

Tom's father started to say something but Grandma held up her hand. "Your pa loved the soil, Dave. I recollect the day we moved to this place, nigh on sixty years ago, come fall. He got down on his knees, right out there under that old elm, and thanked God we'd got 'home.' We home-steaded the place, you know, and things weren't always no bed of roses. But we was young and strong and we loved each other and had our common faith in our Heavenly Father. Your pa was twenty that summer and I had just turned nineteen. Folks would call that pretty young, I reckon, but we was a long ways from bein' children. We had two hundred acres to farm and a house to build. We built the barn first and I kept house in a stall until we got a roof on the house." She smiled a little as though the memory had a touch of humor.

"But we wasn't afraid of work, and we loved our land. We lived close to it and it nourished us, through and by, the hand of God. The first years were hard. We lost a baby. There was drought and pests, crows ate up the young corn, a cow got struck by lightning, and early frost took all our potatoes, but we still had the land. There was always the hope of another plantin' time, and another harvest. God was faithful. We tried to be good stewards and God honored us with His blessin'. We began to prosper. Life was never easy, but it was satisfyin'. We saw our little maples grow to big trees. We watched our young orchard come into bearin'. We loved our land and the God who loaned it to us." She drew a long breath. The strength of her face was the strength of one who has tried God many times, and found Him always faithful. Tom felt a strange awe as he looked at her.

"Tom knows what I'm talkin'

about," she went on. "He loves the soil in exactly the same way. Funny how that love of land skipped a generation and come out in him! But it has! Look at him, Dave! Tom's like your pa — big-boned and deep-chested and strong as an ox. He always walks like he's troddin' plowed ground. Haven't you noticed? And his hands, shaped for the rough, hard tasks of tillin' and reapin'."

Tom's father tried to interrupt, desperately this time, but something in Grandma's face stopped him.

"You ain't likin' what I'm sayin', Dave. But you've gotta listen. You've been eatin' your heart out all your life because you couldn't do the thing you wanted. And yet you're plannin' on turnin' right around and forcin' the same fate on Tom. Ain't that just like stupid humans, I ask you? You think that deep down, Tom wants to go to college and have a profession because that's what you wanted. Maybe you're selfish a little too, like I was. Maybe you want him to carry on the work you couldn't so you can sort of get a secondhand thrill through him. Oh, I know how you've saved and how you've dreamed. And all along I've hoped for your sake, that Tom would take to book learnin'. But I guess the dear Lord didn't intend it that way. He has a plan for each one of His children and when we parents take the bits in our teeth and try to run our children's lives for 'em, regardless of the dictates of Almighty God, it's no wonder there is so much heartache and frustration!"

It was just then that Tom noticed that Sarah was crying. Very quietly she rose and slipped out of the room. He didn't try to stop her.

"Sarah will make Tom a good wife," Grandma went on steadily, as though there was no end to the flow of words once she was started. "Oh, stop shakin' your head, Dave Montgomery! I was only eighteen when I married your pa, and you were only twenty when you got yourself hitched! Folks oughta get married young. They get along better that way. They got a better chance of bein' broke right to double harness! Sarah's young and healthy and besides she knows the Lord. She's a born-again child of God if I ever knew one. That's somethin' in these days. What more do you want for your boy, Dave?"

"He ought to have his chance," Tom's father said hoarsely.

"Chance? What more chance can he have than here?" she answered with gentle conviction. "How do you know what the world is goin' to be like tomorrow? There's bound to be a mighty lot of confusion followin' this war, that's certain. Men will rise and fall. Fortunes will be made and lost. But the land will still be here. It's Tom's heritage. It's his birth-right! You can't rob him of it, Son!"

Tom's father drew a long, ragged (Continued on Page 22)

SYNOPSIS

Tom Montgomery wanted to marry Sarah Lane and start farming on the Tillman Place. His father wanted him to go to college to become a lawyer. A heated argument ensued between father and son. Then Grandmother talked to Tom and reminded him of Jesus' promise: "What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

HER VOICE sank to almost a whisper. From a life well-lived in service for her Savior, she said gently, "Think a minute, Tommy, of the mighty power of this promise. Jesus made it with His own lips. He said, 'Believe that ye receive them and ye shall have them.' There's no limit to a promise like that. It sorta staggers the imagination, doesn't it? It make us kind of afraid to accept it at its face value. Yet I reckon that's exactly what God expects us to do — just accept it literally and then walk out boldly, knowing God will do His part. What we need to do is ask Him to give us the kind of faith we need in order to 'believe.' There ain't no doubt about our beautiful Lord's meaning in regard to this promise. He said, 'Believe that ye shall receive them and ye shall receive them.' We are to do the believin' — and He'll do the givin'! God cannot lie. He always keeps His part of the bargain. He is only limited by our lack of faith. I know that from years of livin' with Him, Tommy. You go to bed now. You're plum tuckered out. But, before you sleep, you pray for the kind of faith that moves mountains, and moves hearts, too. If the good Lord thinks it's best for you, He'll give you Sarah and the farm. You're His

—Sketch by Harmon

Seventy-fifth Anniversary at Aplington, Iowa

A Report of Festive Days by REV. C. FRED LEHR, Pastor

THE APLINGTON BAPTIST Church of Aplington, Iowa had the joyous privilege of celebrating its 75th anniversary from Thursday, September 22, to Sunday, September 25. We were happy to have some of our denominational leaders in our midst for the occasion, who brought us some thought-provoking and challenging messages. The Rev. H. G. Dymmel,

The Sunday afternoon service was under the auspices of our Young People's Society. The Rev. Howard Johnson of Steamboat Rock, Iowa brought the greetings of his church before we heard the main address by Miss Margaret Kittlitz, our Cameroons missionary. Miss Kittlitz, whom we are happy to have not only as our missionary but also as an honored and beloved member of our church, also

