



# Baptist HERALD



*Easter Bunnies for a Little Friend*

# DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Rev. H. G. Dymmel**  
 Sunday, April 2 — Emery Baptist Church, Emery, So. Dak.  
 Sunday, April 16 — Parkersburg, Iowa.

**Rev. J. C. Gunst**  
 Friday, March 31 — Christian Workers' Conference, Hutchinson, Minn.  
 April 1-2 — Aberdeen, So. Dak.  
 Sunday, April 9 — La Crosse, Wis.  
 April 12-13 — Associated Church

Press Conference, Syracuse, New York.

**Rev. M. L. Leuschner**  
 Friday, March 31 — Humboldt Park Church, Chicago, Ill. (Missionary Pictures.)  
 Sunday Evening, April 2 — Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis. (Missionary Pictures.)  
 April 12-14 — Associated Church Press Conference, Syracuse, New York.

**Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist**  
 March 26-April 9 — McClusky, No. Dakota.

## SPECIAL DATES

Sunday, April 2 — Palm Sunday.  
 April 2-5 — Commencement Exercises of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.  
 Friday, April 7 — Good Friday.  
 Sunday, April 9 — Easter Sunday.  
 April 10-12 — North Dakota Baptist Ministers' Retreat at Bismarck, No. Dak. Prof. Rudolf Schade of Elmhurst, Ill., Guest Speaker.

## FRONT COVER PICTURE

The front cover picture is another snapshot taken by Miss Ann Swain of Forest Park, Illinois, who passed away several months ago. While serving as the Scripture Memorization Worker of the denomination, she followed her hobby of photography with a great deal of enthusiasm. We are happy to publish this picture by Miss Swain as the front cover feature of this Easter issue, mindful of the continued spiritual influence of Miss Swain's ministry.

## ANNUAL SESSIONS

The following annual meetings of the denominational cooperating societies and committees will be held at our Headquarters' Building, Forest Park, Illinois.

Saturday, April 22 — Publication Board.  
 Monday, April 24 — Committee on Education.  
 Tuesday and Wednesday, April 25-26 — General Missionary Committee.  
 Thursday Morning, April 27 — Various Denominational Committees.  
 Thursday Afternoon and Friday, April 27-28 — General Council.  
 Thursday Evening, April 27 — Public Meeting at the Forest Park Baptist Church.

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Palm Sunday, April 2, to Easter Sunday, April 9, 1950

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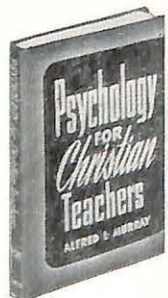
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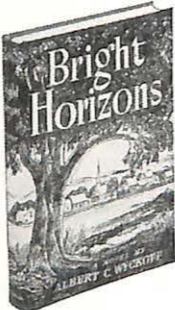
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## AMONG OURSELVES

Another exciting summer is ahead of us! We are expecting the Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt of Austria to spend two months prior to the Baptist Congress at Cleveland, Ohio, visiting our churches and conferences. He is a colorful speaker with a great message. About ten Baptist leaders from Germany will be scheduled for special services in our churches in the East and Central States of our country before the Congress. Plans are now being made for more students and general workers than ever before to spend the summer months in a promotional and spiritual ministry among our churches.

## IN THIS ISSUE

"Christian Giving" is the keynote of this issue. This message is sounded in the Easter sermon by the Rev. L. H. Broeker and the sermon on the Cross by the Rev. Arthur Ittermann. It is the challenge of the articles by Dr. George A. Lang and Mr. Arthur Schwerin pertaining to our denominational ministry. It is the story of the lives of the Rev. Fred W. Benke and Mrs. Pauline Rauschenbusch, about whom memorial articles appear in this number. It is the secret of spiritual power of Dr. William Kuhn whose continued biographical story is featured in these pages. It takes us to the very heart of this Easter season!

## COMING

**Evangelistic Number** — The next issue will be largely devoted to EVANGELISM with an evangelistic challenge by the Rev. Herman Palfenier, denominational evangelist, and the story of our earliest Conferences on Evangelism.

**The Ambassadors Gospel Team** — The dramatic story of the organizing of a Gospel Team by the Rev. John F. Crouthamel of Philadelphia, Pa., and of its ministry in the Atlantic Conference area will be one of the highlights of the "Evangelistic Number."

**Let's Take the Gospel Downtown** — This will be an effective demonstration as to how the Gospel can be taken to the people of a community by the Rev. W. G. Gerthe of Hutchinson, Minn.



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# Editorials

by Martin L. Leuschner

## "Because I Live"

**T**HE RISEN CHRIST is the center of our triumphant faith. Our Christian lives are victorious only as we share in the power of Christ's resurrection. Our faith has meaning only as we see the glory of the historical fact that Christ has risen from the dead. These are the words of Jesus Christ that make Easter Sunday so glorious for us and the Easter faith the great proclamation of the Gospel: "Because I live, ye shall live also!" (John 14:19.)

Our redemption has been assured by Christ's resurrection from the dead. The working of God's mighty power in raising Christ from the dead is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe (Eph. 1:19). Calvary was the ransom for our sins, but only a risen and living Savior can assure us that we are possessors of the gift of eternal life. "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ that dwelleth in you" also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you" (Romans 8:11). This is the triumphant note of Easter assuring us of our redemption through Christ, the risen Lord!

God's truth is attested by the resurrection of Christ. The Apostle Paul made this a cornerstone of his convictions. "If Christ be not risen, then is our teaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God" (1 Cor. 15:14-15). This was the fulfillment of God's revelation in Christ Jesus that he could say of himself: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). The fulfillment of this promise and the glory of this truth were demonstrated by the historical facts of the resurrection of Christ from the dead. Because he lives, his words have purpose and power for us. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32).

It is also true that our immortality is affirmed by the resurrection of Christ. Only the Son of God, who had risen from the dead could make this tremendous assertion: "Because I live, ye shall live also." Therefore we can break forth into song and praise at this Easter season and say with the Apostle Peter: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you" (1 Peter 1:3-4).

Everything in our Christian faith and hope revolves around this central truth of Christ's resurrection. If this be not true, then is our faith in vain. But thanks be to God for the historical authenticity of this resurrection and for its marvelous experience in our own lives as those who have known the power of his resurrection. Easter's glory in the words of Jesus, "Because I live," is then reflected in the words of hope and joy for every true believer — "Ye shall live also!"

### BIBLE TEXT

"Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept" (1 Cor. 15:20).

"Come, and let us drink of that new river,

Not from barren rock divinely poured,  
But the fount of life that is forever  
From the sepulchre of Christ, the Lord.

"All the world hath bright illumination — —

Heaven and earth and things beneath the earth;

'Tis the festival of all creation;  
Christ hath risen, who gave creation birth.

"Yesterday with thee in burial lying,  
Now today with thee arisen I rise;  
Yesterday the partner of thy dying,  
With thyself upraise me to the skies."  
—John of Damascus.

### THE EASTER OFFERING

Many years ago Martin Luther said: "The heart of the giver makes the gift dear and precious." In the light of this truth the Easter Offering to be received by our churches ought to be especially precious to God since our hearts of love and gratitude go out to him for all of his mercies bestowed on us. One cannot truly observe Easter and contemplate God's work of salvation in our behalf and not be constrained to give again and again of oneself and of one's substance. At Easter time we should especially think about the needs of the world away from the home base, about the far horizons of God's enterprise.

This is the purpose of the Easter Offering for the missionary and denominational cause of our General Conference. Let each one have a share in this blessed privilege of giving toward this year's Easter Offering.

### BROTHER BENKE

How many hearts have been saddened by the news of the homegoing of the Rev. Fred W. Benke of Edmonton, Alberta. Although he had no real home of his own, he was at home with thousands of our people and his family of friends was almost beyond count. Indians and Mexicans and Negroes belonged to that company. Most of our church people knew and loved him. Students of our Christian Training Institute at Edmonton looked upon him as a spiritual advisor and "father." The immigrants living in the Peace River District in northern Alberta welcomed his visits every summer. He was one of the last remaining pioneers among us who braved every danger and who faced every adversity fearlessly for the sake of Christ. He was one of the great men among us who always retreated humbly into the shadow of the Cross that Christ might have all the glory!

# Make Easter an Experience

If the Easter truth becomes a part of your Christian experience, then you will be able to pray with the Apostle Paul that "I may know him and the power of his resurrection"

By the REV. L. H. BROEKER of Saint Joseph, Michigan

less it met those terms. How unfair we sometimes are with the Bible, with Christian truth! We insist on things and make demands, that we do not make in any other sphere of life.

If anywhere the statement is true, "There is none so blind as he who will not see," or again: "A man convinced against his will, is of the same opinion still," it is in connection with people's attitude toward the claims of Christianity. Let us remember the Biblical statement: "If any man will to know, he shall know the teaching, whether it be of God." The will plays as big a part in accepting and understanding truth as does the mind, and willing to know leads to experience, which alone qualifies a man to speak with authority.

One day Sir Isaac Newton was in a group where Professor Halley, the discoverer of the comet that bears his name, was talking in a derogatory way about the Bible and Christian faith. After listening a few minutes, Sir Isaac said, in substance: "Halley, I like to hear you talk about mathematics and astronomy, for you have been a student of those subjects. But, Halley, you have made it perfectly

evident in the last few minutes that you do not know what you are talking about when you discuss Christianity and the Bible. Your point of view is one of ignorance and prejudice. I have been a Christian for forty years and I have proved in actual experience the values of the teachings of the Bible in daily life, so that I know what I am talking about when I discuss Christianity." Thus Sir Isaac Newton was scientific in his attitude, whereas Professor Halley, who was a scientist, was unscientific in his.

### BIBLICAL TRUTH

Let us be careful in our attitude toward Christian and Biblical truth. Let us be fair in our approach, as fair as we are, and even more so, in other realms. There is today a peculiar attitude of mind, not in our fellowship, to be sure, but in the world at large. It might be stated like this. There are some who will believe anything that is not in the Bible because it isn't in the Bible and who will reject everything that is in the Bible because it is in the Bible.

Some years ago in the city of Hong (Continued on Page 17)

"THE OTHER disciples therefore said unto Thomas, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hands into his side, I will not believe." John 20:25.

The above quotation of Scripture concerns itself with what transpired a week after Easter. It will be recalled that the Risen Christ appeared five times on the first Easter to five respective groups or individuals. The first of these appearances was to Mary Magdalene; the second to the other women, who had come with her, but from whom she had separated herself; the third to Simon Peter, perhaps in the afternoon. The fourth appearance was to the Emmaus travelers at evening time, and the last to the apostles, Thomas not being present.

### UNREASONABLE UNBELIEF

There is no Scriptural indication of any further appearance until one week later. In the meantime, Thomas had been told of the appearance of Christ to his fellow-associates. His reaction is an interesting one. It was one of persistent and dogged unbelief, which expressed itself in the language of the text above. "Unless I can do so and so, I will not believe." As a result of this attitude he has been characterized as "the man from Missouri, who had to be shown." This is not necessarily an uncomplimentary attitude, but it is sometimes a very unfair one. In the text it sets forth two things, the unreasonableness of unbelief and the obstinacy of unbelief.

It was unreasonable in that it prescribed its own terms or conditions. "Except I can do this thing." The evidence of a thing, in any sphere of life, does not always come to us in just the way we want or even expect it. Our theories must be determined by the facts, not the facts by our theories. What is, and has been, your approach to Christian truth? There are two approaches to truth, generally speaking, — the negative and the positive! The negative begins with the mystery, or the difficulty of a thing, and never arrives at the real facts, because it cannot surmount the difficulty. The positive, which is the scientific method, begins with the facts, irrespective of the mystery involved, and follows them. The man of the text immediately set up barriers. There are many who still do the same thing.

### EXPERIENCE GIVES AUTHORITY

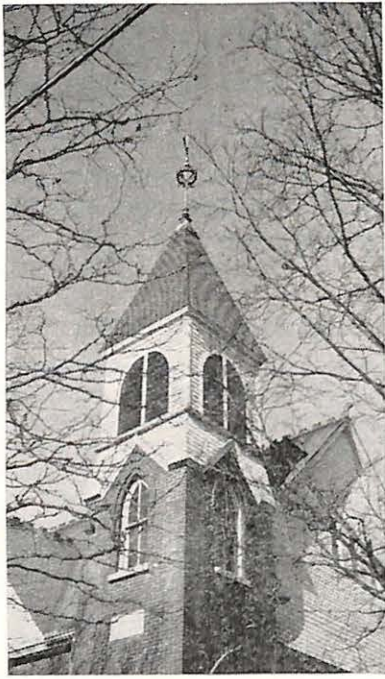
The text of this sermonette sets forth the obstinacy of unbelief, in that the man of the same said: "Unless I can, I will not." Let the emphasis be on the "will not." He prescribed his own terms, and refused any acceptance of any evidence, of any kind, un-



—Eva Luoma Photo  
As it began to dawn toward the first day of the week (Matt. 28:1), Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to his disciples

# Calvary's Finished Work

A Sermon on Christ's Finished Work on the Cross  
by the REV. ARTHUR ITTERMANN of Elgin, Iowa



The Steeple of the Baptist Church in Elgin, Iowa of Which the Rev. Arthur Ittermann Is the Pastor

IN HIS dying hour Christ cried out saying, "It is finished" (Matt. 27:50; John 19:30). Completed was the Savior's great work. During his fruitful ministry, Jesus assured his disciples that he had to endure the baptism of death before he could complete his work. "I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished" (Luke 12:50).

## GRACE AT CALVARY

"It is finished." What a comprehensive word! The ceremonial law of Moses is abolished; the types and prophecies of the Old Testament foretelling the Messiah's humiliation and sorrows are accomplished; the commandment of the Father concerning his Son's sufferings is fulfilled; through his death the Messiah has fulfilled the Word of God. Through Jesus' death untold spiritual gifts are available for those interested in their eternal welfare and destiny. Repentant sinners, no matter of what class or race they might be, regardless of how deep they may have fallen in sin, can expect grace at Calvary.

