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Everybody's Happy Over the Signing of the Seminary Agreement at Sioux Falls!

Denominational REMINDERS

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. Frank H. Woyke

Sunday, Oct. 2 — McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba (60th Anniversary of Church).

Sunday, Oct. 9 — Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas (Harvest and Mission Festival).

Oct. 15-16 — Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa. (35th Anniversary of Present Church Building).

Dr. William Kuhn

Sunday, Oct. 9 — St. Louis Park Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo. (100th Anniversary Program).

Sunday, Oct. 16 — Ellinwood, Kan.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Sunday, Oct. 2 — Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

Oct. 5-10 — Chilliwack, British Columbia (Leadership Training Course).

Oct. 16 — Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia (Leadership Training Course).

Rev. M. L. Leuschner

Sunday, Oct. 9 — Immanuel Church Near Loyal, Okla. (Harvest and Mission Festival).

Sunday, Oct. 16 — Parkersburg, Iowa.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist
Oct. 10-24 — Morris, Manitoba, Can.

Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist
Oct. 2-16 — Waco, Texas.

SPECIAL DATES

Sunday, Oct. 2 — 60th Anniversary, McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Pastor.

FRONT COVER PICTURE SEMINARY AGREEMENT SIGNED!

One of the highlights of the business sessions of the General Conference was the signing of the papers of agreement between Sioux Falls College and the North American Baptist Seminary, permitting the use of some of the college buildings for our seminary this Fall and for two years, if necessary, until the permanency of the seminary's relocation to Sioux Falls can be determined or the new seminary buildings constructed. In the picture the papers are being signed by Dr. John Barton for Sioux Falls College and by Dr. George A. Lang for the Seminary.

Monday to Wednesday, Oct. 3-5 — Iowa Association at Buffalo Center, Ia. Guest Speaker, Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroons' Missionary.

Thursday to Sunday, Oct. 6-9 — Minnesota Association at Randolph, Minn., Miss Laura E. Reddig, Guest Speaker.

Sunday, Oct. 9 — Dedication of New Church, Venturia, No. Dak. Rev. Raymond Dickau, Pastor.

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-16 — 35th Anniversary of Church Edifice, Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; Rev. John F. Crouthamel, Jr., Pastor.

Sunday, Oct. 16 — Cornerstone Laying Exercises of the Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

Tuesday, Oct. 18, Afternoon and Evening — Dedication of the Baptist Home for the Aged, Bismarck, No. Dak. Mr. Roland E. Ross, Forest Park, Ill., Guest Speaker.

Monday to Wednesday, Oct. 17-19 — Kansas Association at Ellinwood, Kansas. Guest Speakers, Dr. William Kuhn, Miss Leona Ross.

Wednesday to Sunday, Oct. 19-23 — Pacific Northwest Association at Arthur St. Church, Spokane, Wash. Guest Speakers, Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Secretary, and Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroons' Missionary.

Thursday to Sunday, Oct. 27-30 — Oklahoma Association at Ingersoll, Okla. Guest Speakers, Dr. George A. Lang, Seminary President, and Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Cameroons' Missionary.

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AMONG OURSELVES

A great deal of the credit for the success of the 29th General Conference goes to Mr. Arthur Schwerin of Burlington, Iowa. The idea of a Sioux Falls conference had its start with him. He made the first arrangements with the Chamber of Commerce for the free use of the Coliseum. He worked hard at the multitudinous preparations. He and his wife took care of all the housing reservations and the registrations of General Conference visitors. He saw to it that we had booked several hotels and most of the nearby motels and tourist cabins solidly for our conference. Thanks, Mr. and Mrs. Schwerin!

IN THIS ISSUE

The General Conference news, reports and pictures have crowded everything else out of this number. The editor has worked overtime in trying to select the most appropriate material and the best pictures for a comprehensive review of the conference. It is very probable that some things have been omitted. But we have tried to give a clear and picturesque bird's-eye view of the wonderful General Conference sessions at Sioux Falls. Be sure to read the sermon by Dr. George A. Lang on "Light or Darkness" which opened the conference sessions.

COMING

Our Final Authority — This sermon by the Rev. Wilmer Quiring will be accompanied by a front cover picture of the Baptist Church of Carington, No. Dak., of which he is the pastor.

Hopevale Memorial at Green Lake — Mr. E. Elmer Staub describes the dedication of a memorial at Northern Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis., in tribute to the martyred Baptist missionaries in the Philippines.

Last Days in China — Miss Leona Ross, our missionary formerly in South China describes the last days which she spent in China prior to her return to the United States.

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Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

The Key to Sioux Falls

THE CITY of Sioux Falls reserved its largest and most golden key of welcome for the General Conference of North American Baptist churches. This was done in the face of stiff competition from the Sioux Empire Fair and the big top circus. In return, North American Baptists opened their hearts of appreciation and wonder to the beauty and civic advantages of the city, so that now Sioux Falls is enshrined in many hearts as a place of unusual merit and possibilities for us in our denominational fellowship.

The Coliseum was an ideal setting for our largest and best General Conference. The civic reception for our conference sessions was remarkable. The honorable H. B. Saure, mayor of Sioux Falls, welcomed the conference visitors as a fellow-Christian in sincere and hearty words. Throughout the week the General Conference made the front pages of the daily newspaper, "The Argus-Leader." Everywhere the welcome mat was rolled out for our conference people.

As a result, the city of Sioux Falls made a wonderful impression upon North American Baptists. Its cleanliness and its attractive progressiveness, its fine restaurants and hotels and its parks opened many eyes to Sioux Falls as one of the grandest small cities in the entire four state area. The finest tribute to our people: is the statement that was made repeatedly by scores of our people: "We'd like to come back to Sioux Falls for another General Conference SOON!"

Against this background, the General Conference was definitely in a mood to welcome the favorable consideration of the relocation of the Seminary to Sioux Falls. The vote has been taken affirmatively and the sails of the Seminary ship have been set westward. There are still legal difficulties to be cleared and other complications to be ironed out. But the agreement has been signed (see front cover) whereby our seminary is to have use of some of the Sioux Falls College buildings for a period of two years at least until the permanency of the relocation project can be determined by the General Council or the new seminary buildings completed.

It was also a joy for many of our General Conference people to make the acquaintance of our new church in Sioux Falls, the North Side Church, and its pastor, the Rev. B. F. Taylor. This church began as a small mission station but in recent months it has been showing amazing signs of spiritual vigor. Attractive leaflets with the welcome of the North Side Church were distributed at the conference sessions, and its pastor brought the greetings of the congregation.

The academic procession at the Sunday afternoon session in which Sioux Falls College officials and faculty members besides North American Baptist leaders and pastors participated, followed by the conferring of an honorary degree upon the Rev. Jakob Meister, was something unique on the conference program. It brought the college and our seminary closer together in Christian fellowship and service, especially for such a time as this.

This editorial is the key that can unlock many pages in this issue to the splendid story of the conference sessions. As long as our churches exist, the blessings of the 29th General Conference will be recounted with sparkling eyes and happy smiles.

BIBLE TEXT

"Whose I am, and whom I serve." Acts 27:23.

Even with a new name and with a new program of projected activities, the spiritual emphasis of the young people's organization of our denomination is as old as the Gospel of Christ and as God's eternal truths. The above passage found in Acts 27:23 will serve as the Bible text for "The Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union" during the next triennium. Their motto will be, COMMISSIONED TO SERVE, and the theme song, "Serve the Lord in Youth."

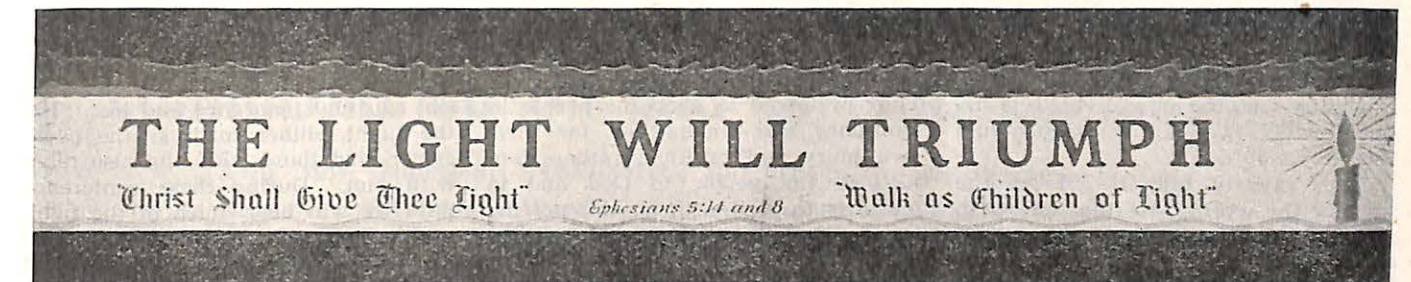
Young people were present in large numbers at the General Conference sessions in Sioux Falls. Their programs were unusually interesting and instructive. The youth banquet with 1200 people at the tables was inspiring. With the commissioning orders of the Lord Jesus Christ — "whom we are and whom we serve" — they must serve and win victoriously!

CONFERENCE MUSIC

Three mass choirs, superbly directed by the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt of Los Angeles, Calif., provided stirring messages in song at the General Conference sessions. More than 125 voices blended beautifully in the choir of South Dakota churches which had rehearsed with Mr. Mittelstedt for more than a week prior to the conference opening. The South Dakota young people's choir rendered inspiring selections on Friday and Sunday evenings. The Ministers' Chorus lifted the General Conference to great musical heights with their fine numbers. The large audiences responded enthusiastically with spirited congregational singing, which even evoked favorable comment from the mayor of Sioux Falls at the opening session. The wonderful playing at the organ by Mr. Elton Burgstahler added much to the inspiration of the days.

CONFERENCE LITERATURE

The General Conference packets were virtually a library of Christian literature and denominational information. The conference hymnal was so popular that requests for hundreds of the books to be purchased were made afterwards. The souvenir program was in great demand. Few of the Roger Williams Press and Baptist Life Association notebooks were left over. It will be impossible to send the contents of the General Conference packet to those who could not be at Sioux Falls. But we can send the 64 page brochure with "General Conference Reports" by the various denominational societies, a souvenir conference program and any other available literature to those who send their request to North American Baptist Headquarters, Forest Park, Ill.



Light or Darkness

Opening Message at the 29th
General Conference
by DR. GEORGE A. LANG,
Moderator

"LET THERE BE LIGHT" are familiar words which are found on the first page of the Bible. They are words of God with which he dispelled darkness. They lead us to the division of light from darkness and to the announcement that the light was called day and the darkness night.

From this pre-historic scene our Biblical writer takes us to the development of the world and the appearance of life thereupon. Nothing is made more clear than the fact that light is essential to life. Health and growth are not possible without the presence of light. Continued darkness, which is the absence of light, retards the normal expressions of life. Thus we are made aware of the importance of light for our existence on this planet which we call the earth.

THE CONFERENCE THEME

Our General Conference theme, "The Light Will Triumph," suggests to us in a very definite form that light is in struggle with something. It is in struggle with that which opposes it. Surely, it is obvious that this enemy of light is darkness. Thus at the outset we wish to call attention to this struggle between light and darkness.

In ancient mythologies the struggle between physical light and physical darkness was conceived of as a struggle between gods. Especially do we see this in the Babylonian records where Marduk, the god of light, is in a death grapple with the god of darkness. Others have thought of light as coming forth out of darkness, since the dawn of a new day emerges out of the deep darkness of night.

It is apparent to us modern people that there is no actual struggle be-

tween physical light and physical darkness, or day and night. We see the change from one to the other daily without any violent results. One follows the other as one car follows another at an intersection where a constant flow of traffic is seen.

Furthermore, even the use of artificial light at night gives no evidence of a struggle. In the early pioneering days when kerosene lamps were used, the lamp was lit, darkness was dispelled, and light prevailed. Today a button is pressed and the dark auditorium is flooded with light. A switch in an office is thrown and a whole city is lighted. There is no apparent struggle between light and darkness, but simply the application of energy in the effective use of light producing elements.

In the moral and spiritual realm a

struggle is much more clearly seen. It is the struggle between spiritual truth and spiritual ignorance, between a faith based on truth and a faith built on superstition. Naturally, spiritual knowledge comes to us through the intellect. Our minds are enlightened about many things. There is no struggle in our minds, however, as vital facts of life are accumulated and ignorance is eliminated.

If we become conscious of any struggle in the securing of truth, it is to be seen in the difficulty by which it is obtained. The securing of truth may require hazardous geological trips or tedious experiments. It may necessitate the expenditure of much energy. But the struggle of eliminating ignorance is not in the minds itself but in the acquisition of truth and knowledge.

A STRUGGLE OF THE SPIRIT

The great struggle is seen in the spiritual realm. It is evidenced when spiritual ignorance and superstition are being dispelled by spiritual grace and truth. It is in this struggle where the words, light and darkness, are so frequently used in Scripture. They are most familiar words in the teachings of the Lord Jesus himself. Let us consider a few of their uses.

John writes (1:4): "In him was life; and the life was the light of men." "The profound word (light)," explains Godet in his Commentary on John, "appears to us to denote, in the language of John, the knowledge of moral good, or moral good fully conscious of itself in the living beings who realize it. The word, truth, in John expresses the same thing without a figure. Light, thus understood, is accessible to no being on the earth



Speakers, the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt as Song Leader, and the South Dakota Mass Choir at the Opening Session of the General Conference in the Coliseum, Sioux Falls, So. Dak., Prior to the Message by Dr. George A. Lang, Moderator

—Photo by Herman Siemund

except man, the one being endowed with the inner organ necessary to perceive moral good. That organ, originally one, but now divided, is the sense which we call conscience and reason."

Jesus says of himself: "I am the light of the world. He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life." Jesus is the embodiment of spiritual truth and moral good. He is saying that which John has written in the beginning, that in him is the light of men. Moral and spiritual truth is to be found only in the knowledge of Christ. Questions of God, of eternity, of the soul, of life here and hereafter are answered only in him. Spiritual truth is thus embodied in Christ. To have the truth one must have Christ. Outside of Christ is darkness, ignorance and lack of spiritual truth.