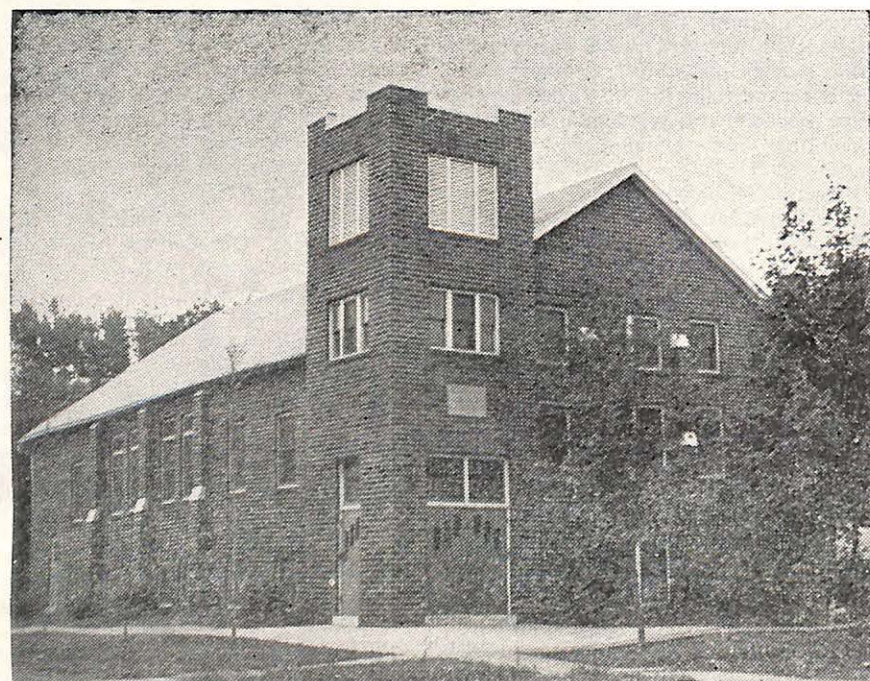
beginning of the work here takes us back, however, to 1868, when a number of members of the "Ostfriesen Baptist Church of Silver Creek, Ill. (now Baileyville) came to Iowa and settled in Pleasant Valley Township, about five miles south of Aplington. It was natural for our people in those days, when they moved into a new community, at once to organize a Sunday School and to conduct worship services. And this they did here. Sunday School and worship services were conducted in the "Dreyer" schoolhouse until a church building was erected in the town of Aplington in 1883.

Twice, in the course of the years, the church saw its house of worship go up in flames, but every time a new building was at once erected. After the fire in 1934 the church decided to build in a more suitable location.

ALMOST \$200,000 FOR MISSIONS

The Aplington Church never became a "large" church. Like most rural churches, it became a "feeder" for other — mainly city — churches. It has, however, maintained its soul-winning zeal and its loyalty to the Lord and his Word. It also has always taken a commendable interest in our denominational as well as world missionary and benevolent endeavors. A total of 514 persons were received into the church upon confession of faith and baptism in the 75 years of the church's existence, and a grand total of \$370,900.00 or a yearly average of \$4945, have been placed upon the altar of the Lord. Of this sum \$182,068.54 were given for local needs, while \$188,831.07 went for missions and benevolences. Of the money given for missions and benevolences, approximately 85 percent went for our denominational work, we are happy to report.

The following pastors served the church during these years: Rev. C. Croene, 1873-1882; Rev. G. Engelmann, 1882-1888; Rev. William Paul, 1888-1894; Rev. William Swyter, Sr. (interim pastor) 1894-1895; Rev. C. Tietge, 1895-1897; Rev. William Pfeiffer, 1897-1901; Rev. L. Wiesley, 1901 until his death in 1904; Rev. D. Koester, 1904-1920; Rev. H. W. Wedel, 1921-1927; Rev. H. Lohr, 1927-1935; Rev. C. Fred Lehr, since 1935. With grateful hearts we look back upon the past; hopefully we face the future and trustfully we look up to HIM who promised that "upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."



The Attractive and Worshipful Edifice of the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa

our general missionary secretary, brought the opening message on Thursday evening, speaking upon the theme, "Seventy-five Years Young."

On Friday evening the ladies of the church served a delicious anniversary dinner to about 260 guests. After the dinner the Rev. Herman Lohr of Parkersburg, the only one of our former pastors able to be present, brought a message on "Gratitude and Courage," and a number of our neighboring pastors brought the greetings of their churches.

SUNDAY'S FESTIVITIES

During the Sunday School hour on Sunday, Mr. Charles Willeke, for over 25 years the superintendent of the school and for over 50 years a Sunday School teacher, and Mr. Henry Wiesley, the son of one of our former pastors and the teacher of our young men's class for some years, spoke. Our executive secretary, the Rev. Frank Woyke, was the speaker at the morning worship, speaking on "The Church Aglow."

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the following churches which have recently held anniversary services: Aplington, Iowa (75); Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa., (75); Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J. (Centenary Jubilee); St. Louis Park Church, St. Louis, Mo., (Centenary Jubilee); Oak St. Church, Burlington, Iowa, (80) See Report on Page 21; Winnipeg, Manitoba, (60); Elgin, Iowa (70); Ellinwood, Kansas (70); Grace Church, Racine, Wis. (95) Anniversary will be held on Sunday, Dec. 4.

Philadelphia's Pilgrim Church Reviews 75 Years

A Report of the Church's 75th Anniversary

by MISS IDA J. DRAEGER, Church Clerk

ATTAINING THE AGE of seventy-five in ordinary life is a milestone which deserves recognition, but in the history of a church it is an even greater mark of the special blessing of God. When there is added to this ripe age the revitalizing challenge which comes from looking out upon a promising new field of labor, the reasons for rejoicing and thanksgiving are boundless.

Such was the spirit which prevailed during the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Pilgrim Church in Philadelphia, Pa., from September 27 to October 2. The program, under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Walter C. Damrau, proved to be a mountain-top experience for all who attended.

FORMER PASTORS

The presence of Dr. William Kuhn, who was pastor of the church from 1897 through 1914, as special guest speaker made reminiscences of bygone years a matter of course, and at the same time challenged everyone to more earnest and consecrated endeavor for future Kingdom work.

Two other former pastors, the Rev. Assaf Husmann (1938-1942) and the Rev. Herman Palfenier (1942-1948) brought inspiring messages and added much to the celebration by their presence. During the week the church also remembered with gratitude its three former pastors who have been called to their heavenly reward — the Rev. John Linker (1874-1897); the Rev. S. A. Kose (1914-1928) and the Rev. John G. Draewell (1928-1934).

