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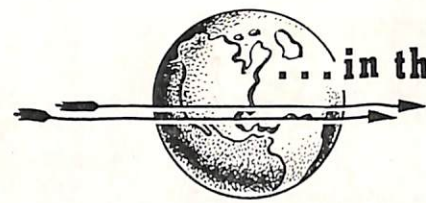
Two Young Farmers Give Careful Attention to Their Harvest

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Thanks for God's Unspeakable Gift

Rev. Richard R. Schilke

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...in the course of human events

● Protestant missionaries in Colombia, South America, are now having a hard time. One group, the Scandinavian Alliance, has suffered so much that they have practically deserted that country and have fled to Venezuela. There seems to be a regular reign of terror against Protestant congregations and missionary families in many of the smaller towns and rural regions of Colombia. Protestant services can be held safely in Bogota, the capital. The top government authorities in that city profess that they are unable to stop the outrages.

—Contributed by Rev. John Grygo.

● Dr. William L. Pettingill, pastor since 1948 of the First Baptist Church, New York City, died on Sept. 15 at the Wellington Hotel in New York after a heart attack at the age of 84. He had announced early this year his resignation from the pastorate to become effective at the end of this month. Dr. Pettingill was known nationally as a Bible lecturer, a consulting editor of the Scofield Reference Bible and was the author of 20 books on Bible study. He was born in Central Square, Oswego County, N. Y., and ordained to the Baptist ministry in 1899. He was pastor of the North church, Wilmington, Del., 1903-1923, and dean of the Philadelphia School of the Bible, 1914-1928.

—Watchman-Examiner.

● Former track star Louis Zamperini, 33 years of age, survivor of 30 months in a Japanese prison camp, left recently for Japan to preach to his former persecutors, according to the United Press. "I swore I'd never go back there," he said, "and I called Japan and its people everything I could think of. But since my conversion by Billy Graham, I have had a change of heart and want to teach them what I have learned about the beauty of Christ's words." The one-time University of Southern California running star said he obtained names and addresses of guards who persecuted him in a Japanese prison camp through the U. S. War Crimes Commission. "I want to show them instead of bitterness, we come with Christian love in our hearts," he said.

● For the first time in its history, Japan has a Christian jurist as Chief Justice. He is Kotaro Tanaka, formerly Professor of Law at the Imperial University and more recently Minister of Education in the Imperial University Cabinet. Usually the Chief

Justice has been a Shintoist, occasionally a Buddhist. The Christians of Japan constitute only a small minority, only 346,049 in a population of 78,101,473, and to have a Christian layman elevated to the highest judicial position in the Japanese Empire enhances the influence of the Christian movement. It proves again that the Christian progress of the nation is registered by the quality of Christian discipleship, as well as by the quantity of Christian disciples.

—"Missions," contributed by Rev. John Grygo.

● A recent piece of legislation in the Philippine Islands poses a real problem for many missionaries and their mission boards. It places a tax of \$50 per person on all aliens now in the Islands, including children with a yearly renewal fee of \$10. Missionaries with children find this a heavy tax, and in case these taxes cannot be met, the persons face expulsion. Special prayers are being asked that these needs may be met or the law withdrawn, according to "Prophecy." We really wonder who is behind these unchristian movements in that part of the world? Have our American representatives been aware of the happenings in the Philippine capital? We are being told that most public officials in the Philippines are of the Roman Catholic faith.

—Contributed by Rev. John Grygo.

● A popular way of presenting the Gospel to the people of India is the rendering of *Kirtans*, or the telling of a Bible story or life of some well-known man of God by song, accompanied by harmonium and cymbals. These are chanted by group of singers, a line at a time. One demonstration in a village began with an announcement that it would be about the suffering and death of Christ. A spirit of reverence was manifest from the start. Although many had heard the Gospel message before, they seemed very much pleased with this new presentation of Christ. This work is being carried on by the Bible Women of India. When one of them offered a lady a Gospel booklet, the lady retorted: "No, I do not want your literature. It cuts me to the heart." One day a man was overheard as saying, "I believe the Christian religion makes these people very gracious."

—"Evangelical Christian," contributed by Rev. John Grygo.

Important Announcement!

Paper was one of the first items to be affected by the Korean war. Our supply needed for the printing of the annual catalog was ordered months in advance, and yet delivery was delayed over a month beyond the promised delivery date. Hence, the printing of our catalog was thrown entirely out of schedule. This is the reason for the late appearance of the 1950-51 Roger Williams Press catalog.

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Editorial

The Christian's Boast

IT IS A GOOD THING occasionally to write about "the Christian's boast." It has a Scriptural ring, which deserves to be heard in these days between Thanksgiving and Christmas days on the calendar. It was the Apostle Paul's testimony of life. "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Corinthians 12:9).

Paul found delight in glorying in his weaknesses and infirmities since this led him into gratitude to God for his "sufficient grace." The Christian's boast must always end in an outburst of thanks-giving to God, whose strength is made perfect in our weakness. We take "a back seat" to no one in these experiences of ours. We are confident of God's dealings with us in this revelation of his truth. This is the Christian's boast that we take pleasure in these infirmities, necessities, and distresses for Christ's sake so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Such glorying always expresses itself in thanksgiving to God for his grace and strength.

The Christian's boast also reflects humility. That may seem to be a contradiction in words. But the Apostle Paul found this glorying glory after the flesh, I will glory also," Paul wrote (2 Cor. 11:18). But it was the boast that impelled him to become a fool for Christ's sake. "Of such an one will I glory: yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities" (2 Cor. 12:5). This glorying led him to acknowledge the greatness and majesty of Christ and to see that he in himself was "nothing" (2 Cor. 12:11).

The Apostle Paul went even a step further in this glorying. "As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this boasting" (2 Cor. 11:10). Such boasting was well pleasing in God's sight. It built up his own morale in dealing with false prophets and deceitful workers. It was a true expression of the Christian faith within him. But it always led him to glory only in his infirmities "that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

The Christian's boast that expresses thanksgiving to God and reflects sincere humility can only be glorying in our weaknesses, our infirmities, our distresses. Only the acknowledgment of this can open our eyes to see the power of Christ that rests upon us. There is inspiration enough in this truth to fill our hearts with thanksgiving throughout the entire year. In such Christian boasting the true humility of each disciple of Christ is seen reflected in the majestic greatness of our God!

These are the most blessed days of the year during which you need to "examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves" (2 Cor. 13:5). In the doxology of Thanksgiving Day and the joys of the pre-Christmas season, give expression to all your inner feelings of Christian exultation, of spiritual uplift. But remember that the greatest Christian boast is his glorying in his infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon us. Let's never be ashamed of that Christian boast!

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Thanks for God's Unspeakable Gift

A Thanksgiving Day Message by the REV. RICHARD R. SCHILKE,
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"Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift." 2 Cor. 9:15.

WE ARE AGAIN at the threshold of the annual national Day of Thanksgiving. By proclamation of the president of the United States the Thursday in the last full week of November is set aside as a day of thanksgiving. In Canada where I spent a good part of my life and more than a decade of my ministry the second Sunday of the month of October is considered to be the national day of thanksgiving. But whether it be a day in November or a day in October, the good thing in these two countries is that citizens are being called upon to give thanks to God for blessings received. We are to pause in the rush of time, to think about the many and manifold blessings of God, and to let spirit of thanksgiving fill us to overflowing.

The Rev. Johnson Oatman, Jr., wants us to pause and to count these blessings, although we know that they are



"Harvest Time" as sketched by Harmon.

far too numerous to be counted one by one. He says:

"When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."

The Apostle Paul in the ninth chapter of his second epistle to the Corinthians referred to gifts and blessings of God received, "which causeth through us thanksgiving to God" (v. 11), and "is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God" (v. 12). Then he singled out one gift above all others and named it the "unspeakable gift," or, according to the translation by Goodspeed, the "incredible gift."

There can be no doubt as to what

Paul meant by this one unspeakable gift. It is Jesus Christ, the Son of God. This one Gift of God far surpasses any material blessings that can ever be granted to anyone, and for it we are not only to pause and give thanks on Thanksgiving Day but always at all times. Let us dwell on this unspeakable gift that our thanksgivings may indeed be many.

THE LOVE OF GOD

The cause of this unspeakable Gift is God's unspeakable love. This unspeakable love is the love of God to man. Can anyone explain how and why God loves man, how and why the Holy One loves wretched sinners? How and why is the Infinite One so much concerned with us who are but dust before him? Some of us have tried to grasp it, to explain it, but at best our efforts have been marked with the feebleness of our finite mind trying to grasp the Infinite. It cannot be done.

read the third chapter of the gospel of John.

As he came to the 16th verse, which Luther called "the Gospel in miniature," a rude warrior in the group asked him to read that verse again and again. Then he said, "This, if it be true, is for you only, not for such as me." The missionary repeated that word, "whosoever," and dwelt on its meaning. "Then your God shall be my God," said the warrior, "for we never heard such a message as this. Our gods do not love us."

GOD'S GRACE OF GIVING

This unspeakable love is the love of God which gave. God's love does not exist in mere words. We are often found guilty because of the fact that our expressions of love so often do not go beyond the meaningless bouquets of words which we sometimes hand out glibly even to those who are deserving of something better. It is not so with God! "For God so loved the world that he gave." He gave to us who are unworthy of his gift.

True love will always seek ways of expression, and the unspeakable love of God found expression in an unspeakable Gift. This Gift far exceeds any gift that man can give, for in his Son God gave himself. Paul says, "God was in Christ," and again "God was manifest in the flesh."

This unspeakable love is the love of God which surpasses all other love. It is commonly accepted that the greatest love on earth is the love of a mother. Nothing else can compare with it. Yet listen, dear reader, God through the prophet Isaiah compared his love to that of a mother; and it is he who sets his love above hers when he says in Isaiah 49:15, "Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee."

HIS UNSPEAKABLE SACRIFICE

The giving of this unspeakable Gift meant the bringing of an unspeakable sacrifice. God the Father brought such a sacrifice. We have heard the story of God giving his Son to the world so often that it leaves us unaffected. Yes, we almost take God's love for granted. But have we ever thought how much it cost God to give his Son?

We hate to part with that which we love. When death takes a loved one from us, our heart is broken and often we refuse to be comforted. At that time we feel that life is not worth living. What father or mother would voluntarily give a son or daughter into death for someone who only hated

them? Yet God did! Jesus said in John 15:13, "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." God, whose love and relationship to his Son was unique, was willing to give him into death, not for friends but for his enemies.

In Romans 8:32 Paul tells us that "he spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all." Here was a sacrifice that far outweighed the sacrifice which Abraham was willing to make when he was about to sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham would have done so for his God. God did it for his enemies.

The Son of God brought such a sacrifice. Let us not think for a moment that it was an easy matter for Jesus to bring or become a sacrifice just because he was the Son of God. For him it meant to leave his heavenly glory behind him, to take upon himself the form of man, to become a servant to man, the Creator to the creature. He knew that his own would not receive him, but that rejection and crucifixion awaited him. In spite of all this, he was willing to pay the price with his own life and blood. Peter tells us in his first epistle, chapter 2:24, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body." The Son of God became the Lamb of God slain for the sins of the world. Can he become a greater sacrifice?

BLESSINGS THAT ABOUND

The result of this unspeakable Gift is an unspeakable blessing to mankind. In verse eight Paul said that God made all grace abound toward us. Would we know anything of grace if it were not for this unspeakable Gift? In John 1:17 we read, "But grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." But then think of all grace to abound! The vilest sinner may experience it: "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (Isa. 1:18). The most wicked heart may be transformed. Mary Magdalene experienced such a transformation in her life. The man from Gadara experienced it no less. The outcast may claim it. Oh, what a message this is for the millions of India. It is grace and grace alone that any of us may sing of it and praise our God.

In verse eleven Paul said that God enriched us in everything. Of what material value is wealth here in comparison to the riches in Christ Jesus? To the Ephesians Paul wrote, "Who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." Opposite to every material blessing we can place a spiritual one of infinitely greater value which money cannot buy, yet which has become ours by faith.

Let Oatman say it again in verse:

"Count your many blessings,
money cannot buy

Thanksgiving in Thessalonians

A Thanksgiving meditation in the light of God's Word

By the REV. EDWIN W. MILLER, Pastor of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio



—Sketch by Harmon
"Faith of our fathers, living still"

more than an attitude. Let it bear fruit in intercessory prayer for all *without ceasing* (1 Thess. 2:13).

Thank God for ALL Christians! Thank God for their "energizing, growing faith", their "toiling, increasing love one for another," their "enduring hope in the Lord Jesus" (1 Thess. 1:2; 2 Thess. 1:3), and "that God chose them from the beginning for salvation through the Spirit's consecration" (2 Thess. 2:13). Thank God for the joy they have brought into your life. "For how can I render God thanks enough for you, for all the joy I have on account of you in the presence of our God (1 Thess. 3:9).

Thank God in ALL circumstances! "Make it a habit to give thanks in everything" (1 Thess. 5:18). That is, in every situation find those things for which you can be genuinely thankful. In fact, this verse claims that giving thanks in every circumstance "is God's will for you through Christ Jesus." Matthew Henry, the famous scholar, gave thanks after he was accosted by thieves and robbed of his purse in these words: "Let me be thankful, first, because I was never robbed before; second, because, although they took my purse, they did not take my life; third, because, although they took my all, it was not much; and, fourth, because it was I who was robbed, not I who robbed."

IT IS WORTHWHILE to notice the practical teaching of the Apostle Paul about "thanksgiving" in the Thessalonian epistles.

Thank God at ALL times! (1 Thess. 1:2; 2 Thess. 1:3; 2:13). Cultivate a constant attitude of gratefulness toward God. Yes, make thanksgiving

"Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high."

Chrysostom, that golden mouthed orator of the early church, realized that he was infinitely rich in Christ. The story goes that in time of persecution he was brought before the Roman emperor who warned him that unless he would deny his faith in Christ, he would be banished. "You cannot do that," said Chrysostom, "for all the world is my heavenly Father's House."

"Then you shall be killed," said the emperor. "You cannot do that for my life with Christ in God," was the reply.

"Then I shall confiscate all your possessions," the emperor cried out. "You cannot do that," came the calm rejoinder, "for all my treasures are in heaven."

Enraged the emperor cried, "Then I shall drive you away into the wilderness where no man can come near you and where you must starve to death." And to this Chrysostom replied,

"You cannot do that for I have with me the Friend of friends, Jesus my Lord, from whom no one can separate me."