Just the appearance of Christ among people did not dispel spiritual darkness. A struggle came with his appearance. John puts it this way: "And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not (could not put it out)." The political and religious leaders of his day tried to get rid of Jesus because they fought the light. In fact, they nailed him to the cross with the definite purpose to make Christ, the light, to appear as an imposter and darkness itself. It was a bitter struggle, for men loved darkness rather than light for their deeds were evil.

THE DUTY OF LIGHT

When Jesus brought both physical and spiritual light to the blind man, it startles us to read that both his parents and the religious leaders preferred to keep the man in blindness, since it affected their complacent position. When Jesus showed his power over death and the truth of the resurrection in the raising of Lazarus, the leaders wished to kill Lazarus so that the evidence would be gone.

These leaders were more concerned

about having a following than that God should receive the praise and the lives of those blessed by Jesus. They preferred to keep the people in ignorance and superstition for their own glory and position, rather than to lead the people to God and to moral truth and good. Is this not the cause of much religious and political bickering among many people today? Are all the leaders as interested in bringing the people into the light and truth as they are to have a great following? What a struggle this presents today!

As the Lord gathered followers, he gave to them their task: "Ye are the light of the world." The truth in Christ is to be seen in the lives of his followers. It is the duty of light to shine and to dispel darkness. That too is the object of Christ's life here on earth. He let his light shine in the darkness. And the darkness tried to put it out. But there was no fellowship or companionship with darkness. It didn't take long until the opposition of darkness showed itself.

So also with Christ's followers. They are the light of the world. They are to shine in the darkness. They too cannot fellowship with darkness, with untruth, sin and impurity. They are called upon to live a separated life, for "what communion hath light with darkness?" There can be no communion. Darkness will try to put the light out. Light will dispel darkness. It is a constant struggle of the first magnitude.

But this struggle will end some day. It will end with the triumph of the light. In the book of Revelation the picture of the consummation of things is presented. The struggle between light and darkness has come to a close. The children of the light are gathered from the north, the south, the east and the west. They are gathered about the throne of God.

He is the Light, we are told. There

is no need of light there, for God is the light. He has fully triumphed. His truth has freed his followers of sin, spiritual ignorance and loss. He, the Light, shines forth as the overcomer, and those with him also reign with him. During these conference days we will hear much of the light, of the struggle between light and darkness, of its results and of the final triumph of the light.

THE INEVITABLE CHOICE

One more closing thought. When the Lord was teaching the great truths of his Kingdom as found in the Sermon on the Mount, he spoke of a single or focused eye as bringing light into the body. He spoke also of an evil or inaccurate eye as bringing distorted truth into the body. This he called darkness. He then said: "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great in that darkness!" In other words, it is possible to get a distortion of truth so that the light which we claim to have regarding the truth revealed leads us astray and away from true life.

For instance, the truth that Christ is Lord also of the Sabbath gives us a certain liberty in the use of the Lord's Day. We would do good on that day. We would advance the cause of Christ both in our own spiritual life and that of the people about us. When, however, the acceptance of this truth leads us away from our church, from God's people, from God and service to him, and leads to a life of selfishness, or of self-complacency, or of dissipation, then this light has become darkness to us and leads to our spiritual loss.

Or the light of the truth of the forgiveness of God can be misused. I knew a young man who was living in known sin, while I was pastor of a church. When he was about to commit that sin and while he sought to get others to do it also, he would appeal thus: "Let us do this now

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Commissioned of God for the Cameroons

Two New Cameroons Missionaries, the Misses Myrtle Weeldreyer and Berneice Westerman, Were Appointed and Commissioned During the General Conference Days

INTRODUCING THE NEW CAMEROONS MISSIONARIES

By REV. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary.

THE COMMISSIONING of new missionaries is always a thrilling event at General Conference sessions. During the momentous days at Sioux Falls, South Dakota the General Missionary Committee interviewed two talented and consecrated young women who were later appointed as our new missionaries for the Cameroons, Africa.

One of these is Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer of Emery, South Dakota, a registered nurse, who will probably be stationed at the Bango Baptist Hospital. She served for a full summer on our Spanish-American mission field in Colorado and during the General Conference days was our official nurse in the First Aid Room.

The other is Miss Berneice Westerman of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, formerly of our church in Chancellor. She is a graduate of the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Illinois. She has preparation and experience as a teacher, and with her dedication to the Lord great things can be expected of her.

Both of these young women were commissioned for service in the Cameroons at the stirring Sunday afternoon mass meeting following the missionary message by Miss Laura Reddig. Both will leave for the Cameroons as soon as transportation arrangements are completed, probably late this Fall. Their pictures and testimonies appear on this page. Our prayers will follow them in the assurance that God's Light will triumph through such a bright witness as that of these newly appointed Cameroons missionaries.

EXPECTING GREAT THINGS OF GOD AS HE SENDS ME FORTH TO AFRICA

By MISS MYRTLE WEELDREYER of Emery, South Dakota.

In the closing sermon of the 29th General Conference of the North American Baptist Churches, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer made the statement that this has been the most outstanding conference which we as North American Baptists have observed. To me it will stand out as such in the years to come because it was during this conference that a great climax came in my life.

At last my desire to "go forth" is

materializing. What a privilege, and yet, what a responsibility! More and more I realize the importance of the work to which God has called me as his missionary to the Cameroons in the "dark continent." During the years of training and preparation, the

him through the faithful missionaries that have labored there. Let us not fail in the challenge which is before us, but rather let us continue to pray much and support this work.

The devotional periods, "Thy Word Giveth Light," led by Dr. Reuben Nel-



Arms Around One Another in the Fellowship of Cameroons Missionaries! (Right to Left: Margaret Kittlitz, Laura E. Reddig, Berneice Westerman and Myrtle Weeldreyer, Cameroons Missionaries)

Lord has led in a marvelous way. Now one more step, a great step, has been taken. Trusting in him to go before, I know he will continue to lead me.

With the goal of 7000 souls for Christ, which Laura Reddig informed us has been set for the Cameroons, surely the Light Will Triumph even in dark Africa. We are expecting great things from God in the homeland also — 7000 souls. Yes, 14,000 souls for Christ means that we must get busy for the Lord in this next triennium. With God's help I go out to minister not only to the physical needs of these African people, but also to bring the Light, Jesus Christ, to those still in darkness. For, "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?"

We as North American Baptists have a great responsibility in the various missionary fields which were so forcibly impressed upon our minds through the dramatic presentation, "The Light Will Triumph," on the opening session of the Conference on Monday evening. The Indian, the Spanish-American, the Cameroons mission fields are the fields in which the Lord has privileged us to serve

were very inspirational. The one verse of Scripture taken from Isaiah 43:2, brought a special blessing to my heart, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee." It is with this precious promise, "I will be with thee," that gives me the courage and strength to go out in service for my Lord.

It is my prayer that God may use me to bring forth fruit for his Kingdom, and that his name may be glorified in the winning of precious souls for him in the Cameroons. He said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit."

THE CONFERENCE CHALLENGE FOR MY WITNESS IN THE CAMEROONS

By MISS BERNEICE WESTERMAN of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

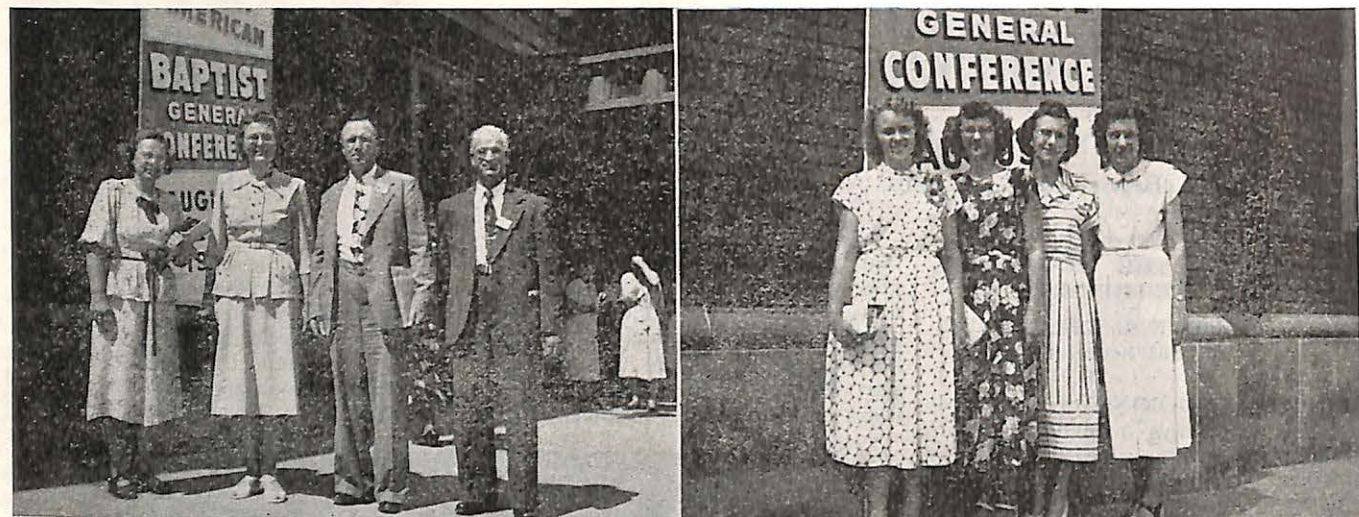
The 29th General Conference is in the past! Is it? Is that all it will mean to us? God grant we shall not forget so soon what has happened.

I shall not forget these days for even now as I write, I am reminded

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Almost 200 General Conference Visitors Gathered Late on Saturday Afternoon at the Site of the Proposed New Seminary Buildings in Sioux Falls, So. Dak., to Hear Mr. Arthur Schwerin and Dr. George A. Lang Describe the Plan for the Construction



By the Hundreds North American Baptists Were Walking Past the General Conference Sign in Front of the Coliseum (Left to Right: Mrs. Wm. Sturhahn, Morris, Manitoba; Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Waltereit, Lehr, No. Dak.; Rev. F. W. Benke, Edmonton, Alberta; and Four Young Women (Picture at Right) from Portland, Oregon and Cleveland, Ohio)

It Was Great and Marvelous!

Sessions of Our 29th General Conference Held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota from August 22-28, 1949

as Reported by REV. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

"GREAT and marvelous!" These words of the South Dakota choir anthem, as sung by 125 voices against a background of soft colored lights, echoed in the hearts of 1800 people assembled in the Coliseum of Sioux Falls, South Dakota on Monday evening, August 22, and vividly described the 29th General Conference of North American Baptist Churches.

GOD'S BLESSING

Great and marvelous were the blessings of God showered on this record-breaking throng of our people. The review of God's wondrous works among us thrilled the hearts of those who were fortunate to be at the conference. Everything was "tops" to make this the best General Conference ever held. Attendance records were broken with 1575 paid registrations, 2200 people at the largest attendance and 1200 people at the youth banquet. The Coliseum with its spacious Annex for the exhibits gave us the largest and best meeting-place for our sessions. All musical numbers were deeply stirring in emotional fervor. The program had a profound spiritual emphasis with sufficient variety to give everybody "just what they needed" for challenge and inspiration.

The triumphant note of our Christian faith was trumpeted in every message of the spiritual feast of good things, provided by the program committee and its chairman, Dr. John

Leypoldt. Never before has a conference theme been used so frequently and so effectively in all the addresses. "The Light Will Triumph" was the clarion bugle call sounded by the speakers, beginning with Dr. George A. Lang as moderator on the opening evening (see his sermon published in this issue) and closing with the spiritual summons by one of our denominational evangelists, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, on Sunday night.

The theme song, with words and music by Dr. Herman von Berge, will be sung by us for years to come. It was introduced at the close of the opening session in a brief dramatic epilogue and sung by Miss Joyce Pankratz. With the spotlight thrown upon our many missionaries in attendance and the general workers of the denomination and with the narration by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, God's great and marvelous works among us were etched into the preeminence of the conference program.

MISSIONARY EMPHASIS

"Missions" was a focal point of a great deal of the conference's attention. The entire program on Wednesday evening, August 24, was a missionary challenge with colorful messages by the Rev. C. L. Young about the Spanish-American field, by Mr. Reinhard Neuman concerning the Montana Indian field in Alberta, and by Miss Margaret Kittlitz about the Cameroons of Africa. Miss Laura

E. Reddig with passionate concern laid the burdens of Africa's needs upon the souls of more than 2000 people at the Sunday afternoon mass meeting.

Mission reports were given and introductions of new missionaries were made. The difficult missionary work in China was described by Miss Leona Ross. The people showed themselves as "cheerful givers" in the large missionary offerings. The team, Rev. H. G. Dymmel and Rev. Fred Ferris, which will soon go to the Cameroons on an inspection tour was commissioned by prayer. The home mission pastors and their fields of labor were symbolized by the Rev. A. Buhler of Harvey, No. Dak., and in his message to the conference.

THRILLING SPEAKERS

Some of the new features of the program were acclaimed by the conference people. Laymen were completely in charge of Tuesday's evening program with deeply spiritual messages by Mr. Edwin Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., and by Mr. James Barnes of Detroit, Mich. Jim Barnes with Scriptural exposition and Billy Sunday fervor was a headliner on this program who will not soon be forgotten. He is a member of the Bethel Church of Detroit and is also a purchasing agent for the Ford Motor Company.

Educational Night featured the Thursday evening program. The ministry of our Seminary was sym-

bolized by Dr. George A. Lang in charge of the meeting and portrayed in word by Professor A. Felberg and in song by the double quartet of students. The work of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta was presented by the Rev. E. P. Wahl, president, and a quartet of students. Dr. William Kuhn, a graduate of our Seminary in the class of 1897, spoke out of the fullness of his life-long experiences and convictions on "Streams of Blessing from Our Seminary."