By this time an anxious soul may ask, "Why did Christ die? Of what value could his death be for a needy soul as I?" Above all, the Lord sought to complete his great work of atonement as the prophesied "Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world" (Rev. 13:8). Scoffers, refusing to appreciate this or to understand, may gaze scornfully upon such a bloody sacrifice. The Savior, however, will intercede for them as of old, "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Should only one

enlightened sinner, as that dying thief, repent of sin and believe in the atonement, the Crucified will tenderly say, "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise." In work or play, in life or death, the redeemed man can say, "Where Jesus is 'tis heaven there."

## ATONEMENT FOR SINNERS

The atonement stands in the center of all Scriptural teachings. To make atonement for sinners, the promised Son of God identified himself with the human race through his holy birth at Bethlehem. "When the fulness of the time came, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, that he might redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons" (Gal. 4:4-5).

As another requirement, the world Redeemer "fulfilled the whole law of God" (Heb. 10:7). The supreme act of obedience was done on the cross when Jesus "gave up" or "sent forth" his spirit. "Thus pouring out his soul unto death, he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors" (Isa. 53:12).

Again, by his death the Savior subjected himself to the law of sin and death that had power over all men. For this reason, the chief of sinners, Paul, glories in his consequent spiritual freedom. "For the law of Spirit of life, in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and death, . . . God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh" (Rom. 8:2-3).

This central teaching, the atonement, discussed in much detail by grateful New Testament writers, is honored also in terms as a redemption, a remission of sins, a ransom, a reconciliation, a propitiation (rendering favorable), or as the purchased price for our redemption.

## SALVATION'S JOYS

If cold indifferent Christians would more often meditate on their Savior's finished work, they would experience a reawakening of joy of their salvation. Count Zinzendorf, the great Moravian revival preacher, tells how a happy revival was born while his congregation meditated during a communion service on the meaning of Christ's sufferings. "In this view of the man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, their hearts told them that he would be their patron and priest,

who was at once changing their tears into oil of gladness and their misery into happiness. This firm confidence changed them in a single moment into a happy people which they are to this day, and into their happiness they have since led many thousands of others."

Multitudes of other soul winners testified of the great joys they experienced anew when they published the glad tidings of the Cross to lost men. Heaven joined these witnesses in songs of praise, when multitudes were saved from sin during the great sweeping revivals of the Wesleys, or during the three wonderful American revivals led by evangelical leaders as Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield, Charles G. Finney, Dwight Lyman Moody, and a host of others.

Many consecrated youth, not able to keep their joy at home, were inspired to publish the glad news to dark lands beyond the seas. William Carey, A. Duff and A. Judson, gladly went as missionaries to far-off India; Drs. Morrison and Martin and J. R. Taylor went to China; R. Moffat, D. Livingstone, and others went to Africa; and the three famous Johns surnamed Williams, Geddie, and Paton traversed the wide South Seas. Everywhere these saints went they witnessed:

"Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all times abide."

## GOD'S GREAT LOVE

Calvary's finished work is the greatest demonstration of God's love. The joyful child of God can assuredly say: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? . . . Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom. 8:35, 37). Men can see that God who spared not his only Son does not love them because Christ died for them, but rather Christ died for lost men, for "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3:16).

The form of the Cross has become the symbol of the dimensions of God's love. The outreach of the cross speaks of the width of God's love for all men seeking to place their sins "as far as the east is from the west." The cross points downward to where God's love is reaching for fallen men imprisoned

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# The Christian Grace of Giving

It is by this winsome spirit of Christian giving that the joy and triumph of the Lord make themselves felt in the local churches and in the disturbed areas of our modern life

By Dr. GEORGE A. LANG of Sioux Falls, South Dakota,  
Moderator of the North American Baptist General Conference

THE WORD of God refers to the exercise of giving as a grace. The Apostle Paul commends the Christians at Corinth for their many expressions of love to God and to his workers. He likewise commends them for their faith and testimony. He then challenges them to a like expression of Christian grace and growth as they show it in their giving.

## WONDERFUL EXAMPLES

What wonderful examples of this grace have been found in the varied churches throughout the years! What examples of this have been revealed among our churches! A kind and gracious Christian lady in the eighties sent from her home in Texas to the Seminary a check for five dollars for the Seminary buildings. She has been a keen observer of our denominational work through our papers. She no longer is a member of one of our churches because there is no such church in the community where she is living. She wants a share, however, in the training of young men for the Gospel ministry. She has been blessed by past ministers who came from the Seminary and she wishes that others too should enjoy like blessings. What an expression of the grace of giving!

Here is a man like Bordon of Yale who has become the inheritor of large sums of money. He is himself in active Christian service. He is interested in helping the entire Christian cause. He therefore remembers in his giving the various missionary and charitable institutions in his fellowship. He gives evidence of the grace of giving.

So among our children, young people and older people, among the working men and women, the students, the pastors and the officers of the churches, this grace has been and is being shown by the giving of both larger and smaller sums of our denominational work.

It is because of this spirit that the members in our churches in the United States and Canada are giving cheerfully and sacrificially for the building of new churches, parsonages, Seminary, mission hospital and schools, and for the advance of God's

work in the world. It is by this winsome spirit that the joy and triumph of the Lord make themselves felt in the local churches and in the confused and disturbed areas of our modern life.

## EASTER TIME

No season in the church year offers a greater motivation for the development and expression of the grace of giving than Easter time. God shows his grace toward us in that he gave the unspeakable Gift, the great Gift, namely, his Son. Surely, it hurt God to give his Son as he gave him, but he gave him cheerfully because of what this gift meant for our salvation and life.

willing to give. This came to the early disciples on that first Easter day. This comes to us as we think of Christ's death and resurrection at this Easter time. This comes to a needy world full of needy individuals through the ministrations of those who have caught the spirit of giving.

## OUR EXPANDING ENTERPRISE

Our hearts rejoice with thankfulness as we think of the expression of this grace of giving among our people. The splendid response to our special appeals for special projects is clear evidence of this grace. The progress on our Seminary building which will again be seen in the next few weeks will be a daily reminder of the fact.



The Theme, "Christ's Stewards," Was the Challenge Presented to the Oregon Association at Its Session Last Fall Held at the Stafford Baptist Church, of Which the Rev. Leland Friesen (Right, Front Row) Is Pastor

The Lord Jesus Christ shows this grace in that he, the good Shepherd, laid down his life for us, his sheep. We experience his grace when through faith in him we receive the forgiveness of sin and the power of his resurrection. Life for us takes on a new color, a new hope, a new objective, and everlasting purpose because of the Easter triumph which the Lord Jesus brings to his followers.

The hours of sorrow and disappointment, the hours of weakness and loss, the hours of sickness and death are brightened by the triumph of the Lord which he brings to us because he was

We would not, however, be unmindful of the regular budgetary needs in our overall great denominational enterprise. The work which is carried on in every branch of our North American Baptist General Conference must be supported regularly. New advances in each require additional funds. We rejoice in the progress which is being made in our cooperating organizations. It is seen at home and abroad. We are carrying on a great work. We would re-challenge the older members and for the first

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# Streams of Blessing from Our Seminary

An evaluation of the seminary's influence by one of its most illustrious graduates who spent the years, 1892-1897, as a student at the seminary

By Dr. WILLIAM KUHN of Forest Park, Illinois

IN THE 1949 "ANNUAL" Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, wrote as follows: "In 1950 the North American Baptist Seminary will celebrate its 100th anniversary. During this long period of time it has sent forth a stream of pastors, missionaries, denominational workers and others, who have brought light and life into many spiritually dark and dead sections of the world. Almost one thousand students have spent some period of their life in the classrooms of our seminary."

This declaration of President George A. Lang will justify all that is expressed in the caption, "Streams of Blessing from our Seminary." How can you visualize all these blessings bestowed during this past century? Let us attempt this double task: first, to think of the blessings received by the students themselves while attending the seminary, and then, second, to think of the blessings bestowed by these same students while in active service.

## THE SEMINARY FAMILY

Since I had the privilege of spending five years from 1892 to 1897 at the Rochester Seminary, I can speak from personal experience in enumerating the blessings personally received, and since I was but an average student, I can safely assume that other students have shared my experience.

Being transferred from private life into a community of about 65 men, was in itself an education. These 65 men did not live as monks in the cloistered halls of a monastery. There was much exuberance of spirit and wholesome living. But all those men had been touched by the Holy Spirit and had entered into a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. Every student received some training administered by the student body itself.

Early one fall a student of riper years, the father of a family and a member of a Baptist church in Berlin, with a high appraisal of his own importance, came to Rochester. He found a place in the dining room at a certain table. Very soon it was noticed that every time he wanted to spread his bread with butter he

arose from his chair and stood while spreading the bread. The students at his table told him every gently that it was not the custom to do that, and they suggested that he remain seated while spreading his bread. But he, being a member of a Baptist church in the city of Berlin, knew much better than his fellow students.

To change his table etiquette, the students at that table decided that the next time he rose to spread his bread, they would all follow suit. Enraged at the disrespect shown him, he went to Professor Ramaker and complained. Professor Ramaker told him that he was receiving his training in table etiquette by the students themselves and he could do nothing to censure those instructors. But he learned his lesson and never again stood while spreading his bread.

The years spent at the seminary afford ample opportunity to make intimate friendships. Such friendships are mutually beneficial. It was my good fortune to become a member of the Secunda Class of thirteen other men. In our daily conversation we spoke German and that was just what I needed, because my German was sadly in need of improvement. Only to mention the names of some of my class members such as Herman von Berge, Emil Mueller, Otto R. Schroeder, F. P. Kruse, J. A. Pankratz, J. H. Pankratz, J. A. H. Wuttke, Henry Sellhorn awakens in my heart a prayer of gratitude for having spent those years in their intimate fellowship.

There were others belonging to more advanced classes who have also written their names indelibly on the pages of my memory: Jacob Kratt, S. A. Kose, Emil R. Süvern, Herman Kaaz, A. P. Mihm, Frank Kaiser, and Christian Dippel. A German proverb runs: "Ehen werden im Himmel geschlossen." (Marriages are ordained in heaven.) Although the truth of that proverb may at times be questioned, my own conviction is that my special friendships have been given me by God's ordaining grace.

## GROWING PAINS

We do not all grow from childhood through the years of youth and into the maturer manhood without having some of those wellknown "growing

pains." In that congenial Christian atmosphere dominating our seminary and in the association with maturer students and the members of the faculty who already show in their own lives a definite resemblance to Jesus Christ, we are glad to think that we grew, yes, unconsciously grew in the knowledge and grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It would be pathetic if after the years spent in the seminary we had not experienced that miracle of being changed into Christ's glory from glory to glory even as by the Spirit of God.

We went to the seminary at Rochester for the express purpose of receiving the necessary training to enable us to qualify as worthy preachers of the Gospel and pastors of the people. As a preparation for that high office of becoming God's ambassadors we were inducted into other fields of knowledge as language, public speaking, history and science. These served the purpose of training our minds and giving us a wider horizon of life.

But the major part of our training was derived from the treasure-house of God's truths, and that treasure-house is to be found in the Holy Scriptures. As we moved about this treasure-house of God's truths, we were often swept into an ecstasy of wonder and then of adoration as we comprehended just a little of the depth and height and length and breadth of God's incomprehensible plans which he in his own will and love had evolved and declared. At such times we spoke with the Apostle Paul: "We know in part and we prophesy in part."

All of our teachers, according to the peculiar endowments given them by the will of God, led us patiently and wisely into the deeper things of God and into a fuller grasp of God's truths. As we think back to those days, we are convinced that very often we lacked the necessary enlightenment to absorb the truth which was being shown to us.

## GOD'S MISSIONARIES

It is utterly impossible for any human being with our finite minds and our limited knowledge even approximately to visualize or to recount the blessings bestowed by the life



Students in the North American Baptist Seminary of Rochester, New York in the Class of 1897  
(Left to Right, Front Row: John H. Pankratz, C. W. Wall, Professor Schneck (Teacher), J. A. H. Wuttke, F. P. Kruse, Herman von Berge. — Second Row: Christian Armbruster, William F. Raebel Jacob Jordan, J. A. Pankratz, William Kuhn, O. R. Schroeder, H. J. Sellhorn, Emil Mueller and J. G. Draewell)

ministry of those approximately one thousand students who have had instruction in the classrooms of our seminary. The complete records of those one thousand ministers cannot be found in any of our files, but we are happy that they are all recorded in the Books of God, and in the Day of Jesus Christ they will all be revealed and judged in mercy and in justice. However, we can say much more, about the ministry of those students by dividing those one thousand students into certain groups. Then the story of their ministry becomes more detailed.

Some of those Rochester students subsequently were called as missionaries to foreign fields.

**To Africa:** Albert Ittermann, John Niebuhr, L. Baier, J. Baier, Benjamin Pape.

**To Australia:** Frank Orthner, O. E. Krueger, S. Blum, John Heinrichs.

**To China:** J. Speicher, Emanuel Giedt.

**To Germany:** Prof. G. Fetzer, Edward Niemann.

**To India:** Prof. J. Heinrichs, G. A. Thomssen, S. Hamel, George Geis, George R. Kampfer.

**To Cameroons:** August Steffens, Emil R. Suevern, Benjamin Graf, Carl J. Bender, Adolph Orthner, Peter Wedel, Herman P. Kayser, Valentin Wolff, George A. Dunger, Gilbert Schneider, Edwin Michelson.