In Scripture we find that God has given us immeasurable promises. Among the many read John 14:1-3 and I John 3:2. Any promises which man can make are only good this side of the grave. But the promises of God are good for eternity. Who can hope or wish for more?

When from faith we shall go to sight, then we shall yet experience that the half has not been known nor heard. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit" (1 Cor. 2:9f).

Such blessings, such an unspeakable Gift, makes us thankful not only in the thanksgiving season, but always whenever we ponder over the things God has done. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift."

The Doctor's Appraisal of Bansa Hospital

Our medical doctor at the Bansa Baptist Hospital answers many questions in this first article sent by him in the midst of his busy and tiring days

By DR. LESLIE M. CHAFFEE of the Cameroons, Africa

YOU HAVE HEARD about our new hospital in the Cameroons. In this way God has given us an opening to serve many natives and to bring them the Word of Life — Life through Jesus Christ. We praise him for those who have already taken a stand by receiving Christ as their own Savior.

If you are like me, I know that you have many questions about the new "baby" of our Cameroons Mission Field. In this article I want to answer your questions. Because I can only guess at your questions, I may not answer all that you ask. If you have other questions you may write to us and sometime later we'll try to answer them. It has been an adventure for me finding out how African hospitals differ from those in America.

THE HOSPITAL BUILDINGS

Where is the hospital? It is located at Kumbo about sixty-five miles inland from Bamenda and 325 miles from Victoria, which is on the coast. It lies in the Bansa area of the grasslands country. It is located on one of many rolling hills, characteristic of the grasslands.

How big is the hospital? The official capacity of the hospital, when the Baptists took it over, was set at twenty beds, but the capacity was increased by a temporary building put up under the supervision of Missionary Earl Ahrens. This particular building is known as the Wipf Memorial Building in memory of the beloved deceased wife of the Rev. D. S. Wipf at Emery, S. Dak. Many times lately, we have had forty or more patients. It is a very

difficult thing to turn away those so desperately in need. Consequently, we generally have one or more patients sleeping on a stretcher on the floor.

What is the hospital building like? Instead of being just one building, it is made up of a group of buildings one story in height. They have a covered veranda along one side to protect from the heavy rains. The buildings are old, dark and inadequate. There are a number of mud-brick houses and mud bambo houses for living quarters for the native staff and for use as kitchens for the native staff and the patients. All of these houses have grass roofs. All of the buildings and houses are built on terraces on the hillside among eucalyptus trees.

THE NAME, BANSA

How was the name "Bansa Baptist Hospital" chosen? Even though the hospital is located at Kumbo, we wanted it known that it was for the entire Bansa area. Of course, we wanted it to be known as a Baptist Hospital. Thus the name, "Bansa Baptist Hospital," was chosen at our annual missionary conference in March, 1949. The government often refers to us as "The American Baptist Hospital."

How far are we from another hospital? The nearest hospital is at Bamenda, sixty-five miles away. Farther inland in the grassland area, there are no other hospitals in the Cameroons. The natives are thankful that we are here, because otherwise many would die before they could reach a hospital.

How large an area does the hospital

serve? It is the only hospital in an area of about 5,000 square miles containing some 150,000 people. Patients come from our grassland stations at Belo, Ndu, Mbem and some even come from Warwar, about five days journey on foot from here. Nearly every day we have patients from "the French side" in French Cameroons.

What languages are spoken? Nearly every day at our out-patient clinic we have patients of six or eight different tongues such as Bikom, Bansa, Bande, Bamum, Nsungli, Mambila, Hausa and Fulani. A more or less universal Pidgin-English is a help in talking to them. Usually someone can be found who can "turn talk" or translate into Pidgin-English. Natives are always glad to help in this way if they are able.

THE CARE OF PATIENTS

How are the patients cared for in the hospital? Under the missionary doctor and missionary nurses, the nursing boys give the patients their medications and treatments. Each of the patients has one or more relatives or friends who cook his food and give him other care that is ordinarily given by the nurses in our hospitals in America. It is touching and inspiring to see one or more men or women sitting day and night by the side of a seriously ill or unconscious patient. They can be very gentle and faithful in caring for some sick relative or friend. They will leave home and friends and come to spend weeks or months at the hospital cooking for and waiting on the sick one. The patients often share their "foo foo" or other food with other patients

who may have little money for "chop." The hospital, the missionaries and the nursing boys not infrequently help some poor patients in this way.

Who make up the hospital staff? At the present time, there are two missionary nurses, Myrtle Weeldreyer and Margaret Kittlitz, besides a native grade one government nurse, Mr. George Martin, a Baptist Christian and a real help in the hospital. There are also a native midwife, four Senior nursing, helper boys and five Junior nursing, helper boys, a dispenser or pharmacist, three hospital ward servants or laborers, a government messenger and the missionary doctor. The only girl beside the white (missionary) nurses is the native midwife. All the other workers are boys and men. This seems odd to Americans who think of the care of the sick as the woman's field but it is the accepted thing here. In Africa the women go out and do the farming.

How do we try to reach them with the Gospel? We have a daily service with a Gospel talk, generally given by our young church teacher, Jonah, and a brief prayer before our out-patient clinic starts for the day. Some of the in-patients walk over for this meeting. Morning and night in the wards, the nursing boys are responsible for brief devotional services. In addition, there are many occasions for a word of testimony or prayer by one of the missionaries or nursing boys. All of these boys are Baptist Christians. In our surgery before each operation we ask God's help and pray that the patient will come to know the Great Physician as Lord and Savior.

What can you at home do to help the Bansa Baptist Hospital? First, we ask your prayers that the hospital will present a faithful witness for Christ to those who come for treatment and that many will accept him as their personal Savior.

Second, women, keep up your good work of sending rolled bandages and all the other White Cross supplies. They are a wonderful help to us. Every day dozens of these bandages are used in the hospital and clinic. All hospital supplies should be sent to our denominational headquarters at Forest Park, Illinois, to be sent out to Africa with our missionaries. Then these supplies are admitted duty free. To avoid difficulties, these White Cross supplies should include only these which are on the list.

Finally, pray, pray, pray — for the hospital and all who work there and all the sick who come for help.

What makes us so happy in this work? We are convinced that this has been the Lord's doing. He has made it possible for us to take over this hospital. No matter what may come, he abides faithful. Human weakness or failure there may be, but never does Jesus fail us!

What Does Africa Need?

Introducing Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kansas, and reporting the purpose of their eight months trip to the Cameroons, Africa, as building supervisor on our mission field

MR. HILDEBRAND'S ARTICLE

My purpose in asking the question, "What does Africa need?" is not to answer it in full by giving you an overall picture of our Cameroons mission in Africa. That has been done by our returned missionaries these past years. We listen to our missionaries and we are moved, but we do very little about it.

What I want you to do is to ask the question, "Lord, what does Africa need, and what do you want me to do?" In other words, I want you to pray that the Lord will have his way in Africa. If we pray for Africa, we will also do something for Africa.

First of all, we know Africa needs Christ, and we want to keep that before us all the time. You remember when we prayed, "Lord, bless our missions. Give us more missionaries. Give us a doctor, more nurses," and many other things that the field has now. The Lord has answered those prayers, but the Lord works through you and me to fulfill his purpose.

Last November (1949) I received a letter from our mission field. This letter brought to me some information about our building program out there. In the approved list of buildings are several schools, missionary residences, and teachers' living quarters. Also our hospital needs attention. I was told, too, that we have materials and laborers, but no one to supervise the work. Now came the question that I had the answer, "Can you come to Africa to help us?"

The same question comes to you. "Can you help us?" You may not be called to go to Africa, but you will be called on to help us. I say "we" because Mrs. Hildebrand and I have accepted this call and we are going to Africa to join our missionaries out there. We gave this question of going to Africa prayerful consideration.

Then in April 1950, our General Missionary Society was informed that Mrs. Hildebrand and I would go to Africa if they approved our going. They approved and recommended our going to Africa. We will be going to Africa without salary, the mission society only paying half of our expenses. So you can see that I am not asking you to do anything that I am not willing to do myself. Now for the next eight months we will be supervising some of the building work in Africa. We are going because

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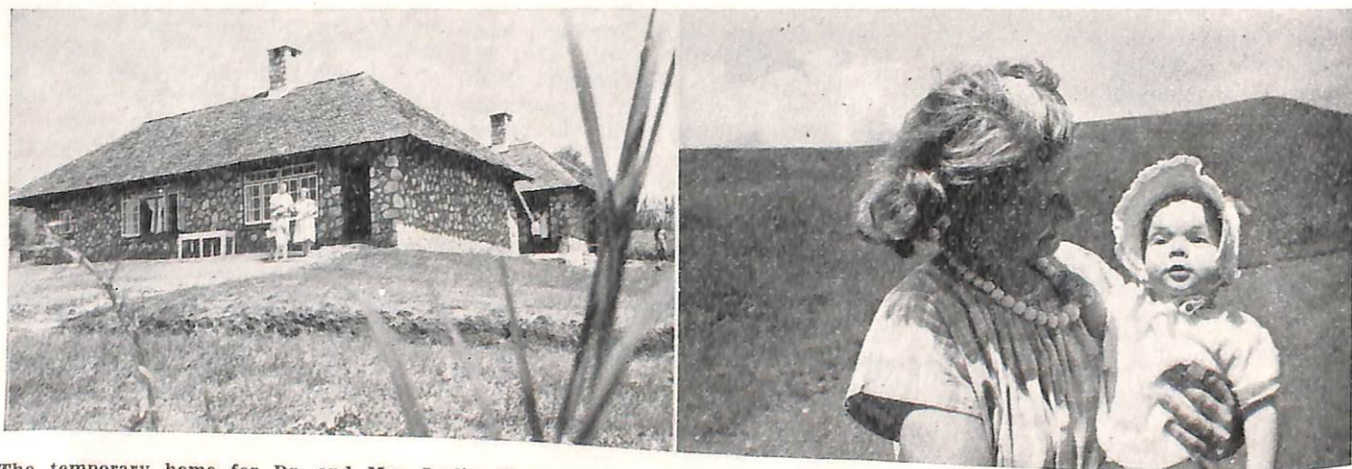
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kansas, who have left for the Cameroons, Africa, under appointment of the General Missionary Committee for special work in supervising construction of buildings on our mission field.

INTRODUCTION

ON OCT. 13 Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas, went by plane to New York City to be able to board the "S.S. Queen Mary" on Oct. 14 bound for England. On Oct. 22 they boarded a freighter in England for Tiko in Africa where they hoped to arrive about three weeks later. They were to be met in Tiko by Paul Gebauer and other missionaries and then inducted into their important work as "missionary helpers" in the Cameroons, as Mr. Hildebrand describes his God inspired mission in the brief article that follows.

Mr. Hildebrand was appointed by the General Missionary Committee with the approval of the General Council last April as special building supervisor for the Cameroons. He will supervise the extensive and important building program already approved by the Missionary Committee in the construction of missionaries' houses, school buildings and chapels. He has gone without any salary consideration and by taking his wife with him has agreed to pay all expenses in connection with his wife's trip. Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand hope to return to their farm in Kansas for the harvest season in 1951, requiring about eight months away from home. They need our most earnest prayers.

EDITOR.



The temporary home for Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee and their family (left), about two miles from the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons, Africa, and Mrs. Chaffee with little Marjorie, born in the British Cameroons.

Thanksgiving and Consecration

A message for Thanksgiving Day and for the entire year as well as for our denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Offering

By the REV. J. C. GUNST of Forest Park, Illinois

GRATITUDE is an acceptable and profound Christian virtue. A grateful person, generally speaking, is a happy person. He who is thankful is a contented person. We like people who can say, "Thank you," in a gracious and convincing way for benefits received.

THE PSALMIST'S GRATITUDE

We are comforted and life is enriched when we can read passages of Scripture like those related in the Psalms. "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me" (Ps. 116:12). Here is an expressed recognition of God's bounties bestowed and at the same time here is sole concern how to express gratefulness for all of God's goodness.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Ps. 103:2). This utterance seems to remind us that if life is to be well balanced and the joy through God's blessing is to remain, there must be giving as well as receiving. "My cup runneth over," (Ps. 23:5), the Psalmist goes on to say. How could he withhold the joy which filled his soul with sincere gratitude? Only a fully consecrated man of God with deep gratitude in his heart can speak profound and

comforting words like these by the writer of the Psalms.

A Christian never finds it hard to be thankful. To be sure, there are days in life and seasons in the year when it is easier to be thankful than at other times. At this particular season of the year it seems especially easy for us to say, "Thank you," when God's bounties and mercies, seen in the harvest of material things from the fields, are so evident in an exceptional manner. It should be easier to be grateful when the blessings come in larger portions, but that is not always true. We do need to be reminded that special efforts in gratitude are necessary on our part.

INWARD LIFE OF THE SPIRIT

It is true that things which we particularly desire most get our special attention before they can be enjoyed. Often our Christian testimony is weak; our spiritual life does not sparkle; we have no joy in spreading the Good News among our friends and associates, because we have neglected the art of being grateful for spiritual bounties received from God in our life. A Christian ought always, first and foremost, to be in this frame of mind when he can say:

"Count your many blessings

Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you
What the Lord hath done."

It is the inward life of the spirit that counts. Here are some of God's bounties that deserve the thanks of every man, woman and child:

"For morning and the hopes of day,
For hour of work and hours of play,
For courage and contentment here,
For trust to strengthen, joy to cheer —
We praise thee, Lord!

"For evening and the duties done,
For every strife of conscience won,
For hours to dream and hours to rest,
For all through love made manifest —
We bless thee, Lord!

"For home and those who love us there,
For friends and kindred everywhere,
For life, and for the life to be,
Eternal fellowship, with thee —
We thank thee, Lord!"

Thanksgiving is a matter of the heart. Someone has said: "Thanksgiving Day shows us up for what we really are." It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord. The American custom for one Thanksgiving Day a year, especially observed to give thanks for the material and spiritual blessing we have received, is an excellent practice.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GRATITUDE

We rejoice however, that in Christian circles, including these among our young people, there is definite evidence and signal expression of gratitude throughout the year. One can see it expressed in loyalty to the cause of Christ in various ways. It is shown in the interest in church activities, such as attendance of the worship services, prayer and other meetings. Many of our young people assume responsibilities as officers in the Sunday School and youth organizations of the church. They make regular financial contributions to the local church, and show great interest in home and foreign missions.

