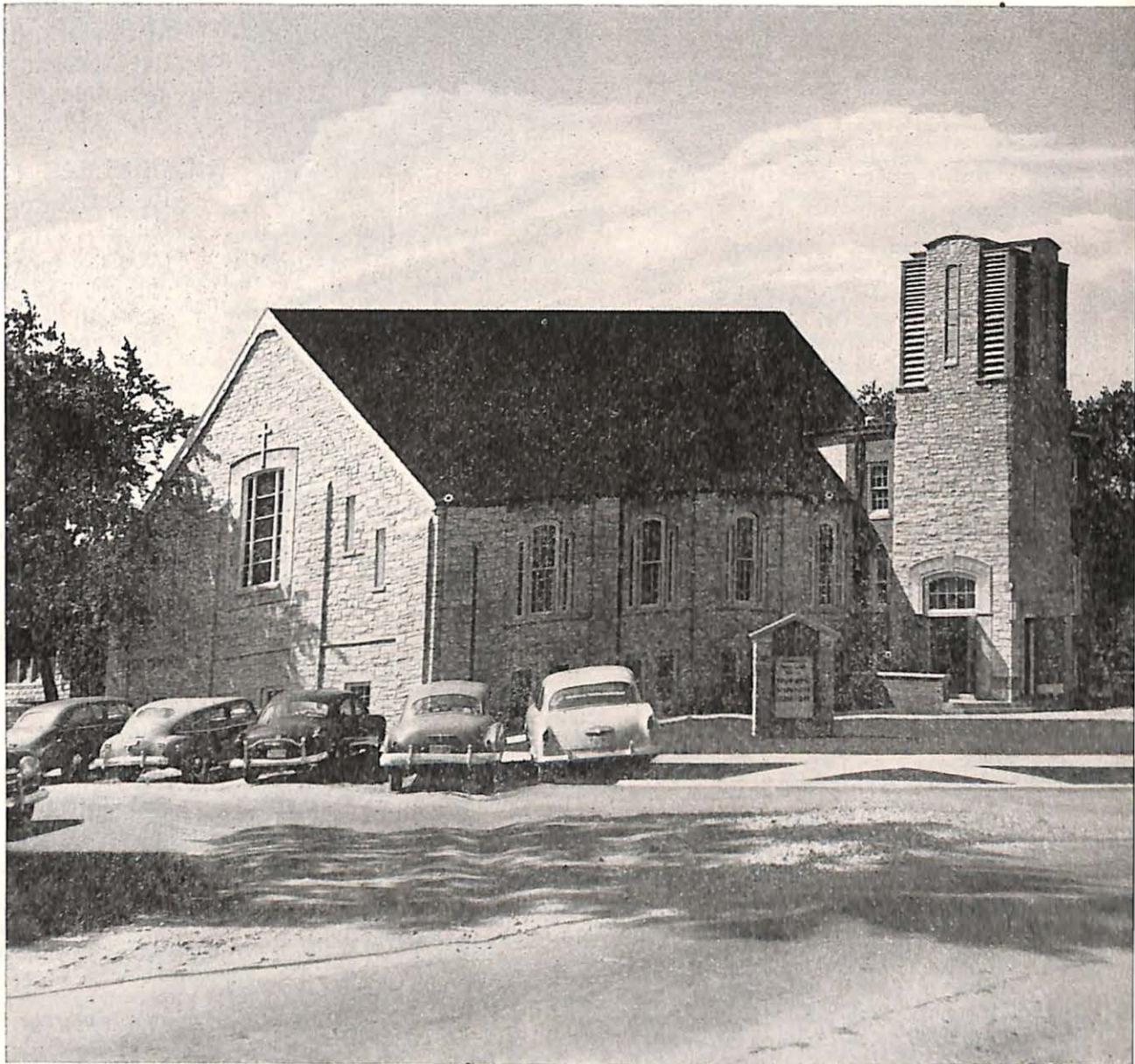


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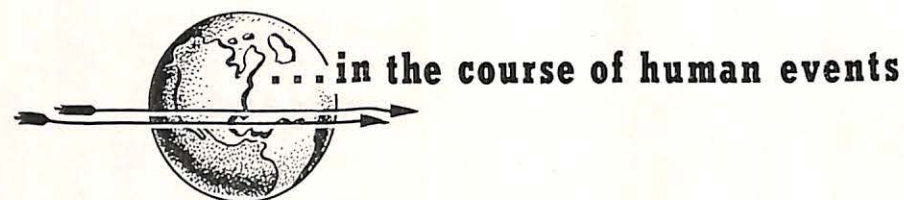


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**Why I Preach
the Calvinistic Theology**

Dr. William Kuhn
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...in the course of human events

● America's expenditure on alcoholic beverages exceeds its total expenditure for education by \$1,975,621,000, according to a report released by the Board of Temperance of The Methodist Church. The total expenditure for all education in 1949 was listed by the board as \$6,574,379,000. During this same period, the total estimated expenditure for alcoholic beverages was \$8,550,000,000 according to Department of Commerce statistics cited by the board. A break down of educational expenditures released by the board follows: For public elementary and secondary schools: \$4,311,176,000. For private elementary and secondary schools: \$530,021,000. Four colleges, universities, and other institutions of higher learning, both public and private: \$1,697,965,000.



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—From the leaflet, THE RELIEF MINISTRY, describing the worldwide ministry of relief of North American Baptist Churches from 1945-1950 in 24 colorful pages. Ask your pastor for a copy of this leaflet.

● Christian ministers in the Israeli section of Jerusalem have filed protest with authorities and their own consulates over what they charge is an interference with their right of free speech and worship. For several weeks they had been planning a monthly religious radio broadcast. They secured clearance from the local radio station and announced in the press that the initial broadcast, in Hebrew, English and Arabic, would be made. At the hour set, however, the announcer reported that due to "technical difficulties" the religious program could not be presented, and a program of sacred music was substituted. Subsequently, it was learned that the "technical difficulties" involved last-minute censorship. Government authorities had decided to forbid Christian ministers to read the Scriptures to an Israeli radio audience in Hebrew, the national language.

● The former Queen of the Netherlands (simply known since her retirement in favor of her daughter as Princess Wilhelmina) has given testimony to her faith in a volume with the English title, "Christ, the Great Unknown." It is published by the William B. Eerdmans Publishing Co. of Detroit, Mich. In a preface the royal author says that sympathy for her fellow men prompted her to this work. She goes on to say: "It is a very real sympathy which prompted me to take up my pen in obedience to and in love for Christ, inspired by faith in Christ and by the experience of a living communion with Christ through many, many years. Behind all the world events a tremendous and almost unprecedented struggle of a

spiritual nature is taking place, which involves an alarming destruction of spiritual values and results in a gliding off into the abyss where evil powers have free play."

● A 78-year-old woman has completed 75 years of perfect Sunday School attendance at the Westside Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pa. She is Miss Jennie Culbertson Powers, and her church thinks this may be an unequalled record. "I have built my life around the church," she told interviewers and friends. "I have three homes — a heavenly home, an earthly home, and Westside Church. I have been quite happy in two and I know I will be the same in the third." Miss Powers began walking to Sunday School when she was 3½ years old, and she still walks the several blocks except in bad weather, when friends stop by for her. As a saleswoman and a secretary, she took vacations, but she always managed to return for Sunday morning classes, which she taught for some years. The influenza epidemic of World War I closed the Sunday School for four weeks, but Miss Powers went to the church and read a chapter of the Bible each Sunday, and the secretary marked her present.

—Watchman-Examiner.

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Editorial

Gifts That Put God to the Test

IT IS A FREQUENT OCCURRENCE in the Christian life that God puts our faith to the test like that of gold which is "tried with fire" (1 Peter 1:7). It is also true that our gifts, which are laid upon God's altar, put God to the test. That may sound strange, but it is frequently confirmed in the Scriptures. It is a truth which needs to be emphasized prior to our denominational observance of Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week from November 19 to 26.

A daring faith which symbolizes an all-out trust in God is often the open door to a great bounty of God's blessings. Those who hazard their lives and give with spiritual abandonment are ultimately the recipients of God's greatest rewards. Like the rich young ruler, you cannot argue or reason about this thing. You have to try it and do it! This has been the experience of great hosts of Christians who have dared to become tithers in their stewardship. By taking the first step in their giving to God, even though it may have seemed a recklessly venturesome step for some, they have put God's promises to a decisive test.

This is God's Word in Malachi 3:10. "Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Lords, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." All of this is contingent upon our bringing all the tithes into the storehouse. It might be a strange but surprisingly joyous experience for all of us to take God at his Word and put this challenge to a test!

We also put God to the test with our praise and worship expressed in our thanksgiving gifts. Not only does the Lord love a cheerful giver, but he measures out to us his spiritual blessings as we show our capacity to receive them through the spirit of praise and thanksgiving. Gratitude is a spiritual attunement with God. As this spirit of thanksgiving is expressed in the overflow of gifts and service toward others, God can fill the heart with more of his choicest blessings and bountiful goodness. This is an unflinching principle of the Christian life.

Do we dare to put God to the test at this thanksgiving season? It will be costly to us in human terms, but the best things of life are never secured without paying a price. There is really no gamble about this, since God's promises are eternally true. But it will mean that we shall be completely ready to bring the tithe into God's storehouse (even though the sum might seem terribly large) and to lay a real sacrifice at Jesus' feet (a sacrifice measured in terms of Christ's love to us).

Then the overflow of thanksgiving in our hearts for all the harvests of God's blessings will be strangely changed into a new vision of heaven's windows opened above us and of God's best gifts of peace and joy bestowed freely upon us. There is so much to gain if only we might dare to put God to the test with this adventure in thanksgiving.

There is no better time to try this than during the days of November 19 to 26 during our denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week. Such gifts laid by you upon God's altar will then be the greatest investment you have ever made in your life!

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Blessings and Responsibilities

A challenge to all North American Baptists for the observance of Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week from November 19 to 26, 1950

By DR. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary

Baptists need to count our blessings and to survey our opportunities and responsibilities. As we look back over the years since the end of the war, we clearly see what God has done for us and what he has helped us to do.

What are some of the things which have been accomplished? Let us name a few.

1. *Local Church Progress.* With very few exceptions, our local churches have been able to carry on their normal activities. Many have not only been able to hold their own, but have taken great strides forward. About twenty churches have erected new houses of worship and many others have made extensive improvements.
2. *The Relocation of our Seminary.* After many years of debate, our Seminary has finally been relocated in the Middle West. The entire removal program, costing about \$400,000.00 has been accomplished without incurring any indebtedness whatsoever.
3. *Missionary Expansion.* At the end of the war, we were faced with the challenge of taking over the entire Baptist missionary work in the Cameroons. Our people gave their means and young people gave their lives. The number of missionaries has grown six to twenty-five, and God has blessed our mission with thousands of new converts.
4. *Our Relief Ministry.* The post-war years have also been characterized by our great relief ministry. Many carloads of foodstuffs and clothing and tens of thousands of parcels have gone to relieve the hunger and suffering of people in distressed areas of the world.
5. *Enlarged Christian Training Institute Facilities.* A new building erected at a cost of nearly \$100,000 provides more adequate facilities for the splendid education of our Christian Training Institute program in Edmonton, Alberta.

OPEN DOORS BEFORE US

Surely, these are great blessings given by God. But God has given us much because he expects much of us. As we view our responsibilities for the future, we see many open doors before us.

1. *Evangelism in Our Churches.* While it is true that many churches have

new houses of worship, this only points to enlarged responsibilities. There are many thousands who do not know Christ as Savior who depend on us to bring the Gospel to them. New church buildings are fine, but they must be followed by intensified evangelistic zeal.

2. *Adequate Provision for Co-operating Societies.* The leaders of all our co-operating societies have been carrying on their work under the handicap of insufficient funds. We need to provide more adequately for their enlarged ministry.
3. *Opportunities in the Cameroons.* Our Cameroons missionaries continue to plead for more help. The field is ripe unto harvest and more missionaries are needed. The response to the medical ministry has been phenomenal, with more than six hundred patients seeking treatment every month. An expansion of the educational program is urgently recommended.
4. *Our Indian Mission.* God has opened the Indian reserves of Alberta to us. At the last annual meetings, plans for an expanded program had to be postponed because the funds were not available. Let us pray that door will remain open for us.
5. *New Mission Fields?* Other missionary fields are open, if only we were able to send the missionaries. One talented and consecrated young couple are pleading to be sent to Japan in the near future.
6. *Immigration Aid.* We have carried on a great relief work since the end of the war. Many refugees have been saved from starvation. But they are still refugees and in need of resettlement.

OUR RESPONSE

Shall we enter these open doors of evangelistic and missionary service? We can do so only if thanksgiving is accompanied by sacrifice.

Many of us have undoubtedly already sacrificed and will continue to do so. But what of many others? The total contributions of our people, for both local expense and missions, in recent years has been nearly \$2,000,000.00 per year. What would they have been if all of us tithed? By estimating that our membership of 40,000 consists

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—Sketch by Harmon

The bowl filled to overflowing with the fruits of the field and the lighted candles represent the blessings and responsibilities of life, respectively

IN GOD'S economy, blessings and responsibilities always go together.

This truth applies to the life of the individual Christian. Our Lord called attention to it when he spoke of the man who entrusted talents in varying amounts to his servants. With the talents came the responsibility to put them to work. Christians receive the blessings of God in various ways. Some may be especially endowed with the ability to speak or write or sing. Some may be entrusted with unusual opportunities for leadership in the church. Others may rise to wealth and position in the economic life of the community. Whatever form the blessing may take, the Christian should always accept the responsibility that goes with it. If he accepts the blessings and refuses the responsibility, he is guilty of both ingratitude and disobedience. Eventually he will lose the blessings also.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

Blessings and responsibilities go together for churches and denominations too. Many a church has passed out of existence because it was not willing to use its strength in witnessing at home and giving for the larger missionary work.

