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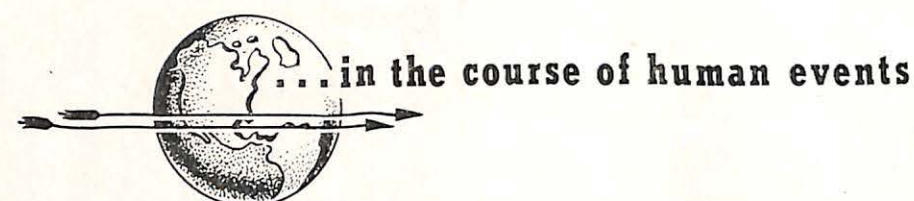


Sea Breakers Splashing Wildly Against the Rocky Coast

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● The American Bible Society has published a special edition of 50,000 copies of Korean Scriptures for distribution to the Korean Army, Navy and Air Force. The books were printed at the request of the Korean Bible Society, whose headquarters were in Seoul, and will probably be distributed by the Chaplains Corps under the supervision of the Korean Bible Society. The books, bound in black fabrikoid, contain the four Gospels and the Book of Acts. One hundred thousand copies of the Sermon on the Mount in Korean and English are also available and will be sent to Korea, with the Scriptures, as soon as shipping arrangements can be made.

● Evangelist Billy Graham talked to more people in six days of August in Portland, Oregon, than in his first week's appearance in any other city in the United States. Some 83,000 persons visited the specially-built tabernacle to hear the evangelist urge them to renounce sin and accept Jesus Christ. The 12,000 seat structure was filled or overflowed every night. The attendance total was over 300,000. At each service, when those attending for the first time were asked to raise their hands, 2,000 to 4,000 hands went up. From 150 to 250 converts were recorded each night. A feature of the meetings was an all-night prayer session attended by 100 area pastors.

● Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, executive secretary of the Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention (formerly Northern Baptist Convention) was elected interim General Director of Promotion for the convention on Aug. 9 at Green Lake, Wis. The election of Dr. Smith to this important post followed a series of developments which began with the convention at Boston from May 22-26. At that time Dr. Reuben Nelson was elected to the newly created office of general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, beginning with Oct. 1, 1950. Dr. Nelson was the guest speaker at our Sioux Falls General Conference sessions in 1949 at the daily devotional periods.

● Marking 73 years of soul winning on Sept. 15, Chicago's famed PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION, doorway to heaven for thousands, announced plans for a new radio ministry to reach Saturday night audiences with the ageless Gospel message that continues to work miracles on Skid Row. The weekly, half-hour programs, which began on Sept. 23 on Radio Station WGN, are believed to be a



Dr. Reuben Nelson of New York, N. Y., the newly elected general secretary of the American Baptist Convention, who will begin his duties on Oct. 1, 1950

new approach to Gospel broadcasting, Supt. Harry G. Saulnier said. While the Gospel will be clearly presented, the program will hold the audience with a dramatic story from the Mission files. The series opened with the story of Billy Sunday, perhaps the best known Pacific Garden Mission convert.

● On July 10, the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Baptist College unanimously elected Dr. Hyman Appelman, well-known evangelist, as its new president. Dr. Lewis J. Julianel, pastor of First Church, San Francisco, and president of the College since its founding, was appointed executive vice-president. A near capacity audience in the Coliseum Bowl of the city

ANNUAL BAZAAR at the Chicago Home for the Aged Thursday, Oct. 19, 1950

Under the auspices of the Woman's Mission Union of Chicago and Vicinity, the yearly bazaar will be held for the benefit of the Chicago Home for the Aged on Thursday, Oct. 19. Donations will be gratefully accepted and may be sent directly to the Western Baptist Home for the Aged, 1851 N. Spaulding Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.

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Editorial

The Oracles of October

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER promises to be the overture to great events and important developments for North American Baptists this Fall. Colorful posters, handy leaflets and illustrated articles will try to keep you informed concerning the launching of these programs. It will be well for us to listen to the oracles of October if we are to get the full benefit of the blessings in the weeks ahead.

"An attractive appearance catches the eye." There's a lot of wisdom in that saying. Our Publication Society is aware of that truth. In planning for the Publication Society Campaign from Oct. 1, 1950 to Dec. 31, 1950 with all of its fine offers for gift and student subscriptions and its alluring inducements for 6500 new subscribers at reduced prices, it was decided that each publication had to be "dressed up" and streamlined. The results for the "Baptist Herald" are now before you. Many changes have been made which we hope will be regarded as improvements. We want this publication to be in that elite class of "top notchers" in the field of denominational papers.

"Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." This is a word of truth and practical wisdom. Every great inspiration of the soul must find expression in channels of service if it is to be of abiding blessing to us. God wants to enlist us as his faithful, obedient stewards, who are not only in the center of his will but who carry out his will with unswerving devotion.

This is the program of Stewardship Enlistment Sunday on Oct. 15, or at some more appropriate time in the months to come. Every Christian steward who is led by the Holy Spirit earnestly to consider his or her enlistment in the program will endeavor to carry out the five resolutions with God's grace. Leaflets and the pastor's announcements will give you further information about the Stewardship Enlistment program.

"When people are challenged to great tasks and high goals, they rise splendidly to the occasion." The special Sundays before us are reminders of this "bit of oracular wisdom." The response of our people to the Seminary Building Fund drive to raise \$225,000 in a few months was thrilling to behold. The new Seminary buildings will be dedicated on Sunday, Nov. 8, entirely free of debt because of the generous offerings of our people to this cause.

We are convinced that our people will give nobly and sacrificially, as God guides them, to the Immigration Fund in which we will have a \$50,000 share in the \$250,000 fund of the Baptist World Alliance. This will be on Sunday, Oct. 29, or on any other convenient Sunday before the close of the year.

"Expect great things of God by faith, and God will honor such a faith with showers of blessing." That is more than an oracle of truth to be uttered by human lips. It ought to be the adventurous experience of every Christian, the program of every denominational advance, the joyous participation by every church in the Kingdom enterprise of our Lord. "In HIS Name, we must go forward!"

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The Urgent Command

Every Christian must do ALL in his power — by sacrificial giving and by prevailing prayer — to “go . . . into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature,” and to do it NOW

By DR. SAMUEL M. ZWEMER, World-Renowned Missionary to the Moslem World and Author of Scores of Missionary Books

brought hunger, nakedness, and pain to millions of homes. Only “he who telleth the number of the stars” can “bind all the broken in heart.” Mankind has never been so restless in spirit. Social strife and economic unrest are the two specters that haunt every nation. Families, even whole communities, are on the move. Confusion and disturbance are rampant on every hand.

The result is obvious: mankind has never been in such need of Christ and so responsive to the Gospel message. Jew and Gentile, pagan and Moslem, are stretching out their hands for the Truth. A bewildered world seeks the Way; a disillusioned world needs the reality found only in Christ; a decadent world needs the Resurrection and the Life that is life indeed.

In some ways the progress of missions is greater than is generally believed. There are actually more Christians in Korea today than there were in the whole Roman Empire at the close of the first century. It is now possible to cross Africa, from Atlantic to the Indian Ocean, stopping every night at a mission station. The American forces in the South Pacific were surprised to find former cannibals eager to preach the gospel to soldiers and sailors who landed. The Church of Jesus Christ in all its branches has become literally worldwide.

MISSIONARY ZEAL

This Church, alive and growing, was established by two groups of Christians — the larger missionary boards of Europe and America, most of which have celebrated their centenaries, and the faith missions which during the past fifty years have led in a remarkable revival of missionary zeal and effort, featured by the occupation of new and difficult areas.

This is vividly illustrated in the greatest field — China. Here universities, hospitals, training schools, and printing presses have driven deep into the interior in the love of Christ for the lost, and from these vital centers the cords of love have extended to every part of the eighteen provinces. By the prophetic vision of Hudson Taylor, Christianity has become

native to China: the Church of Christ exists in every province.

While there are bright areas in the global scene, we must not forget that as a whole the picture is dark and desperate. The world today, with its enormous population, its vast unoccupied areas of human need, its soul-restlessness and disillusionment after two world wars, is in dire need of evangelism. Among the lands still nearly unoccupied by any mission, whose people are yet waiting for the gospel message, are Afghanistan, Baluchistan, Tibet, Nepal, Bhutan, Chinese Turkestan, Soviet Russia, much of Africa, and large areas of South America.

“WE PREACH CHRIST”

There never was a time when the command of Christ was more appropriate and more urgent. The primary basis of missions always was, and still is, the command of our risen Lord to “go . . . into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” There was a time, in the recent past, when this fundamental motive was almost lost sight of, being replaced by all sorts of secondary motives. But today, under the hammer of the times, these secondary motives are smitten to pieces. It is no longer enough to recommend Christianity as the “bringer of enlightenment and freedom,” or as “a social tonic to make nations powerful,” or as “the infallible guide to progress.” To meet the appalling spiritual hunger of today's world, the emphasis must revert to the fundamental proclamation of Christ as the personal Savior and Sin-bearer of the individual.

The missionary enterprise has its foundation in the eternal purpose of God. “God so loved the world,” his Word tells us. Christ died not for our sins only, but for the sins of the whole world. We are to proclaim the good news of redemption, going in the strength of his Spirit, because he has committed to us the word of reconciliation, that we should plead with men, in Christ's stead, to be reconciled to God.

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What Does God Think of You?

A radio sermon broadcast over station CKLW of Detroit, Mich., in the series of programs, “Echoes of Heaven,” from the Burns Ave. Baptist Church

By DR. A. DALE IHRIE of Detroit, Michigan

A YOUNG LADY once said to Dr. John Henry Jowett, the famous preacher, “Tell me, what do you think about God?” To which this great man of God replied, “Young lady, what I think about God is a very unimportant matter; the thing I have been thinking about is of much greater importance. What does God think of me?”

A great many people in our day are in the class with this young lady. They are formulating their opinions about God when they should be paying attention to what the revelation of God has declared about them. Would you like to know what God thinks of man? The Holy Scriptures have revealed God's thoughts to us in a most specific kind of way.

GOD'S WORD

Go back with me to the days of Noah and listen as the Holy Spirit is describing those days in Genesis 6:5: “And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was continually evil. And it repented God that he had made man on the earth and it grieved him at his heart.”

Then there is David in Psalm 14:2-3 giving us God's evaluation of humanity: “The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men to see if there were any that did understand and seek God. They are all gone aside, they are altogether become filthy, and there is none that doeth good, no not one.”

Equally revealed and awfully sobering is God's account of the age in which we are living, for it is written in 2 Timothy 3:1-5: “This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce-breakers, false accusers, without self-control, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, high-minded, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away.”

Is this picture overdrawn? Not if we go through this world with open eyes. In a recent issue of the Detroit “Free Press,” even Walter Lippman

concludes a copyright article by saying, “The modern skeptical world has been taught for some two hundred years a conception of human nature in which the reality of evil, so well-known to the ages of faith, has been discounted. Almost all of us grew up in an environment of such easy optimism that we scarcely know what is meant, though our ancestors knew it well, by the satanic will. We shall

have to recover this forgotten but essential truth — along with so many others that we lost, when, thinking we were enlightened and advanced, we were merely shallow and blind. For we are confronted with absolute realities which we never supposed existed.”

The “satanic will” here mentioned is nothing else than that which is (Continued on Page 17)

Prayer

By DR. H. THEODORE SORG of Newark, N. J.

Probably more has been written about atomic power these past five years than in the preceding five centuries. The atom bomb is spoken of as a weapon against which there may be no known human defense.

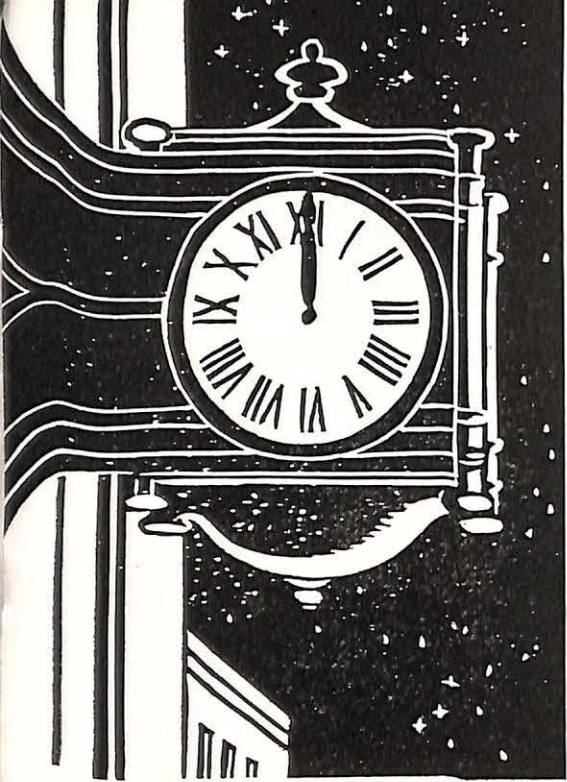
But there is a power infinitely greater than atomic power and the atom bomb. It is the power of prayer. Use of atomic power is subject to human limitations. The power of prayer is available without limitation. A God-fearing nation, unitedly believing in and exercising the power of prayer, would have no reason to fear any foe with human weapons.

Jesus, himself, stated: “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” No human mind can conceive power to equal that promise.

But prayer is not solely a collective matter; it is reserved as well for the individual use of every believer who qualifies. It can be a day by day resource.