**To the Philippine Islands:** S. Feldmann.

**To Rumania:** Benjamin Schlipf.  
**To Russia:** H. Husmann, Edward Wuerch.

**To South America:** H. Landenberger, Karl Roth, F. Matschulat.

All of these left their homes, their families and friends obedient to the call of God and went to lands and people which they knew not. There they spent their years in sacrificial labor winning by prayer, preaching and

example those who were sitting in the shadow of death and bringing the light of the Gospel into those darkened lives. They banished the fear of demons and death and filled those same lives with joy growing out of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Each convert to the Lord Jesus Christ became a light to brighten and beautify the immediate surroundings. This aggregation of lights in the Lord Jesus Christ changed the life of many a home and village and community and even of countries. These students of Rochester and missionaries to the far countries will have in Christ's Day their converts as their joy and crown, and the seminary which trained them shares in their reflected glory.

## FAITHFUL PASTORS

Now we think with admiration of that large company of seminary graduates who have had that special grace from God to serve for years in small churches. Some of these men have been isolated from their brethren without the encouragements from those Christian fellowships. No bells of praise have been rung concerning their achievements. They have never had the privilege of leading great numbers into the baptismal waters. Many such pastors have experienced with a pang of regret the migration of their young people to cities, where they have built up growing churches. They have had the grace to continue in the place assigned to them by God without remorse. The Lord who is just in appraising every man's work has said: "Many that are first shall be last; and many that are last shall be first."

When the victorious Christ ascended up far above all heavens, "he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers." Among those thousand students from Rochester the

greater number served in the homeland and these, like all other servants of God, received a diversity of endowments qualifying them to render their particular ministry. Some of those Rochester graduates became prominent preachers serving large churches. The Holy Spirit had illuminated their minds, giving them insight into God's truths, and had touched their tongues, giving them the grace of persuasive oratory whereby they became such preachers whom the common people gladly heard.

Others of this student group received the shepherd heart from the Lord. They could go after such that had strayed from the fold. They could pour the balm of comfort into the hearts of the depressed and suffering. While some preachers could win their converts by the score, these pastors would bring their converts singly but nonetheless safely into the fold of Christ.

Then there were those men with evangelistic passion, some evangelists by calling and some who had received that double grace making them evangelistic pastors. Among our Rochester graduates we find such who have been called of God into positions of leadership. Even in the local church this gift of leadership insures advance and success, and in the denominational organization it is indispensable.

Although our seminary can bestow invaluable gifts upon students and graduates, it cannot dispense any of these diversified endowments to any of its students. They come to each preacher by the way of heredity and by the grace of God. The seminary can only "stir up that gift of God" which is already in the student's soul. These diversified endowments are never given for the glorification of the individual minister but exclusively

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# A Memorial to Pauline Rauschenbusch

For her and her husband, Prof. Walter Rauschenbusch, "big things became small, and small things became great" in the presence of God

By the REV. O. E. KRUEGER of Rochester, New York

LAST NOVEMBER Pauline Rauschenbusch died in her sleep, without pain and without fear, trusting, as she had always done, in the goodness of God and in the essential goodness of his children. She had lived 85 years "with malice toward none and with charity for all."

It had been her wish not to have the customary funeral service. She preferred a memorial service to be held later at a convenient date for all the family. At such a time the thought of death gives way to the thought of the life as it has been lived. Such a service was held at the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., of which she had been a member 52 years, on February 4th in the presence of the three sons, two daughters, a daughter-in-law and several grandchildren. The pastor, Rev. O. E. Krueger, presiding, and Professor Justin Roe Nixon gave memorial addresses. A double quartet of pastors, under the direction of Professor Lehman, sang her favorite hymns: "Abide with Me," "Lead Kindly Light," and "America the Beautiful."

## TEACHER AND PASTOR'S WIFE

Pauline Rother was born in 1864 in Selsia, the first child of Christian and Caroline Rother. During her childhood her father died. Mrs. Rother brought her two children, Pauline and Henry, to this country to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to be near a sister of hers. When "Polly," as she was called, finished Normal School, she took a position which required the teaching of all grades through high school in very cramped quarters.

Her repeated pleas for more room and an extra teacher were not answered until one day she succeeded in impressing the superintendent by having placed the little tots on her desk and the window sills as "bouquets." That she was resourceful and practical became evident when she taught "numbers" in the park by having the children add and subtract dandelions.

When Pauline was about 27 years old, a conference brought Walter Rauschenbusch to Milwaukee, then pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of New York City, located near what was known as "Hell's Kitchen." The two young people met and began a correspondence which finally led to engagement and mar-



Mrs. Pauline Rauschenbusch of Rochester, N. Y., in the Sunset Years of Her Life as Photographed by Professor A. A. Schade

riage. Walter was proud of his beautiful bride and assured the congregation that they would become very fond of her. They did love her dearly. Throughout her life Pauline won and held the affection of her husband's friends.

To the young couple, married in 1892, came a stroke of good fortune when Mrs. Caroline Schafer joined the household. "Tante" Schafer became widely known in our circles. She became a second mother to the Rauschenbusch children, making it possible for Pauline to be another "right hand" to her husband in his ever expanding tasks.

## JOYS AND SORROWS

In 1897 Walter Rauschenbusch began his teaching ministry at the German Department of the Rochester Theological Seminary in New Testament Interpretation. After several years he joined the faculty in the English Department in the Chair of Church History. We all know that this remarkable ministry came to an end in 1918 when Rauschenbusch still stood in the prime of his life. His wife remained in our midst to her end.

In 1907 a sabbatical year began for her husband for study in Marburg and a visit to Italy. For better education in language Mrs. Rauschenbusch kept

the family in Europe another year. The summer vacations on Sturgeon Lake, Canada were happy days for the whole family. Pauline became the famous gardener of the countryside and shared her vegetables and flowers with the people who admired them. Sharing came as natural to her as breathing.

This happiness was interrupted when the World War I broke out. As a pacifist Walter Rauschenbusch was bitterly attacked, though two sons had entered the service. In all their sorrow, husband and wife kept up each other's courage, but his end came at the age of 56 years. He accepted the inevitable with brave resignation realizing how hard it would be to be happy in a world bleeding from thousands of wounds.

## HER UNTIRING SERVICE

By way of continuing her husbands work Mrs. Rauschenbusch corresponded with hundreds of people, carried on all the negotiations necessary in getting his books satisfactorily translated, and a biography written. On her own behalf she opened her home at 4 Portsmouth Terrace in Rochester to as many people as possible, giving warmth and affection to those who lived there and to the visitors to the city, who sought her out, the greatest possible cordiality and encouragement. Immigrants, members of minority groups, especially the underprivileged felt the warmth of her heart. The packing of boxes and barrels for underpaid pastors' families in the West and the South was undertaken with enthusiasm long before packages were sent to Europe after the first World War.

The backbone of her life was her religious faith, without which she said she would not have had the courage to live, and without which life would have been meaningless. She was always glad that she had discovered the values of faith not belatedly, but had learned to depend on God in the days of her childhood. During the hard moments of life she seldom complained and never despaired. Though she spoke of her self as "a brave little coward," her friends knew her only as a woman of strength and courage. She possessed the old-fashioned virtue of gentleness and the Christian virtue of humility. She knew little of fear

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# Called to Be With the Lord

A Tribute to the Rev. Fred W. Benke of Edmonton, Alberta

Prepared by the REV. KARL KORELLA



Rev. Fred W. Benke of Edmonton, Alberta  
† 1892 — 1950 †

ON WEDNESDAY morning, Feb. 15th, our friend and brother, the Reverend Fred W. Benke of Edmonton, Alberta, answered the summons of his Lord to go and live with him. His departure was very sudden. He died of a heart attack which came on quite unexpectedly. As a result of it his suffering was brief, lasting but a few hours.

He departed from his friends and co-workers in the midst of his activities, a thing he had always desired. He often prayed that God should spare him from an incapacitated, useless life. We therefore bid him farewell in the faith that God answers prayer and that he knows best even though he called his servant away from a fruitful and blessed ministry.

## STUDENT YEARS

Although reaching the age of but fifty-seven years and six months, Brother Benke lived his years for his Lord and translated his life span into acts of kind and sacrificial service for his fellowmen. He was born at Ellerslie near Edmonton. As a young boy he gave his heart to the Lord and followed him in baptism. After a period of work as printer he resumed his education.

He received his training in a number of institutions of learning. One year he spent at our seminary at Rochester, N. Y., after which he returned home to care for his aged parents. He graduated later from the University of Alberta and St. Stephan's College, associated with the University, and studied further at the Western Baptist Seminary at Portland, Oregon. He was ordained for the Christian ministry at the Central Baptist Church at Edmonton, Alberta.

From this momentous event to his departure he worked unremittingly as pastor, missionary, evangelist and teacher. He served the churches at Hannah, Wetaskiwin, Wiesenthal and Glory Hill in the Province of Alberta. Since its founding in 1939 he became associated with the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton as teacher and, for a number of terms, as chairman of the board of the Institute.

## FRIEND OF MANY

During the summer months and in his spare time he extended his activities as missionary to the Indians of the province and the widely scattered

churches and in our denomination. He accepted but little of all this tribute for himself, continually giving God the glory.

## FUNERAL SERVICE

His funeral service was conducted in his home church, the Central Baptist Church at Edmonton. The Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, now functioning as interim pastor, officiated. The Rev. C. H. Seecamp of Leduc, moderator of the Northern Conference, brought the German funeral message based on the inspired words of the Apostle Paul, "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain," according to Philippians. The Rev. Karl Korella of Edmonton, representing the faculty of the Christian Training Institute, spoke in English, using for his text a word from 2 Tim. 4: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness . . ." Dr. Smalley of Edmonton represented the Western Canadian Baptists in a few words of sympathy and prayer.

Two representatives from each of the churches, Wetaskiwin, Wiesenthal and Onoway functioned as pallbearers, while some of the pastors of the city and the province served as honorary pallbearers. A large congregation of over six hundred people took part in the solemn service with Indians from two reserves joining the mourners' procession. Beautiful tributes were rendered in song by the C. T. I. student choir and a quartet and in the form of floral wreaths. A number of memorials were also presented for broadcasts, Indian missions, and the C. T. I. library.

## A LIFE OF FAITH

Our departed friend's co-workers and many Christian friends express their sympathy to those who are close of kin: three sisters and brother-in-laws, nephews and nieces. His life was an inspiration received from the hands of God and imparted to men in the form of service and sacrifice. It was marked by faith and modesty, and especially a passion for the lost. Thus he will remain in our memory, continuing to inspire and to challenge all those who have felt his influence in days past.

† REV. MAX LEUSCHNER †  
The Rev. Max Leuschner of Anaheim, California, the father of the editor of THE BAPTIST HERALD, passed away early in the morning of March 14th in his 78th year. He had served as pastor of our churches in Waco, Texas; Los Angeles, Calif.; Spokane, Wash.; Lodi, Calif.; and Anaheim, Calif. The memorial service was held in the Bethel Church of Anaheim on Thursday afternoon, March 16, with the Rev. R. Schilke, pastor of the Anaheim church, in charge. The editorial in the April 13th issue of THE HERALD will be prepared by the editor as a tribute to his father.

# What's Happening

● The Rev. M. Vanderbeck, pastor of the Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin is conducting "The Prophetic Hour" over radio station WHBL in Sheboygan every Wednesday afternoon from 5:30 to 5:45 P.M. The response to these radio broadcasts has been very encouraging. Dr. Vanderbeck is also the author of a book with prophetic messages.

● Miss Erika Schmidt, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Schmidt of Berlin, Germany, who has been studying at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., and was present at the 1949 General Conference in Sioux Falls, So. Dak., has been offered a scholarship for graduate study at Baylor University in Waco, Texas. She hoped to begin her studies at Baylor University on March 10th.

● The First Baptist Church of Dickinson County at Elmo, Kansas has extended a call to Mr. Herbert Schauer, a Senior student of the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. Schauer has accepted the call and will begin his ministry at the Kansas church about July 15. He will succeed the Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn, now pastor of the Immanuel Church near Loyal, Oklahoma.

● Several of our Cameroons missionary films were shown to an audience of more than 100 Negroes at the Second Baptist Church (Colored) of Maywood, Illinois on Sunday evening, Feb. 26, by Mr. John Ziesemer and Mr. David Hackman of the Forest Park Baptist Church. The pictures were enthusiastically received by the audience and the pastor of the church, the Rev. R. Hayden. The church also expressed interest in taking up an offering for our Cameroons mission field.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas celebrated the silver wedding anniversary of its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Aaron A. Stackhouse, on Friday evening, Jan. 6th with a program. Representatives of the church offered their congratulations and presented Mr. and Mrs. Stackhouse with a Duncan Phyfe mahogany drop leaf extension table. The Rev. C. B. Thole of the local church and the Rev. H. Renkema of Lorraine, Kansas at the time also participated.

**REMEMBER**  
Your Share in the  
**EASTER OFFERING**  
Palm Sunday, April 2, 1950 to  
Easter Sunday, April 9, 1950

The offering is for God's work  
in our missionary advance and  
denominational enterprise.

● The Manitoba Tri Union held a Christian Workers' Conference from Friday evening, March 10, to Sunday, March 12, at the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba. A large group of youth and Sunday School leaders from most of the Manitoba churches was in attendance. Dr. George A. Lang, president of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, So. Dak., and the Rev. H. H. Janzen, president of the Mennonite Bible College at Winnipeg, were the guest speakers.

● Youth Week was observed by the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., from Jan. 29 to Feb. 5. At the Youth Fellowship banquet on Saturday evening, Feb. 4, Dr. Evan J. Shearman was the guest speaker. The young people presented a dramatization on "Scenes from the Life of Christ" at the Sunday evening service on Feb. 5. "Family Night" and "Mission Night" were also observed and a visitation campaign was held. The Rev. Robert Zimbelman is pastor of the church.

● The Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota held a Leadership Training and Bible Conference from Sunday, Feb. 26, to Sunday, March 5, with many members of the church participating. Professor R. P. Jeschke of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, So. Dak., taught a course on "Teaching Methods" and the Rev. James Mos-teller from the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., spoke on "Great Doctrines of Christian Faith." Both of the guest speakers also brought messages at the Sunday services. The Rev. D. S. Wipf is pastor of the church.