As we again approach the Thanksgiving season, we as North American

The Christian Spirit of Thanksgiving

We thank God for his goodness. We are expressing it in prayers and testimonies. May it also be said that we are expressing it in our gifts!

By DR. GEORGE A. LANG of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, the Moderator of the General Conference

WHAT a spirit of victory and spiritual strength the Apostle Paul evidences when he states in Philippians 4:6, "Never be anxious but always make your requests known to God in prayer and supplication with thanksgiving." He was not having pleasant experiences, humanly speaking, at the time. He did not have the freedom of movement which he would have wanted to enjoy, and yet he rejoiced in every token of blessing from God and the people.

EVIDENCES OF GOD'S GRACE

In the first chapter of the same letter he writes, "I thank my God for all your remembrance of me." He reminds them in the fourth chapter how they gave him a financial gift when he was in need. He is thankful for this evidence of God's grace in the life of his Christian friends and he encourages this spirit of giving and thanksgiving as a spiritual accomplishment and as the result of spiritual growth.

It is so easy to slip into the habit of complaining and of expecting more in return for our efforts and labor than what we ourselves are willing to give. When this attitude overpowers our thinking and our planning, then we are apt to find difficulty in recognizing anything for which we would be thankful. We are then tempted to withhold gifts, which rightly belong to God. What we have seems to be so important that we struggle to protect

it so as not to permit it to get out of our grasp. Then peace of mind is at a premium, and anxiety and care fill our hearts and our thoughts.

The apostle is not seeking to teach careless distribution of the hard earned money which we have received, nor is he encouraging lack of thoughtful planning for our life and work. He is stating the fundamental principle that to enjoy our possessions and our life the most, we must share that which is ours with others. This sharing should not be the result of compulsion but rather should grow out of our willing spirit to share.

We begin then to rejoice with those who are made happy with that which we have given. Our hearts are filled with thankfulness because we had the possessions which we were able to give others and the Lord. Without this sharing and giving, there is no real thanksgiving. And the sharing on our part is accompanied by the spirit of thanksgiving because we have been privileged to have had that which we could give.

This is also true of us as a denomination. The Lord has richly blessed us as a people. Surely, we have many, many reasons for which to be thankful at this Thanksgiving season. We have a large number of churches in our fellowship with splendid pastors, leaders and members. We have churches and individuals who are doing home mission work in cities, country and desolate places, among

Americans, Germans, Spanish-Americans, Indians and others. We have a corps of efficient and consecrated missionaries in the Cameroons, who are suffering deprivations in order to bring the Gospel of redemption in Christ Jesus to the lost Africans.

DENOMINATIONAL BLESSINGS

We have a Bible School and a Theological Seminary where splendid, talented young men and women are being trained by spiritual and devoted teachers for specific Christian service as pastors, missionaries, Sunday School teachers, church leaders, etc. We have an ever expanding young people's and Sunday School work, which is being carried on most effectively by well trained and spiritually energized leaders. We have a women's work and now a laymen's organization which reach into the homes of our communities with Christian literature, influence and spiritual knowledge. We have been successful in our building projects.

For all of these phases of the Lord's work we give our heartiest thanks. We trust that every day every North American Baptist returns thanks to God for these blessings in general and for many among them specifically. This thanksgiving, however, needs to be supported with our financial gifts. It is for this support that the Lord has blessed the members of the churches

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In the inner court of the North American Baptist Seminary buildings at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., one can see the beautiful windows and spacious areas planned for the dining hall (left) and for the memorial library (right)

Why I Preach the Calvinistic Theology

More than any other minister in our circles, the author has been classified as a Calvinist. This personal statement as to his Calvinistic theology will be revealing to many readers

By **DR. WILLIAM KUHN**
of Forest Park, Illinois

AFTER having preached uninterruptedly during seventeen years twice every Sunday besides every midweek service, it would be a natural conclusion that the members of the Second Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa., would have been able to express an intelligent judgment concerning my preaching. In my capacity as general missionary secretary and otherwise I have been preaching among our churches on special occasions since the year 1914. Many of those who have heard me have formed an opinion more or less correct concerning my preaching. Many among this large group and particularly our pastors, after hearing me preach, have classified me as a Calvinist.

At this point, therefore, it would seem to be in order to give a very brief description of Calvinistic theology. We are aware that to describe Calvinism adequately would require a large volume. For our purpose the following conceptions are important. According to Calvin's theology, God by his own sovereign will in the council chamber of the triune God before the foundations of this world were laid foreordained and predestinated those men and women from among the countless members of our human family who should be saved and who should together constitute the triumphant Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE BOOK OF LIFE

These predestinated ones were then included in the covenant of grace made with the Lord Jesus Christ, and their names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Only those whose names were found written in the Lamb's Book of Life could be included among the saved. The final security of



Dr. William Kuhn in 1938 while on a tour of the Danubian countries of southeastern Europe with a winsome smile that is so characteristic of him

those predestinated ones was included in their foreordination.

It was only while I was a student in Rochester, New York, that I became acquainted with Calvinism. In the classes of Professor J. S. Gubelmann on theology I became only superficially acquainted with the theological conceptions of John Calvin, and as far as I can remember, I left Rochester inclined toward the acceptance of Calvinism.

As pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Philadelphia, I would occasionally preach on predestination or some truth very closely related. After preaching such a sermon, almost without fail some member of my church would come to me and express in all kindness his or her disagreement with the Calvinistic views that I had preached. As my sermon had not been preached in a controversial spirit, this criticism, if it can be so called, was accepted without argument on my part.

One day I was in private conversation with one of my laymen friends, and quite unintentionally we were led to discuss my Calvinistic views. My friend, who disagreed with me, almost violently exclaimed: "But Brother Kuhn, how did you ever get that way?" Calmly I replied: "I know certain preachers with whom I could never even think of comparing myself, who preached this Calvinistic doctrine." Thereupon my friend said: "Name them."

My reply was: "First, the Lord Jesus Christ himself; then the Apostle Paul; and then also among many others, that prince of preachers, Charles Haddon Spurgeon." Although I did not convince my layman friend at that time, when I heard him years later in a public address I felt that the light of Calvinism had found a place in his

thinking and that he was looking in the right direction.

The security of the saints which is one of the tenets of Calvinism is positively rejected by many Christian people. At a conference in the Dakotas I was preaching on 1st Peter, chapter 1, verses 3, 4 and 5. This entire passage refers to the heirs of God and their heritage. In verse 4 the security of the heritage is asserted in these words: "To an inheritance . . . that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." Then in verse 5 the security of the heirs themselves is expressed: "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."

SECURITY OF THE SAINTS

In that connection I used the following illustration: One morning I saw a mother walking along the street with her four year old daughter. The mother held out her finger and the little girl twined her little fingers around the mother's finger. That was a beautiful sight, but it was not a picture of our security as heirs of God. We do not hold God's finger with our feeble hand, but he holds us with his almighty right hand.

Only recently I was conversing with a woman whose husband had heard the summons from the Father's House. Before he died, she repeated again and again with emphasis: "Pop, hold fast to Jesus Christ." I had the privilege of telling her that Jesus Christ holds fast to us, for we "are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation." At that Dakota conference it was a new experience for me to see so many pastors come to me to discuss with me my statement concerning the security of the saints.

While studying the New Testament during the earlier years of my ministry

I was given a spiritual illumination concerning the doctrines of Calvinism. Many specific passages from the New Testament could be cited, but the following will suffice. In 1 Peter 1:2 we have the spiritual biography of every saint of God: "Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied."

In Ephesians 1, verses 4 and 5, we read of the blessings of the saints of God in Christ: "According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

In Romans 8:29-30 we read this unmistakable statement: "For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first-born among many brethren. Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified; and whom he justified, them he also glorified." The foregoing quotations are but a few out of a multitude of others, all supporting my acceptance of the Calvinistic theology.

A PRECIOUS TRUTH

In certain circles the pregnant statement, "once in grace, always in grace," is often heard, sometimes spoken approvingly and sometimes with derision. Sometimes this precious truth of the security of the saints can be abused like many other Gospel truths. It surely does not mean that any one confessing to be in God's grace can live in sin and still be in God's grace. Such a one deceives himself, and in Christ's Day he will be told: "I never knew you!"

In that wonderful chapter of the Good Shepherd and his sheep, the Lord says in John 10:27-30: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one." No one reading and believing this explicit statement of the Lord Jesus Christ himself can have any doubt about the eternal security of the saints.

In discussing this with one of our pastors he said: "No one can pluck a saint out of God's hand but that saint himself." That statement seemed to me to be so unreasonable that it demands no word to refute it. As for

SEMINARY OPENING, SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA

The North American Baptist Seminary opened its fall semester on Tuesday, September 18, on the campus of Sioux Falls College, as was the case last year. On Friday night, Sept. 22, the opening convocation was held in Sioux Falls College Chapel which was well attended by friends of the Seminary, faculty and student body. After fitting musical numbers, presentation of new faculty members and students, Prof. Reuben P. Jeschke brought the address of the evening on the theme, "The Church and Its Challenge of Today."

Fifty-three students have enrolled this year — thirty-five of whom are in the Seminary proper. The others are listed as pre-theological students. The entering group of twenty-two new students come from various backgrounds. The American Baptist Convention, the General Baptist Conference, and the Mennonite Brethren are represented in this class with the large number from our North American Baptist Conference. With the coming of Dr. Ralph E. Powell and Rev. Herbert Hiller, the faculty has returned to its full strength of five full-time professors.

me, I glory in the teaching of the security of the saints by the purpose and the power of God and not by the futile efforts of the feeble saints.

In the "Sunday School Times" I read the review of a book entitled, "The Reformed Doctrine of Predestination" by Loraine Boettner. At that time I was interested in studying Calvin's theology, so I ordered the book. This is a volume of 431 pages. Without delay I started reading it and found it a most complete treatise of Calvinism supported by the Holy Scriptures. All the usual arguments against Calvinism are also presented and dispassionately discussed. After having read the book twice, I have become a stronger Calvinist than ever before but never a hyper-Calvinist.

There are many devout Christians who, when reading the New Testament, do not find these conceptions known as Calvinism but in many respects quite different conceptions known as Arminianism. This theological conception emphasizes more strongly the responsibility and the freedom of choice on the part of every individual. No honest reader of the New Testament would deny that these truths are also explicitly expressed in the New Testament.

In our thinking Calvinism and Arminianism do not seem to run parallel with each other but they clash with each other, and the acceptance of one conception of truth necessitates the rejection of the other. But that conflict only takes place in our finite minds but not in God's plan. As the planets when they revolve in their prescribed orbits in the universe do not collide with each other, so do true conceptions of God's truth as revealed in the Holy Scripture neither actually conflict. What we do not understand, we can yet believe.

Although personally I have accepted and preach the Calvinistic theology, there are many questions to which I have not found a satisfactory answer. Although I can not understand the scriptural revelation of God as a triune deity, I can still believe it.

Doubtless there are today and always have been such Christians who because of their acceptance of Calvinism have been anti-missionary. They lull themselves into inactivity by saying that if the predestinated ones will surely be saved, then why should they do anything about it. God will bring it to pass in his own time. Standing before an audience of 100 or 1000 or 10,000 persons, no one can distinguish those predestinated from those not predestinated. The predestinated ones have no mark upon them. They will only be saved through the ministry and the testimony and the preaching of the Word of God by the saved ones. There is no other way. God uses his disciples, his church to bring salvation to the unsaved. He has no other means. We would shirk our God-given mission if we would join the ranks of the anti-missionary Christians.

THE MINISTRY OF GOD'S WORD

I have heard of some Calvinistic Christians who openly boasted that they were God's favorites. Whoever we may be, we should remember that God has arranged his plan of salvation: "That no flesh should glory in his presence. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

Judging from my observations and my conversations with our pastors, I am inclined to believe that the majority of pastors do not share my convictions in regard to Calvinistic theology. With such pastors I have no controversy. We all are ready to admit that there is such a thing as objective truth. Now if Calvinism should not be in accord with God's objective truth, then, of course, I would be in error.

Happily, our salvation does not depend upon our being either a Calvinist or an Arminian. There is only one Name under heaven given unto men by which they can be saved, and that is neither Calvinism nor Arminianism, but the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son.



The Mission Range of the Rockies and the broad valley nearby which are very similar to the Sangre de Cristo Range at the southern end of the Rockies and the adjoining San Luis Valley of Colorado

Multitudes in the Valley of Decision

Experiences of two young women conducting Vacation Bible Schools among the Spanish-Americans of the San Luis Valley of Colorado

By the MISSES RAMONA and JANET SCHACHT of Lorraine, Kansas, Students at Wheaton College

"MULTITUDES, multitudes in the valley of decision..." This is Holy Year for the Catholics and they are doubling their efforts to strengthen their church. Everywhere the people are turning to the emptiness of Catholicism. Even in the San Luis Valley of Colorado among the Spanish-American people we found this to be true. This past summer as we worked under the Youth Service Plan in the Valley teaching Vacation Bible Schools, we found that homes and hearts which were open before have recently been closed to the Word. There has been a great fear put into hearts of people by the priests. Even some of the children were afraid to recognize us on the streets.

MANY QUESTIONS

Before each school much visitation was necessary to let everyone know about the Bible School we were holding. One sure question was, "What church do you represent?" We had to assure them that the school was for children to tell them of Jesus Christ and his love for them. Another question was, "How much will it cost?" The children have to pay to go to the Catholic schools and, although it is a small amount, it seems large in the eyes of these people who live in poverty.

It was during visitation that we learned more of the home life of these Spanish-Americans and in this way we could understand the children

better. Most of them have not gone regularly to school, so we had to be careful that the material we used was written within their understanding. Flannelgraph stories were favorites, and we found that they listened well to them. One of our problems was discipline. The children know little of what it means to obey and sometimes some rather amusing incidents happened while we tried to keep order.