James L. Kraft, famous food manufacturer, recently related this personal experience. He was asked, some years ago, to address a food convention in the South. As Mr. Kraft stepped off his train to the station platform in that Southern city, he felt strangely impelled to stand and wait; he knew not why. Shortly, another train pulled into the station and, directly opposite Mr. Kraft, the “Jim Crow” section of the train (restricted to Negro people) halted. An elderly Negro man stepped out on the car platform with a large wooden case which he obviously could not handle alone. Trainmen standing by offered no aid. Mr. Kraft stepped forward and tendered his assistance, which the man gladly accepted. Mr. Kraft helped carry the case to the station, where, the Negro man stated, he would be met. That evening, as Mr. Kraft and other speakers sat on the convention platform, he noticed with amazement that the speaker on his right was that same Negro man, who presently was introduced as Dr. George Washington Carver, world-renowned agricultural scientist. He had with him the wooden case, filled with samples of his scientific inventions. He smiled and said to Mr. Kraft: “I knew you would be there to meet me at the station today.” Mr. Kraft asked how that could be, inasmuch as they had never met before. Dr. Carver replied: “Of course, I did not know it would be you, but I knew someone would meet me. I had this case, which I could not handle, so I asked God, as I approached this city, to please have someone meet and help me.” To Mr. Kraft's question as to whether this was a new experience, Dr. Carver answered: “No, frequently when I have failed in an experiment, I have asked God to show me the way, and he always has.”

The Scriptures tell us: “The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” —Watchman-Examiner.



—Sketch by Harmon
The hour is late — almost midnight — and the need is urgent. There is no time to put forth anything less than a maximum effort

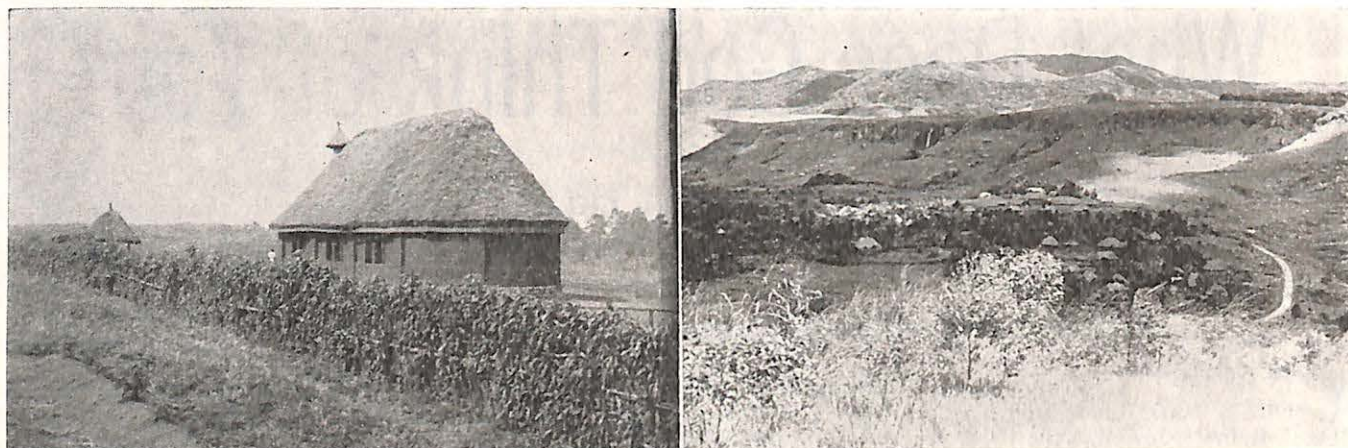
NO OTHER generation of Christians ever faced a larger missionary task, or one more clearly defined, than that which confronts the church today. Livingstone said, “The end of the geographical feat is only the beginning of the missionary enterprise.” In 1950 there are no more geographical discoveries to be made. Virtually all tribes have been discovered; the dark places of the earth, full of the habitations of cruelty, are no longer unknown. “Go ye into all the world” has become a geographical possibility.

No matter where we live, we stand squarely in the midst of the Battle of the Ages: the Prince of Darkness against the Prince of Peace, the powers of evil against the Kingdom of God. In such a scene there can be no isolationism for those who believe the Great Commission and desire to crown our Savior Lord of all.

If we would pray for missions with understanding, as well as with the Spirit, we must have a true picture of the world today. Ignorance is always a cause of misunderstanding, and there is much truth in the French proverb, “To know all is to forgive all.” Only when we are adequately informed can we go into all the world intelligently and sympathetically to tell others the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

THIS BEWILDERED WORLD

The world today is a very large world and a greatly disturbed world. The earth's population — more than 2,200,000,000 — has never been higher. Two world wars have torn lands and hearts asunder, plowed graveyards for the dead, disappointed hopes, and



The Baptist Chapel at Bamenda, Africa (left), built under the supervision of the Rev. Paul Gebauer, superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission, and (right) a bird's-eye view of our Bamenda mission compound and a part of Bamenda from a neighboring hill

Why Do They Come to Chapel?

A look into a typical Sunday morning service in the Baptist Chapel at Bamenda, Africa

By the REV. PAUL GEBAUER,
Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission

THE LARGE, long drum of Bamenda Chapel calls each Sunday at 6 A.M., again at 7 A.M. and for the third time at 8 A.M. The last drum is the beginning of the services. The worshippers drift in, one by one, in pairs, in families and in groups. A song leader warms them up in songs of many languages and many lands.

LATEST STYLES

By 8:30 A.M. the chapel is filled. There is hardly one naked man or woman in the two hundred. Bamenda is a place of work and wealth. More than a good half of all earnings in this sector goes for imported clothing. And our services display the top-heavy expenditures. Women wiggle down the aisle in dresses that have been poured on. Their feet wrestle with shoes and high heels which were never meant for hard working feet. Men show off in new hats and suits. Handkerchiefs are spread out on the bamboo benches before the white and heavily starched trousers come to rest.

By 8:30 A.M. the deacons pray, the church teacher or a guest reads the Scriptures for the day and the guest speaker preaches in Pidgin or in the King's English. Songs and prayers in different languages close the service of the morning. Sunday School follows in haste. And by 10 A.M. the crowd has disappeared into huts, homes and the marketplace.

Why do they come? What do they get out of the services?

They come, first and foremost, for the fellowship. This Bamenda settlement is one of strangers from many lands and many tongues. Fugitives from oppression, from justice, from the authority of the elders and that of father or mother-in-law have settled here for a new beginning. In the shadow of the British government post they feel secure. They have rest here. They build their homes and make their farms.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

But they are away from home — and homesick. Homesick until they return or die here! They feel lost, away from tribal moorings, tribal customs, the spirits of their ancestors and the familiar landmarks. In the Christian church they sense a promise of a substitute for that which they lost by going into strange lands. In the fellowship of the Christian church they hope for a new society that knows neither freeman nor slave, that crosses languages and past. That is why they come.

Again, they come to find an outlet for the riches which they have acquired in this land away from home. What is a new dress without admirers? A new hat without Easter Sunday? New and pinching shoes if no jealous eye envies the owner and helps him over his pains? What is a

new suit, if it can not be shown off? Our Africans have discovered it fast that the aisle of a chapel is a most convenient place to display the new riches and to have this new outlet of personal entertainment. They come for that, whether you like it or not.

Moreover, they come for the love of music. Rhythm and the love of tunes came with them into this refuge and it stays with them. The drums of the service, the local instruments that accompany and underline the rhythm draw them to the service. They sing; they sway and swing. They clap and hum. Lost in tune and rhythm they experience home; their homesickness vanishes. They feel fine. The songs grip them, lift them beyond the dreary present, bring to the fore the deep, deep longings of the centuries that have gone. That's why they come!

CHRIST, THE ANCHOR

There is a fourth reason, an important one. Their life of constant change seeks an abiding place, a secure ground in which to anchor. Eighty percent of our worshippers are of young Africa, believe it or not. Among these young men and women, we have the rebels who in their dark, small way dream and plot the overthrow of white supremacy. Among them are those who have had their secret meetings of Saturday night,

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A Snake Ju-ju in the Cameroons

The fear and superstition which are caused by African witchcraft can only be combatted by the Gospel of Christ and his love

A Missionary Story by the REV. KENNETH GOODMAN of Ndu, Africa

SIX A.M. and two hours to go on horseback to reach the Nsarung (pronounced Uh-sah-rung) Church where there was to be a union baptism of new Christians from five of the Nsungli churches! Evangelist Abel Gaduma had preceded us the evening before to question the new Christians to determine their fitness for baptism.

We (eight carriers and myself) were on the first leg of a trek into Nkoll to meet the brethren H. G. Dymmel and Fred Ferris who were being accompanied by the Rev. Donald Ganstrom from Belo. We reached Nsarung in good time and were immediately plunged into a palaver (debate) concerning whether the wife of a certain polygamist could be baptized, at the conclusion of which the actual baptismal service began.

THIRTY-SEVEN BAPTIZED

Abel Gaduma officiated at the baptism and thus initiated 37 new Christians into the Christian walk. On returning to the church for the Lord's Supper we encountered a large puff adder at the door of the church. This is a very dangerous and poisonous

snake. The snake was killed and the service went on.

At the conclusion of this service the village headman came and demanded that the head of the snake be brought to him. After some questioning, it was made known that the headman was going to "make medicine" to determine who had sent the snake Ju-ju to break up the Christian baptism. We, Abel Gaduma and I, assured him we did not fear the Ju-ju, though some of the Christians did seem a little frightened.

The headman was finally persuaded to call off the proceedings and left. An old man, perhaps the village witch doctor, left with the body of the snake which would furnish him with one or two pounds of fine "chop" (food) and most everyone seemed to be happy.

TRIP TO NKOLL

Our party proceeded to Nkoll, stopping for visits at Wat, Mbinon and Lassing on the way. Shortly after leaving Lassing, a troop of monkeys was seen and one large monkey was killed. This was "dashed" (given) to the carriers who were delighted to have so much fine "chop." They as-

sured me that they would "thank God plenty" because "Massa" had treated them so kindly.

The following day, after meeting the delegates from home and escorting them to Nkoll, it was again our privilege to witness several new Christians take their stand for Christ in baptism. Nkoll is a much more primitive area than Nsarung, and hence there is much "witchcraft," paganism and persecution for the Christians in this area. This persecution is both pagan and Roman Catholic, and it is hard to tell which is the most hateful of the two. Christians in this area face a brand of persecution which is almost unbelievable.

A RIOT AT THE POOL

The service went well until all the new Christians had been baptized. However, as soon as Abel Gaduma had pronounced the benediction at the stream a fight broke out on the banks of the baptismal pool. After about three hours of questioning in which the American brethren had had a part, it was discovered that a Catholic woman had come to force one of the Baptist Inquirers (a new Christian



With the ringing of bells and the preparation of native potions, the Africans get ready to harvest their crops (left) if the spirits are good to them. In the center a witch doctor dressed up in a grotesque ju-ju "cleanses" the road for the safety of travellers. At the right the African witch doctor has set up his "shingle" announcing his wares and inviting patients to come!

not yet ready for baptism) to return to her home. It later developed that it had been her aim to break up the baptism but she had been restrained from doing so by Baptist Christians from her compound (village).

After this "palaver" had been peaceably settled, we were called to the door by Evangelist Gaduma and shown a huge puff adder which had been found at the door of the school headmaster's house. Again there was talk of Ju-ju, and again the pagans were assured that Christians did not fear witchcraft. However, by now many of the Christians looked as though they would like to say to me: "Speak for yourself, John."

Was this coincidence? I think so, but it would take a great deal of argument to convince the average native that it wasn't all planned by someone who wished to do harm to the Christians. The Nkoll Chief, who is friendly to our mission, assured us that the whole thing, the fight and the snake Ju-ju, were planned and sent by the Mbem Chief, a Catholic man and an enemy of the Nkoll Chief.

We welcome the persecution for some of our strongest churches and Christians are in this area. The fear and superstition which are caused by the witchcraft can only be combatted by the Gospel of Christ and his love. Such men as Abel Gaduma and other Christ-like Africans are doing much to break down this fear and superstition which so permeates the hearts and minds of these people. Pray with us that God will enable us to accomplish his purposes here in the Cameroons.

IN THE COURSE OF EVENTS

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witnessed a very impressive installation service in which Dr. Appelman was inaugurated. Dr. Appelman has become an international figure. In all his successful efforts as a religious leader, he has definitely shown himself to be keenly interested in the education and training of young people for full-time service for the Lord.

● Christian Business Men's Committee International will hold its 13th annual convention in Ottawa, Canada, October 18-22. Outstanding Christian business and professional men from the United States, Canada and ten foreign countries are expected as delegates. Among the speakers will be James Barnes of Detroit, Mich., who spoke at the General Conference in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in 1949. A pre-convention observance of the Lord's Supper will be held in the Chateau Laurier (convention headquarters) on the opening night. The convention program will include presentation of the Gospel in open evening sessions, annual banquet and luncheon, and a Sunday afternoon rally.



Entrance to the lovely grounds of the Baptist Mission at Bamenda in the Cameroons and to the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer with the hills of Bamenda in the background

WHY DO THEY COME?

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where plans were perfected to show the British the way home.

That is "style" among youth of this corner. There are those who organized the first strike and feel good about it while in the eyes of the public. There are "the naughty girls" who have foregone stable ways to ply the ancient trade. And there are those who just came out of a forgotten corner and don't know what has happened to them. But all of them have this in common that they feel at daylight like the ones who whistle in the dark.

They talk of freedom but feel very much enslaved. They boast of present liberties and are haunted by the ancient fears of their ancestors. They have reached the goal of their dreams and shudder. The fears from which they escaped have returned in new disguise and a hundredfold. They do not know it, but all of them seek a city that has surer foundations than their newfound abode.

Smashing the old "mores" and morals, they cry out for safer moorings. They search for a firm foundation upon which to build youth and future. That is why they come to church. Perchance, they may hear an answer in the songs or the preaching. They come to seek.

For these reasons our homeless masses drift into the chapel built by the Baptists of Chancellor, South Dakota and North American Baptists. What do we offer those who come? Through imperfect preaching of imperfect preachers it is the old and ever new remedy for a generation lost in sin. We are holding forth the Word of Life!

