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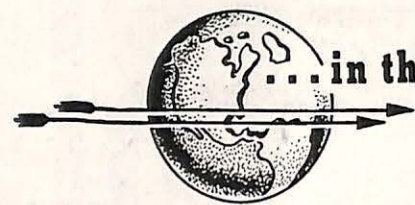
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REV. WILLIAM HOOVER

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**...in the course of human events**

● Membership in the Southern Baptist Convention passed the seven million mark last year. The total 1950 membership figure announced was 7,079,889, a gain of 318,624, or 4.7 percent, over the 1949 total. The membership gain was made possible by a record number of baptisms last year, totaling 376,085. This was 12.3 percent, or 41,193 more than the previous year. A gain of 503 churches brought the 1950 Southern Baptist total to 27,788. — The Watchman-Examiner.

● A "United Fellowship of Protestants in the Armed Services" to carry out a program for Service Men in the name of 30 Protestant denominations will be launched with strenght. The new fellowship will replace the Service Men's Christian League, which conducted an international program during World War II. It is stated that approximately 70 percent of those entering military service are of the Protestant faith. — The Watchman-Examiner.

● The Christian schools of Japan, many of which were destroyed in the war, are being repaired or rebuilt, and re-organized. Altogether, there are 145 of these schools with 60,000 students. The nation-wide evangelistic campaign has been pressed with vigor, but there have been few churches organized in new areas since the war. This is partly due to the need of reconstructing the 440 destroyed churches. A great deal of effort has gone into consolidation of existing congregations. — The Evangelical Christian.

● New recordings of the King James Version of the Bible are now being distributed among the sightless by the American Bible Society and the Library of Congress. The records are being issued by the American Foundation for the Blind to a potential audience of 30,000. Work on the recordings began four years ago in the foundation's production studios. A previous recording of all sixty-six books of the Bible by the foundation required ten years. Among 1,500 titles for the blind at the Library of Congress, the Bible is the most popular. — Moody Monthly.

● Evidence of increasing religious tolerance on the part of the Turkish government is cited in recent news dispatches. Accounts and properties of various Protestant evangelical churches, which have been in the custody of the state-controlled Department of Pious Foundations, have been

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—HERBERT HOOVER

restored to the church administrations. Sale of Christian books during the last year and a half, especially Gospels, is said to total ten times the number sold in all previous years under the republic. Some say the demand is partly due to the greater number of students taking university courses in comparative religions. — Moody Monthly.

● "In spite of India's famed food shortages, the faithful are still sacrificing huge heaps of wheat to their gods by putting the match to them. Many gallons of milk are being poured out in front of priests, instead of giving the milk to undernourished babies. Thousands of coconuts are dashed to the ground by priests in order to appease the gods. The caste system is still entrenched, in spite of the glowing reports of our newspapers." — Missionary Madeline Spearman, speaking at "Moody's Missionary Hour."

● Twenty-five prominent ministers, among them four Baptists, were asked recently to relate which ten books have had the greatest influence on their lives and thoughts. The result is very interesting. A. V. G. Allen's "The Life of Phillips Brooks" rates number one. John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" rates number two. Henry Drummond's "Natural Law in the Spiritual World" rates number three. The following received wide acclaim: "The Confessions of Saint Augustine;" William James, "Varieties of Religious Experience;" Harry Emerson Fosdick, "The Meaning of Prayer;" T. R. Glover, "The Jesus of History;" Dante, "The Divine Comedy;" Carlyle, "Sartor Resartus;" Browning, "The Ring and the Book." —Religion in Life.

The editor of this department, "In the Course of Human Events," has been the Rev. John Grygo of Chicago, Illinois.

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**Editorial**

**A Voice and a Pen in God's Service**

FEW MINISTERS in our denominational circles have had such a variety of opportunities offered them to serve their God as was true of the Rev. Samuel Blum. His homegoing on Wednesday, March 21, in Cleveland, Ohio, brought this fact of God's signal blessings upon his ministry to the attention of his many friends who tried to evaluate the permanent contributions of his life. Spiritual monuments have been left behind by this man of God which will outlive our span of years. He was privileged of God to serve his Lord in many places and with varying talents so that the influences of his life have been like the sunshine, scattering into every direction.

His golden voice rang out from some of the most influential pulpits of our denomination. His name is still a hallowed memory and his ministry is still remembered with deep appreciation in such of our churches as the Temple Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., the Lorraine Church of Kansas, the Forest Park Church of Illinois, the First Baptist Church of Wasco, California, the Emery Church of South Dakota, and the Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio. He also served the Rock Hill Baptist Church near Boston, Mass., for several years following his return from an auspicious ministry in Queensland, Australia, from 1903 to 1905. At the memorial service for Brother Blum in the Erin Avenue Church, Mr. H. P. Donner recalled with deep feeling how the Temple Church of Pittsburgh proudly welcomed the new pastor in Brother Blum almost fifty years ago and prospered under his ministry.

His preaching always reflected the highest standards of sincerity, earnestness and fervency of spirit. With boldness he expounded God's Word and emphasized the fundamental truths of Scripture which were so dear to his heart. He was always challenging himself and others to greater heights of spiritual living. He believed in taking our Christian faith seriously until some people even misunderstood his austere and earnest ways of life.

In 1933 another chapter of Christian service began for him. With the illness of Brother Fetzer and his inability to continue as editor of "Der Sendbote," Brother Blum was asked to fill in as best he could. He was a pastor in Cleveland who could easily take over this work for a temporary period. But in 1934 the General Conference elected him more definitely as the full-time editor of "Der Sendbote" and for twelve illustrious years he edited this publication with spiritual grace, literary skill and friendly warmth. God wielded his pen and imparted his spiritual blessings through this editor to thousands of our people. It has been estimated that more than fifteen million words were handled by Brother Blum in preparing the weekly issues of "Der Sendbote" during this span of a dozen years.

The active life of the Rev. Samuel Blum has come to a close, but he continues to serve his Lord and Savior in a fairer land and with a clearer vision. His voice and his pen have been stilled, but their spiritual contributions remain with us as abiding memorials in the work of our denomination. His was a rich and full life in Christ and a triumphant homegoing into the mansions above!

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—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert  
Mother helps her children to make an exciting discovery in the bird's house on top of the pole!

"And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages" (Exodus 2:9).

THE EFFORTS which some mothers put forth in providing the noblest things for their children is one of the abiding wonders of the world. The reward they receive, at least in this life, is too often no more than the slave's wages which Jochebed may have received from Pharaoh's daughter. However, even as we glance back over the pages of history to pick out the many faithful mothers who should be honored, we become painfully conscious of an equally large number who are hardly worthy of reward.

#### FOR DUTY PERFORMED

The mother of Moses was to be rewarded for her work. Pharaoh had said to her, "Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages." We are all agreed, I am sure, that there is no crown too resplendent to be placed upon the brow of motherhood at its best. However, the mere fact of physical motherhood does not exalt every woman into an angel. Many a Jochebed has worked almost night and day, has gone without proper clothing and food that her children might be nourished and educated.

But there are also those who have turned the care of their children over to strangers that their pleasures might not be interfered with, mothers who neglected their children's bodies as well as their souls, mothers whose influence, instead of lifting their little ones close to God, was damning them

to hell. Most of us have known instances where the child would have a chance only then when it could be separated from the sphere of its mother's influence.

These are facts of life and must be faced. We cannot let Mother's Day, which might appeal too much to the sentimental in us, rob us of sound judgment. At the same time we recognize true motherhood. The race has been lifted, after all, not by failures, but by the successes, and it is not mere sentimentality that causes us to exalt and to honor all worthy mothers.

When Napoleon was asked what the greatest need of France was, he replied, "Mothers!" It is to be feared that the great military genius was thinking of mothers as a necessity of rearing soldiers, rather than of mothers in the highest sacred sense. If someone were to ask what the greatest need of America, yes, of the world is today, would we be far wrong in replying, "Mothers! Mothers who are essentially religious, mothers who can talk confidentially with God, mothers who regard it as a solemn responsibility and an unalloyed joy to bring up their children in the teachings and according to the example of Jesus Christ?"

The prisons and penitentiaries of our country are not filled with the sons of mothers who know how to pray and who train their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. We thank God for the mothers who played such a large part in the founding of our nation upon spiritual principles, for mothers who directed most of us to a saving knowledge of Christ. We pray God for his guiding and strengthening influence upon the mothers of the world that they be enabled to lead their children into paths of righteousness.

#### FROM WHOM RECEIVED

Our text presents another thought. Pharaoh's daughter said, "I will give thee thy wages." No mother has ever been paid for the service of motherhood, but if she receives proper wages at all, they are not paid by outsiders, princess or otherwise. Consider the incident of our text. Pharaoh has de-

creed that all male children of the Israelites had to be destroyed.

This mother refuses to obey the decree. When secrecy is no longer possible, she places him where he must be discovered by this princess. She arranges matters, so that she will be at hand and available as a nurse. Then she pours all the wealth of her strong body, of her able and active mind, and of her pure and faithful soul into that little lad's life. If the daughter of Pharaoh were to empty her father's treasures at the feet of this Hebrew mother, would they be "wages" for such a service?

We believe God rewards all faithful service, and he will also reward Jochebed, but if she ever received any true recompense from mankind, it was paid by Moses and by nobody else. Someone was right when he wrote: "There is only one person in all the world who can square the account with a mother and that is the child itself. When he pays in love and gratitude she is satisfied — more than satisfied. When he does not pay, she is satisfied to go on in silence, to watch and to wait . . . A mother has often given all she had, and then been forgotten by the boy who has grown into successful manhood and whose public affairs occupy his time and heart."

Let us hope that Moses properly repaid his devoted mother, and that she was able to rejoice without sorrow in the prominence that came to him. Let us pray that we might bring joy to our mothers' hearts.

#### NATURE OF THE REWARD

This brings us to our third thought: the nature of the reward. Were we to ask God-fearing mothers what they desired most of all for their sons and daughters, what their dreams were for their children, I imagine that they would tell us that they wanted their children to be pure: pure in body, pure in heart, pure in mind! This world of ours is not known for its purity, but whatever impurity there is in it, is there because of impure men and women. Christian mothers would have their children pure. No

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# A Mother's Reward

The woman to be envied above all others is the mother who, through her daily giving, causes those of her family who know her best to rise up and call her blessed

By the REV. EMANUEL WOLFF of Dallas, Oregon,  
Pastor of the Salt Creek Baptist Church

# The Master Soul-Winner at Work

In our efforts to win souls for Christ, we must seek to present him in his matchless beauty and Saviorhood even as he revealed himself to the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:1-25)

By DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Jesus' ministry in Judea aroused not only the curiosity but also the hostility of the Pharisees. The influence of Jesus seemed to them more dangerous than that of John the Baptist. The report was circulated that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John the Baptist.

But Jesus didn't baptize himself. He probably felt like Paul who said: "For Christ sent me not to baptize but to preach the gospel" (1 Cor. 1:17). Jesus' disciples performed the water baptism; the Master baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Because of the beginning of hostility, the Master left Judea and departed again into Galilee. He had come from Capernaum to Jerusalem. Now he was returning to Galilee by way of Samaria. The most direct route was the great north road that led from Jerusalem near to Sychar and farther north into Galilee.

The scrupulous Jew who refused to pass through Samaria had to cross the Jordan twice. He had to make a considerable detour to cross into Galilee. But Jesus had no scruples. He was free from racial prejudice.

On his journey north with his disciples he arrived at Sychar. Near this town was Jacob's well or spring which he had given to his son, Joseph (Gen. 33:19; Joshua 24:32). Jesus, being tired, thirsty and hungry, rested by the spring during the hot noon hour.

While he was sitting there, a Samaritan woman came with her waterpot to draw water. Jesus turned to her and said: "Give me to drink." His disciples had gone in the meantime to the town of Sychar to buy food.

#### CHRIST'S FIRST APPROACH

This interesting story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman gives us a wonderful opportunity to watch the Master Soul-winner at work. We do well to observe his methods of approach. We can learn at least eight things from the Master Fisherman. His first method of approach was to meet this woman on common ground.

She was interested in water. So was Jesus. Not only did the Master want water to quench his thirst but immediately he established a point of contact. They both met on common

ground, even though she was a social outcast, a woman who belonged to a despised race.

If we want to win souls for Christ, we must make a right start, a right approach. Like Jesus we can make it by asking a small favor. We must meet people on their level. We dare never manifest a superiority complex.

The Samaritan woman was surprised when Jesus asked her for a drink. She said: "What? You are a Jew and you ask me for a drink, me, a Samaritan!" Undoubtedly she recognized him as a Jew by his dress or accent. The Jews did not associate with the Samaritans. The latter were a mixed race of heathen and Jews.