Each year, the year round, large missionary contributions are made by our young people through their local conference mission projects. These numerous activities are certainly proof of a genuine love to the Lord, and a sincere expression of gratitude on the part of our young people to God.

It is true, however, that there could be no expression of gratitude if the individual is not consecrated to Christ and his cause. There must be a conscious and joyous dedication of the life to God. It is really God who consecrates the individual. He sets a person apart for a life of service and usefulness according to his good pleasure. It is up to the individual, however, daily to resolve that his life be dedicated to God. Only that person who has experienced the free gift of

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The log cabin of an Indian, Norman Abraham, on the Big Horn Reserve at Nordegg, Alberta (left), and some of the many Indians from the Reserve who attended the Gospel meetings conducted by Missionary Reinhard Neuman and a group of our Christian young people.

Joe Rabbit and the Big Horn Indians

The story of the seed of God's Word sown over the years by Brother Benke and of the harvest of souls as witnessed by our Indian missionaries last summer during a visit to Nordegg

Article compiled by MR. REINHARD NEUMAN of Ponoka, Alberta, Can.

DURING the month of April 1948, a grandchild of Joe Rabbit passed away at the age of ten months. Being an Indian, Joe took the death of the child very hard. He was not saved, although he had acted as an interpreter in churches for thirty-five years. Joe was not at this time a child of God. Through the loss, or gain, of the child, God has worked wonders in two years since the passing of the infant. Joe Rabbit began to wonder where the soul of the child had gone. As an Indian Joe did not believe that the soul had gone to be with the Lord. Rather the soul would await the Last Call.

BROTHER BENKE'S RESPONSE

Some days passed and Joe wrote to a minister in a certain city asking him where the soul of his grandchild had gone. Sad to say, this minister did not answer the question. So Joe wrote to the late Rev. Fred W. Benke. Although the Indian did not know Mr. Benke very well at that time, he knew that he had a great love for the Indians. Within a few days the answer came back with booklets and passages from the Bible.

Joe was so troubled at heart that he wrote to Mr. Benke to come to Nordegg, a mining town two hundred miles west of Edmonton. As a man of God and a lover of the Indians, Mr. Benke started out. Thirty-five miles away from any house, his car became stuck in the mud so that he had to spend the night in the car. Morning came and also a car which

helped him out and on his way. Then on he went to Nordegg, only to discover that he had gone ten miles too far.

Coming back that distance and then walking two and one-half miles through heavy bush, he finally reached Joe Rabbit's house. It was after 5 P.M. that Mr. Benke found Joe, not at his home, but on the railroad tracks going out to hunt. Joe went back with Mr. Benke to his shanty and that evening a prayer service was held. That same evening arrangements were also made that Mr. Benke return to Nordegg on special days as May 24th, July 1st and other special days when the Indians from the Reserve would come to town for their groceries.

It was a very hard road to travel, as some have found out for themselves. However, Joe spread the word that a missionary would be at Nordegg on the 20th of May. The day came and this time Mr. Benke arrived by train. Joe met him and took him and his workers to Nordegg finding a place for them to stay. Joes family went horseback to Nordegg.

GOD'S HOLY WORD

On the evening of May 21, 1948 Mr. Benke again had a talk with Joe. Mr. Benke's helper had an open Bible and Joe's eye caught the passage of Luke 23:42-43. It was long past midnight when Joe went back to his tent, a very troubled man. He could not sleep that night. He knew he was a lost soul. Joe stayed at Nordegg with Mr. Benke for three days. At

last it was time for Mr. Benke to go. Not only Joe but the other Indians felt that someone had to continue to bring them the message of God.

In that same year in June Joe went to a meeting at Cold Lake, Alberta and while there Joe's niece asked him to stop off at Hobbema and to go to church on the Indian Reserve. Joe did stop off, but little did he know that God was leading him in a mysterious way.

After three hours of sleep he was taken to the Indian church. This old log building, constructed in 1885, still proves that God does not care whether his Word is preached in a luxurious edifice or old log building. A month before this Joe had been in a large church in the city but he did not find peace there.

BIG HORN RESERVE

This little log building, so old that it was ready to fall apart, was the place where the Indians had met to listen to the wonderful word of God as brought to them by Bernice Kern and Eveleen Rumpel. There at this service Joe Rabbit was brought to God. The Word of God was spreading through his servant Mr. Benke. Back to Big Horn Reserve at Nordegg Joe went and did what he could. God worked through Joe to bring the Light to the Stoney Indians. The spring of 1950 came and Brother Benke was called to his heavenly rest.

But Jesus never fails. The way opened for Mr. Reinhard Neuman, Indian missionary, to come from the

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Reviewing the Sunset Years of Life

The Lord has graciously given me health of mind and body enabling me to carry on. Although I am living in the sunset years of life, I can truly say that the sunset is gorgeously beautiful

By DR. WILLIAM KUHN of Forest Park, Illinois

ON THE OCCASION of my eightieth birthday, my friends of many years, Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Olthoff, sent me a very interesting book entitled, "Life at Eighty, As I See It." Since this book was written by an octogenarian who was still enjoying mental and spiritual virility and who had rendered a long and meritorious service as a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, his book was filled with a wealth of wisdom dispensed with Christian humor. Recognizing the fact that even octogenarians are individuals for themselves, only some of the advice of that author could be accepted and practiced by myself. As I read the book, I decided to write this article with the caption, "Reviewing My Life on My Eightieth Birthday."

Since Dr. M. L. Leuschner had announced in an earlier issue of the "Baptist Herald" that I would observe my eightieth birthday on December 9, 1949 and had also suggested that congratulatory cards be sent to me, many of our members had followed his suggestion. When Dr. Jacob Meister had returned from his American tour, he had occasion at a large gathering in

Germany to announce that I would observe my eightieth birthday on that date. Both of these announcements resulted in bringing to me a copious shower of cards and letters. The congratulations from Germany centered on our relief work in which I was privileged to participate.

In all of these congratulations as well as at that festive occasion on the evening of December 9th, many kind words were spoken concerning my ministry. It is quite understandable that after having served as pastor of one church for seventeen years and then as denominational secretary for about thirty-five years, that I should have established for myself a definite reputation. To be sure, that reputation was not in all respects true to facts.

Man sees but the outward activities, but God judges the heart. It would be unnatural and ungrateful on my part if I did not appreciate all those kind words spoken in those congratulatory messages. It is a blessing worth more than words can express to be assured that my many friends and brethren both in the homeland and also in Germany have such a high appraisal of my life's ministry.

On the occasion of an eightieth birthday, one naturally gives to himself a partial accounting of the stewardship of his life. My birthday reminded me that I would be required to give an account of the stewardship of my ministry before the Lord Jesus Christ himself, as it is written: "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one might receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad." That judgment day, even for the redeemed of the Lord, will burn like fire, revealing the true nature of all that we have built into our life.

On that judgment day many will suffer irreparable loss, when many of their life's activities will be consumed by fire, while others will have indescribable gain, when it will be revealed that they have built into their life: gold, silver and precious stone. Whether with gain or loss, all who have built their faith on the Lord Jesus Christ will be saved. The question forces itself into our thinking: "Will there be any regrets on the judgment day?", and "Will I have any regrets?"

Many years ago I read in the

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Dr. William Kuhn on his 80th birthday (Dec. 9, 1949) surrounded by headquarters staff personnel and friends. Standing, left to right: Phyllis Storm, Martha Leypoldt, Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, Dr. Wm. Kuhn, Gretchen Remmler, Mary Leypoldt, Evelyn Woodrich, and Clara Schulte. — Seated: Dr. George A. Lang, Dr. and Mrs. Frank H. Woyke, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schneider.



MY NEIGHBOR'S BIBLE

I am my neighbor's Bible;
He reads me when we meet;
Today he reads me in my home;
Tomorrow in the street.
He may be relative or friend;
Or slight acquaintance be;
He may not even know my name;
Yet he is reading me.
Dear Christian friends and brothers,
If you and I but knew,
How faithfully the world records
Just what we say and do,
Oh! we would make our record plain,
And labor hard to see
Our worldly neighbors won to Christ,
While reading you and me.

—WATCHMAN-EXAMINER

"God's work done in God's way and
in God's time will never look for God's
blessing."

—J. HUDSON TAYLOR

THE OPEN DOOR

You, my son,
Have shown me God.
Your kiss upon my cheek
Has made me feel the gentle touch
Of him who leads us on.
The memory of your smile, when
young,
Reveals his face,
As mellowing years come on apace.
And when you went before,
You left the gates of heaven ajar
That I might glimpse,
Approaching from afar,
The glories of his grace.
Hold, son, my hand,
Guide me along the path,
That, coming
I may stumble not,
Nor roam,
Nor fail to show the way
Which leads us home.

—GRACE COOLIDGE

"It is not what happens to you in
life that matters; it is the way in
which you face it."

—DAVID LLOYD GEORGE

WHAT THEY HEARD

Here is a singular incident showing
how easy it is to mistranslate an over-
heard remark.

Said Mrs. A, one of the overhearers:
"They must have been to the zoo, be-
cause I heard her mention 'a trained
deer'."

Said Mrs. B: "No, no. They were
talking about going away, and she
said to him, 'Find out about the train,
deer'."

Said Mrs. C: "I think you are both
wrong. It seemed to me they were
discussing music, for she said, 'A
trained ear,' very distinctly."

A few minutes later, the lady her-
self appeared and they told her of
their disagreement.

"Well," she laughed, "that's certain-
ly funny. You are poor guessers, all
of you. The fact is, I'd been out to the
country overnight and I was asking
my husband if it rained here last
evening."

—WATCHMAN-EXAMINER

THREE POEMS FOR CHURCH PROGRAMS AND SPECIAL OCCASIONS

By Dr. H. von Berge of Dayton, Ohio.

Be Still, My Heart

Hills and valleys barren lie,
Overhead a leaden sky;
Sharp goes winter's icy breath;
All about is cold in death.
Be still my heart.

O'er the sons of men as well
Lies the bane of winter's spell.
Peace has all the nations fled;
Trust, good will and love are dead.
Be still, my heart.

Yet, through all the ages known,
God is still upon his throne!
By his pow'r, in his own way,
Spring will come again some day.
Be still, my heart.

Your Golden Jubilee

(Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

Could those we love be e'er forgot,
And could we ever miss
To voice the feelings of the heart
On such a day as this?
And so, on this your festal day,
Now gathered here are we
To honor and to celebrate
Your Golden Jubilee.

We're glad it has been given you
This happy day to see;
Now may God's richest blessing rest
On this your Jubilee!
And he, who all these many years
Has been your strength and stay,
Will never fail you, but his hand
Will lead you all the way.

Anniversary Hymn

(Tune: Nun danket alle Gott)

We come, O gracious Lord,
With grateful hearts before thee,
On this our festal day
To worship and adore thee.
For all thy mercies shown
Our joyfoul thanks we bring,
And to thy holy Name
Our songs of praises sing.

Through all the span of years
Thy hand, O Lord, did guide us;
Through bright or cloudy days,
Thou e'er didst walk beside us.
Nor have we on our toil
In vain thy blessing sought;
And we rejoice today
O'er all thy grace hath wrought.

And now lead thou us on,
Lord, through the years before us;
Be thou our strength and shield,
The pow'r that watcheth o'er us.
Oh, may we e'er be found
In all things true to thee!
And glory, honor, pow'r
Shall thine forever be.



Prize turkeys raised for Thanksgiving Day dinners in 1949 by Mr. E. F. Engelbrecht of Crawford, Texas, a member of the Canaan Baptist Church of which the Rev. Arthur Schulz is the pastor.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. B. C. Schreiber and his family, formerly of New Leipzig, N. Dak., are now living with their relatives at 428 E. Union Boulevard, Bethlehem, Pa. Mr. Schreiber was compelled to resign his pastorate of the New Leipzig church because of illness. He has accepted temporary employment in Bethlehem and is awaiting God's guidance for the future.

● The Rev. Henry Schumacher of Young, Sask., formerly pastor of the Baptist Church at Fenwood, Sask., has accepted the call of the Pleasant Prairie and West Side Baptist Churches and Wetaskiwin, Alberta. He has already begun his ministry on the new field, succeeding the Rev. George Robinson who resigned some time ago for an evangelistic ministry. Mr. Schumacher served the Fenwood Church from 1947 to 1950.

● Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meyer of Santa Ana, Calif., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sept. 25th. They have been readers of the "Baptist Herald" for many years. Their home was originally in La Salle, Colorado, where other members of the family still reside. Mr. Meyer wrote: "We have enjoyed each other's company very much during these years and hope for many more!" Congratulations!

● The Rev. Phil Daum has resigned as pastor of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Chilliwack, British Columbia, and has accepted the call extended to him by the Hager Memorial Church of Prince George, Northern Columbia, which is in the Northern Conference area. He will begin his pastorate in Prince George on Dec. 1st, succeeding the Rev. Paul G. Hintze. Mr. Daum has served the Chilliwack work since its founding in 1945.

● The reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Fuchs was held on Sunday evening, Oct. 1st, by the Anamoose and Lincoln Valley Baptist churches at Anamoose, N. Dak., as reported among the "Reports from the Field" in this issue. Mr. Fuchs has been duly called by the Lincoln Valley Baptist Church as well as by the Anamoose Baptist Church, beginning his pastorate on the extensive field on Oct. 1st. The Lincoln Valley Church has been without a pastor for quite a number of years.

● The First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, held evangelistic meet-



Miss Hilda Tobert, missionary-nurse of the Bansa Hospital in the Cameroons, who in November will complete four busy months of promotional work among our churches that have taken her almost 20,000 miles to our people with accompanying showers of God's blessings for all who have heard her.

ings from Oct. 2 to 13 with the Rev. Wm. Jeschke of Sumner, Iowa, serving as the evangelist. Mr. Jeschke earnestly and effectively presented God's Word in an interesting manner. The services were very well attended throughout the campaign. All hearts were gladdened as 13 persons took their stand for Christ. "We rejoice with these young people and pray that they may grow to be loyal and sincere workers in God's Kingdom," the pastor, Rev. J. J. Renz, reported.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, N. Dak., has completed a project of building a \$9000 parsonage for its pastor, the Rev. Aaron Buhler, and his family. This six-room house, which is located to the west of the church, was finished in November with a dedication service planned for a Sunday late in the month. The old parsonage and lot on the other side of the church was sold for \$5000. Evangelistic meetings will be held at the Bethel Church from Nov. 21 to Dec. 1st with the Rev. Gerald Splinter of Jamestown, N. Dak., as the evangelist.