THE URGENT COMMAND

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The Great Commission, as recorded in the last chapter of Matthew, is a general commission. It was spoken not to the eleven apostles only, but to them and the five hundred brethren to whom Paul refers in 1 Corinthians 15:6. Christ spoke as King in the consciousness that his Gospel is for all nations. We find the message of the Great Commission interpreted in the life of Paul — in fact, the only adequate commentary on the last command of Jesus is in the lives of the apostles, saints, and martyrs who, down the ages, have carried it out across the seven seas and do so today.

The effect of the Great Commission on Paul was a transformation of his whole character and life. He was unable to escape the restraint of the responsibility which it placed upon him: "Woe is me," he cried, "if I preach not the gospel!" Paul's missionary passion was due to his sense of eternal values through the Resurrection. "Our light affliction . . . is but for a moment" . . . soon there will be the "eternal weight of glory." The things that are seen are only temporal. Paul saw the invisible glory of the world to come. He laid hold of the intangible realities. His passion for proclaiming the message of redemption was due to his sense of eternal values. He reasoned before Felix of judgment to come till Felix trembled.

In a day when the pillars of Western civilization are crumbling, when the foundations of society seem tottering, and when sword and famine and pestilence walk abroad, we must preach a message that is other-worldly, or we have no message at all. The older generation of evangelists were not ashamed of a Gospel that dealt with eternal issues. They preached a message that looked beyond death and revealed eternal glory or eternal woe.

Evangelism that preaches Christ's resurrection and his return goes far beyond social reformation or new-world plans or political blueprints. We can no longer invite the East to share the social and cultural benefits of the West, for the whole of so-called Christian culture stands at a period of terrible crisis, every section of it under God's judgment. We are compelled by the present situation to "look for a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

The hour is late, and the need is urgent. This is no time to put forth anything less than a maximum effort. Every Christian must do all in his power — by sacrificial giving and by prevailing prayer — to "go . . . into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," and to do it now!

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Immigration Sunday, Oct. 29

With this Immigration Fund of \$50,000 added to the Baptist World Alliance Fund of \$250,000, we hope to bring to America some of the tens of thousands of Baptist refugees living in Germany

Announcement by DR. WILLIAM KUHN for the Relief Committee

AFTER READING the above caption, "Immigration Sunday," to this article, many may be prompted to raise the question: "Why organize a campaign at this time to bring in German immigrants?" This one single sentence will give the answer. With this immigration fund we hope to bring to America some of those tens of thousands of German refugees living in Germany without homes, without employment and without any prospects of establishing for themselves and their families a secure livelihood for the future.

The destruction of dwellings and industrial plants during the recent war has exceeded anything in history. Reliable government statistics tell us that in Bavaria alone there were 700,000 dwellings destroyed. If we add to this figure the 70 percent of destroyed Hamburg and the destruction in cities such as Munich, Berlin, Kassel, Pforzheim, Dresden and others, then this almost innumerable host of those who have lost their homes and their possessions will be a compelling argument for undertaking an immigration project now.

The German refugees numbering at least twelve million who have been forcibly evacuated from their homes and stripped of their personal possessions and crowded into the destroyed cities of Germany are in themselves an indisputable reason for undertaking this immigration project at this time.

OUR SHARE

The Baptist World Alliance has now resolved to secure \$250,000 for an immigration fund. This money is to be used exclusively to help pay the immigration expenses of Baptist "Volksdeutsche." These are persons of German ancestry who have lived in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania and Yugoslavia. This immigration fund is to be considered a revolving fund, and the immigration costs constitute a loan and not a gift to the immigrants to be repaid according to their ability.

Since many members of our own churches are more closely related to these German refugees through the bonds of ancestry, language and blood relationship than the members of other Baptist organizations, it is ex-

pected that we prove our interest by assuming a good share of this total fund of \$250,000. From past experiences we know that our denomination is always willing to cooperate generously and unitedly in any such humanitarian project which the Lord himself assigns to us. We are looking forward with confidence in our Lord and in our members everywhere to receiving \$50,000 on Immigration Sunday.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS

October 29, the fifth Sunday in October, has been designated as Immigration Sunday. About a month before that Sunday every church is to receive special literature consisting of a poster and contribution envelopes. The special articles in the BAPTIST HERALD and DER SENDBOTE written in the interest of this immigration fund should be carefully read and probably re-read.

We suggest that every church Board meet for the discussion of this immigration project. If it seems advisable that the church membership should be asked to vote and to endorse this immigration project and devise ways and means for making it a success.

This immigration fund is to be considered as an over and above contribution and not a part of our denominational budget.

Only the money given on Immigration Sunday will be used for the immigration fund. If for any reasons Sunday, October 29, should not prove to be practical, then such a church can designate another Sunday either before or after that date, but before the close of the year 1950.

IMMIGRANTS FOR CANADA

Most of these German refugees who will arrive under this immigration fund will be settled in Canada. At this time the conditions for German refugees entering Canada are much more favorable than for such immigrants entering the United States.

As we are planning to bring only German Baptist refugees into Canada with this immigration fund, every immigrant will strengthen our own conference churches. It should not be forgotten that our churches will not only receive such immigrants who have received help from our \$50,000, but many will have been helped



financially from funds of the Baptist World Alliance.

The Baptist World Alliance is now sending our own Mr. H. Streuber of Winnipeg, Manitoba, who has served as an official of the Canadian Christian Council for the Resettlement of Refugees, known as the CCCRR, to Germany for a period of six months in order to expedite and supervise the movement of German refugees to America under the immigration fund. Mr. H. Streuber has long ago proved himself as an able and devoted executive in immigration affairs.

GOD'S GLORY

Read the denominational bulletin on Immigration Sunday. All services in every department should focus on the immigration of these homeless German refugees. The Sunday Schools, young people's societies and the women societies will gladly cooperate by making their own money contributions. It will be well for the pastor with his committee to make an all inclusive plan for the entire day.

Every sermon should not only impart information but appeal to the emotions and move the will. Some pastors and many members in our churches have had the experience of coming to this country as immigrants.

Special envelopes are provided by headquarters and can be used at each service. All contributions should be sent to the Forest Park headquarters by the church without delay. Every contribution will be acknowledged with an official receipt, but a thousand times better than that, Jesus Christ will say on his Coronation Day: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." That will be glory, glory for each contributor!

How Do You Read?

The Scriptures and Christian literature are the ties that bind us together as a family of Bible-loving Christians, expressing in our group the spiritual life stemming from faith in Christ through the Word of God

By the REV. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE of Cleveland, Ohio, a Member of the Publication Board

SUPPOSE that a representative from another planet were to visit our globe. Don't you think that he would be impressed with the American people as the most voluminous readers in the solar system with libraries and bookstores in every hamlet and town and the many newsstands on street corners in the larger cities? Our visitor would expect to engage any passerby in an intellectual dissertation on the purpose and destiny of the universe and its maintenance and management en route.

But dare we also anticipate his keen disappointment in finding one after another unable to answer his queries, for how many of us rank and file Americans could give a reasonable answer as to the why and wherefore of our being? Haven't you sometimes wondered what you would say if you were so interviewed?

THE BIBLE

Let us further suppose that our planetary neighbor were an observing being and would notice more volumes in varying appearances of one particular book than of any other. Being informed that the reason for its apparent popularity is that it is our religious classic, he decides to visit with religious people about it. He is on your street stopping here and there.

Now he comes to your house to inquire about this Jehovah so often mentioned in one part of the book or about Jesus, called Christ, of Nazareth in the other part. How clear and certain would your answer be? If he told you that several neighbors had failed him, and he were wondering whether this book really is our best seller so widely read, could you honestly and convincingly affirm your love for and faith in the Book?

But if our stellar guest voiced his wonderment over the discrepancy between the precepts of the Book and our current civilization with its wars and crime waves, overpopulated penitentiaries and mental institutions, what could one say to him? Would one admit that many of us read the Book only occasionally and in a cursory manner, and that it is quite

fashionable to shrug off its teachings and rationalize our disobedience?

A lawyer, an esteemed member of society of another day, once asked Jesus: "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? How do you read?" Upon his mentioning love to God and one's neighbor, Jesus said, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live" (Luke 10: 25-28, R.S.V.). Then he brought up the problem of just who his neighbor was, thereby proving himself to be a representative of our modern mind (or should we call our mind "ancient"?).

PUBLICATION SUNDAY

How do we read "the Book"? Baptists claim to be in the forefront as Bible-Christians, and certainly we North American Baptists do not want to lag behind. Therefore our Roger Williams Press is designating October for a promotional campaign to stimulate the sales of Bibles and Christian literature and subscriptions to our denominational papers. To focus effort at one point, October 22nd has been set as "Publication Sunday." Ministers and church agents will be speaking publicly and privately about this campaign and devise means for its most effective accomplishment.

The emphasis will be upon three branches of our publication ministry: Bibles, good Christian literature, and our particular publications.

The Holy Scriptures are fundamental, of course. Not only is this true in our creed; it should be true in our conduct as well. Therefore the Book must be read and understood and obeyed. This Book is God's instruction as to how life works, and, as someone has said, "Life works only one way and that is God's way." We do not want to be found with one creed and another conduct. So if any one lacks this Book, let him ask the Roger Williams Press which can supply it amply and promptly.

All good Christian literature is an outgrowth of the Scriptures and a commentary, more or less close depending on its nature, upon the Holy Writ in daily life. Direct expositions,

sermons, devotionals, history, biographies, or fiction, all picture for us what the efforts of others have been or what ours should be in finding God the greatest power, in fact, the only source of all power, for living rightly and manifesting it every day.

What kind of books are prominent in our homes? Books are a great factor in determining the atmosphere in which we live. They are food for the mind and soul. Emerson said: "If we encountered a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what books he read." Bacon urged: "Reading maketh a full man."

Buying good books is stacking your intellectual and spiritual larder with staples for repeated menus on short order, for they can be read again and again with zest. With somewhat different approach and yet the same emphasis Goldsmith says: "The first time I read a book, it is to me just as if I had gained a new friend. When I read over a book I have perused before, it resembles the meeting with an old one." Remember that our publication house can supply you with any book you may want at no extra cost to you but with considerable profit to itself.

OUR PUBLICATIONS

Life organizes itself into families or larger groups which remain rather close together by common ties. We North American Baptists are one such group bound to one another by the same heritage of and approach to religious living. The expression of these bonds are our particular publications, without which we would not know the spiritual living and working of one another. Our unity of the spirit has been fostered greatly by our periodicals.

The "Baptist Herald" is foremost among them in point of its subscription list of over 8400. The editor, Dr. Martin Leuschner, has always made its appearance attractive and its contents rich. It now appears with a new and better cover design. Several new features have been incorporated in its pages: a current events page keeping us informed of the latest happenings of religious significance; a family page for the home circle with its appeal to every one; and an increased emphasis on Bible study and its interpretation. We hope to find 1600 new homes for this fine paper making a total of 10,000 subscriptions.

"Der Sendbote" for the German-speaking people is still serving very effectively in about 4000 homes. We are hoping to enlist 1000 new ones for a total of 5000. This paper has served our denominational needs for 98 years. Its present editor, the Rev. W. J. Luebeck, also has definite plans for increased richness and all-around service.

Our youth need a compass guiding
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FAMILY LIFE

"A family without government is like a house without a roof, exposed to every wind that blows."

—MATTHEW HENRY.

TWO PRAYERS

Last night my little boy
Confessed to me some childish wrong,
And kneeling at my bed,
He prayed in tears,
"Dear God, make me a man
Like Daddy — wise and strong,
I know you can!"

Then while he slept,
I knelt beside his bed,
Confessed my sins,
And prayed with low-bowed head:
"O God, make me a child
Like my child here;
Pure, guileless, trusting Thee
With faith sincere."

—Oregon-Washington Bulletin.

TWO KINDS OF PEOPLE

There are two kinds of people in our churches, pillars and caterpillars. The pillars hold up the church, while the caterpillars simply go in and out.

—UNKNOWN.

A PRAYER FOR GROWTH

There are so many things to learn
That I should like to know;
Help me to use the mind You gave,
Help me, O God, to grow.

There are so many things to do
That take my strength and skill;
Help me to keep my body strong
So it will match my will.

There are so many ways to help
Wherever I may be;
Help me to act more kindly, God,
To friends and family. Amen.

—Mabel Niedermeyer McCaw.

HAPPY FAMILIES

Happy are the families where the government of parents is the reign of affection, and obedience of the children the submission of love.

—BACON.

FINAL ANALYSIS

Did she always wash the dishes?
Was her house kept spick-and-span?
Did she keep her silver gleaming?
That is what is judged by man.

Did she help a fellow being?
Bringing shoes to the unshod?
Did she help someone to Jesus?
That is what is judged by God.

—Esther Manz.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Houses are built to live in, more than to look at.

—BACON.

THE LITTLE THINGS

If any little word of mine
May make a life the brighter,
If any little song of mine
May make a heart the lighter,

God help me speak the little word
And take my bit of singing,
And drop it in some lonely vale
To set the echoes ringing.

If any little love of mine
May make a life the sweeter,
If any little care of mine
May make a friend's the fleetier,
If any little lift may ease
The burden of another,
God give me love, and care, and strength
To help my toiling brother.

—Anonymous.

GOD ALMIGHTY

I was eating a piece of watermelon some months ago and was struck by its beauty. I took some of the seeds and dried them and weighed them, and found that it would require some five thousand seeds to weigh a pound; and then I applied mathematics to that forty-pound melon. One of those seeds, put into the ground, takes off its coat and goes to work. It gathers from somewhere two hundred thousand times its own weight, and forcing this raw material through a tiny stem, constructs a watermelon. It ornaments the outside with a covering of green; inside the green it puts a layer of white, and within the white a core of red, and all through the red it scatters seeds, each one capable of continuing the work of reproduction. Who drew the plan by which that little seed works? Where does it get its tremendous strength? Where does it find its coloring matter? How does it collect its flavoring extract? How does it develop a watermelon? Until you can explain a watermelon, do not be too sure that you can set limits to the power of the Almighty and say what he would do or how he would do it.