Please read the full story in the second book of Kings, chapter 17. These Samaritans wanted to help rebuild the temple at Jerusalem. Their help however was refused because they were not Jews. The result was a deep hatred between the two races which lasted for centuries.

#### SECOND METHOD OF APPROACH

Jesus' second method of approach was to offer the woman something better (4:10). She wanted water. The Master was now offering her "living water." If she had only known the gift of God and him who asked her for a drink, she would have asked Jesus for living water. "I asked you for

water but if you asked me I would give you something much better."

When we approach people, we can begin with the common things of life, but we must lead them to a higher level, to the spiritual realm, to the water of Life. The woman didn't understand Jesus. "You have no water-pot and the well is over one hundred feet deep. From where can you get living water?"

"Living water" was spring water in contrast to cistern water (Gen. 26:19). She asked: "Are you greater than our father Jacob? He, his sons and their cattle drank from this well."

#### CHRIST'S MAIN PURPOSE

We notice that Jesus does not deviate from his main purpose (4:13-14). The Samaritan woman talks about Jacob's well, but Jesus is not going to be sidetracked. He holds firm to his main purpose. He is not primarily interested in Jacob's well. He is interested in spiritual water and the eternal welfare of a needy soul. He calls attention to the contrast between the well of water and the spiritual water. What an example for us to follow! Too often we allow ourselves to be sidetracked when we are dealing with eternal issues.

Jesus makes his offer still more attractive (4:13-14). His method is to elaborate on what he has already said (4:10). Among the most wonderful words Jesus spoke are those of a water that he gives and which quenches our soul-thirst forever. This water becomes a well of water in our soul springing up unto eternal life.

Christ promises a complete, an abiding satisfaction. We receive God's grace once for all. This fountain within us never runs dry, and yet we must drink from it continually. In our dealing with others we must endeavor to make Christianity and, above all, Christ as attractive as possible.

The poor woman misunderstood Jesus again (4:15). She realizes this water is worth having. It would save labor and time.

The Master uses a new method of approach. He didn't succeed in making the Samaritan woman understand a deep spiritual truth. So he approaches her from another angle. "Go, call thy husband and come hither." He appeals

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#### SPEAK OUT FOR JESUS

You talk about your business,  
Your bonds and stocks and gold;  
And in all worldly matters  
You are so brave and bold.  
But why are you so silent  
About salvation's plan?  
Why don't you speak for Jesus.  
And speak out like a man?

You talk about the weather,  
And the crops of corn and wheat;  
You speak of friends and neighbors  
That pass along the street;  
You call yourself a Christian,  
And like the Gospel plan —  
Then why not speak for Jesus  
And speak out like a man?



# The Christian Faith and Its Facts

Faith accepts what can be known and seen, and then goes on to trust God as the source of an infinite reality beyond the capacity of finite man

By DR. RALPH E. KNUDSEN of Berkeley, Calif., in the Fourth of a Series of Seminary Lectures on "The Revival of Biblical Faith"

THE WORD, "faith," occurs often in the New Testament. It goes back to an old Sanskrit root, bhidh, which means "to unite," "to bind." It is that phase of man's rational self which unites him to God. Faith is a necessity for the ongoing of life in our complex world. It would be impossible to travel or even to get food enough to keep life without faith in others. Man could not exist today without expressing faith consciously or unconsciously.

There are a few passages where faith appears as a creed, or body of truth which is trusted (James 2:14-16). One of the great biblical verses which refers to faith is Hebrews 11:1. An examination of the various versions adds to our understanding of the term. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Authorized version.) "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Standard Revised Version.) "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for. (American Translation.) "It is our conviction about things that we cannot see." (American Translation.) "Now faith is the title deed of things hoped; the putting to the proof of things not seen." (Helen B. Montgomery.) "Now faith means we are confident of what we hope for, convinced of what we do not see." (Moffatt.) "Faith means putting our full confidence in the things we hope for, it means being certain of things we cannot see." (Letters to Young Churches.) "Now faith is that which underlies the things hoped for, the certainty of the things not seen." (My own translation.)

## WHAT IS FAITH?

Then what is faith? Like all the imponderables, it is difficult to describe or to confine. I shall not be able to tell all it means. Faith always presupposes a certain quality of life which is hard to maintain in a materialistic world. Dr. Albert Day in his book, "The Faith We Live," has given some clear negatives to indicate what faith is not, "Faith is not strain." It is obvious that life cannot be strained to believe, for such a strain is the absence of faith. Faith is not having a convulsion but a calm and poised facing up to any situation.

"Faith is not wishful thinking." The man of faith is not credulous nor foolish. In faith we do not indulge in idle and hopeless fantasies but seek to revolutionize that which seems impossible. This certainly does not mean the return to the world of the Arabian nights where Aladdin needed only to rub his lamp to have the most wonderful things happen.

"Faith is not a mandate to God." One can never simply ask God for the things wanted and then presume that God will do because we have approached by what we would term faith. Human desires are always clashing and it would be tragic for God to give everyone what he wants. Ultimate decision must always be left to God who is God and not man. No one can at any time nor for any purpose pressure God to act unless the request is within the "will of God."

The positives of faith are possible of statement and the implications clearly delineated. Faith means reliance upon another: upon God. It means adjustment to another: to God. It means a reception: bringing nothing and receiving all. It means a possessing: all benefits. It means a union: with Christ. Such faith is a source of knowledge (Hebrews 11:6). There is intelligence in faith for one must exercise enough thought to believe God exists in order to receive the benefits of such faith. The type of reasoning which is limited to a "two times two equals four" can never fully comprehend nor adequately appropriate the reality of faith.

Faith produces a certain quality of conduct which involves obedience (Hebrews 11:8). There is a practical element in this consideration. We dare to act because we have dared to believe. We propose to obey because we have yielded our spirits to God. Faith is an act of the will. It is a movement of the inner man. It is the response of the deepest and directive phase of rational life. This faith is total commitment to God who is greater than all his creation. Commitment is a quality of life which opens one's will, mind and life to the larger and the "beyond" man. A commitment such as this moves beyond the normal to the transformed reality in Christ.

Lack of faith today is not due to lack of information nor understand-

ing but to our aversion to God. We do not believe because we do not want nor dare to believe. Faith gives the basis for genuine and objective Christian life. Faith in itself does not change life, but when it is placed in a transforming person it does. So faith is the means whereby God and man are brought together in a new experience which produces a new relationship through which the grace of God becomes an evident fact in word, in attitude and in life.

## HEROES OF FAITH

The heroes of faith in Hebrews reveal certain qualities which are basic in the study of faith. These men may not have had great possessions but they had great inner resources. The secret of their lives was not so much great faith as faith in a great God. Such men placed their trust not in man but in God.

These men had a positive quality of faith. They were certain of God and they never questioned that reality. Thus they lived in a great certainty which gave strength, poise and stability to them. These lost many things valued by man but they had God and that was enough. Such men possessed a generous faith. Everything in life was made subject to God. No sacrifice was too great for them to make for God. They believed they were giving for the greatest cause in the world.

Again it must be noted that their faith was daring. They dared to face anything for God. After all, religion is a great adventure and calls for the heroic and the brave. The slogan, "safety first," never entered their minds or lives as they followed on in faith. They belonged to the fellowship of the unashamed. This is not self-preservation but self-giving. Such men followed God even though they did not see the result of faith. Faith is content to trust and to view results not in terms merely of today but with a confidence that God is in history and his will shall be done.

It will not be possible in this one address to indicate all the facts of faith. Such an accumulation of facts would include a long series of addresses and issue in a volume on Biblical theology. The historic foundation of our faith is a matter of history. The supreme object of our faith

does not change — "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Christian faith has always been able to speak with vitality and concreteness in every period of Christian history. Christianity must keep constructively allied and familiar with the thinking of the time but not be altered by it. Our Christ is one who speaks to time, any time and all time.

Religion is not factless and the Christian religion is the child of in-

the maelstrom of the actual. The analyst who has probed into every minutia of life and faith has given us much but, sometimes, knowing everything opens the door to really knowing nothing. Microscopic analysis may give only microscopic paralysis.

## FACT OF REVELATION

There are certain broad areas of fact which should be considered as a ground for more detailed facts for

the part of man gives man the assurance that he exists. Descartes expressed it: "I think, therefore I am." Not only does a thinking man require inter-change of minds but he also needs personal fellowship. Only an intelligent being who can make himself known to man can satisfy man. It is not possible for man to know what God requires unless God speaks to him in a medium which he understands. Man does have an inner voice which we call conscience for lack of



—Photo by Harold  
The North American Baptist Seminary Chorus with twenty-four voices directed by Professor Ralph E. Powell (center, front row) which recently made a concert tour during the Easter holidays and which will sing during the Seminary's commencement festivities in May.

escapable and unalterable facts, facts which have become the cherished basis for faith. Christian revelation furnishes the basic fact material for our faith. Too long has the Christian Church been willing to yield and discard certain elements of its own revelation. This may be done through interpretation or misinterpretation, through lack of conviction, through lack of courage or just through deadening indifferentism. The time has come for the Church to re-discover its authenticated facts for strong faith. It is utterly impossible to build strong character upon shallow convictions or faith on nothingness.

The truth we hold dear did not develop apart from concrete social situations, but it was not dependent upon them, nor determined by them. The facts for our faith came out of life and thus speak again and again to life. Truth was not determined by situations but utilized man's habitat for the projection of eternal truth into

faith. First, is the fact of revelation. Revelation is not something strange nor new in the history of religions. As a matter of faith all major religions have some concept of revelation and some revelation. By revelation is meant something given by God to man and not something which man himself devises.

No church or organization has any right to add dogma or creed to reveal truth and assume that such dogmas have equal validity or authority with God's revelation. Such a claim is absurd and untenable under any objective consideration. The Judeo-Christian religion asserts that God can and did reveal himself to man. A God who could not reveal himself would be a non-known God, and a non-communicable God is no God at all.

Man who is a thinking being by his very nature requires relationship which includes some process of communication. The fact of thought on

a better term, but such can never be all nor even enough for man's tireless quest to know God.

This revelation is one which took place inside of history. Things did happen and there was a once-for-allness and finality about some of these experiences which make them reliable and irrevocable and irreversible. Such realities cannot be discounted nor discredited. Many of the events in our biblical accounts were not fully understood at any contemporary point in time.

God revealed and man responded, and out of that inter-play of persons experience became a reality. Experience is not all subjective nor illusory. Experience as a data basis for study is valid in spite of the reactions of neo-Thomism and Barthianism. Historical study compels us to look beyond words to events in experience. The account of Paul in the book of Acts is vastly more than the number

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# Germany at God's Crossroads

An eyewitness account of a glorious revival in Germany in a tent evangelistic campaign at Hamburg which is to be continued in the summer of 1951

By the REV. WILLIAM HOOVER,  
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Lord opened the doors in an unusual way so that within two weeks of my decision to go I left from the Baptist World Congress at Cleveland, Ohio, for the port of departure.

Departure from the Philadelphia International Airport was on July 26th in company with 54 other Christians. The group consisted of ministers, missionaries and Christian laymen, among whom was our highly esteemed and much loved Mr. H. P. Donner as passenger. In spite of his advanced years, he proved himself to be a most worthy fellow-traveller, enjoying the respect and esteem of the entire group.

After the normal routine of custom regulations had been completed, we heard testimonies, sang a few choruses, followed by a gracious prayer, commending us all to the safe-keeping of the Great Pilot for journeying mercies, and we were on our way. Because God looked with favor upon this venture, the ether waves carried us with placid smoothness, both over land and sea, throughout the entire trip of 17,500 miles without a single mishap.

There were two trips to Palestine, originating from Geneva, Switzerland. Since I was a passenger on the first, I had some leisure time at my disposal for any side trips, while the second group went to Palestine. Hamburg, Germany then became my destination. On the evening of August 26th, I arrived there and immediately proceeded to the home of the Rev. H. Wieske, one of our Baptist ministers, whose acquaintance I had made on my previous trip to Germany in 1946 as a relief commissioner.

## A UNITED EVANGELISTIC EFFORT

The following day, being the Lord's Day, I was asked to speak at one of our churches at the morning worship service. Sunday, August 27th, was also destined to be an important date in the annals of church history for many churches and denominations in Hamburg. An interdenominational city-wide tent campaign was to be initiated at 4:00 P.M. that day. For Germany that was an auspicious event, almost unheard of, in that mag-

nitude of co-operative endeavor. As an American visitor, I was graciously asked to be present on the platform to convey greetings at the opening service.

City officials and prominent church leaders from the various co-operating denominations were present, and they conveyed greetings and best wishes for the success of the co-operative endeavor. It was a most inspiring sight to see Lutherans, Free-church Lutherans, Methodists, Evangelicals, United Brethren, Free Church people, and Baptists united in a soul-winning endeavor. Therefore, their campaign slogan, "An Jesus Christus kommt keiner vorbei," proved most fitting.