● The fifth annual Lenten series of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., is being held with meetings on Thursday evenings from Feb. 23 to April 6, concluding with a candle-

light communion service by the pastor, the Rev. Frank Veninga. On March 16 the sound film, "The Lord's Footsteps," a very beautiful religious travelog filmed in the Holy Land, was shown. Guest speakers at these services were Dr. Vernon L. Schontz of Springfield, Ill., Rev. Melvin Hatcher of Pekin, Ill., Rev. N. M. Bodenhorn of Anderson, Ind., and Rev. Wm. A. Steinkrous of Bloomington, Ill.

● "The Sunshine Sisters," a group of young women with missionary zeal of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., were in charge of the Sunday evening service on Feb. 26. A large audience listened attentively to the program consisting of songs by the "Sunshine Sisters," a special musical number by Mrs. William Hoover, and the showing of some of the latest Cameroons mission pictures by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill. Mrs. Walter E. Siewert, program chairman, was in charge of the service. The offering of \$100 was designated for missions.

● On Sunday, Feb. 26, Miss Laura E. Reddig, one of our missionaries in the Cameroons, who is now at home on furlough, spoke at the services of the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wis., and the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis. On Sunday, March 5, she served as guest speaker at both services of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, No. Dak. From March 12 to 19 she visited the churches of Iowa along with several leaders of the Iowa Youth Union in the interest of the Union's missionary project. The Rev. Arthur Ittermann of Elgin, Iowa, as the promotional director for the project, made the plans for this Iowa itinerary.

● The auditorium of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., was well filled on Wednesday evening, March 1st, by members of our several churches in Chicago, Ill., to hear the message and report by the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary, about his visitation tour of the Cameroons mission field. The Rev. C. B. Nordland was in charge of the impressive service with the Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel of the Grace Church and the Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Foster Ave. Church also participating. The latest pictures in color of the Cameroons trip were shown at the close of the service by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary.

## Streams of Blessing

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"for the perfection of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

In a measure at least, we can further gauge the influence of our seminary by the fact that over the years, almost without exception, only such men have served in denominational offices such as editors, secretaries of an incorporated society, or other posts of leadership. The following men can be included in this list: J. C. Grimmell, G. A. Schulte, J. C. Haselhuhn, Gottlob Fetzer, Peter Ritter, E. J. Baumgartner, F. A. Bloedow, E. P. Wahl, Philip Daum, A. P. Mihm, Albert Bretschneider, A. A. Schade, J. C. Gunst, Frank H. Woyke, H. G. Dymmel, William Kuhn. "By the fruits ye shall know them."

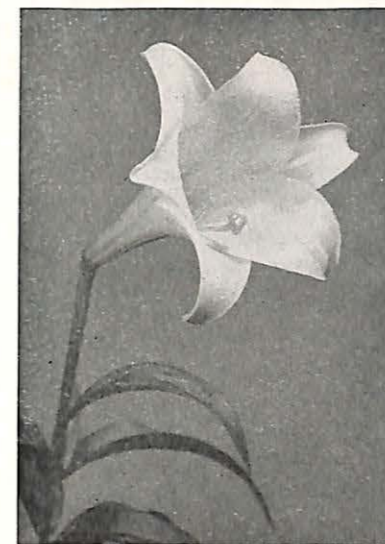
That can be applied to our seminary at Rochester. We are perfectly aware that our judgments and appraisals are incomplete and superficial because we can only see the outward parts, but the Lord, the Head of his Church and consequently the Head of our seminary, looks deeper and therefore his judgment and his commendation are always infallibly just and fair.

As far back as my memory goes, there were quite a number of groups among us who did not believe in a trained ministry. They thought that all preaching should be done simply by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Without too much opposition that conviction of this minority group was overcome. Our seminary through all these years has supplied our churches with trained ministers. To be sure, these ministers differed greatly in their preaching ability and in their temperamental endowments. We are ready to confess that there are striking diversities both as to the theological content and the presentation of the sermon by our ministers, but on the whole there is a striking similarity in the preaching of those men who have come from Rochester.

All of us have the same direction of thought and, generally considered, the same emphasis in our preaching. It is to the credit of our seminary that our pastors do follow the same pattern of thinking and preaching which they learned in their student days at our seminary. In reviewing the many years of the past, the seminary has reason to rejoice as it is assured of the multitude of blessings that have poured out from its deepest life into our denominational field and into those far away places of God's Kingdom.

## C. B. Y. and S. S. U. Herald News

Appears Every Issue To Keep You Up-to-date on North American Baptist Youth and Sunday School Activities



Easter greetings and best wishes for a joyous Easter to all of our readers!

"Tis the Spring of souls today;  
Christ hath burst his prison.  
From the frost of gloom and death  
Light and life have risen."

—Anonymous

"That ye may know him and the power of his resurrection." PHIL. 3:10.

May our many groups of young people who shall have part in sunrise services, Easter breakfasts, or whatever the Easter program may be, experience anew the vital presence of the resurrected Christ.

### SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS

This summer again any number of our students preparing for full time Christian service will be employed through the Summer Student Placement Committee. One of these students may be in your area. Let us pray for these fine young people and support them in their efforts.

### SEMINARY ENTHUSIASM

Nine conference C.B.Y. and S.S.U. organizations have adopted projects for the new Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Some groups have already paid up their projects. Several thousands of dollars are thus being raised by our fine young people's organizations. Members of these organizations will see the name of their organization on a plaque for the project which they supported as soon as the Seminary buildings are completed and the project is paid.

### SEMINARY DIME BOOKLETS

Many thousands of these booklets have been mailed to all of our Sunday Schools. The response has been most gratifying on the part of the Sunday

School leaders as well as the children. The full amount in contributions from our Sunday Schools for the Seminary will be published after all contributions have been received.

### FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPER-INTENDENTS:

**CHRISTIAN LIFE FOLDERS.** A supply of two leaflets inserted in the Christian Life Folders have been sent to all of our Sunday School superintendents. These leaflets have been received with much enthusiasm by many of our churches. Additional copies of the folder, Leaflet No. 1 — "All Aboard for Growing Up," and Leaflet No. 2 — "Thirteen Million Baptists — And You" are still available upon request. When your order is sent in, kindly indicate which leaflets are desired. Leaflet No. 3 — "Who Are We North American Baptists?" will soon be mailed.

### SCRIPTURE MEMORY PRIZES

You will want to be planning for your awards for your Scripture Memory course. The new cross and crown pins prepared especially for our Scripture Memory Course are available at our Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio. Order your prizes now so that you will be able to present them when the course is complete.

### YOUTH COMPASS

The April, May, June issue of "Youth Compass" is off the press. You won't want to miss this issue. Camp leaders will want to see the excellent suggestions prepared for them. All young people will be interested in some very practical, well planned programs for your C.B.Y. meetings! This issue is better than ever! Order your "Youth Compass" now. If you have not received your Leaders' Work Sheet for this issue of "Youth Compass," write to headquarters office immediately. This will help you plan your program for this quarter.

### C.B.Y. HANDBOOK

Did you know that a C.B.Y. Handbook is being prepared for your youth group? Watch for further announcements on this.

### THEME SONG

Many requests have come to our Forest Park office for copies of our C.B.Y. Theme Song, "Serve the Lord in Youth." A new supply is being printed so that your orders can be filled. These songs are excellent for use in your youth meetings, rallies and conferences.



—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert  
The Arden house on the old homestead stood a little back from the road, so sweetly pleasant and cosy, yet spacious in the lovely setting of trees and lawn

# Mary Arden

A Christian Novel by GRACE LIVINGSTON HILL  
and RUTH LIVINGSTON HILL

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## SYNOPSIS.

For three generations there had been a Mary Arden at the old home on the edge of the village of Ardenville, now called ARDEN, and now the fourth Mary Arden had come back there to live. She was just out of college and had inherited the old Arden homestead. While her father was on business in China and her mother at a fashionable coastal resort, Mary arrived in Arden to spend the summer at the fascinating, lovely, old house. She loved everything about ARDEN. She even felt that way about the place when she went back to be the maid of honor at Floss Fairlee's wedding, and again met Brooke Haven, a former suitor of hers. She disliked his making love to her and in anger she rushed from the house and walked the streets for several hours. When she came to her senses, she decided to go back to her mother and to take the first train back to Ardenville the next day. As she opened the front door, the telephone was ringing and her mother was waiting for her in the house.

## CHAPTER NINE

FLOSS FAIRLEE'S WEDDING rehearsal was a gay affair. Floss and her mother had every detail of the ceremony planned so accurately that little time was wasted on such questions as who should walk on which

mother had trained her not to raise her lips too high when she smiled. The effect was something like a sweet well groomed sheep.

But Floss was a sweet girl, and Mary Arden liked her, in a way. Still, it was Floss who was especially fond of Mary and sought her out to cling to, though Floss's family and financial standing were even more enviable from a worldly standpoint than Mary Arden's. Mrs. Arden was most flattered at Floss's interest in her daughter.

Brooke Haven was a nephew of Mrs. Fairlee's, and a pet of the whole family. So it was no wonder that he had no trouble in getting acquiescence in his plans for the night of the rehearsal, and, if other factors proved favorable, even for the aftermath of the wedding itself, which was to be in the living room of the enormous Fairlee home.

There were two bridesmaids besides Mary Arden, who was to be maid of honor. It was well known that the two men who were ushers were practically engaged to the two girls with whom they were to march and stand in the receiving line. So it was not difficult to draw them into Brooke Haven's clever plans.

Lovely Mary Arden appeared at her friend's house promptly for the rehearsal, wearing her best smile and dressed in all the gaiety she could muster after her unsettling tiff with Brooke Haven that morning.

She had intercepted her mother when she came from the telephone call and demanded to know what Brooke meant by planning to announce their engagement when she who was expected to be the bride had not given consent. But her mother, quick to sense that she had spoken too soon, responded, "Oh, that was a silly plan he mentioned once. If he has said nothing to you about it, I suppose of course he has given it up."

So Mary had had to be content with that hope. Still she felt most uneasy and dreaded the evening and the next day. Again and again she told herself that it was absurd to be nervous about this situation, for after all, she was sane and of age, she could do as she pleased. Surely no one could force her to marry Brooke Haven. But she was perfectly aware that Brooke Haven was clever and that he could put her into a most unwelcome situation if he chose.

Her natural desire was to freeze up and never speak to him again after what had happened already. But she finally decided once more that she would gain nothing by that attitude, and she would only make the whole affair most unpleasant for everyone concerned. It would be rude in the extreme to vent her own indignation on Floss by spoiling her party. No, her only defense would be gaiety. Just laugh off anything he tried to do or

say. That would keep the bright atmosphere of the party intact, and make it impossible for Brooke to take seriously anything either of them said.

So the evening struck a note of something like hilarity in tune with Mary Arden's keen repartee.

Brooke noted her gay laughter and her playfulness with them all, even with himself, and smiled with satisfaction. She had got over her little pique, as he had expected, and was herself again, even more fascinating than usual. Her manner showed not the slightest trace of annoyance at him; just cheerful banter met everything he said.

After the brief rehearsal was over and Brooke had been instructed as to how and when to nudge the bridegroom, who had not yet arrived, they all sat down to a delectable repast in the Fairlee's handsome dining room.

Of course Mary was seated next to Brooke, with an empty chair on her other side, next to Floss, waiting for the groom who might turn up at any moment.

But Mary had no difficulty in keeping their conversation on a general level, for Brooke seemed quite willing for the present at least, to be his most charming self, gracious and courteous. Mary almost relaxed her excited vigilance.

Then after a goodly amount of the dainty ice cream molds had disappeared, and many little cakes and confections, besides drinks of various kinds, a bit of a break came in the gay crosscurrents of joking and repartee.

The couple across the round table from Floss caught her quick nod and smile, and suddenly the young man arose. With an elaborate bow and flowery language he proceeded to address the girl beside him, beseeching her hand in marriage. With much ado she tried to keep her face perfectly straight and serious, but found it impossible as chuckle followed giggle around the intimate circle of her friends, and finally she broke down with smiles and blushes and made a most satisfactory response to her lover which sent them all off into peals of laughter. Since this engagement was one which had been taken for granted by them all for some time, it was not especially surprising to anyone there, just a clever unusual way of announcing the fact that these two were planning to marry. They were showered with congratulations and good wishes, with Mary's brightly topping them all. Though a little shiver of dread shook her again as she recalled what her mother had said that afternoon.

Then when the excitement and teasing had subsided and another moment of calm arrived, what did the next couple do but put on their little act. In a slightly different way, of course, just to make it entertaining, but most

obviously planned and possibly rehearsed. Then did Mary Arden's heart begin to gallop in panic. So this was what her mother had meant. Brooke Haven had planned this. It was like him. And just as surely as she knew that she sat there, she was certain that he intended to climax the little play with his own proposal, unrehearsed it is true, but nevertheless an obvious finish to a very unusual situation. There was nothing unexpected in the other two engagements, nor would anyone be surprised if she and Brooke would follow suit, for they had been seen together so very much during the past weeks.

Had Brooke told them she was willing for this? Was he actually counting on the presence of others to force her consent to save herself embarrassment? What could she do? What could she say to them all? Could she blaze up in anger and deny it? In the mood they were in that would probably accomplish just nothing at all. More than likely they would whoop with laughter and think she was pretending, for they all knew that she and Brooke had been together a great deal. This whole thing would be in the papers, undoubtedly, by tomorrow morning. Very likely Brooke had already given the news to the social column reporters and it was being printed right now for morning papers! Oh! What could she do to stop it! For she had no illusions any longer about Brooke. He would stop at nothing.