—William Jennings-Bryan
in "Prince of Peace."

—Eva Luoma Photo



WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. Ray L. Schlader has resigned as minister of the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., effective on October 16th. He has accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Marquette, Mich., a church of the American Baptist Convention. He served as pastor of the Racine church for nine years.

● The Tyndall Baptist Church of South Dakota with stations at Danzig and Tyndall has extended a call to the Rev. Walter Stein of Ashley, S. Dak., to which a favorable reply has been sent. Mr. Stein will begin his pastorate in Tyndall on Nov. 1st, succeeding the Rev. Albert Ittermann. He has been pastor of the Ashley Church since 1946.

● On Sunday, Sept. 3, the Rev. Peter Geissler presented his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Avon, S. Dak., with the resignation to be effective on Dec. 31, 1950. He has been the pastor of the Avon Church since 1942, and in the Christian ministry since 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Geissler hope to reside in Rochester, N. Y., after Jan. 1, 1951. He would be happy to render any interim service if the opportunity should present itself.

● Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Felberg have bought a home in Forest Park, Ill., into which they moved on Aug. 22. Their new address is 919 Lathrop Ave., Forest Park, Illinois. Dr. Felberg is one of our denominational evangelists. From Sept. 3 to 17 he began his evangelistic ministry with meetings at Creston, Neb. Miss Esther Felberg, one of the Felberg's two daughters, is studying at Elmhurst College in nearby Elmhurst, Ill., during the current school year.

● Ingrid Schade, the six year old daughter of Professor and Mrs. Rudolph Schade of Elmhurst, Ill., died very suddenly after a brief illness on Friday, Aug. 11. The funeral service was held in New York City with the Rev. John Schmidt of the Second Church of New York City and the Rev. Paul Wengel of the Ridgewood Church, Ridgewood, N. Y., officiating. Professor Schade resumed his ministry in preaching at the early Sunday German services of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., on September 3rd.

● The Rev. George W. Zinz, Jr., pastor of the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis., left for Fort Devon.



Dr. Ralph E. Powell began his teaching ministry as professor of theology at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on September 18. He and his wife and their baby daughter are living in an apartment in Sioux Falls near the Seminary grounds

Mass., in September in compliance with the orders of the United States Army. He has been a chaplain with the rank of captain in the active reserve of the Army. He served overseas during the second World War from 1943 to 1946. The Immanuel Church of Milwaukee granted Chaplain Zinz a leave of absence, prayerfully hoping that his service in the Army will be brief.

● Miss Alethea Kose has resumed her teaching at the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill., beginning with Sept. 18. She has made a remarkable recovery from her illness and critical operation of last Spring for which she and her many friends are very thankful to God. Miss Kose wants to express her appreciation to the many persons who showered her with cards and letters, following the notice of her illness in the pages of the "Baptist Herald." They were a great encouragement to her and the source of spiritual blessings!

● The Baptist Church of Onoway, Alberta, Canada, has called the Rev. John Wahl of Jansen, Sask., to which he has given a favorable response. He hopes to begin his pastorate in the

new field at Onoway sometime in October. Mr. Wahl has been pastor of the Emmanuel Church of Jansen and of the First Church of Esk, Sask., since 1947. In Onoway he will succeed the Rev. Hugo Lueck who is now a teacher at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton and a district missionary for the Northern Conference.

● On Sept. 22 Mr. H. Streuber of Winnipeg, Manitoba, sailed from Quebec for Central Europe where he will serve for six months under the auspices of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance to expedite and supervise the movement of German refugees to America under the Alliance's immigration fund. Mr. Streuber has served as an official of the Canadian Christian Council for the Resettlement of Refugees and is well acquainted with relief and immigration problems. We wish him God's blessing in this important ministry of his in Europe in the months to come!

● Sunday, June 18, marked a day of great rejoicing for the Temple Baptist Church of Swan River, Manitoba. It was on this day that the church gathered on the banks of the Swan River to witness the baptism of five converts. The Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Minitonas, Manitoba, conducted an outdoor service first, and then the five were baptized. Following this, they were extended the hand of fellowship at a service in the church. The Temple Baptist Church is a growing church, its membership now already exceeding one hundred. Plans are being laid for the building of a new parsonage, and the calling of its own minister.

● The Ridgewood Church of Ridgewood, Long Island, N. Y., held a farewell reception on Wednesday evening, Sept. 6, for Mr. Money Wolff of Grand Forks, N. Dak., who had served the church for 2½ summer months under the Youth Service Plan. Following his message at the midweek service, representatives of the church expressed their appreciation and presented him with a gift. Mr. Wolff helped with the Vacation Bible School which had had an enrollment of 60 children and carried on visitation and canvassing work. He has entered our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as a first year theological student.

● Mr. Wolfgang Schmidt, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Schmidt of Ber-

lin, Germany, who has been studying at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago for the past year, made a 6000-mile trip in August to the Pacific Coast and back to Chicago by way of Texas. He spoke in the 15th Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., on Sunday, Aug. 20, and in the Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., on Sunday, Aug. 27, and on Thursday, Aug. 24. On his return trip he spoke at the Swedish Baptist Church of Kewanee, Ill., on Sunday evening, Sept. 3rd. He is working toward his Master of Theology degree at the Chicago seminary.

● On Sunday evening, June 25, the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, had the honor of celebrating the 50th wedding anniversary of a former pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Blum. A program was presented consisting of musical numbers, brief remarks by members of the church and a message by the pastor, Rev. Edwin Miller. The church also presented Mr. and Mrs. Blum with \$50.00. After the program in the main auditorium, the church was invited to the dining room where they were served with refreshments. This was not only Mr. and Mrs. Blum's wedding anniversary but also the 50th anniversary of Mr. Blum's service in the Christian ministry.

● The Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary, has been granted a three months' leave of absence until Dec. 31, 1950 by the General Missionary Committee due to illness. Following the trip of last winter to the Cameroons, he became ill and recently underwent treatments at Hinsdale Sanitarium, Hinsdale, Ill., which helped him considerably. His condition is generally improving, and we are hopeful that he will make a complete recovery soon. Please remember him in your prayers. He is at his home in Forest Park, Illinois, at present. The secretarial staff at Forest Park has been asked to take care of all business matters during his absence from the office.

● Sunday, June 25, the Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba, realized the fruits of their recent labors in prayer and evangelistic efforts. On the banks of the beautiful Swan River a large crowd gathered to witness the baptism of 43 persons. The church band and choir rendered appropriate numbers. The guest speaker was the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, general missionary secretary. It was a thrilling experience for those in attendance to see the 43 converts baptized by the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski, pastor, and later to see 48 new members receive the hand of fellowship before the communion service. The male choir sang several numbers and Mr. Dymmel brought another inspiring message.

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

HERALD NEWS



The Rev. Herbert Hiller, formerly pastor of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., who on Sept. 18th began his new ministry as one of two new professors on the faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

These new features are in addition to the material already in every issue of SALUTE:

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WE ARE CHEERFUL GIVERS

If you are interested in what North American Baptist young people are doing for missions, the story on page 58 of the current YOUTH COMPASS makes thrilling reading. Thousands of dollars were given last year for home and foreign missions. Now, thousands more are pledged for 1950-51 in a great spirit of daring adventure for Christ. The largest single project is the \$5000 pledged by the South Dakota CBY for the great Dakota Conference "Cameroons Crusade." The Kansas young people will try to raise \$2000 for the Hendersons; the Chicago and Vicinity CBY will attempt \$500 for summer student workers on our Spanish-American field, in addition to helping with the Central Conference's \$2500 pledge for the Cameroons' mission schools. Iowa proposes to give more than \$3000 in all, including sending YOUTH COMPASS to Germany and the denomination's missionaries.

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

- October 22 — "The Miracle Man" (Character study of Elisha) by Rev. John Vanderbeck, Kyle, Texas.
- October 29 — "Witnessing to a Roman Catholic" by Rev. C. L. Young, our own home missionary in the San Luis Valley, Monte Vista, Colo.

WE SALUTE "SALUTE"

Did you know that some of the finest Christian reading for children is to be found in our own Junior paper, SALUTE? SALUTE is already used in many of our churches, but our aim is to have every North American Baptist Sunday School order this four-paged weekly paper for its Junior boys and girls. In our current denominational campaign to win 6500 new readers for our periodicals, remember to include your order for SALUTE. To make this Sunday School weekly even more appealing to children, the following new features have been added:

1. A Bible story written in pictures.
2. An ABC Bible talk with verses based on our own Scripture Memory course.
3. A bit of humor.
4. A Christian life cartoon.

RAISE OUR STANDARD HIGH

(A pointed paragraph each issue about our new Sunday School Standard.)

THIRD — OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL IS TO BE AN EVANGELISTIC SCHOOL.

Like a champion runner "pressing on toward the mark," our Sunday School teaching is to have but one basic aim: To win every single enrolled scholar to a saving, vital faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We will use every spiritual means at our disposal in this holy purpose: prayer, conversation, study of the Bible-way of salvation, decision days, home visitation, to mention just a few. We will provide opportunities for the public confession of the Lord Jesus, seeking to make it the normal, natural outcome

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Mary Arden

A Christian Novel by GRACE LIVINGSTON HELL
and RUTH LIVINGSTON HILL

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SYNOPSIS

One Sunday morning Mary Arden heard Laurie Judson preach a simple but dynamic sermon in the little chapel at Ardenville. It was a thrilling service for her. She had been engaged to Brooke Haven, but that was "all off." He followed Mary to the old homestead where she now lived and tried to persuade her to return to him. But she had experienced a living faith in Christ and God was now guiding her life. Then the blow came with the telegram that her mother had been in a bad accident. Mary rushed to the hospital at Castanza to learn the news that her mother was critically injured. Brooke Haven arrived to comfort Mary but she got into an argument with him about her mother's salvation and coolly dismissed him. After several days Mary returned to Arden not knowing that Brooke Haven with a carousing crowd of his friends had preceded her. They were at the house when Mary arrived. But she remained calm. Dinner was served on the flagstone terrace and then there was "raspberry vinegar" as a drink. The crowd snickered and laughed.

CHAPTER TWENTY-THREE

WHEN that merriment had somewhat subsided, before Mary returned, a girl named Rosalie, a tall pale blonde who wore drippy chiffon and inch long fingernails, whined:

"Brooke, you've been in this burg before, isn't there any place within reasonable distance where you can get us something to drink? I'm positively going screwy if I don't have something soon. You brought us here and it's up to you to see that we aren't stranded in this desert. Hurry up, for heaven's sake!"

Brooke sat still, hesitating.

"Mary may not like it," he objected, for he had been taking great pains during this visit to be as courteous to Mary as possible. He intended to keep up the role he had begun last week. It did not occur to him, of course, that Mary detested the actions of the whole crowd, for he was so used to them that he did not realize that anything was amiss.

But they all snatched his objection from him with a hiss and a hoot.

"When did you begin caring so much about that, Brooke Haven," teased Betty Downs. "After what you pulled that night we all announced our engagements — whatever did happen then, goodness knows! — I wouldn't think you gave a rap about whether she liked it or not."

Brooke had the grace to be somewhat embarrassed. They all kept at him.

derful of you to think of it in that way. After all the work it's made you, too. I'm more sorry than I can tell you. You know I never would have invited them!"

"Sure not, dearie. An' don't you mind the work. It's good for me. I didn't have enough of it all the time there was nobody here. It keeps me young!" She laughed brightly, mopping her hot face again with her apron. But Randa kept her grim expression as she dried and stacked the piles and piles of dishes. Randa had not yet learned the high ways of the Lord as had her mother.

But when finally Brooke arrived with the drinks — Mary had not even noticed his absence — she was aghast. Well she knew how wild this crowd could become when they had enough liquor in them.

She went forward to him quickly. "No, Brooke, I do not care to have drinking in my house. I am sorry but you will have to keep it outside."

"Yes, we're sorry too," mimicked one of the girls in a stage whisper which Mary pretended she did not hear.

But one of the boys agreed cheerily: "We'll take it out on the terrace if you want. Sure! Come on, boys and girls!"

With rollicking hilarity they trooped out. But Mary stood with flashing eyes facing Brooke.

"I don't like this, Brooke! You will have to stop it. After all it is my house, and you brought these people here."

Brooke put on a pained sympathetic expression.

"I don't like it either, Mary," he agreed sadly. "I'll surely do what I can. They don't realize that you and I feel any different from the way we used to." His expression was pious in the extreme.

Mary looked keenly at him, astonished. She could not believe that there was any real change in Brooke Haven.

"Why did you bring them here, Brooke?" she asked.

"Oh, they found out I was coming and insisted that they would all come along and persuade you that we really miss and want you at Castanza. I didn't want them, but you know this gang. What could I do?" He put a large amount of wistfulness into his voice.

Mary did not pursue the question of how he found out so quickly that she was to be at Arden. She simply answered coolly:

"When I decide to leave here it will be because my mother needs me. I have no intention of going to Castanza at any time."

"Not if I promise to be good and do just as you say?" Brooke bent his shiny black eyes upon her in the ingratiating way he had long ago learned went well with women.

"That has nothing whatever to do with my decision," Mary answered coldly. "Now what are you going to do about this crowd?"

"What do you want me to do?" he asked meekly.

Mary tried to think. More than anything she wished he would take them away, immediately, never to return. But it was not in her to be actually rude enough to send her guests away, summarily, uninvited though they were. After all, she had occasionally played with them and laughed with them and even drunk a sip now and then with them at Castanza, not longer ago than last summer.

"I want you to see that they are reasonably quiet," she said, "while they stay, and then leave at a decent hour. The drinking is to stay outside if it must be at all, and I shall have to put it up to you to control them."

With the utmost sincerity gleaming from his eyes Brooke promised that he would.