The time for greetings from the American visitor was fast approaching and with it also an accelerated heartbeat. More than once he was involuntarily reminded, while listening to the fluent German speakers, that his imported American-German was far from being equal to the pace which had been set by the national Germans. With no mere trepidation, when my name was called, I arose to speak to the more than two thousand people present.

## A GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY

My former trip to Germany in 1946, in the interests of relief, proved to be an invaluable asset as an opening into the hearts of the German people, who are somewhat suspicious of their conquerors, the Americans. I informed them that the motivating interests of my first trip were for the purpose of rendering material help to the German people, whereas this trip was for the express purpose of being a silent listener and observer to the methods of their evangelism. I also assured them that the Christians in America harbored no hatred against them and that in Christ we were all one.

This re-assurance of love on the part of the American Christians proved so captivating, that they were overwhelmed by tears of joy. "Amen" were heard all over the tent, all preconceived suspicions about this American were dispersed with, the enmity resulting from the war was forgotten, and we were united in spirit. Christ

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and the power of the Holy Spirit had scored another great victory.

In the providence of God, the greetings were destined to open a door of an effectual ministry, that one could scarcely have thought to be a possibility. The evangelist, who was to be in charge of this campaign, had suddenly become ill and was unable to preach. The chairman of the tent campaign, after I had given my greetings, without any further questioning, suggested to the large audience that I do the preaching. This met with unanimous approval by all present and I almost sublimated.

All reasons of inability and refusals to serve were met with a deaf ear. I had to be ready within the next hour to preach. It is superfluous to mention that I prayed and trembled, but man's extremities are God's opportunities. Many problems loomed up in mountainous proportions before me. I had never seen the method of procedure followed in a revival campaign in Germany. I knew their methods to be different from those that we employ, and truly they were, as I later learned the hard way.

Their methods in America would be most ineffectual. For example, the order of an evening service unfolds in this fashion: singing, message, choir number, offering, remarks by chairman, and then after the benediction, while the audience is leaving, those who desire to be saved are to come forward of their own volition. Although this method of procedure proves more fruitful in Europe than it ever would in America, I was able to persuade them to employ our methods of invitation given immediately following the message. I firmly believe that no method is an end in itself, but merely a means to the end. However, the psychology of it can be a tremendous aid in bringing about a willingness on the part of the seeker to come to Christ.

Nightly the seating capacity of the tent was taxed to overflowing. More than two thousand listeners sat with rapt attention while the messages were given and scores responded to the invitation to accept Christ as their personal Savior. People from all walks of life were among the seekers, some having walked twelve kilometers to be present. With the more than two thousand present nightly, it is interesting that not half a dozen cars could be seen around the tent. No parking problems in Germany! All those in attendance either walked or came by streetcar or bicycle.

The tent itself was a gift by an American from Chicago, Ill., since the war. Unfortunately, the tent had been placed near a chemical factory in another city a few months previous to this campaign. Unknown to the tent committee, the chemicals from the factory were wind-driven on to the



The evangelistic tent of the Baptists of Germany at Steglitz, a suburb of Berlin, one of several tents used by the Baptists for public evangelistic meetings and for which financial aid was given by the North American Baptist General Conference.

canvas of the tent, resulting in thousands of pea-sized holes. Thus, during the last two days of the tent campaign, a downpour of rain made it necessary for hundreds of umbrellas to be opened inside the tent. Truly, it was a unique sight to behold but an uncomfortable experience!

In spite of these adversities, every square foot of standing room was taken, and when the invitation was given on the last night, over one hundred persons were led to a saving knowledge in Christ Jesus. A woman in her testimony said, "Never have I received such blessings in the most elaborate cathedral, as God has lavished upon us in this tent." In all there were over three hundred persons who made a public confession of

salvation during this first week, and the campaign closed with over five hundred saved.

In my experiences of twenty years in revival meetings, this has proven to be one of the most glorious revivals that I have ever witnessed. God deserves all the praise for it. It was he who directed my paths to Hamburg and unexpectedly opened the doors. I shall never cease to praise him for it! I feel that Germany of today, disillusioned by Nazism stands at the crossroads, thus affording Christianity an unprecedented opportunity to meet its greatest challenge. Let us pray for our brethren so that they too might have a great ingathering of souls before Communism closes the doors.



The evangelistic tent at Hamburg, Germany, in which the Rev. William Hoover preached to more than two thousand persons with the large sign, "People's Mission," over the main entrance.



"Nobody can evade Jesus Christ!" This German inscription was featured on a huge poster bearing a picture of Christ's thorn-crowned head in front of an evangelistic tent at Hamburg, Germany.

HAVING had the enriching experience and the invaluable education that come as a natural sequence from a visit to twelve countries, including such historic lands and places as Rome, Italy; Damascus, Syria, the oldest city in the world; Palestine, Egypt and Greece, many incidents that could prove of captivating interest to the readers of the "Baptist Herald" could be reported. However, due to lack of space, I am limiting this article, as requested, to events leading up to and observations made as an eyewitness in a revival campaign in Hamburg, Germany, from August 26, 1950 to Sept. 3, 1950.

## TRIP OF 17,500 MILES

There were two incentives that occasioned my trip to Europe. The first was a most lucrative reduced fare offered by a Christian organization of the United States to fly by chartered plane to Europe and Palestine for less than one-half of one-way fare by regular lines. The second was an unprecedented opportunity to visit the Holy Land on a guided tour of twelve days with an all-Christian group. It was the latter opportunity that challenged me prayerfully to consider the possibility of my going. After much prayer and consideration and the unanimous encouragement from my church in Benton Harbor, Mich., the



# A Memorial to Rev. Samuel Blum

Tribute to and Obituary of One of Our Revered Pastors and Editor of "Der Sendbote" from 1934 to 1946 Who Was Called to His Heavenly Home on March 21, 1951

## A PERSONAL TRIBUTE TO BROTHER BLUM

By REV. OTTO E. KRUEGER  
of Rochester, New York.

I SAW Samuel Blum for the first time in 1895 when I entered our Seminary as a fellow-student and classmate. I was attracted by this tall, slender, upstanding young man, and after two years we were drawn together in close friendship. The three following years we were much together. We went to church, to classes, to the dining hall, to the gymnasium, and out on many walks together. We played soccer together.

Together we decided to respond to a Macedonian call coming from Queensland, Australia, where a conference of five churches had suffered greatly through lack of leadership. The conference, however, found that its means did not permit them to call both of us. We decided that he should go. This was in the year 1900. With the expenditure of untiring energy he succeeded in putting these churches on their feet and in working condition. The work having grown beyond his strength, a call was extended to me, to which I responded. With open arms into an open house the Blums received us as newlyweds and shared their home with us for several months.

The field of five churches and a number of outstations had to be divided between us. It also required another parsonage. The Blums were well settled in Minden, but as a true friend he made an Abrahamic offer: "If you prefer this field we will move on to the other, but if you wish to go there we shall abide here." Nothing could have been more generous.

The fact that Brother Blum had carried on the work without fear or favor demanding thoroughgoing Christian living, made it much easier for us to carry on the work from that point. He had made straight in the desert a highway.

It is a privilege for us who have known this life of Brother Blum from close contact and intimate friendship to apply the words of our Lord, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Though with advancing years correspondence lagged, I do feel the loss of a loyal friend, and the mind sees another vacant chair in that host of friends whose number grows less and less as the years add up.



Rev. Samuel Blum of Cleveland, Ohio, pastor of North American Baptist churches, editor of "Der Sendbote" from 1934 to 1946, and denominational leader, who went Home to be with the Lord on March 21st.

## THE OBITUARY OF THE REV. SAMUEL BLUM, SR.

By REV. EDWIN MILLER  
of Cleveland, Ohio.

The Rev. Samuel Blum, Sr., of Cleveland, Ohio, was born on August 27, 1874, in Hungary. At the age of 17 he came to America and settled in Boston, Mass. In 1892 he accepted Christ as his personal Savior, and on May 27 he was received through baptism into the church at Boston by the Rev. William Papenhausen. Shortly thereafter, God called him into the ministry, and he enrolled as a student at the Rochester Baptist Seminary. In 1900 he was graduated from the Seminary and was married to Miss Lena Kunz, and on June 5th of the same year was ordained into the Gospel ministry.

Mr. and Mrs. Blum rendered an excellent ministry throughout our denominational life. God gave them their first charge in Queensland, Australia, from 1900-1903, after which they served the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Jamaica Plain, Boston, 1903-1907. The Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., called him as pastor in 1907 and he served here until 1909 having been formerly impressed with his Christian maturity and fine character when he served as student assistant a previous summer. Mr.

Blum served the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., 1909-1917; the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., 1917-1919; the First Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., 1919-1924; Emery Baptist Church of South Dakota, 1924-1927; and the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, 1927-1934. In 1934 he was called to be editor of "Der Sendbote" in which capacity he served efficiently until his retirement in 1946. Brother Blum continued to be active in Christian work until the last two years in which his physical decline was rapid.

On March 21, 1951, the Rev. Samuel Blum, after 50 years of faithful service to Christ, went home to be with his Lord. He is being mourned by his dear wife, Mrs. Lena Blum, who for 50 years has been a true support to him in all of his ministry; by his sons: Dr. John of Berkeley, Calif., Walter of Eureka, Calif.; and Samuel, Jr., of Cleveland, Ohio; and by his daughter, Eva L. Barnes of Louisville, Ky. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 24th, at the Erin Avenue Baptist Church where he was an active and helpful member to his death.

After the pastor, Rev. Edwin Miller, read words of comfort from the Scriptures, Rev. Paul Zoschke, pastor of the White Ave. Baptist Church, led in prayer. After a German song by the male chorus the pastor expressed sincere words of appreciation for the encouragement and counsel Brother Blum gave to him as a young minister. Brother Blum's classmate and lifelong friend, Rev. Otto E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., wrote a fine letter of tribute which was read at the funeral. Mr. H. P. Donner, former manager of the Roger Williams Press, and Rev. Elmer Baumgartner, present manager both gave tribute to their friend in which they told many interesting sidelights in the life of Brother Blum that revealed his outstanding Christian traits. Dr. Martin Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," spoke words of commendation concerning the ministry of Brother Blum, and expressed sincerest sympathies and comfort to the bereaved in behalf of the denomination. His body was laid to rest at the Riverside Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio.

May God comfort Mrs. Blum and all the sorrowing relatives and friends.  
Erin Ave. Bapt. Church,  
Cleveland, Ohio

EDWIN MILLER, Pastor.



## OUR MOTHERS

"Oh, magical word, may it never die  
From the lips that love to speak it,  
Nor melt away from the trusting hearts  
That even would break to keep it.  
Was there ever a name that lived like  
thine?  
Will there ever be another?  
The angels have reared in heaven a  
shrine  
To the holy name of MOTHER."

— Author Unknown.

"God could not be everywhere, and  
so he made mothers."

—JEWISH PROVERB.

## MOTHER'S DAY

By Edgar Guest

Let every day be Mother's Day,  
Make roses grow along her way,  
And beauty everywhere.  
Oh, never let her eyes be wet,  
With tears of sorrow or regret,  
And never cease to care.  
Come, grown up children and rejoice,  
If you can hear your mother's voice.

A day for her? For you she gave.  
Long years of love and service  
brave —

For you her youth was spent.  
There was no weight of hurt or care,  
Too heavy for her strength to bear,  
She followed where you went.  
Her courage and her love sublime,  
You could depend on all the time.

"Most all the other beautiful things  
in life come by twos and threes, by  
dozens and hundreds! Plenty of roses,  
stars, sunsets and rainbows, brothers  
and sisters, aunts and cousins, but only  
one mother in all the wide world."

—KATE DOUGLAS WIGGIN.

## FAITH OF OUR MOTHERS

Faith of our mothers, living still  
In all that's beautiful and brave;  
How nobly will we work God's will  
And seek from sin our souls to save.  
Faith of our mothers, living faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, living still  
In hearts of hope and songs of praise,  
We gladly join with one accord,  
To sing to God our sweetest lays.  
Faith of our mothers, constant faith,  
We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our mothers, living still  
In love and life that ne'er shall die,  
And children's children ever dear

And may they ever rest  
Safe in thy care.

"The mother's heart is the child's  
schoolroom."

—HENRY WARD BEECHER.

## A TRIBUTE TO MOTHERS

By Pauline Miller Wilcox of Wilmette,  
Illinois

Once a year we celebrate  
Mother's Day, both far and near,  
And with joy our hearts pulsate,  
Thinking of our Mother dear.

She has gladly borne the care  
When the children all were small,  
Bringing us to God in prayer,  
For HE was her all in all.

Oh, her patience oft we tried,  
By our naughty deeds and ways,  
But her help she ne'er denied,  
Watching o'er us nights and days.