The thrilling youth program on Friday evening was packed with many good things, even to "the spiritual punch" in message by the dynamic Dr. William Ward Ayer, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of New York, N. Y. A special report about this youth service, the Saturday evening banquet and other young people's meetings appears elsewhere in this issue.

The speaker who was used mightily of God to impress spiritual truths upon our hearts was Dr. Reuben Nelson of New York, N. Y., who brought daily devotional messages on "Thy Word Giveth Light." The redemptive grace of God which broke through into human hearts by the Lord Jesus Christ, the never failing companionship of our Redeemer and the love of God's revelation, always great and marvelous, were indelibly impressed upon many responsive hearts. Dr. Nelson was an ambassador of goodwill among us from the Northern Baptist Convention. Much more than that, he was God's herald of the eternal truths of his glorious Gospel!

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Sunday afternoon's mass meeting was one of the many wonderful highlights of the week. Following the morning service, which was addressed by the Rev. Robert Schreiber of Chicago, Ill., on the well prepared message, "Loyalty to the Light," a colorful academic procession filed up the aisle of the Coliseum for an unusually inspiring service. With caps and gowns and colored hoods, representatives of Sioux Falls College and of the General Conference followed by our pastors came forward and took their respective places. The climax of this part of the service was reached with the conferring of the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity upon the Rev. Jakob Meister of Berlin, Germany and his message about conditions in Europe to the conference.

Throughout the entire conference week this spiritual emphasis was evident. The Christian Life Program and the announced goal of 7000 baptisms during the next triennium was effectively presented by numerous speakers. Many testimonies were given by pastors and women on "Outstanding Experiences in Our Ministry" and "Our Favorite Bible

Verses." Two German services were held on Saturday noon and Sunday morning, respectively. The devotional messages conducted by our pastors, the denominational reports and fraternal greetings continued to sound the spiritual note of the conference.

DECISIVE DECISIONS

Even the decisions that were reached by the delegates were "great and marvelous." Sometimes it appeared as if the fires of revolt would be lighted or the deliberations would bog down in some hole along the way. But God's Spirit prevailed, and unity and harmony characterized the final outcome on every decision.

nary will be housed temporarily in present buildings of Sioux Falls College until the permanency of this relocation is determined by the General Council and School Board and until the new Seminary buildings are finished.

The resolution of the Publication Board calling for the bi-weekly appearance both of "The Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" was heatedly debated but finally approved. A favorable vote was taken on the constitutional changes, making the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta a cooperating society of the denomination. The results of the General Conference elections are



Our Missionaries on the Spanish-American Field in Colorado With the General Conference Poster on the Coliseum Wall Behind Them (Left to Right: Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Young of Monte Vista, Colorado and Rev. and Mrs. Aurelio Hurtado of Taos, New Mexico)

Two new missionaries for the Cameroons, the Misses Myrtle Weeldreyer of Emery, So. Dak., and Bernice Westerman of Sioux Falls, So. Dak., were appointed and commissioned on Sunday afternoon. Their deeply moving testimonies and pictures appear on page 7 of this issue. They bring the total number of our Cameroons missionaries under appointment to 28. The General Mission Committee also voted \$2000 to finish the new church under construction at Taos, New Mexico and presented our new Spanish-American missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Aurelio Hurtado, to the conference. This enlarges our mission field in Colorado and New Mexico among the Spanish-American people.

The General Conference voted to adopt the resolution, on which a special committee and Dr. H. Theodore Sorg had labored for many days, calling for the relocation of our Seminary to Sioux Falls, So. Dak., as soon as the building in Rochester is sold and agreement is reached with the Divinity School in Rochester with regard to endowment funds. Our Semi-

gion was discussed on another page of this number of "The Herald."

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Even the young people enacted important business and presented inspiring programs, which are described elsewhere in a special report. Suffice it to say, that the new name for the young people's work is now COMMISSIONED BAPTIST YOUTH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION. The Rev. J. C. Gunst was reelected general secretary. The fine panoramic presentation on Friday afternoon of the many activities and influential ministry of the youth union was acclaimed by all who saw it as "spectacular, wonderful and informative." By means of special speakers, pictures and music, a concise and newsy report was given.

The breakfast sessions for the laymen, women and ministers are treated separately in this issue. It was a happy and very successful innovation. The Woman's National Union had a splendid program on Thursday

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Women's Meetings at General Conference

Sessions of the National Woman's Missionary Union at the General Conference, Sioux Falls, So. Dak.,

as Reported by MRS. JOHN WOBIG of Portland, Oregon

THE WOMEN of the North American Baptist General Conference have always filled a very important place in its missionary activities. This was again manifested at the recent General Conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Under the competent leadership of its officers, with Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel of Chicago, Ill., as president, they successfully carried out the ten goal chart project during the last triennium. This plan kept the women busy throughout the length and breadth of our conference in a program of Bible study and prayer, study of missions, White Cross and relief work, and supporting our denominational enterprise.

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST

On Thursday morning, Aug. 26, at 7:30 A. M. more than 400 women gathered around breakfast tables in the dining hall of the Lutheran Church which was followed by the business session of the Union, with our beloved and capable president, Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel, presiding. After a word of greeting, Mrs. John Crut-hamel of Philadelphia, Pa., led us in group singing. Miss Leona Ross, our

missionary to South China, brought a very inspiring devotional message, reminding us that we have a great mission to perform, because God has chosen us to be his reflectors. Mrs. Louise Dunger, our missionary in the Cameroons, closed the devotional with prayer.

Much praise is due our union officers of the past triennium, for the splendid way in which they performed their duties relative to their offices. Keen interest was shown as the reports were given to us by our secretary, Mrs. Robert Schreiber, Chicago, Ill.; treasurer, Mrs. C. F. Lehr, Applington, Iowa; vice-president, Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, Forest Park, Ill.; and president, Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel.

THE BROADCAST

That interesting and informative paper which is known as the "Broadcast" was reported on by its editor, Miss Eva Yung. Much praise should be given to Miss Yung who has so willingly and sacrificially given of her time and energy to get the national news and information of our Union to our local societies. At present the circulation of the "Broadcast" is approximately 600 copies. We are sorry

to accept Miss Yung's resignation as editor. However, we are happy and confident that we have chosen a competent successor in the person of Mrs. Frank Woyke, Forest Park, Ill.

Miss Alethea Kose, our scholarship chairman said, "Investments pay dividends," after which she presented to us Miss Berneice Westerman of Chancellor, S. D., one of our newly appointed missionaries to the Cameroons, who had been our scholarship student two years ago. Miss Tina Schmidt of Calgary, Alberta has been chosen as our scholarship student for 1949-50.

Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel introduced the following chairmen: Mrs. A. Huber, Linton, No. Dak., program chairman; Mrs. E. E. Staub, Detroit, Mich., historian; Mrs. R. Ross, Forest Park, Ill., exhibits. Mrs. T. W. Dons, Ellinwood, Kansas, missionary education chairman, was unable to be with us, due to serious illness.

PROJECT CHART

A revised project chart with seven goals was accepted and will be mailed to all societies in the near future. Our special two-fold missionary project for the next triennium will be: the medical missionary work in the Cameroons and the North American Baptist Seminary, equally divided. Our hearts were filled with gratitude to God, when Mrs. Schoeffel reported that we have gone "way over the top" in our goal of \$10,000 for the Nurses' Training project. At the date of the General Conference we had received \$20,844. Let's keep up the good work and again exceed our set goal of \$10,000 for our new two-fold missionary project.

Thursday afternoon the women presented a well-planned, interesting and uplifting program, under the direction of Mrs. A. Huber, program chairman, and her committee to a large and appreciative audience. Mrs. J. Benke of Watertown, Wisconsin led our song service with Mrs. R. Kern of Vancouver, B. C., as the organist. Our president, Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel, spoke warm words of welcome.

A beautiful and impressive devotional service entitled, "The Light Will Triumph," was given with Mrs. R. Schilke of Edmonton, Alberta as the narrator. A presentation of living pictures with Mrs. A. Schultz of Crawford, Texas representing missions; Mrs. D. Klein of Cathay, No.

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—Photo by Herman Siemund

Newly-elected Officers of the National Woman's Missionary Union on the General Conference Platform

(Right to Left: Mrs. Wm. L. Schoeffel, Chicago, Ill., President; Mrs. Walter Stein, Ashley, No. Dak., Vice-president; Mrs. Emanuel Wolff, Dallas, Oregon, Secretary; Mrs. Thomas Lutz, North Freedom, Wis., Treasurer)



Some of the Large Crowd at McKennan Park, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, (Right) for the Youth Sunrise Service; and (Left) Henry Schmunk Holds the Music for Bud Lehr to Play with Milton Lippert, Rev. Robert Hess, Speaker, and the Seminary Harmonizers Facing the Out-of-Door Congregation

Commissioned Youth in Action

General Conference Programs of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union as Reported by MISS MARTHA LEYPOLDT

COMMISSIONED by Christ to carry out his work, the young people and Sunday School workers at the General Conference received a new vision of the great task that lies ahead of them. Christ has given us marching orders and we are going forward in obedience to his command. Truly, God was with us during those thrilling days at Sioux Falls, and the great commission of Christ rings in our ears as we go forward in his name.

A new and challenging program for the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union was introduced with much enthusiasm at the General Conference. To give more stress to Sunday School work, the General Conference voted to separate the activities of the Sunday School and young people's work so that adequate stress can be made on both phases.

THE NEW NAME

Working under a new name, COMMISSIONED YOUTH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION of the North American Baptist General Conference, to be known as CONFERENCE UNION, the organization will continue under the able direction of the Rev. J. C. Gunst, our general secretary. The new executive committee will be under the leadership of Mr. Harold W. Gieseke of Trenton, Illinois. His co-workers will be: vice-president, Mr. Milton Lippert, Waco, Texas; secretary, Miss Ramona Schacht, Lorraine, Kansas; council member-at-large, Mr. Ralph Kletke, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Mr. Walter C. Pankratz, Chi-

cago, Illinois, past president.

In order to have a name that is distinctive to our North American Baptist young people, we are proposing that the name COMMISSIONED BAPTIST YOUTH be used in all of our local societies, more commonly called C. B. Y. It is hoped that the regional and conference unions will also adopt this new name. At the first meeting of the executive committee definite plans will be proposed for your consideration and adoption.

SUNDAY SCHOOL EMPHASIS

The enthusiasm for a new emphasis on Sunday School work was contagious. All council members were willing to accept this new responsibility in our Conference Union work. Special representatives from each conference will be chosen to take the responsibility of the Sunday School work in their local areas and organize conference Sunday School Unions. A standard of excellence, increased efficiency in organization and better trained teachers are some of the plans for our increased Sunday School program.

Although many council business meetings were held during the conference, the response of all of the officers this year was most gratifying. Interest shown in the youth and Sunday School week and the planning of future activities for the triennium 1949-1952 was overwhelming. Never in the history of our organization have our young people shown the eagerness to know the activities and purposes of the Conference Union as was expressed during these past days.

With the motto, "Saved to Tell Others," still ringing in our ears and in our hearts, we go forward to even greater service for Christ during the next triennium. COMMISSIONED TO SERVE will be our watchword for the next three years. Because we belong to Christ and love him with all our hearts, we are willing to follow his command to serve him to a greater degree than we have ever done before. "Whose I am, and Whom I serve" (Acts 27:23) will give us the spiritual challenge to more consecrated service for the One we love. We trust that the song, "Serve the Lord in Days of Youth," will be sung in all of our churches during this triennium with as much enthusiasm as our past song, "Saved to Tell Others."

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

If any young person says to you, "I don't want to go to the General Conference; it isn't for young people," please inform them of the many activities which were sponsored by young people at the conference at Sioux Falls. We heard from the lips of many consistent conference goers that this was the biggest and best General Conference ever held. This too was true of our youth activities. Not a day passed but there were some special activities planned for all young people in attendance.

After the opening session of the conference on MONDAY evening the young people went to the studios of Station NABC for a special broadcast. Mr. Manuel Wolff of Grand Forks, N.

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What's Happening

● One of the highlights of the General Conference was the organ music played by Mr. Elton Burgstahler of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. His variations on the organ and several processional marches thrilled the large audience. The organ was installed in the Coliseum for the conference week without charge by the Williams Piano Company of Sioux Falls. Miss Darline Thole of Stafford, Kansas also rendered a fine service as pianist at the grand piano.

● The 29th General Conference at Sioux Falls, So. Dak., from August 22 to 28 broke many records of attendance. The total paid registrations of 1575 far exceeded the previous high of 1164 reached at Tacoma, Wash., in 1946. The estimated attendance of 2200 at Sunday's afternoon meeting was the largest at any General Conference session. The 1200 people who enjoyed the Saturday night banquet helped to break the attendance record for that event. It was a great conference!

● Sioux Falls is almost at the center of our denominational territory. This was shown by the marvelous representation of most of our churches. A total of 179 churches were represented by 561 official delegates, which is a notable record in itself. The Rev. Paul F. Zoschke of Cleveland, Ohio served as the able statistician. He also managed "the red light" which signaled the speakers with terminal warnings and kept the conference program running smoothly and according to schedule.

● The General Conference offerings totalled \$6,523.25. This was in addition to the mission gift of \$5000 given by Mrs. Albert Steffens of Anaheim, Calif., and received by the Rev. Frank H. Woyke in behalf of the denomination on Sunday afternoon. The largest offerings were laid on God's altar on Wednesday evening and Sunday afternoon amounting to \$1296.05 and \$1124.54, respectively. Mr. Woyke, executive secretary, announced the purpose of all the offerings throughout the conference week.

● The time and place for the 1952 General Conference have not been designated as yet. Two invitations for the next conference were received from the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., and from the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas,

Texas. The final decision will be made by the General Council. The conference time may also be changed so that the sessions will begin on Wednesday night and continue for a full week through the following Tuesday.