But, as Mary had feared that it would, the party grew in hilarity.

She stayed away from them as much as possible. They did not seem to notice or care. They went on with their dancing and their outdoor teta-tetes and their drinking and wild singing until Mary wrung her hands in shame. To think that her grandmother's house should be degraded thus. To think that the dear people of this town, whom she was just beginning to know so well and love so much, who were beginning to count her as one of them, should witness such an orgy. What if Laurie or Mrs. Judson should stop by? Her face grew flaming hot with the shame and indignation of it all. Perhaps they would all try to stay all night! Nannie and Orrin could not exactly be considered official chaperones. What could she do? Would she have to call the police?

A light was still on in the kitchen. Had some of the guests left it, going out for ice cubes, perhaps?

No, there was Orrin. Blessed Orrin!

She went swiftly over to him, with difficulty restraining the sobs that wanted to come into her voice.

"Orrin, we'll have to do something! I can't have this any longer. I asked Brooke Haven to keep it under control but I can't even find him now. What can we do?"

Thus appealed to, Orrin arose to his full height which was considerable when he really straightened up.

"You want me to stop it, Miss Mary? I lowered you would, 'fore long. That's why I set up. Don't you worry!"

Orrin strode into the living room. Mary noticed then that he was dressed in his Sunday best.

In a voice that boomed over the tumult he shouted,

"This place closes at midnight! All out now! Miss Arden will show the

—er—ladies to their rooms. Reservations have been made at the Arden Inn for the men." Then he turned out the lights.

A gasp of astonishment startled the hubbub into silence for a long moment. The piano stopped its rhythmic thumping. The dancers became rigid with surprise and almost fear. The weird sound of Orrin's deep voice combined with the darkness gave them an eerie feeling that it was a supernatural voice they heard.

Then out of the silent gloom came suddenly a high-pitched silly giggle, and Barbie's childish squeal:

"Curfew, eh? That's right in character, boys and girls. Okay with me, I'm tired!"

"Oh, sho itsh home shweet home, ish it? Where do we go from here?" mumbled a boy whose rumpled tie hung over his shoulder. He was clinging wildly to the girl he had been dancing with.

"The front door's this way," thundered Orrin with great dignity. He put just a slight emphasis on the word front, as if there were other ways of exit he could offer if anyone showed reluctance to use the usual one.

Then Orrin turned on the dimmest kind of light in the front hall.

Meanwhile Brooke Haven had been sitting with Rosalie on the big willow couch under the front window in the sunroom. Brooke had spied a door to the outside near them, so when they wanted more to drink he would slip out and get it without having to be observed. They were having quite a cosy time. In his hazy state Brooke decided that Rosalie was a delightful companion, and she in turn was taking full advantage of her opportunity of having the prize man all to herself.

But when the lights suddenly blinked out they were confounded. They heard Orrin's voice roaring orders, and Brooke said, thickly, "Well, come on. We might as well go. That tyrant in there will only rout us out if we don't."

But Rosalie was angry. She thought she had just got Brooke where she wanted him and in a few minutes more he might possibly capitulate to her charms so far as to kiss her and forget Mary Arden. Then, if only Mary herself would walk in, wouldn't there be the sweet dickens of a mess? And Rosalie would love it. Mary would have nothing more to do with Brooke, of course, Mary being the particular prude that she was, and Brooke would be left to Rosalie. That was absolutely no choice between Everett and the wealthy handsome Brooke Haven! So it was with great reluctance that she arose and tried to follow him.

"Give us a light, Brooke, for sweet Pete's sake!" she cried as she stumbled over a chair.

Brooke fumbled for his cigarette lighter, remembered he had loaned it a while ago to another boy, and reached for a match. It was a little paper folder of matches that he produced. He tried to light one but it flicked out of his unsteady hand as he scratched it. He swore and took another. His hand was shaky and he had difficulty because Rosalie was clinging to him all this time, giving foolish drunken cries. The second match burned his fingers and he swore again and dropped it.

"Now where the devil did that match go?" he muttered, feeling around the floor in the dark. "Maybe it dropped in the pillows."

"Oh, come on!" Rosalie pulled at him impatiently. "I don't like this darkness. It's gruesome."

"But that match was still lit!" Brooke explained.

Rosalie gave him another impatient pull. "Oh, it's probably out by now. Wouldn't be a bad idea to burn up this crazy dump anyway. Then Mary would have to come back with you." Then she laughed again in a silly falsetto.

Brooke was just enough out of his normal senses to consider that a good joke, and they tittered foolishly together as they made their uncertain way to the front hall.

Orrin was very much in evidence there. He glared at Brooke Haven when he came out of the dark sunroom escorting the tall blonde. But Brooke returned him an unctuously cordial good night, then asked if he could help to close the house, for all the world as if he were the most privileged guest there, as indeed he thought he was. But Orrin gruffly refused his help, and at last the good nights were over and two cars full of boys went roaring down the driveway. The third car belonged to Betty and she had already gone upstairs after agreeing to meet the boys downtown at the inn in the morning. So at last the Arden household quieted down and Mary, faint with relief, thanked Orrin and went to bed herself, still indignant, but weary enough to sleep heavily.

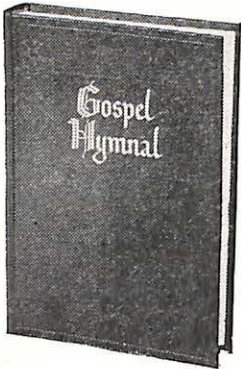
It was a little after one o'clock that Laurie Judson, on his way home from a meeting in a rather distant town, stepped down from the bus on Main Street and started to walk the several blocks to his home.

There was one place where he could see through the trees the south wing of the Arden house, and without knowing that he had formed the habit of doing so, he glanced up that way.

Abruptly he stopped and looked again.

There was no question about it, that was a thin licking flame, and smoke, rising from the end windows of the sunroom. Mary's room was just above it!

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of learning from God's Word about our own sinfulness and the Savior's once-for-all atonement. Our attitude is crucial. If we prayerfully expect the Holy Spirit to touch hearts, he will. Your reporter remembers with gratitude the simple invitations of his boyhood Sunday School superintendent, whose fervor moved the boys and girls more than that of pastor or visiting evangelist. Superintendent, teacher, remember WE ARE OUT TO WIN!

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The president of our Conference Union, Mr. Harold Gieseke now lives in Dallas, Texas, where he is the new pastor of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church. Please address him at 6011 Palo Pinto Ave., Dallas 6, Texas. Editors of regional and conference papers, please note.

AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE			
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES			
Conferences	Aug., 1950	Aug., 1949	Aug., 1948
Atlantic	\$ 1,080.93	\$ 989.66	\$ 226.50
Eastern	3,191.63	2,320.86	420.06
Central	6,031.84	3,642.10	3,368.49
Northwestern	3,443.51	1,221.43	3,257.48
Southwestern	2,537.45	1,821.97	2,183.63
Southern	211.99	200.72	1,049.57
Pacific	2,974.56	1,970.52	2,037.74
Northern	4,132.25	987.49	267.22
Dakota	5,247.76	2,898.10	2,503.70
General Conference		6,523.25	
Totals for All Purposes	\$28,851.92	\$22,576.10	\$15,314.39
Less Seminary Building Fund	8,272.20		
Total Other Contributions	\$20,579.72		

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	
For the month of August, 1950	\$18,774.77
For the month of August, 1949	21,648.36
For the month of August, 1948	13,908.16

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE FISCAL YEAR	
April 1, 1950 to August 31, 1950	\$125,329.14
April 1, 1949 to August 31, 1949	163,612.15
April 1, 1948 to August 31, 1948	136,954.79

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium	
August 1, 1949 to August 31, 1950	\$384,313.76
August 1, 1948 to August 31, 1949	466,481.65
August 1, 1947 to August 31, 1948	490,165.89

HOW DO YOU READ?

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them well by the north star of God's revealed Truth. That is the purpose of the "Youth Compass," with the Rev. J. C. Gunst as editor. Twelve hundred subscribers are to have 1300 more to enjoy and to be guided by the greatly improved model of the new year. This paper has been given high compliments by others outside our group.

A total of 2600 Junior boys and girls are being greeted every Sunday by Miss Martha Leypoldt with her "Salute." This fine Sunday School paper in its improved model of 1951 is looking for at least 2400 other Juniors to greet each Lord's day. Let us remember that this is the only channel for information concerning our denominational and missionary activity to our girls and boys. We should make it available for them at all costs.

PUBLICATION SUNDAY
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Read the Publication Society
Leaflet!

These publications are the ties that bind us together as a family of Bible-loving Christians, expressing in our group the spiritual life stemming from faith in Christ through the Word of God.

Into this family of readers we should like to draw others by several means. The Club Plan, to be adopted by churches that can guarantee the "Baptist Herald" or "Der Sendbote," or both, received by at least seventy-five percent of its families or individuals, reduces the price of each paper from \$2.50 to \$2.00. In some churches interested individuals pay the full price under the Club Plan, which they would pay otherwise any way, thus contributing fifty cents toward subscriptions that otherwise could not or would not be paid. Some churches have subsidized the Club Plan in their budget. Gift subscriptions for Christmas or other occasions, with fine announcement cards provided, make acceptable gifts of lasting inspiration and richness.

Pastors and agents, and all of us, are asked to do our utmost thusly to increase our effective living and witnessing for God and Christ and our fellowship with one another. If each subscriber would speak to someone about taking either the "Baptist Herald" or "Der Sendbote," or introduce the "Youth Compass" to the young people or "Salute" to the Juniors, this campaign would be a complete success, the spiritual life of the individuals and the denomination would be strengthened and the Roger Williams Press and the Kingdom of God greatly benefitted.

WHAT DOES GOD THINK?

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spoken of by the Apostle John in his first epistle, chapter 5, verse 19, "And the whole world lieth in wickedness." Or as A. T. Robertson, the great Greek scholar, translates it, "The whole world lieth in the wicked one." In other words, it means that Satan has this world in his mighty grip — and because of this, God will come in judgment to destroy this world.

Is not this alarming to you? However, this does not include that which God thinks of his own people. Those thoughts are of a different nature. What a comfort they are. Listen to them now: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil to give you and expect hope in your latter end" (Jeremiah 29:11).

Let us not belong to the class of the Pharisees and Scribes that came to Jesus and told him of certain Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices, as hidden Roman legions quelled a Jewish uprising; and again, when they reported the falling of a tower in Siloam, as a result of which many were killed, He solemnly declared, "Think ye that these were sinners above all other? I tell you nay, but except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Whether men are taken away by violence, by accident, or as we say, by natural death, their doom is the same unless they have turned to God in repentance.

You may not know what repentance means. Let me show you its work in the lives of those people who heard the Apostle Peter speak (Acts 2). When they heard the message they were pricked in their heart, and that is deep conviction and sorrow for sin. They believed on Jesus Christ as their Savior, and they turned from their former walk of life to Christ as the Lord of life. They were baptized and added to the Church of our Lord, having thereby become possessors of eternal Life, peace, power, and happiness.

What does God think of you? I repeat — that is the most important question in the world for you. What is the condition of your soul? Are you living in sin, or have you repented and found forgiveness? This is not my word but God's word: "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord."

The experience of salvation is not merely a sermon-subject; it is a reality in the lives of those who have become sorrowful concerning their sin, and have turned to God for forgiveness through his only begotten Son. What is in your soul tonight? Sin, or God's righteous forgiveness? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved.

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

EXPERIENCES ON OUR TRIP AND IMPRESSIONS AT THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

By Mrs. Auguste Meister of Berlin, Germany.

After my two months stay in the United States I am taking leave today from this beautiful land. Through the love and willing sacrifice of many women I had the great privilege of being the only representative of the work of German Baptist women in the delegation from Germany and I return to my sphere of service with deep impressions. The great part women play in this work impresses me deeply. I found splendid hospitality in many homes on my travels. With some women hitherto unknown to us, with others known only by correspondence, we were soon in hearty fellowship, nevertheless. God has greatly blessed you economically and spiritually, and you have generously shared your blessings with others. In the name of the 25,000 Baptist women in Germany I heartily and sincerely thank you. Our women and children deeply appreciate your love gifts during the terrible post war years.

The first large meeting of women I attended was held in the Second German Baptist Church in New York City. The president of the group welcomed me, and pinned a corsage on my blouse, a pleasing American custom. My report about the work of Baptist women in Germany created interest. It was a gathering made up of Baptist women of the churches in New York, Brooklyn and New Jersey. At the fellowship supper we had the opportunity of sharing impressions and getting acquainted.

On my first Sunday in America I visited five different churches and for the first time gave an address in English. In the weeks before the Alliance meetings we visited churches in Philadelphia, Detroit, Chicago, Ben-

ton Harbor and St. Joseph, and finally Forest Park, Illinois.

In the same room we had often seen in pictures, the packaging room, we had supper on two occasions. We greeted our dear old father, Dr. Wm. Kuhn, and his faithful helper, Miss Gretchen Remmler, to whom I was privileged to deliver a small gift from our women's group, a token of appreciation for much sacrificial service. There, too, we met and personally thanked Mrs. Kuhn, Mrs. Woyke, Mrs. Leuschner, Mrs. Dymmel, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Gunst and Mrs. Grosser for their help in packing and sending thousands of parcels to Germany. It was a special joy to get acquainted with Mrs. Wm. L. Schoeffel, president of the North American Baptist Woman's Union. Mr. and Mrs. Schoeffel in the days following extended us much hospitality in their home and did their utmost to make us acquainted with Chicago's attractions.

After the unforgettable days of the Congress, packed with rich experiences, some of us were privileged to take a trip into the South, and become a little better acquainted with the work of Southern Baptists, their Training School for girls, and their publication house. The days immediately following the Congress spent at beautiful Green Lake, Wisconsin, in fellowship with delegates of many other nations, were also enriching.