Then like a sudden frightening calm before a clap of thunder came a third silence. Mary's heart froze within her. It was coming. Now! Oh, was there no one to take her part? If only her father were home. At least she could go to him after it was over — if this horrible evening would ever be over — and ask him what to do, beg him to call the papers and cancel the news. But no, he was still far away across the water, too distant to help even tomorrow. She must face this thing herself and carry it through somehow! But how?

Then her mind suddenly flashed to Laurie. He seemed like a strong refuge. But he could do nothing, of course, even if he were here and she could get in touch with him. Laurie had a God, though. Couldn't a God help at a time like this? But she did not know Laurie's God. Why had she never realized that life could hold times of dread and stress when she would be absolutely on her own — and helpless!

Of course all this went through her racing mind in a second, while her lips smiled and she laughed with glee over something someone had said about the second couple whose engagement had been so cleverly announced. In this way the silence was broken, that silence that she knew had been a preparation for

Brooke's speech, whatever it should be. She must not allow another silence. He must have no chance to get on his feet and start this farce. Yet even as she rattled on, gasping after silly gay remarks like straws floating by her, saying any ridiculous thing just to keep going, she was conscious that they were all watching her, with knowing smiles on their faces, waiting, willing to wait, another few moments, for the sake of the fun that was coming.

Then all at once there were no more straws floating by, no more words came to her. In sudden blank, stunned silence she felt Brooke beside her rise to his feet. Her face was ghastly white behind her forced gay smile.

"Well, boys and girls," he smiled his easy confident smile, "since you are all planning to walk down the aisle together I suppose it won't be any surprise to you if we do the same thing. How about it, Mary?" He leaned down and raised Mary to her feet, putting his arm familiarly around her, his face close to hers waiting for her kiss to seal her assent. But she pulled away, still with that merry hard bright smile upon her face, to say in her most joking tones, "Oh, part way down, if that's what we are to do, but not all the way, Brooke!" But most of her words were drowned in a shout of welcome, for there stood the bridegroom in the doorway!

Floss rushed to him and received her own embrace and then they all crowded round to greet him, squealing with excitement.

Mary Arden, aghast to think that perhaps she had not succeeded in making even one of them realize that she had not accepted Brooke Haven's casual proposal, slid into the other room to the telephone booth under the stairs to call the newspapers, any one, all of them, to find out whether Brooke had put in the notice, for that was what she was certain he had done this for, so that it would be practically irrevocable. But Mary had not realized the lateness of the hour. It was already past midnight. The morning papers were even now on sale at newsstands all over the city. And yes, the notice was in.

"I made sure to get it right," the man at the other end of the wire assured her confidently. "It's all O.K."

"But it isn't so!" choked out Mary.

But the satisfied social editor had clicked off.

With dull horror beating on her heart Mary went back into the other room. It made little difference now whether she was gay or sad, or even mad. They were all so excited over the return of their hero that even Mary Arden's engagement announcement had become just another incident in the whole delightful affair.

Short of blazing at them all with



anger until she got their attention, Mary knew there was nothing she could do. And it seemed hardly fair to Floss to make such a scene when her bridegroom had just arrived and her wedding was tomorrow. After all, it was her trouble, not theirs. And nobody, not even Brooke Haven could make her marry him. The announcement was humiliating, infuriating beyond words. It would make her no end of explanation. But there was nothing to be done about it now. Absolutely nothing, until she could perhaps insert a notice in the column herself that the announcement had been a mistake. It would be embarrassing, but — well, it would have to be so. Just one of those things she had to take whether she liked it or not. It seemed that a good many of such things were coming her way all at once. Her life heretofore had been so comparatively easy.

She thought of her father's warning to remember to laugh at herself. But this time it just seemed impossible.

She wanted to run away but she made herself stay, to see if things wouldn't quiet down a bit, and perhaps she would have a chance to explain that she hadn't given Brooke a green light at all, quite the contrary.

She went upstairs when the girls went up, but the wild hilarity continued.

Finally she thought her chance had come. Just before they all started downstairs to say good night and take their several departures, Mary found Floss next to her and Floss was hugging her ecstatically and saying how glad she was for her. "And you'll be my very own cousin now in a little while, won't you?" she almost screamed with glee.

Mary shook her head as hard as she could and tried to speak above the din, "No, Floss, no! I didn't tell him I would marry him at all. You didn't understand." But her words were scarcely heard. The second bridesmaid caught a little of what she was saying and laughed loudly.

"Oh, listen girls," she said, "revolt in the Haven family already! Mary is trying to go back on it! Can you tie that? He! He!" But her words were as the voice of one blackbird in a flock. Nobody listened. Everybody laughed because they were laughing at everything, but nobody knew what had been said.

Mary tried again downstairs, but again she was drowned by uproarious joking. So she gave it up.

Brooke was of course to be her escort home. She had no other way home. She climbed into his car and sat in the farthest corner of the seat. She spoke not one word all the way home. She had decided that the time had come to cease the cheery gay attitude and let Brooke Haven understand that she meant no friendliness to him by her brave attempts to keep

these two days cheerful for her friend Floss.

Brooke had sat silently also, gloomily aware that Mary was angry. He had hoped against hope that her gay manner tonight had meant that she would be cheerful and reasonable about this. But if she meant to carry on the feud, well, she'd get over it again, as she had before. Anyway, he meant to marry her. Then he'd make her behave herself.

As they drew up at the Arden house Mary said coldly, "You need not come to the door with me, now or ever again. You will see, please, that the notice in the papers is denied immediately. If you do not, my father will!"

Without so much as a good night she marched up into the house.

In the darkness she left behind her, Brooke raised his black eyebrows in amused admiration of her cleverness at guessing that he would have put that notice in the papers. She was so altogether desirable! If he could only get her over this infernal idea of holding him off. He frowned. It had never occurred to him that Mary Arden would not yield in the end, for it was inconceivable that he was not altogether desirable himself. If she was married to him she would have to submit, at least in public, and as for their private life, well, she was so attractive when she was angry that he wouldn't in the least mind a little quarrel now and then.

So he smiled grimly to himself as he drove off into the dark beginning a new day that might mean a great deal to both him and Mary Arden.

But Mary stumbled desperately into the house that all unawares had become to her an unfriendly place. She climbed the stairs lugging her burden with her, torn between discouragement and fierce anger. At the top of the stairs her mother was waiting with a fond light in her eyes to greet her. But Mary forestalled all her questions by a weary: "Good night, mother. I'd like to get right to bed. I'm so tired, and tomorrow will be a big day."

So her mother wisely but reluctantly drew her soft silk robe about her and retired again to her own room to wonder and weep. Her daughter certainly did not seem as elated as a newly engaged girl should look but Mary was queer about some things, and no doubt she was tired. She sighed but she set her lips more grimly, awaiting tomorrow's enlightenment.

Mary Arden slid out of her dress and her shoes and turned out her light so that her mother would suppose she had gone to bed. But her mind was in too much turmoil to lie down yet. She went over to the open window and sat on the arm of a chair there, staring bitterly out into the urban darkness. Somewhere out among

those dots of light and those buzzing engines was the man she had come to loathe. For a few minutes she simply let herself seethe with hatred for him. To think that he would dare to put her into a position like this! And then pretend he cared enough for her to marry her. Although it was true he had never made much pretense at loving her. He had admired her, yes. She sniffed indignantly. As if she were a costly painting, or a fine work of art! She shrank now from the very thought of his eyes upon her. The horrid memory of that kiss he had given her yesterday made her writhe. Did other girls feel this way about the man they were going to marry? — Oh! Horrors! What was she thinking? Had even she come to the place where she felt a marriage to this man was inevitable? Everyone in the world seemed to be forcing it upon her. Was it inevitable? Was there no way of escape? She shook the thought from her. What nonsense. She had the right to marry whom she pleased or not marry at all! She had tried her best to be courteous and thoughtful for others in this situation but if worst came to worst she would just have to make a big scene and bring it to a head, news scandal or no.

She thought of trying to get in touch with her father by long distance telephone, but she knew she would have to ask her mother's help, for she did not know his itinerary nor where to reach him just now. And she did not want her mother's help in this, for she was sure it would not be help.

Then she tried to think what her father would tell her if she asked him. But her tired shocked mind was not able to imagine what her father's gentle wise counsel would be.

Then once more the thought of Laurie came to her. Strange what a refuge he seemed, little as she really knew him. Her cheeks burned with shame to think that he could ever know of this awful situation she had got herself into. Or had she? Was it her own fault, or just that everybody seemed bent on planning her life for her? That question made her stop and really think seriously. Ye-es, she slowly admitted to herself, perhaps she had been a little silly with Brooke Haven, right at the start of their acquaintance. She had been flattered that such a wealthy, good-looking man whom any one of her friends would have considered a marvelous "catch" had showered such exclusive attention upon her. And, yes, she had willingly let him kiss her once or twice, even responded a little, gaily, carelessly. All the girls in her crowd did it, she knew, though she had never liked the idea. She was not ordinarily one to collect kisses from any and all. But she had toyed with the idea of caring enough some day to want his kisses. She had tried to make herself attractive with him in mind.

# We, the Women

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

## THROUGH LOVE TO LIGHT

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

This was the darkest hour in all history.

The Son of Man, rejected by his fellow-men, hung between earth and heaven on the shameful cross. All the kind deeds that he had done, the words of hope and comfort he had spoken, all were seemingly forgotten by the furious mob, which clamored for his death.

The Son of God, who left his home in glory to do the Father's will upon the earth, was suffering in agony upon the cross. Was it in vain he had spent himself in days of service, in teaching, healing, preaching, pointing the way back to the Father? Had he not rightfully interpreted his Father's will? Or was the power of evil greater, after all, than God, the power of good?

The Savior's momentary uncertainty passed. He could say in all confidence, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit."

But to his disciples and to the women who believed and followed him, that day and the following were the saddest, blackest of their lives. Now all hope had faded. Evil had conquered; death had the victory.

"And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun." Fearful yet, and sad; not

noticing the rays of light, stretching their beckoning fingers across the horizon. What strange and awesome sight is this? An angel, arrayed in shining robes — and now he speaks these words which fall as music on their ears: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, HE IS RISEN!"

As the full meaning of this miracle became clear to the friends of Jesus, their night of despair was turned into the radiant light of hope and faith. No longer fearful, but boldly, with supreme confidence, they went about, telling to all the wondrous message of the resurrection.

What power was it that could take the blackest evil man has ever perpetrated and turn it into the greatest good for all mankind? It was the LOVE of God, which turned the darkness into light — for it was his will that man "should not perish, but have everlasting life!"

My friend, remember this message of Easter when you are facing a black hour of despair in your life. Sickness, financial reverses, betrayal of trust by a friend — whatever may be your "Calvary," it is not too great an evil to be turned and used for some good by God, in his infinite love. Remember that after "black Saturday," "at the rising of the sun," began a new day. Defeat was turned into victory. The power of sin was forever broken,



The Sunrise Announces Another New Day! and eternal life was assured to all who trust in HIM who proved God's love, even upon the cross. The poet summarizes our message in these beautiful words:

## THROUGH LOVE TO LIGHT

Through love to light! Oh wonderful the way  
That leads from darkness to the perfect day!  
From darkness and from sorrow of the night  
To morning that comes singing over the sea;  
Through love to light! Through light, O God, to thee,  
Who art the love of love, the eternal light of light.

Well, there was nothing basically wrong in that, surely. What then had made her feel so differently?

When was it that she began to notice this change in her own feelings toward Brooke? She had been home from college scarcely a month now, and had gone constantly with him at first. After seeing him at Christmas and holidays, and hearing from him often all winter, she had actually looked forward to being with him again. For two weeks they had been together almost constantly. He had taken her here and taken her there, had showered flowers and candy and presents of all kinds upon her. The rush had taken her off her balance. Then what happened? She had never realized one day that she had had enough. She knew that she did not care to marry this man, and yet he evidently was bearing strongly toward that goal. That was when she made up her mind to go to Arden.

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## Easter an Experience

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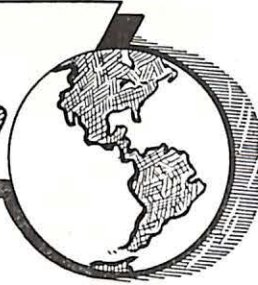
Kong there was a young Chinese student who had studied in England. He became convinced, as he put it, "that Christianity is the true religion," but he could not understand it. He was speaking to someone and showed him an English New Testament in which he was marking all the statements he could not understand. There were references to people of whom he knew nothing and various incidents in the past about which he was ignorant. It was suggested that he was approaching his study on the side of the mysteries instead of on the side of the facts, and he was advised to put aside that copy and get another one and to read the four Gospels and the Book of Acts, thus studying the life of Christ and the beginning of the Christian Church and that, instead of underscoring the difficulties, he begin to underscore everything that he did understand, everything that was clear, especially all that he could accept and believe,

and that he recognized as good advice to live by.

Very soon he reported that he was getting light every day. As the days passed, he would come into the room of his friend and exclaim with shining face, "I am getting more light." No honest seeker after truth has failed to have that experience. He turned from mysteries to facts and began to make the most of those facts. Steadily the mysteries were pushed further back and the facts came to the fore, giving conviction and faith.

The resurrection of Christ is an historical fact, undeniable, irrefutable! It is the keystone of our Christian faith. There are none of us but what believe it. Let's attest our faith, however, with experience. Let's say with Job: "I know that my Redeemer liveth." Let's pray with the Apostle Paul: "That I may know him and the power of his resurrection." Let's heed the Scripture injunction: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God."

# REPORTS FROM THE FIELD



## Northern Conference

### Young People's Activities at the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta

The young people of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta recently held their annual program. The theme song, "Serve the Lord in Days of Youth," blended well with the entire program and the heart's desire of our young people. The play, "Thy Will be Done," showed us anew that doing the will of Christ brings joy and happiness that so many are vainly seeking in earthly pleasures.