● The 28 page General Conference program was really "a souvenir edition!" It was presented with the compliments of the Baptist Life Association with offices at 860 Walden Ave., Buffalo 11, N. Y. The printing job was done by the Roger Williams Press. Hundreds of extra copies of the souvenir program were quickly taken by the conference visitors to be sent to friends at home. A handy notebook was also distributed free by the Baptist Life Association.

● The 29th General Conference was upheld by prayer. The spiritual emphasis of the Conference program was felt by those who attended. There was time for much prayer during the sessions. Numerous prayer groups met in hotel rooms before and during the conference sessions. The Prayer Room with the Rev. Peter Geissler of Avon, So. Dak., and the Rev. R. Rapske of Medicine Hat, Alta., in charge was well used by our conference people, even though it was not conveniently located.

● Dr. William Kuhn, who has held some denominational position of leadership for 36 years, received the greatest ovation of the conference week. Just prior to his message on Thursday evening, the large audience applauded and rose to their feet as a spontaneous symbol of their high esteem for him. Dr. Kuhn did not wish to be reelected, and so the General Conference appointed him "secretary emeritus" for the rest of his life. This was unanimously approved by the conference.

● The Coliseum Annex with its 36 colorful and fascinating exhibits and wonderful book display of the Roger Williams Press vied with the auditorium for attention. It was the finest denominational exhibit ever prepared for a General Conference. Pictures, curios, leaflets, maps, posters, relief parcels and bales, and all kinds of objects directly from the mission fields gave a panoramic picture of our denomination in action. The conference exhibit was acclaimed by all visitors as superb!

● A busy place in the Exhibit Hall was the Snackery or Refreshment Stand which netted the conference treasury a tidy sum of profit. Wesley Trautner, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Trautner of Beulah, No. Dak., was in charge of the Snackery with his brothers. A total of more than 6000 bottles of soft drinks were consumed at the Snackery during the conference week. More than a thousand scenic postcards of Sioux Falls were also sold at the Information Desk.

● The most popular man at the General Conference was Mr. Henry Schmunk of Tacoma, Wash., the official conference announcer. With brevity and wit and in a clear loud voice, he made all the announcements, kept everybody well informed, answered all questions, and besides had his picture taken several times. He also served as the conference announcer at Tacoma, Wash., in 1946. All of this looks like good experience for Henry Schmunk for a similar ministry in 1952.

● A corps of thirty young people from our churches at Emery, Chancellor, Madison and Sioux Falls (North Side Church) spent most of Saturday prior to the opening of the sessions filling several thousand General Conference packets. Twelve items went into each packet including the 36 page brochure of Conference reports, the 135 page hymnal, and colorful literature about the state of South Dakota making this the largest and heaviest packet ever given to conference visitors.

● The official conference photographer, Mr. Herman Siemund of Chicago, Ill., was kept busy during the conference week. He took scores of pictures and several hundred feet of motion pictures. More than \$125 worth of orders for his pictures were received which Mr. Siemund is contributing in its entirety to a missionary enterprise. A motion picture film in color of pictures taken at Sioux Falls is now being prepared for showing in our churches by the promotional secretary.

● Words and music for the General Conference theme song, "The Light Will Triumph" were prepared by Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio. Following its inspiring introduction at the opening session as sung by

Joyce Pankratz of Chicago, Ill., it speedily won the hearts of the conference visitors. Several thousand extra copies of the song have been printed for distribution among our churches. Send your requests to our denominational headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois if you can use the song in your church.

● An unusual feature at the Exhibit Hall was the installation of a "tower music system" of Schulmerich Electronics with headquarters in Sellersville, Pa., by Mr. Jake Perman of Jamestown, No. Dak., who is a former member of a North American Baptist Church. Chimes, organ music and instrumental selections were played on the chimes system in the large exhibit hall. One woman was overheard to say "My! It sounds like Christmas in this hall!" Several ads by Schulmerich Electronics will appear in "The Baptist Herald."

● The General Conference flowers were a sight of spectacular beauty. Mrs. John Plucker and her committee with representatives from each South Dakota Church provided for twelve floral bouquets for the conference platform. These flowers were prepared by the Anderson Flower Shop of Sioux Falls. The Chamber of Commerce through the Young's Flower Shop also provided for \$50.00 worth of flowers. Even the Exhibit Hall and Writing Rest Room were decorated with flowers. It was a feast for our eyes!

● The North Side Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, So. Dak., held evangelistic meetings prior to the conference days with the Rev. Henry Pfeifer as evangelist. A conference service was also held on Sunday morning, Aug. 28, with the Rev. F. B. Taylor in charge. At the Sunday morning service on Aug. 28 at the West Center St. Church of Madison, So. Dak., three former pastors spoke. They are the Reverends W. S. Argow of Erie, Pa., J. F. Olthoff of Tacoma, Wash., and H. R. Schroeder of Chicago, Ill. The local pastor, Rev. Herbert Hiller, was in charge.

● Civic leaders of Sioux Falls were very enthusiastic in their welcome to the General Conference. The Chamber of Commerce through its director, Pat Patton, provided for the Coliseum without any charge. The words of welcome of Sioux Falls' mayor, the honorable H. B. Saure, were heartily sincere and Christian. Mr. Allen Aker, Coliseum manager, and his assistants provided us with all facilities and conveniences for a grand conference. The Sioux Falls newspaper, "The Argus-Leader," gave the General Conference generous space on its news and editorial pages and arranged for the taking of numerous pictures by its staff photographer, Herb Qualset.

General Conference Laymen's Program

Laymen's Activities at the Sioux Falls Conference as Reported by
MR. ROLAND E. ROSS of Forest Park, Ill.

THE 29th triennial General Conference brought our laymen's program into prominence as never before. A very fine program had been arranged by our General Conference Program Committee for Laymen's Night. The Conference program also called for a Laymen's Breakfast, the members of the committee being Walter W. Grosser, Harold B. Johns and Roland E. Ross, chairman.

At seven-thirty on Thursday morning about 120 of our leading and most active laymen sat down to breakfast, first to enjoy the program that had been arranged and then to consider the advisability of having a laymen's organization for the spiritual and social program of our churches, for greater help in the salvation of souls and building the church.

The breakfast meeting program will long be remembered by those who attended. We enjoyed solos by Rose Marie Lippert, daughter of Harold Lippert of Tripp, South Dakota. Our Seminary quartet which is known as the Seminars sang several appreciated numbers. Several of our laymen took part in leading group singing, Scripture reading and prayer. Then our Dean of Laymen, Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, gave a most informative and inspirational message. He dealt with the many

problems of today, which affect the home life and our church life as well.

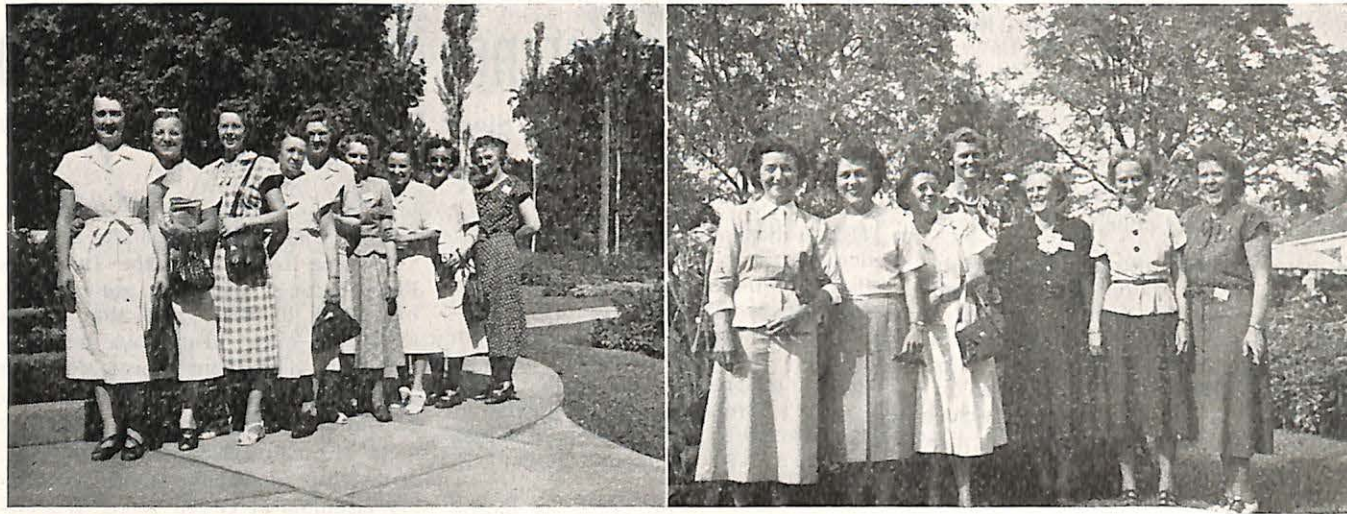
Looking forward to the Laymen's Retreat, for which plans are now being made, it was agreed that by all means we ought to organize our laymen into a working force for the greater good of our denomination. The anticipated Laymen's Conference is to be arranged for the latter part of next summer at the Baptist Assembly Grounds at Green Lake, Wisconsin. A committee was appointed to set forth the type of organization that our laymen ought to have and the purpose and objectives of such an organization. The committee is to lay out the entire plan for this organization and is to present such plans at Green Lake next summer. The committee members are Mr. J. O. Johnson of Portland, Oregon, chairman; William O. Hansen of La Crosse, Wis.; Stanley Ernst of Detroit, Mich.; Vernon Ekrut of Waco, Texas; Edwin Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Henry Schmunk of Tacoma, Wash.; one of our Canadian brethren yet to be named, and Roland E. Ross.

Let us all look forward with eager anticipation to our Laymen's Retreat at Green Lake next summer, and to give our organizing committee full cooperation toward establishing a permanent laymen's organization.



—Photo by Herman Siemund
North American Baptist Laymen Who Participated in the Laymen's Program at the Sioux Falls General Conference

(Left to Right: Richard Mulder, Parkersburg, Iowa; E. Elmer Staub, Detroit, Mich.; James Barnes, Detroit, Mich.; Walter Grosser, Oak Park, Ill.; Harold Lippert, Tripp, South Dakota; Edwin H. Marklein, Brooklyn, N. Y.)



A Group of Women from the Dayton's Bluff Church Delegation of St. Paul, Minn., (Left) at McKennan Park, Sioux Falls, So. Dak., and (Right) Another Group Composed of Delegates from Philadelphia, Pa., Cathay, No. Dak., and Several California Churches

Conference Observations and Impressions

Personal Reports of the 29th General Conference at Sioux Falls, So. Dak.,

by Varied Observers

GOD'S BLESSINGS AND EVERYBODY'S COOPERATION MADE THE 29th GENERAL CONFERENCE MEMORABLE

By Dr. JOHN LEYPOLDT
of Milwaukee, Wisconsin,
Chairman of the Program Committee.

We are grateful to God for the many blessings showered upon us during the memorable days of the 29th General Conference. Even though the days were warm, the evenings were pleasant. The great gatherings were an inspiration. The singing of the various mass choirs and smaller groups was superb.

We were pleased that young and older ministers participated in the program. The response on the part of our ministerial brethren was splendid. God has given us able laymen who played a prominent part in the important business sessions of our conference. We thank God for them. We rejoice over the many young people who were present. The fine cooperation of the South Dakota churches was especially appreciated.

Most of the speakers remained within their allotted time. We feared that because of the pressure of business we might be forced to have a business session on Saturday afternoon. No one could foresee how much extra time would be needed. We were glad that Saturday afternoon was free for recreation and fellowship. Most of our evening sessions closed before 9:30 P. M. The two German services on Saturday and Sunday morning were well attended and surely appreciated by our Dakota and Canadian brethren.

Our conference theme song, "The Light Will Triumph," should have been sung oftener. It should be used in our churches. This spirited song written by Dr. H. von Berge should not be buried in the conference archives. It is being made available to churches that would like to sing it.

We regret that the Prayer Room was not in a more conspicuous place. Originally we planned to have it above the front entrance to the Coliseum but the need for committee rooms crowded us out. We hope that the new Program Committee will be able to give prayer a more prominent place at the next conference.

How we wished that all our members could have seen the finest denominational exhibit ever displayed at a General Conference. If many of our members knew more about our denominational history and activities, they would undoubtedly show a greater interest in the Kingdom enterprises that God has entrusted to us.

The dramatic presentation by the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union on Friday afternoon was very interesting and informing. We hope this presentation will be made available to our young people's societies.

Many favorable comments were made regarding the program. We would, however, bring our work to a close with the words of Jesus: "Even so ye also when ye shall have done all the things that are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which it was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10).

EXCEEDING ALL EXPECTATIONS!

By Mr. WALTER E. KOHRS
of Peoria, Illinois, Director of Publicity for the 29th General Conference.

THAT WRAPS UP my impression of the 29th General Conference.

It was thoroughly inspiring and soul-satisfying, every day it lasted.

It was thrilling to realize how truly America-wide these North American Baptists were, in convention assembled. We did indeed hail from the far corners of our land, and even beyond, in view of the presence of our missionaries from the Cameroons and visitors from Germany.

Being there several days early, I was privileged to witness behind-the-scenes preparations for the opening of the conference. To say that the Coliseum resembled a beehive is no exaggeration. Individuals arriving in advance willingly pitched in to help, and it was a thrill to see so many persons working with such a single-mindedness of purpose.

As for the conference sessions themselves, perhaps a kaleidoscopic word picture will best suffice in describing those seven action-packed days:

Opening night! with its vast throng filling the first floor of the huge Coliseum, and hundreds spilling over into the balconies, estimated attendance 1600, a record for a first night . . . warm words of welcome from Sioux Falls' mayor and from a spokesman for South Dakota Baptists . . . Dr. George Lang's scholarly address, his presence as president of the Seminary accentuating the ever-present but un-

spoken question, "What will the decision be on relocation of the Seminary?" . . . The hush during the dramatic presentation, "The Light Will Triumph," and the full-throated singing of Dr. Herman von Berge's theme song written expressly for this conference . . .