● The Rosenfield Baptist Church near Drake, N. Dak., held its Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 15, with audiences that filled the church and

with a total of \$218 offerings for our missionary fields. The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker, showing mission pictures of the Cameroons and Indian fields at the evening service. The church held very fine evangelistic meetings for two weeks from Oct. 1 to 11 with the Rev. A. S. Felberg as guest speaker. At present, the church is without a pastor since the Rev. R. A. Schmidt has resigned and enrolled as a student at our Seminary.

● At the annual Board meeting of the Dakota Conference Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak., on Tuesday, Oct. 17, Mrs. Emma Mehlhoff of Parkston, S. Dak., was presented as the new matron. She has had business experience as well as a special course at Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis, Minn., and is well qualified for her important task. The Rev. R. Sigmund, superintendent, has a staff of about twelve workers to carry on the multitudinous activities of the Home. At the annual worship service on the afternoon of Oct. 17 reports about the Home were given and a message was brought by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner.

● The Johannestal Station of the Ashley Baptist Church of North Dakota held its Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 15, with an offering of \$1800 for missionary purposes, according to the pastor, the Rev. Walter Stein. On Sunday, Oct. 8, a mission festival was held at the Jewell Station of the same church field with messages by the Rev. J. J. Reimer and offerings of \$800. The Ashley church held its mission festival on Sunday, Oct. 22, with the Rev. O. W. Dierks, evangelist, bringing a series of meetings from Oct. 9 to 22 to an eventful close. The farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein was held at Ashley on Sunday evening, Oct. 29, before their change of pastorate to Tyndall, S. Dak.

● The Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., held its 50th anniversary program from Oct. 5 to 8, as reported elsewhere in this issue by its pastor, the Rev. A. Huber. From Oct. 16 to 29 Mr. Huber served as evangelist at Venturia, N. Dak. On Sunday evening, Nov. 5, the Baptist Church at Linton was crowded to capacity for the Emmons County Song Festival in which all Protestant churches of the county participated. Mr. Huber

served as director of this song festival which featured the singing of familiar Gospel songs and the rendition of special numbers by the Baptist church choir. From Nov. 6 to 17 evangelistic meetings were held at the Linton Baptist Church with the Rev. Fred Knalson of Underwood, N. Dak., serving as evangelist.

● On Wednesday evening, Sept. 20, the Temple Church of Milwaukee, Wis., celebrated its 63rd anniversary at a church family night and dinner. About 150 persons were present for the program in charge of the pastor, the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer. The picture film, "Like A Mighty Army," was shown. Oct. 15th was observed as "Laymen's Sunday" in the Temple Church. Mr. Kenneth Neelan, president of the Men's Brotherhood and chairman of the board of trustees, was in charge of the breakfast for men and of the morning worship service. The speaker at both occasions was Mr. Walter W. Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., a prominent Christian layman in our conference.

● On Sunday, Oct. 1st, the annual Harvest and Mission Festival was held at the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak. The Rev. Aaron Buhler of Harvey, N. Dak., was the speaker for all three services of the day and brought messages which were used of the Lord to stir up his people for greater service for him. Capacity crowds filled the newly erected church throughout the day. The total offerings of the day exceeded \$1350 and the Lord blessed also in the salvation of two persons at the evening service. The members and friends of the Underwood church joined in the dedication services for the new church which were held on Sunday, Oct. 22, with the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Grand Forks, N. Dak., and the Rev. Henry Hirsch of Goodrich, N. Dak., serving as guest speakers.

● Several former North American Baptist pastors, who are now in the American Baptist Convention, have recently made "the news headlines" in various parts of the country. Dr. Thorwald W. Bender, formerly a member of our Seminary faculty, is serving as professor of theology at the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill. The Rev. Melvin Pekrul of San Francisco, Calif., began his ministry as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Monrovia, Calif., on Oct. 1st. The Rev. Walter Marchand, formerly of Pittsford, N. Y., began his pastorate this Fall with the First Baptist Church of Franklin, Indiana, which also serves the students of Franklin College. The Rev. O. R. Schmidt, following a brief pastorate on the pioneer field at Kennewick, Wash., has enrolled this Fall in graduate studies at the University of California, Berkeley, Calif.

C.B.Y. and S.S.U. HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

December 3 — "The Mission Board Said No," by Mr. Harold W. Gieseke, Dallas, Texas.

December 10, "Missionary Report Uncensored," by the Rev. Edwin Michelson, our own missionary in the Cameroons, Africa.

"Thou Who hast given so much to me, Grant one thing more — a grateful heart;

Not thankful when it pleases me, As if thy blessings had spare days, But such a heart whose pulse may be thy praise."

Today is Thanksgiving Day. To all CBYers and Sunday School workers we commend George Herbert's ancient prayer for that needful "one thing more." Let us all lift our hearts in praise for God's great love and for that "unspeakable gift," our Savior and Lord. It is an imperative, a command: "And be ye thankful" (Col. 3:15). Let's obey it the whole year through!

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' CONFERENCES

To get the key workers of our CBY and Sunday School together for one great weekend of training and inspiration has been the dream of your Conference Union for a long time. Now that dream is becoming a reality in many of our local conferences. When you read these lines, the third successful Northwestern Conference workers' will be history. It was held in Elgin, Iowa, Nov. 10-12. This weekend, Southern Conference leaders will be meeting for their first conference at Waco. Leaders are General Secretary J. C. Gunst and Conference Union president Harold Gieseke. Your Conference could have one, too!

NOW IS THE TIME

* The plan a really worth-while Watch Night service with the help of your pastor. Dec. 31st comes on a Sunday night this year. What an opportunity!

* To have an old-fashioned debate in your CBY. The Sumner, Iowa group had one recently on the subject, "Resolved that religion should be taught in public schools." There are lots of good subjects, and everybody likes a good debate.

* To start looking up material on the Gospel of Mark. The International Sunday School lessons for the first quarter of 1951 are from Mark's Gospel.

* To plan for your Christmas gift to our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan.

* To check on those expiring-by-the-end-of-the-year subscriptions to our papers. Avoid the Christmas rush!

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RAISE OUR STANDARD HIGH

(Sixth in a series of pointed paragraphs of our new SUNDAY SCHOOL STANDARD)

Our Sunday School is to be a Church School and a Church-Going School.

The relationship of the Sunday School and the church has not always been a mutually helpful one. Our new Standard insists that the Sunday School is not to be a law unto itself. It is the church "at school," therefore it is under the church's direction. But it is the direction that a loving father would give to his child. At least at each congregational business meeting, the progress of the school is to be reported to the entire church. Always, the church is to elect or approve the Sunday School officers. Moreover, the church has the right to except a deep loyalty on the part of Sunday School teachers and scholars. Of those above the Primary Department, we desire at least 80 percent of all attendants to stay for the morning church service. We would like to see all (but at least 80 percent) of the officers and teachers at all Sunday services and at prayer meeting.

The key to real understanding, we believe, lies in the relation of superintendent and pastor. Does each strive to help the other? Are they workers together, as members of a great team? Then there will be progress and success. The Sunday School and the church must never compete. They must combine in a great effort to win and train; to save and teach.

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WORTH QUOTING

A verse for every pastor's and teacher's desk:

"O thou who camest from above, The pure celestial fire to impart, Kindle a flame of sacred love On the mean altar of my heart. There let it for thy glory burn . . ."

—Charles Wesley.

Mary Arden

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SYNOPSIS

Laurie Judson, the young preacher of Ardenville, and Mary Arden were going to get married. All the servants in the big house were glad it was going to be Laurie and not Brooke Haven. But first the two young people went to the city to Mary's mother and father to secure their consent for the marriage. Laurie smiled proudly as he spoke to Mr. Arden in the library.

CHAPTER TWENTY-SIX

"Mr. Arden," Laurie began without hesitation, but with humility in his voice, "I'm here to ask the greatest favor you could grant. May I marry your daughter?"

Then he smiled over at Mary, a smile ablaze with his great love.

The astonished Mr. Arden had no words for the instant. Then he stood up and came over to Laurie, taking his hand warmly.

"I can think of no man I would rather give her to, son," he said and the tone of his voice rang true.

Mary gave a little skipping run over to her father and kissed him and then went into Laurie's ready arms.

"Oh, daddy," she breathed, "I'm so happy! But do you suppose mother will — be pleased?"

Mr. Arden looked serious.

"Your mother is still very weak, of course, Mary. I'm not sure we should tell her yet. Let's have dinner and talk it over. Then perhaps I might go up and pave the way. I haven't told her just when you would arrive, so we'll just wait a little, shall we?"

So they had a happy time together while Hetty served in wonder and stole many an admiring glance at the handsome young man who seemed to have dropped down out of the sky and who gazed so worshipfully at Miss Mary.

The cook and even Henry had to stand at the swinging door as Hetty passed through in order that they might take a peek at him.

"Every bit as good lookin' as that Haven fellow," adjudged cook in a loud whisper to Henry. "I never did think much o' him."

And all during the dinner, after the two young people had first poured forth the details about the fire, Mr. Arden was cleverly, diplomatically gleaning facts about Laurie's work, Laurie's experience, and Laurie's financial standing and possible future.

But when Laurie smiled Mrs. Arden relaxed her gaze.

"I guess you'll do," she said reluctantly, "if her father agrees and he evidently has. But don't fool yourself, young man. You have a very headstrong girl to manage."

Mary laughed with relief.

"I'll try to be good," she said meekly as she looked up at her bridegroom.

Laurie held her close, as he said diplomatically, "I shall try to do as well as you have done, Mrs. Arden."

Grimly the woman nodded and motioned to them to go.

Her husband stayed but she waved him away, too.

"Go on, George. I'll hear the rest later. I know when I'm beaten." And she closed her lips and turned her head to the wall.

Mrs. Arden managed to be up and about in time to make plans for the wedding. She had looked forward to this event for twenty-one years and she had no intention of being cheated out of her rights in its minutest detail.

First of all, she insisted that the wedding should be in the city.

"You are going to live at Arden as long as you like," she argued with pursed disapproving lips, drawing in her breath as if it was only by the greatest self-control that she spoke no more of her mind than that, "and I intend to have you here until that time!"

Mary looked hopelessly at Laurie, who was in town for the day. For she had confided to him how greatly she would like to be married at Arden, the old family homestead. Laurie smiled gently, sympathetically and shook his head, as much as to say, "We'll be there in time, beloved, let your mother have what she wants now. Remember I'm taking you away from her for good, and it isn't easy for her!" All this Mary read in his loving glance, and then afterward wondered how she could know all his thoughts, when she had really been with him such a comparatively short time.

She looked over at her father. He was sitting in his big easy chair reading the newspaper as if he hadn't heard. But by the very way he held the paper Mary knew that he was hoping she would give in to her mother in this thing, since her mother had given in on the one thing that really mattered, their marriage.

And then, with just a little inward, hidden sob, seeing the pretty plan she had cherished about to be snatched away from her, Mary followed a habit that was becoming a fixed one with her; she cried swiftly in her heart, "Lord, show me what You want!" And suddenly all the pieces of her puzzle took their right places, the big things seemed important, and the little things shrank, and then Mary smiled. Looking joyously toward her

dear bridegroom, knowing he would be glad, she said,

"Why, of course, mother, we'll have the wedding here."

And then began the weeks of shopping. It seemed endless to Mary as she followed her mother's directions in where she was to go, and what she was to look at, and which she was to have sent up for inspection. For Mrs. Arden was not yet able to do as much personal shopping as she would have liked.

But when the things Mary sent home turned out to be almost all sport clothes, or dainty cottons, with now and then a well tailored suit or two, Mrs. Arden saw that she would have to go herself if she was to be pleased. "You have nothing here but the plainest things, Mary. This is not a trousseau! Only one evening gown and that is entirely too simple for most occasions."

"But, mother, you know, I'm to live in a small town, where the life is very simple, and I don't want to be dressed up more than other people. You have always taught me that it was not good taste to be overdressed."

"That may be, my dear, but I hope you will condescend to visit your parents some of the time, and I do not intend to have you look like a country cousin, even if you insist on trying to be one!" Her mother's words ended with an ill-disguised sniff that brought back some of the tired ache in Mary's feet. She had spent a long day in the stores and had thought she had done well in her selections.

She sighed. "I really liked these, mother."

"Oh, keep them, if you do. But I shall see that you get others, even if you never wear them. You can hang them in the closets here, if you don't care to take them along with you. Perhaps that would be just as well."

"Well, I think it would," Mary responded brightly. So her mother went along the next time.

Oh, it was not that Mary did not enjoy pretty things as much as any girl. She had loved to pick out that little pink flowered morning dress, for instance, with its airy dainty ruffled collar and think that when she would wear it she would be "Mrs. Judson," and "Mr. Judson" would be sitting opposite at their cosy breakfast table. The taught made her heart leap and her cheeks grew pink until the sales-girl looked at her sweet face wonderingly.

But Mary had no desire to shine at showy parties and dances now. Her whole interest was absorbed elsewhere and the shining of her eyes drew all glances toward her.

Mary did not know that under cover of all the plans and details and directions her poor mother noticed every smile of delight and every delicate curve of beauty in her precious daughter and reveled in it, try-

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Nov. 24-25 — Christian Workers' Conference for Southern Conference churches, Central Church, Waco, Texas.

Nov. 26 (Sunday Morning) — Central Church, Waco, Texas.

Nov. 26 (Sunday Evening) — Immanuel Church, Kyle, Texas.

Nov. 27-30 — Leadership Training Course, Kyle, Texas.

Dec. 3 (Sunday) — Carroll Ave. Church, Dallas, Texas.

ing to still the ache of her heart as she realized that all that loveliness would soon belong to another person.

Neither did she know that her mother had begun to notice the new sweetness in her daughter's willingness to give up her own way. She no longer submitted in the old fretful, discouraged, beaten way, but as if pleasing her mother were a joy. Mrs. Arden had listened to Mary one evening as she told her father of her new trust in the Lord, and although Mrs. Arden said no word, she began to watch. Mary had not found the words to speak to her mother yet about the new life she was living, but she felt certain that her father was deeply interested.

And so the days went on, each bringing to completion some cherished long-planned dream of Mrs. Arden's.