The program was also rendered in several of the neighboring churches and the offerings went toward the Seminary and Sylvan Lake Projects. The election of officers for 1950 resulted as follows: president, Bernard Fillenberg; vice-president, Marvin Grabia; secretary, Joyce Hammer; asst. secretary, Elnor Roth; treasurer, Verna Roth; pianist, Clara Seecamp; asst. pianist, Walter Brown; librarians, Lucille Fillenberg and Leona Benke.

The Young People's Union has 54 members divided into four groups. Each group, in turn, takes charge of the various meetings, giving every individual an opportunity to take part in this phase of work for the Lord.

Mrs. Martha Ohlmann, Reporter.

### New Pastor and Opportunities at the Baptist Church of Moosehorn, Manitoba

Since my health has been improving during the last two years, I accepted the call of the Baptist Church at Moosehorn, Manitoba, Canada as pastor. I believe the Lord offers us as Baptists an opportunity for mission work on this extensive field. Therefore, we must seize this God-given opportunity.

In trusting and obeying the guidance of God and acting upon the command of our Master, we shall see the waters of Life flowing from the Eternal, refreshing and invigorating the withering plants in his vineyard to a more fruitful life. We see the Spirit of the Lord moving the hearts of our small congregation, and therefore things begin to move and to change externally.

The little membership bought one of the finest building plots in the town of Moosehorn for the purpose of moving the church, which is three and a half miles northwest, upon it. They paid cash for the property and have a good sized sum promised and given in cash for the rebuilding of the church in town. The church will be

moved in the near future.

The property has been legally transferred to our General Mission Society. Things are beginning to happen, for the people have a mind to work. But the greatest need is an "Intensive Revival" for our church and community. May we solicit your prayers on behalf of our Christian group in Moosehorn and community?

A. J. Milner, Pastor.

### Days of Prayer and Soul Surgery at the Edmonton Christian Training Institute

As students and faculty of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta will readily agree, the 1950 session of prayer definitely made history in the life of the Christian Training Institute. As the title implies these were days of real "Soul Surgery" in the life of every student.

Our "Days of Prayer" began on January 18, as we awoke to the strains of our favorite Gospel hymns, played over the school's public-address system. Following breakfast, an hour of quiet devotion was observed during which the students retired to their individual quarters to prepare their hearts for the day of prayer.

At 10:30 A.M. we had our First chapel service which proved to be a great blessing to all who attended. The theme for the day was, "Get Right With God." At 2:30 P.M. we had another blessed time as a missionary from Nigeria brought a very challenging message to the students regarding the need of missionaries. After this service, we retired to the various prayer rooms with the faculty, women and men meeting separately.

Classes resumed as usual on January 19th but the whole school continued in the attitude of prayer. The theme for this day was, "Locating the Trouble." A chapel service was held at 10:40 A.M. and an evening prayer service at 7:30 P.M. Both of these meetings served to draw teachers and students nearer to the Master, and he blessed us wonderfully. The theme for January 20th was, "Walking with God." We held a special chapel service and another evening prayer service.

The evening of January 21st brought these three glorious days of prayer to a close. Students and teachers shared many blessings and victories in a very lively testimonial service. As we went down upon our knees for prayer, the spirit seemed to fall upon us, tears flowed freely, and many a heart was laid completely on the altar for the Lord. The prayer meetings held during these days proved to be a great blessing.

Jack Weintz, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Youth Week Is Observed by the Bismarck Baptist Church of North Dakota

The Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, North Dakota, observed Youth Week from January 29 to February 5 in connection with the program suggested by the Commissioned Youth Union. We began our series of meetings with an installation service for the newly elected officers. The Rev. Edward Kary was in charge of this part of the service. The officers are: Milton Hochhalter, president; Reuben Schlichenmeyer, vice-president; Viona Greuneich, treasurer; Violet Nies, secretary; Darlene Rutsch, pianist.

On Monday evening we met for a special prayer meeting with the young people. Violet Nies was in charge of the meeting. The pastor of the church gave a brief meditation on "Prayer" after which several participated in audible prayers. On Tuesday evening a number of young people joined the pastor in calling on several of the homes of our church families. This proved to be an interesting experience for those young people who came along. On Wednesday evening the young people were in charge of the prayer service. Darlene Rutsch brought a brief message on the subject, "My Home Life and My Personal Life." Rev. Edward Kary spoke on "My Church and My Country." On Thursday evening we observed Family Night in which we urged the people to attend as family units. The Rev. J. R. Matz brought a fitting message at this time.

On Friday thirty young people gathered in the church basement for a "Chili Supper," following which they joined heartily in the playing of various Bible games. Everyone seemed to have a good time, for the evening passed all too quickly. The closing meeting of this series was held on Sunday evening. The pastor spoke on the subject which was suggested in the Youth Compass, "Following God's Blueprint."

The extremely cold weather affected our attendance to a certain degree, but those who braved the sub-zero temperatures received God's blessings. It is our hope that many other groups were able to conduct similar services in their churches throughout that week and that our churches will reap some real spiritual benefits by having the work of our youth brought to their attention in such a way.

Edward Kary, Pastor.

### Inspirational Meetings at Wishek, North Dakota Conducted by Rev. Frank Woyke

Through an invitation from the Workers Conference of the Baptist Sunday School at Wishek, North Dakota, the Rev. Frank J. Woyke, executive secretary of North American Baptist Churches, conducted a class in "Victorious Christian Living" from January 23 to 29. In spite of blizzard conditions and sub-zero weather, a goodly number of people turned out each night to hear him.

Besides his evening class he also had a German Bible class each afternoon. This was especially enjoyed by the older people of the church.

On Sunday, Jan. 29th, the Rev. Frank Woyke brought both the morning and the evening messages. He also sang with our men's chorus as well as in a quartet.

We are greatly indebted to Brother Woyke for the spiritual messages he brought and deeply grateful to God for the spiritual blessings we received.

Mrs. Vernon Herr, Reporter.

### The Observance of Youth Week by the Baptist Church, Linton, North Dakota

Although there was many a groan and sigh when assignments for Youth Week were handed out at the Baptist Church of Linton, North Dakota, we all discovered that after the week was over we had received so much more than we had given. We tried to follow the program suggested by headquarters, so far as possible, fitting it to our needs.

We started off on Sunday evening, Jan. 30th, by using the topic in Youth Compass. We had a quiz on the materials on our denominational organizations that night, and as a result we are much better informed. During the regular evening service which followed the C.B.Y. hour, Rev. Adam Huber gave an inspiring message on the theme, "God Designs — Youth Builds."

On Monday evening we met for a while in the church parlors in order to complete plans for visitation on Tuesday evening. Our visitation program proved to be of even far greater blessings than we had anticipated. Our membership was divided into six groups, and we visited in seven homes, including shut-ins, the sick, and several new families. The young people thoroughly enjoyed these visits, and those whom we visited were so happy to have us come. In each home, the team sang some songs and choruses, read a passage of Scripture and prayed.

The Wednesday evening Prayer and Praise Service was in charge of the young people. Mrs. Huber was chairman. A number of young people were prepared to give their favorite Bible verse and reasons for choosing it. Many others took part in a Bible verse shower and prayer.

Our Thursday evening was brim full of activity. We started with a short mission service, with Eddie Tschritter chairman of the evening. Five other young people gave short



Young Men's Chorus of the Baptist Church of Avon, So. Dak., Together With the Pianist, Miss Marian Siewert (Left) and the Assistant Pianist, Miss Lucille Van Gerpen (Right)

illustrations on missions. Others were prepared to give special musical numbers. We then viewed about a half hour of films on our denominational activities.

The climax came on Sunday evening when again the young people took charge. The C.B.Y. president was chairman. Ruthie Tschritter and Grace Bender gave fine talks on the Blue-Compass topic, "Following the Blueprints of God." Since this also happened to be the time prescribed for the Seminary Fund drive, Rev. Paul Hunsicker was in our midst, and gave a very fine inspirational talk to the young people. This concluded our young people. The balance was part of the evening. The Seminary Building devoted to the Seminary Building project.

Yes — Youth Week will long be remembered by the Linton group!  
Alma Kremer, Reporter.

### Sacred Concert by Young Men in First Baptist Church, Avon, South Dakota

The First Baptist Church of Avon, South Dakota is blessed with a fine group of talented young people, both men and women. Last summer the men and women, with the encouragement of young men, with the encouragement of Mr. Herbert Schauer, student in our Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, organized a Young Men's Chorus. Since that time they have worked and rehearsed faithfully, often gladdening the hearts of the congregation with their singing.

On Thursday evening, January 26th, they gave a well prepared Sacred Concert to a very large and appreciative audience in the church auditorium. The offering received of \$83.72 was designated for the Church Organ Fund. At the present time there are 20 young men in the chorus. Perhaps soon they will be able to build up their membership to 30 or more. They have discovered some very fine talent in their own group. In James Johnson, Jr., they have a very capable leader.

There is nothing that Satan fears and hates more than "a soul-ful song" of praise to God. Nothing brings so much of heaven into the hearts of those who sing as unto the Lord. "God giveth his own songs in the night!" They who put their trust in him may

sing when times are dark; sing when the house of life is lonely; go down into the valley of shadows with a song, and will themselves be singing the new song of Moses and the Lamb when they awake on the other side. Come on, Christian young men of all our churches, what we are doing you too can do!

As a church we thank God for our youth and pray that we may in every way encourage them to know, to serve and to praise Christ, our blessed Savior. Christians have every right and reason to rejoice and to sing unto the Lord.

P. Geissler, Pastor.

## Southern Conference

### Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Frank Armbruster by Greenville Church of Texas

February 3rd was a happy day for the Ebenezer Baptist Church at Greenville, Texas. On this day the members of the church gathered for the reception of its new minister and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Armbruster, who had come to us from Shattuck, Oklahoma.

The Rev. Arthur Schulz of Crawford, Texas opened the meeting with an inspiring song service, Scripture and prayer. As its part on the program, the choir sang, "Serve the Lord with Gladness." The various organizations were represented by Mr. and Mrs. Willie Heinemann, Mrs. Will Rost, Messrs. Wm. Luedemann, Wm. Steen, and Arnold Deiss. Words of welcome were brought by these members. Mr. Schulz then gave a short sermon addressed to minister and members alike.

Finally the moment for which we had so long waited had arrived. The voice of the Rev. Frank Armbruster was the answer to our prayers. His words filled our hearts with joy. Refreshments were served in the church's dining room. Afterwards the minister and his family was honored with a pantry shower. Mrs. Armbruster responded with words of thanks for the shower and also the remodeled parsonage.

Arnold Deiss, Reporter.

### Central Church of Waco, Texas Dedicates Its Church and Observes Important Anniversaries

For a number of years the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas had envisioned the possibility of building a church in a community and section of the city most desirable for all needs to carry on the Lord's work.

Was it now really so? Had that which once was in the minds of the members become a reality? Truly, yes! The morning of the Lord's Day on February 12th proved it. Scores of cars came and surrounded the newly erected house of worship, and hundreds of God's people who had come from all parts of the great Lone Star State soon filled the courts of the Lord's temple which was to be dedicated to his service on this day.

There is hardly a group of people to be found with such prudence, such farsightedness and thoughtfulness as the members of Central Baptist Church of Waco. These qualities were outstanding while the building was going on, and so it was also in evidence in preparing for the great event of Dedication Day. No detail had been forgotten or overlooked.

During the days before the dedication it seemed that the Head of the Church, our Lord, was failing us. The heavens were heavy with threatening and forboding clouds. Rain fell in torrents during the night before the day of festivities. But it was only a test for God's people. The heavens cleared and the sunshine broke forth before the day was far spent.

The festivities of the day began with the Rev. Roy Seibel, pastor, in charge and with an organ meditation, beautifully played by Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, before the doxology and dedication hymn. The house was dedicated to the Lord with the Rev. J. O. Zillen, pastor of the Cottonwood Church, leading the congregation in prayer. Mrs. Seibel then sang an uplifting solo: "Bless this House."

After the reading of God's word and the dedication offering, a heart searching and an inspiring message was delivered by Rev. Rayburn Floyd of Decatur, Texas, interim pastor for one year. He spoke on "the empowering fellowship of God's people," according to 2 Cor. 13:14. The church choir gave praise to God and filled our hearts with joy as their voices blended in beautiful harmony while singing: "Come, Let Us Worship."

The climax of this service came as Dr. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., poured out his heart and soul in the dedicatory message, based on God's promise as given in 1 King 8:29: "My name shall be there." His name shall not only be in the house built of stone and wood, but in every Christian's heart. That is God's promised inscription for his temple and people.

After these blessed hours of worship and praise, a bountiful and delicious dinner was served to 450 guests and members in the assembly room of the educational wing of the church.

The afternoon service was set apart for the 60th anniversary of the church, which began with a small group of 29



Rev. and Mrs. H. John Vanderbeck of Kyle, Texas in a Picture Taken by Mr. Herman Siemund at Their Former Charge, the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, Illinois

members. Of these Brother Schweisinger is the only one still living. The representatives of the different organizations of the church gave a short review of their history. Erwin Grummelt, superintendent, gave a review of the work of the Sunday School. Milton Lippert presented to us in a very vivid way the growth of the B.Y.P.U., as the youth organization was called in earlier years. Mrs. E. Steindam reviewed the wonderful missionary spirit and splendid work accomplished by the Woman's Missionary Society.

Last, but not least a report of the church planning committee was given by Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht. The following are the final and outstanding figures of his report: Cost of new location and ground improved, \$5,727.36; cost of Camp Hood material, \$3,389.58; cost of new parsonage, \$10,719.56; cost of new church building, \$36,202.86; miscellaneous expense for new building, \$2,647.08. The grand total was \$58,686.44.

The sixth anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Seibel in the ministry of the church was expressed in appropriate words and with a costly and practical gift.