The sunrise service in the park, worshipping God in that beautiful sunken garden setting as the rays of the early morning sun streamed over the throng . . . Voices from afar: the appearance of the various missionaries . . . introduction of the two girls who soon will be leaving South Dakota's prairielands for the grasslands of the Cameroons . . . Hearing Dr. William Kuhn's familiar tones ring out as he looked back across the years to recall Seminary days . . . The splendidly-prepared combination of words, pictures and music as the young people dramatized the scope of their activities . . . The huge crowd at the young people's banquet, assembling light-heartedly in a festive mood but realizing all the while the challenge that the future holds . . .

The thrill that ran through the crowd when the conference voted to relocate the Seminary, the feeling of relief that this decisive, progressive step had at last been taken, seeing this action recounted in a commanding position on page one of the Sioux Falls newspaper, seeing it appear in news service bulletins distributed nationwide, with the knowledge that radio newscasters were even then telling the world of the forward-looking step North American Baptists had taken . . . The thrilling singing: the rolling tones of the mighty organ providing a spine-tingling accompaniment as thousands of throats poured out the words of the grand old hymns of the church, the joyous songs poured out by the South Dakota mass choir, singing under inspiring direction. . .

Looking back on the conference, and knowing that returning delegates would impart to others the thrills of this great meeting, thus sparking a unifying action throughout the denomination, and creating a widespread desire for even greater numbers to work with still more zeal under the banner of the North American Baptists.

ABIDING IMPRESSIONS OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE FOR A MISSIONARY

By MISS MARGARET KITTLITZ
of Waco, Texas, One of Our Missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa.

A great host of God's people singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," on the closing night of the conference served to fasten on the heart and mind of your missionary the impression that as North American Baptists we have one great bond of unity, namely, Jesus Christ, our Lord. True, there are occasional undercurrents of

different opinions and ideas, expressed according to the personality of individuals, but we are united in HIM who shed his blood for us all!

A summer of visitation and observation had already impressed your missionary with the mission-mindedness of our people, as well as with their evangelistic outlook. This impression was strengthened during the days of the General Conference by the many who visited the exhibit booths representing both home and foreign missionary endeavors, by the many sincere questions which were asked concerning the work and by the frequency with which people, young and old, asked, "What can we do?" "What can we make?" "How can we help the work along other than that which we have been doing?"

to help the progress of the work God has given us to do.

Would that all missionaries on furlough could have the opportunity to attend a General Conference! The well organized general program, the evident effort put forth by those in charge of young people's and women's presentations to give those in attendance something worthwhile and inspirational, the devotional and spiritual emphasis, all served to give to your missionary a new vision of service. She will carry with her memories, not only of programs and banquets, but of many friendly contacts that will brighten dark, discouraging days that are bound to come and will be a source of spiritual power as she continues to represent you in God's harvest field in the Cameroons.



—Photo by Herman Siemund

Graduates of the North American Baptist Seminary Prior to 1910 at the Seminary Exhibit Booth at the General Conference

(Front Row, Left to Right: O. E. Krueger, 1900; William Kuhn, 1897; Herman von Berge, 1897; Albert Bretschneider, 1908. — Back Row, Left to Right: John Leypoldt, 1910; H. R. Schroeder, 1910; Theodore Frey, 1907; W. S. Argow, 1902; A. A. Schade, 1910; R. M. Klingbeil, 1905; and Edward Niemann, 1904)

We have a praying constituency as revealed in the frequent use of the prayer room (an innovation which I appreciated deeply) and by the many spontaneous prayers offered during the morning devotional periods.

Our people have a deep interest in the entire denominational enterprise. While attendance at the so-called "spiritual" parts of the program was always large, there were few less at the business sessions. People wanted to know what was going on in our big denominational family. I for one learned to appreciate anew the great work that is being done by many of our laymen, all busy men, who are giving unstintingly of their valuable time and talents (even leaving the rod and reel for "Nineveh") in order

A WONDERFUL CONFERENCE THEME AND MARVELOUS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

By Miss ERIKA SCHMIDT
of Berlin, Germany, a Student at Present at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla.

"The Light Will Triumph." What a wonderful word that was which was sounded throughout the conference days — consoling and promising! It will go with us in the days and years to come.

This conference was one of the most wonderful experiences I have had since I came over from Germany last November. Someone said that there is always danger that at conferences we hear too much about

business and elections. But everybody agreed that during these seven days of the General Conference God richly blessed us, that his Holy Spirit was in our midst.

There was especially one thought — often expressed during these days in challenging messages — Christ's command: "Walk as children of light!" Who did not sit in the audience, hearing these words, reading them above the platform, and as a result thinking his life over and making new decisions, promising the Lord to try again and better to walk as "Children of Light"? The message that comes from our lips surely will not have much effect on anyone if we do not live clean Christian lives, if we do not "walk as children of light."

Since the close of the conference, these words keep ringing in my ears. It always takes some effort, after we have heard such challenging messages and our hearts have been uplifted, to apply and to practice in our daily lives what we have heard, knowing in our hearts that we should. May God help those who participated in this spiritual conference to share their experiences with those who could not attend!

It was a joy for me to get acquainted with many friends, whose names were familiar to me and to others, whom I knew indirectly because I had seen many of their love gifts. I would have liked to shake hands with everybody who has done something for this wonderful relief work and to say a hearty word of thanks. It has been my privilege to work for our Brudershilfe in Germany with the Rev. Otto Nallinger, director. Relief work has been a great missionary accomplishment in my home country.

The material help was not the only or even the most important feature of this work. How often were we able to see that people were encouraged and that their hearts were opened after we had been able to give them material help. I always had the feeling that each gift was like a messenger of peace and love, and many stories could be told about what a blessing this relief work was to many people.

It was made easy, during these few days at Sioux Falls, for me as a stranger to feel at home. How often did I answer the question, "How do you like America?" How could I help liking America, receiving such a warm welcome, enjoying such a hearty Christian fellowship! Isn't this fellowship in Christ throughout the world a wonderful privilege? What happy, privileged people we are!

It is my prayer that all the experiences at this conference with its victorious message, "The Light Will Triumph," might help us to live victorious Christian lives.



Mr. and Mrs. Reinhard Neuman, Our Missionaries on the Indian Mission Field in Alberta, Standing in Front of the General Conference Sign Dressed in Indian Regalia and Blankets

PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS OF OUR FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE

By the Rev. and Mrs. VERNON LINK of Fessenden, North Dakota.

Having arrived at home and after having thought over the events of the General Conference, there are two phases that we would like to write about. These two phases will be beneficial to us in our newly begun ministry in one of the churches of our denomination. The first, the "get-acquainted" or as we might call it the "fellowship" part, and secondly, the "inspirational" part.

In dealing first with the "get acquainted" or "fellowship" part, we must say that to see our general workers, some of our missionaries, and most of our pastors at one meeting, together with a large representation of laymen was good. We could thus see our denomination as a whole. This was the first General Conference that we had the privilege of attending.

Previously, our only means of becoming acquainted with them was, first, through a chance meeting at our North American Baptist Seminary and as we visited some of our churches. Secondly, we would read about them in the church reports and through their articles and sermons in our denominational papers. Whereas before they were only names to us, now they became personalities. We

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could see them, converse with them, observe them, and have fellowship with them.

We personally met our denominational evangelists, the brethren Palfenier and Pfeifer, and also their wives. In the future when we anticipate having them serve at our church, we shall know who they are. We also had the privilege of meeting the Rev. W. Luebeck and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner who are the editors of our denominational papers. We shall now enjoy these papers more.

To have seen and become acquainted with our young people's officers, Mr. Harold Gieseke, the president, and the Rev. J. C. Gunst, the general secretary, and Mr. Harold Lippert and Miss Ramona Schacht was very beneficial. It is necessary that we work closely with them, since the young people's work of our denomination is very important. The work of our Woman's Missionary Union became more important to us. The articles by Mrs. Florence Schoeffel in "The Baptist Herald" will inspire us more, now that we have met her.

To meet the Rev. A. F. Runtz and hear him personally give a report about the Children's Home brings us a better understanding of this great work. The same applies to our Homes for the Aged. It brings this work nearer and dearer to our hearts, especially to meet the Rev. R. Sigmund of our Bismarck Home, because some of our members live there. To see the Rev. C. L. Young and Mr. Reinhard Neuman as well as Laura Reddig and Margaret Kittlitz makes our missionary need more real to us. We are inspired to support this work more.

We were happy to meet former pastors of our church. Only a General Conference would have given us this opportunity. It was a delight to meet the Rev. Eduard Nieman. He served our church here at Fessenden many years ago. Other former pastors were the Rev. August Kraemer, the Rev. R. Sigmund and the Rev. Otto Fiesel.

The inspirational talks given at the conference were outstanding. We will endeavor to remember the words of Dr. William Ward Ayer, that we must stay with the Word and preach the Gospel. Also Dr. Dale Ihrle's message that each of us has a place to fill. Whether that place or position be great or small, we must fill it. God will reward us for our faithfulness and not our greatness. Our duty is to bring souls to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The closing address by Evangelist Henry Pfeifer was a real challenge to us. We must keep on working for the Lord, or else the forces of evil will take over.

Thus, as new workers in our denomination we want to do our part and fill our place. After having attended the General Conference we will more intelligently and with a better understanding we shall be able to go forward.

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Election Results at the 29th North American Baptist General Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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 A View of the Mission Curios, Pictures, Maps and Scrapes at the Missionary Society's Exhibit at the General Conference, Which Was Only a Small Section of the Entire General Conference Exhibit

It Was a Great and Marvelous Conference

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afternoon, August 25, which is reported separately. At the Saturday afternoon outing at beautiful McKennan Park almost a thousand picnic lunches were sold and enjoyed. Afterwards, games were played and pictures taken as the spacious park became a rendezvous for North American Baptists.

Late on Saturday afternoon an informal service was held on the new property of the Seminary in response to urgent requests. Several hundred people were present to view the grounds and to hear Mr. Arthur Schwerin and President George A. Lang describe the proposed new seminary buildings and their approximate location.

CONFERENCE EXHIBITS

"Great and marvelous" also described the General Conference Exhibit for the thousands who saw it in the spacious Annex. A total of 31 eight-foot exhibit booths had been set up, in which every denominational society of ours presented its ministry and accomplishments by

means of pictures, curios, maps, posters and graphs. The missionary exhibit was valued at thousands of dollars. At the Seminary Exhibit invaluable historical documents pertaining to Prof. August Rauschenbusch were exhibited for the first time, and Al Lamprecht, a present Seminary student, drew colorful sketches with large attentive crowds before him. Even the Baptist World Congress, scheduled for Cleveland, Ohio from July 22 to 27, 1950, had its own exhibit.

In the center of the Annex the Roger Williams Press and the Publication Society had their display of books and literature and carried on an intensive ministry of taking orders and selling books. The Annex was a beehive of activity, and still it never seemed to be crowded. This General Conference Exhibit has now become a wonderful part of the conference's experiences for every delegate and visitor.

Everyone worked hard and with spiritual consecration to make the conference a success. Mr. Arthur

Schwerin shouldered a big responsibility in taking care of the housing and registration. With the help of his wife he carried out his assigned tasks magnificently. All the official announcing for the conference was done by Mr. Henry Schmunk of Tacoma, Wash., who earned the highest praise of the visitors for his splendid ministry. The corps of ushers, composed of men from South Dakota churches and some other recruits, were ably handled by the chief ushers, Mr. Carl Orth of Chicago, Ill., and Mr. Wilbert Neuffer of Rochester, N. Y.

THE CONFERENCE "AMEN"

There is still much more to be written about the 29th General Conference but space will not permit. The music and words of that choir anthem — "Great and Marvelous" — are still ringing in my heart. That is the story of God's wondrous guidance in our denominational ministry. It is a true description of our General Conference sessions. Let it serve as the "Amen" at the close of our doxology of praise to God —

"It was a great and marvelous conference!"

The youth rally on Friday evening was led by our general secretary, the Rev. J. C. Gunst. Young people lined the platform and in turn presented testimonies in word and song. The pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of New York, Dr. William Ward Ayer, spoke to us in heart searching words as we opened our hearts to his stirring message.

SATURDAY afternoon's picnic was another opportunity to get acquainted with more of our North American Baptist sisters and brothers. Good food and well organized recreation were enjoyed by all.

YOUTH BANQUET

YOUTH COMPASS graced the sides of the Coliseum Annex and lined the tables at the banquet hall Saturday evening. Our president of 1946-1949, Mr. Walter C. Pankratz, gracefully took his bow from the limelight of our Conference Union activities as he very effectively presided as toastmaster at the banquet. The new officers for the years 1949-1952 were given their charge by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner and were officially installed.

Throughout the week special musical numbers were presented frequently by Miss Joyce Pankratz, the Christian Training Institute mixed quartet, the Seminary Harmonizers, and the Seminary Seminaires.

Looking toward the future with confidence because we know that Christ will be with us, we pledge our support to our new officers of our Conference Union. Together with them, we are COMMISSIONED TO SERVE in the place where our Master has placed us.

Commissioned Baptist Youth in Action

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D., and Mr. Ralph Kletke of Philadelphia, Pa., entertained the studio audience with their bits of humor and wit as well as informing the group of some of the activities of the young people's work. Many new friendships were made at this "Get Acquainted" program prepared especially for youth.

Mr. Harold Lippert presided as master of ceremonies at the luncheon on TUESDAY noon for Sunday School superintendents and officers. Among them was Mr. Paul Jungkeit, the efficient superintendent of the Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif., who spoke to the group. His few, but well pointed remarks inspired all who were present. Mr. Paul Jungkeit forcefully awakened us out of our complacency by pointing out that the members in our Sunday Schools are much fewer in number than in our churches. A challenge of 8000 new Sunday School scholars was presented as a goal for the next triennium.