There were six bridesmaids, their dresses shading from a luscious peach color, through tones of apricot, to a deep russet, for the wedding was in October. The flowers had to be chosen almost bloom to bloom, to carry out the careful shading of the garments. Rich heavy-headed dahlias they were, set off by delicate tracery of dark greens. And each girl wore above her brow a band of satin flowers cunningly fashioned like the flowers that she carried.

As they came down the aisle of the stately old church the evening of the wedding they seemed like a garden come alive.

But when Mary Arden, on her father's arm walked down to meet her bridegroom, it seemed to the admiring throng of their friends that the sun must have burst out at evening, for the light in both their faces was beautiful to see.

Floss Fairlee was back from her trip to be there, and all the others of the old crowd, some of whom were bridesmaids and some were ushers, as Mrs. Arden insisted on having some of the men in Mary's group as well as some of Laurie's friends. And of course Laurie courteously agreed.

But Brooke Haven was not there. He had already started on a trip around the world. His name was not even mentioned except by a few whisperers at the wedding reception, and even the most scandal-loving among

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner

Nov. 26 (Sunday) — Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

Dec. 1 (Friday) — Beaver Church, Michigan.

Dec. 3 (Sunday) — Fourth Ave. Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich.

Dec. 4 (Monday) — Gladwin, Mich.

Rev. A. S. Felberg

Nov. 28-Dec. 10 — Parkersburg, Iowa.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist

Nov. 19-Dec. 17 — Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

them had to admit that Mary's new bridegroom was equally as desirable as Brooke had been, in looks at least.

The morning of the wedding Mary received a card in the mail which had been forwarded to her from the Arden address. It was announcing a new beauty parlor to be opened in a town twenty miles away from Arden, and its manager was one Sylva Granis. Mary read it and smiled a little twisted smile, and then put the card away to show to Laurie sometime. But it was months before she remembered it.

Of course, Mrs. Judson was at the wedding, looking sweetly patrician in a lovely beige dress that Laurie had insisted on taking her to New York to buy. Mrs. Arden looked her over with obvious anxiety and then received her with as obvious relaxation. All of which Mrs. Judson observed and smiled at, all the while rejoicing that her dear new daughter had been so marvelously preserved all her life from all that was superficial.

Mr. Arden received his daughter's new mother-in-law warmly and graciously just as Mary had known that he would.

Nannie and Orrin and Randa were invited to the wedding, at Mary's insistence, but they had decided to wait at home and prepare for the couple's return.

For Laurie and Mary had planned that after a short trip together they would go straight home to Arden and have open house, greeting all their friends there.

So it was that at last they drove into Arden and up the winding drive.

The house had had its redecorating all finished including Mrs. Judson's cosy apartment, and it seemed to be watching expectantly along with the three loving hearts — four, now — who were waiting eagerly for the return of the new master and mistress.

Laurie and Mary, their hands closely clasped as Laurie turned the last curve, saw the bright lights and glimpsed the dear faces at the windows.

"Oh, Laurie," cried the lovely bride, "it's like getting to Heaven, isn't it? With all of real life ahead of us!"

Laurie drew the car to a stop at the door and bent over and kissed her.

(THE END)

REVIEWING THE SUNSET YEARS OF LIFE

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"Baptist Commonwealth" an article written by Dr. Scarborough, secretary of the Texas State Convention, with the surprising title, "Crooked Sticks." As I remember it, the writer of this article referred to a statement made by one of the prophets in the Old Testament to the effect that God performs his miracles with "crooked sticks," meaning "inadequate tools." That state secretary, who was a highly endowed minister himself and had a wide acquaintance with ministers, made this application that even the most highly endowed ministers were but very inadequate agents or tools through whom the Lord Jesus Christ was performing his miracles. In fact, they were as inadequate as a Oriental plough using a crooked stick to tear up and prepare the harvest fields.

CROOKED STICKS

As often as I have read that article on "Crooked Sticks," it has been for me a gushing wellspring of comfort. Being convinced of my own imperfections and my lack of wisdom and experience in the service of the Lord Jesus Christ, I took refuge, when sitting under the juniper tree of discouragement, in the often substantiated truth that God was performing some of his miracles even through me, one of those "crooked sticks."

Almost invariably every night before sinking into sleep on my bed I breathe this prayer: "Lord Jesus, my Master, I bring the labors of this day to thee. Accept this my ministry; bless it and use it. Through thy mercy and grace purge it of all those imperfections that are not according to thy will."

As I am now nearing the end of my public ministry, I cannot do better than to breathe that same prayer including all that I have been permitted to do during these fifty-four years of my ministry as pastor and denominational secretary, and say in sincere humility: "Lord, my Master, I bring to thee my ministry of those many years and would, like Mary of Bethany, anoint thee with this ministry of love. Accept it and use it with thine own blessing. In sincere repentance for the many human weaknesses and imperfections clinging to this ministry of mine, I most sincerely pray thee to purge it and make it acceptable."

In order to show Abraham the innumerable posterity of which he was to be the father, God asked him to look into that Oriental starlit sky and to count the stars. There in that midnight hour under the starry firmament, God assured Abraham that his seed would be innumerable. Every time I sing the chorus of that inspiring hymn,

"Count your blessings, name them one by one;

EIGHTY-FIRST BIRTHDAY

Dr. William Kuhn will observe his 81st birthday on Dec. 9, 1950. Any of his many friends who would like to remember him and to cheer his heart can send him their greetings to Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. He is still at the office almost every day! His last article in the series to appear in the next issue will be entitled, "Working in the Diamond Fields of God's Truths." That is typical of Dr. Kuhn even as he approaches his 81st birthday! EDITOR.

Count your many blessings, see what god hath done,"

I am convinced that the blessings of God bestowed upon me during my long life of almost eighty-one years cannot be counted nor can they be named one by one. As there are certain stars that shine brighter than others in the firmament, so there are certain blessings bestowed during my life's span that stand out more prominently than others.

LIFE'S GREATEST BLESSINGS

I received one of the greatest blessings on that day when God came into my life. It was on that Friday night shortly before my eighteenth birthday, when by the grace of God and the help of the Holy Spirit I could exercise that saving faith. On that night the Lord Jesus Christ had a triumphal entry into my heart. Then I experienced that miracle of being born again and thereby became a member of God's family.

Actually long before that Friday night God had come into my life. In the council chamber of the Triune God before the foundations of the world were laid, God in his mercy and grace included me in his covenant of grace with the Lord Jesus Christ and wrote my name in the Lamb's Book of Life. From that council chamber streams of blessing have enriched my life in time and eternity.

It must be regarded as another of those signal blessings when in the depth of my own soul I heard the call of God to be his minister. Those five years from 1892 to 1897 spent at our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., with the instruction received in the classroom and the fellowship of lifelong friends can be included in the category of heaven's best blessings.

When God installed me as pastor of the Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., I received from him one of his choicest blessings. Those

years were filled to overflowing with the joy of service and the preparation for greater service.

In 1914 another of those unmerited blessings was conferred upon me. Then my ministry as denominational secretary began. As Field Secretary my field of labor widened. My influence was not restricted to the one local church but was extended to our continent-wide denomination. My fellowships and friendships were increased hundredfold, and my responsibilities grew apace. It was my great privilege to be general missionary secretary during the years of our denominational expansion. Establishing our mission work in Europe and particularly in the Danubian countries necessitated many trips across the ocean. Not only the denomination benefitted from these European trips, but I myself grew in mental and spiritual stature.

DENOMINATIONAL SECRETARY

My years of secretarial ministry have been spent with unbroken and increasing joy. As the years have multiplied, the Lord has again and again spoken and told me in the quiet of my own soul: "Thou art my own servant." He has crowned our labors in every department with the glory of success wrought by him through us.

It has been the source of constant delight to be one member in the leadership of a denomination which is being honored by receiving from the Lord himself new assignments of responsibility. In going forward, we are constantly asking, with the conviction of our utter dependence upon his leadership: "Lord, what wilt thou have us to do?"

Some time ago I received from one of our friends in Germany a hand-engraved card about three by seven inches in size with these words, "Herr, wie Du willst," which can be interpreted, "Lord, as Thou wilt." This card hangs before me as I sit at my desk day by day. It is a frank expression of my submission to the leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ. One day this card was not in its usual horizontal position, but it was tilted at an angle about forty-five degrees. Then that tilted card spoke to me and said: "Whenever you submit to the Lord's will hesitatingly or grudgingly, or when you act independently of the Lord's will, then your submission to the Lord's will is thrown out of balance."

Reviewing my life, I must confess that disturbances have too frequently occurred. Not only could that card be again brought into its normal horizontal position, but our disturbed submission can be corrected, as it is written: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Now that I have grown old and am about to observe my eighty-first birthday, I am constrained to acknowledge certain benefactions that God has bestowed upon me. Although I dare not follow Caleb of old and ask for the difficult task to rid the mountains of those giants, I have been privileged to spend these latter years of my life in active service. During the past ten or eleven years the denomination has graciously continued me in active service until only recently. The Lord has graciously given me health of mind and body enabling me to carry on.

These later years have been gladdened by the continuance of undying friendships made in former days. Everywhere my brethren in the churches show me every consideration, notwithstanding my bodily affliction of that shaking right hand that unsteady walk. My fellow-secretaries here at headquarters treat me as the elder brother with love and consideration. Although I am living in the sunset years of life, I can truly say that the sunset is gorgeously beautiful.

It is written: "The days of our years are three score and ten; and if by reason of strength there be four score years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away." There are many reminders that summons to return to the Father's House will reach me some day.

When I was sixty-six years old, I heard it ringing through my soul that I was still to live twenty years. If that was God's voice, then that summons from the Father's House would reach me in my 86th year. I can only say: "Lord, as thou wilt." Until he calls, I would be about his business. For in life or death I am happy and abiding in peace, because he says to me: "Fear not; for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine."

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

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salvation and acknowledges it as a real blessing from God can join in the words of Fanny Crosby:

"Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,

By the power of grace divine."

Anyone who will acknowledge the great price paid for his salvation by Jesus, our Redeemer, on the Cross of Calvary, and accepts the sacrificial gifts coming from God the Father, will gladly join with Frances R. Havergal in her words:

"Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love."

A thanksgiving acceptable to God is preceded by consecration. If a life is to be lived in gratitude to God, properly acknowledging all his benefits

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

YOUR OFFICERS MEET

A prayer for open minds, for the ability to see all sides of a problem, and for guidance and wisdom in making the right decisions, opened the annual Board meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union on Thursday, October 12. Throughout the sessions we felt that prayer being answered, as everyone took part in the discussions, often presenting different opinions, and as together we reached conclusions and decisions which we felt were for the good of all.

This was the first meeting of this corps of officers, who were elected at the General Conference in Sioux Falls in August 1949. It was a joy to become better acquainted with one another. Sitting around the table in the conference room at the Forest Park office, we tried to visualize the needs of women's groups in all parts of our General Conference area — from the remotest corners in the Northern Conference to the isolated churches in the Southwest. It is a great advantage during this triennium to have the officers of the Union from four different conferences. This makes it possible to bring together the different viewpoints, stemming from different needs in the various areas.

After a brief report from each of the officers present concerning her work during the past year, we turned our attention to the many items on the agenda. The "Broadcast" was discussed. Is it meeting a definite need? Is it being used by the societies so that it fulfills its major purpose, which is to furnish program material and information? Does its high cost

(of printing) warrant its continuance in its present form? We did not know all the answers to these questions. That is why we would like to have your opinion. Won't you drop the editor, Mrs. Frank Woyke, or the president a note, telling us to what extent you are using the paper in your society?

Some interest has been shown in a suggested "Woman's Day" — a day when women of several churches in a given area will meet to discuss informally a number of topics of mutual interest, to receive inspiration and information. Your officers decided to wait until next year to launch this new venture.

We bring, instead, this recommendation for the winter months. We suggest that every society invite a society from a neighboring church to be their guest at one of their regular meetings. In this way ideas may be exchanged, and a fine time of fellowship enjoyed. In the Dakota Conference some societies have tried this plan of exchanging invitations with other groups, and they are enthusiastic about it. We would urge all of you to try it — and please drop a card to the Union president telling her of the results.

Many other matters were discussed; even the General Conference of 1952 came up for consideration. It is a great privilege to work together, and always more profitable to meet than to do everything by correspondence. Though tired after a day and a half of thinking and planning, all the officers felt that it had been a worthwhile meeting. We trust that the weeks and months ahead will show some of the results of our work.

HILDEBRAND'S ARTICLE

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we have been put face to face with the need, but we also consider it a privilege to serve our denomination and mission field.

I am depending on you for support in mission gifts, in prayers and in letters while in Africa. We want to thank our many friends who have expressed good wishes and who have said that they will be praying for us. I am sure the Lord will bless you at home and us in the Cameroons as we work together for him. We hope that our going to Africa will help in that great harvest about which we hear so much, the harvest of souls for Christ.

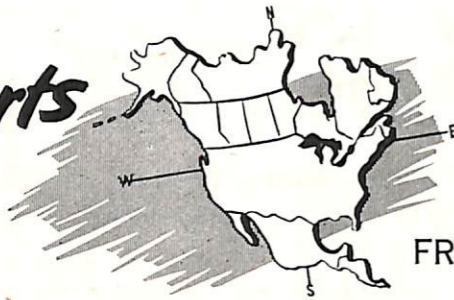
for continuous blessings received, it must be fully surrendered and completely dedicated to him. The prayer of the individual must daily be: "O, for a closer walk with God." His song must always be: "Make me a blessing; out of my life may Jesus shine."

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord." Let us do it in words, but also in every deed of life. Our Lord's vision for the needs of the world must become our vision. His heartaches for the suffering masses, his concern for the lost souls, must become our heartache and concern.

Let this be our daily prayer of thanksgiving to our heavenly Father:

"Oh use me, Lord, use even me,
Just where thou wilt, and when,
and where."

Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Northern Conference

Missionary Work and Vacation Bible School in the Peace River District of Alberta

With great joy and anticipation Mrs. Hoffman and I left Edmonton, Alberta, for the Peace River district to serve two months of mission work. We were privileged to hold two Vacation Bible Schools in DeBolt and Simmonette, respectively, with 16 pupils enrolled in each school. With the joy of the Lord we can report that we were privileged to lead seven souls to the Lord during that time. We also conducted revival meetings in the two areas with good response at Simmonette but not at DeBolt. We continued our house visitations and had a welcome in all the homes that we reached.