After some greetings had been read, sent in by some sister churches, the congregation sang "Faith of our Fathers," after which a song was sung by a sextet, of which Miss Margaret Kittlitz, our beloved missionary to Camerouns, Africa was once a member. Dr. Leuschner spoke again. The central thought of his message was "Joy Unspeakable." Our hearts were gladdened and stirred as we listened to these great and blessed truths.

There will be no end of dedication and praising the Lord, our Savior, when time shall be no more. But on earth, everything has an end, and so the day of dedication came to a close too. In the closing service a number of slides and moving pictures of the past history of the church were shown on the screen. The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of Milwaukee, Wis., a former pastor of the church, brought the final message.

A new era for the Central Baptist

Church of Waco has been ushered in. With God's grace and sacrificial minds we shall go forward winning souls for Christ and building his church to the glory of God and our Lord and Savior. Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn, Reporter.

### Immanuel Church of Kyle, Texas Holds Reception for Rev. and Mrs. H. John Vanderbeck

On Friday, Feb. 24th, young and old of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas gathered to welcome our new pastor, Rev. H. John Vanderbeck and his wife, who came to us from Chicago, Illinois.

The program began with a song service led by Mr. Adolph Wiewand. Rev. Roy Seibel, pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, gave the Scripture reading which was followed by the invocation by Rev. John McKay, pastor of the Kyle Methodist Church.

Mr. Ernest Hill, Senior Deacon, who was in charge of the program, heartily welcomed a goodly number of friends and members, and especially our new pastor and his wife. The churches of Waco, Cottonwood and Greenvine were represented by a fine delegation with their pastors, as were the local Baptist and Methodist Churches of Kyle and the Evangelical Reformed Church of Uhland.

The mixed choir rendered the anthem, "Jehovah Reigns." The ladies choir sang, "We are Called to Serve" and the Male choir sang the anthem, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken." The Junior and Intermediate children favored us with a number of choruses. Miss Faye Doyle Hill, who is attending Hardin Simmons in Brownwood, was privileged to be with us, sang a solo, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." Mrs. A. L. Schmeltekopf spoke in behalf of the Women's Missionary Union and extended a welcome to Mrs. Vanderbeck from the Women's Society.

Rev. Sam Tullock, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kyle, was our guest speaker. His address was based on the topic, "If I were the pastor of this church" and "If I were a member of this church." Opportunity was then given for remarks of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbeck by the visiting ministers.

The climax of the evening was the moment when we heard from our new pastor and his wife their words of response. They expressed their joy at the warm reception extended them not only by the unusually warm "Texas Sunshine" but also in the hearts of the people, and asked that we might indeed be "workers together for Christ."

After the benediction by the Rev. John Vanderbeck the guests went to the church dining room for the reception. The George Washington Birthday theme was carried out in the decoration of the dining room.

We feel that all the earnest prayers for God's guidance in the choosing of a pastor have been richly fulfilled in Mr. Vanderbeck and we look forward to many years of service together.

Adolph Wiegand, Clerk.

March 30, 1950

### North Texas Association and Conference on Evangelism at the Canaan Church of Crawford

We of the North Texas Association had a beautiful week from February 14 to 17 for our meetings with the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas. The Association was preceded with a Conference on Evangelism in which the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, and the Rev. Robert Hess of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania led us in a real awakening of duty and responsibility of each church and individual. God truly spoke through his messengers in this conference.

Brother Herr pointed out the true meaning of evangelism. His message was based on Matthew 28:16-20. The people need a stirring up, an awakened conscience to God and his Church, a heaven-sent revival. There must be an outreach to others. There is lack of strength due to lack of prayer; there is lack of authority due to lack of God's Word; there is lack of all power due to the lack of the Holy Spirit's work in the individual life. In this day and age the people of God need to stop, mediate and take to heart the message given in 2 Chron. 7:14. "If my people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, THEN WILL I HEAR."

Brother Leuschner pointed out to us the great number of people who are not being reached for Christ, and we, in our complacency, are content to let them go on in their sinful ways which eventually will lead them into hell. We must answer to God. We need to come to the place where every person at whom we look is seen as a soul whom our Lord Jesus Christ came to save. We are his disciples on earth for this great task of winning them.

One of the most strategic gatherings of the Southern Conference was the one on evangelism.

The theme for the Association was "Jonah and Christian Living." Each chapter of Jonah was discussed by the pastors of the Association, bringing out the fact that when God speaks to our hearts we had better listen to him. We cannot hide or run away from his presence. Therefore, to be fruitful servants of Christ there must be a daily crucifixion of self and confession of sin.

Then, too, we had a wonderful discussion on "Scriptural Giving" led by Rev. Roy Seibel of Waco. It was brought out that God's people ought to think seriously about this subject. Tithing is the first stepping stone in Scriptural giving. Dr. Leuschner brought out if one-half of our people in the North American Conference would begin with a minimum of one-tenth in giving to the Lord, there would be many more missionaries sent to mission fields instead of having to call some home. May the Lord awaken in us a new realization of the great need before us and our responsibility to it.

J. O. Zillen, Reporter.

### Central Conference

#### Youth Week Activities at the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Michigan

The week of January 29 to February 5 proved to be an exciting and busy time for the young people of the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Michigan, for it was then that activities of Youth Week were scheduled. The Rev. V. H. Prendinger, our pastor, opened our Youth Week activities on Sunday morning with a spiritually uplifting message, entitled, "God Calling — Yet Will I Not Hear."

On Monday evening, we were privileged to have the Rev. Paul Zoschke of Cleveland, Ohio as our guest speaker. The young people had charge of the service and brought many blessings with their fine instrumental and vocal numbers.



The New Edifice of the Baptist Church at Parkersburg, Iowa Which Was recently Dedicated

Our youth also had charge of the Wednesday night prayer service, presenting the inspiring topic, "Following God's Blueprint," which was given in the "Youth Compass." Again we experienced great blessings through the musical numbers which the young people offered.

Family and Mission night, the climax of our weeks activities, was held on Thursday evening and was a time of wonderful blessing and Christian fellowship. A period of chorus singing and testimonies was held after which the Rev. Byron E. Dawson brought a fine message especially to the youth which was taken from the Old Testament. After the service the entire congregation gathered in the church basement for a delicious lunch served by the young ladies of the church.

Many rich blessings were derived from these youth meetings by both the young people and offered their talents, and time, and also by the older people who attended so faithfully. We are especially thankful to God for those who are anxious to give of their time and talent for the advancement of his kingdom. We are also thankful that God has given us the Rev. and Mrs. Victor Prendinger who love and help and pray for our youth so much.

Laura Pahl, Reporter.

### Northwestern Conference

#### Dedication of the Rebuilt and Relocated Baptist Church at Parkersburg, Iowa

Sunday, Dec. 18th, was a memorable day for the Baptist Church at Parkersburg, Iowa, for it was our privilege to dedicate to the service of God our newly rebuilt and relocated church. For a number of months the process of moving and rebuilding had been under way, with all of the members vitally interested, and many of the men faithfully helping at the work day after day. The days before the dedication were especially busy ones during which the new electric organ was installed, the new piano was put into its place, the carpets were laid, and the curtains which so conveniently make the partition for the Primary Department of the Sunday School in the basement were

hung. We all have felt that on the day of dedication the Lord was gracious to us in a special way, giving us an unusually fine day for December, so that it was possible for members and friends to be present in large numbers. Our guest speaker for the day was our much respected executive secretary, Rev. Frank H. Woyke, who brought an inspiring message of dedication during the morning service. The afternoon service was given largely to receive the greetings and congratulations of the neighboring churches of our faith, and also of the local Protestant churches in the community. At the evening service Mr. Woyke was again the speaker.

Having now occupied the building for more than two months, we still rejoice whenever we enter into it, because of its more pleasant location, and its far better facilities. We also rejoice and praise God that our attendance at all services has increased to such an extent that even though the seating capacity is greater than formerly, we find that the room is being well taken up. We are now looking forward to a baptismal service in the near future, and praying the Lord to continue to bless the church here at Parkersburg for his own honor and glory.

H. Lohr, Pastor.

### Training School Is Held and Certificate Presented by Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis.

The annual Christian Training School of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin was again presented for a six-week course. The following courses were given: "Old Testament Story," "The Call of the Camerons," "What Baptists Believe," and "The Book of Revelation" in the German language. Forty persons completed the courses for credit.

At our annual business meeting it was reported that fifteen new members had been received into our church, ten by baptism and five by letter, making a total of 145 members to date. Our mission treasurer reported that the church supports a native pastor and teacher in the Camerons and partially supports an American missionary in the Camerons, a home mission pastor in Canada, and one of our young women in training for full-time Christian service.

At the close of the year, 1949, Mr. Fritz Kaiser was presented a Certificate of Service by the church in recognition of his many years of service. The certificate read as follows:

"Whereas Brother Fritz Kaiser did faithfully and freely serve his Lord in and through the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha for 36 years and six months from July 1, 1913 until December 31, 1949 and,

"Whereas during that period he did discharge with extraordinary diligence the responsibilities of Sunday School teacher, Sunday School superintendent, choir member, church clerk, church treasurer, trustee and deacon, "Be it therefore resolved, that we, the members of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., do hereby express our gratitude for his loyalty to Christ and the conscientious performance of his duties, and do herewith present him with this Certificate of Service as an evidence of our appreciation."

Mrs. Jack Tracy, Reporter.

### Pacific Conference

#### Special Programs and Welcome Visitors at the Baptist Church, Startup, Wash.

The Men's Choir of the Bethany Church of Vancouver, B. C., came to Startup, Wash., recently and rendered a most uplifting program in the Baptist Church. The inspiring musical selections and messages were much enjoyed by everyone present. It was a great event for our church. We take this opportunity to thank the brethren again for their kindness and service. May they be led to come again.

Our church seized the opportunity to show its appreciation to two faithful members by arranging for a celebration of their silver wedding anniversary. It was quite a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rappuhn when they came to the Sunday evening service



The Rev. North E. West (Left) of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., Presents Mr. Fritz Kaiser (Right) With a Certificate of Service on Behalf of the Church

as usual and found that a program had been prepared for their wedding anniversary. May God's blessing rest upon the couple!

We were very happy to have the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Klein from Cathay, No. Dak., with us recently. Mrs. Klein spoke to the Sunday School on Sunday, Jan. 29th, and Mr. Klein brought the message at the morning worship service. During the week the Kleins attended our prayer meeting and took part in it. On Thursday evening, Mr. Klein served us with an illustrated lecture which was very effective and a blessing to all. Our thanks to the Kleins!

If anyone happens to come over Stevens Pass, Highway No. 2, do not fail to look for our church right on the main highway about 35 miles from the summit. We would be very happy to have you visit us!

R. G. Kaiser, Pastor.

#### Donation Day at Chicago's Home for the Aged, April 10, 1950

The annual Donation Day for the benefit of the Western Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., will be observed on Easter Monday, April 10, at 1:30 P.M. at the Home. A very interesting program will be rendered under the auspices of the Woman's Mission Union of Chicago and vicinity.

Donations will be gratefully accepted and may be sent directly to the Western Baptist Home for the Aged, 1851 N. Spaulding Ave., Chicago 47, Ill. Mrs. Hildegard Wuttkie Schieber, Secretary

### Observance of Seventieth Anniversary of the Bethany Baptist Church Near Portland, Oregon

The 70th anniversary of the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Oregon was observed recently. After a very delicious ham dinner served in the church basement, a singspiration was directed by Mrs. Melba Schaer, followed by introductory remarks by the chairman, Mr. Ben D. Graf. A review of the early years of our church was given by Mr. Sam Rich, which information was obtained from church minutes in books used prior to 1900, all of which were written in German, and other information from "old-timers" in the church.

Some of the interesting facts brought to our attention were that Samuel Siegenthaler, father of our brother Louie Siegenthaler, was the first of our immediate predecessors to establish himself in this area. It is told that he was so thoroughly pleased with his new home in the Tualatin Valley that he wrote back to Switzerland to encourage others to come to this new land. We dare say that this invitation was extended not only because he wanted them to share this new life with him, but that he, too, might have the pleasure of having neighbors of the same background and language as himself. In order to induce the migration of his friends in Switzerland to come here, Mr. Siegenthaler offered to "stake" them by furnishing transportation to this country and financing them until they might become established. We have a notation that the first settlers came to Bethany from Switzerland on May 10, 1876.

Christian living and belief in the brotherhood of the saints were the prime virtues of these early settlers, for we find springing up in the foothills along the edge of the valley six German-speaking churches, whose dates of organization vary from June 1873 to about 1892. It is recorded that on May 10, 1876 the commemoration of the Lord's Supper was observed by a communion of "all believers."

This group of settlers organized themselves into the First German Baptist Church of Bethany, Oregon on June 22, 1879, with a charter membership of eighteen. Reports indicate that certain members of the original gatherings did not unite with this group because of their difference in opinion about the mode of baptism.

On September 8, 1879 the first business meeting was held. The first pastor called to serve the church was Rev. Vincenz Farkoff, who was called at a meeting held on May 10, 1880. He began his pastorate in July 1880 and served until May 1884 at the salary of \$250 per year.

There are dark pages in the history of the church, but always we find that God's grace abounds and that we are blessed to the extent that we will open ourselves to his goodness and yield our selves to his will.

We were especially thankful that our pastor, the Rev. Frank Friesen, could attend this anniversary meeting with us after his recent illness.

Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter.

## Obituary

### MR. FRED LIPPERT of Tripp, South Dakota.

Mr. Fred Lippert of Tripp, South Dakota was born in Russia on August 20, 1875. In 1879 he came to America with his parents and settled east of Tripp. He was married to Elizabeth Ulmer on July 25, 1899. On November 11, 1915 he became a Christian and was baptized at Lake Andes on October 7, 1917 by the Rev. Mr. Schaeffer and united with the Baptist Church of Delmont, South Dakota.