SUNRISE SERVICE

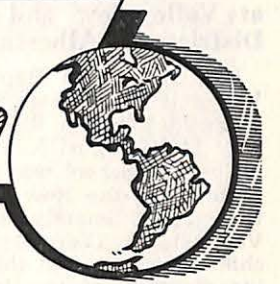
Early WEDNESDAY morning, surrounded by a profuse array of flowers and shrubs in the beautiful sunken gardens of McKennan Park, more than 500 young people attended an inspiring sunrise service. The light of God's glory shone upon us as we sang praises to him in his holy temple of nature. The Rev. Robert Hess of Bethlehem, Pa., climaxed the service of song and prayer by challenging us to greater and more consecrated service for our Christ.

THURSDAY noon brought all young people's officers together as we met in the beautiful dining room of the Cataract Hotel. Over two hundred young people were thrilled and encouraged to meet other young people working toward the same goal of service for Christ. The National Union vice-president (now the new president) presided, introducing Mr. Walter Pankratz, president; the Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary; and Miss Martha Leyboldt as secretary pro-tem. Presidents of conference, regional and local groups were also recognized. Good singing, led by Miss Agnes Buckles of Edmonton, Alberta, and cheerful conversation characterized a consecrated and enthusiastic group of young people gathered for Christian fellowship and inspiration. A challenge was presented by Mr. Ralph Kletke of Philadelphia, Pa., for true discipleship.

FRIDAY was a busy day for youth activities with the triennial business meeting in the afternoon and a youth rally in the evening. In addition to numerous musical interludes and appropriate pictures, twelve young people dramatically presented the advance in the young people's and Sunday School work during the past triennium.

The business meeting was appropriately climaxed by Prof. R. P. Jeschke. Bringing to our attention some of the problems which we encounter in our churches, Mr. Jeschke awakened our interest in the need of a stronger emphasis on Christian education.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



Northern Conference

Vacation Bible School at the Wiesental Baptist Church Near Millet, Alberta

A week of Vacation Bible School was held at the Wiesental Baptist Church near Millet, Alberta from July 25 to 29 with an enrollment of 50 pupils. Our principal for the school was our pastor, Rev. H. Smuland.

The children were divided into four classes. The teachers were as follows: Beginners, Edwin Kern and Verna Zilke; Primary Group, Gloria Smith; Juniors, Verda Scheeler and Edward Ertman; and Intermediates, Arlene Scheeler. A very pleasant time was spent with the children in Bible Study and handwork.

Our theme chorus for the week was, "There's A Welcome Here." At the close of the school on Friday a picnic was held for the children. An interesting program of the work done by the children during the week was given on Sunday evening, July 31, with a large attendance of parents and friends.

Verna Zilke, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School Held at the Zion Baptist Church Near Carbon, Alberta

A blessed time was experienced at the Vacation Bible School held at the Zion Baptist Church near Carbon, Alberta from August 8 to 12. A total of 52 children were enrolled.

In the morning at the ringing of the bell the children gathered in their respective classes. The Beginners Class taught by Miss Ella Detert learned the Creation Story. The Primary Class had two teachers, Mrs. Ernest Bettcher and Mrs. R. Ziegler. Their study was "God's Family — How to Belong to It and How to Live in It." The Junior teacher was Herda Heinrich. The Juniors learned the best way to use their time and talents for God. The Intermediate Class was taught by our pastor, Rev. J. G. Rott. Their study was about God.

The afternoon's session started with all the children gathering in the auditorium. They enjoyed the singing of choruses led by Miss Ella Detert, besides the salute to the flags and the Bible. Miss Detert's services were very much appreciated. She is a graduate of the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton.

The Bible School program was presented to the church on August 14. The people were pleased and enriched spiritually as they listened to the program by the children.

Herda Heinrich, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School for 35 Children at the Bethany Church, Camrose, Alberta

The Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta held its Vacation Bible School from July 25 to 29 with an attendance of 35 pupils. We had four classes for Beginners, Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments. The teachers were Audrey Miller, Tabbea Lamprecht, Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom and Mrs. E. Schmitke. Our school was again directed by our pastor, Rev. Karl Korella, who also directed the boys in their handwork. Their project was making a cement block for the new well. Mr. A. Gerber also assisted in this work.

Our week of Bible School was both pleasant and profitable with devotions, Bible study, lessons, handwork and sports. We are happy to report one conversion during this week of school. The offering was given to the Junior Church.

On Friday morning all parents and friends gathered at the church to enjoy a Children's day program and a demonstration of the school's classes. The children rendered many fine choruses directed by Mrs. Karl Korella. The handwork was also displayed for the parents. In the afternoon our Sunday School picnic was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School at the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta

In accordance with the words of our Lord, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God," we of the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta conducted a Vacation Bible School from July 11 to 22.

It was a great pleasure to meet with an average group of 69 children. Lessons in the Bible, songs, handwork, and play were the varied activities of our school. The Beginners were taught by Mrs. Schatz and Mrs. Weber on the work of God in Creation. The Primary children were taught the course on "God's Kingdom: How to Get Into It and Live in It." These were taught by Rev. R. Rapske. The Juniors were taught by Ted Hofer the course on "God's Time: How to Use It." Mrs. R. Rapske conducted the musical activities.

On Sunday, July 24, the children had the opportunity of presenting a small portion of that which they had learned during the two weeks of Bible School. We pray that the seed sown into their hearts may spring forth unto fruit.

Mrs. R. Rapske, Reporter.

Bible Conference Days at the Baptist Church of Valleyview, Alberta, Canada

The recent Bible Conference at Valleyview, Alberta, Canada brought us days of blessing and inspiration which will long linger in our memories. We were again privileged to have the Rev. F. W. Benke in our midst, as well as Rev. and Mrs. Karl Korella, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Maier and Miss Meta Stober, who participated in the Lord's work to make these days a time of blessing. We are also thankful for our mission worker and pastor, Mr. Robert Jaster, who is always willing to do his share in helping to build and further God's Kingdom.

The main topic of these days was "The Kingdom of God." The Bible studies under the leadership of Rev. Karl Korella were a great blessing and inspiration to all. The evening services were evangelistic and everyone was greatly blessed by the heart stirring messages brought by the Rev. F. W. Benke. Mrs. Korella also had a part in these days as she brought the Gospel Graphs for the children. She also brought a message on missions and sang in a ladies' trio composed by Mrs. Korella, Mrs. Maier and Miss M. Stober.

Miss Stober and Mr. Maier also brought very interesting chalk talks and Mr. L. Maier also sang in a male quartet composed of Mr. Korella, Mr. Jaster, Mr. Maier and Joseph Hufnagel. Mrs. L. Maier also took part in leading choruses as well as helping conduct the children's meetings which were held in a nearby home each afternoon. The church choir and orchestra under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Jaster rendered suitable music for these days of conference. We were also glad to have the Henry Peter family with us for part of these days. They are members of our church but live a distance of about 75 miles. Mr. Peters favored us with several selections on his guitar.

Sunday marked the highlight of our conference days as we were privileged to gather at the Little Smoky River in the forenoon to have a baptismal service. Eleven candidates were baptized by the Rev. Karl Korella who also brought a message besides the sermon by Mr. Benke. In the afternoon we again gathered at the church where the Lord's Supper was held and these newly baptized were extended the hand of fellowship. Three more candidates who had hoped to be baptized were sick at the time and therefore were unable to take this step in baptism.

Mrs. Ruth Lehman, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School at Valleyview and Surrounding Districts in Alberta, Canada

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Valleyview, Alberta conducted a series of Vacation Bible Schools from July 11 to August 5.

The first school was held from July 11 to 15 at the New Fish Creek district, approximately 25 miles from Valleyview. There were seven eager children enrolled at this school under the direction of two teachers, Misses Lydia and Christina Hufnagel.

From July 18 to the 29 our big work began in our own district. Here we conducted two schools in one day. From 9:00 to 12:00 A. M. one school was conducted at the Smoky School house. From 2:00 to 5:00 P. M. we held a school at the Calais School.

There were about sixty children enrolled in these two schools. We are very grateful for the willing helpers, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Maier, who with Mr. Robert Jaster held the morning school. The afternoon school, which was larger, was conducted by the four teachers: Mr. Jaster, Miss Christian Hufnagel, Mr. and Mrs. Maier.

From August 1 to 5 two schools were held at the Simonette School conducted by Mr. and Mrs. L. Maier with an enrollment of twelve children, and at the Little Smoky Settlement by Misses Lydia and Christian Hufnagel with an enrollment of eight children. Our prayer is that the Lord may bless the seed that has been sown into the hearts of these dear children and that it may bring forth fruit for time and eternity.

Miss Christian Hufnagel, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Dedication of Children and Ministry of Rev. Paul Wengel at Ridgewood Church

The dedication of six infants to the Lord was both a joyous and a sacred occasion for their parents and the many members and friends who were gathered in the Family Worship Hour at the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Ridgewood, New York, on Sunday, August 21. Some pertinent remarks were addressed to the parents, who formed a semi-circle at the front of church, by the Rev. Paul Wengel, our pastor from 1920-1929.

Mr. Wengel reminded his hearers that children are a gift of God and the other side of the relationship should not be overlooked — they should be given back to God. After an earnest prayer for the welfare of children and parents, the participants were given the customary certificates to remind them of their vows on this day. The children presented for dedication are:

Kenneth Gus Beck,
Karen Barbara Freihoff,
Margaret Louise Grass,
Wayne Robert Kosik,
Patricia Lynn Tivenan and
Linda Susan Yankowski.
The Rev. Paul Wengel and his fam-

ily spent the month of August serving us. He is at present the pastor of the First Baptist Church at Adrian, Michigan. However, he has accepted the call of the Ridgewood Church to become our pastor beginning with Jan. 1, 1950.

Marion von Ahnen, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Young People's Activities at the Southern Conference Sessions Held at Gatesville, Texas

The theme of our Southern Conference, held at Gatesville, Texas from July 20 to 24, was "The Christ of Christianity." Friday evening was Young People's Night. Testimonies and special numbers from each church represented were given. We had the privilege of having the Rev. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany for our guest speaker. For the first fifteen minutes he spoke in the German language and then closed the service in the English language.

On Saturday afternoon the young people visited the Boys State Reformatory in Gatesville. In the evening a singspiration was held led by Lawrence Bienert. He was assisted by Alfonz Lamprecht who sketched a picture. Lawrence Bienert and Alfonz Lamprecht are students of our Seminary and during the summer they were workers in our Conference.

The guest speaker on Sunday afternoon was Miss Alethea Kose, faculty member of the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago and chairman of the National Woman's Missionary Union, who was listened to with great interest.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner installed the new officers for the year. They are: Granvil Rost, president; Rev. K. E. Nelson, dean; Mrs. J. O. Zillen, dean of women; John Massierer, treasurer; Faye Doyle Hill, secretary; Doris Gummelt and Irmgard Arnold, editors; Milton Lippert, Young People's Council member; and Carl Bieber, Jeanette Moser and Doris Engelbrecht, members at large. Dr. M. L. Leuschner closed the services with a prayer to bless every individual as they go to their churches to carry on God's work.

Juliann Schmeltekopf, Reporter.

Building Program of New Parsonage and Church Edifice at Waco, Texas

The Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas is going forward with its building program. In January of this year the ground breaking for the parsonage took place. A few months later on May 15 the house opening and dedication of the parsonage were observed. On that Sunday afternoon the members and friends of the church assembled at the parsonage. The singing of appropriate hymns by glad voices announced the happy occasion in the neighborhood. The Rev. J. O. Zillen, pastor of the Cottonwood Church brought a short message, stating the blessings of a Christian home.

After prayer and thanksgiving and dedicating the new parsonage to the Lord and its purpose, the opportunity was given to see and inspect the new home. With obvious satisfaction, all were well pleased with the builder, Mr. Erich Arnold, and all helpers who participated in the erection of the beautiful and well arranged home.

A few weeks later the church again met on Sunday afternoon, June 26, on the grounds where the new church is to be built. The service was for the purpose of breaking ground for the new edifice which is to be erected and which is now under construction. The singing of songs of praise of our Lord and Savior echoed through the surrounding trees. Then the opening prayer was offered by Rev. W. H. Buening. The Scripture was read by Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn who also added some fitting remarks for the occasion. Mr. R. Engelbrecht, our senior deacon, spoke briefly, pointing out that the progress of the mission work of our church was leading us on in this undertaking. He expressed his unwavering confidence in the happy completion of this project with the help of God, and under the supervision of Mr. Erich Arnold, our building foreman.

Finally, our pastor, Rev. Roy Seibel, spoke in his clear and challenging way of the marvelous unity and vision of the church's membership to undertake this forward move unhesitatingly and in the name of our Lord and Master. With God's blessing upon our undertaking we hope to be able to dedicate the new house of worship to his service by the first of the year 1950.

J. E. Ehrhorn, Reporter.

Central Conference

Vacation Bible School and Outdoor Worship Service at Peoria, Illinois

The State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., held a Vacation Bible School from June 13 to 24. With an enrollment of 89 children, attendance averaged 77. Most of the children were from our own church but some came from neighboring churches. The Intermediates made a very fine picture of our missionaries in the Camerons. The children learned a lot of Bible stories and songs. Children and teachers enjoyed ice cream and cookies each day as gifts from different individuals.

On June 26 our school held very fine closing exercises, each department having a part. Exhibition of handwork was shown. The school children also enjoyed attending the annual Sunday School picnic on June 18.

On Sunday, Aug. 14, our church held an outdoor worship service on the lawn at the home of Mrs. E. Vinz, with 35 attending. We had a wonderful time singing songs, reciting Bible verses and giving a number of testimonies. Another outdoor worship service was held on Sept. 11, when we went to Jubilee State Park. Lydia E. Vinz, Reporter.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Rev. Victor Prendinger's Ordination at Gladwin, Mich.