The festivities began with the young people's program on Tuesday, on which occasion Dr. C. Adrian Heaton, professor at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, reminded us of the calling which the Church and the individual Christian face in living in the world today. On Wednesday evening the Praise Service, arranged by the choir of the church and the male chorus, expressed the gratitude which every member of the church feels for God's bounteous blessings since the founding of the church so many years ago. The Rev. A. Husmann, now pastor of the Immanuel Church in New York City, emphasized the same thought in his message based upon

Psalms 103.

The program on Thursday evening was planned jointly by the Woman's Missionary Union and the Service Guild. Since the wives of all former pastors, except Mrs. John Linker, are living we were privileged to have them participate in the program on that evening — Mrs. J. G. Draewell and Mrs. A. Husmann, in person; Mrs. S. A. Kose and Mrs. H. Palfenier, by letter; and Mrs. W. Kuhn through Dr. Kuhn, who was also guest speaker on this occasion.

MANY CONGRATULATIONS

The many congratulations and good wishes from denominational representatives and local pastors made the Fellowship Program on Friday evening memorable. The choir of the Fleischmann Memorial Church rendered the music and the Rev. Herman Palfenier, now one of our general evangelists, brought the main address.

On Saturday evening more than 200 persons gathered for a Fellowship Banquet, a goodly number of whom were former members of the church, some of whom had come from out-of-

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Pastors and Their Wives Who Were Present at the 75th Anniversary of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. Left to Right: Rev. Herman Palfenier, Rev. and Mrs. Assaf Husmann, Mrs. J. G. Draewell, Dr. William Kuhn, Rev. and Mrs. Walter C. Damrau

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



Southern Conference

Rally Day of the Southern Conference Young People at Mother Neff State Park

Rally Day of the Southern Conference young people and Sunday School workers was held on Sunday, September 25, at Mother Neff State Park near Waco, Texas.

The Sunday School hour was opened by Milton Lippert of Waco, who welcomed the congregation and led the song service. The various classes were taught by the Rev. Arthur Schulz, Mr. Herman Balka, Mrs. J. O. Zillen, Miss Betty Lou Gossen and Miss Faye Doyle Hill.

The Rev. Kenneth Nelson of Gatesville brought the message in the morning worship service, choosing as his text Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." The service was presided over by the Rev. David Zimmerman of Kyle. A fellowship luncheon was held at noon.

Mr. Granvil Rost of Waco, Southern Conference young people's president, had charge of the afternoon service. The singing was led by the Rev. J. O. Zillen of Cottonwood, accompanied by Miss Doris Engelbrecht of Crawford. A number of young people from our churches entertained with special music during the afternoon. The guest speaker was the Rev. Kirby McGuire, pastor of the North Waco Baptist Church. The message was a challenge to young people to use their God-given gifts for the Lord's work, based on the words in Exodus 4: "What is in thine hand?"

Rally Day is an annual affair in the Southern Conference and one which is greatly anticipated and enjoyed. We went away with a feeling of gratitude to the Lord for having blessed us so richly through the spiritual singing, stirring messages, and Christian fellowship which we were again privileged to enjoy.

Faye Doyle Hill, Secretary.

Pacific Conference

Rev. John Wobig's Anniversary and Birthday Celebrations in Portland's Trinity Baptist Church

Sunday, September 11th, marked the fourth anniversary of the Rev. John Wobig's ministry at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. Time has gone by very quickly. During these years we have learned to love and to appreciate our pastor who



The Rev. E. Gutsche (Right) of Corona, South Dakota and Seven Young People Whom he Baptized on Sunday, August 21

preaches Christ and Him Crucified as the hope of the world.

As we look back we praise God for the many blessings he has given to all of us and for the co-operation and loyal support that the members have given.

On September 5th, our pastor had a birthday which was celebrated by the church and friends on Homecoming Sunday, September 11th. Following the evening service we had our first "Fireside" of the season in the church parlors. The meeting was opened by the singing of several choruses after which Harry Johnson, our church moderator, took charge of the program. Bob Penner, student pastor, led in a short devotional and then a duet from the Dorcas Guild was given by Adeline Rocks and Ruth Moeckli. Adolph Weisser spoke in behalf of the church and expressed thanks of appreciation for the messages which the Rev. John Wobig so ably brings to us from Sunday to Sunday. As a token of love a gift in money was presented to the pastor.

Freda Neubauer sang a solo, and then Mrs. Losli spoke for the Woman's Missionary Society. She made a few remarks on Psalm 125:1. As a gift the women gave him a sweater to keep him warm. The Victory Class of which Mr. Wobig is the teacher was represented by George Bauder. He mentioned the fact that our pastor was a great counsellor and friend. A gift of money was given to him and then Margie Bauman favored us with a vocal solo.

Our superintendent, Ed. Rocks, spoke for the Sunday School, and Melvin Johnson for the young people. These two organizations gave him a beautiful traveling bag. Roy Koch, president of the choir, spoke and as a gift to the pastor they renewed his subscription to the National Geographic Magazine, after which the choir rendered an appropriate num-

ber. The Men's Brotherhood was represented by Vic Loewen. Bill Jenne, president of the Oregon Baptist League, also brought congratulations.

Martha Kepl, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Baptismal Service, New Parsonage and House Warming at Corona, South Dakota

With the harvest finished and the cornpicking in these parts of South Dakota at its height, we of the Baptist Church of Corona, So. Dak., were reminded of "bringing in the sheaves" in more than one sense. Looking back over the past few months and the work that kept us occupied here at Corona, we must praise the Lord's sustaining grace.

As in former years one of our denominational evangelists, the Rev. H. Palfenier, was with us for two weeks in May. The results were one soul confessing conversion and a praying and testifying church. What we are lacking in numbers, we are making up in intensity of spirit and consecration of life. Personal efforts by pastor and people resulted in the additional surrender of a number of young people. We also extended the hand of fellowship to a beautiful and consecrated Christian young couple that came to us from an other immersionist group of God's people.

On Sunday, August 21, the Rev. E. Gutsche fulfilled Christ's command of baptism on five young people. The baptismal service took place at the traditional location, Big Stone Lake, South Dakota. The weather and the condition of the lake were perfect; so was the spiritual sentiment of the congregation. As usual the open air meeting was attended by strangers, some of whom were seen to have taken pictures of the baptismal proceedings. In the evening of that beautiful day the congregation gathered around the Lord's table and the pastor in the name of the Lord extended the hand of fellowship to the fine group of seven young Christians.