On this day how we regret  
That we caused her pain and grief,  
And we beg her to forget,  
Asking for a clean, new leaf.

Yes, a leaf on which to write  
Only things to make her glad,  
That she may forget each slight,  
Which has made her dear heart sad.

May God bless our mothers dear,  
As our hearts go out to you,  
Filling all your life with cheer  
And devotion pure and true.

"All that I ever have accomplished  
in my life I owe to my mother."

—DWIGHT L. MOODY.



—Photo by Harold M. Lambert



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. A. G. Schlesinger has recently resigned as pastor of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., which he has served in this capacity since 1946. He will bring his pastorate to a close on Sunday, May 27. The Humboldt Park Church is making an earnest endeavor to secure a successor to Mr. Schlesinger and to continue the work in the face of many difficulties.

● The Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, has extended a call to the Rev. Ervin Faul of Wishek, N. Dak., to which a favorable answer has been given. He will begin his work in Calgary about June 1st, succeeding the Rev. H. Schatz who will soon become the pastor of the Temple Church of Leduc, Alberta. Mr. Faul has served as pastor of the Wishek Church only since 1949 but during this time the new \$90,000 church building was furnished and dedicated.

● The Bethel Church of Salem, Oregon, held a birthday surprise and program for its pastor, the Rev. Rudolph Woyke, on Wednesday evening, March 7, with Dr. W. C. Heringer, chairman of the Board of Deacons, in charge. Several musical selections were rendered and Mrs. Norma Hedberg brought a reading about the minister and his work. The Rev. Emanuel Wolff of the nearby Salt Creek Church spoke on "The Tie That Binds." The church presented its pastor with a Samsonite two-suitcase.

● The Seminary Male Chorus of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with 24 men in the chorus made a Spring tour from April 6 to 10 of the following churches in Minnesota: Jeffers, Hutchinson, Minneapolis, Randolph, Riverview Church of St. Paul, St. Bonifacius and Holloway. The chorus is under the direction of Professor Ralph E. Powell. Their sacred concerts with testimonies and spiritual messages in song and word were enthusiastically received by the churches which they visited.

● The Rev. H. J. Waltreit will bring his last sermons in the Baptist Church of Lehr, N. Dak., on Sunday, May 13. This will represent six full years in his pastorate at Lehr. During that time he was privileged to baptize 70 converts. The work of the field has been consolidated by reducing the number of preaching stations from four to two. Many improvements have also

## SUNDAY, MAY 13 WITH A TRIPLE IMPORTANCE

1. Pentecost Sunday
2. Mother's Day
3. Seminary Commencement

been made to the church property. On the following Sunday, May 20, Mr. Waltreit will begin his ministry at the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak.

● The Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, has extended a call to Miss Adeline Zimbelman of McClusky, N. Dak., to serve as Director of Christian Education for a period of 3 months. She will be graduated from the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill., on June 11 with the Bachelor of Arts degree and will begin her services in the Burlington church on June 15. For one year she served as the Scripture Memorization worker of the denomination on a part time basis. The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer is the pastor at the Burlington Church.

● On Sunday evening, March 11, the Rev. G. E. Friedenberg, pastor of the Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y., baptized 9 converts and received these and 2 others at the communion service that followed. Most of these converts were the result of evangelistic services conducted earlier in the year by the Rev. A. Felberg, denominational evangelist. On Palm Sunday evening, March 18, the members of the Richmond Ave. Methodist Church choir presented the cantata, "The Seven Last Words of the Cross," to an appreciative audience in the Temple Baptist Church.

● On Easter Sunday evening the choir of the Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., rendered the cantata, "The Divine Redeemer." In the morning, the Rev. Robert Zimbelman, minister, brought his Easter message on "Eternity at Emmaus." On March 21 the King's Daughters Circle held a special service at the church to which all the church women had been invited and at which the film, "South of the Clouds," was shown. On Saturday evening, March 31, the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School Chorus of 40 voices presented a concert of sacred music under the direction of Professor G. Lehman of the Divinity School faculty.

● On Palm Sunday evening, March 18, the Rev. Frank Veninga of the State Church, Peoria, Ill., baptized twenty-two converts and received them into the fellowship of the church at the communion service on Easter Sunday. The Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, Cameroons missionaries, and the Rev. Reinhard Neuman, missionary to the Indians in Alberta, Canada, were recent speakers at the church. On Tuesday evening, March 20, the Wheaton College Band of 60 members gave a concert in the church to a large and appreciative audience.

● From April 22 to July 1, a trio of students of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, will tour the United States and Canada, presenting programs of music and testimonies. This trio, known as the "Glorious Gospel Trio," is composed of Agnes Fauser, Estella Schell and Ardith Schmierer. They will be travelling in the station wagon of the school, driven by Leslie Zielke. Their tour began at Hilda and Medicine Hat, Alberta, on Sunday, April 22, and will conclude on July 1st in Carbon and Trochu, Alberta, after visiting churches in Washington, Oregon, California, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Montana.

● Miss Bertha M. Lang, missionary in China under the China Inland Mission Society, arrived home in Parkersburg, Iowa, on Feb. 26 after harrowing experiences, both in China surrounded by the Communists and on the return voyage. The Scripture verse, "I Will do marvels," was her guiding light on the entire trip. The boat on which she was travelling was called upon to rescue two other boats that were being wrecked by storms and as a result it went over 2500 miles out of its way. Miss Lang is a daughter of the Rev. August Lang of Parkersburg and a cousin of Dr. George A. Lang, president of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

● Evangelistic services were held at the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Missouri, from February 14 to 25 with the Rev. A. S. Felberg serving as evangelist. The pastor, Rev. Arthur A. Voigt, reported that "Mr. Felberg's presence was a great blessing and an inspiration to those who heard him." One young man came forward and accepted Christ as his personal Savior. Miss Ruby Salzman, Cameroons missionary, served as guest

speaker with blessing in January. From April 6 to 8 the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, served the church with messages and the showing of missionary and denominational pictures.

● On Sunday evening, March 4, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Immanuel Church, Wausau, Wis., held its 53rd anniversary program with the Baptist missionaries to Assam, India, Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Randall, as guest speakers. The Immanuel Church conducts a radio broadcast three times weekly over the Merrill station WLIN on Sunday from 9:30—10:00 A. M. and Mondays and Fridays from 10:15 to 10:30 A. M. The program is called "Eleventh Hour" with the pastor, the Rev. Lawrence E. Wegner, bringing the messages. Mr. Wegner conducted an evangelistic campaign at the Forrest Park Baptist Church of Orlando, Florida, from March 28 to April 8 in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Simultaneous Revival.

● The choir of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., presented an Easter Musical on Sunday evening, March 25, with the pastor of the church, Rev. Edgar W. Klatt, directing. This program was repeated at the Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., on Sunday evening, April 1st. An impressive Easter program was presented by the Sunday School of the Riverview Church on Sunday morning, March 25, with the superintendent, Mr. Milton Hildebrandt, in charge. Readings, group songs and special musical selections featured this program. "The Annual Report for 1950" has also been published in mimeographed form, giving the highlights of events for the various church organizations.

## CONFERENCE DATES, 1951

- Dakota Conference — June 20-24 — Aberdeen, S. Dak.  
 Central Conference — June 21-24 — Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.  
 Pacific Conference — June 27-July 1 — Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon.  
 Northern Conference — July 4-8 — McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.  
 Southern Conference — July 11-15 — Hurnville Baptist Church, Henrietta, Texas.  
 Southwestern Conference — August 8-12 — Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas.  
 Northwestern Conference — August 16-19 — Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.  
 Eastern Conference — August 23-26 (or Sept. 6-9) — Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Atlantic Conference — Sept. 13-16 — Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, N. Y.

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

## HERALD NEWS



The Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, pastor of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, who was ordained into the Gospel Ministry on March 11.

## ORDINATION OF PRESIDENT

It will interest all of our readers that our General Conference Union president, Harold W. Gieseke, was ordained to the Gospel ministry on March 11 of this year. He had the distinguished honor of having Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., from which seminary Mr. Gieseke graduated, bring the ordination sermon. The Rev. Harold Gieseke has been pastor of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, since July, 1950.

## FINAL CAMP PLANS

For making the necessary plans for your camp program this summer see the current issue of "Youth Compass." The guest editorial and feature pages (53-56) will give you some excellent ideas for an efficient and well planned camp program.

## SERVICE MEN'S REQUESTS

Remember the fellows in your church and C.B.Y. who are serving

"YOUTH COMPASS" TOPICS  
 April 29 — "Onward Christian Soldiers" by Rev. Leland Friesen, Sherwood, Ore.  
 May 6 — "Time is Short" by Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Dallas, Texas.

their country. Keep your pastor informed of their addresses. Since they are away from home and church, they will appreciate it if you will write personal letters to them. Send them cards on special occasions with the signature of all your C.B.Y. members. Have them on your prayer list. These little things will pay high dividends.

## HELPS FOR COMMISSION CHAIRMEN

Did you know that the feature pages in "Youth Compass" are especially prepared to give each commission chairman some new ideas. In order to keep your interest growing and to supplement the material in the C.B.Y. GUIDE FOR LEADERS (pages 57-64) is important to you. The Enrollment, Missions, Worship, Service, Publicity and Fellowship Commissions have a special page to keep their activities up-to-date. The inside back cover of "Youth Compass" lists books which your Study Commission can encourage young people to read. The weekly program material will help the Program Commission to plan and carry out stimulating and beneficial meetings.

## NEWS FROM RACINE, WIS.

The C.B.Y. organization of the Grace Church, Racine, Wis., is having their weekly meetings every Tuesday night instead of every Sunday night. A time of fellowship and games after the regular meeting has helped to encourage good attendance at these meetings. Eight new members have been added to the C.B.Y. as a result of the change of meeting time.

## A NEW JUNIOR C.B.Y.

The church at Pound, Wis., recently organized a Junior C.B.Y. with Marie Konstanski as president. We are looking forward to some fine progress and constructive activities as a result of this new organization.

## A NEW JUNIOR CAMP

Cedar Lake, Ind., will be the place of the first Junior Camp of the Chicago area. The camp is sponsored by the Chicago Sunday School Teachers' Union with Walter Pankratz as president. The congenial Rev. John Grygo will be the dean of this camp.

## NEWS FROM WINNIPEG, MAN.

At 8:45 P.M. every Sunday after the evening church service the meetings of the C.B.Y. are held. This might be a suggestion for your group.





Skyscrapers of New York City which rise majestically like towering trees of a forest above Manhattan Island.

## The Thing Appointed

A Christian novel that comes to grips with problems of our modern world, with questions that you and I must face!

By DR. HAROLD LINDSELL, Professor at the Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California

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### SYNOPSIS

Tom Richards was very happy about his new job at the Jackson Casualty Insurance Company. He was to work in the auto department of this insurance agency under Mr. Pete Reilly and "the big boss," Joseph A. Harper. His mother was happy with her son over his fine position, but as a Christian she wondered sometimes about the testing times in Tom's life, especially since her husband had passed away. But Tom got along splendidly with everybody in the office. One day the boss asked Tom Richards to take care of the insurance for the All State Trucking Company and to cut rates for them by twenty per cent, even though it was illegal. The boss told him how it could be done by having a correct copy in the files and the other company copy in his personal desk. Some time later Mr. Sampson of the State Insurance Department came for a customary checkup. Mr. Richards' wrong entry was discovered. At the same time he was called to the hospital where his mother had been taken following a heart attack, and later died. When Tom came back to the office he was told to tell the investigators exactly what Reilly had told him. The stenographer, Ann, said that she would even lie for the boss. She also claimed that she knew nothing about the correspondence in which they agreed to the terms and made the deal.

### CHAPTER NINE

THEN TOM realized what Ann was trying to do. She and Harper were going to pretend that there was no file, and the only file left was the one that Reilly had which would incriminate him. Although the usual sentence was only a large fine, the individuals could possibly be sent to jail for the offense.

Quickly Tom guessed what was up. Harper was afraid that there might be a jail sentence involved, and was going to see that Reilly got the full blame. He was going to see that all evidence was in his favor. And Ann was going to bat for Harper.

Suddenly Tom wondered whether it would involve him and whether or not there was a possibility of his being sent to jail. This was a grim thought, indeed. It was followed immediately by the second thought that they might try to pin the blame on him. Tom had not thought of that before, but he realized that this was practically impossible because he could not cut rates without the consent and knowledge of his superiors.

Tom turned to leave Ann as Harper strode into the office, heading straight for Tom. There was no way of avoiding a meeting.

"Richards, come into my office right away. I want to see you."

Turning to Ann, Harper spoke sharply, "Miss Barrett, I will be busy for a while and do not want to be disturbed by anyone. Do you understand?"

"Yes, Mr. Harper," responded the girl.