The Spanish-American children are not altogether clean but they are very affectionate and most of them are quite lovable. When they found out where our trailer was parked, they would come to visit us. Since most of them got up at five or six o'clock in the morning, they would be at Bible School at eight or eight-thirty, although it didn't start until nine, waiting for us to come and play baseball or some game with them before the school started. They used a rubber ball for a baseball and a limb off a tree served quite well as a bat.

BIBLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Our Bible Schools were conducted much like an American school with opening exercises first where all the children met together. They repeated the pledge to the Bible and then a Bible verse that we used each morning. We taught them new choruses and played special numbers for them. Then the group was divided into two classes for their lessons and handwork.

The children could hardly wait for the handwork period. The things they

made were new and wonderful to them. Each piece of handwork had a Bible verse or message on it so that the Gospel would be taken into the homes. It was necessary to have a recess for the youngest class and before it was over there would be any number of Spanish people sitting on their doorsteps or standing along the street watching these children playing these new games.

The children love to sing, especially choruses with motions or a catchy tune. Some of their favorites were "Behold, Behold," "I Have the Joy, Joy, Joy," and "All the Children of the World." Everything but a few choruses was in English. The Rev. C. L. Young would repeat some announcements in Spanish so that all the children would understand, for these children must learn English in the public school.

THE GOSPEL SEED

Some of the pupils had an extra hard time pronouncing English words. One small boy continually said "liver" in the verse, "God loves a cheerful giver." The books of the New Testament were hard, too, but learning them helped the girls and boys to find the memory verses. For perfect attendance they received a New Testament which was not beautifully bound but which meant a lot to these who have so little.

This was the second year that a Bible School has been held in Del (Continued on Page 22)

Glimpses of a Trip to Germany

Adventures of the pastor of the Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., in returning to Germany for a reunion with his loved ones after 27 years of separation

By the REV. W. W. KNAUF of Elk Grove, California

IT WAS the afternoon of July 2nd, when I bade farewell to my family and friends at the depot in Sacramento, Calif., to board the train for Chicago and New York. From there my journey was to be continued by plane. But since I had more than twenty-four hours until flight-time, I had occasion to see a few points of interest and to make a few contacts in New York City.

One of these contacts was made by telephone with the Rev. A. Husmann. He informed me in the course of our conversation that the brethren from Germany, who were here to attend the Baptist World Congress were leaving for Philadelphia from the Pennsylvania Depot. I happened to be at that depot at the time and to my great joy I met all of them there. Mr. Eberhard Schroeder, who had many greetings for me from Kassel, returned many greetings with me.

FLIGHT ABOVE THE CLOUDS

At 4 P.M. on July 6, I boarded a Constellation Flagship of the American Oversea Airlines which was to take me to Frankfurt, Germany. This being my first trip to fly above the clouds, I was thrilled to see the wonderful handiwork of God in this altitude. The wonderful cloud formations which I was privileged to behold staggered my imagination.

Successful landings were made in

Boston, Mass.; Gander, Newfoundland; Shannon, Ireland; and finally in Frankfurt, Germany. In Shannon, Ireland, we had a stopover of more than an hour and there we were treated to our first European meal. The food was very good, except for the thin milk for our coffee, served in place of cream. I found out later that they were right in style and that the milk always has a diluted appearance in Europe.

At 4 P.M. Frankfurt time, about one and one half hours late, the plane was landed safely, in spite of a heavy thunder and rain storm. The rain, however, stopped in time to cause no interference with the welcome I was to receive from my waiting relatives. The joy of this happy reunion with my loved ones after twenty-seven years of separation, cannot be readily described. To see my 71 year old father, my two brothers and my only sister after that length of time was a singular experience.

In my brother's auto, I was taken through the beautiful countryside, over super highways to Kassel where I was to spend the greater part of my time while in Germany. The many well-constructed roads and highways impress one who has known the road conditions of former years.

Mixed emotions filled my heart when I beheld the destruction of Germany. O yes, the forests and the hills and the valleys are still beautiful! Even there,

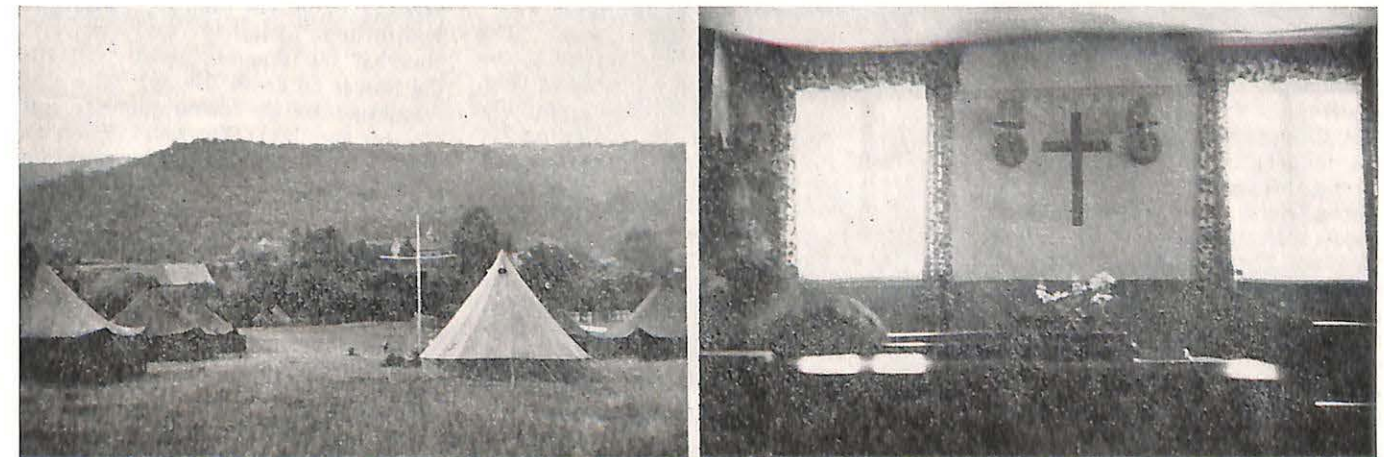
where tall buildings once barred the eye from seeing beyond the work of man, one can now see the hills and the trees of the surrounding countryside.

But "the cities are lying waste." Gloomy ruins have replaced once stately structures and, instead of thriving business places, one finds uninviting shacks. However, the heavy building program now in progress is slowly succeeding to erase the signs of terrible destruction. The buildings of the Baptist Publication Society in Kassel shared the same fate of destruction. All that is left since the blasting of a few walls that survived the bombing is the chimney.

DESTRUCTION OF GERMANY

The church in Kassel, known for several years under the name, "Evangelische Freikirchen-Gemeinde (Baptisten)" seemed to have had the special protection of God. With the buildings on either side of the church demolished and in spite of the destruction brought against the Henschel works across the street of the church, the church building stands intact, having suffered only slight damage through incendiary bombs. Villages and cities as Heidelberg suffered little or no damage at all, and the ancient beauty of Heidelberg is well preserved.

Since my coming had been announced, it was already arranged that I was to speak at the Sunday morning (Continued on Page 24)



Baptist young people's camp in Hessia near Kassel, Germany, (left), visited by the Rev. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove, California, last summer, and the Baptist Church in Wendershausen, (right), which was once a cow stable and is now a station of the Kassel Baptist Church, in which Mr. Knauf preached

Dedication of Foster Avenue Church

The story of the dedication of the \$120,000 edifice of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., of which the Rev. Robert Schreiber is pastor

By MRS. LOUISE ZOCH of Chicago, Illinois, the Church Clerk

THE DREAM has become a reality! Our hopes have found fulfillment! The new house of worship for the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois, has been erected and dedicated to the service of our God. September 20th to 24th were wonderfully blessed days which will never be forgotten by the many who came from far and near to attend these dedication services.

On Wednesday the activities began. It was "Church Family Night" and the theme was "Praise." There was

with their pastors and representatives bringing greetings and good wishes. Members of the Forest Park Male Chorus and our Christian Fellowship Club Chorus brought two numbers in German; Mr. Walter Lautenbach of Judson Baptist Church sang a solo, and Mr. Kurt Kaiser rendered a piano selection. The speaker of the evening was Dr. Thorwald Bender, professor of theology at Northern Baptist Seminary, son of the late missionary Carl J. Bender and formerly a member of our Gross Park Immanuel Church.

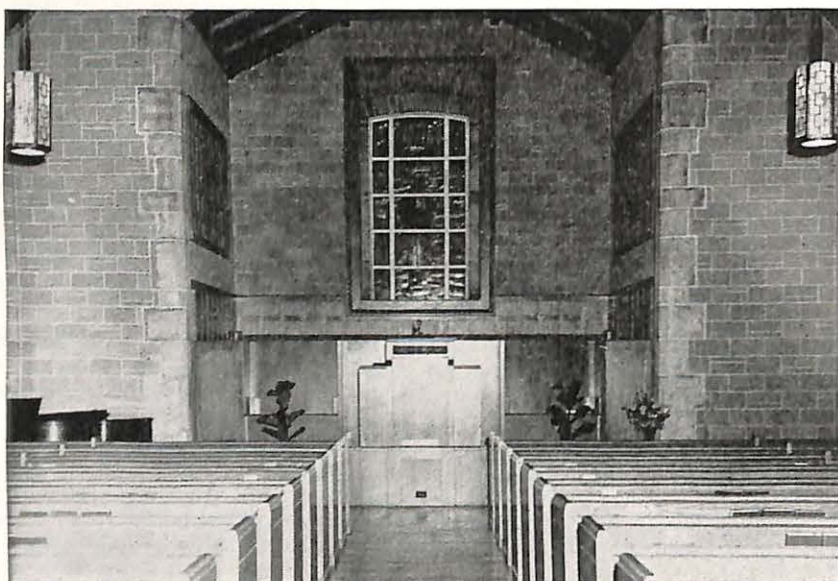
"Youth Launches out for Christ." The speaker of the evening was the Rev. W. S. Sommerschild, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Elmhurst, Ill. Commissioned Baptist Youth representatives brought greetings as follows: Miss Martha Leypoldt, assistant editor of "Youth Compass," Mr. Ed. Wolf for the Chicagoland C. B. Y.; and Mr. Paul Wisner from our own Foster Avenue C. B. Y. Special music was rendered by Miss Hazel Johnson, violinist; our Christian Girls Reserve Chorus; Mr. Kurt Kaiser, pianist; and a male quartet. The beautifully decorated room, good food and charming waitresses of the Christian Girls Reserve also contributed to the enjoyment of this event.

SUNDAY'S PROGRAM

On Sunday we had the privilege of having our denominational leaders as guest speakers. In the German worship service Dr. Wm. Kuhn brought the message in his usual heart-warming manner. In the English worship service at 11:00 A.M. the Rev. Frank Woyke spoke on, "God's Call"; stirring his audience with the earnestness of his message. Our male chorus sang at both services. The ladies trio, consisting of Mrs. Betty Orth, Mrs. Alice Schreiber and Mrs. Beatrice Pankratz, could not have chosen a more fitting song than Brahms', "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place," for with the sunlight streaming through the beautiful picture window, the hearts of all present could only say: "Amen!"

The Dedication Service was set for 3:00 P.M., but the people started arriving long before that hour, filling the auditorium. Mighty and powerful sounded the opening song, "All Hail the Power Of Jesus' Name." The choir continued in the same manner with "Praise the Lord Eternal." Then the keys of the church were presented with Mr. Swanson, our architect, presenting them to Mr. Edward Meister, chairman of the Building Committee, who then spoke of the joy it had given him to have a part in the planning and erection of this House of God. As Mr. Meister handed the keys to our pastor, he expressed the hope that with them not only the church edifice would be opened, but also the hearts of the people of this community. In accepting the keys, Pastor Schreiber remarked that as with them we open the door of this church, hoping to lead many

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—Photo by Herman Siemund

The impressive and worshipful sanctuary of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, with the beautiful stained glass window above the choir loft showing the Christ with his open arms of invitation, "Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden."

enthusiastic and eager response when opportunity was given to express our feelings, for our hearts were filled with gratitude to God. Both the German and English languages were used, for old and young participated. Our choir rendered a German anthem, "Lobe den Herrn," and Mrs. Alice Schreiber a vocal solo, "Praise Be to Thee" by Handel. The message by our pastor, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, was entitled, "Bless the Lord." A season of prayer followed and with the singing of the grand hymn, "Now Thank We All Our God," the first service was concluded.

Thursday was "Sister Churches and Homecoming Night" with the theme, "Christian Unity." It was good to see the members of our other Chicago churches assemble to share our joy,

Dr. Bender's message was, "The Greatest Thing In The Church" — the fellowship among the children of God.

On Friday we observed "Community Night" with the theme, "Building for Christ in the Community." The church was crowded with friends from the neighborhood, and greetings were brought from neighborhood churches. Our choir and C. F. C. Chorus again rendered special music. The message by our pastor, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, was entitled, "Why Are We Here." It was a clear and ringing testimony of our convictions and aspirations. After the closing song, motion pictures of the construction of our church were shown, followed by refreshments and fellowship.

On Saturday a "Youth Night Banquet" was held centered on the theme,



THE STARS

The stars shine over the earth,
The stars shine over the sea,
The stars look up at a mighty God,
The stars look down on me.

The stars will live a million years —
A million years and a day —
But God and I will live and love
When the stars have passed away.

WATCHMAN-EXAMINER

"Before us, even as behind God is,
and all is well." —WHITTIER

AS I GROW OLD

God keep my heart attuned to laughter
When youth is done;
When all the days are gray days,
coming after
The warmth, the sun.
Ah, keep me then from bitterness,
from grieving,
When life seems cold;
God keeps me always loving and
believing
As I grow old. —WAR CRY

"This world is the land of the dying;
the next is the land of the living."
—TYRON EDWARDS

WHY WONDER?

If radio's slim fingers
Can pluck a melody
From night and toss it over
A continent or sea;
If petaled white notes
Of a violin
Are blown across a mountain
Or a city's din;
If songs like crimson roses
Are culled from thin, blue air —
Why should mortals wonder
If God hears prayer?
—ETHEL R. FULLER

PEACE PLAN

This nine-year-old holds the answer to a lot of problems.