Apart from the fact that all organization work together harmoniously, we can report the completion of the new parsonage. It was occupied by the pastor and his wife only recently. A house warming party was arranged by the Women of the church on the Sunday prior to the occupation. The dedication service will follow soon, of which occasion a special report will be made at a future date.

E. Gutsche, Pastor.

"Mercy Drops of Blessing" at the Baptist Church, Napoleon, North Dakota

"There shall be showers of blessings: This is the promise of love; There shall be seasons refreshing Sent from the Savior above. Mercy drops round us are falling, But for the showers we plead."

This was our experience in the evangelistic meetings, which our evangelist, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, conducted in November and December of last year. The promises of "showers of blessings" were ours but "mercy drops" were falling. The Gospel messages were true, fearless and without favoritism. So "showers" of spiritual blessings were the result as well as "mercy drops" of conversions. How thankful we are for these "mercy drops" of a young father and two young men, who accepted Jesus as their Savior and Lord. There were other "mercy drops," among which a young mother reconsecrated herself to Christ.

In a blessed out-of-door baptismal service held at Crystal Springs, North Dakota in late July the above three were immersed into the waters of baptism symbolic to the death of Christ. May their testimonies of obedience to Christ's command bring about more "mercy drops," and, if it pleases God, "showers of blessings!"

Theodore Frey, Pastor.

Sessions of the South Dakota Association Held in Madison's West Center Street Church

The South Dakota Association held its yearly meeting in the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, So. Dak., from Sunday, Oct. 9 to Wednesday, Oct. 12. At the first service on Sunday evening the Rev. Alfred Weisser of Parkston, So. Dak., was guest speaker. The second service was held on Monday evening when the Rev. Albert Ittermann of Tyndall, So. Dak., our moderator, brought the message.

Miss Leona Ross, our guest speaker, brought the message at the Youth and Mission program on Tuesday evening and at the Woman's Missionary Union program on Wednesday afternoon. Miss Berneice Westerman and Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, our new missionaries to the Cameroons, gave their testimonies on the Youth and Missions program on Tuesday.

Dr. A. Felberg and a seminary quartet from our Seminary at Sioux Falls were with us for the closing service on Wednesday evening. The young men served well with Gospel music and Dr. Felberg brought an inspiring Gospel message.

The association theme, "Faith of Our Fathers," was treated by pastors of the association as follows: Faith of Our Fathers and Repentance, Rev. A. Ittermann, Tyndall; Faith of Our Fathers and Regeneration, Rev. H. Bronstad, Chancellor; Faith of Our Fathers and Reconciliation, Rev. D. S. Wipf, Emery; Faith of Our Fathers and Baptism and Church Membership, Rev. P. Geissler, Avon; Faith of Our Fathers and Communion, Rev. A. Weisser, Parkston; Faith of Our

The Rev. Theodore Frey (Right) of Napoleon, North Dakota, and Three Converts Whom He Recently Baptized



Fathers and the Holy Spirit, Rev. O. Hiller, Madison; Faith of Our Fathers and God's Inspired Word, Rev. B. F. Taylor, Sioux Falls; Faith of Our Fathers and the Holy Spirit, Rev. A. W. Brenner, Wessington Springs; Faith of Our Fathers and Evangelism, Rev. E. Gutsche, Corona.

The Association Officers for the coming years are as follows: moderator, Herbert Hiller, Madison, So. Dak.; vice-moderator, E. Gutsche, Corona, So. Dak.; secretary, D. S. Wipf, Emery, So. Dak.; treasurer, George Terveen, Emery, So. Dak.; members of the ordination committee, Peter Geissler, Avon, So. Dak., Herbert Hiller, Madison, So. Dak., and George Terveen, Emery, So. Dak.

The Committee on Time and Place announced that the next meeting of the association would be held in the First Emery Baptist Church during the first week in October 1950.

D. S. Wipf, Secretary.

Southwestern Conference

Harvest and Mission Festival Observed at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Loyal, Oklahoma

It was our privilege at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Loyal, Okla. to have the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary and editor of "The Baptist Herald," as guest

speaker for our Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, October 9.

An all day service was held, beginning at 10 o'clock with the Children Division of our Sunday School presenting a Harvest and Mission program to the 127 people in attendance.

At the 11 o'clock hour, Dr. Leuschner spoke on "The Christian's Bountiful Harvest," which certainly was an inspiration and blessing to all present. At noon and also in the evening, meals were served in the church basement to everyone present. In the afternoon, Dr. Leuschner again presented a challenging message on "The Power of God's Promises." The Ladies Quartet rendered a number for each of these services.

Our evening service opened with the young people of the church presenting a program, "Calling All Missionaries." This was given in the form of a radio program, with our pastor, the Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn, acting as master of ceremonies. After hearing from our different mission fields, Dr. Leuschner climaxed the program with a talk on the needs of the fields — financially and also for the full-time service of more young people.

Following this program Dr. Leuschner showed three films, one on the Cameroons fields, one about the Indian Reservation in Canada and one on the highlights of the General Conference at Sioux Falls. Our mission offerings for the day totaled \$802.47. Mrs. Harry Stebens, Reporter.



The Immanuel Baptist Church Near Loyal, Oklahoma, of Which the Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn Is the Pastor

Mission Festival, Baptismal Service and Other Events at Ebenezer Church of Kansas

Sunday, September 18, was a great Mission Festival Day at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elmo, Kansas. For many months we had been waiting for Dr. Leuschner to spend a day with us, and so it was with much anticipation that we looked forward to his visit. He spoke during the Sunday School Class period to the three older classes. As he was speaking, the Rev. and Mrs. Herman Renkema and daughter came to join us for the two morning services. Mr. Renkema spoke for a few minutes to the entire Sunday School and also assisted in the morning worship service. The sanctuary was filled with members and friends of the church to hear Mr. Leuschner give the message at the worship service.