One particularly lasting impression which I take with me is the position of the woman in American life. Her tasks in the home and family are definitely shared by all members; one helps the other. It is no disgrace to the man or the sons to assume some of the tasks usually assigned to the wife or mother, relieving her of many routine and monotonous chores. Indeed, many women return to the business life after the children have grown up. Thus, the woman is enabled to make a definite and strong contribution to the social and missionary life of the churches.

Of special interest were the Training Schools for women and girls. This is something we greatly need in Germany, and which we hope to realize in our future development of Germany, especially with the improvement of our financial status. With new confidence we are returning to our various duties in Germany. We know that we have many friends in the United States, who will continue to support us with their love and their prayers.

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FROM THE FIELD

Dakota Conference

Six Converts Are Baptized and Received Into Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana

On the beautiful Sunday afternoon of August 13th the Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana, gathered at the town's open air swimming pool for a baptismal service. We were deeply aware of God's presence as we worshipped together in the great outdoors.

Mr. Robert Hepperle, who is preparing himself for the Christian ministry at Jewell College, brought a fine English message on "The Christian's Faith," and the pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, in the German language spoke convincingly on the text, "Behold, here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized?" The service was enriched by a mixed quartet, consisting of the Misses Ella Schopp and Evangeline Roesler and Mr. Robert Hepperle and Mr. Manuel Lang sang, "The Lord Is My Shepherd." A duet number, "The Savior For Me" was rendered by Miss Ruth Sieler and Mrs. Beutler.

Following the messages, six converts stepped into the water to be baptized by the pastor as a testimony of their death to sin and new life in Christ. After this impressive service, the congregation gathered at the church, where the hand of fellowship was extended to the new members, and all partook of the Lord's Supper. We thank the Lord for his blessings and would join the Psalmist in saying: "O, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." G. Beutler, Pastor.

Young People's Rally at Venturia, N. Dak., for Central Dakota Baptist Assembly

The young people of the Central Dakota churches spent a blessed day at Venturia, N. Dak., on Sunday, August 27, for our annual Rally Day, the theme being, "Crusade for Missions." All offerings for the day were designated for the Cameroons Crusade, formerly known as the Bender Memorial Trek.

Mr. Ephraim Schunk, Sunday School superintendent of Venturia, N. Dak., was in charge of the Sunday School services. The Rev. A. Krombein of Eureka, S. Dak., spoke on the lesson in German and the Rev. W. Stein of Ashley, N. Dak., in English. The Rev. A. Buhler of Harvey, N. Dak., our guest speaker for the day,

spoke to us on the topic, "Brotherly Love."

In the afternoon service, 16 societies responded to the roll call. The program, in charge of the president, Esther Krombein, consisted of several talks by some of our young people. Lillian Graf of Medina, N. Dak., spoke on "Witnessing;" Arlyn Sukut of Wishek, N. Dak., on "Working;" and



Six young converts baptized by the Rev. G. Beutler, (Center, back row), pastor of the Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana

Darlene Fenske of Herreid, S. Dak., on "Worshipping." Special numbers were also given which included a solo from the Lehr C.B.Y., a trio from the Eureka C.B.Y. and a mixed quartet from the Aberdeen C.B.Y.

The Rev. E. J. Faul, our dean, was in charge of the evening service. The mass choir under the direction of Jeannine Henne of Alfred, N. Dak., rendered three numbers. Mr. Buhler brought another fine message.

Gertrude Stading, Secretary.

Activities at the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Wessington Springs, South Dakota

Sunday, Sept. 3, was another "happy day" for us at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak. Our young people and Sunday School gave a fine program in the

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interest of our Cameroons Mission. The same was delightfully enjoyed by a goodly number. The offering was \$110.

In July we conducted a successful Vacation Bible School. At the close of this teaching and training activity, the children gave a satisfactory account of what they had learned and cheerfully entertained their parents and friends with what they had acquired during these days of Bible instruction. Since these children had prayed daily for the missionaries in the Cameroons, the offering of \$45 received at this program was given for the Cameroons' cause.

On Mother's Day, May 14, our Woman's Missionary Society observed its anniversary. We were very happy to have Miss Myrtle Hein, missionary in the Cameroons, with us and she brought three heart-stirring messages. Every listener was deeply touched as Miss Hein gave such a clear and comprehensive description of the actual conditions that confront our missionaries today. The offering of \$181 proved how her heartfelt talks were a far reaching success.

O. W. Brenner, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Arthur Street Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash., Conducts Vacation Bible School

A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted in the Arthur Street Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash., from August 14 to 25. A preparatory and thorough canvass of the community with the distribution of some 800 handbills had the happy result of increasing the enrollment of the school to an all time high of 135. The efficient staff consisted of Merlene Curtis and Mrs. F. W. Bartel for the Beginners, Mrs. Ben Schmidt, Gwen Gardner, Mirjam Hottman and Barbara Schauwecker for the Primary children, Mrs. Emil Wolff for the Juniors and Mrs. Ray Gardner for the Junior High group, with Geneva Gardner serving as pianist, and the pastor, Rev. F. W. Bartel, serving as director. We used the well known Scripture Press material with which the children were ably led in the prescribed course of study with sustained interest and excellent results.

The school was unusual in that the increasing interest was reflected in a peak attendance on the last day of school of 104. The average daily attendance was 93.2. An offering of \$17.00 was given by the children for our mission in the Cameroons, Africa. During the five nights of the last week Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wills of the Youth Gospel Crusade of Wheaton, Ill., packed the church auditorium with eager young people, and their simple presentation of the Gospel message resulted in 20 decisions for Christ. A special class of instruction has been arranged since then so that these new Christians may become established and grounded in the faith.

F. W. Bartel, Pastor.

Presentation of Electric Organ and Open-air Baptismal Service at Startup, Washington

On Sunday evening, July 9, the Woman's Missionary Guild at Startup, Wash., presented an electric Wurlitzer Organ to the Baptist Church. It was a delightful pleasure to listen to the inspiring program of organ music and other numbers suitable to the occasion. At an impressive moment the president of the Guild gave the organ key to the deacon, a symbolic presentation of the gift itself. We appreciate the efforts, courage, and foresight of the women to promote and to accomplish such a worthy project. May God use the music of this instrument to comfort hearts, to inspire others, and to attract many to himself!

Another memorable event in our church life was a baptismal service for eight young people on Sunday, July 30. On this beautiful day members, friends, and visitors gathered at a nearby camp. The scene was one of rare beauty. Near a wild mountain stream, surrounded by snow-capped mountains, the audience stood on a natural balcony about a hundred feet above the pool. Many visitors from the camp witnessed a Scriptural baptism for the first time. It is hoped that the testimony in word and act will live, grow and bring forth much fruit.

On the following Sunday the hand of fellowship was extended to the new members at a communion service. Another member was received by letter. May God continue to bless his children everywhere!

R. G. Kaiser, Pastor.

Northern Conference

Sessions of the Central Saskatchewan and Alberta Convention at Rosenfeld Church

From June 29 to July 2 the Central Saskatchewan and Alberta Convention and Tri Union was held at the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Golden Prairie, Sask. Our opening program was led by the Rev. I. Faszter and the Speaker was the Rev. R. Milbrandt.

On Friday our theme was, "The Plan of Salvation." Messages were brought by Mr. Milbrandt and the Rev. Herman Palfenier, denominational evangelist. A half hour in the afternoon was spent with singing and testimonies. Then we were ready to hear the message by Mr. Haffke. The afternoon program closed with a message by the Rev. R. Rapske of Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Saturday and Sunday were two days well spent for the Lord. The young people of the Rosenfeld Church presented a dialogue, "Converting Dad to Missions." The Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alta., brought the Saturday evening message, encouraging the young people to step out more willingly for Christ. Mr. Palfenier brought the closing message on Sunday afternoon.

Arthur Zeller, Reporter.



Forty children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta, Canada

Vacation Bible School for Forty Children at Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta

During the first week of August the Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta, Canada, held its Vacation Bible School. We were privileged to have 40 children enrolled. The teachers in the three departments were Manetta Frolich and Alice Cirankewitch for the Beginners and Primary children with the topic, "David the Shepherd Boy"; Ardath Schmieder and Ivy Frolich for the Juniors with the topic, "Christian Character Study"; and Rev. H. Zepik for the Intermediates with the topic, "The Life of John."

The children also had memory work, and every afternoon a period was set aside for handwork. Following the last day of hard study, a picnic lunch provided by the Sunday School.

On Sunday evening, Aug. 6, with flag and Bible bearers leading, the children marched into the church to present a fine program about the things that they had learned during the week to a well filled church. Interesting highlights of the program were the presentation of awards and certificates to the best students.

Alice Cirankewitch, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School by the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta

The Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, held a successful Vacation Bible School from July 26 to August 2. Our enrollment was somewhat smaller than in the past years, but a blessed time was experienced with 30 pupils present.

Our school was directed by our pastor, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, who very ably instructed the Seniors. Miss Audrey Miller served as teacher for the Beginners, Bernice Gerber for the Primary department, and Mrs. Soderstrom for the Juniors. The work books were enjoyed as well as the handwork, which consisted of paperwork, sewing, coloring and the making of bookends. A certificate was given to each pupil for his or her fine work and good attendance.

On Sunday evening a fine program was rendered by the school, consisting of choruses, songs and recitations, which was greatly enjoyed by the parents and visitors. Although we had no visible conversions, we praise God for the privilege of once again teaching God's Word to these children.

Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter.



The Rev. R. G. Kaiser of Startup, Wash., shows the joy of a pastor's heart as he prepares to baptize eight fine young people on confession of their faith in Christ

Eighteen Converts Baptized and Received Into the Whitemouth Baptist Church of Manitoba

The presence of the Lord was felt in the Manitoba Vacation Bible School held by the Baptist Church of Whitemouth, Manitoba, from July 31 to Aug. 11 in a school house not far from the church. There were 48 scholars enrolled. Our five teachers were Mrs. Irvin Grabke and Miss Doreen Milke for the Beginners; Miss Beatrice Paschke, Primary department; Mrs. Fred Ohlmann for the Juniors; and Rev. Fred Ohlmann for the Intermediate department.

At the close of the school the children rendered a fine program, showing parents and visitors some of the things they had learned during the two weeks. During the evenings of the second week, our evangelistic meetings began and the Lord poured out his blessings upon his children. Forty-two members rededicated their lives to Christ and seven persons were saved. Mr. O. Erickson was our evangelist.



Mr. and Mrs. John Klatt of Camrose, Alberta, celebrate their golden wedding anniversary surrounded by their six talented children and thankful to God for his marvelous guidance in their lives

Our baptismal service took place on Sunday, Aug. 20, when the pastor, the Rev. Fred Ohlmann, had the happy privilege of baptizing 18 converts in the Whitemouth River not far from the church. The Lord has richly blessed us and our prayer is that the Lord will touch us with the fire from his altar, so that the power of Christ may shine forth in and through our lives.

Mrs. Fred Ohlmann, Reporter.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Klatt, Camrose, Alberta, Canada

"Gold is the type of what least tarnishes." On Sunday afternoon, July 30, Mr. and Mrs. John Klatt of Camrose, Alberta, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Celebrating with them were their children and their families, two sisters of the bride and a number of friends. The children shown on the accompanying picture are: (left to

SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY of Baptist Church, Avon, S. Dak.

The 60th anniversary of the First Baptist Church at Avon, S. Dak., will be observed on Sunday and Monday, October 15th and 16th. All former pastors and members are invited to be present or to send their greetings. Please address all letters to: Rev. P. Geissler, P. O. Box 706, Avon, South Dakota.

right) Bernard, Edmonton, Alberta; Arnold, Leduc, Alberta; Adelaide, Forest Park, Illinois; Rehilda (Mrs. E. Ruff), Camrose, Alberta; Edgar, St. Paul, Minnesota; and Gerhard, Forestburg, Alberta. Two of the children, Ethelbert and Beatrice (Mrs. Alex Litke) have passed on to their eternal reward.

The celebration took place in the home of the wedding couple. The program consisted of devotions, short messages, a poem, several vocal solos,

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tributed much to the communities in which they have lived. Wherever they have resided the people of the community have held them in high esteem as friends and citizens.

"Gold is the type of what least tarnishes and is most enduring; so may their happiness and prosperity endure forever."

Edgar W. Klatt, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School at the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, Canada

The days of August 7 to 11 were busy days in a Vacation Bible School for the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, Canada. Although we do not have a church building of our own, we were fortunate in securing one of the town schools. Classes began at 9:00 A.M. each day, continuing until 3:30 P.M. Our enrollment was 55 children with an average attendance of 50.

Mr. Siemans, our Sunday School superintendent, directed the school and our teaching staff consisted of six teachers and helpers. The Beginners Class with the theme, "Learning about Jesus," was taught by Miss Evelyn Link, assisted by Miss Ruth Whiteside. The Primary Class with the theme, "The Good Shepherd," was taught by Miss Ella Detert, assisted by Miss Ethel Ruff who was with us for the week. The Junior Class with the theme, "The Growing Christian," was taught by Miss Dorothy Brown.

Sunday evening, Aug. 13, brought the school to a close with teachers and children participating in a program and with a display of what had been learned and made during the week.

Miss Eunice Kern, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Vacation Bible School of the Cottonwood Baptist Church Near Lorena, Texas

Recently the Cottonwood Baptist Sunday School near Lorena, Texas, held its Vacation Bible School which was conducted by the principal, Mrs. Theodore Nehring.

Our enrollment was 110 children with an average attendance of 84. The school was divided into five classes. The Nursery, or Sunshine Class, was conducted by Mrs. Louis Wedemeyer, Jr., with Mrs. Chas. Hansen and Mrs. Chas. Tindell as helpers. The Beginners were taught by Mrs. W. B. Marstaller, with Mrs. Jim Courtney as helper. Mrs. H. D. Lynn and Mrs. Walter Gummelt taught the Primary Class. They made scrap-books which pertained to their lessons.