When he and his parents moved to a suburban apartment, the first thing he did was to get on his bicycle and begin scouting the neighborhood. In a short time he met up with a 10-year-old boy who crouched behind a stone wall and fired at him with a BB gun. This sort of worried the younger boy's parents, since little boys' eyes are virtually irreplaceable.

Next day his father asked him: "Well, did you run into the boy with

the BB gun again today?"

"Oh, I settled things with him," his son replied placidly.

"What'd you do to him, get yourself a baseball bat?"

"N' made friends."

—HUGH PARK in the Atlanta Journal

TWO SONGS FOR A PASTOR'S RECEPTION

By DR. HERMAN VON BERGE,
Dayton, Ohio

We Called Him

(Tune: Revive Us Again)

They told us one day
Of a man none here knew,
And they said, for our church
He would marv'ulously do.

Chorus:

So we wrote him and we called him,
And we got him, you see;
Now we'll love him and stand by him,
For our pastor is he.

They said he would preach
True to God's holy Word,
And with blessings would ever
His message be heard.

They said he was known
Where the weary had trod,
That he ever had proved
A true servant of God.

Glad Welcome To You!

(Tune: Oh, Worship the King!)

In God's house today we gratefully meet,
With gladness of heart God's servant to greet,
To voice our thanksgiving for God's gracious care,
Who heard our position and answered our prayer.

We greet you as here united we stand
To offer to you our heart and our hand,
To pledge you our love and our loyalty true;
God bless you, dear pastor, glad welcome to you.

Now may on us all descend from above

The Spirit of power, the Spirit of love!
It binds us in fellowship tender and true;
God bless you, dear pastor, glad welcome to you!

"We have committed the Golden Rule to memory; let us now commit it to life."
—EDWIN MARKHAM

A PRAYER

"Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

FRANCIS OF ASSISI

— Samuel Myslis Photo



WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. John Vanderbeck of Kyle, Texas, have announced that a daughter was born to them on Sept. 28th. She has been named Kathy Ann. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbeck have been serving the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle since February 1950, having come to Kyle from the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, Ill.

● Mr. James T. McNair, pastor of the Baptist Church of Davin, Sask., Can., has resigned in order to assume the pastorate of the Christian Missionary Alliance Church at Cranbrook, Brit. Columbia, Canada, which is near Chilliwack, B. C. He began his pastorate in Cranbrook on Sept. 24th. The Davin Church is near Regina, Sask.

● The Rev. Paul D. Ford has presented his resignation as the pastor of the central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., effective on Dec. 31, 1950. He and his wife will return to the mission field and work in the Bahamas where he was active as a missionary some years ago. He has been the minister of the Central Church in Erie since 1947.

● The new pastor of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Passaic, New Jersey, is the Rev. Robert Ambler, whose address appears elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Ambler took an active interest in the recent sessions of the Atlantic Conference held at the Second Church of New York City. He has succeeded the Rev. Thomas Rowell in the pastorate at Passaic.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa, held a baptismal service on Sunday, Sept. 24, in which the pastor, the Rev. Henry Smuland, baptized ten converts on confession of their faith in Christ. Eleven new members were received into the church's fellowship on the following Sunday, Oct. 1st, at the communion service.

● The Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, has extended a call to the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of Milwaukee, Wis., pastor of the Temple Baptist Church of that city since 1945. He has responded favorably and hopes to begin his pastorate in Burlington on Feb. 1, 1951. He will succeed the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, now of New York City. The Oak Street Church of Burlington with a membership of about 850 is one of the largest churches in the North American Baptist General Conference.

DR. FRANK H. WOYKE

The Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, was granted the degree of Doctor of Divinity by the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 5, 1950, as the first recipient of this honorary degree by our Seminary. Congratulations, Doctor Woyke!

● On Sunday, Sept. 17, the Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta, held an impressive baptismal service at the pool at the Theodore Heer farm. The four candidates were adults, including a married couple that came from Europe only a year ago. After the baptism 96 persons attended the Lord's Supper at which the hand of fellowship was extended to these who had been baptized. The Rev. R. H. Zepik is the pastor.

● Mr. Fred Sonnenberg of Swan River, Manitoba, a student at Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., is serving as a student worker at the Foster Ave. Church of Chicago, Ill., assisting the pastor, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, in his ministry. Mr. Sonnenberg and his wife, the former Miss Audrey Katzberg, are both enrolled at the seminary. A brother of his, the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, is pastor of the Bethany Church, Camrose, Alberta.

● On Friday evening, August 18th, Miss Jean Rauser of Lodi, Calif., daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser, was married to James Collier of San Francisco, Calif. The ceremony was performed by her father in the church in Lodi after which the church gave a reception for all members and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Collier are now living in San Francisco where they will continue their studies at the San Francisco Bible College.

● On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 8, the Elm Creek Baptist Church of Texas held a service of dedication of its new edifice with many friends and members in attendance. The Rev. Roy Seibel of Waco, Texas, served as the guest speaker. The Elm Creek Church is being served by the Rev. Walter Gordon Gummelt, a spiritual son of the Cottonwood Baptist Church and now a divinity student at Baylor University in Waco. The Cottonwood Church recently ordained him into the Christian ministry.

● The Baptist Church of Swan River, Manitoba, Canada, has extended a call to the Rev. Alexander Hart, who has recently come to this country from Europe. He has accepted the call and has already begun his ministry in Swan River. He was born in Russia and attended the Baptist Seminary in Lodz, Poland, from 1925 to 1929. He served a Baptist Church in Poland for eleven years and the Baptist Church in Reinbeck-Schönungstadt, Germany, from 1946 to 1950.

● On Thursday evening, Aug. 31, at the regular midweek service, the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., had a farewell reception for its former pastor, the Rev. John Borchers. Several representatives of the church expressed their appreciation to Mr. Borchers and voiced their prayerful hope that his wife might soon be restored to health. Mr. Borchers served the church until the arrival of the Rev. Paul Hunsicker for whom a welcoming reception was held on Sunday evening, Sept. 10, as reported in this issue.

● At the annual business meeting of the Commissioned Baptist Youth of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana on Aug. 27, the following were elected: president, Ida Newhardt; vice-president, Milton Zeeb; treasurer, Mae Otis; and secretary, Geraldine Zeeb. One of the faithful C.B.Y. members, Edwin Wolff, was recently called into the Armed Forces. The young people are helping with the completion of the new church edifice. The Rev. David Littke is the pastor.

● Miss Freda E. Davison, port worker at the port of Halifax for the Baptist Federation of Canada, reports that on September 6th the first shipment of "Der Wegweiser" practically disappeared when 990 displaced persons arrived on that date. All were more than anxious to receive this little German paper. "Der Wegweiser" is an eight-page German tract published by the Roger Williams Press. The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, business manager of your Publication Society, states that "we are happy to learn that this paper of ours is serving a good purpose at the port of entry in Halifax."

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 17, the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held a farewell reception for

its pastor, the Rev. Geo. W. Zinz, Jr., who was called by the Army to serve as chaplain. Speakers for the evening were the Rev. John Craig, a former Navy Chaplain, and now of the Milwaukee Christian Center; and Dr. Ezra G. Roth, executive secretary of the American Baptist State Convention. Mr. Zinz also performed one of his last duties as pastor by presenting a New Testament to William Hart, Jr., who left to serve in the Army Air Corps. Mr. Zinz has been granted a leave of absence by the Immanuel Church.

● The Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., has extended a call to the Rev. James Conner of Cass Lake, Minn., to which a favorable reply has been given. Mr. Conner hoped to begin his ministry in the Pound church on Sunday, Nov. 5. He is a graduate of Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., and has been in the active ministry as an ordained Baptist pastor for the past four years. He served the Christian Missionary Alliance Church in Cass Lake, Minn., for the past two years. His wife is also a graduate of Bethel Seminary. They have three children. At Pound Mr. Conner has succeeded the Rev. John Grygo.

● Another Family Night was held by the Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wis., on September 18 with a fellowship supper with Mr. Francis Guenther as toastmaster. Dr. M. Vanderbeck, pastor, led in prayer. A Sunday School drive was officially begun, and the two captains, Mr. N. L. Lucchi, and Mr. Don Vasselos, expressed their hopes for the drive. Mr. Arno Dechant gave a short talk in behalf of the building fund. A picture added to the attraction of the evening with the newly purchased projector, which was presented to the church by the young people's society. The guest speaker was the Rev. Ray Olthof of Cedar Grove, Wis.

● Sunday, Oct. 1st, was a great day for the Central Church of Edmonton, Alberta. At the Sunday School Rally Day program, the officers, teachers and assistants were installed, the scholars were promoted, the Sunday School standard was presented, Bibles were given to those coming into the Junior Department and two selections were rendered by the Junior Choir. At the communion service observed by the church, the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor, received 34 new members into the church's fellowship, including 13 converts who had been baptized on Sept. 17, and 21 who came by letter. There were also a number of new immigrants from Europe. The Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, served as guest speaker at the Central Church on Sunday, Oct. 8, and the Rev. J. C. Gunst, national youth secretary, conducted a special study for Christian workers from Oct. 24 to 29.

C.B.Y. and S.S.U.

HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS
November 19 — A Thanksgiving Worship Service by Mrs. John Vanderbeck, Kyle, Texas.
November 26 — Digging for Truth (Archeology) by Mr. Carl E. DeVries, Wheaton, Illinois.

*"Count your obligations,
Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you
What the Lord wants done!"*

Have you ever heard that version? During these Fall days of harvest and thanksgiving, we might remind ourselves of obligations as well as blessings. Has God given you a talent? Use it! Has he given material wealth? That means you have more to share. How much he wants done in your Sunday School and C.B.Y.! Will you help him accomplish it?

HOW ABOUT A JUNIOR CBY?

Do you need some new ideas for work among the Juniors in your church? Then write to Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, and ask for the new 8-page leaflet, "Helps for the Junior Leader," prepared by Miss Ellen Lehr of Aplington, Iowa. Miss Lehr prepares the Junior Mission Material which is used every month in many of our Junior CBY's. This invaluable material supplements the Junior lessons taken from the Southern Baptist Junior Union Quarterly, which your General Conference Union recommends. With the quarterly, the Junior Mission Material costs 10c per quarter. It is 15c if ordered separately. If you do not have a Junior CBY, order this material anyhow, and use it in your Sunday School department. The current lesson (November 1950) is on our Spanish-American Mission in Colorado, and features a letter to the Juniors from our home missionary, the Rev. C. L. Young. For all Junior material (other than the 8-page leaflet), address Roger Williams Press.

RAISING THAT PROJECT

How do you go about it? "The Reporter" of the Pacific Northwest CBY & SSU asks the question and then answers it with some ideas tried:

● The Startup young people take charge of the Sunday evening service on the third Sunday of each month, and the church has arranged to give them the offering.

● The Tacoma Sunday School tried passing out small banks, especially made in the form of wishing wells, to every Sunday School scholar. When they were collected, over \$200 had come in.

Two indispensables seem to be **publicity** and friendly **competition** between classes or societies. We need always to remember that even in the way we raise money we can honor or dishonor Christ Jesus.

RAISE OUR STANDARD HIGH

(Fifth in a series of pointed paragraphs on our new SUNDAY SCHOOL STANDARD).

Our Sunday School is to be a Missionary School

North American Baptists have gone forward through the years because of their missionary zeal. We desire to keep that zeal alive by making Sunday School scholars missionary-minded. The Standard suggests that in our Sunday School assembly period we have at least one good missionary program per quarter. It might be well to set one particular Sunday of the quarter (say, the first) as missionary Sunday. Make the story or other feature so attractive that the pupils will look forward to it.

During the year, we should like four fields of our North American Baptist work to be presented. Our main interest will naturally center on the Cameroons. But, in the course of the year, we want pupils to know about other phases of our denominational advance. Finally, we want your Sunday School to support the mission project of your area. Don't let the CBY do all the work. Remember, our organization is the Commissioned Youth AND Sunday School Union. Why not have a class competition to see who can give the most for missions? Make yours a missionary school!

A NOVEMBER IDEA

To start the spirit of Thanksgiving welling up in your own heart, why not resolve to sit down and write five letters to people who have helped you along life's way — people with whom you do not correspond regularly. Suggestions: the pastor who helped you find Christ or who baptized you; a public school or Sunday School teacher who worked with you faithfully; the author of a book or article that you found especially helpful. It is unconditionally guaranteed to make you happy!

Mary Arden

A Christian Novel by GRACE LIVINGSTON HILL
and RUTH LIVINGSTON HILL

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SYNOPSIS

Mary Arden was supposed to be engaged to Brooke Haven, but she really loved Laurie Judson of Ardenville. After many misunderstandings, God brought these two young people together, and the servants graciously and discreetly left them to themselves.

CHAPTER TWENTY-FIVE

ORRIN barely repressed a delighted chuckle. And there was a strange sound like a whispered "Praise be!" from the kitchen door where Nannie and Randa had been cleaning up.

But Laurie looked startled and suddenly turned to Mary, taking her arm and leading her toward the living room.

"That reminds me," he said seriously, "I have something to ask you." Then turning back toward Orrin he called, "You had better get some sleep, friend. I'll call you if I need you."

But the discreet and canny Orrin was already out of sight.

Laurie drew Mary to the big couch in the living room, where only a dim light was burning in a corner.

He seated her gently and then stood before her.

"Mary Arden," he said solemnly, looking deep into her eyes, "are you or are you not engaged to Brooke Haven?"

Mary gasped with amazement then burst into a peal of happy laughter.

"I most certainly am not!" she assured him.

Relieved, but determined to settle the whole question, Laurie took a worn scrap of newspaper from his inner pocket.

"Then what does this mean?" he asked in bewilderment.

Mary glanced at it. She had never read the column herself. She had seen it that first morning when Hetty had brought it but she had tossed it aside with horror, and never wanted to see it again.