Members and Friends of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elmo, Kansas Gather in Front of the Bookmobile of the Publication Society Following the Recent Mission Festival in Their Church

A "Welcome Back" dinner had also been planned for this day by the local church for the pastor, the Rev. Wm. G. Trow, and family who had been away on vacation and to the General Conference. Everyone had a grand time of fellowship at this meal and while we were seated at the tables Mr. Leuschner was called upon to speak, and in his unique manner he gave us much interesting and instructive information. Later in the afternoon the group assembled outside for some pictures to be snapped. The weather was perfect, and thus the people found it delightful to fellowship under the beautiful clear sky.

The evening service was a striking climax to the day's activities as Mr. Leuschner spoke fitting words and showed pictures from the Cameroons and Indian Mission fields. Members and friends provided seventeen bouquets of flowers to beautify the house of the Lord and the offering for missions on this one day totaled \$363.

On the following Wednesday, Rev. and Mrs. Herman Renkema were with us for an evening service better to acquaint us with the work of our Publication House.

On Sunday, Oct. 2, at the morning service the pastor brought a message on the subject of "Believers Bible

Baptism." That evening a baptismal service was held in the First Baptist Church of Abilene, Kansas. Six converts who had openly confessed Jesus Christ as their Savior followed the Lord into the baptismal waters.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, after the message of the morning the hand of fellowship was given to six candidates. This was followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper.

The oldest member of our church is Mrs. Herman Shoemaker who celebrated her 91st birthday on October 10. The Lord has given her many years in her earthly pilgrimage and she makes use of the strength which He has given her by being present nearly every Sunday.

The annual meeting of the Sunday School was recently held and at this meeting the "Young Married Peoples" Class was delegated to promote a redecorating program for the church

vanished, and when we seek a quiet retreat to pause awhile and rest. The files at the Haven office in Medicine Hat bear out the truth of the statement. There are many who would enter but the walls of the Haven are built too closely together, so that many are not able to get in to enjoy the "Rest of the Aged" at the Haven of Rest.

The churches of the Northern Conference will, no doubt, observe Haven of Rest Sunday in November or December at which time an offering for the Haven will be received. Any other contribution toward the household needs of the Haven will be thankfully received. God bless you and your gift, be it great or small.

"The Haven of Rest for the Rest of the Aged."

R. H. Zepik, Secretary.

Central Conference

Rally Day and Dedication of Sound Picture Projector at Chicago's Ogden Park Church

Sunday, October 9th, was a great day at the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, Ill., for it was Homecoming and Rally Day Sunday. We had looked forward to this day for quite some time and the preparations were well worthwhile. In the Sunday School hour the children gave a program which was enjoyed by all. The Beginners' and Primary Classes brought a program of the things which they had learned in the past year. Miss Ruth Moence, Primary superintendent, and Mr. Otto Horn, general superintendent, then conducted the graduation exercises for eight boys and girls who graduated into the Junior department. Diplomas and Bibles were presented to each as a gift from the Sunday School. The Junior girls gave a skit, telling the joy of mission work.

The morning worship service was well attended and our pastor, the Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, brought a message from 1 Samuel 10:22, "Hidden Among the Stuff." Following this service, we all enjoyed a wonderful chicken dinner prepared by the Woman's Missionary Society and served by the Guild girls. In the afternoon the Woman's Mission Society held its regular October meeting under the leadership of their president, Mrs. Otto Horn.

Then came the crowning service of the day. At our evening service the church was filled. All were waiting for the service of dedication for our new 16 mm Sound Motion Picture Projector. We had been looking forward to having this projector for some time and now it was a reality. In this service of dedication two sound motion pictures were shown: "They Follow On" and "A Woman to Remember." Our pastor gave a few well-chosen thoughts concerning the privileges and responsibilities of being a Christian and we closed our day with the prayerful singing of "Beneath the Cross of Jesus."

H. John Vanderbeck, Pastor.

Northwestern Conference

Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa Celebrates Its Eightieth Birthday

The Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa celebrated its 80th anniversary last August with two former pastors, the Rev. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., and the Rev. Charles Zummach of Peoria, Ill., present as guest speakers.

The church was beautifully decorated for the services with hundreds of flowers grown especially for this occasion by Mr. Emil Hemmye gracing the platform and the sanctuary. A huge floral piece (see picture) built into the number 80 was placed on the platform and large cake decorated by Mrs. Dave Taeger was placed on the table in front of the church. With the tall cross in the background it was, indeed, a fitting setting for this festive occasion.

The Rev. O. E. Krueger spoke at the morning service. He was pastor of the church for 15 years and brought a stirring message for the hundreds who were assembled. The large robed church choir under the direction of Mrs. H. O. Kohrs brought several special anthems.

The Rev. Charles Zummach who was pastor of the church for nine years brought a splendid evening message at the community service. The men's chorus under the direction of Mr. Herman Schultz brought special music and after the evening service of worship the 80 candles on the cake were lighted and the traditional birthday song was sung by the large congregation. Everyone then went downstairs to the spacious social hall where refreshments, including birthday cake, were served to hundreds of people.

The Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, the present pastor, has served the church for nearly twelve years and the membership has now passed the 800 mark. Mr. Emil Hemmye was chairman of the 80th anniversary committee. The church looks forward to the years ahead with the assurance of God's continued blessings, as pastor and people labor harmoniously in furthering the Kingdom of God.

Emil Hemmye, Reporter.

Sessions of the Iowa Association Held at the Buffalo Center Baptist Church

The 113th association of the North American Baptist Churches of Iowa was held at Buffalo Center, Iowa, from October 3 to 5. These days were packed with Christian blessings and fellowship from the time of our arrival until our departure for home.

The theme of our association was "A Living Sacrifice" (Romans 12:1). The opening sermon by the Rev. A. Ittermann was developed in a general way. Topics such as "Death Unto Life," "Isaac," "Coals of Fire," "The Second Mile," "Joseph" and "A Symbol of Christianity" were discussed by various ministers. Even the brethren



The Decorated Platform of the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa at Its 80th Anniversary With the Reverends O. E. Krueger (Left to Right), Alfred R. Bernadt and Charles W. Zummach Standing in Front of the Men's Chorus

ren who led us in our devotions dwelt upon the thought of "Sacrifice." All the messages showed that they had been prepared with much prayerful thought and study.