The Juniors were taught by Mrs. Adolph Guderian and Mrs. Ralph Hansen. They were our winners in the contest again this year. The Handwork Class for the girls was conducted by Mrs. Claud Kincannon, with Mrs. Adolph Braun as helper. The boys were under the direction of Mr. W. B. Marstaller, with Messrs.

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Walter Gummelt and Ernest Henkel as helpers. The girls made pot holders and painted vases while the boys were making tract holders for their homes.

We were happy to have Walter Hoffman, one of the Seminary students, with us this year. He taught the Intermediate Class, with Mr. Ralph Hansen as helper. Our Intermediates did a marvelous piece of work in making a pulpit stand for the Young People's classroom. Each morning at the close of our handwork period, Walter Hoffman led us in chorus singing, and our pastor, Rev. J. O. Zillen, brought a very touching Bible lesson on the flannel-board. One soul was born into the Kingdom of God during the week.

On Friday evening our commencement exercises were given. The school went through the worship program, with a detailed report given by our principal, Mrs. Nehring, after which the diplomas were presented to children and workers. Finally the film, "Not in Vain," was shown by Rev. M. O. Cheek, of Waco.

Mrs. J. O. Zillen, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Southwestern Conference Sessions Are Held at Greeley, Colo., With Okeene as Host

"Behold NOW is the time; behold NOW is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2b). "And that, knowing the time, that NOW it is high time to awake out of sleep; for NOW is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Rom. 13:11). The little word, NOW, was chosen as theme for the Southwestern Conference sessions held on the campus of the College of Education at Greeley, Colo., from Aug. 23 to 27. The Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., served as host, assisted by the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo.

One of the joys of the conference was welcoming into our fellowship the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., with its pastor, the Rev. L. H. Smith. Six new pastors were welcomed into our ranks.

The moderator, the Rev. A. A. Stackhouse, presided over the business sessions. Newly-elected officers are: J. J. Kroeker, moderator; Harold are: J. J. Kroeker, moderator; Harold Fischer, vice-moderator; John Wood, der, recording secretary; John Wood, statistician; mission committee member, David Zimmerman; mission secretary, Fred Ferris; General Council member, L. H. Smith; Children's Home representative, Herbert Meier; Publication representative, Herbert Schauer.

We were happy to have with us for these days both Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., and the Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta. Both P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta. Both of these men brought messages from the Word, challenging us to a closer walk with our Lord, as well as bringing reports of the work of our denomination.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Young were in our midst, bringing us fresh news from our Spanish-American

mission field in San Luis Valley of Colorado. The Rev. Fred Ferris brought us a report of what he saw on his trip to the Cameroons, reminding us again that the time to work for Christ is NOW. A fine mission offering was received.

Our program committee had planned something special for us this year. Each day, Thursday through Saturday, Dr. Wm. P. Whittemore, pastor of the First Baptist Church of nearby Fort Collins and a leader of the Conservative Baptist Association of Colorado, spoke to us. Dr. Whittemore used the theme NOW, and brought heart-searching messages based on "The Tabernacle."

The Woman's Union of the conference met for a luncheon meeting on Friday. New officers elected at this meeting are: Mrs. Charles Thole, president; Mrs. Marvin Bostow, 1st vice-president; Mrs. Henry Baerg, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Harold Bohlander, secretary; Mrs. Clifford Hildebrand, treasurer. The Missionary Society from the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., was welcomed into our group. Friday evening's service was in charge of the Woman's Union. Our guest speaker was Mrs. William L. Schoeffel of Chicago, Ill., our National President.

The conference was not without times of relaxation. One such time was the barbecue supper held at the Loveland Waterworks in the beautiful Rockies. How everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship! The conference days were indeed days of blessing. All of us returned home with a new realization of our responsibilities.

Mrs. J. R. Kruegel, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Vacation Bible School and Baptism of Five Converts at Watertown, Wisconsin

The days of June 12 to 23 passed all too quickly for 40 pupils and eight teachers who were busily engaged in the study and memorization of God's word in the Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis. Our pastor, Rev. J. G. Benke, served as director of the school. On the evening of our closing program the church was filled with parents and friends who came to hear the various phases of the lessons learned and also to view the handwork which was dis-



Vacation Bible School group of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wisconsin

Three pastors and leaders of the Southwestern Conference area who helped to make their conference sessions at Greeley, Colorado, from Aug. 23 to 27 so successful. Right to left: Rev. John Berentschot of Okeene, Okla., pastor of host church; Rev. J. J. Kroeker of Marion, Kansas, newly elected moderator; and Rev. David Zimmerman of La Salle, Colo., who assisted with the arrangements for the conference

played in the pupils classrooms. A wonderful spirit prevailed as parents expressed their thanks to the various teachers for the instruction which their children had received.

We were truly overjoyed the following Sunday morning, when the invitation to accept Christ was given, to see five of our Bible School pupils come forward, as well as both parents of one of the girls. We thank God for the working of his Spirit in our midst.

On August 6th our pastor had the privilege of stepping into the waters of baptism with five converts. During the communion service on the following Sunday these, and two others who came to us by letter and experience, were received into our fellowship.

The parsonage kitchen has been beautifully remodelled and the bedrooms completely redecorated. We as pastor and family indeed appreciate our lovely home and are very grateful for it.

As we launch out on a full winter program, our sincere prayer is that all our meetings and activities may truly be Christ-centered, an inspiration to believers, and a means of bringing those, who as yet do not know Christ as their personal Savior, under his love and into the fold.

Mrs. Jothan G. Benke, Reporter.

Five Converts Baptized and Vacation School Held by First Baptist Church, George, Iowa

The First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, has realized anew that God is great and good and that he remembers his own and blesses them. On Sunday, August 27, we held our second baptismal service of this year. In the evening, the pastor, Rev. J. J. Renz, spoke to a capacity crowd on "The Importance of Bible Baptism."

To the strains of soft organ music the immersion scene took place. This group consisted of a young couple, a young mother, and two Sunday School scholars. We pray that many more may witness for Christ in this manner.

Another blessing of the past summer was a Vacation Bible School which was conducted with an attendance of 80 pupils. Teachers and pupils shared alike of the blessings of God's Word. Several decisions were made to become Christ's followers.

J. J. Renz, Pastor.

Northwestern Conference Banquet and Youth Rally at Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa

On Saturday evening, August 19, the annual banquet of the Northwestern Conference was held in the First Methodist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa. The tables were attractively decorated and a fine dinner was enjoyed by all. The singing was led by Rev. Dale Chaddock of Victor, Iowa. A welcome was given by the local C.B.Y. president, Maxine Buss, and the response by Roger Norman. Musical numbers were provided by the Parkersburg quartet and Mrs. Otto Schmidt.

The annual business meeting took place with the following officers for the coming year elected: president, Orva Koenigsberg, Sheffield, Iowa; secretary, Betty Lang, Victor, Iowa; treasurer, Karl Krueger, Hutchinson, Minn.; Sunday School representative, Vernon Heckman, St. Paul, Minn. The highlight of the banquet was the timely and instructive message by Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Ill., on the theme, "Serving Jesus" (Col. 3:24b).

On Sunday afternoon, the song service was led by Rev. Merle Booth of Baileyville, Ill. Musical numbers by the Parkersburg quartet, Mr. Booth and Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Wegner of Manitowoc, Wis., were greatly enjoyed. Dr. George Lang told briefly about the progress of the building of the new Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The offering of \$59.00 was designated for our Indian mission work.

The message of the afternoon was given by Miss Hilda Tobert, returned missionary from the Cameroons. She said that much faith is needed to carry on when we do not have many of the necessary things with which to work. Even so, God is faithful and many of their prayers have been answered and souls are being saved. The Christian Worker's Conference will be held in Elgin, Iowa, this Fall from Nov. 10-12, 1950.

Betty Lang, Secretary.

The Fiftieth Anniversary Festivities of the Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa

The 50th anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, was fittingly observed on August 27 and 28. It was on April 5, 1900 that a group of 25 German Baptists banded themselves together to organize this church. A number of Baptists of nearby Germania, now Lakota, soon joined this newly organized church, as did also a group of Baptists living near Britt, about 30 miles from Buffalo Center. A young man by the name of C. Swyter and his wife and son, who had been called as missionary for this field by the Mission Committee of the Iowa State Association, was retained by the newly organized group as its pastor.

Regular worship services were conducted at all three places, and in Buffalo Center and Britt a Sunday School work was carried on, and a Ladies' Aid Society was soon organized in Buffalo Center. Since almost all of the members were new settlers in the community, some mission aid was required, which could be discontinued after two or three years. Under the leadership successively of its nine pastors during these 50 years, while laying to rest most of its charter members, the church has grown to a present membership of 195, with 230 additions by baptism during the 50 year period. The present pastor is the Rev. Martin De Boer.

In youthful aggressiveness and zeal, the young church undertook to build both a house of worship and a parsonage. The 26th day of August 1900 became a memorable day for the church of Buffalo Center, when in the three services of the day, first, the church was recognized as a Baptist church; then in the afternoon the newly erected edifice was dedicated, and in the evening the young minister of the church, the writer of this report (C. Swyter) was ordained for the ministry. Thus the anniversary program was a memorial in more than one sense of the word. The celebration for the two days was carried on in the spirit of true Christian fellowship.

The Rev. Theo. W. Dons, the Rev. C. Swyter, former pastors, and Mr. R. H. Mulder spoke to the Sunday School, and the first pastor of the church gave the morning message on "The Beauty of the Church." In the afternoon meeting letters of greeting were read and oral greetings given, after which Rev. P. Peters, also a former pastor, spoke on "The Ministry of the Church." In the evening service Mr. Dons spoke on "The Message of the Church." On Monday forenoon, the Rev. Ernest Hook, a son of the church, brought a fine message on "The Certainty of the Christian Faith."

In the afternoon meeting a short history of the church was read by the church clerk, former pastors reminisced on past experiences, after which the Rev. H. Smuland of Sheffield, Iowa, gave a message on "Co-laborers With Christ." In the closing service

on Monday evening our executive secretary, the Rev. Frank Woyke, spoke on "Ambassadors for Christ," after which the Rev. A. Siemens of Racine, Wis., spoke of Titus 2:11-14.

Besides Mr. Hook there are three other sons of the church who are in the ministry, Rev. Jake Frey, Rev. Aug. Winkelman and Rev. Rudolph Bronlewe. Of the charter members seven are still living, three of which are living in Buffalo Center. They are Mr. and Mrs. Aug. Winkelman and Mrs. Thomas Lubben. A missionary, Miss Lavona Lee, working under the Sudan Interior Mission, is being supported by the Buffalo Center Church.

C. Swyter, Reporter.

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. ROBERT BARTZ of Anamoose, North Dakota.

Mr. Robert Bartz of Anamoose, N. Dak., was born on June 15, 1863 in Rummelsburg in the Provinz of Pommern, Germany, son of Albert and Emma Bartz. In 1882 he came to America, settling in St. Joseph, Michigan. In 1884 he was converted, baptized by Rev. S. Freitag and united with the Baptist Church of St. Joseph.

Later he came to the Dakota territory in South Dakota where he served as mail carrier. Returning to Michigan, he was united in marriage in July 1890 to Miss Louisa Prillwitz. The same year the family moved to Big Stone City in South Dakota. To this union two sons were born: Chester and Ben. Chester preceded him in death in October 1949. In 1899 the family homesteaded near Anamoose, where he became a charter member of the Anamoose Baptist Church. He remained in this area the rest of his life. He served the church faithfully for many years as trustee and teacher of the church school. In the community he remained a respected citizen and was active in township and county governmental affairs.

A few weeks ago he became ill from which he never recovered. He quietly passed to the beyond on Aug. 25 in the Harvey Hospital at the age of over 87 years. He leaves to mourn his passing: one son, Ben Bartz of Williston, N. Dak.; two daughters-in-law, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, one brother, William, of Anamoose, and many relatives and friends, and also his church. The memorial service was conducted in the Baptist Church on Aug. 28 by Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer and Rev. John Kepl.

Anamoose, North Dakota

A. W. BIBELHEIMER, Correspondent.

MRS. KATIE VOECK of North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Katie Dorothy Voeck of North Freedom, Wis., daughter of the former Rev. and Mrs. Henry Mueller, was born in the town of Wayne, Wis., on April 10, 1862 and passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Otto Wolzweke of North Freedom, Wis., on August 13, 1950, at the age of 88 years, 4 months and 3 days.

As a young girl she accepted Christ as her Savior and on Nov. 26, 1876 her father had the joy of baptizing her upon the confession of her faith whereupon she became a member of the German Baptist Church of Hastings, Minn. When her father became the pastor of the North Freedom Baptist Church in 1878 her membership was transferred to this church, where she remained loyal and faithful until her homegoing. In the church she was active in teaching in the Sunday School, served as president of the Woman's Missionary

Society and as long as health permitted she was a regular attendant at the worship services of the church.

On March 1, 1880, she was united in marriage to John Voeck. They lived on a farm near North Freedom until 1917, and then they made their home in the little village of North Freedom. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Voeck. The husband, one son and one daughter preceded Mrs. Voeck in death. Last March her health began to fail, due to a great extent to the untimely death of her daughter Edna. When she became bedfast it seemed as if she suddenly began to fail to such an extent that she had to be waited upon. Her children ministered to her with love and devotion.

Three children, four sisters, twelve grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren, besides a host of other relatives and friends mourn her departure.

North Freedom, Wisconsin

THOMAS LUTZ, Pastor.

MRS. ANNA MARY LANG of Forest Park, Illinois.

Mrs. Anna Mary Lang, nee Reuter, of Forest Park, Illinois, was born in Detroit, Michigan, on August 21, 1874. Her childhood and young womanhood were spent in this metropolis.

In 1895 she joined hands in holy wedlock with Rev. Albert W. Lang, with whom she travelled life's journey for 45 years. Seven children were born to this union, one of whom died in early infancy.