"She glanced it through and this time she did not laugh.

"Sit down beside me, dear," she said gently. "I wanted to tell you long ago but I was ashamed to, it seemed so horrible."

With her hands held warmly in Laurie's strong gentle ones she told

him the whole story, including the kisses she had carelessly received in the beginning of her acquaintance with Brooke, and most certainly not forgetting the photograph of Laurie that seemed to have brought her to her senses.

Laurie's grip on her hands tightened as she told of the night of the wedding rehearsal and a righteous anger blazed in his beautiful brown eyes. Mary thrilled to see it. He did care, then. He had all along.

Then she remembered.

"But Laurie," she said in a low voice, "there is something I want to ask you, too." She hesitated a moment and drew her hands from his as if to free him to answer as he would. "Do you — have you —" it was hard to say, but all must be clear between them. "Do you care in any special way for Sylva Grannis?"

In utter horror Laurie looked at Mary appalled. Then, grasping what she must mean, he in turn burst into uproarious laughter. It lasted only an instant, for seeing the hurt look on her dear face, he stopped and took her tenderly in his arms.

"My darling, my darling! Did you really think I could ever even want to look at that girl twice? Didn't I tell you that she called me to come when she was very sick, near to death, as she thought, though she seemed very much alive before I was done with her."

"Yes, you said so, Laurie," murmured Mary from her refuge in his coat collar, "but she told me on the phone that you had a date with her, that you were her boy friend. I never knew you to lie, but I just didn't know what to think. Oh Laurie, I loved you so!" Mary sobbed. The agony that had been pent up in Mary's wounded heart for the past weeks found outlet at last and Laurie held her close and comforted her, letting her cry it out, realizing the relief it gave her.

When she became quiet and he had kissed away all the tears he returned to the subject of Sylva.

"I can't think what would make that girl pull a trick like that. Did she ever dislike you particularly?"

"Not that I know of," Mary said piteously.

Then Laurie told her the whole story of that evening and they had a good laugh over it, and agreed that there was nobody in the world quite like dear old Orrin.

"We must tell them about us the first thing," said Laurie.

"About us?" questioned Mary wickledly, twinkling her blue eyes at him.

"Oh! Why — you will marry me, won't you, Mary?"

But for answer she drew his head down again and laid her lips on his.

"Oh, Laurie, I never knew there could be such joy on earth! I listened to the promises those two made each other at that wedding and wondered how people could take such vows. But it's all so simple when you love!"

"Isn't it!" he agreed. "And beloved, do you know where such love comes from?" He asked tenderly.

"Why, from — God, I suppose you mean?" she said with awe and wonder in her voice.

"Yes, dear. He says love like ours is meant to be a picture of the love between Christ and His real church — believers, you know. Those who really get to know Him love him so much that what they do or don't do comes from love for Him, not because they are bound by vows."

"Oh," breathed Mary. "Isn't that wonderful. I never heard it put like that before. Most people think so lightly of marriage as if it were sort of indecent."

"Yes," he said sadly. "I know. But it's not. It's the most sacred, holy relationship that could be. You see, we as His own, belong to Him, body, soul and spirit, and He first gave Himself to us in that way. Just as you and I shall belong to each other, each living for the other."

"Oh Laurie," cried Mary softly, "life is really just beginning, isn't it?"

"Yes, for us, my darling." He took her in his arms once more and they let the wonder of their new love roll over them in glad waves.

"But if I am to be allowed to care for you the rest of your life, darling, I must begin now. You have had a hard night of it and you must get some sleep."

Mary laughed brightly. "And how about you, you dear big toughie, do you often rescue damsels from fires, and then go all night without sleep yourself?"

So at last he promised to go and they agreed that he would stop on his way home from the office the next evening and together they would tell the dear servants of their new joy.

"Then you are to come to supper at my house, and we'll tell mother," he planned.

"Lovely!" exclaimed Mary. "I do love your mother, Laurie. She is sweet." Then she added sadly, "I am afraid you can never love my mother that way. She is — different, you

know. But you will love dad. I know you will. Why, you know him already, don't you? I had forgotten."

"Yes, I have always admired your father, dear, and perhaps when your mother learns to know the Lord we will understand each other better."

"Oh, do you think she would ever listen far enough for that?" said Mary wistfully.

"We shall be praying together for that, darling," he answered gently.

"Oh, Laurie it's going to be so wonderful with you!" cried Mary again. "You are wonderful, you know."

"No, I'm not at all, dear. I'm just a very plain fellow as you will soon see. But we do have a wonderful Lord, don't we?"

"We do," she sighed happily.

At last they parted, but neither slept for a long time for joy.

The guests having left, all the next day Nannie went beaming about her work, albeit wiping a furtive happy tear away now and then. Mary said nothing about Laurie but she was singing all day long. Even Randa managed to hum a bit of a tune as she scrubbed white paint and tried to erase the marks of the disaster as far as possible.

Mary spent quite a long time in the sunroom, looking and measuring. Finally she called up a plumber and had him come up. They conversed at length, and when Laurie arrived that evening, after their joyous greeting, she pulled him after her excitedly.

"Come and see what we are going to do, beloved!" she cried. "See this little alcove? Do you think your mother would be happy in a kitchen that size? Just for when she wants to be alone, you know. And over here the plumber says there is room for a little bathroom. That still leaves plenty of room for a dinette and living room combined. Then we are going to enclose the little porch out at the back here and it will make a beautiful bedroom for her. Oh, do you think she will come? Will she like it?"

"I know she will, darling," said Laurie putting his arm about Mary and turning her sweet eager face up to his. "But are you quite sure that is what you want to do?"

"I am quite sure — that is, if you would like it. I thought it would be so like old times to have you and your mother too up here on the hill where we all used to be. But — do you like this old house? Would you care to live here? And would it be convenient to your work? Because," she smiled adoringly up at him, "you know I would follow you to the ends of the earth if that were where you wanted to go, beloved!"

"Oh, my dearest dear!" he said again, drawing her close again. "I can't believe you really love me! I'm sure I don't see why you should."

"Oh, don't you? Well, just leave that part to me, sir," Mary laughed.

"Now, Laurie, there is one more thing we must plan to do. Then we can go ahead. That is to break this to my mother and father."

So down they sat on the remains of the burnt willow couch and schemed how they would go to the city that Saturday. Laurie could take the overnight express back and be home again in time for his service Sunday morning.

Before they left for the Judson house they stopped in the kitchen, hand in hand. Orrin was just coming in from the pasture.

The smile on their faces was so obvious that before they could say a word Nannie had thrown up her floury hands and cried "Praise be!" while Randa primly waited with a smile from one side of her square face to the other, for them to make their announcement.

"Would you all mind very much if this house should be taken over by a Mr. and Mrs. Laurie Judson?" asked Mary with a twinkle. "Would you be willing to go on working for them instead of Miss Arden?"

Nannie could wait no longer, but flung her arms about her Mary lamb, flour and all, and held her tight while the happy tears flowed down her face.

"Oh, my lamb!" cried Nannie laughing and crying together. "And I was so afraid it was going to be that other — that river man!"

"River man!" exclaimed Mary bewildered.

"She means Mr. Brooke," explained Randa apologetically.

Then they all had to have a laugh again.

"Well," chuckled Orrin, "I thought 'twas about time you both came to your senses. How 'bout supper, Randa?"

"We're going up to mother's," said Laurie gaily. "We'll be seein' you again. Good by."

They went out to the garage and Mary said, "You drive, Laurie. This will be your car too, you know."

"Thank you very much, my lady, but I've just ordered a new one myself, if you please, and that will be yours, too, if you like it. I'll not be quite so strapped for money from now on, and I can do a few things that I've wanted to do all along."

Mrs. Judson met them with open arms. She did not need to be told the news, although they delighted to tell it again.

"Oh, to think that I have a dear daughter at last! I've always wanted one, and I can't imagine one I would love more than you."

They had a beautiful time there and then they had to bring Mrs. Judson back to the house on the hill to ask her approval for the plans of the little apartment.

"I'm really glad about the fire," Mary decided as she looked around the

place happily. "I might never have had the courage to touch the dear old place, and now it's going to be so much nicer than ever before! Is that the way the Lord has to work with us?" asked Mary in sweet humility. "We don't have sense enough to know what we want sometimes, do we?" So He has to let our old things be spoiled before we are willing to take His better ones!"

Laurie smiled understandingly at his mother and then took his beloved in his arms again.

"Mary has learned in a few days, mother, what it took you years to teach me. I must be a dumb thump!"

Mary put up a soft hand over his mouth.

"Don't you dare to talk that way about the man I am going to marry!" she scolded prettily.

And Mrs. Judson was quite satisfied with the adoring look the lovely girl turned upon her son.

Then, on Saturday they went to the city.

They took a taxi first to the Ardens' house. Mary had wired her father that she would be there, with a guest.

He was waiting in the library for them, pretending to himself that he was reading the evening paper, but in reality he was puzzling over the strange ways of his daughter, wondering why she would bring a guest just now. Her mother was home from the hospital but she was by no means ready for company.

At first he did not recognize the tall handsome young man with the beautiful glad brown eyes and the smile that seemed to light up the room.

Then as Laurie came forward and shook his hand he exclaimed:

"Laurie Judson. Man, I didn't know you! It's good to see you, sir."

He drew him into the room cordially and seated him and began to ask about his mother and the other friends at Arden before Laurie or Mary could tell their news.

But soon Mary broke into the conversation with,

"Dad, I'd like to interrupt this, if you don't mind. Laurie hasn't long to stay and he has a favor to ask you."

She smiled demurely trying to hide the mischievous twinkle that would come into her eyes.

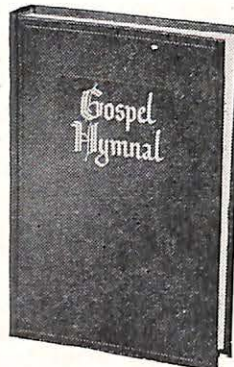
She could almost feel her father's imperceptible stiffening as he thought subconsciously, "Son of impecunious old farmer friend wants favor from wealthy magnate. We'll see."

But she gazed with pride at Laurie in his beautiful new brown tweed suit, impeccable in his grooming as ever Brooke Haven had been, and far, far more good-looking, she thought.

Laurie smiled that glad smile again, "Not the ingratiating smile of a job seeker," Mary exulted. "It's a glorious, triumphant smile of joy!"

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MISSIONARY NEWS

● Miss Ruby Salzman, our Cameroons missionary stationed at Ndu in the grassland interior, arrived in New York City on the "S.S. Queen Mary" on Sept. 27. She had left Africa on the banana freighter, "S.S. Pacuare." She visited with relatives and friends in Detroit, Mich., before continuing to her home in Kankakee, Ill., where she is staying with her mother. On Nov. 8 she had a conference with the secretarial staff at Forest Park., Ill., and plans were made for her promotional itineraries to our churches after Jan 1, 1951. She can be reached at 1054 So. Sixth Street, Kankakee, Illinois.

DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

ENGAGEMENTS

- Rev. J. C. Gunst**
Nov. 18-19 — Hutchinson, Minn. (Christian Workers' Conference).
Nov. 20-21 — "Youth Compass" editorial committee session, Forest Park, Ill.
- Rev. M. L. Leuschner**
Sunday, Nov. 12 — North Freedom, Wisconsin.
Sunday, Nov. 19 — Scottsbluff, Neb.
- Rev. A. Felberg, Evangelist**
Nov. 12-26 — Plevna, Montana.

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conferences	Sept., 1950	Sept., 1949	Sept., 1948
Atlantic	\$ 1,076.19	\$ 1,938.18	\$ 1,850.98
Eastern	1,829.25	25.00	1,158.62
Central	8,887.64	3,601.22	6,880.49
Northwestern	3,729.12	3,300.31	3,658.06
Southwestern	5,745.90	2,539.99	4,331.96
Southern	660.48	285.38	269.55
Pacific	3,030.77	2,358.44	2,719.24
Northern	1,060.34	1,359.30	468.28
Dakota	2,379.42	2,766.89	4,397.54
Inter-Conference Contributions		224.00*	
Totals for All Purposes	\$28,399.11	\$18,398.71	\$25,734.72
Less Seminary Building Fund	470.18		
Totals Other Contributions	\$19,928.93		

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

For the month of September, 1950	\$19,327.28
For the month of September, 1949	17,816.56
For the month of September, 1948	25,503.51

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1950 to September 30, 1950	\$144,656.42
April 1, 1949 to September 30, 1949	181,428.71
April 1, 1948 to September 30, 1948	162,458.30

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

August 1, 1949 to September 30, 1950	\$403,641.04
August 1, 1948 to September 30, 1949	484,298.21
August 1, 1947 to September 30, 1948	515,669.40

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Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist
Rev. 8-16 — Kelowna, B. C.
Nov. 19-Dec. 3 — Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.

SPECIAL DATES

Nov. 9-12 — Oregon Association at Immanuel Church, Portland, Ore. Miss Hilda Tobert and Mr. Reinhard Neuman, Cameroons and Indian missionaries, guest speakers.
Sunday, Nov. 19 to Sunday, Nov. 26 — Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week.
Thursday, Nov. 23 — Thanksgiving Day.

MISS HILDA TOBERT'S ITINERARY

Nov. 19 (Sunday Morning) — Central Church, Waco, Texas.
(Sunday Evening) — Cottonwood Church, Lorena, Texas.
Nov. 21 (Tuesday) — Crawford, Texas.
Nov. 22 (Wednesday) — Gatesville, Texas.
Nov. 23 (Thursday) — Carroll Ave. Church, Dallas, Texas.
Nov. 24 (Friday) — Hurnville Church, Henrietta, Texas.
Nov. 26 (Sunday Morning) — Kyle, Texas.
(Sunday Evening) — Greenvine, Texas.
Nov. 28 (Tuesday) — Mowata Church, near Branch, La.
Nov. 30 (Thursday) — Central Valley Church, Donna, Texas.
Dec. 3 (Sunday Morning) — Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill.
(Sunday Evening) — Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Ill.