One afternoon we listened with keen interest to a panel discussion by laymen on the topic, "Opportunities for Yielded Laymen." We are glad that many of our laymen in our churches are really yielding their talents to the Lord.

The church reports were interesting as usual. It was very noteworthy that they have all grown, probably not all in numbers but definitely in Christian spirit. One of our churches celebrated its 75th anniversary this year. Two of the churches are pastorless, but we have reasons to believe that they will soon have an undershepherd.

We were especially delighted to have Miss Laura Reddig, a returned Cameroon missionary, with us. We had the privilege of hearing her several times during the association. On the last evening we were taken on an imaginary trip through the Cameroons by means of slide pictures, showing the field and missionary work.

The business session was conducted by the able moderator, Rev. H. Johnson. The results of the election were as follows: vice-moderator, Rev. H. Lohr; secretary, J. J. Renz; treasurer, Mr. L. Johnson.

We want to thank the host church, the pastor, Rev. Martin De Boer, and family for entertaining us so royally with meals and lodging. We appreciated the vocal and instrumental numbers rendered during the association. Thus the 1949 association, which we felt to be one of our greatest inspirational gatherings, has now become history.

J. J. Renz, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Young People's Sessions at the Atlantic Conference Held in Philadelphia's Fleischmann Memorial Church

The members of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union of the Atlantic Conference sang their new conference song and made a joyful noise unto the Lord, for he hath done marvelous things at the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., when it served as a host to some 260 young people who gathered together for the sessions of the Atlantic Conference.

The banquet held on Saturday evening, September 24th, was opened with prayer by Rev. Robert Cook. Don Middleton was toastmaster and did his usual fine job. Milton Orthner, president, told us of our new name "Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union," then introduced the Rev. J. C. Gunst of our Forest Park headquarters who was the speaker of the evening. After a stirring message, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. John Crouthamel.

A total of 311 young people representing 16 churches attended the Sunday afternoon mass meeting at which Miss Laura Reddig gave a picture of the Cameroons mission field and its needs. Following the mass meeting the young people of the church served a light supper. At the conclusion of an inspiring conference, we traveled back to our churches full of enthusiasm to continue the work of our Lord helping in the fields which are white unto harvest.

Hildegard Coners, Secretary.

42nd Annual Meeting of the Atlantic Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Philadelphia

The 42nd annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Atlantic Conference was held on Friday afternoon, Sept. 23, in the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa. Our president, Mrs. John Schlenger, presided and Mrs. Ward of the host church gave us a hearty welcome. Mrs. Christian Peters, our vice-president, read Psalm 121, and Mrs. W. C. Damrau led the devotions, using Psalm 121 for her theme. Mrs. John Crouthamel sang the beautiful hymn, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home," and Mrs. Hermert Freeman led in prayer.

The Roll Call disclosed that of the 25 societies of the conference, 16 were represented by 77 members present.

Love Is Like That

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breath. His mother scarcely seemed to breathe.

"I got to get to the milkin'," his father said thickly and reached for his cap. "Bring the strainer when you come, Tom."

The ache in Tom's throat brought the sting of tears. He was afraid he was going to blubber if he didn't get out quick. Grandma had fought a good fight, and in his young heart he saluted her gratefully.

The barns were dim and shadowy. His father's lantern hung on a peg and Tom hung his beside it.

"Want me to begin with Daisy?" he asked unsteadily.

But his Dad had put down the milk pail and was staring at him as if he'd never really got a good look at his son before. There was something in his eyes that made Tom cold all over.

"Is it true that you love the land like she said?" he demanded huskily. Tom nodded, a lump the size of a fist crowding his throat.

"And you'd like to marry Sarah and buy the Tilliman place?"

Blood came into Tom's head so fast it blinded him. He nodded again, because words just wouldn't squeeze past that lump.

"Then, by the grace of God, that's what you're going to do, Son! What right have I to say what you're going to do with your life? Grandma made me see I've been selfish, though God knows I thought I was being self-sacrificing. May He forgive me!"

Tom was crying suddenly and he wasn't ashamed. He put his head down on his father's shoulder and strong parental arms went around him and they wept together there in the quiet barn with the patient cows waiting and pigeons talking softly in the rafters, the Spirit of God flooding their hearts with His Presence. Finally Tom said, "I'll go to college, Dad, if that's what you want."

"No, that isn't what I want," his

Mrs. Gustav Schmidt then reported that 18 of our members have gone to be with the Lord whom they loved and served. Mrs. Edna Jahn, matron of the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, gave as a very fine report on the work in the Home. Of the offering \$25.00 were given to the Home for Aged and the balance to our Hospital in the Cameroons.

We had the pleasure to welcome into the Woman's Union, Mrs. Norman Klann, wife of Pastor Klann of the Second Church, Union City, N. J., and also "the King's Daughters," a group of young women from the Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The results of the election were as follows: president, Mrs. John Schlenger, Ridgewood Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; vice-president, Mrs. C. Peters, Elsmere, Del.; secretary, Mrs. F. Klumpp, Second Church, Union City, N. J.; treasurer, Miss Marie Hensel,

father interrupted, wiping away his tears with a gnarled hand. "More than anything else in the world I want you to be happy. When I'm old like Grandma I don't want any regrets. I want to see you married and content. If Sarah wasn't a born-child of God, I might feel different. But this must be all His planning and what right have I to interfere with the Almighty? Get those cows milked and then go tell Sarah that you're buying the Tilliman place tomorrow." "But, but I haven't any money!" Tom gasped.

"I reckon you're wrong there, Son. There's a sight of money put by in your name down in the Terrytown bank. What better can it be used for than to buy your happiness?"

"Dad!" Tom couldn't thank him. There are some things that are so far beyond the medium of words. But his father understood and the last of the hurt melted from his face.

"Won't Sarah be feedin' her lambs about now?" he grinned. "The cows can wait."

Tom needed no second invitation. He broke all speed records getting to the south pasture. Sure enough, there was a soft glow of lantern light in the lamb shed. He tiptoed to the door, his heart doing "eight to the bar" and looked in.

"Sarah," he whispered.

She lifted her head like a startled fawn, her nostrils dilating, her eyes widening in the soft oval of her face. "Sarah, darling!"

"Oh Tom, you frightened me. I didn't hear you coming," she gasped, her breath catching childishly in her throat.