The two districts were about 17 miles apart. Sometimes we traveled by truck and sometimes by tractor and had to take the horse and wagon because of the muddy roads, traveling for over three hours in the night. We also had to cross the Simmonette River with the horse and wagon while doing visitation in the Simmonette district. In all things we give thanks to God for the lessons he taught us while serving him.

Robert Hoffman, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Wedding Ceremony and 62nd Wedding Anniversary at Philadelphia's Home for the Aged

One of the great days in life is our "wedding day" when two people consent to walk together in holy wedlock. For Mr. and Mrs. Justus Kase of our Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., that particular day was September 20, 1888, sixty-two years ago. Most of these 62 years were spent in Pittsburgh, Pa., where Mr. and Mrs. Kase were active members in the Temple Baptist Church, of which the Rev. L. B. Holzer is the Pastor. They shared the joys of life and Christian fellowship in church and home. They now are living in the Baptist Home for the Aged in Philadelphia.

The chapel of this Home was the scene of another happy occasion on September 23, when Lois Jahn and Fred Winkler were joined together in holy matrimony by the Rev. Walter Damrau. Mrs. John Crouthamel, wife

of the pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, rendered several vocal selections, while Mr. William Gatter served at the organ. The parents of the bride are in charge of the Home.

Thus, within a few days, the guests of the Home saw the beginning of a wedded life and the golden halo in the happy life of a couple who have lived together for 62 years.

Julius Kaaz, Reporter.



Mr. and Mrs. Justus Kase on their 62nd wedding anniversary (Sept. 20, 1950) at the Home for the Aged, Philadelphia, Pa. They are members of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Young People's Activities and Election of Officers at Second Church, New York City

The young people of the Second German Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., held their first meeting after the summer at the parsonage. Elections were held with the following results: Eddie Schairer, president; Richard Christeleit, treasurer; and Joan Egeler, secretary. Since John Storkel had been called to serve in the U. S. Army Forces, words of appreciation were spoken in his behalf. The Rev. John Schmidt quoted from Psalm 50:15, and wished him "God speed."

Lottie Faltin, Frieda Nicolai, Ellen

ATTENTION, REPORTERS!

All reports to be eligible for publication must be sent within one month after the event and should be limited, if possible, to 250 words.

No annual reports of church societies or reports of wedding anniversaries, except for golden wedding anniversaries, can be published.

Send all reports to the editor at Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

and Inge Schneider have left for Houghton College, Houghton, New York. We miss them at our church, but we know that God will bless them in their studies. Trudi Krinke is a student at the School of Nursing, Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Dan Nicolai is a student at Columbia University.

We are also rejoicing that one of our boys, Walter Burgard, accepted Christ as his personal Savior during the summer. We know that he will have joy and peace abundant as he walks with the Lord.

Joan Egeler, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Mission Festival and Women's Birthday Banquet at the Strassburg Church, Marion, Kan.

"The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing" (Psalm 65:13).

Sunday, Sept. 24, was a blessed day for the members and friends of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas, as we again gathered together to give thanks and praise to our wonderful and bountiful heavenly Father for all the blessings he bestowed upon us in the past year. We are happy to have the Marion and Durham churches meet with us in the all day services. We were very fortunate to have as our guest speaker the Rev. J. C. Gunst, who brought inspiring messages in the morning, afternoon and evening services.

The morning service opened with a short Sunday School program under the direction of our superintendent, Mr. Harvey Kruse. A flannelgraph was given by Mrs. Dave Weber, and lesson summary by the Rev. J. J. Kroeker of Marion. Special music was furnished by the Strassburg Junior Choir. The morning worship service was inspirational with the Strassburg choir rendering two special numbers and a short meditation given by the Rev. Henry Baerg of Durham. The morning message was given by the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill.

At the afternoon service special music was furnished by the Durham church and Strassburg quartet.

The evening service was a wonderful closing service for the already blessed day. A mass choir composed of the Marion, Durham and Strassburg choirs and under the direction of Mr. Roy Vogel sang two numbers, "Awake, Put on Thy Strength" and "Follow, I Will Follow Thee." More special music was rendered by the Marion choir, Strassburg ladies and the Strassburg male chorus. An evangelistic message was brought by Mr. Gunst which stirred the hearts of those who heard him. The church was filled to capacity for all three services.

The Lord richly answered our prayers in giving us a rich day of spiritual fellowship. The mission offerings amounted to \$629.14 for which our hearts rejoice in Christ.

A birthday banquet was enjoyed by the members of the Woman's Missionary Union and their daughters in the spacious dining room at the Strassburg Church on Friday evening, Sept. 1. The four seasons of the year, spring, summer, autumn and winter, were used in both program and decorations. The four tables representing the seasons were decorated according to some special holiday in the months and were very attractive.

Those who had a part in the program included: Mrs. Karl Seifert, toastmistress; Mrs. Roland Stenzel, Mrs. Martha Stenzel, Mrs. Clinton Socolofsky, Naomi Stenzel, Verla Bernhardt, Faith Seifert, Mrs. Harvey Kruse, Neva Stenzel, Mrs. Martin Vogel, Mrs. Don Dunn, Mrs. Charles Heiser, Mrs. Jake Stenzel, and Mrs. Virgil Weber. The banquet was closed with all standing and joining hands and singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Mrs. Dennis Seifert, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Vacation School, Missionary and Promotion Day Programs at the Bethany Church of Oregon

The Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Ore., was the scene of the Vacation Bible School from July 31 to August 11 for the four churches of the Bethany community. The schedule consisted of choruses, Bible study, flannelgraph stories, Scripture memorization, handwork and recreation. The total enrollment for the school was 182 with an average attendance of 139. Miss Lillian Medlin of the Cascade College in Portland was in charge.

The Beginners, directed by Mrs. Grace Jenne, studied the course on "Learning About Jesus." The Primary department, directed by Mrs. Hoerauf, studied the course on the 23rd Psalm, "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Mrs. Melba Schaar directed the Junior department with the course on "The Christian's Birth and Growth." The Rev. D. Hoerauf and the Rev. S. Rydeman directed the Intermediate department on the course, "God's Call."

On Friday evening, August 11, a program was given by the children of the Vacation Bible School. All departments had part in the program and all displayed exhibits, including their workbooks, handwork and memorization work.

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 12th, we were indeed very happy to have the Rev. Donald Ganstrom with us. He had a very inspiring and challenging message for us and showed pictures he had taken in the Cameroons. The offering, taken for the Cameroons, amounted to \$121.00.

Our Promotion Day program was given by the Sunday School on Sunday morning, Oct. 1. All classes were represented in the program up through the High School department. We truly are thankful for the work being carried on in our Sunday School.

Mrs. Evelyn Schaar, Reporter.



The Rev. A. Wetter (right), pastor of the Spring Valley Baptist Church of Canistota, S. Dak., and four converts whom he recently baptized.

Dakota Conference

Anamoose and Lincoln Valley Churches of North Dakota Welcome Rev. and Mrs. F. Fuchs

On Sunday evening, Oct. 1st, members and friends of the Anamoose and Lincoln Valley Churches of North Dakota, had the joy of welcoming their new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Frederick H. Fuchs.

Speakers on the program were Thomas Derman, who represented the church, Charles A. Rust for the Sunday School, Mrs. F. A. Wehr for the Ladies' Missionary Society, and Geraldene Suckert for the C.B.Y. For the Lincoln Valley Church Mr. R. Pfaff represented the church, Emil Wagner the Sunday School, and Mrs. Edward Frank the Woman's Missionary Society. Several of our neighboring churches had responded to our invitation and the Rev. John Kepl of the Martin Church also spoke words of welcome to his new neighbor.

The pastor's wife was then called upon, and she gave a very appreci-

ative talk as to the preparations which the ladies had made in getting the parsonage clean, and also for the pantry shower. Mr. Fuchs also beamed with satisfaction and told of their desire to work in the Lord's vineyard. In connection with this service we were all asked to go to the dining room where everyone had a chance to do his part enjoying the delicious refreshments.

May our pastor and the churches be truly blessed by the Lord! May our hearts be united for greater service!

Thomas Derman, Reporter.

Four New Members Received and Improvements at Spring Valley Church, South Dakota

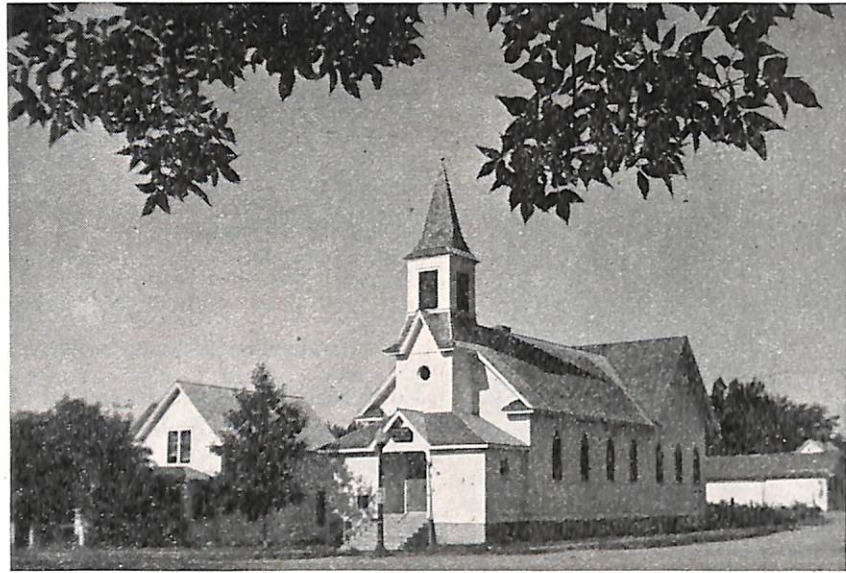
On Sunday evening, Sept. 3, a candlelight baptismal service was held at the Spring Valley Baptist Church of Canistota, S. Dak. The three candidates were the fruit of the special services that had been held at the Spring Valley Church under the direction of the Rev. Everett Vivian of Mitchell, S. Dak. The candidates were Jerry Oller, Rodney Kunkel and Mrs. Arnold Johnson. These converts were taken into the fellowship of the Spring Valley Church on September 10th along with Vernetta Buseman, who was ill at the previous communion service.

In September the exterior of the church was also painted. This was done with the help of the men of the church. The interior has also been much improved. The floor of the auditorium has been sanded and re-finished, Venetian blinds have replaced the shades on the windows, and the Woman's Missionary Society bought the picture, "Christ at the Door," by Sallman to help decorate the front of the church. The Woman's Society has also painted the hallway, basement stairs, young people's room and kitchen. What wonderful work can be done when church members work together for the honor and glory of God!

A. Wetter, Pastor.



The Vacation Bible School crowd at the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Oregon, representing four churches of the Bethany Community.



The beautiful Linton Baptist Church at Linton, North Dakota, with the parsonage built in 1913 at the left.

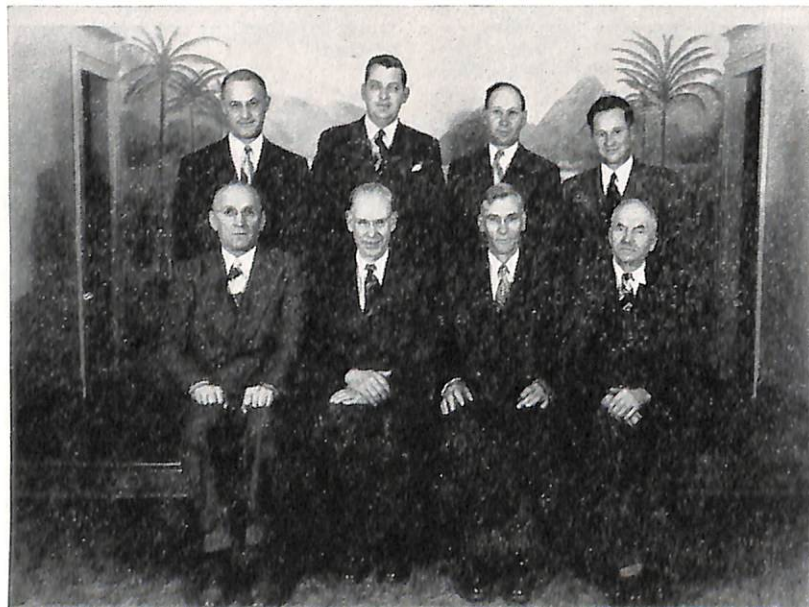
Highlights of the Golden Anniversary Celebrated by the Linton Baptist Church

Recently the Linton Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., celebrated its 50th golden anniversary. An anniversary dinner, to which the city was invited, served to strike the opening chords of blessing and thanksgiving to God for the many blessings of past years. October 5 to 8 were the dates of the Jubilee, and throughout these days the Lord showered heavenly blessings upon us.

Already in the opening service on Thursday night the audience was thrilled to see some of their former pastors bring words of greeting and powerful messages. The church had invited all former pastors, who are still living, to attend at church expense and seven of the nine former pastors and sons of the church in the

ministry responded. The Rev. R. Luchs of Tacoma, Wash., pastor from 1915 to 1922, was the first speaker and during the Jubilee days the Reverends Charles Wagner of Portland, Ore.; E. Bibelheimer of Tacoma, Wash.; A. Bibelheimer of Drake, N. Dak.; John Heer of Ingersoll, Okla.; F. Alf of Streeter, N. Dak., and H. J. Wilcke of Tacoma, Wash., brought heart-stirring messages.

Besides our guest speakers there were three individual choirs of the church ready to sing: the regular choir of about 32 voices, a ladies' choir of 15 voices, and a special Jubilee choir composed of those that had been members of the church for 25 years or more. This was by far the largest choir with at least 45 persons singing. Besides the service in song by the choirs, a male quartet and ladies' trio and vibraharp music helped to create the festive spirit.



Seven of the nine former pastors, still living spiritual sons, and the present minister, Rev. A. Huber, of the Linton Baptist Church of North Dakota who participated in the church's Golden Jubilee anniversary. Front row, left to right: F. Alf, Charles Wagner, E. Bibelheimer, R. Luchs. — Back row: John Heer, H. J. Wilcke, A. Bibelheimer, and A. Huber, incumbent pastor.

A play, "The Lord Hath Need of Thee," was presented by five of our ladies and with crowds of 600 and more attending, we experienced the heights of joy during this jubilee.