Hesitantly Tom entered the office after the manager. He did not know

how Mr. Harper was going to handle the situation, but he could guess.

There was no hesitancy about Harper, however. He gave a direct command.

"Sit down here, Richards," he said bluntly. Tom followed his directions wordlessly. Harper removed his hat, throwing it on a chair.

"Richards, you have heard all about the All State risk and the state investigation?"

"Yes sir, I have."

"We are all in the soup over it! Richards, your job is at stake. Do you know that?" he demanded.

"I thought that such might be the case, sir," answered Tom evenly.

"Naturally you want to keep your job, don't you?"

"I would like to do so," Tom answered in the same even tone.

"Richards," stated the manager with a calculating look in his eyes, "you can keep your job, if you play this the right way."

"What do you mean by that, Mr. Harper?" inquired Tom, a look of determination growing stronger in his eyes.

"I think the evidence is a little too strong against us in this case. Someone will have to take the rap. No one would be fooled into thinking that you could be responsible for the deal. You have not had enough authority around here."

"Oh," Tom instinctively exclaimed, wondering whether Harper was conscious of the slip he made in belittling Tom's importance.

"Richards, the state knows that only Reilly or I could be responsible for making a decision of that nature." Then with a certain implication in his voice continued, "You know that it was really Reilly who did it! I had nothing to do with it."

Tom looked at him aghast. "Why, Mr. Harper, it was not Mr. Reilly who made the decision. You did."

"Richards, Richards, you don't seem to understand. Your own job is at stake. If I go, then you go too. But if I stay and Reilly takes the rap you are safe. You will have a job. All you have to do is tell them the same story that I tell them. Once you hear what I say, agree with it, that's all! Do you get it?"

Tom did not answer. He sat still for several minutes. At last Harper looked at him impatiently.

"Well, Richards, what are you waiting for?"

"I was thinking it over."

"There is nothing to think over! Follow directions as you are told."

"I am sorry, sir, but I shall have to tell the truth."

"What!" roared Harper, "do you mean to say that you are going to doublecross me?"

"If you call telling the truth doublecrossing, then I shall have to doublecross you, Mr. Harper."

Harper calmed himself with great effort. "Look, Richards," he said smoothly, "you're a young man with a future. You don't want to do the wrong thing. You don't want to make a mistake that will hurt you in the future. Don't kid yourself along. You play ball with me," he added jovially.

"I am sorry, sir, but you appear to misunderstand. I was wrong in letting myself get into this, but now that I am in, I am going to tell the whole truth if I am asked."

"You'll do what I tell you to do, Richards," shot back Harper ominously.

Tom raised his voice a trifle to give emphasis to his thought. "I will tell the truth, Mr. Harper, in answer to any questions they ask me."

"Do you realize what it will do for you? Do you know that you will be through in this business? Are you crazy, Richards?" Harper shouted running his hand through his hair.

"No, I am not crazy. For once I am sane and a Christian."

"You must be crazy anyhow!"

"I don't think so, Mr. Harper."

"All right, Richards, you think you want to tell the truth. I'll make another proposition to you. You stick to my story and I'll give you five hundred dollars. Do you get that? Five hundred dollars!"

Tom sat back in his chair literally stunned. He had not known the unprincipled depravity of the manager. "He is even willing to bribe me," thought Tom. "What kind of a man does he think I am anyway?"

"Mr. Harper," Tom began, his chin firmly set, "get this straight. There is no bribe big enough to stop me from telling the truth! When it is a choice between doing you a favor or becoming a liar, I would rather lose your favor and friendship. I cannot stay in this office any longer and listen to your bribes. I'm sorry." And Tom started for the door.

"You'll regret this the rest of your life, you young fool!" Harper shouted as Tom closed the door.

He walked toward the auto department and by the time he reached his desk his clenched hands showed that he was very angry. Reilly was waiting for him.

Reilly had changed! His eyes were sunken and there were dark circles under them. He seemed to have shrunk and his suit hung loosely on his withering frame.

"Come over to my desk, Richards," he whispered hoarsely.

As Tom followed him he prayed that he would not have to go through another session like the one he had just finished with Mr. Harper.

As they sat down, Reilly looked at Tom closely. "Richards, I want you to get something straight. I am not responsible for the All State risk. Harper is the man who managed that

deal. And when they ask you about it, I want you to tell them that. Do you get it?" he demanded shrilly.

"I am going to tell the truth to any questions they ask me," replied Tom stoutly.

"Listen, this is not the time to quibble. It's serious business. Harper is trying to do me, and it's his fault, not mine. I want you to tell them that."

Tom was fully aroused now, aroused to the dangers of the situation. "Let's get this straight, Mr. Reilly. Neither you nor Mr. Harper nor anyone else is going to tell me what to do now. I was wrong in getting mixed up in this and I am willing to take my punishment. But I won't lie for you or for anyone else. I am going to tell the truth! Do you get that?"

Reilly snarled back at him, "Well, it's better to do that than to take Harper's line."

"I am not taking anyone's line, Mr. Reilly. I was a fool for not quitting this job when I first spoke to you about the illegality of the All State risk."

Then Reilly had a sudden thought. "Richards," he gasped, "you weren't the man who gave the Insurance Department a tip on this business, were you?"

Tom was angry by this time. "Mr. Reilly, I admit that I have not acted as a Christian ought to act in this mess, but you can depend on one thing, I have certainly told no one about it!"

"Well, it's a good thing you weren't responsible," he growled.

"Get this straight, Mr. Reilly, I am handing in my resignation as soon as this thing is over. I want to leave this office."

Sobered by the way in which Tom had spoken, Reilly hesitated for a second and then looked at Tom again. "At least I'll give you credit for being honest, Richards. That's more than I can say for the rest of this mob."

Tall and rigid, Tom strode back to his desk and tried to work. Work didn't come easily because his mind was occupied with the impending investigation. It was almost ten o'clock when Harper opened the door of his office again. His brow was deeply furrowed and his face wore a worried look. He strode over to Tom's desk.

"Richards, for your own good, see that you watch your step," Harper said meaningfully as he walked on, assuming that Tom would still do as he wanted.

"I'll watch my step all right," Tom said to himself as he thought of the scripture verse, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way." This time my steps are ordered by the Lord and I will do what I know to be right. Whether men like it or not I am determined to be approved by God."

At last eleven o'clock came, and by now Tom knew that Lynn Tracy was

the one who had found the second copy of the policy and that she had been fired for discovering it. He was eager to find out whether Lynn was going to attend the hearing because he wanted to speak to her.

When Tom went into Mr. Harper's office two state insurance men were there with a secretary. The president of Jackson Casualty was seated next to Harper and on the other side were Ann and Reilly. Lynn Tracy sat next to an empty chair which was evidently for Tom.

Sampson opened the inquiry. "Gentlemen," he said, "we are here to determine whether or not this company has illegally cut the rates on the All State Trucking risk and whether this violation of the law should be paid for by a fine alone or whether we ought to push it further and prosecute the people involved for failure to obey the state insurance laws. It is understood that this in no way represents a trial and is not intended for such. It is merely to hear the facts in the case, although we must warn you that anything you say may be used in any later trial should there be one."

"I want you to know that this investigation," continued Sampson, "was an ordinary one and was not the result of any complaints registered with our office."

And with this statement, Tom felt better. He saw that Reilly or anyone else could not falsely blame him for tattling.

"In the course of this customary investigation we ran across the index card on the All State Trucking Company, and asked the file clerk to pull out the application for us to examine. It was purely a routine inspection of this risk. She was unable to locate the application in the file and so we sent her to search for it. When she returned, she gave Mr. Johnson and myself this copy of the risk which you gentlemen have seen."

Harper interrupted, "All right, all right, let's admit that she gave you the file. That doesn't necessarily incriminate us, does it?"

"No, but it is part of the evidence. I want Miss Tracy's statement. Miss Tracy, did you find this application?"

"Yes, I found that application," answered Lynn quietly and with assurance.

"Where did you find it?" questioned Mr. Sampson.

"I found it in the lower drawer of Mr. Richards' desk," she slowly replied as she looked appealingly to Tom to see whether he was distressed by this admission. Tom smiled at Lynn and nodded his approval of what she had said.

"Did you know that it was not the regular application on this risk which was ordinarily in the files?" demanded Sampson.

Lynn hesitated as though to recall to mind what actually had occurred. At



last she answered slowly. "I thought at the time that it did not look like the same file, but I thought a new cover had been put on it."

"Then so far as you were concerned you thought it was the All State application?"

"Yes, I did," finished Lynn.

"All right, that's all we need from you right now."

Then the investigator looked over toward Tom. "I am sorry, Mr. Richards, to call you back to the office today. I know that this must be difficult for you. However, we must get this matter straightened out and I would like to ask you several questions. First, do you recognize this application?"

"I do," answered Tom firmly.

"Is it a second copy of the application and does it have in it information not contained in the usual file department copy?"

"Yes."

"Were you the underwriter who handled this account?"

"I was," stated Tom.

"Were the premiums cut on the risk?" Sampson asked.

"The premiums were cut," Tom answered without moving an eyelid.

"Who told you to cut the premiums, Mr. Richards?" the investigator asked more quietly.

And it was here that the office atmosphere changed subtly and indefinitely. Reilly looked like a man half dead and Harper was staring fixedly at Tom as though to hypnotize him.

"Mr. Harper told me to cut the premium when I was called into his office. Mr. Reilly was there with him and they both agreed to it. As far as I know it was arranged by both of them."

"That's a lie!" shouted Harper, his face livid with anger.

At the same instant Reilly breathed more easily and looked like a convict who had been granted a last minute reprieve.

Ann looked at Tom as though he were a traitor, but, Lynn's eyes were shining as she saw the bold and determined stand that Tom was making. She was thinking that the mountain-top experience was a reality and she was delighted and thrilled by the spectacle.

"It was under direct orders from your two superiors that you granted a ten per cent cut on the risk?" demanded Sampson.

"Yes sir," Tom spoke clearly.

Then Sampson turned to the others and asked, "Do you want me to go any further?"

The president of the Jackson Casualty Company intervened. "It is fairly evident that there is something wrong here and you seem to have enough evidence to back you up. I don't see that there is any need to pursue the investigation further. The

company will take whatever penalty is coming and you can deal with these men as you see fit. The home office did not know that such a deal was taking place, but ours is the final responsibility. We'll pay the fine."

The meeting was dismissed; the investigators were satisfied that they had established their case. Sampson turned to look at Reilly and Harper. "We will not prosecute the men involved. We're satisfied that the company pleads guilty."

Both men looked as happy as anyone could under the circumstances which foreshadowed the loss of position and prestige.

After the investigators had left, the president assumed charge. He asked Ann, Lynn and Tom to leave and he remained with Harper and Reilly.

Ann sat down at her desk as Tom and Lynn moved toward the outer door.

"Lynn," asked Tom, "did I hear correctly that Mr. Harper let you go after you found that file?"

"He fired me immediately when he heard of it."

"But you were not responsible for it, were you?"

"I was the one who found it and so I got the blame. I didn't know the difference. If I had, I would still have done the same thing, I suspect."

"Yes, Lynn, I know that you would have done the thing you knew to be right," answered Tom with admiration in his voice.

Lynn was pleased by Tom's good words. "Don't give me credit for it, Tom. Give it to the Lord. He alone enables me to do the right thing."

Tom was too embarrassed to ask her more, but he did say, "Lynn, will you be able to get along all right?"

Lynn flushed at his personal question but answered in a steady voice. "I have saved a little, and my brother will be through college in another month. When he is finished, he will be able to take care of himself and I can carry out my plans too."

"Your plans, Lynn? What do you mean by that?"

Lynn laughed. "Oh, I have dreamed dreams and one of these days they will come true."

"Please be more explicit, Lynn. What are you planning to do?"

"Seriously Tom, I would tell you, but I'm waiting to see how things work out before I tell anyone."

"May I keep in touch with you, Lynn?"

"Surely Tom. Why not?"

With these words Lynn walked out of the office, leaving Tom pleased with the thought that he'd see her again.

Soon Tom was asked to see the president in Harper's office. When he entered the room the president was alone.

"Sit down, Richards," he said, "I want to have a word with you."

"Yes sir."

"Richards I have an unpleasant task to perform and I am going to make it as easy as possible for both of us."

Tom knew instinctively what was coming. "He is going to let me go," he thought. "I am prepared for it and the Lord will give me strength to bear up."

"Richards, you have been caught in the middle of an unfortunate situation. I realize that it isn't your fault in the least. You were obeying orders and I do not blame you a bit. Unfortunately you get hurt along with the others, and for the good of the company and the sake of appearances I think it is better if you resign. Your work has been eminently satisfactory so far as I have been able to discover. We will give you a month's salary."