He stepped into the lantern glow, laughing with the welling of his joy. "You must be deaf, my sweet. I crashed through that fence like a bull!" He reached down and took the bottles of the orphan lambs from her hands, and lifted her into his arms. The wonder of her came to him afresh, the fragrance of her hair, the yielding softness of her young body,

Bridgeport, Conn.; program committee: Mrs. John Schmidt of New York, N. Y., Mrs. A. Hussmann of New York, N. Y.; Mrs. Gustav Schmidt of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. J. Blessing of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. R. Hess of Bethlehem, Pa.

We then had the privilege to listen to Miss Laura Reddig, our missionary to the Cameroons. She used as her text the parable found in Matt. 25 ending in verse 40: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." She told us of a native girl, Bubya, who came to know the Lord, how she was untiring in her work, and suffering persecution and even beatings from her mother for her Christian faith.

The Rev. John Schmidt then asked the Lord's blessing on all the elected officers and committees.

Bessie Klumpp, Secretary.

the sweet tender beauty of her mouth. The cry he gave was half exultation, half humble adoration, "Sarah Lane I love you, I love you! And we don't have to wait any six years to be married, my darling. We can be married in the spring, if you'll have me. In the spring, Sarah!"

"I — I don't understand?"

"Of course you don't. You left before Grandma got through with what she had to say. Well, as a result of her talk, Dad is going to let me buy the Tilliman place. We'll build a little house there — not much at first, maybe, but a home. Oh Sarah, I've got the swellest dad in the world. He understands how I feel about the soil now and he isn't going to stand in the way of our happiness. Grandma said tonight that the soil is my heritage. That's right. The soil is my heritage, our heritage, Sweetheart. Yours and mine. And we'll be good stewards, God helping us, good stewards on the land He has loaned us."

Sarah stood on tiptoe and put her trembling lips to his. She was crying and laughing both at once.

"Oh, Tom, God is good, so good. And how swift He is to answer. I've been praying all day that He would work the miracle — that he would indeed "move the mountain" that stood in the way of our happiness. And He did, praise His name. Oh how I love Him, how I'll always love Him!"

"Amen," whispered Tom softly.

The sheep settled contentedly for the night. Over the wood lot a silver radiance heralded the rising of the moon. The heart of the sod beat with the even, eternal cadence of the infinite. Tom bent his head to Sarah's sweet mouth with a triumphant hymn of praise in his soul. Life was good. Bring what it would, the future could hold no sorrow the grace of a merciful and loving God could not heal. Again Tom felt the strong assurance that the Creator walks close to those who till His acres.

(THE END)

Obituary

MR. STEPHEN ERLENBACH of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Stephen Erlenbach of Cleveland, Ohio, was born in Germany on April 5, 1867 and came to this country as a young man of twenty-three. After living in New York for three years, he came to Cleveland to seek his livelihood. Soon thereafter he joined the White Ave. Baptist Church and remained a staunch and loyal member the remainder of his life. At a Sunday School picnic he met a young lady, Alvina Brueske, who became his wife in 1896. Five sons were born to them, of whom two, Robert and Walter, preceded their father in death.

Brother Erlenbach went to his eternal reward on Sept. 24, being survived by his widow, three sons: Alfred, William and Harold, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

In his church life he was known as a man of deep Christian conviction and earnest zeal. May there be others to follow his example!

White Ave. Baptist Church,

Cleveland, Ohio

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Pastor.

MRS. PAULINE BESSEL of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Pauline Bessel, nee Kleiss, of Cleveland, Ohio, was born in Germany on December 11, 1873, and died on October 8, 1949. As a young lady she came to this country and made her home in Passaic, N. J. Here she was married to Mr. Frederick Bessel. Five children were born to them, of whom one died in infancy and another

in boyhood. The family moved to Cleveland about 44 years ago. Shortly afterward Mrs. Bessel confessed Christ as her Savior and joined the White Ave. Baptist Church, whose faithful member she remained till her departure.

Mrs. Bessel is survived by three children: Ethel (Mrs. Walter Deardorf), living in Kentucky, Albert of Cleveland, and Harold of Berea, Ohio, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild. A quiet manner of life and humble, faithful service to her family have ever been her characteristics, and our Lord promises his reward to all his faithful servants.

White Ave. Baptist Church,
Cleveland, Ohio

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Pastor.

MRS. EMILY RIES of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Emily Prenkshat Ries of Cleveland, Ohio was born on June 18, 1868 near Tilsit in East Prussia. The family emigrated to America in 1881, locating in the city of Cleveland. Here Miss Prenkshat experienced a living faith in Christ as her Lord and Savior, was baptized by Rev. Jacob Merkel and joined what was then the First German Baptist Church, later transferring to the White Ave. Church.

She gave heart and hand in marriage to Mr. John Ries on May 17, 1888. God granted this couple an extra share of his grace in giving them over 61 years of happy life together. Five children were born to them, of whom one died in infancy, and another, Mrs. Norma Bailey, preceded her mother about four years ago.

On September 15 death mercifully relieved Mrs. Ries from an illness of almost four months. She is survived by her husband; three children: Clarence and Grace (Mrs. Elmore Berneike), both of Cleveland, and Paul of Manhasset, N. Y.; one brother, three sisters, six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. The sweet fragrance of godliness and an unperturbed calm so

characterized her Christian living that all who knew her were deeply impressed with it.

White Ave. Baptist Church,
Cleveland, Ohio

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Pastor.

PRIVATE JOHN PAUHL of Camp Borden, Ontario, Canada.

Private John Pauhl of Camp Borden, Ontario, Canada son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Pauhl, was born on Feb. 28, 1920 in the township of Brudenell. During his youth he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and upon the confession of his faith was baptized by the Rev. David Littke. In the year 1941 he entered the army as a private and served his country faithfully and well until his untimely departure. While overseas in England he was united in marriage to Miss Doreen Fowler on Sept. 24, 1945. After the war Mr. and Mrs. John Pauhl came to Canada and resided at Camp Borden where Mr. Pauhl continued to serve as private.

On duty to try out a German landing craft on Lake Simcoe on Aug. 17, a sudden storm arose sinking the boat. John and one of his companions were drowned at that time. Neither body has been recovered from its watery grave. A memorial service was held on Sept. 4 in the Lyndock Baptist Church, where he remained as a faithful member until the end. Lieut. Gordon from Camp Borden read a Scripture passage and spoke well of the deceased. The pastor used as his text, Proverbs 27:1.