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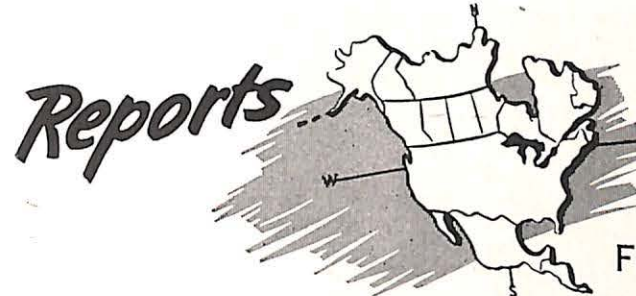
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FROM THE FIELD

Central Conference

Homecoming Sunday and Pastor's Anniversary Celebration at Round Lake Church, Gladwin

Homecoming Sunday and Rally Day for the Sunday School of the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich., on Sunday, Sept. 3. The auditorium was filled to capacity in Sunday School and both services. The Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., spoke at all services. We appreciate his coming to us, and the messages on "The Ideal Christian Home" and "Christian Young People" will be long remembered. Many of the sons and daughters of our members, who have become members of our city churches, come to visit their parents on this day. We also had many visitors on this Labor Day Sunday. This service made it possible to recognize their presence in the home church.

On Sunday, September 17, the church also observed the fifth anniversary of the pastor's service, Rev. Victor H. Prendinger, in the church. The Rev. J. H. Landenberger, deacon of the church, asked for the privilege to speak some words of appreciation in behalf of the church. The Sunday School was represented by Mr. H. Gertz; the Ladies' Aid by Mrs. H. Stange; and the young people by Miss Laura Pahl. A fitting poem was read by Mrs. J. Steinkraus, and a special number was sung by the Wolfe sisters. Mrs. Prendinger was also called to the platform and given a corsage by the women.

Victor H. Prendinger, Pastor.

Southern Conference

A Year of Preaching at the Union Gospel Mission in Dallas, Texas

On Tuesday, October 10th, the Union Gospel Mission of Dallas, Texas, observed its first anniversary. During this time it has been of unspeakable joy for the Rev. W. Helwig, the writer of this report, to present the Word of God to such who could never be reached by the church, due to their low social standing. The mission is their spiritual home. There it is where light meals are served to such who are down and out, but before such meals are served, it is so arranged that they sit through a good Gospel service to partake of spiritual food. During this one brief year it has

been the good pleasure of the writer to see 25 souls turn from the scum of the street unto a living faith in Christ as Lord and Savior. What a transformation takes place in the lives of these men is almost beyond human comprehension, yet with Christ even such things are possible!

Beginning with the second year these responsibilities have been transferred to the new pastor of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church, Mr. Harold Gieseke, who has accepted this assignment with joy.

W. Helwig, Reporter.

Harvest and Mission Program and Ordination Service at Cottonwood Baptist Church

On Sunday, Sept. 17, a Harvest and Mission program was given by the Sunday School of the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas. The platform was decorated with fruits and vegetables from our gardens, grain and cotton from the fields, reminding us of some of the blessings God had given us during the past year. The program consisted of readings, piano solos, dialogues and choruses by the Elementary Department of the Sunday School. A mission offering was taken for our Bansa Mission in the Cameroons which amounted to \$100. The Rev. J. O. Zillen, our pastor, brought a very fitting morning message.

We as a church are proud to report that God has been fit to call one of our young men into his ministry. A short time ago we were privileged to witness the ordination service of Mr. Walter Gordon Gummelt in our church. (See report in Oct. 26 issue. Editor.) It was good to be present at such a sacred service. Our prayers go with the Rev. Walter G. Gordon as he serves the Baptist Church in Elm Creek, Texas.

Mrs. Clifton Kraemer, Reporter.

Reception at Carroll Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas, for Mr. Harold W. Gieseke

Friday, Sept. 8, was a happy day for the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. On that evening, mem-

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bers and friends of the church met to welcome their new pastor, Mr. Harold W. Gieseke.

Mr. O. E. Balka led the congregation in a short song service, after which the Rev. W. Helwig, the former pastor, read the Scripture, and the Rev. Kenneth Nelson, pastor of the Gatesville church, led in prayer. The choir sang a favorite number of Mr. Gieseke's "Jesus Will Walk With Me." Elton Helwig of the Sunday School Primary department gave the welcome speech. Mr. C. D. Porth, senior deacon in charge of the program, spoke for the church, welcoming all the visitors who had come to share this happy occasion and then welcoming our new pastor into our midst. Mrs. L. S. Elliott spoke for the Woman's Missionary Union; Edward Balka for the Baptist Training Union; and Mr. Herman Balka for the Sunday School.

The Rev. Roy Seibel of Waco, Texas, was our guest speaker. He spoke words to the church and to the new pastor that will never be forgotten on the topic, "The Burning Bush." Then came the response of our new pastor, for which we had been waiting. He told how the Lord had led him in his decision to come to this field and of his reliance on the Word's promise.

A number of functions have been held in honor of Brother Gieseke since he has been in Dallas. On Wednesday night, Sept. 13, after the prayer meeting, we met in the church annex for a shower, at which Mr. Gieseke received some beautiful household gifts. On Saturday, Sept. 16, the Sunday School held a picnic in his honor. Since Dallas has been so richly blessed with real showers from heaven, this, too, had to be held in the annex. Now our prayer is that the Lord may continue to shower his blessings on us.

Mrs. Ed Monschke, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Annual Meeting of the New York Woman's Missionary Union on Thursday, Nov. 16

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of New York and Vicinity will be held at the Second German Baptist Church of New York City, 407 West 43rd Street, on Thursday, November 16th.

The afternoon meeting at 3 P. M. will begin with devotions led by Mrs. A. Neumann, followed by a roll call, reports, and election of officers. The guest speaker will be Missionary Martha L. Moennich, who has just returned from a trip to Ethiopia and King Haile Selassie's court, to Egypt, Algiers, Tunis and Spain. Miss Moennich will speak in the English language. Coffee and cake will be served by the women of the Grace Church of Union City, N. J.

The evening service will begin at 7:30 o'clock with a song service. The speaker will be Chaplain Lester N. Schoen of a Veteran's Administration Hospital. He too will speak in English.

Johanna M. Husmann, Secretary.

Sessions of the Atlantic Conference at the Second Church of New York City

The committee which planned the program of the Atlantic Conference which was held in the Second German Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., from Wednesday evening, Sept. 13th, to Sunday evening, Sept. 17th, did a magnificent job, both as to the theme and the messengers.

It would be almost impossible to say which messenger was the best because at each session of the conference one could sense the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, as he spoke through his servants. The meetings were well attended and there were several responses to the invitations given by the various speakers.

The Rev. Robert Hess of Calvary of Bethlehem, the Rev. G. Harold Hill of Evangel Church of Newark, and the Rev. John F. Crouthamel of Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia were the speakers for the evening meetings, all of which were evangelistic in their approach and application. The brethren Zimbelman, Wengel, Hensel, Luebeck, Peters, Kaaz, Damrau, Barker, Laube and others spoke during the devotional hours and Quiet Hours.

The Woman's Missionary Meeting held on Friday afternoon to which our women look forward each year with a great deal of pleasure was addressed by Miss Hilda Tobert, who also brought the message at the Sunday morning service and then again spoke a few words at the young people's rally on Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Florence E. Schoeffel, president of the National Woman's Missionary Union, was the main speaker.

At the young people's banquet held on Saturday evening, and which was largely attended, the message was delivered by the Rev. Paul Wengel of Ridgewood Church and was a real challenge to all. At the young people's rally held on Sunday afternoon the message was brought by the Rev. Victor J. Hammond of Jamesburg. The session came to a close on Sunday evening with a message in German by the Rev. W. J. Luebeck of Cleveland, Ohio.

We feel safe in saying that every one who attended the conference came away with a feeling that "soul winning" is the privilege, responsibility and task of every Christian, and that God's blessings attended the conference.

Victor J. Hammond, Reporter.

Sessions of the Atlantic Conference Woman's Missionary Union in New York City

The 43rd annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Atlantic Conference took place on Friday afternoon, Sept. 15th, in the Second Church of New York City. Our president, Mrs. John Schlinger, presided, and Miss L. Boeck of the host church gave us a hearty welcome. Mrs. Christian Peters, our vice-president, then read 2 Timothy 2.

Miss Grace Kettenberg led the devotional period using as her text, "He abideth faithful." She spoke of her

own rich experiences. Mrs. Norman Klann led in prayer, following which Mrs. Gustave Beck, Sr., delighted us with a beautiful solo.

The reports of our secretary and treasurer were accepted as read, and the roll call disclosed that of the 25 societies of the conference 17 were represented with 109 members present. Mrs. Herbert Freeman then reported that 22 of our members had gone to be with the Lord, whom they loved and served, during the year. Mrs. Jahn, matron of the Home for Aged in Philadelphia, gave us a fine report on the work and welfare of the guests, and Mrs. Essenwein spoke on behalf of the Basket Club.

We had the pleasure to welcome into the Woman's Union Mrs. Paul Wengel of the Ridgewood Church and also the King's Daughters of Jamesburg, N. J., and the Semper Fidelis Bible Class of Elsmere, Delaware. Mrs. Husmann reported that she had received a phone message that Mrs. George Dunger, our missionary, at present living in Hartford, Conn., had broken her leg, and we voted to write to her and send her a gift of \$25. Of the offering \$25 was given to the Home for Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., and \$100 to our Hospital in the Cameroons.

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

Then we were privileged to listen to the president of the National Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Wm. Schoeffel. She told us that we women of the Atlantic Conference were especially privileged because it was in 1907 that Mrs. Maeder and Mrs. Hoefflin started the first Woman's societies in the nine conferences of the Missionary Union. There are now 261 societies in the nine conferences of the North American Baptist General Conference. Her theme for the afternoon was, "Who Is Christ?"

Bessie Klumpp, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference

Almost One Hundred Children at Vacation Bible School, Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

The Vacation Bible School of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., was held from July 10 to 20. Our pastor, Dr. John Leypoldt, directed the school as in previous years. Our staff consisted of 19 teachers and workers. During the first week of our school the average attendance was 96, but due to a severe rain storm during the second week, our attendance average dropped to 88. On the day of the rain storm we were surprised and encouraged to see 50 boys

Vacation Bible School picture of Bethany Church, Milwaukee, appears on next page.

and girls brave the elements and attend Bible School.

The daily offerings brought by the children during the school amounted to almost \$50.00. The closing exercises of the school were held on July 20, at which time each department presented highlights of its daily sessions and demonstrated how much can be accomplished in ten days of Bible School. The parents and friends of the children enjoyed not only the spiritual accomplishments but also the handwork of the pupils which was displayed in the church's dining hall.

God truly blessed our Vacation School work and although it meant sacrifice on the part of teachers and workers, they profited spiritually as they taught and worked with the children.

Mrs. Fred Abitz, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Anniversary Program and Baptismal Service at First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

"O give thanks unto the Lord for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever." On the second anniversary of our pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser and his family's arrival in Lodi, of the First Baptist Church in Lodi, Calif., give thanks to the Lord. On Sunday, Sept. 10th, it was two years since we, through the mercy of God, were privileged to hear Brother Rauser speak to us as our pastor for the first time. For this second anniversary Mr. Rauser spoke on, "Why I Am A Minister of the Gospel" and the choir was requested to sing the song which they sang on that first Sunday, "I'd Rather Have Jesus." These have been blessed years in which 144 people have been accepted into the church, many of whom were gloriously saved. Also on Sunday evening, Sept. 10th, the church had a baptismal service with nine being baptized and the hand of fellowship extended to nine others.

During the past summer, we, together with several other churches of Lodi, cooperated in a three weeks' evangelistic campaign in which Rev. Bill Rice brought the messages. In spite of the fact that the meetings were held during a busy season of the year, the services were always well attended and a blessing to all.

The Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser have been requested to come, and we as their church have found it to be God's will that we permit them to go, to Turtle Lake, North Dakota, for two weeks of evangelistic meetings from October 4 to 18. Was as a church are humbly grateful to God that we have a pastor whose greatest desire is the salvation of souls. Accompanying them to Turtle Lake were their daughter and son-in-law, Jim and Jean Collier.

A very successful Vacation Bible School was conducted by our church with Mrs. G. G. Rauser in charge. We had an average attendance of 155 students and with twelve teachers and workers.

Thelma Forsch, Reporter.

One Hundred Young People at Oregon Baptist League Summer Assembly, Twin Rocks, Ore.

"Stand Up for Jesus," theme of the Oregon Baptist League Summer Assembly at Twin Rocks, Oregon, from Aug. 20 to 27 was truly a challenge and an inspiration to the 105 young people who attended.

We felt very proud to have the Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom with us. Mr. Ganstrom conducted classes using as his topic, "The Bible Basis of Missions," and Mrs. Ganstrom imparted to us many interesting experiences under the topic of "The Call of the Cameroons." Our vesper services were also under their leadership.

The balance of our teaching staff consisted of Rev. Frank Friesen, Bethany, "Life of Christ;" Rev. Fred W. Mueller, Laurelhurst, "The Superiority of Christ;" Rev. John Kimmel, Glencullen, "How Does One Become a Christian?"; Rev. John Wobig, Trinity, "Does God Have the Life of Everyone Planned?"; and "What Can One Do on Sunday?"; Rev. E. Wolff, Salt Creek, "Are Young People Given Enough Responsibility by Their Parents? the Community? the Church?"; Rev. Robert Penner, Trinity, "What is the Real Purpose of an Education?";

ANNUAL MEETING OF PORTLAND HOME FOR THE AGED ON NOVEMBER 20

The annual meeting of the Baptist Home for the Aged of Portland, Ore., will be held at the Home on Monday evening, November 20, 1950, at 8 P.M., at which time the annual reports will be rendered and seven directors will be elected.