"Thank you, Mr. Appleton," Tom answered sincerely. "I realize that it isn't possible for me to continue. I wanted to get out of this a long time ago, but somehow it didn't work out that way. I was in the wrong to have anything to do with rate cutting and I realize it. As a Christian it was a bad mistake and you can be sure that I will not make a mistake like it again."

Appleton felt sorry for Tom. He was impressed by his testimony before the investigating board and was even more impressed by the sincerity of Tom's words as he accepted the suggestion to resign.

Just before Tom got to the door, Appleton stopped him. "Richards," he said, "I believe that I can do something for you in Boston if you want me to. It will be a new place and there will be plenty of opportunity for advancement. How about it?"

Tom did not hesitate in answering. "Thank you, Mr. Appleton. I appreciate your kindness very much. But I think I have other plans for the future."

"All right, Richards. But remember that you can come to me at any time and I will see that something turns up for you. Until the new man comes, just go ahead and continue your work."

For almost an hour Tom found it hard to do any real work. His thoughts wandered and again he was grateful that his mother had not known about his office difficulties.

Finally, with a great effort, Tom brought himself back to work again. He took a stack of automobile applications and began rating them for the policy writing department. As he worked, his attention was drawn to Reilly who was walking through the office to pick up his hat and coat.

Reilly paused for a moment at Tom's desk. Here was a beaten man. He looked at Tom for a fleeting instant and then said gruffly, "At least you are honest, Richards. Thank you for not letting Harper put the whole blame on me."

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## ENGAGEMENTS

### Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Sunday, April 29 — Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan (Dedication of New Church Edifice).

May 4-6 — Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. (70th Anniversary Program)

### Rev. J. C. Gunst

Sunday, May 6 (Morning Service) — Fessenden, N. Dak.

Afternoon and Evening — Northern North Dakota Youth Rally, Goodrich, N. Dak.

### Rev. Richard Schilke

May 6 (Sunday Morning and Evening) — Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.

May 6 (Sunday Afternoon) — Minnesota Woman's Missionary Union at Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.

May 13 (Pentecost Sunday) — Emanuel Church, Marion, Kans.

### Rev. Martin L. Leuschner

Sunday, April 29 — La Crosse, Wis.

Thursday, May 3 — Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich. (Missionary Pictures).

Sunday, May 6 — Sheboygan, Wis. (60th Anniversary Program).

### Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist

May 6-18 — Arnprior, Ontario.

### Rev. A. S. Felberg, Evangelist

May 6-17 — Selfridge, N. Dak.

## SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT

Sioux Falls, South Dakota, May 11-13, 1951.

North American Baptist Seminary, 1605 Euclid Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Dr. George A. Lang, President.

Friday Evening, May 11 — Alumni Banquet, First Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Mr. Edwin Marklein, Brooklyn, N. Y., Toastmaster.

Sunday Morning, May 13 — Baccalaureate Service, Seminary Chapel. Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, Burlington, Iowa, Speaker.

Sunday Afternoon, May 13 — Commencement Program, Sioux Falls College Chapel. Dr. H. Theodore Sorg, Newark, N. J., Commencement Speaker.

## CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

May 4-6 — 70th Anniversary, Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

May 6 — 60th Anniversary, Bethel Church, Sheboygan, Wis.

May 20 — 90th Anniversary, Greenville Church, Burton, Texas.

June 23-25 — Centenary Jubilee (100th Anniversary), Andrews St. Church, Rochester, N. Y.

# We, the Women

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

## FAMOUS WOMEN

It is always inspiring to read about women who have accomplished something great for others. There are many such women whose names will live forever because of their service for mankind.

Mrs. Irene Gunst, wife of the young people's executive secretary, has reviewed briefly the lives of several of these women. We suggest that you may wish to plan your May meeting around the subject, "Famous Women," using these or other biographical sketches of your choice.

## FRANCES E. WILLARD

Frances E. Willard came of parents who were strict but gentle, whose home was filled with the peace of God and the love of mankind. She learned from her parents that not all homes were like her own. In some of them there was too little money and too much misery. Why? There were many reasons — greed, dishonesty, corruption, fraud, trickery, and the curse of intoxicating drink.

Her father has asked all three of his children to "sign the pledge" in the family Bible never to drink.

After finishing college, traveling, acting as president of a women's college, she was still restless until the job of enlightening the world presented itself in the Woman's Temperance Crusade. This Crusade was sweeping over the Middle West. Hundreds of saloons were closed. She resigned her office as president of the college and entered the temperance ranks. Wages were none at first; later she received a "body- and soul-preserving" salary.

She had become a traveling merchant of hope among the despised and the dispossessed. Her mission was threefold: the abolition of the barroom, votes for the women and justice for men. Later as president of W.C.T.U., she traveled, spoke and organized crusades all over the country. It was her life's ambition, she said, to rid America of three contemptible evils: the scourge of drink, of greed, and of intolerance.

## JANE ADDAMS

Jane Addams entered Women's Medical College but because of ill health took an extended trip to Europe which was destined to transform a still-born physician into a successful philosopher. It was in London, riding through the lower East End slums,

that Jane Addams began her new course in her education. A daughter of the rich, but a sister of the poor, she wanted to alleviate some of their suffering.

She created a new philosophy — the philosophy of social service — the Golden Rule of Jesus pointed to the equal dignity of all the children of men.

She established Hull House in Chicago, Ill., renting and furnishing it with luxurious simplicity and invited "all ye that are hungry, come in and eat; all ye that are weary, come in and rest." Reluctant to accept the invitation of this strange woman, who moved into this neighborhood of filthy tenements, foul stables, saloons, and flies. The people soon found she was a human like themselves and not a "slummer." Little by little their visits became more frequent and Jane Addams gave aid to the ill, money for medicine, acted as counsellor, opened a nursery and kindergarten.

She engineered the enactment of the state law forbidding the employment of children during night hours. She had a motherly instinct for children. Children of many nationalities came into Hull House and nearly all of them became transmuted through the magic of her personality into better and happier and more understanding Americans.

## FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

While poets painted romantic pictures of the battle of Balaclava, Florence Nightingale's picture was far more realistic following the war. For her, there was no glory for the soldier who was in the hospital, lying in filth, in wards infested with rats, mice and vermin, with no clean shirts or bandages. To the non-combatant officers, the soldier was merely a military machine. "We have plenty of others to take their place." When Florence Nightingale arrived at the hospital, she created order out of chaos.

When Florence announced to her rich parents, that she wanted to become a nurse in 1854, they were astonished, for nursing was one of the lowest of professions in those days. They wanted her to be an elegant lady.

People praised her for her work and courage but she did not want adulation. She wanted understanding which was hard to get. Despite  
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## SPECIAL REPORT

### North American Baptist Young People as Missionaries in the Ozarks of Arkansas

Mr. and Mrs. Erick Kuhn, members of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Cal., and Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Marquardt, formerly of Kenosha, Wis., are performing a marvelous ministry work in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas. They are located in St. Paul, in the northeast corner of Arkansas and work in many schools and communities in the surrounding territories. A church has already been established by Mr. Marquardt in St. Paul. Mr. Kuhn is hoping soon to be able to establish churches in the neighboring communities of Venus and Accident where they already have a fine nucleus of Christians.

During the week they are able to teach about 500 children in the public schools. Often the teachers help in teaching the Scriptural memory work to the children. As Mr. and Mrs. Kuhn and Mr. Marquardt were former members of the Holmes Street Church of Lansing, Mich., it was my privilege from Feb. 20 to March 8 to visit the work and teach Paul's letter to the Ephesians to the Christians at Venus. The people were hungry for the Word and crowded the schoolhouse. They were not satisfied with less than an hour of teaching each night, although half of those attending were unsaved. Please pray that the Lord will keep the doors open to the public schools and will prosper the ministry of these missionaries in the Ozark Mountains.

Herman H. Riffel, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### Farewell Luncheon at the Girls' Home in New York for Mrs. Hulda K. Smith

The Board of Managers of the Girls' Home of New York City gave a farewell luncheon on Wednesday, January 24th, to Mrs. Hulda K. Smith in recognition of her services as matron over a period of eight years. The Board members were fully represented. Also present were Mr. George A. Kris, Rev. and Mrs. Assaf Husmann and Mrs. Marian Jackson.

The table was tastefully set and decorated with flowers, the food was excellent and the fellowship most agreeable. Under the gentle guidance

of Mrs. Edwin Leeb, president of the Board, an informal program unfolded. Mrs. Leeb expressed the Board's deep appreciation of Mrs. Smith's splendid management. The Rev. A. Husmann recognized Mrs. Smith's spiritual emphasis and very helpful cooperation in the Sunday morning devotions conducted at the Girls' Home. A farewell gift was then presented by Mrs. J. B. Klausmann to Mrs. Smith, which was a beautiful handbag, which contained, in addition to the usual contents of a lady's bag, a check for a substantial sum of money. Various members of the Board added words of commendation and appreciation.

A Christian Girls' Home, such as ours, requires exacting work of a matron. She not only manages the day-by-day material needs of a large household, but also gives attention and direction to the spiritual needs of her family. She is often called upon to be a "Mother Confessor," requiring much divine grace and wisdom.

We were sincerely sorry to see Mrs. Smith leave. She is now making her home with her sister, Mrs. Hans Steiger, in St. Joseph, Mich. Our best wishes follow her. At the end of the luncheon program Mrs. Marian Jackson was introduced as the new matron. She took over her duties in February.

Assaf Husmann, Reporter.

## Pacific Conference

### Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. R. Schilke and Family at Anaheim, Calif.

On Sunday evening, February 25, members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., gathered to bid farewell to their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Richard Schilke, and their children, Clifford and Diane. Mr. Schilke's message for the evening was entitled, "Remember Jesus Christ and Him Only."

After the sermon, Harry Fox, vice-moderator, took charge of the program. Words of praise and appreciation, as well as wishes of God's blessing to Brother Schilke in his new work as general missionary secretary for the North American Baptists were given by the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, pastor of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles; Mr. Herzfeldt, representative of the First Baptist Church, Costa Mesa; Dr. D. Corlett, chairman of the Anaheim Ministerial Union; Mr. Herman Wedel, chairman of the deacons; Mr. Walter Gooden,

chairman of the trustees; Mrs. Herbert Bowen, church missionary; Mr. Minno Thiesen, Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Joe Quast, president of the Ladies' Missionary Society; Miss Esther Leuschner, president of the Bethel Mission Guild; Mr. Albert Jeschke, representative of the Commissioned Youth; Mr. Carl Remland, vice-president of the Men's Brotherhood; and Mr. Bill Ballman, president of the choir.

After a few words of appreciation by Mr. and Mrs. Schilke, the congregation reassembled in the church basement for a farewell reception. Refreshments were served by the Mission Guild and Ladies' Missionary Society. Although we are sad to see Brother Schilke and his family leave, we are comforted by knowing that Jesus Christ remains.

Myra Fries, Reporter.

## Northern Conference

### Evangelistic Meetings and Surprise for Pastor's Family at Golden Prairie, Sask.

It has been a long time since the readers of the "Baptist Herald" have heard of the Golden Prairie and Rosenfeld fields in Saskatchewan, Canada, and so we thought it well to let you know that we are still active for the Lord and that he is blessing our endeavors.

October and November of the past year were months of reviving in our Golden Prairie community. From October 23 to November 3 we had evangelistic services in the Golden Prairie Baptist Church with Rev. E. H. Nikkel of Southey as the evangelist. Then from November 20 to 30 we had meetings in the Rosenfeld Baptist Church with Rev. H. Schatz of Calgary as evangelist. Both of these brethren served us unstintingly and we can say that through their ministry the saints have been edified and eleven persons found peace with God.

As a pastor's family we were made happy by a recent decision of the churches. They decided to put built-in kitchen cupboards into the parsonage. These cupboards have been completed and have already proved themselves very practical.

It was during the time that these cupboards were built that the Golden Prairie Church gave its pastor's family a real surprise. On a prayer meeting night after the service, the pastor and his family were asked to come into the basement of the church. Here in word and song a program of appreciation was rendered in honor of the minister's family. This was followed with some refreshments and then the ladies presented a generous supply of groceries which were to find their way to the shelves of the new cupboards.

Both churches and pastor are looking forward to the future for God's leading and for his blessings upon this great harvest field, and we are confident that he will not forget nor forsake his own.

Isadore Faszer, Pastor.

### Special Visits at the Montana Reserve of Indians Near Ponoka, Alberta

The Indian Baptist Church of the Montana Reserve of Ponoka, Alberta, enjoyed the services of the Rev. Henry Schumacher of the Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin on February 23. After a brief visit with the Neuman family, Mr. Schumacher upon request consented to bring a short message to the Indian school children. The object lesson he gave was fascinating, using a block of wood through which a string was threaded. Holding the string taut with one hand, down and the other up, and interchanging hands the block would slide down freely. When he told the block to stop about half way down the string, it obeyed. It was the aim of Mr. Schumacher to impress obedience upon the children, which was very ably done. He also taught the boys and girls a chorus, "He Is Writing All The Time."