He is survived by his wife, Doreen; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Pauhl of Lyndock; three brothers, Edgar of Dembigh, Percy and Raymond at home; four sisters, Mrs. Ethel Getz of Dembigh, Mrs. Amelia Worby of Ottawa, Mrs. Katie Brochard of Quadeville, Mrs. Mary McNis of Renfrew, and many relatives and friends.

Lyndock Baptist Church,
Cormac, Ontario

JOHN KUEHN, Pastor.

The Christian's Duty of Thankfulness

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provoke thankfulness in the genuine grateful heart.

Thanksgiving also manifests itself in sharing, as shown in verse 16 of Colossians 3. "Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." Those Colossians were to show their thankfulness by sharing with one another. In the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles the rejoicing people were to carry provisions to the needy. Grateful people are usually the most generous.

We can show and share our thanks first in our worship. "Let the redeemed say so." We desire our children to express their gratitude to us for providence and care. Pupils delight to get a bit of praise from teachers for work well done. Players hope for applause from the fans for plays well executed and games well played. And it is amazing how people can express themselves at such occasions. But how silent we often are in our worship of God. Our hymns, testimonies and prayers ought to be made up largely of thanksgiving. Let us cry as supplicants at the throne of grace, but let us not fail to bring the sacrifice of praise.

We can show our thanks, secondly, in our thank-offering. The Jews brought a slain lamb for the altar. Ours is to be far more precious. We are "to present our bodies a living sacrifice," which means the whole

body is to be devoted to the Lord, the head to devise plans for his honor, the heart aflame with holy passion and will, and the hands and feet to carry out his commission.

Then we are to give of our substance. In gratitude to God we ought to make a real sacrifice to God this Thanksgiving. Our missions at home and abroad, our seminary, our publication society, our benevolent organizations, our Bible School, yes, every phase of our denominational activities challenge us to make a heartfelt sacrifice for the cause of Christ through our denomination.

We can show our thanks, thirdly, in our service to others. The Word says, "To do good and to communicate forget not." In thankfulness to God we are to minister to the needy, visit the aged and orphaned in their affliction, cheer the sad and lonely, and declare Christ to the sinner. The thankful spirit is always helpful to the larger fellowship and a fuller life. To be thankful for what we possess is to put it forth for the common good and welfare of humanity. Let us make our thankfulness known by sharing our lives and blessings with others. May we be fertile streams and not stagnant cisterns!

In verse 17 the apostle finally shows the blessed outcome of a thankful spirit. And "whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the

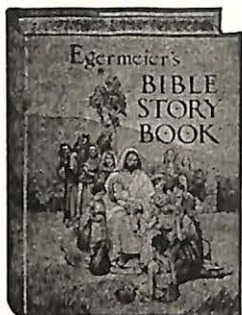
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Thankfulness brings lasting joy and added blessings into our lives. Ingratitude robs one of future blessings. All thanksgiving is to be offered to God through Christ Jesus, the only Mediator, and through him we obtain whatever good the Father bestows on us. When in a thankful spirit we do our best then something inside us will always whisper God's "Thank you" to us.

The Apostle John shows us the blessed outcome of thankfulness on our part. He saw great multitudes around the throne singing, "Blessing, glory, wisdom, THANKSGIVING, honor, power and might be to God forever." Or again he heard the four and twenty elders saying, "We give thee thanks, O God, who art and wast . . ." So heaven will be a place of thanksgiving.

The spirit of heaven is the spirit of thanksgiving and he who has most of thanksgiving in his heart will have most of heaven in his life. Were we fully grateful for what Christ has done for us, our friends would never hear the last about him. Men reckon up their goods in stocks, bonds and personal property, yet the greatest producing agency of wealth is the faculty of gratitude. Let us at this Thanksgiving Season heed the admonition of the Apostle Paul. "Be ye thankful," by combining it with all our blessings received, show it by sharing, and then look to its blessed outcome.

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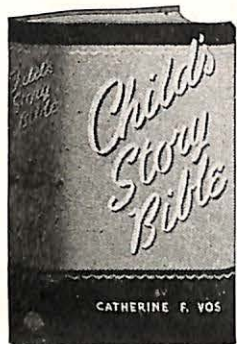


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The Seminary's Relocation

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will share in the overall task.

After adding up the money now in the Seminary Removal Fund, it is calculated that about \$225,000 are still needed to complete the project. Gifts and contributions over and above the budget will be solicited. Plans for this campaign are now being formulated. These will be unfolded during the months ahead.

Our Seminary has had and still has a central position in the life of our denomination. It has often been said and is ever true: "As goes our Seminary, so goes our denomination." Investment in the Seminary is investment in the denomination and in the Kingdom of God. Surely, there is no better investment than that placed in the lives of young men and young women who are called of God and are dedicated to the Gospel ministry. Such investments bring spiritual returns far beyond our powers of evaluation.

In this hour of advance for our Seminary and denomination, may each of us give sacrificially for our budget and for this special cause in the Lord's work. Money given now for this project means eternal returns in eternal souls.

Philadelphia's Pilgrim Church

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town for this occasion. Mr. Adam P. Yung, now living in Pittsburgh, Pa., was toastmaster. The program included a short talk by Mr. E. E. Staub, whose early life was spent in the Philadelphia "Second Church," and a sketch, written by Miss Eva Yung, in which incidents affecting the life of the church were dramatized.

Anniversary Sunday was a climax to the week of festivities. During the Sunday School period Mr. Richard Widmaier and Mr. Adam Yung, former Sunday School superintendents, brought messages that urged upon the church a continuation of efforts to improve this important part of the church program. Dr. Kuhn, as the principal speaker at both the morning and evening worship services brought challenging messages in his inimitable way, in which he urged the church to look toward the future as well as to take courage from the past. The anniversary program closed with the observance of the Lord's Supper, at which the pastor of the church, the Rev. Walter C. Damrau, led the devotions.

As a part of every program the messages sent to the church by former members and friends who could not be present were read. The large number of these messages of goodwill and encouragement added much to the program and were deeply appreciated.