MELVIN BECKER, Secretary

Howard Roth, Immanuel, "Why Should We Pray?" and "Conducting;" Mrs. Ernie Schaer, Bethany, "Fundamentals of Music;" Mrs. Wm. Glaske and Mrs. V. Wagner, Trinity, "Studies in Acts." Mrs. Ed. May, Trinity, instructed the handwork classes. Mrs. Howard Roth served as camp nurse.

Rev. Henry Barnet of the Villa Ridge church supervised our recreation and fellowship hours and provided us with many vigorous activities such as swimming on the beach and in the natatorium, weiner, and marshmallow roast on the beach, boating on the lake, bowling and many indoor sports. As in the past, we were fortunate in having excellent cooks to prepare our food for us: Mrs. Schnell, Mrs. I. Miller, Mrs. E. Rich and Mrs. Chausse. Mr. Schnell handled the purchasing of our foods.

With the conclusion of the 1950 Assembly several of the officers' terms have expired as follows: president, Bill Jenne; treasurer, Luella May; and "Handclasp" editor, Mrs. Fred Schaer. In their places the following have been elected: president, George Bauer; treasurer, Pat Scheideman. No "Handclasp" editor has been elected as yet. Our dean, Rev. Rudolph Woyke, has indeed been a most able advisor and spiritual counsellor.

Margie Lou Bauman, Secretary.



The Vacation Bible School at the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., was attended by many boys and girls of the community and was guided by a fine staff of teachers and Dr. John Leypoldt, pastor

Southwestern Conference

Young People's Sessions of the Southwestern Conference Held at Greeley, Colorado

The Southwestern Conference Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Workers' Union met on August 26 and 27 with the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., at Greeley, Colo., on the campus of Colorado State College of Education. Twenty churches answered the roll call.

The business session was held on Saturday afternoon, August 26. The following officers were elected: president, Evelyn Meyer; vice-president, Roland Meyer; secretary, Ruth Janssen; treasurer, Herbert Kipf; mission promoter, Betty Zosche; "Challenger" editor, Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Schauer; awards committee, Rev. David Zimmerman.

The following churches received Sunday School awards: Strassburg

and Bethany, Kansas; Gotebo, Loyal, Shattuck and Ingersoll, Oklahoma. The Gotebo church received the Excellence Banner. The Commissioned Baptist Youth awards were given to the following churches: Strassburg, Stafford, Lorraine, Mt. Zion, and Marion, Kansas; Loyal, Gotebo and Okeene, Oklahoma. The Strassburg Church received the Excellence Banner. The Mileage Banner was awarded to the Stafford church.

The financial goal for the coming year was set at \$2500. Of this \$300 will go for promotion work, \$300 for the Youth Service Plan, \$900 for the Spanish-American Mission in Colorado, \$500 for the Bansa Hospital, and \$500 for the construction of a main station church in the Cameroons. We are planning two workers' conferences. One is to be held in Nebraska and the other in Oklahoma.

The Sunday afternoon service was held under the direction of the young people. The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner led the candlelight installation service.

Ruth Janssen, Secretary.



Young people, teachers and pastors at the Oregon Baptist League Summer Assembly held at Twin Rocks, Oregon

—Photo by E. A. Pohl

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Baptist Church, La Salle, Colo.

We, as the Woman's Missionary Union of the Baptist Church, La Salle, Colorado, held our annual program on August 20. Mrs. Rose Moser led the devotions and Mrs. David Zimmerman led us in prayer. Mrs. Geis gave a reading. Reports were heard from the secretary, treasurer, and the White Cross chairman. A play entitled, "The Open Window," was presented. The offering was \$32.02 which was designated for Bansa Hospital in Africa.

During the year under the faithful leadership of our president, Mrs. Fred Meyer, it was our privilege to send large amounts of used clothing and food on three occasions to friends in Germany. The women did several days of White Cross work, sending White Cross goods to Africa. Baby blankets and diapers were sewn and sent to Germany. The new Seminary kitchen and St. Joseph's Children's Home were given gifts of money as well as a good contribution to our furnace fund. We are 27 active members with four honorary members.

Mrs. Gottlieb Vogel, Secretary.



The newly dedicated edifice of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Oklahoma of which the Rev. Oliver K. Ringering is the pastor

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Okla., Dedicates its New Edifice

On Sunday, Sept. 3, the dedication of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Oklahoma, was held. The Rev. Oliver K. Ringering, our pastor, taught the Sunday School and the Rev. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Illinois, brought the morning message.

The afternoon service was the dedicatory service with our guest speaker, Mr. Woyke, bringing the message. Mrs. Victor Klein gave a report of the church's history, and Mr. F. F. Kretz brought the financial report. At the well attended evening service, the Rev. John M. Berentschot of Okeene, Okla., brought the closing evangelistic message.

Our former pastor, the Reverend Frank Armbruster, had worked hard in order to get the new building started. With the cooperation of the members, the new building was under way by Aug. 1949.

Our new pastor, the Rev. Oliver K. Ringering, has been with us since Aug. 20th. It has been our prayer that God would send us the right man for this field and we feel that our prayers have been answered.

We of the Ebenezer Baptist Church are happy to report that our new church is paid for. We give all the praise and glory for this wonderful building to God. Our prayer today is that we may dedicate our lives to the Lord as well as to the service of the new church.

Doris Longhofer, Reporter.

Reception of Rev. and Mrs. Paul Hunsicker at the Shell Creek Church, Nebraska

On Sunday, Sept. 3rd, the Rev. Paul T. Hunsicker, who came to Shell Creek, Nebraska, from Fredonia, N. Dak., began his ministry in our church, the Shell Creek Church near Columbus, Neb. In the morning, Mr. Hunsicker preached his first sermon. At his own wish, the Rev. John Borchers led the opening exercises of the service. The sermon which followed was very fitting and stirring to all who

were present.

On the evening of the same Sunday the neighboring Creston Church was invited for the reception festivities. The Rev. John Broeder, pastor of the Creston Church, had charge of the reception service. The representatives of the various branches of the church spoke words of welcome and assured Mr. Hunsicker of their loyal support at all times. We were very happy to have Dr. A. S. Felberg, our newly appointed general evangelist, with us at this happy occasion. He was beginning his first evangelistic campaign at Creston. A short message was given by him to the church and the minister's family. Then Mrs. Hunsicker followed with some fitting remarks, and Mr. Hunsicker expressed his appreciation of the warm welcome and what the church had done to make their ministry pleasant.

Thus a new page is being written in the history of the Shell Creek Church. May it be a page of joy and many blessings!

John Borchers, Reporter.

Offering of \$2400 for New Pews and Church Furniture at Marion Kansas

Sunday evening, August 20th, was a great evening in the history of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas. Every member was invited to be present as the guest of the board of deacons of the church, and over 90 percent of the adult members were present.

The meeting was led by our pastor, Rev. J. J. Kroeker. We were very thankful to the Misses Lydia Meier and Don Rose Pankratz for the two duets which they sang for us. After this our pastor gave us a splendid chalk talk. Our honorary deacon, Rev. Claus Neve, led in prayer after which Mr. Jacob Meier, chairman of the board, told us the reason for this gathering to see if we as individuals and then as a church collectively would open our hearts and our pocket-books so that we would be able to pay for our pews and church furniture, which we bought last July and which will be installed in November. The offering was taken and soon the tellers brought us the report that we had gone over the top with \$2400 for the pews. With the money which is still coming in, we will have enough to pay for new pulpit and aisle rugs, and also for sanding the floors.

The dedication of the pews and of the church furniture will be at our 50th church anniversary on Sunday, November 5th. May God bless our church and may we as church be a beacon light in this community!

Wm. O. Schroeder, Church Clerk.

Eastern Conference

Evangelistic Services and Baptismal Services at Calvary and First Churches, Killaloe, Ontario

Evangelistic meetings were held jointly in the Calvary and First Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario, Canada last May. The attendance and response was gratifying. The messages of the Rev. H. Palfenier were helpfully inspiring.

On Sunday, August 6th, five converts were baptized in the waters of Round Lake. The churches of Lynndock and Sebastopol, with their pastor, the Rev. John Kuehn, were kind enough to release Mr. Palfenier from the afternoon service, in order that he might speak at the baptismal service.

The hand of fellowship was extended to four members into the Calvary Church on that same Sunday. One new member was accepted into the fellowship of the First Church on August 13th. May God continue to bless his work!

Carl R. Weisser, Pastor.

Religious Dramatization Presented by Young People of Forest Baptist Church, Winburne, Pa.

"Simon the Leper" by Dorothy Clarke Wilson was very effectively presented by the young people's group of the Forest Baptist Church of Winburne, Pa. After the original presenta-

tion before a capacity audience in the Forest Baptist Church, the play was subsequently given in two other churches upon request.

The entire offering from all presentations was designated for the project of the Eastern Conference of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union. The Lord richly blessed us and our audiences as he supplied our every need, and directed our performances with unflinching guidance.

The cast included the following: SIMON, Alfred Tulwits; AMON, Albert Zinz; SUSANNA, Bernice Modzel; JUDITH, Esher Tutwits; LAZARUS, Henry Hirsch; MARY, Lydia Soder; MARTHA, Freda Hirsch; and JALON, Henry Soder. The play was directed by Irene Zeigler, president of the young people's group of the Forest Baptist Church.

Esther Tulwits, Irene M. Zeigler, Reporters.

Eastern Conference Sessions at the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

The 99th Eastern Conference of the North American Baptist Churches was held at Buffalo, N. Y., from Sept. 13 to 17 in the Bethel Baptist Church.

The theme chosen for the conference was "His Church in Our Day." The well prepared messages and discussions inspired and challenged us in the building of Christ's Church within the church. Each day was begun with a period of devotion and at the close of each morning session a half hour was given for Bible study and devotion. The letters and reports from the churches were encouraging and revealed that the conference had again made some progress during the year. It showed an increase in giving over last year toward our denominational mission enterprise.

We were also pleased to have as our guests the following denominational leaders: Rev. F. H. Woyke, executive secretary; Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, Publication Society manager; Miss Hilda Tobert, missionary. Rev. Wm. E. Schmitt and Rev. Vincent Trimmer were also guest speakers. Their helpful messages and informative reports were greatly appreciated.

While the Woman's Mission Union was in session, the pastors gathered in the parsonage for a meeting having the Rev. F. H. Woyke as leader. Many problems were discussed and questions answered by our executive secretary.

The following were elected as officers of the conference for the ensuing year: Rev. L. B. Holzer, moderator; Rev. G. E. Friedenbergh, vice-moderator; Rev. G. A. McLean, secretary; Rev. J. Kuehn, statistician. The Rev. L. B. Holzer was re-elected as mission secretary.

We are grateful to the pastor, the Rev. P. E. Loth, members and friends of the host church for the royal way in which they provided for our comforts and needs at the conference. We look confidently to the Lord for the future when we shall meet, God willing, at Rochester, N. Y., in 1951.

John Kuehn, Reporter.



Young people of the Forest Baptist Church, Winburne, Pa., who took part in the play, "Simon, the Leper"

Left to right: Henry Hirsch, Esther Tulwits, Bernice Modzel, Alfred Tulwits, Henry Soder, Albert Zinz, Lydia Soder, Freda Hirsch, Irene Zeigler.

Dakota Conference

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Baptist Church, Avon, S. Dak.

In order to place further emphasis on missions, the theme of the annual program of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Avon, S. Dak., centered on the Cameroons field in Africa on Sunday evening, Sept. 17.

Following introductory music, Scripture and prayer and several special numbers by the young men's chorus, Mrs. Lena Radack, our society president, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois. He in turn presented

a most impressive illustrated lecture showing the actual work in the Cameroons and the many needs of the Bansa Hospital. Mrs. Kathryn Heil appropriately closed the program with a poem, "The Master Painter."

The committee women in charge of the program were Mrs. Lois Jurrens, Mrs. Mabel Meyer and Mrs. Raychel Lorenz. An offering toward the mission field totaled \$98. Following the program, Christian fellowship continued in the church basement where refreshments were served.

The society has been doing a great deal of White Cross work along with its regular activities. The total membership now stands at 51 women. May the Lord bless the society's efforts to serve him!

Mrs. C. E. Voigt, Secretary.



Members of the committee on arrangements for the anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Union of Avon, South Dakota, along with the pastor, Rev. Peter Geissler

Left to right: Mrs. Earl Jurrens, chairman; Mrs. Lester Lorenz, Mrs. Leonard Meyer, Mrs. Geissler, Rev. P. Geissler

DEDICATION OF THE FOSTER AVENUE CHURCH

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people through it and into the church, so we also desire to bring many to that door which is Christ, our Lord.

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The dedicatory sermon followed, brought to us by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner with a message which sank deep into the hearts of his listeners.

The house of God was filled again for the evening service. Once again our singers used their talents as they sang, "Praise Ye the Lord in His Sanctuary" by Blomquist and "Spirit Of God" by Humason.

Then, as the lights were dimmed in the auditorium, the baptistry only remaining fully illuminated, and the choir softly singing, "He Leadeth Me," eight converts followed the Lord in baptism.

The Lord has surely been good to us! We have held services in our new church since July 9, 1950. Many friends

from the community have come into our midst, showing interest in our work and now the first have also been added to the church, for on October 1st the hand of fellowship was extended to nine new members.

The present building and property represent an investment of approximately \$120,000, exclusive of the organ which is to be installed in time for our Christmas services.

MULTITUDES IN THE VALLEY

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Norte, Colorado. It was a joy for us to see the enthusiasm of the children. Though the Spanish are known for being irregular and easy-going, about three-fourths of the children had perfect attendance.

Quite often a pupil would forget where he was and from habit call us "Sisters." One girl invited us to attend the first communion of her younger sisters who wasn't attending our Bible School.

The class of Juniors made "Wordless Books" of colored construction paper which they took home and explained the way of salvation to parents and friends.