Brother Schumacher won the hearts of these little Indians as they thoroughly enjoyed his ministry. Work among the Indians for him is not altogether new. He served the Indians in Saskatchewan and had the joy and privilege of leading some to the Lord.

The Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba, immigration secretary for the Baptist World Alliance, was the guest speaker at the Indian Baptist Chapel on the Montana Reserve of Ponoka, Alberta, Canada, on March 4th. Mr. Sturhahn was received by Missionary Reinhard Neuman at the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church in the morning and motored to the reserve where a fine audience gathered to hear the new missionary from so far away.

After a brief introduction by Mr. Neuman and a warm hearty welcome by Chief John Bear, the audience listened intently to a message on "Onesimus, the Runaway Slave." Our hearts were strangely warmed, for they were not empty words but a message delivered in the power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit.

At the close of the service a young mother and young man requested prayer that they might become Christians. We thank God for the working of the Holy Spirit. After the service a warm and friendly fellowship was enjoyed in the home of the missionaries with the visiting guest speaker, Mr. Sturhahn, and also with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Strohschein of Wetaskiwin, the parents of Miss Faye Strohschein, teacher on the Montana Reserve.

Reinhard Neuman, Missionary.

### Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Grace Church, Medicine Hat, Alta.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta, closed its year with grateful hearts for God's guidance and blessing. Under the direction of our diligent president, Mrs. Rudolph Rapske, the cooperation of officers and 43 members, we were able to render many needed and valuable services. Our monthly meetings were well at-



Helen Louis, a 10-year-old Indian on the Montana Reserve, who is a good student and a jolly girl.

tended. The constraining love of Christ, our Savior, led us to work and serve wherever there was need. Our total income during the year 1950 was \$968.76 besides parcels, which we send to Europe, and a Christmas parcel to the Children's Home in Wetaskiwin with \$25. Our society bought a Frigidaire for our parsonage, gave \$150 to our church building fund and \$50 to the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. For the Haven of Rest in Medicine Hat we baked Christmas cakes. Over 600 visits were made to bring comfort and Christian love to such who were ill and their hearts gladdened with flowers.

With anticipation we looked forward to our anniversary program, for which we had invited the Rev. August Kraemer, our former pastor, as guest speaker. The Lord gave us a beautiful day on Sunday, February 25th. Long before the hour set was the bright and uplifting auditorium and gallery filled with expectant guests. Mrs. R. Milbrandt led the singing. Our president led the program. Our vice-president, Mrs. Arthur Zeitner, led in prayer. The society sang heartily, "Work Joyfully." The report of the secretary was followed by a reading and a very impressive dialogue, "The Omnipotence of God." The two oldest members who could be present were asked to come forward and with fitting words our president pinned a flower on each.

Mrs. August Kraemer, a former president, also received a corsage with words of appreciation. Very helpful and blessed was the dialogue, "Take Time to Be Holy." Our pastor, Rev. Rudolph Rapske, led us in words and prayer to bring our offering pleasing unto God. Only too short seemed Brother Kraemer's message on the text, "Seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God." What a marvelous gift of God that we can choose to "walk after the Spirit" and spend such hours on the mountaintop.

Mrs. John Hoffman, Secretary.

## Southern Conference

### Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Canaan Church, Crawford, Texas

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Canaan Baptist Church, Crawford, Texas, held its annual program on Sunday evening, March 4th. Mrs. Arthur Schulz led the song service. Words of welcome were spoken by our leader, Mrs. B. F. Engelbrecht. The secretary-treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Herbert Massier.

The Rev. Arthur Schulz, pastor, had charge of the installation service for the new officers. A dialogue, "The Light Will Triumph," a song by the group, and a play, "Episodes in the Life of Mary Reed," were presented. The offering was \$50.00 which was designated for missions.

The society has been doing a great deal of White Cross work along with its regular activities. These are some of the projects which we have carried out: baked cookies for St. Joseph Children's Home, clothing for infants in Germany and the Spanish-American field in Colorado, wrapped bandages, plastic sheeting and stockettes for the Bansa Hospital in Africa, used clothing sent for the Indians in Canada, toys for the children in the Cameroons, two quilts quilted for some of our missionaries, and three woolen blankets for the Cameroons. Our present membership now is 20.

Mrs. H. T. Engelbrecht, Reporter.

## Southwestern Conference

### Fellowship Dinner at La Salle, Colorado, Sponsored by the Awoik Class

The Awoik Class of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., sponsored a Fellowship Dinner at the church on March 9, with approximately 75 persons in attendance.

As the guests were being seated, piano music was played by Norma Lesser. Miss Irene Croissant, president of Awoik, announced our evening program over radio station AWOIK. Before the meal was served, choruses were sung by the group led by Ruth Zimmerman, song leader, with Betty Renke at the piano. Irene Croissant welcomed our guests on behalf of the Awoik Class. Frances Meyer read the 23rd Psalm, and Mrs. Adam Moser, one of our Awoik sponsors, led in prayer.

As station AWOIK came on again after the meal, choruses again started our evening program. Irene Croissant announced the following program: vocal duet by Mrs. David Zimmerman and Mrs. Adam Moser, Awoik sponsors; piano duet by Irene Croissant and Norma Lesser; and a vocal duet by Joann Oster and Betty Renke. Harry Jerke showed several films he had taken on his recent trip and of one of the Sunday School picnics. The Rev. D. Zimmerman led in prayer.

Norma Lesser, Reporter.



## Dakota Conference

### New Building of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Mont., Nears Completion

The new edifice of the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Montana, is finally nearing completion. After one year of toil, struggle and hardship, engaged in by both the pastor, Rev. David Littke, and members alike, we look forward joyfully to the reward of our labors.

We have built our church with almost all donated help and are proud of our accomplishments. Every cloud has its silver lining. It reminds us of our walk in the Christian life that, if we endure unto the end, we shall reap our reward. We are happy to report that we had the opportunity to broadcast over the air directly from our church for the entire month of February. Our attendance has also been increasing.

Our building is 72 by 32 feet in size, and it has a seating capacity of 300 persons. We also have an ample supply of Sunday School rooms. Billings

### DEDICATION PROGRAM EBENEZER CHURCH, DETROIT, MICH.

Sunday, April 29 (10:00 A.M., 3:00 P.M. and 7:30 P.M.) — Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Guest Speaker.

Wednesday, May 2 (7:45 P.M.) — Greetings from Sister Churches of Detroit.

Thursday, May 3 (7:45 P.M.) — Missionary Pictures by Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

Saturday, May 5 (6:30 P.M.) — Youth Banquet, Dr. Gordon Brown, Speaker.

Sunday, May 6 (10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.) — Dr. Gordon Brown, Guest Speaker.

life with Wilbert Neuffer as president and John Helwig as secretary-treasurer. The first event was a banquet on March 9, for men and boys, at which 75 were present to enjoy the good dinner, put on by the women



The new edifice of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, which was to be dedicated during the month of April.

has wonderful potentialities in the mission field. We pray and trust the Lord that he will bless and use us so that the church will be filled in the near future.

We also are planning revival meetings soon after dedication, which we hoped could take place on Sunday, April 8th. We give all honor and praise to him who has planned the upbuilding of his Kingdom.

Walter Kuntz, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference

### Banquet of the Men's Brotherhood of the Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y.

Recently the Men's Brotherhood of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., was called back to

be guests from minority groups. We are just feeling our way. The banquet was a great success in every way. Everybody was and is enthusiastic. O. E. Krueger, Pastor.

## Central Conference

### Special Youth Programs at the Ogden Park Baptist Church Chicago, Ill.

The Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., has been enjoying special favors of God through the excellent ministry of consecrated young people. They may have come from either "Northern Baptist Seminary" or "Moody Bible Institute" or "Wheaton College" in or near Chicago, but they would always cheerfully witness for Christ.

Sunday evening, March 4, was again a wonderful manifestation of God's grace in our midst. This time, the Gospel Team of the Commissioned Baptist Youth of Chicago and Vicinity granted us an hour of special blessings. This team was organized last Fall in order to foster even more the already very cordial relationships among our Chicago churches. Wherever these fine young people go, they are enthusiastically received — and why should they not? Their programs are never stereotyped. Their musical numbers are seldom repeated, and their speakers are not always the same persons. Yes, it is a thrill to see them in action!

Mr. Ed Wolff, Jr., the well-liked and capable president of our C.B.Y. of Chicago and Vicinity, was chairman of the Ogden Park Church meeting. Miss Shirley Granzow, a vice-president, as well as the proficient promotional agent, read the scriptures and led in prayer. To the great delight of all, the male quartet called "The Four Anchors," consisting of the Messrs. Kenny Granzow, Dave Hackmann, Milton Radant and Harry Stephen, sang several selections. The guest speaker was the past-president, Mr. Carl Orth, a student at Wheaton College and a member of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church. His message entitled, "God's Price," was very well received, because it was sincerely and forcefully presented.

Our Chicago churches can be proud of and are grateful to the Lord for these splendid young people. It is a constant source of joy and inspiration to fellowship and work with them!

John E. Grygo, Pastor.

## WE THE WOMEN

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obstinate officials of the government, who would get in the way of every project, she was able to open a training school for nurses in 1857, a place where it would be possible "for a woman to be a person."

She brought about a drastic reform in all the military hospitals and sanitary reforms were instituted. Today we are enjoying the fruits of her untiring efforts in the profession of nursing.

## THE CHRISTIAN FAITH AND ITS FACTS

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of words. It is the story of a transforming experience. The grip of Paul upon all ages is the fact that his faith is experimental through and through. Wherever God is present, he is actively working with man. Such a conception is not new for years ago Butler said, "Things and actions are what they are, and the consequences of them will be what they will be." The fact of "I know" is not only essential in revelation but also in salvation.

The revelation, which is a fact of record and time mediated through experience is reliable and tested. It has stood the test of time and experience and as such has given evidence of its truth and validity. It has also stood the test of critical examination and cold indifference. Our Scripture is in part a fruit of faith. Revelation, reliable and trustworthy is a great fact of faith.

### THE SUPERNATURAL

The second fact of faith is the reality of the supernatural. The mention of supernatural raises questions in the minds of many. A distinguished theologian was planning a book on the supernatural and a minister said to him, "I hear you are writing a history of superstition." Such a statement reflects the impression produced by the word supernatural.

What do we mean by supernatural? The term sets itself in contrast to that which is natural. The natural is that which works according to known laws and is thus within the scope of the predictable. The supernatural is beyond the natural and suggests a reality beyond nature and thus not possible of prediction. There seems no good reason to doubt or to discredit the supernatural or the miraculous. There are thirty-five miracles in our gospels and to discredit such material mutilates the whole account. A miracle has been defined as "an interference with nature of supernatural power."

Dr. Alan Richardson in his book, "Christian Apologetics," says: Miracle is merely that which occurs according to the operation of those laws of nature which are as yet unknown to us." As a matter of fact the supernatural is a necessity for the Christian faith and revelation. The human mind is very limited and to suppose that it can encompass all is indeed a strong exaltation of the ego. Genesis, chapter one, and John, chapter one, can never be explained nor understood on purely natural grounds.

The elimination of the supernatural would essentially destroy the basis of Christian faith and rob Christianity of much which makes it distinct among the religions of the world. Such an assertion may seem to give emphasis to the mystery in religion.

A theologian once said, "I would rather have mystery in my religion than inadequacy in my faith."

It is obvious to any student of the gospels that Jesus cannot be explained on natural terms. The uniqueness of his birth, the marvel of his life and the phenomenon of his death and resurrection stagger the mind of any earnest inquirer. The multitude of changed lives from Peter and Paul to the present day testify to some power and reality which is inexplicable. Such changed lives cannot be credited to education nor attributed to skills of our modern psychological techniques, but need God's grace adequately to interpret them.

It is not necessary to explain everything. The most valuable and basic realities of life are beyond proof. It is not possible to prove love to know that it is real. Lives, homes, service and those factors of life which endure longest are built upon love which is known though beyond proof. Beauty cannot be proved nor can music. These can be known through experience as real but not because of proof through reason. Even history cannot be interpreted as simple fact in time without much which history cannot record nor the chronicles know.

If those factors of our faith which go beyond our reason are not genuine then religion is indeed superstition and an opiate for the people. The poet expressed it well,

"I know not how the Calvary's tree,  
A world from sin could free,  
I only know its matchless love,  
Has brought God's life to me."

All life cries out for that which is necessary for life — God — and that takes us beyond ourselves to that which only he wills to make known, which often we do not fully understand.