On Friday evening, Aug. 5, a very impressive service was held at the Round Baptist Church near Gladwin, Mich., when the Rev. and Mrs. V. H. Prendinger and the church observed the 25th anniversary of Mr. Prendinger's ordination into the Christian ministry. The Rev. J. H. Landenberger acted as chairman and gave a short welcome address. Other presentations to the program were: a song by the Girls' Chorus, short talks by G. Schmidt, A. R. Wolfe, Laura Pahl and Mrs. G. Schmidt, representing the various organizations of the church.

A very fine letter from the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J., which the Prendingers served for twenty-one years was read. Quite a few members from the Beaver Baptist Church and their pastor, Rev. F. Mashner, were present. Mr. Mashner also gave a brief talk and read the Scripture passage.

Highlight of the evening was a very interesting address given by the Rev. F. Woyke, executive secretary of the denomination, who also remained in Gladwin until Sunday and brought God's Word to us on Sunday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Prendinger brought a short summary of their work during these years and expressed their appreciation to everyone who helped make this evening so pleasant.

Later they were presented with a gift from the church of twenty-five silver dollars hanging from a cluster of white ribbons. This gift was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Harold Stange. Our church prayer is that God's blessing may rest upon our pastor and his wife in their future work.

Harvey Gertz, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Two Hundred and Forty Young People at California Assembly Held at Hume Lake

In God's great out-of-doors the California North American Baptist Assembly convened from July 31 to August 6 at beautiful Hume Lake in the Sequoia Mountains near Fresno, California with an enrollment of 240.

We were privileged to have Miss Margaret Kittlitz, missionary from the Camerons, with us for two days and it stirred our hearts immeasurably as she spoke to us of the great work that is being accomplished for the Lord among the natives in Africa. We were also privileged to have with us during the week the Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union.

On Sunday morning our worship hour was opened with a heart stirring message given to us by Mr. Gunst. All during the week many had the privilege of learning with him of "Progressive Methods For Youth Leaders." The Rev. G. G. Rauser, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California, presented to us the



The Rev. B. C. Schreiber (Left, Rear Row), Pastor of the Baptist Church of New Leipzig, No. Dak., and 26 Converts Whom He Recently Baptized

Dakota Conference

Twenty-six Converts Are Baptized and Received Into the New Leipzig Baptist Church

great truths found in 1st Thessalonians. The Rev. Arthur Weisser, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, California, taught a class of Juniors and Intermediates on "The History of the Baptists" and the Rev. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove taught a class of Juniors and Intermediates on "Personal Evangelism."

The Rev. Edwin Kohfield of Wasco, who with his wife and three children were in the mission fields of China, gave us a greater insight into the great work that is being done for the glory of God in mission fields all over the world. Mrs. A. W. Ehrhorn of Wasco, California took care of that all-important work of teaching the Juniors of the lives of Bible Characters while Miss Marjorie Buhler of the Ebenezer Church of Los Angeles was the leader of the Primary and Beginners.

The Rev. P. G. Neumann of Anaheim, California brought soul stirring messages of God's grace and glory for everyone of us who will accept him and who are willing to set themselves apart from the world and become sanctified in the eyes of our great Redeemer. During all of these services many young people accepted Christ for the first time as their Savior and many rededicated themselves.

Much praise goes to our dean, Rev. Henry F. K. Hengstler, pastor of the Ebenezer Church of Los Angeles, California; Mr. Paul Jungkeit of Anaheim, California, president of the California Young People's Association; and to Mr. Harold Goehring of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California, who was athletic director and who was also vice-president of the Association, who worked unselfishly and unstintingly to make this assembly one of the best we've held.

With much prayer in our hearts that God might lead us in electing the officers for the next year we chose the following: Rev. Henry F. K. Hengstler, Los Angeles, dean; Mr. Hengstler, Los Angeles, president; Paul Jungkeit, Anaheim, president; Mr. Harold Goehring, Lodi, first vice-president; Mr. William Evanston, Los Angeles, second vice-president; Miss Marjorie Buhler, Los Angeles, secretary; Miss Vivian Rau, Elk Grove, general treasurer; Mr. Dave Kroeker, Wasco, camp treasurer; Miss Mary Jean Melcher, Lodi, representative; Mrs. Dorothy Whitaker, Costa Mesa, representative.

Thelma Forsch, Reporter.

On August 7 the members and friends of the New Leipzig Baptist Church of North Dakota gathered on the banks of the Cannonball River for a baptismal service. At our regular morning worship service the Rev. William Kahlert, for many years pastor of the Second Church in Union City, New Jersey, was our guest speaker. His theme was, "Christian Growth," based on Psalm 92:12-14.

At the afternoon service Mr. Kahlert spoke on "Christian Baptism." After the message the local pastor, the Rev. B. C. Schreiber, besides Mr. Kahlert and the Rev. Norman Miller, pastor of the church in Hettinger, led the procession of 25 baptismal candidates to the river's edge. On the way we all joined in singing, "Shall We Gather at the River?" Before stepping into the water Mr. Miller read to us the story of the conversion and baptism of the Ethiopian Eunuch and led us in prayer.

The Rev. B. C. Schreiber then proceeded with the baptism. The new converts ranged in ages from 8 to 50. Among them were three married couples: one, husband and wife; another, husband, wife and one daughter; another, husband, wife and twin daughters.

After the baptism the members of the church gathered together once more to take part in an outdoor communion service. The hand of fellowship was given to 28 new members. Besides the new converts, one was received by letter and the other was reinstated. Although the temperature was about 107 degrees, we were all grateful and felt blessed of the Lord for the privilege of taking part in such an inspiring service. We thank God for our growth both in numbers and in Spirit.

Most of these converts were won for the Lord Jesus Christ during the past year through the help of our evangelists, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer and the Rev. Herman Palfenier, and by the help of one of our neighboring pastors, the Rev. Arthur Fischer.

Carl Okken, Church Clerk.

Ordination of the Rev. Hugh Bronstad at the Baptist Church, Chancellor, So. Dakota

At the call of the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, South Dakota a council composed of ten pastors and eleven delegates convened on August 5 for the purpose of examining its pastor, Hugh Bronstad, as to his spiritual fitness for the Gospel ministry. Pastors and delegates were present from the Madison, Spring Valley, Emery, Plum Creek, Sioux Falls, Unityville, Chancellor and Tyndall churches, all of South Dakota. Also present by special invitation were Harvey Taylor and the Rev. C. Dirksen. The entire council met before the service and after a lengthy discussion proceeded with the ordination examination.

The Rev. Albert Ittermann from Tyndall was elected moderator and the Rev. B. F. Taylor from Sioux Falls was elected clerk. The meeting was opened with a song and prayer, followed by the reading of the minutes of the Chancellor Church in which the ordination of Hugh Bronstad was recommended.

Mr. Bronstad was then asked to give his testimony concerning his conversion and call. Then he was asked to proceed with his doctrinal views. Our hearts were warmed by the Spirit of God as we listened to his clean-cut views. Several questions were asked and answered satisfactorily to the council and visitors. The council decided that it recommend to the church to proceed with the ordination.

The ordination service began with a prelude and a song service led by Dale Petersen. Following this Scripture was read by Mr. Dirksen. Prayer was offered by the Rev. James Schubring. The Rev. B. F. Taylor, the clerk, read the minutes. A challenging sermon was delivered by the Rev. Harvey Taylor. The Rev. G. W. Rutsch gave the welcome to the candidate followed by the Rev. Herbert Hiller who gave the charge to the candidate. The Rev. Alvin Wetter gave the charge to the church. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Albert Ittermann with the laying on of hands. The doxology and benediction by the Rev. Hugh Bronstad followed.

After the examination in the afternoon, the council and visitors were served a very delicious supper in the basement of the church. The Rev. Hugh Bronstad is a graduate from the Dallas Bible Institute of Dallas, Texas. This is his first pastorate.

B. F. Taylor, Clerk.

Eastern Conference

Vacation Bible School and Special Musical Program at Calvary Church, Killaloe, Ont.

From July 18 to 29 the Calvary Baptist Church at Killaloe, Ontario held a successful Vacation Bible School. With children attending from outlying districts and representing different churches, our enrollment

averaged 60. Credit should be given to the pastor, Rev. Carl Weisser, for his sacrifice of time in the free transportation of many of these children.

The Beginners were under the supervision of Mrs. Michael Grace, Mrs. Russel Nass and Mrs. Carl Weisser, who unstintingly gave fulltime service. The Primary department was under the direction of Mrs. Walter Kuehl, Miss Dolly Schleen and Miss Marion Zummach, who also assisted willingly and ably as school pianist. The Juniors were taught by Eric Jeschke, Seminary student, and the Intermediates by the pastor, Mr. Weisser.

Approximately \$40.00 were realized throughout the two-week period. On the last day of school, the children were taken to the scenic shores of Golden Lake, where picnic lunches, ice cream and swimming were appreciated by all. The usual program of handwork and work-book display, plus musical and verbal recitations, was held that same evening, rounding out an enjoyable session for both student and teacher.

On Sunday, July 31, this church was favored by an excellent concert in music, professionally rendered by the young people's group from Arnprior, Ontario. The Rev. A. Stelzer was in charge, while a short and edifying talk was given by Gerald Kuehl, one of the young people. An offering of \$117.82 was generously given to be used in conjunction with our Round Lake young people's camp project. The project is still in its infancy, but with time and financial interest it should be one of the best of its kind, being situated on the banks of Round Lake.

Eric Jeschke, Student Pastor.

Southwestern Conference

Spiritual Blessings and Parsonage Improvements at the Strassburg Church Near Marion, Kan.

The Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas is rejoicing and praising God for rich blessings received during recent days. The pastor, the Rev. Loyal A. Funk, who has efficiently served the church since March, was married on August 18 to Miss Nancy Toews of Enid, Oklahoma. Thirty members of the Strassburg Church attended the wedding ceremony at the North Enid Church. On the following Sunday evening a reception and pantry shower was held at the Strassburg Church for the newly weds.

After a two-week wedding trip, which included the General Conference at Sioux Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Funk returned to the Strassburg parsonage which had been completely redecorated. The exterior received a coat of paint and the interior walls were papered, the woodwork was painted and the floors sanded and varnished. Venetian blinds were purchased for the windows. The congregation presented Mr. and Mrs. Funk with an electric range as a wedding

gift. Mrs. Funk is an accomplished musician and has been warmly welcomed into the church where music holds a very prominent place.

The spiritual blessings have been many since Brother Funk began his ministry here. His zeal and enthusiasm in proclaiming the Word of God have been catching. As a result the number in Sunday School has grown, and the worship services are showing a marked gain too. But most blessed of all is the splendid attendance at prayer meetings. At present Mr. Funk is leading a study on church discipline based on the first book of Corinthians.

Recently a Baby Grand piano was purchased for the sanctuary of the church. An attractive illuminated sign has been placed at the highway $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles south of the church. A building committee is at work preparing plans for remodeling the church. Such plans call for a baptistry, two additional classrooms on the main floor, and a new kitchen and extra classrooms in the basement.

Mrs. Harvey Kruse, Reporter.

Commissioned of God

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of the future. Yes, the very real things, such as packing, and sailing, but also the fact that I am here and in God's "fulness of time" have been "commissioned to serve" in the Cameroons of Africa. Moses comes to mind as he was told to take off his shoes, for he stood on holy ground. When God speaks, a person feels the very great responsibility which he gives with the commission.

Will the Light Triumph? God does not question it, but rather states very plainly, "Christ shall give thee light." What is more positive? Even as our conference hymn still echoes in our hearts, we rejoice in the fact that "the light will triumph o'er the shades of night, the powers of darkness it will put to flight."

It was a thrill to hear Laura Reddig again as she told of those Africans whose lives had been changed by the Christ of Calvary. How can we forget the African youth who dared to question the action of an older deacon, or the African women who was challenged to give her bracelets? Even as Dr. Chaffee is at work at the Bansa Baptist Hospital, the Light triumphs as just before surgery the Doctor and nurses pause for power obtained by prayer. Laura put it vividly by saying, "The patients are opened by prayer."

Will the Light triumph? Only if we are willing to reflect that light. With the words of Miss Leona Ross we are reminded that "the same process that polishes one thing will scratch another, and God often polishes his reflectors."

Christ says, "Ye are the light of the world." My prayer is, "Lord, send forth thy light through me."

Obituary

MRS. THERESA LESSEK
of Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Theresa Lessek, nee Keller, of Chicago, Ill., was born on October 24, 1877 in Austria. She passed to her heavenly reward on August 6, 1949 at the age on 71 years, 9 months and 13 days. Mrs. Lessek was for many years a member of the former Gross Park Immanuel Baptist Church, but for a number of years preceding her death she had been a faithful member of the Albany Park Baptist Church. Her husband having preceded her in death, there remain to mourn her passing three daughters, Theresa, Matilda and Cornelia. Rev. L. H. Broecker of St. Joseph, Michigan and Rev. Robert Schreiber of Chicago conducted the service. May God comfort hearts with the knowledge that although their mother is absent from the body, she is present with the Lord whom she loved and served faithfully since the days of her youth.

Chicago, Illinois
REV. ROBERT SCHREIBER, Reporter.

MRS. MARGERtha KLUNDT
of Billings, Montana.

Mrs. Margertha Klundt, nee Abel, of Billings, Montana, was born in 1874 in Russia and died on July 31, 1949. Fifty-three years ago she came to the United States and settled near Streeter, No. Dak., where she was united to George Klundt in marriage. In 1924 they moved to Montana where they settled in the neighborhood of Huntly. In 1942 her husband was taken from her side. From this time to her passing she enjoyed the loving ministry of her daughter-in-law, Katie Klundt, as though she were her own mother. In her youth Christ took her into the fold of salvation and she followed in baptism in later life. She leaves to mourn her passing six sons, two daughters and one sister, 25 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Words of consolation were uttered by the undersigned.

Billings, Montana
DAVID LITCKE, Pastor.

MRS. MARTHA FRAHM
of Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Martha Frahm, nee Schneider, of Chicago, Illinois was born in Derschau, Germany on August 20, 1859. In her 14th year she accepted Christ as her Lord and Savior and was baptized by her uncle, the late Rev. Bernhard Vogel. In 1882 she came to America. For a short time she resided in Philadelphia and then she came to Chicago, where she joined the First German Baptist Church.