Mrs. Lang found the Lord during the early part of her married life, was baptized in the Detroit River by the Rev. D. Sprunger, and later became a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit.

When her husband felt the call to enter the fulltime ministry and the family moved to Rochester, New York, where Mr. Lang studied in our Seminary for two years, Mrs. Lang faithfully and courageously met the added responsibilities of the growing family. Mr. and Mrs. Lang thereafter served the following churches: Second German Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa.; Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn.; Tyndall-Danzig Baptist Church of Tyndall, S. Dak.; First Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa; and Parkston-Tripp Baptist Church of Parkston, S. Dakota.

After a brief illness Mrs. Lang passed on to her eternal reward on Wednesday afternoon, August 30, 1950, having shortly passed the age of 76 years.

Funeral services were held in Forest Park, Ill., where she was a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church at the time of her death. Dr. William Kuhn spoke words of comfort and tribute with Dr. Martin Leuschner and Rev. Frank Woyke assisting in the lovely service. Thereafter the body was shipped to Tyndall, S. Dak. Services were conducted in the Tyndall Baptist Church where Rev. Albert Irttermann and Rev. Peter Geissler brought messages of hope and comfort. In both services singers rendered appropriate and encouraging music. The many floral tributes and kindnesses gave evidence of the large number of friends which were hers. The body was laid to rest beside that of her husband in the Tyndall Cemetery.

Mrs. Lang is survived by her three sons: Albert J. of Minneapolis, Minn.; Prof. George A. of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Prof. William C. of Cedar Falls, Iowa; her three daughters, Margaret, missionary to Nigeria, Africa; Mrs. Esther Osborne of Forest Park, Ill.; Mrs. Ruth Murra of Buffalo Center, Iowa; a brother, Jacob Reuter of Detroit, Mich.; nine grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and a host of other relatives and friends, who mourn her departure.

Mrs. Lang was a devoted wife and mother, an earnest Christian, and a friend of all. She was faithful as pastor's wife, ever pleased to help others. Her interests were ever in her children, in people about her, and in the great work of the Lord's church.

Forest Park, Illinois

On Behalf of the Family,
GEORGE A. LANG.

APPRECIATION

"We thank all who through cards, floral expressions, prayer and other kindnesses made mother's sufferings lighter and the loss through her death easier."

The Lang family."



Pfc. Marrlyn D. Kranzler of Grand Forks, N. Dak., who was called to his heavenly home while serving in the U.S. Marine Corps on the Korean battlefield on August 17, 1950

Pfc. MARRLYN KRANZLER of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Marrlyn Kranzler, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kranzler of Grand Forks, N. Dak., was called to his heavenly home on August 17 while in the service of his country on the Korean battlefield.

After graduation in 1948, Marrlyn, who was 19 years of age, enlisted in the Marine Corps. While in the Corps, he spent 17 months in Guam. After his leave this year, he sailed on July 14 for Korea. He was converted at the age of ten years under the pastorate of the Rev. J. C. Gunst and was baptized on Easter Sunday in 1942. He was active in Sunday School with a record attendance of nine years without missing a Sunday. He also was active in the young people's society and Senior choir.

Sometimes it is hard to understand why one so young should be taken. Yet we know that God has a reason for permitting this to happen. To those of us who call ourselves Christian, it can be a challenge to walk closer with God. To those who are not saved it may be a grim reminder that our days on earth are numbered and that we should make peace with God and have the assurance of entering our eternal home even as Marrlyn did.

Marrlyn was a Christian and while serving with the Marines in Korea he coveted the prayers of other Christians. In a letter written to his parents only two days before his death, he said, "I can feel that you are praying for me and I am praying too. Keep on praying because that is the only way this war will end." We shall all miss him here, but we shall always remember his Christian witness, his cheerful spirit, and his loyalty and devotion to his church.

The survivors in addition to the parents, include a sister, Kathy, at home; his parental grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kranzler of Grand Forks; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Doerr of Lodi, Calif.; aunts and uncles: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kranzler of Michigan City, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kranzler and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kranzler of Grand Forks; Mr. and Mrs. Jake Bintz; Mr. and Mrs. John Stroth; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Balough; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Eisner and Mrs. Mary Dutt of Grand Forks; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doerr of Lodi, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Doerr and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dobler of Stockton, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Roland Avery of Kirkland, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Teichert of Martin, N. Dak., and Mr. John Kranzler, a great-uncle of Anamoose, Calif.

Grand Forks, North Dakota

Mrs. NORRIS GULSON, Correspondent.

REV. JACOB HERMAN of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

One of the oldest veterans in our ministerial ranks was the Rev. Jacob Herman who passed away on August 23rd in Milwaukee, Wis., at the age of 84 years. He was born on September 20, 1866 in Wuertemberg, Germany. At the age of 18 he emigrated to America. Soon after his arrival, he located in Louisville, Kentucky where he was baptized by the Rev. A. Boelter and united with the German Baptist Church of that city. He received his early education in Germany. From 1895 to 1897 he studied at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. He was ordained in Danzig, N. Dak., on June 1, 1898. He served the following churches: Danzig, N. Dak.; Winona and St. Paul, Minn.; St. Louis and Concordia, Mo.; Benton Harbor, Mich. (twice); Washburn, N. Dak.; Hurnville, Texas; and his last pastorate at Kenosha, Wis. He retired at the age of 70 years.

During the last years of his life he was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., but unable to attend church services. During his retirement he was fond of reading his German Bible, "Die Glaubensharfe," "Der Sendbote" and "The Baptist Herald." Life's sunset was made pleasant by his children, especially by one daughter in Milwaukee who was able to minister to her aged father. The tired pilgrim was called home on Aug. 23.

At the request of Brother Herman, the undersigned conducted his funeral service. On Saturday morning, August 26, a private service was held in Milwaukee and the remains were buried in Racine, Wis., beside those of his wife who predeceased him. He is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Fred Roth and Mrs. Richard S. Falk, both of Milwaukee, Wis.; and three sons: Mr. Arthur Herman and Mr. Charles Herman, both of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. Kenneth Herman of New York City.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

JOHN LEYPOLDT, Officiating Pastor.

MRS. MARY EDINGER HIRSCH of Lodi, California.

Mrs. Mary Edinger Hirsch, nee Leitner, was born in Sept. 20, 1883 in Atmacha, Rumania. She came to America with her parents in April 1885, who first settled near Jamestown, N. Dak. In 1892 the family moved to Hamburg Township, which was near the Germantown Baptist Church, of which she became a member at the age of 12, having been baptized by the Rev. John Jaeger.

On Oct. 26, 1899 she was united in marriage with Fred B. Edinger. To this union eight children were born, of whom one daughter preceded her in death. They lived on farms near Martin, Fessenden and Cathay, N. Dak., respectively, and later moved to the town of Cathay, N. Dak., where she was an active member of the Baptist Church, especially in the Woman's Missionary Society and Sunday School.

Her husband, Fred B. Edinger, passed away on May 13, 1942, after which she went to the west coast to live with her children. In 1943 she united with the 15th Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., and in 1946 she came to Lodi, Calif., and joined the First Baptist Church there. On June 4, 1948 she was united in marriage with the Rev. J. A. Hirsch of Lodi, Calif. Two months later she had the misfortune of being in a auto accident where she received a brain injury which a few days later resulted in a stroke, which left her in a speechless and paralyzed condition from which she never recovered. She passed away on August 21st.

She is survived by her second husband, Rev. J. A. Hirsch; and seven children: Otto of Puyallup, Wash.; Abner of Cathay, N. Dak.; Alvin of New Rockford, N. Dak.; Eleanor Hamel of Santa Cruz, Calif.; Edna Fields of Napa, Calif.; Velma Stene of Napa, Calif.; Floyd of Long Beach, Calif.; twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and the following brothers and sisters: John Leitner of Turlock, Calif.; Henry Leitner of Cathay, N. Dak.; Emma Strogies of Cathay, N. Dak.; Lillian Moen of Los Angeles, Calif.; Sarah Broschat of Lodi, Calif.; and Esther Boese of Napa, Calif. She was laid to rest at the cemetery in Cathay, N. Dak., with the undersigned speaking words of comfort.

Cathay, North Dakota

D. KLEIN, Correspondent.



BOOK REVIEWS

- "Revival in Our Time" by Billy Graham — Van Kampen Press. 166 pages. \$2.00.

"Billy" Graham today stands at the crossroad of many lives, pointing them to a believing faith in Christ as Savior and Lord. More than any other evangelist, he is stirring up America spiritually. After his tremendous success in Los Angeles, there were those who said, "It can't happen elsewhere." But as the Lord's firebrand, he has been lighting a hundred thousand fires for the Lord in Boston, Mass., Columbia, N. C., Portland, Ore., and Pasadena, Calif.

This rather hastily prepared but informative book tells the story of Graham's campaigns by those who assist him in music, publicity, preparations and conservation of results. It also contains six of his sermons which he has preached in his campaigns. "How to Be Filled With the Spirit" is especially helpful. Eight pages of pictures are very interesting. You will find the story of God's tremendous work in this day through this young evangelist in the heart warming pages of this book.

- "Flagellant on Horseback" by Richard Ellsworth Day — The Judson Press. 253 pages. \$3.00.

The life story of David Brainerd is a perennial source of spiritual inspiration. Brainerd (1718-1747) was wholly obedient to God, giving himself completely for the conversion of the Indians, dying, but faithful unto death! His "Journals" stand alongside Bunyan's "Grace Abounding" for a glimpse into another man's soul and for a spiritual tonic for one's own faith. In his brief 29 years of life, he accomplished more than scores of missionaries in preaching the Gospel to others. "He did more to develop the spirit of modern missions and to fire the Christian church than any other man since the apostolic age."

This is a masterful biography of Brainerd by the Baptist writer, Richard Ellsworth Day. The past of Brainerd's day and life is recreated with such romantic color and stirring realism that you are impelled by the same great convictions that possessed his body and soul. The world needs more men like Brainerd — — "a living sacrifice, body and soul, holy, totally expendable, acceptable to God." We need to read more books like this — with understanding!

- "Gospel Hymnal" — Baptist Conference Press (See advertisement in this issue). 448 hymns. Single copy, \$1.35 — Dozen, postpaid, \$1.25 per copy.

This "Gospel Hymnal" published on the occasion of the Centenary Jubilee of the Baptist General Conference of America (Swedish) seems to have everything! It contains 448 choice selections of hymns with many Gospel and evangelistic songs that are not often found in standard hymnals. In this splendid hymnal you will be happy to find such songs as "Then Jesus Came," "Are Ye Able, Said the Master," "My Wonderful Lord," "A Shelter in the Time of Storm" and "Have You Counted the Cost?" A group of short, popular choruses, 26 translations of the best Swedish hymns, and a large selection of 60 responsive readings add to the real value of the hymnal. It is bound in attractive and waterproof, maroon-colored cover with the title stamped in gold. This is a superb hymnal for your church if you are in the market for new song books!

- "My Pilgrimage" by F. W. Boreham — The Judson Press. 253 pages. \$2.50.

Almost every Baptist preacher has copies of Boreham's books on the shelves of his library. I have 16 of his volumes in my study. Altogether about 30 books from the pen of this prolific Baptist minister of Australia have brightened the hearts of readers everywhere. He writes of "faces in the fire" and "mountains in the mist" in his spiritually illuminating essays. He deals with the texts of outstanding Christian lives.

But now he has given us his own life story in this rewarding volume, "My Pilgrimage." Although first published in 1940, it has never appeared in bookstores in the United States. Now the Judson Press has made this inspiring volume available to all. Dr. Boreham is still living, very active in his 79th year in Australia. He has personally known Charles Haddon Spurgeon, F. B. Meyer, D. L. Moody, Joseph Parker, and others, whom he describes in these pages. God's guidance and the secret of Christ's power in his life are graphically portrayed. Boreham's writings will be a thousandfold more fascinating after strolling with him in "My Pilgrimage."

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. J. C. Gunst

- Oct. 18-22 — Pacific Northwest Association, Startup, Wash.
Oct. 24-29 — Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta. "Christian Life Emphasis Services."

Rev. M. L. Leuschner

- Sunday, Oct. 15 — Rosenfield Church near Anamoose, North Dakota.
Oct. 20-22 — Badlands Association, Hettinger, N. Dak.
Sunday, Oct. 29 — Lorraine, Kans.

Rev. A. Felberg, Evangelist

- Oct. 8-22 — Conner Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Rev. H. Palfenier

- Oct. 8-19 — Trochu, Alta., Canada.

COMING CONFERENCES

- Oct. 11-15 — Washington, Montana and Idaho Association at Startup, Wash. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker.
Oct. 20-22 — Badlands Association at Hettinger, N. Dak. Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.
Oct. 23-25 — Kansas Association at Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas. Dr. Geo. A. Lang, Guest Speaker.
Oct. 26-29 — Oklahoma Association at Bessie, Okla. Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Guest Speaker.
Nov. 2-5 — California Association at Temple Church, Lodi, Calif. Miss Hilda Tobert, Guest Speaker.

MISS HILDA TOBERT'S ITINERARY

- Oct. 13 (Friday) — Bethany Church near Portland, Ore.
Oct. 15 (Sunday Morning) — Bethel Church, Salem, Ore.
Oct. 15 (Sunday Evening) — Salt Creek Church, near Dallas, Ore.
Oct. 17 (Tuesday) — Stafford Church near Sherwood, Ore.
Oct. 18 (Wednesday) — Trinity Church, Portland, Ore.
Oct. 19 (Thursday) — Laurelhurst Church, Portland, Ore.
Oct. 22 (Sunday) — Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.
Oct. 24 and 25 — Wasco, Calif.
Oct. 27 (Friday) — Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, Calif.
Oct. 29 (Sunday Morning) — 15th Street Church, Los Angeles, Calif.
Oct. 29 (Sunday Evening) — Costa Mesa, Calif.

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