It will be a very difficult life if they are sincere and desire to live for Christ but we know that he is able to help them. Our missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Young, have been faithfully working in the Valley and have won a place in the hearts of these people.

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.)

MR. RUDOLPH ONDREJKA of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Mr. Rudolph Ondrejka of Milwaukee, Wis., was born on April 23, 1900 in Austria. He immigrated to America in earliest infancy and lived in Milwaukee ever since that time.

A large group of friends attended the funeral service on Monday, Sept. 25. The funeral chapel was filled with many floral tributes. His pastor spoke on Romans 8:18. He was a patient sufferer and ready to meet his Master.

Our departed brother is survived by his devoted and sorrowing wife, one daughter, two sons, two granddaughters, two brothers, two sisters and many relatives and friends. We commend all the bereaved to the loving care of our heavenly Father who gave and who took away. He knows best!

Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

JOHN LEYPOLODT, Pastor.

MRS. AMALIA DARGATZ of Anaheim, California

Mrs. Amalia Dargatz, nee Peters, of Anaheim, Calif., was born on Nov. 15, 1875 at Leshnew, Poland and died in the Community Hospital at Anaheim, Calif., on Sept. 21, 1950 at the age of 74 years, 10 months and 6 days.

Nine children were born to them, five of whom died early. Her husband died in the year 1937. Mrs. Dargatz loved her Savior, her church and her Bible. She witnessed for the Lord whenever and wherever she found an opportunity.

She leaves to mourn her death her four children: Leo, Herman, (both of Buttonwillow, Calif.), Mrs. Howard Greene and Ewald (of Anaheim); the respective in-laws, 9 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California

R. SCHILKE, Pastor.

JOANNE LOUISE PIESCER of Anaheim, California

Joanne Louise Piescer of Anaheim, Calif., was born on April 12, 1938 at Santa Ana, Calif., and died at her home on Sept. 16, 1950 at the age of 12 years, 5 months and 4 days.

She leaves to mourn her dear parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Piescer, a brother, a sister, her maternal grandparents and many other friends. We shall miss her presence at Bethel Baptist Sunday School and Church.

Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California

R. SCHILKE, Pastor.

MRS. FRED YUCH of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada

Mrs. Fred Yuch of Arnprior, Ontario, passed away at the home of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Richard Yuch in Fitzroy Township, Ontario, on August 9th. Mrs. Yuch was in her 93rd year, and had been ill for some time.

She was baptized and received into the church in her 29th year, and was a faithful member of her church wherever she was. In her late years of suffering she waited patiently for her Savior to call her Home.

Since her pastor was on his holidays, and the Rev. L. Albus of Trenton, Ill., was here on a visit, he officiated and used the 90th Psalm as his text to speak words of comfort to the bereaved.

Mrs. Yuch is survived by three daughters and one son. Mr. Yuch and one son and daughter preceded her in death. The daughters are: Mrs. Richard Jahn of Arnprior; Mrs. John Wolfe of Rockingham, Ont.; and Mrs. Jules Paul of Alberta.

Arnprior, Ontario, Canada

A. STELTER, Pastor.

MRS. REINHOLD WEISS of Kenosha, Wisconsin

Mrs. Mary Martha Weiss, nee Behr, of Kenosha, Wis., was born in Dubno, Russia, on December 1, 1898. She went to her heavenly reward on September 16, 1950 at Kenosha, Wis.

Although she was a Christian for many years, it was in 1926 that she followed her Lord through the waters of baptism. She was baptized by the late Rev. Carl Daniels in the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha.

Left to mourn the loss of this loved one are: her husband, Mr. Reinhold Weiss; two sons, Benjamin and Harvey; one daughter, Mrs. Lillian Weiss Tracy; all of Kenosha; also four brothers: Emmanuel of Moundridge, Kansas; Christ of St. Joseph, Michigan; Daniel and Samuel Behr of Kenosha; and one sister, Mrs. Anna Stucky

of Moundridge, Kansas. She also leaves four grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

She was laid to rest from her church on Sept. 19, 1950. Many friends and neighbors paid their last respects with beautiful floral tributes.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin

E. D. MCKERNAN, Pastor.

MR. ANDREW BIBELHEIMER of Linton, North Dakota

Mr. Andrew Bibelheimer of Linton, N. Dak., was born in Hirtendorf, South Russia, December 6, 1884 and died August 16, 1950, having reached the age of 66 years, 3 months and 22 days.

He emigrated to the United States with his parents in 1890 and lived with them on a farm near Eureka, S. Dak. Later he farmed land at Selby, S. Dak. Here he was married to Sophia Schell in 1906.

Mr. Bibelheimer was born again and baptized at the age of 15 years under the ministry of Rev. L. Wiesele at Eureka where he joined the church. Later he transferred his membership to Herried and finally to Linton. He was very faithful to the Lord and the church.

He leaves to mourn his death his beloved wife, one brother, two sisters, six children; Herbert at Salem, Ore.; Martha Krueg at Lodi, Calif.; Albert at Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Ruth Daniels at Stillwater, Minn.; Paul and Esther at Fargo, N. Dak.; also 12 grandchildren and one great grandchild besides many relatives and friends.

Linton, North Dakota

A. HUBER, Pastor.

MR. VERNON LITTLE of Lodi, California

Mr. Vernon Little of Lodi, Calif., was born in Mercer, N. Dak., on July 23, 1904. In this community he received his basic school training and his religious instruction. On June 24, 1928 he was united in marriage with Emma Bohnet, his now bereaved wife.

He received Jesus Christ as his Savior when he was 16 years old. He was baptized on confession of his faith and united with the Tabor Baptist Church. In 1932 he came to Lodi, Calif., and united with the First Baptist Church here.

He passed away on Sept. 19, 1950 after a prolonged illness. In the peace and faith of Jesus Christ, he reached the age of 46 years, 2 months and 6 days.

Mrs. Violet Fischer and Ruby Little were his wife, Mrs. Emma Little; two daughters: Mrs. Carl Little; two sisters, Anna and Mrs. Elck Grove, Calif.; and Pauline Schinfsch, Elk Grove, Calif.; three brothers, Wil-Bauer, Butte, N. Dak.; three brothers, William and Bennie Little of Elk Grove, Calif., and Rev. David Little, Billings, Montana.

First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

MR. SIMON OLTHOFF of Emery, South Dakota

Mr. Simon Olthoff of Emery, S. Dak., was born near Emery on Dec. 13, 1889 and died of heart trouble in the Sioux Valley Hospital at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Sept. 13, 1950 at the age of 60 years and 9 months.

At the age of 15 years he accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized upon the confession of his faith in Christ by his father, Rev. O. Olthoff, and accepted into the fellowship of the Emery Baptist Church where he remained until death.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife; three children, Mrs. Edwin Schradler (Senal), Elmer and Esther, all of Emery; three grandchildren; three brothers, Rev. John F. Olthoff of Tacoma, Wash., Henry and Otto Olthoff, both of Emery; five sisters: Mrs. Laura Bleeker, Mrs. Andrew Bleeker, Mrs. Will Harms, Mrs. Claus Rust, all of Emery and Mrs. John Plucker of Lennox, and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Emery Baptist Church on Saturday, Sept. 16, with the following order of service: processional. Mrs. J. Terveen; invocation, Rev. B. F. Taylor; duet, Mrs. Art Edzards and Mrs. Carl Olthoff; message, Rev. D. S. Wipf; duet, Mrs. Art Edzards and Mrs. Carl Olthoff; obituary, closing benediction, Rev. D. S. Wipf; and recessional, Mrs. J. Terveen.

Emery, South Dakota

D. S. WIPF, Pastor.

ELMER ROBERT KLAUSTEIN of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Elmer Robert Klapstein of Edmonton, Alberta, was born July 19, 1922 and the hopes and expectations for better and brighter life ahead were suddenly and tragically cut off on Sunday morning, Sept. 17, 1950 when he died in the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton.

Elmer had been converted and was baptized by the Rev. August Kraemer. The years of his Christian life were spent actively in the Central Baptist Church. At the close of Thursday, Sept. 14th, after the father had gone back to his home, Elmer felt led to make preparations for the next day. While filling his truck with gasoline, fire broke out and burned his clothes from his body.

He is survived by his grief stricken wife and infant son; by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Klapstein; by four brothers: Ruben, Harry, Stanley and Norman; by one sister, Hilda; and by 13 nieces and nephews, and with them his church and a host of friends. Funeral services were held at the Central Baptist Church and the Rev. Henry Pfeifer brought the message of comfort from God's precious Word.

Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

HENRY PFEIFER, Pastor.

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worship service at the Kassel Baptist Church on the first Sunday of my visit. It was in this church, where more than thirty years ago, I was born again by simple faith in Jesus Christ. For me, now, to stand in the pulpit of this church as a messenger of the Gospel of Christ was a most joyful privilege. I had the joy of serving this church in this capacity on several occasions. The church in Kassel has an immense field. It is composed of the home church and some twenty stations scattered in the surrounding areas. These stations are being served faithfully by the pastors of the church, Elsholz and Paulo, and by a large number of lay preachers.

In Wendershausen on the Werra, a station of Kassel, I had my first occasion to preach in a cow stable. Actually, it is no cow stable any longer but it has been beautifully converted into a pleasant sanctuary where a goodly number of worshippers come Sunday after Sunday in preference to the more stately village church, less than a block away, to hear the Word of God in its glorious truth. As many as 90 to 100 children, below high school age, come here on Sundays to hear the simple story of God's love. Our Baptists in Germany still believe that the Sunday School is for children only, and consequently adults, with the exception of teachers and officers, do not attend it.

It seems to be a typical endeavor among the Baptists in Germany to evangelize the surrounding villages, and consequently one finds the surrounding areas of a church dotted with stations. Each station thus becomes a light in its own town and village. The chapel in these villages, naturally, do not compare with even the smaller ones of our churches in America. However, the people, there, are very proud to have a chapel of their own, regardless of how plain and how modest it may be. Many of these chapels are located in homes and one learns to understand the significance of "the church that is in thine house" as one makes these observations.

GERMAN YOUTH

While in Germany it was my privilege to visit one of the Baptist camp grounds. "Camp," there, is an all-summer affair with ten day periods for the various age groups, including a period for the whole family. They call this period, "Freizeit" (free time) and it seems to be maintained in the meaning of the term, but with a definite aim on the part of the leaders to win the children and young people for Christ. In this particular camp there were a number of decisions for Christ.

In the course of a conversation with a young person who is deeply interested

in the spiritual status of young people, I made the remark that German young people gave me the impression that they are very cynical, and unapproachable on the subject of religion. I was told that if that attitude is true, it is only because German young people have been confronted with sham for so long that they are skeptical and very cautious to listen to any other ideology or philosophy, and that they are actually on the quest for reality. How one hopes that they might come to know the reality as found in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Another thing that impressed me was the courtesy and politeness with which one is met by many of the people. It is indeed very interesting to be greeted by the boys and the girls, many of whom accompany their hearty handshakes with graceful bows and curtsys. These gestures of politeness are held in high esteem by young and old alike.

FOOD IN GERMANY

The question which has been asked of me more often perhaps than any other is with reference to the food situation. My own experience was that I was always urged to eat. I have no doubt but that my entertaining friends and relatives did their utmost to make my stay a pleasant one and we know that good food is an important factor toward that end. While I did not have a single piece of pie while in Germany, I found a wonderful substitute in the delicious tarts that the Germans love to bake. Judging by the contents of the stores, food seems to be in great abundance. The problem that confronts many Germans is how to buy with their limited incomes. The average income is approximately the same as in the United States, that is, if one figures one mark for every dollar, or only one-fourth of American currency. However, the buying power of the mark is limited. Thus, a pound of good meat (German pound = 500 grams) costs about 2.75 marks. Other items vary slightly, but on an average, the cost of living appears to be about twice as high as in the United States. In the Western Zones, the people, with the exception of some of the refugees, seem able to make a fairly decent livelihood, even with their limited incomes.

Of course, the German people have never enjoyed a standard of living which most Americans are privileged to have. I have noticed, for instance, that very few of the women there have a washing machine. Most of the homes have no refrigerator. Very few of the people own a car. In the face of these observations, I felt ashamed on the one hand, that we take these advantages so much of the time for granted, and on

the other hand, my heart was filled with gratitude to God for permitting me to enjoy these blessings.

While speaking of gratitude, I want to convey the messages of gratitude given to me by the German Christians wherever I went. These are almost literally their own words, "Wherever you go, thank the Christians in America again and again for us and tell them of the unspeakable joy that was ours when their packages came to us in Jesus' Name."

There are still many things one could tell, but all things must come to an end. And so did my stay in Germany. My loved ones in America and the dear people of my church were looking for me to return. To the people of my church I owe a debt of gratitude for the love, so wonderfully manifested in giving me time and money for this trip and also for their many prayers in my behalf. God heard their prayers and gave me a wonderful trip and a joyous and blessed stay in Germany.

SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING

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of our beloved denomination.

Therefore, at this Thanksgiving time we would lay into our denominational treasury our financial offering according to the way the Lord has given to us and as is worthy of the expression of thankfulness on our lips and hearts. May this Thanksgiving bring to our denominational budget, which is basic in our denominational household, an offering that exceeds any which has been ours in the past. We thank the Lord for his goodness. We are expressing it in prayers and testimonies. May it also be said that we are expressing it in our gifts!

BLESSINGS — RESPONSIBILITIES

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of 10,000 families and that the average family income is \$3,000.00 per year the tithe would have amounted to \$3,000,000.00.

What a difference \$1,000,000.00 per year would make! Part of such an increase would undoubtedly be needed for local expenses, for pastors' salaries are in most instances woefully inadequate. But most of the additional funds would be available for foreign missions' advance. An additional \$500,000.00 per year would make it possible to send and support 125 additional missionaries in foreign fields.

One way of responding to the open doors God has placed before us is to make our *Thanksgiving Offering* this year a real sacrifice offering. God's people dare never grow weary. "And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" Romans 10:14-15.