When the Humboldt Park Baptist Church was founded, she became one of its charter members. She has been a faithful member of our church all these years. In 1890 she was united in marriage to Gustav A. Frahm, who preceded her in death in 1929. She is survived by a son, Erwin B., and a daughter, Mrs. Hertha M. Tatter. Also nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren mourn her death.

Mrs. Frahm went to be with the Lord on July 31, 1949. She was a true Christian and a most faithful handmaiden of the Lord. Her pastor brought words of comfort from Psalm 139. The Rev. E. R. Lengefeld and the Rev. S. R. McDill also took part in the service at the church. Mr. W. Lautenbach was the soloist.

Humboldt Park Baptist Church,
Chicago, Illinois

A. G. SCHLESINGER, Pastor

MR. ALEX M. BUCHHOLZ
of Tyndall, South Dakota.

Mr. Alex M. Buchholz of Tyndall, South Dakota, son of Michel Buchholz, was born in Bon Homme County, six miles north-east of Avon, So. Dak., on October 14, 1888 and entered into his eternal rest on August 4, 1949 at the age of 60 years, 9 months and 21 days, after a lingering illness of about three years.

On March 21, 1916 he married Miss Hermina Buchholz and shared the joys and sorrows of life with her for over 33 years. Their union was blessed with one son, Marvin Buchholz.

In his youth Mr. Buchholz was converted and was baptized by the late Rev. Jaeger on June 4, 1905. He was a faithful member of the Tyndall Baptist Church until he passed into his eternal reward. Brother Buchholz was a hard working man, a kind husband and a good father to his son, Marvin, a loyal friend, a faithful member of the church and a humble Christian, a good example to his son and the community.

He is survived by his widow and his son, Marvin; three brothers, David, Ed and Albert; three sisters, Mrs. Lena Barma, Mrs. Lily Pritzkau and Mrs. Emmilia Radack, and many relatives and friends.

Tyndall, South Dakota
ALBERT ITTERMANN, Pastor.

MRS. JACOB PRITZKAU
of Tyndall, South Dakota.

Mrs. Jacob Pritzkau, nee Matilda Buchholz, of Tyndall, So. Dak., was born in Bon Homme County, six miles northeast of Avon, So. Dak., on May 1, 1886, and died on August 7, 1949 at the age of 63 years, 3 months and 7 days. On February 15, 1905 she was married to Jacob Pritzkau. This happy union was blessed with seven children: four sons and three daughters. Three sons preceded the mother in death, all three dying in infancy.

Mrs. Pritzkau was converted in March 1905 and was baptized in June of the same year by the late Rev. Jaeger. She remained a true and faithful member of the Tyndall Baptist church until the time of her death.

She leaves to mourn her departure her beloved husband, Jacob Pritzkau; one son Elmer; and three daughters, Mrs. Martin Van Gerpen, Mrs. Albert Mattis, Mrs. Jean Hebler, all of Avon, So. Dak.; two grandchildren, Norman and Marlene Mattis; three brothers, David, Ed. and Albert; two sisters, Mrs. Adelina Burma of Westington Springs, and Mrs. Ed. Radack of Avon, So. Dak., and many relatives and friends.

She was a good wife to her husband, a loving mother to her children, a faithful member in the church and an ideal Christian to everyone that knew her. We will miss her everywhere. "And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels" (Mal. 3:17).

Tyndall, South Dakota
ALBERT ITTERMANN, Pastor.

MRS. JOHANNA KANWISCHER
of Rochester, New York.

Born in the Old Country on March 7, 1907, Johanna Dymmel came to Canada as a child. The family later moved to Detroit, Mich., where she spent most of her youth and where she accepted Christ as Savior and Lord and received baptism at the hands of Rev. Benj. Graf. She remained a member of the Burns Ave. Church until her marriage to Mr. Ewald Kanwischer in 1932. Since then she has been a faithful member of the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y.

Having been denied the joys of parenthood, Mr. and Mrs. Kanwischer adopted a baby boy about six years ago. How splendidly she carried out the task of mothering that child! She shared in the many activities of the church and its organizations. Singing in the choir gave her much joy. Her favorite selection, "My God and I," was rendered by Rubin Herr-God and Walter Hoffman, Seminary student and Walter Hoffman, Seminary student. "Walking with God" was the secret of her life, the source of her strength, of her life, the source of her fearlessness in facing a very dangerous but necessary operation. Many prayers had been offered on her behalf, but God in his unsearchable wisdom had deemed best to take her to himself and her reward on July 31st at the age of 42.

Besides her husband and Ronald, she leaves her mother, Mrs. Hulda Dymmel; leaves her sisters, Mrs. Ida Schultz and Mrs. Lutz Van Sickle; also two brothers, Roy and Nelson Dymmel and San Diego, Calif., and Nelson Dymmel of Detroit. The Rev. E. A. Kanwischer, a brother-in-law; the Rev. Arthur

Kanwischer, a cousin; and the Rev. Wm. E. Schmitt, a former pastor, assisted in the funeral services.

Rochester, New York
O. E. KRUEGER, Pastor.

MRS. EMIL SEEDORF
of Kankakee, Illinois.

Mrs. Emil Seedorf of Kankakee, life-long resident of this community who gave much of her time in church work and the visiting of the needy and sick, died on August 24, 1949 at St. Mary Hospital where she had been taken tow hours earlier and placed in an oxygen tent.

Mrs. Seedorf had been taken to Mayo clinic on July 5 for treatment of acute lymphatic leukemia. She was accompanied by her son, Dr. Everett Seedorf, of Temple, Texas. On Aug. 7 she was returned by ambulance to her home in Kankakee. Funeral services were held on Aug. 27 at the Immanuel Baptist Church and burial was in Mound Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Seedorf was born in Limestone Township on Aug. 27, 1875, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Salzman. She was married to Mr. Seedorf on Sept. 11, 1894 at the Salzman home and the couple would have observed their 55th wedding anniversary in September.

Mrs. Seedorf had been a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church for 59 years, during which she was a deaconess, Sunday School teacher and a faithful worker in the Missionary Society. She also held membership and in many cases held office in the W.C.T.U., the Y.W.C.A., the Neighborly Club and the Household Science Club.

Surviving are her husband; six sons, Raymond and Robert, both of Yuma, Colo., Harold of Kankakee, Dr. Everett of Temple, Texas, Elmer at home and Marvin of Kankakee; two daughters, Mrs. Myrtle Woodrich of Kankakee and Dr. Evelyn Seedorf of Denver, Colo.; a sister, Miss Alma Salzman of Kankakee; two brothers, William Salzman of Kankakee and George Salzman of Belle Plaine, Ia.; 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Immanuel Baptist Church,
Kankakee, Illinois
FRED LOWER, Pastor.

MRS. WILHELMINE DRUMM
of Buffalo, New York.

Mrs. Wilhelmine Drumm, nee Milbrandt of Buffalo, N. Y., was born at Zerrentin, Provinz Brandenburg, Germany on March 22, 1860. At the early age of five she experienced the loss of her mother. In 1872 she came to Buffalo, N. Y. with her father. Here she came in contact with German Baptist people and began to attend regularly the worship services of the Second German Baptist Church. On January 24, 1878 she accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized on February 18, 1878 by Rev. Henry Nagel. Her new-found salvation and fellowship with Christians was not without test and trials but her faith in the Lord persevered in strength and courage.

On July 29, 1880 she was united in marriage with Jacob Drumm, a fellow-member of the Second German Baptist Church. The Lord blessed them with twenty-two years of married life and granted them four sons and one daughter. After two years of illness her husband passed away in 1902. With courage and steadfast faith in God she cared for her family with devotion and love.

In 1886 she united with the Spruce Street Baptist Church. In 1940 this church and the High Street Church united to form the Temple Baptist Church of which she was a member to the end of her earthly life. Mrs. Drumm labored for the Lord with sincerity and devotion, unstintingly in time and labor and worship.

Her four sons preceded her to the heavenly home to which she was called on August 11, 1949. She leaves behind to mourn her passing her daughter, Mrs. Harry Parent; three daughters-in-law, including Mrs. Jessie Drumm, who lived with her during her last years; eight grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild and hosts of friends.

The undersigned officiated at the burial service and spoke on John 11:25-26.

Temple Baptist Church,
Buffalo, New York
FRANK SCHWEISSING, Interim Pastor.

The Baptist Ministers' Fellowship

A Report of the Fellowship Organized at the General Conference in Sioux Falls, So. Dak., by the REV. E. W. KLATT of St. Paul, Minn.

SOME TIME prior to the Ministers' Retreat at Green Lake, Wisconsin in July, 1948, several pastors conceived the idea of organizing the clergymen of the North American Baptist churches into a Fellowship. The thought took shape when several pastors together with Dr. Martin L. Leuschner met at Green Lake to discuss the possibility of organizing such a Fellowship.

As a result the pastors were called together during the Retreat. They appointed temporary officers in view of organizing into a Ministers' Fellowship at the General Conference convening in 1949. A sample publication was, also, to be sent to the pastors. During the intervening time between the Ministers' Retreat and the ensuing General Conference at Sioux Falls, the temporary machinery was in motion. Necessary preparations were made for organization.

At the General Conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota 80 ministers met for breakfast on Thursday morning and organized as The North American Baptist Ministers' Fellowship, adopted a constitution, and elected the following officers: Arthur Weiser of Lodi, Calif., president; Herbert Hiller of Madison, So. Dak., vice-president; Edgar W. Klatt of St. Paul, Minn., secretary-treasurer; and Roy Seibel of Waco, Texas, editor-in-chief.

All persons whose names appear in the Denominational Directory under the heading of Ministers' Addresses will be eligible for membership and may join upon application to the secretary. Each member shall pay a membership fee of one dollar annually, which will at least cover the cost of the publication to be printed about four times a year.

The Executive Committee appointed four associate editors to assist the

JOIN THE MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP

All ministers of North American Baptist Churches whose names appear in the Denominational Directory are eligible to join the MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP. The membership fee of \$1.00 along with your application should be sent to Rev. E. W. Klatt, 528 Stryker Ave., St. Paul 7, Minn. Canadian dollars will be accepted.

editor-in-chief. They are: Walter Damrau, C. B. Nordland, Richard Schilke and Helmut Waltereit.

Since the constitution calls for a promotional committee composed of one representative from each of the nine conferences constituting our General Conference, it would be of great benefit to the organization if the representatives would be appointed at the earliest possible date, and the president and the secretary be notified immediately following the appointment.

The purpose of the Ministers' Fellowship is to encourage closer fellowship among our ministers and Christian workers, and to advance the work of our heavenly Father. There is no doubt that this Fellowship can become a great blessing to all concerned if we pray for it and cooperate in making it a success.

Ninety-nine ministers and Christian workers have joined the Ministers' Fellowship and paid their dues. It is our sincere desire that all eligible persons will join this great Fellowship at the earliest possible date. The treasurer will, also, be very happy to receive the first annual fee of one dollar when you join. We urge you to join NOW and avail yourself of the privileges of the Ministers' Fellowship.

Trip of Rev. H. G. Dymmel to Africa.

Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary, sailed from New York City on the "SS. Queen Mary" on Sept. 29.

He will attend the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Committee on Austria in Rueschlikon near Zurich, Switzerland on Oct. 8.

On Oct. 9 Mr. Dymmel will attend the Centenary Jubilee of the Zurich Baptist Church of Switzerland.

From Oct. 16 to 19 he will attend the conference of our mission workers in Salzburg, Austria.

Together with the Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas he will arrive in the Cameroons, Africa on Oct. 29.

Light or Darkness (General Conference Address by Dr. Lang)

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and then; afterward we can ask the forgiveness of God." The forgiveness of God is truly the truth and spiritual light, but to be used as that young man used it, it became darkness to him. And what a moral fall was experienced by that young man!

Thus the challenge comes to each of us to be evidences of light. We can show either light or darkness. It cannot be both. Either we follow the light or we follow the darkness. Either we fellowship in the light or we fellowship in the darkness. Either we are in spiritual light or we are in spiritual darkness. Which is it? Jesus said: "I am the light of the world."

He said to his followers and to us: "Ye are the light of the world." The Apostle wrote to the Christians of his day: "Walk as children of light." So we too in this modern struggle between spiritual light and spiritual darkness are called upon to live as children of light.

Women at the Conference

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Dak., relief; and Mrs. J. Schmidt of New York, N. Y., spiritual resources; showing to us how the light has triumphed through the efforts of our faithful women.

A large group of ministers' wives presented two beautiful anthems entitled, "St. James Aire" and "Balm In Gilead," under the direction of our accomplished director, Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland, Oregon.

Our executive secretary, Rev. Frank Woyke, spoke words of gratitude and encouragement to the women who had so faithfully and willingly supported

the work of our denomination as he installed the new officers of our union. The newly elected officers are: president, Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel of Chicago, Ill.; vice-president, Mrs. Walter Stein of Ashley, No. Dak.; secretary, Mrs. Emanuel Wolff, Dallas, Ore.; and treasurer, Mrs. Thomas Lutz of North Freedom, Wis.

A touching memorial service was conducted by Mrs. R. Schreiber, Mrs. J. Kornalewski and Mrs. H. Hiller.

The Rev. Jakob Meister of Berlin, Germany brought to us greetings from the women's organization in Germany and expressed the gratitude of the German people for the gifts of food and clothing and of the untold joy they had brought to those who re-

ceived these gift parcels. Christ said, "As ye have done it unto the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

The Misses Laura Reddig and Margaret Kittlitz in a very unique way presented to us the needs of the mission fields in the Cameroons, especially the needs for our work in the new Banso Baptist Hospital. An offering of \$622.45 was received which will go for our new two-fold missionary project. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. H. G. Dymmel. Afterwards a Fellowship Tea was held in the Coliseum Annex at which members of the Woman's Mission Circle of Chancellor, South Dakota served as hostesses.