The Linton Baptist Church traces its beginnings back to Nov. 18, 1900, when in the home of Brother Jacob Kiemele, Sr., 18 charter members, under the direction of Rev. John Reichert, met to organize this church. Mr. Kiemele was elected deacon and treasurer and Mr. William Albrecht, church clerk. Early in 1901 Rev. John Reichert was called to be the pastor. The church was recognized as an affiliated organization of the German Baptist Conference on Sept. 9, 1901 by an authorized council. This church was called the Freudental Baptist Church until 1905 when the name was changed to the Linton Baptist Church.

Through the years, 16 pastors and one student served the church faithfully. Under their guidance the work expanded and the membership grew. It was a very difficult task to do justice to the work on five to seven stations, but by wise planning and sacrificial service much was accomplished. The names of the stations are the following: Freudental, Linton, Glueckstal, Sand Creek, Temvik, Hazelton, Braddock, Loeb, and Hederle.

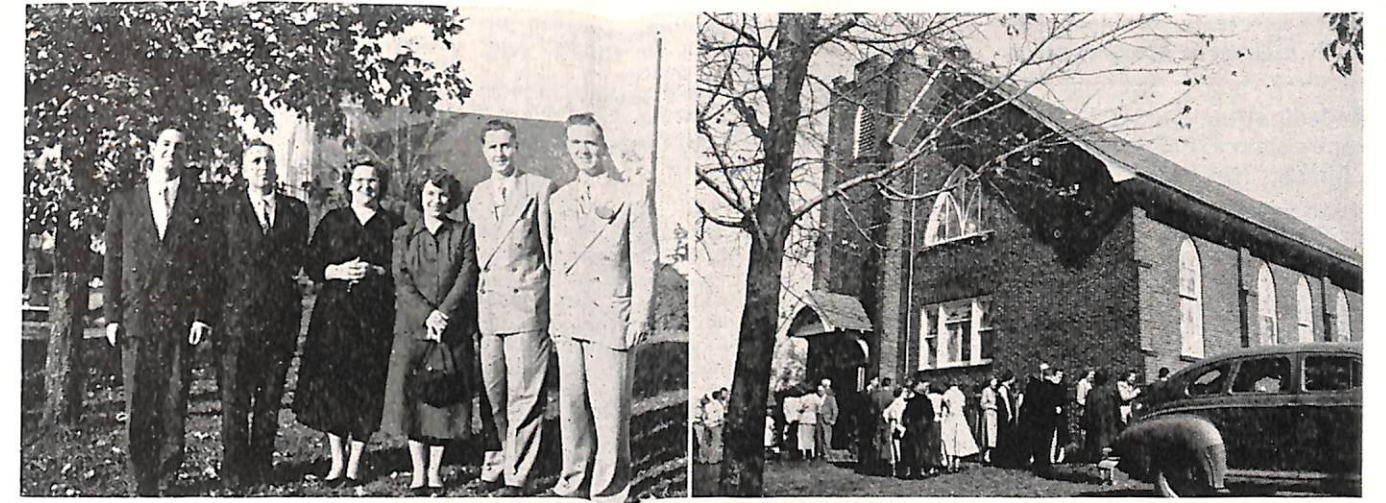
Already in the first year of the existence of the church a baptismal service could be held in Beaver Creek, and in succeeding years a total of at least 301 converts were baptized and affiliated with the church.

As the work grew and prospered, it was found necessary to build churches. During these 50 years five churches were built and one enlarged. The first building was erected at the Linton Station in 1913. A parsonage was purchased in the same year to accommodate the pastors. In 1916 a church was built in Freudental. Up to then services were held in the Hampton Schoolhouse. In 1918 Temvik station built a church and in 1924 Hazelton and Braddock built churches.

Already in 1916, a program of uniting some of the stations, was undertaken. In later years, due to the depression, which caused the exodus of so many families and the mechanizing of the farms, more stations were forced to close their doors and amalgamate with others so that at present there are only two stations: one at Linton with a membership of 131 and the other at Hazelton with a membership of 42.

The following have served the Linton Baptist Church as its pastors: John Reichert, 1901-1903; John Leber, 1906-1907; Student A. Orthner, Summer, 1907; Karl Roth, 1909-1910; Albert Hild, 1911-1912; A. R. Berndt, 1912-1915; R. Luchs, 1915-1921; Albert Itemann, 1922-1923; S. Grotza, 1924-1925; E. Bibelheimer, part of 1926; L. Eymann, 1926-1928; G. Eichler, 1928-1934; Frederick Alf, 1935-1938; Charles Wagner, 1939-1941; G. P. Schroeder, 1942-1944; H. J. Wilcke, 1944-1948; A. Huber, the present pastor, 1948—.

A. Huber, Pastor.



Newly elected and former officers of the Wisconsin Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union (left) as they met with many other Wisconsin young people at the pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., for their Fall Rally.

Northwestern Conference

Fall Rally of the Wisconsin C.B.Y. at the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound

It was a joy and privilege for our Wisconsin young people to meet in the newly redecorated Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., on October 7 and 8 for our Fall Rally. Our theme was, "Whose I Am and Whom I Serve."

Our rally began on Saturday afternoon and June Thomas of Milwaukee's Bethany Church led us in our devotions. The business meeting followed with our president, Bud Erbach, presiding. It was decided with much enthusiasm to adopt a \$500 project for the Banso Hospital for the coming year.

Our annual election was held and the new officers for the coming year are as follows: president, David Nasgowitz, Milwaukee's Temple Church; vice-president, Melvin Behr, Kenosha; secretary, Jean Schroeder, Watertown; treasurer, Pat Boyd, Pound; advisor, Rev. J. G. Benke, Watertown.

The evening service opened with devotions led by the North Freedom young people. The roll call was taken and each society responded with a chorus or Bible verse. A brief testimony period followed led by the Rev. Thomas Lutz of North Freedom. Our guest speaker for the evening was the Rev. Warren Thompson of Pound, Wis. He challenged young people to hear the Word of the Lord. After the meeting a time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed in the public school gymnasium and refreshments were served by the local society.

After a refreshing night's sleep, we assembled for Sunday School and church. The Rev. J. G. Benke of Watertown brought the morning message. He pointed out that we were working together for one great goal and that is to win souls for the Lord Jesus Christ. All meals were served in the church dining room and the chicken dinner enjoyed on Sunday will long be remembered by many.

We certainly appreciated the efforts of the cooks and waitresses of the Pound church.

Our Sunday afternoon service opened with devotions led by the Watertown society. Our newly elected officers were then installed in a very impressive service conducted by the Rev. Thomas Lutz. Our highlight of the rally was Dr. Martin L. Leuschner. He spoke to us on 2 Cor. 12:14, "For I seek not yours, but you." God wants all of us, our devotion, love, undivided loyalty and interest.

After the meeting we took a tour around the countryside. It was a beautiful afternoon and seeing the waterfalls and gorgeously colored trees of Wisconsin, we were again reminded of the handiwork of God.

The evening service began at 7:00 o'clock and the Manitowoc young people led in devotions. Dr. Leuschner brought the evening message on the important key that unlocks the mysteries of Christian life, namely "faith." He encouraged us to launch out in faith in greater things for Christ. A blessed time of spiritual inspiration and Christian fellowship prevailed throughout the entire rally.

Louise Erbach, Reporter.

Sessions of the Iowa Association at Burlington's Oak Street Baptist Church

Approximately 75 delegates and friends enjoyed the gracious hospitality of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, as it entertained the 114th session of the Iowa Association from Sept. 24 to 27. The messages and papers contributed by the Iowa pastors centered about the person and work of Jesus Christ, namely,

THINGS TO REMEMBER

"The church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men." —E. M. Bounds.

"My eager desire and hope being that I may never feel ashamed, but that now as ever I may do honor to Christ in my own person by fearless courage." Phil. 1:20 (Moffatt).

"Jesus, the Redeemer," "Jesus Praying," "Jesus, the Great Sufferer," "Jesus, the Great Teacher," "Jesus, the Judge," "Jesus, the Interpreter of God," "Jesus, the Son of God," "Jesus and the Holy Spirit." There was an abundance of spiritual food spread before us.

One of the highlights of the conference was the exposition of First John by Dr. Wm. Adams, president of Central Baptist Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas. His teaching ministry thrilled the audience, as he profoundly and yet simply unfolded the three-fold purpose of the letter and then proceeded to reveal the tests as to how we may know the validity of our Christian profession.

The Rev. H. Lohr of Parkersburg, Iowa, presided over the sessions with dexterity, while the Rev. J. J. Renz of George, Iowa, the convention clerk, performed in his usual efficient manner.

The evening meetings were presided over by the Rev. Philip Lauer, a member of the Burlington church, who also cared for the many details attendant upon such a conference. The music rendered by the Oak Street Church was much appreciated, as were the delicious meals which the local women served.

On Wednesday afternoon, a women's meeting was held with Mrs. Anthony Luiken of Steamboat Rock presiding. The Rev. and Mrs. Asaph Tobert, missionaries to Nigeria in Africa, brought short messages and presented a playlet which vividly portrayed the difficulties that the missionaries face in trying to bring the Africans to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Mrs. Harry Luiken assisted in the playlet.

Three special numbers were given, an organ and piano duet by the Burlington ladies, a ladies' trio from Aplington, and a solo by the Rev. Merle Booth of Baileyville, Ill. Following the program, a short business session was held and the following officers were elected; president, Mrs. Anthony Luiken of Steamboat Rock; vice-president, Mrs. Dale Chaddock of Victor; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Folkert DeVries of Aplington. Howard Johnson, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Rededication Service and 91st Anniversary Program for Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario

Sunday, Oct. 1st, was a happy day for the members of the Neustadt Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ontario, for on that date members of the church held their 91st anniversary and rededication services.

The church sanctuary, the school hall, the vestry and the choir room have all been painted a delicate shade of light green with the inset of the windows a much darker shade of green. The natural wood ceiling and the woodwork have been thoroughly cleaned and varnished and inlaid linoleum of a harmonizing color laid in the sanctuary, the school hall, the vestry and the vestibule besides a stained glass memorial window installed in memory of one of the highly respected families of the church. A new heating and air conditioning system with an oil furnace and forced air has also been installed.

The special guest speaker at the morning service was Dean H. S. Stewart of the members of the theological faculty of McMaster University. He is the son of the late Dean J. W. A. Stewart of Rochester-Colgate and grandson of the Rev. A. Stewart who baptized the first twelve persons who with fourteen others formed the charter membership of the church when it was organized in 1859. The Rev. G. A. McLean, the minister, spoke at the evening service. Dr. Stewart gave a very challenging message on the subject, "The Faith for Our Living."

The renovation project was made possible by the sacrificial gifts of the membership and, as is frequently the case, a wave of spiritual blessing resulted and the minister had the joy recently of baptizing six converts.

Reuben Hahn, Clerk.

Southern Conference

Recent Events of Interest at the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas

We at the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, have been greatly blessed in recent months. We wish to mention a few of the outstanding events. In June we held two glorious weeks of Vacation Bible School under the supervision of Mrs. Charles Marsteller, Jr. Our enrollment was 105 with an average attendance of 78 and the record attendance of 91.

The Woman's Missionary Union observed its annual "Summer Christmas Tree" on August 17th at Doye's Camp on the Bosque River. Two boxes of toys and White Cross articles were sent to our missionaries in the Cameroons. The Union recently presented a rocking chair to the Nursery while the Homebuilders Sunday School Class presented a crib and Venetian blinds.

A Sound System for the convenience of the mothers with babies has

been installed. Mothers now can sit with their babies in the Nursery and hear the worship services.

Our first baptismal service in our new church took place on Sunday evening, Sept. 24th. This service made a deep impression on all who witnessed it.

A very successful Sunday School Clinic for our teachers and officers was held on Sept. 25, 26, 28, and Oct. 2 and 3 with an enrollment of 45. Competent teachers were secured who taught topics such as: "The Why of a Sunday School and Its Place in the Church," "Qualifications and Duties of the Sunday School Teacher," "Methods of Keeping the Class Active and Responsive," "Methods of Teaching," "Preparation of the Lesson," "How to Increase Class Participation," "Cooperation of Parents," "Some Do's and Don't's in Teaching," "Methods of Maintaining Class Spirit," and "Increasing Attendance."

On Sunday, Oct. 1st, our Sunday School observed its Harvest and Mission Festival. The platform was beautifully decorated with a great variety of grain, flowers, fruits and vegetables. The program under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Marsteller, Jr. was well presented. It consisted of musical numbers, recitations, a playlet, and a chemical demonstration. An offering was brought and laid on the altar for missionary purposes.

Our evangelistic meetings were held from Nov. 1 to 12. The evangelist was the Rev. Fred Ferris of Lorraine, Kansas.

Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz, Reporter.

Central Conference

"Sunday School Week" Observed at the Forest Park Baptist Church of Illinois

The days of Sept. 1 through 24 were busy and important for both the teachers and pupils of the Forest Park Baptist Sunday School of Forest Park, Illinois. Special planning and much hard work resulted in a week filled with activities which did much to acquaint the parents and friends of the Sunday School pupils with the work of our Sunday School and what it is trying to accomplish for the child.

On Sunday, Sept. 17th, special emphasis was given to the work of the teachers and officers. The Rev. J. Burton Mark of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary was the guest speaker at the morning worship service. He spoke on "The Task of Christian Education."

The evening service was designated as "Teachers' and Officers' Night." The departmental superintendents presented the workers in each department and spoke briefly concerning the activities within the department and their aim for the child enrolled therein. Those superintendents giving reports were Mrs. Roland E. Ross, Cradle Roll; Miss Dorothy Grupp, Nursery; Miss Martha Remus, Beginners; Mrs. Hollis W. Barber, Primary; Miss Irma L. Grieger, Junior and In-

termediate; and Mr. Theodore W. Leber, Adult. At the conclusion of the service, all Sunday School workers for 1950-1951 gathered at the front of the auditorium while Mr. F. A. Grosser led in a dedicatory prayer.

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 19th, the church provided a fellowship dinner for all Sunday School workers in honor of their faithfulness and loyalty. Thirty-eight members were present to enjoy the delicious chicken dinner prepared and served by several women of the church. The tables were beautifully decorated with garden flowers and individual favors depicting a miniature banner on which were listed the ten points for achievement under the Sunday School Standard. Speaking as chairman of the Church Board, Mr. Carl H. Jenkins spoke briefly on the importance of the Sunday School in relation to the work of the church.

A copy of the Williams translation of the New Testament was presented to Mr. F. A. Grosser, retiring general superintendent, in recognition of his many and faithful years of service to our Sunday School. Mr. Grosser was elected to the office of general superintendent of the Sunday School in the year 1915 and, with the exception of about eleven years, has continued faithfully in that capacity. The consistent Christian testimony of the life of Mr. Grosser has been a wonderful influence for good on the children.