He was engaged in farming at Lake Andes until 1919 when he moved to a farm at Delmont. In 1944 he retired and moved to Tripp, So. Dak., at which time he became a member of the Baptist Church of Tripp where he served his Lord and the church faithfully as a deacon. His first wife preceded him in death on July 25, 1947; and a son Lloyd passed on in 1948. He was married to Mrs. Lena Rittel of Sioux City, Iowa on March 24, 1948.

He leaves, looking hopefully for the Great Union, his wife; two daughters, Mrs. Chris Alexander of Freeman and Mrs. Emma Hirsch of Yankton, So. Dak.; two sons, Emil of Delmont, So. Dak., and Richard of Wilmar, Minn.; also three brothers: John, Jacob and Matt of Tripp; and four sisters: Mrs. Christine Webber of California, Mrs. C. C. Friedrich of Tripp; Mrs. T. L. Kirschmann of Lake Andes and Mrs. B. Matteis of Tyndall, So. Dak. Twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild also remain.

After an illness of about ten days due to a cerebral hemorrhage he passed on to be with his Savior on Saturday morning, Feb. 11, 1950 at the age of 74 years, 5 months and 22 days. Funeral services were conducted from the Eggers Funeral Home and at the Tripp City Hall on Wednesday afternoon with the Rev. Alfred Weisser of Parkston officiating.

Tripp, South Dakota  
ALFRED WEISSER, Pastor.

### MRS. EMMA BALLMAN of Anaheim, Calif.

Mrs. Emma Therese Ballman, nee Hein, was born on Nov. 24, 1879 at Liebenmühl, East Prussia, Germany. Early in her life she accepted Christ as her personal Savior, was baptized into the death of Christ in the year 1906 by the Rev. Hugo Kelletat and joined the Baptist Church at Sauffeld, East Prussia. On July 7, 1908 she married Mr. John Ballman. The Lord blessed this marriage and seven children, four sons and three daughters, were born to them.

In the year 1923 the family emigrated to the United States and made its home in Detroit, Mich. There she joined the Bethel Baptist Church where she served her Lord faithfully. In the year 1933 she with her family came to Anaheim. Here she joined the Bethel Baptist Church and remained a faithful member to the end. She was loved by all, and her devoted Christian life exerted its influence in home and church. She was a great lover of God's Word, of poetry, and of songs. The Lord endowed her with special talents, which she faithfully used to his glory. Her collection of poems containing a number of her own, and her much read and marked up Bible speak a language of her interests. For the last four years she had been ill, suffering much pain at times. The last 2½ years were mostly spent in bed. All this only added to make her faith in her Savior more beautiful. On Saturday evening, Feb. 11th, the Lord called her home, and quietly in her sleep she slipped into the beyond. Her age was 71 years, 2 months, 18 days. Those who mourn her loss yet cherish her memory are her dear husband; her children: Mrs. Walter Irne, Mrs. Raymond Hafer, William, George, Kurt, Mrs. Eric Burton, and Harry; six in-laws, 11 grandchildren, and a host of friends. At the funeral service held on Feb. 14th, the Rev. P. G. Neumann assisted the undersigned in bringing comfort.

Bethel Baptist Church,  
Anaheim, California

R. SCHILKE, Pastor.

### MRS. PAULINE BRAUNBERGER of Lincoln Valley, North Dakota.

Mrs. Pauline Braunberger, nee Stein, of Lincoln Valley, No. Dak., was born on December 5, 1897 in Eureka, South Dakota. Two years thereafter her family moved to this community, residing near Lincoln Valley. In the year 1921 she was married to Christian Braunberger. Through hard work and great sacrifice the young couple established a home and carried on a large farming enterprise. In her younger years she was converted, and later was reinstated again, and since had peace of heart and faith in God.

On a Sunday morning through violent death she lost her life at the hands of her husband, who shot her. She is survived by her husband, seven children, who are as follows: Alvin, Olinda, Donald, Marlene, Harley, Leslie and Janice; also her aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stein of Goodrich, one brother, and six sisters.

Funeral services were held at the Baptist Church in McClusky on Thursday, February 9, with Rev. A. J. Fischer, officiating, and Rev. H. Hirsch, assisting. It was estimated that there were over one thousand people in attendance. Interment was made at the Lincoln Valley Baptist Church cemetery.

Lincoln Valley, North Dakota  
A. J. FISCHER, Officiating Minister.

### MR. FLOYD W. ENGBRECHT of Fessenden, North Dakota.

Mr. Floyd Walter Engbrecht of Fessenden, No. Dak., was born near Anamoose, No. Dak., on November 9, 1901. He was the son of Dick Engbrecht and the late Barbara Zuber Engbrecht. He came to Fessenden with his parents when a young boy and was graduated from the Fessenden High School. He also attended business college in Fargo. For a time he worked in the bank and then went into business. Recently he worked for the Farm Home Administration at Carson. He married Ileta Sundel at Bagley, Minn. on June 4, 1930. This union was blessed with two children.

Mr. Engbrecht passed away on January 28th at Carson. His death came very suddenly as a result of a heart attack, his illness being only of two hours duration. He is survived by his wife; his two sons, Floyd G., Jr., and John; his father, Mr. Dick Engbrecht of Fessenden; one sister, Mrs. W. E. Kieper of Fessenden; and three brothers, Erwin of Fessenden, Richard of Cooperstown, and Eric of Monahans, Texas. A great crowd gathered at Mr. Engbrecht's last rites to show the high esteem and respect in which he was held.

Fessenden, North Dakota  
VERNON LINK, Pastor.

### MRS. JOHN OPP, SR. of Fessenden, North Dakota.

Mrs. John Opp, nee Julia Schatz of Fessenden, No. Dak., was born on January 21, 1898 at New Friedendahl, Russia. In 1909 she came to America with her parents and settled near Harvey, No. Dak. Later they moved to the Chaseley Community. On June 13, 1919 she was united in marriage to Mr. John Opp of Manfred. This happy union was blessed with three children. On May 16, 1948 Mrs. Opp followed her Lord in baptism and on June 6th of that same year became a member of the Fessenden Baptist Church.

Mrs. Opp passed away on January 14th. She had had a stroke several days earlier which resulted in her unexpected death. She had reached the age of 51 years, 11 months and 25 days. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Mrs. Dave Tessman of Goodrich, No. Dak.; John Opp, Jr., of Chaseley, No. Dak.; Mrs. Leonard Rau of Bowden, No. Dak. She is also survived by nine grandchildren. She is also survived by Mrs. Gust Knodel, Chaseley, Weippert and Alvina Schatz, and Mrs. Ted Weippert and friends. The love and esteem in which she was held was shown by the large crowd which attended her funeral. We found comfort in the words of Isaiah in the 66th chapter and the 13th verse, "As one whom a mother comforteth, so will God comfort you."

Fessenden, North Dakota  
VERNON LINK, Pastor.

### MRS. ANNA MARIE FAUL STROBEL of Sawyer, North Dakota.

Mrs. Anna Marie Faul Strobel of Sawyer, No. Dak., aged 82 years, was born on Jan. 24, 1868 in Russia. After marrying Mr. Fred Faul she and her husband came to America making their home in Scotland, So. Dak. About 1900 they took a homestead southwest of Sawyer. Mr. Faul passed away in 1922. In 1926 she married Mr. Christ Strobel and lived at Turtle Lake until he died in 1947. Since then she has been living with her children. About three weeks ago she went to the hospital. She recovered quite well but suddenly passed away in the home of her son, Mr. August Faul, on Feb. 14, 1950.

There remains to mourn her death her brothers and sister, Mr. Carl Beck of Lind, Washington; Mrs. Clara Grenz and Mr. Henry Beck of Portland, Oregon; and Mr. John Beck of Zap, No. Dak.; her children, Mrs. Amelia Vix, Sawyer; Mrs. G. J. Knorr, Minot; Mrs. William Bender, Medicine Hat, Alberta; Mr. Walter Faul of Fresno, Calif.; Mr. John Faul, Minot; Mr. August Faul, Sawyer; and Mr. Fred Faul, Sawyer. A daughter, Rose Faul, died at the age of nine. She leaves 39 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

With her memory were left words of comfort found in Phil. 3:20-21.

Sawyer, North Dakota  
OLIVER K. RINGERING, Pastor.

### Pauline Rauschenbusch

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and anger, nothing of hate. During the last months of her life she summed up her philosophy when she said: "I have always found it hard to be against people."

Personally I knew Mrs. Rauschenbusch since 1897 when I became a member of Walter Rauschenbusch's first class of students. We were at once impressed by her efficiency as his "hearing ear." In public discussions nothing escaped Rauschenbusch, though he could not hear what was going on. Her well trained and well stored mind responded with alertness to every situation and she was able to interpret accurately to him.

It was my privilege to visit her frequently during the last years of her waning strength. She was always cheerful and appreciative, always grateful for Scripture and prayer. Eight years ago when she felt the "shadows of the evening steal across the sky," she decided to sell her home on Portsmouth Terrace. She appreciated very much the loving care and devotion which she found in the home of Professor and Mrs. A. A. Schade. After they left the city, her youngest daughter came here and cared for her until her removal to a Home.

One day I remarked to her that there were so many people worried about so many things. Her answer was: "It must be because they do not talk to God about them."

She was a great soul in her own right. She lived by the faith expressed in the 23rd Psalm: "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." The last words I heard her say were: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

# The Seminary Building Fund Campaign

About \$175,000 have been raised, and the other needed funds will soon be available for the new Seminary buildings

By MR. ARTHUR SCHWERIN of Burlington, Iowa, Campaign Director

FOR APPROXIMATELY six weeks in January and February seventeen of our pastors devoted their talents and their time in presenting the glorious story and ministry of our Seminary to our membership in the United States and Canada. They took time from their regular pastoral duties, braved the rigors of winter travel, worked many hours per day, and then often late at night made up and sent in their reports. Their efforts have been rewarded with success and we can say with the Psalmist, "O, sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things."

**\$175,000.00**

As the result of this campaign, it is possible to estimate that \$175,000.00 have been raised in the form of cash and pledges for our new Seminary buildings. This is indeed a remarkable accomplishment. It is an ac-

Conference	Total	Cash	Pledge	Per Capita
Atlantic	\$ 11,973.42	\$ 5,176.42	\$ 6,797.00	\$ 3.93
Central	18,610.10	7,713.10	10,897.00	4.92
Dakota	32,737.65	25,819.99	6,917.66	9.92
Eastern	4,124.95	1,209.95	2,915.00	6.96
Northern	21,755.69	6,172.69	15,583.00	6.87
Northwestern	20,851.17	12,979.17	7,872.00	5.71
Pacific	18,607.24	12,729.09	5,878.15	4.42
Southern	10,428.87	7,171.87	3,257.00	11.25
Southwestern	12,644.20	10,174.20	2,470.00	6.15
Miscellaneous	1,734.75	606.75	1,128.00	18.07
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$153,468.04</b>	<b>\$89,753.23</b>	<b>\$63,714.81</b>	

complishment that would not have been possible without the prayers and cooperation of our pastors and members everywhere. The response to the appeal of our solicitors has been wonderful. Many touching stories could be told of people who have contributed not from their surplus, but from funds needed to maintain themselves. To all of these contributors everywhere, the Committee wishes to say a hearty THANK YOU!

Because of weather conditions in certain areas, actual solicitation has had to be deferred until a later date. Then there are quite a number of churches which are still soliciting funds from their own membership. For these as well as other reasons, the campaign cannot be definitely closed until later when everyone has had an opportunity to do his or her bit. But when all of the returns are in, there does not seem to be any question but what the amount needed, \$225,000.00,

will have been accounted for.

The specific projects have had a special appeal. The Library and Administration plaques are going to be well filled. The Hundred Dollar Club can already boast of more than 300 members.

For your information the statistical table, representing all contributions received up to February 23rd, is presented on this page.

The report below is for 139 churches with 24,827 members. The per capita for individual churches varies from \$.09 per member to \$50.50, with an average of \$6.10 per member for the entire denomination.

### SEMINARY PAMPHLET

A final report will be made as soon as possible. The idea of publishing a pamphlet containing the names of all donors to specific projects, the Library and Administration plaques as well as the members of the Hundred Dollar Club is being given consideration by the Committee. This pamphlet would also contain the names of all churches listing the cash and pledges received from each one, as well as its per capita contribution. In addition, the same information for each conference would be made available.

In reviewing the work and accomplishments to date, we again must agree with the Psalmist when he says: "Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good."

### Calvary's Finished Work

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in miry pits of sin to lift them up and to place them on the Rock of salvation. The cross pointing upward indicates the purpose of God to take his beloved to his eternal home of many mansions.

Christ's accomplished work of atonement has become our glory. It shall be our eternal theme when we shall sing, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing" (Rev. 5:12). While on earth, Christ challenged the world to show him a greater love than that to be shown on Calvary. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye

are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15:13, 14). Would you become Christ's friend? Then be so now, repent of your sin, believe his finished work on Calvary, and gladly serve him for time and eternity!

### The Grace of Giving

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time would challenge the new members who are won by our special evangelistic efforts to meet the increased needs of the growing work for the Lord.

Our missions in the Cameroons, in Europe, among the Indians and Spanish-Americans, the work of the Young People's and Sunday School Unions, the Women's and Laymen organiza-

tions, the distribution of Bibles and Christian literature, provision for orphans and old people, the training of young people for the ministry, mission or effective church service — all these branches of our ever expanding enterprise call for the hearty financial and prayer support of our more than 40,000 members of the General Conference.

In consideration of the blessings of God upon us as a denomination and of the expanding opportunities of Christian service, let us permit the spirit of Christ at this Easter season to move us to gracious and sacrificial giving to our God-given work. By so doing we will pass on the soul saving message of the Lord Jesus Christ and will spread abroad the spirit of the Christ "who for our sakes became poor that we through his poverty might be rich."