The Rev. J. C. Gunst was present at this fellowship dinner to present to the Forest Park Sunday School the Sunday School Standard of the Sunday School Union of the North American Baptist General Conference.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 20th, the Sunday School was in charge of the mid-week prayer service. Several teachers and pupils gave testimonies on the subject, "What Sunday School Means to Me." A male quartet provided special music.

On Sunday, Sept. 24th, Promotion and Rally Day was observed in our Sunday School. As is the usual custom, bright shiny red apples were given to all scholars. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner brought the message at the morning service, speaking on the subject, "Eyewitnesses of God's Miracles." The Sunday evening service was designated as "Sunday School Night." Pupils and teachers of each department sat together in reserved places. Recognition was given to perfect classes attending the service and also to those completing the memory work. The six-point record pins were awarded to pupils who earned them. The Rev. Frank H. Woyke brought the evening message, "Learning By Doing."

We are thankful to our heavenly Father for the exceptionally fine group of devoted Christian teachers and workers in our Sunday School who serve so faithfully Sunday after Sunday and who also spend much time during the week in preparatory work.

The Forest Park Sunday School has an enrollment of about 300 pupils. Mr. Harold B. Johns is the general superintendent-elect.

Ethel Grupp, Secretary.

BIG HORN INDIANS

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Montana Reservation to the Big Horn Reserve. Just when the party with Mr. Neuman was to come, the roads became impassable. After many days, the time was at hand to have services with the Indians. On June 10, 1950 Miss Bernice Kern, Mr. an Mrs. Hoffman, and Mr. Neuman came to Nord-egg.

Joe met the workers. Two days before the workers arrived the Indian had spread the word of their coming. Mrs. Norman Abraham and Miss Mary Abraham sewed a tent and set it up just outside the house where the meetings were to be held near the Saskatchewan River under the lofty mountains. The house and tent were for the party to use as they saw fit.

Sunday came, bright and calm. God was there! The people came and all sang. What a service! There were about sixty people present. In the morning Mr. Hoffman brought the message and in the afternoon Miss Bernice Kern, Mrs. Hoffman, and Mr. Neuman ministered to the children.

During the afternoon service twenty-four Indians came to the front to give themselves to Christ. It made one wonder if they understood their decision, but Joe does feel that at long last the seed that had been sown in the open air under the Lookout Mountain by Brother Benke on May 21, 1948 at the Nordegg camping ground had borne fruit. These Indians were now hungry for the Word of God.

Joe Rabbit has written a letter about that visit and its accompanying blessings. "As I write I also listen to a little girl tell her grandmother, 'Do you know that a white girl told us that Jesus died for us? Yes, I saw the picture of his hands; they had great big nails in them. I know that Jesus died for me. You should have been there, grandma. Do you know, grandma, a lot of people cried when the white man spoke about Jesus. Why did these women cry?' The answer that grandma gave was, 'They must have been close to God! God was talking to them.'

"Little do you, Brother Neuman and your party, know of the wonderful way God led you and did through you but it can be seen. This is the first time in the history of the Indians on the Big Horn Reserve that a Gospel meeting was held here. Thanks be to God and thanks to you, Brother Neuman, and the party who were out with us!"

Jesus never fails! But the vital question remains: WILL YOU, DEAR READER, FAIL US? Pray for these Indians at the Big Horn Reserve in Nordegg, Alberta. As an old Indian said to the party, "Please, come back and feed us, not with earthly food, but come and feed us with the Gospel Light."

Obituary

(A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries, except for those of our pastors and their wives. If possible, limit the obituary notices to 250 words. Send them to the Editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.)

MRS. KATHRINE REIMER of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Kathrine Reimer of Cleveland, Ohio, was born July 18, 1892 in Franz-Josetsfeld, Austria, and there reared in the faith of the Evangelical Church. She immigrated to America at the age of 21, taking residence in Cleveland, Ohio. Here she was baptized by Rev. David Hamel and joined the White Avenue Baptist Church. Three years later she was married to Mr. Oscar Reimer. Two sons were born to them, Edmund and Arthur. Preceded in death by her son, Edmund, and her husband, Mrs. Reimer was suddenly called home on September 5, 1950. She is survived by her son, Arthur; two brothers and a sister in Germany; and two brothers, Joseph and Alouis Lieb, in Cleveland. Mrs. Reimer will long be remembered for her sweetness of spirit and gentleness.

White Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Pastor.

MRS. MATHILDA SCHAMBACHER of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Mathilda Schambacher of Cleveland, Ohio, was born in West Prussen April 22, 1859. She was reared in the Baptist faith and came to a personal experience with her Savior and Lord in her girlhood and through baptism was joined to the local Baptist church. At 21 years of age she was joined in marriage to Mr. William Saffron who died accidentally shortly afterwards. Our sister then came to Cleveland, Ohio. Here she gave birth to a baby girl. About nine years later she was married to Mr. John Schambacher, who was another baby girl was born to this union. Mr. Schambacher died in 1934. Death came to Mrs. Schambacher on October 3, 1950. She is survived by her two daughters: Mrs. Ida Heide and Mrs. Henrietta Peters; six grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. After arriving in America Mrs. Schambacher joined the former Shaker Square Baptist Church where she remained a faithful member till it disbanded, and then she joined the White Ave. Baptist Church.

White Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Pastor.

MR. OTTO CARL MINKS of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. Otto Carl Minks of Minneapolis, Minn., was born in Ringewalde, Germany, on May 19, 1870 and died on October 1, 1950 as a result of cancer. He had attained the age of 80 years and 4 months. He came to America in 1893 and settled near St. Peter, Minn., where he resided for three years. In 1896 he moved to Princeton, Minn., from which occupation he retired in 1915 and moved to Minneapolis where he resided until his death.

On Dec. 15, 1896 he was married to Mary Anna Presler. Three children were born to this union: one son, Otto, who preceded his father in death in 1944; two daughters, his father in law, Mrs. Minnie Woyke, and Mrs. Flora H. Woyke of Fairbault. The Mrs. Gertrude L. Witte of Fairbault. The Mrs. Gertrude was converted and baptized by the Rev. August Boelter on Nov. 7, 1909, and joined the First German Baptist Church of Minneapolis, of which he remained a faithful member until the Lord called him to be with him in glory. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, three brothers, nine grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, as well as by a host of relatives and friends.

Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

LEWIS B. BERNDT, Pastor.

MRS. FREDERICK JESSER of Washburn, North Dakota.

Mrs. Frederick Jesser, former Elizabeth Brenneise, of Washburn, N. Dak., was born in Lichtenfeld, Russia, on August 22, 1870, and died on October 5, 1950 in the Bismarck Hospital. On March 31, 1891 she was married to Mr. Frederick Jesser. In 1894 she was converted and baptized and joined the Baptist Church, to which she remained faithful unto her death. In 1901 she immigrated with her family into the United States. First they lived in Scotland, S. Dak. In 1902 they moved to a homestead south of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., and four years later to a farm near Underwood, N. Dak. There they farmed until 1939, when her husband retired and they moved to Washburn, N. Dak., where she lived the rest of her life.

In her marriage she was blessed with fourteen children. Three of her daughters died before her. She is mourned by her husband; nine sons: Fred, Underwood; Jacob and Bennie, Washburn; John, Wapota, Wash.; Henry, Turtle Lake; Emil, Bismarck; Harold, Big Stone City, S. Dak.; Ernest, Mott; Alvin, Bozeman, Mont.; two daughters: Mrs. Philipp Bitterman (Elvina) of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. John Radke (Freda) of Dallas, Ore.; by 41 grandchildren, and 32 great-grandchildren; also two brothers: Jacob Brenneise of Washburn and George of Bismarck; three sisters: Mrs. Jacob Arit of Bismarck; Mrs. Louis Spitzer of Wilton, and Mrs. Reinhold Hornbucker of Harvey.

The funeral service was held on Sunday, October 8th, with the main service in the High School auditorium. Many people, relatives and friends, gathered to give the last honor to our beloved sister. Her body was buried in the Washburn Baptist Cemetery. The services in the home, in the school auditorium, and at the cemetery were conducted by the Rev. E. Broeckel of Bismarck and the local pastor. Our beloved sister reached a high age. She was blessed with a great number of 113 descendants. She served the Lord Jesus faithfully.

Washburn, North Dakota

PAUL GALAMBOS, Pastor.

MRS. AUGUSTA MUELLER of Gatesville, Texas.

Mrs. Augusta Mueller of Gatesville, Texas, was born in Gotha, Germany, on Nov. 11, 1872. When she was 16 years of age, she was converted, accepting the Lord as her personal Savior, was baptized and became a member of the Baptist Church in Kassel, Germany. In 1892 she came to America with her older brother and his family, and made her home in Kyle, Texas, where she joined the Emmanuel Baptist Church.

In 1893 she was married to Mr. Carl Mueller, and made their home near Kyle until they moved to Coryell County in 1907. Eleven children were born to them. Two children died in infancy, and two sons preceded her in death: Alfred in 1932 and Arthur in 1944. Mr. and Mrs. Mueller were married 47 years when her husband preceded her in death in 1940. Since that time Mrs. Mueller had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Gus A. Koch in Gatesville.

Two sisters, Mrs. Antonie Schaub and Mrs. Marie Schaub of Gatesville, and a brother, Mr. Edmund Lengefeld of Chicago, Ill., are still living. Seven children are also living: Mary (Mrs. Martin Schoenewolf) and Paul and Eric of Gatesville; Emma of Dallas; Clara (Mrs. Herbert Schnieder) of Waco; Sophie (Mrs. Gus Kock) of Gatesville; and Elizabeth of New York, N. Y. There are 23 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Mueller had been enjoying fairly good health following an operation about a year ago. Then quite suddenly, after a brief illness, she sweetly and quietly passed on to be with the Lord on Sunday morning, Oct. 1, 1950. She was 77 years and 11 months of age.

She will long be remembered for her love and devotion to the Lord, and for her kindness and patience to everyone. She was very faithful in service and in prayer and she enjoyed Christian fellowship. We shall greatly miss her cheerful smile and words of encouragement.

Bethel Heights Baptist Church, Gatesville, Texas

KENNETH E. NELSON, Pastor.



BOOK REVIEWS

- "The Jew and Palestine in Prophecy" by Dr. M. R. DeHaan — Zondervan Publishing House — 103 pages — \$2.00.

These 23 messages were first given over the coast-to-coast broadcasts of the famous Radio Bible Class conducted by Dr. DeHaan of Grand Rapids, Mich. In this important volume, the author presents some of the prophetic visions and figures of Ezekiel to demonstrate the harmony of God's Prophetic Word and the certainty of the fulfillment of all prophecy. He clearly shows Israel's past blessing in the land, its present tragic dispersion and its future glorious restoration. He helps the reader clearly to distinguish law and grace, Israel and the Church, the Kingdom and the Body of Christ in the light of God's revealed truths. It is a volume that is bound to be spiritually refreshing as well as intellectually stimulating to the reader.

- "The Book of Genesis" by Dr. Charles R. Erdman — Fleming H. Revell Co. — 124 pages — \$1.50.

In this small but significant volume, Dr. Erdman, professor emeritus of practical theology of Princeton Theological Seminary, sets forth the teachings of the Book of Genesis in terms of its seven immortal characters: Adam,

Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. These symbolize seven aspects of the life of man in his relation to God and as redeemed by grace.

For the author Genesis forms the first chapter in the history of redemption, which is the substance of the entire Bible. In Genesis are revealed the beginnings of life, of sin, of apostasy, of punishment, of atonement, of worship, of prophecy and of salvation. Because of the author's logical analysis, this exposition is "significant, enlightening, historic, prophetic and throws new light on the origin, character and destiny of men."

- "A Study of the Prophet Micah" by Copass and Carlson — Baker Book House — 169 pages — \$2.00.

It is no far cry from the chaotic conditions of Micah's day to the confusion of our century. That is the conviction of these two professors of Southwestern Baptist Seminary at Ft. Worth, Texas, who have prepared this volume as a textbook for use in a survey course in the Old Testament. It is also inspirational reading for any student of God's Word who wants to hear God's warning, hope and promise for our bewildered world.

The book opens with a thorough study of Old Testament prophecy. The authors then turn to a study of the

history, laws and conditions which serve as a necessary background to the understanding of Micah's prophecy. Next the spotlight is turned on Micah, the prophet and teacher to apostate Israel. The balance of the book is devoted to a thoroughgoing analysis and practical exposition of the prophecy of Micah as it has come down to us in the book of the Bible.

- "Robert G. Lee, a Chosen Vessel" by E. Schuyler English — Zondervan Publishing House — 447 pages — \$3.50.

Dr. Robert G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn., president of the Southern Baptist Convention, evangelical speaker at all kinds of occasions throughout America, and one of the most beloved and popular ministers of our day is the subject of this fascinating biography that every Baptist ought to read. The mantle of the late Dr. George W. Truett has quietly fallen upon the shoulders of Dr. Lee. Baptist preacher from humble and obscure beginnings to the eminent position he now occupies will stir your heart.

The book brings Dr. Lee intimately into your front parlor as you share his struggles and problems with him, as you see the little things that influenced him and the secret of his spiritual power. His world famous sermon, "Pay Dirt — Some Day," is included in full as one of the chapters. At the close of this rich volume with all of its thrilling glimpses into the life of Dr. Lee, one is led to exclaim: "What a great and wonderful Christ this preacher has!" This book deserves a host of eager readers!

Publication Campaign News

❖ New Member Subscriptions. Several months before our campaign opened, the Rev. John Herr of Cherokee, Okla., reported an arrangement whereby new members were given complimentary subscriptions to the Baptist Herald. We understand that other churches also have done this in the past. However, since the beginning of our campaign, quite a number of churches have reported they are endeavoring to give all new members a subscription to the Baptist Herald. This is a far sighted policy which will bear good fruit.

❖ New Subscribers — Many of our pastors and agents have reported special efforts to gain new subscribers

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❖ A New Record — The Napoleon Baptist Church, Napoleon, North Dakota — Rev. Theodore Frey, pastor, and Mr. Fred Pfeifel, agent — broke all records by having their complete subscription lists for the year 1951 in Cleveland by Oct. 27th. Congratulations!!! It is so helpful to have the lists in Cleveland as early as possible.

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