### PURPOSE IN RELIGION

The third fact of faith is the fact or purpose in our religion. God who revealed himself to man did so for a distinct purpose and not just for the sake of revelation. In biblical study we speak of a core which runs through the whole Bible as a unifying fact but also as the purpose of it all. What is this core which gives us the eternal and cosmic purpose of God? The Old Testament presents God who chose a people so that he might fellowship with them, that he might redeem them and that he might use them. The redeemability of man and the Redeemer God is the note of continuity from beginning to end of the Old Testament. The word in Isaiah 1:18 probably expresses the call of God, "Come now, and let us reason together, saith Jehovah: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red

like crimson, they shall be as wool."

The New Testament carries the redeeming truth to its final appeal in Jesus Christ. He came into the world to save from sin (Matthew 1:21) and to be a Savior (Luke 2:11). The real purpose for the coming of Jesus was to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). The whole creation groaneth for the day of redemption. The whole cosmic structure has been so created that redemption is a necessity or destruction inevitable.

God is at the heart of his universe and he loved so that he gave that man might have eternal life (John 3:16). The message of salvation is the "kerygma" of the New Testament. This "kerygma" is not primarily a message, though it is that, by the "proclamation of an event" (Hunter). The Gospel is the good news of the Person who came to redeem and who lives today to carry on the work of a Redeemer God in time.

### TRUTH OF CONSUMMATION

The fourth fact of faith is the truth of consummation of eschatology. I am not concerned at this point to discuss the theories of eschatology. There is little profit derived from confusing a teaching by injecting theories of "pre," "post," "pro" or a millennium into a discussion. The final consummation is in the hands of God and man's desired interpretation will not change God's designed plan.

A religion with a purpose must also bestow results or ends. These ends or results do not come because of man's desserts but because of God's purpose in time and history. This is not to be confused with any man-made scheme or ideal. "The inevitability of progress" is an empty dream. It is true man does not stand still but the process of devolution may be at work in man and society, as well as the counter or inevitable progress. The Bible does not know of a progress without God. Our Gospel tells of a new life which begins in the now and goes on into eternity. The Christian faith is a triumphant faith and clearly indicates that at last "every knee should bow . . . and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Philippians 2:10-11).

The moral and spiritual foundations of our world demand and receive the consequences of its laws: "Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7) Not all men will receive the same reward in the end for not all have lived the same quality of life. History cannot run away from God, for he is in history and always part of any historical process, and his will shall be done on earth as it is done in heaven sometime. The darkness and confusion of any given time cannot offer justification for depression nor pessimism for out of the darkest hours comes the brightest



light. It is when it gets dark that the stars come out to shine, so is it in life.

The rabble crowd thought that stoning Stephen would still his voice forever and quiet the voices of other disciples. The stones thrown on Stephen literally cried out and that cry has never been stilled. Stones nor force can ever stop God who goes on until the time when a new heaven and a new earth shall emerge. Faith must have assurance that the future is safe and secure, and such is the presentation of our Gospel in our Bible.

Faith does have its facts upon which it is rooted and from which it moves. There are areas in which we are not bidden to enter, but faith is daring and venturesome and triumphant. Faith can well rest its case in the fact of revelation, the supernatural, the purpose of the Gospel and the certainty of a divinely willed consummation. Faith accepts what can be known and seen, and then goes on to trust God as the Source of an infinite reality beyond the capacity of finite man. Such is our faith and its facts.

### THE MASTER SOUL-WINNER

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to her conscience. He convinces her of sin. He puts his finger upon the sore spot in her life. He arouses her guilty conscience and creates a deep sense of need.

If one method of approach does not succeed, Jesus teaches us to try another. The woman confessed that she had no husband. She was living an immoral life.

The Savior recognizes some good in this immoral woman. She is straight forward and honest. "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,'" said Jesus to her, "for you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. You have spoken truly." In spite of her sinful life, there was something good in her and Jesus recognized it. She had had five lawful husbands but now she was living out of wedlock.

When we deal with souls, we must seek the good in them and compliment them for it. Recognition of some good in a person's life makes one more receptive for the truth. The conscience of the woman has now been awakened. The one whom she addressed at first as a "Jew" and then as "Sir" has now become a prophet to her.

"Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our forefathers worshiped in this mountain, yet you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one must worship" (4:19-20). Mount Gerizim in Samaria was the Samaritan's place of worship, even after their temple had been destroyed.

The Master doesn't argue with her but throws light upon spiritual wor-

ship. In our dealing with precious souls we, like Jesus, must seek to enlighten others in a tactful way, not antagonizing but winning them for the truth.

Let us watch Jesus as he goes about it. Christ said nothing against Gerizim nor Jerusalem. But he indicates the time will come when all limitations of worship would disappear. The Samaritans only recognized the five books of Moses. The Jews however had the clearest revelation in the entire Old Testament. After all, salvation is from the Jews (Gen. 12:3). Christ is a descendant from Abraham and David.

### JESUS ENLIGHTENS THE WOMAN

Jesus tells us what true worship is. It doesn't depend upon mountaintops or temple walls. It does depend upon the right attitude of the human spirit and the right object of worship. The right person to worship is "the Father," mentioned three times in John 4:21 and 23. The true temple of God is man's spirit. The human spirit must approach the divine Spirit in reality, in the fullest measure of man's devotion. We must worship with our whole soul, mind, heart and will, if it is to be spiritual worship.

Our God is Spirit. In the original, the word, "spirit," is at the beginning of the sentence (4:24). God has not a body. He is Spirit or a Person who transcends all our abilities to grasp him. Our finite spirit must worship the Eternal Spirit in our innermost soul. True worship does not depend upon place or ceremony but upon a right conception of God and a right attitude of heart.

The Samaritan woman listened attentively and then said: "I know that Messiah is coming who is called Christ. When he has come he will tell us everything."

### JESUS, THE MESSIAH

Now Jesus reveals himself to this needy woman as the Messiah. "I who am now talking to you am he." The woman was now ready for the supreme word. Here we have the climax of the Master's soul-winning effort. He openly declares his Messiahship to a member of a despised race. Had he not forbidden others to tell about his Messiahship? (Matt. 16:20, 17:9). Jesus knew that the revelation of himself to this woman would not lead to a political excitement as it would among the Jews (John 6:15).

In our efforts to win souls for Christ, above all, we must seek to present him in his matchless beauty and Saviorhood. We must preach Christ, exalt Christ, live Christ and win for Christ!

*"The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother."*

—NAPOLÉON.

### A MOTHER'S REWARD

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black and hidden deeds to stain the heart! No foul and evil pictures to mar the mind! They would have them think straight, act straight, be straight.

Most mothers would have their children kind. There is so much in this world that hurts people. How often others are hurt because of us! Sometimes it is because of a blow, sometimes a word, sometimes a glance. And then when we realize what has happened, we so frequently must say, "I did not think!" Mothers would have their children thoughtful so that they might be kind.

Most mothers would have their children be clear-eyed and far-visioned. There is much to do in this world of men and women, lives to be directed unto the Savior, wounds to be attended to, assistance to be offered. It seems so many people go through life without seeing the services waiting to be done.

Or, perhaps we could put it differently and say that most mothers would consider the opportunity of giving of self without stint as one part of their reward. It costs to be a mother. "There stood by the cross of Jesus his mother." The place of motherhood at its best is always beside a cross. Hers is a daily dying of self, as she gives herself for her baby. But the woman to be envied above all other is the one, who, through her daily giving, causes those who know her best to rise up and call her blessed.

Her greatest reward, however, is to be able to give strong, useful, God-fearing sons and daughters to the world. Here is a mother in a hard situation. She is a slave. But one day she holds a baby to her heart, and although the death sentence had been pronounced against him, she simply cannot let him go. "By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months of his parents, because they saw he was a proper child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment." They take a basket and line it with pitch and prayer and hide the little fellow among the rushes of the Nile.

By the providence of God he is soon back in his mother's arms. She trains him faithfully during the few short years that he was hers. Then, some years later, we read these fine words of him: "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." That was his own faith, but he had learned it at his mother's knee.

It is to mothers such as this that humanity owes its greatest debt. It is to such that we, under God, look with hope for tomorrow.

## Obituary

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

### MRS. LENA FELHABER of Sebastopol Township, Ontario.

Mrs. Lena Felhaber, daughter of the late Ferdinand Becker and his wife, Louise Wieland, was born on July 4, 1878 in the township of Sebastopol, Ontario, Canada. She passed away on March 9 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Schaven. She had reached the age of 72 years, 8 months and 5 days. At the age of 12 she was converted and baptized.

She was married to Mr. Herman Felhaber in the year 1898. This union was blessed with 11 children, two of whom preceded their mother in death. Surviving, besides her husband, are five sons: Harry of Beardmore, Ont.; Herbert of Detroit, Mich.; George of North Bay, Ont.; Lorne and Charlie of Clontarf, Ont., as well as four daughters: Edna, Mrs. Joe Maves, Pembroke, Ont.; Anne, Mrs. Leo Musclow, Pembroke, Ont.; Myrtle, Mrs. John Kargus, Lyndock, Ont.; and Ruby, Mrs. Dawson Schaven, Eganville, Ont.; 25 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; one brother, Mr. Herman Becker, Clontarf, Ont.; besides a host of other friends and relatives.

Funeral services were held from the Sebastopol Baptist Church with the undersigned bringing words of comfort from Isaiah 35:8-10.

Sebastopol Baptist Church,  
Cormac, Ontario

J. KUEHN, Pastor.

### MRS. REGINA M. WYRICH of Union City, New Jersey.

Mrs. Regina M. Wyrich of Union City, New Jersey, was born on August 5, 1857 in Wuerttemberg, Germany. She died February 23, 1951 at the age of 93 years. Mrs. Wyrich was blessed with comparatively good health even until her death.

She came to this country about 65 years ago. In October, 1887, she was united in marriage to William Wyrich, which union was blessed with five children, three sons and two daughters, all of whom survive.

Mrs. Wyrich came to know Christ as her personal Savior in December 1895. She was baptized upon profession of her faith in Christ Jesus by the late Rev. Edward Anschuetz and united with the First German Baptist Church of West Hoboken, now the Grace Baptist Church of Union City, N. J. She leaves to mourn her passing three sons: William of Union City, N. J.; Charles and George of North Bergen, N. J.; and two daughters: Mrs. Anton Zitzler of Weehawken, N. J., and Miss Elsie Wyrich of Union City, N. J.; as well as three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Everett A. Barker. Interment took place at the Grove Church Cemetery. Mrs. Wyrich leaves memories of a sweet Christian life.

Grace Baptist Church,  
Union City, New Jersey

EVERETT A. BARKER, Pastor.

### MRS. SOPHIA HOFFNER of Petrolia, Texas.

Mrs. Sophia Hoffner, nee Baumgartner, of Petrolia, Texas, was born on March 3, 1860 in Grossliebental, South Russia. She passed away in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Bachman, on March 10, 1951 having reached the ripe age of 91 years and 7 days. In 1883 she was united in marriage to Mr. Karl Hoffner, with whom she lived over children, eight boys and two girls. In 1893 she, her husband, and family immigrated to America, and made their home near Henrietta, Texas. In later years they retired and moved into the city of Petrolia, Texas, where she resided until her end.

While still in the old country she accepted Jesus as her personal Savior. But in Texas Rev. Dalke baptized her upon confession of her faith and received her into the Hurnville Baptist Church, of which she was a faithful member until her end. In the home she was a loving mother and in the church a good worker. The sweet memories of her life will live on in the hearts of her children. During her long illness she often expressed the desire to be with the Lord!

She leaves to mourn her children, grandchildren and many friends. Funeral services were held from the Petrolia Baptist Church. Rev. R. O. Sullivan, the pastor, officiating used the text which Mrs. Hoffner herself had chosen, Phil. 1:21, for his message. May God comfort the bereaved according to his promises!

Emery, South Dakota

THE FAMILY

REV. C. HOFFNER, Correspondent.

### MR. ANDREW HUGGLER of Alpena, Michigan.

Mr. Andrew Huggler of Alpena, Mich., was born June 20, 1869 at Unterstock, Switzerland. At the age of 15, he came with his parents to the United States and settled in the state of Pennsylvania.

On August 10, 1896 he was united in marriage with Margaret Zenger. Eleven children were born to this union. A son preceded the father in death. A family reunion marked their golden anniversary in 1946. Fifty-one years ago Mr. Huggler and his family came to Alpena where he was employed until his retirement in 1942.

Through the personal work of the Rev. G. Wetter, Mr. Huggler accepted the Lord as Savior, was baptized on November 22, 1925 by the pastor, Rev. G. Wetter, and united with the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church. His health had been failing the last year. He took suddenly ill and was taken to the local hospital where he passed away quietly a few days later on March 2nd at the age of 81 years, 8 months and 12 days.

He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, seven daughters, three sons, one brother, 22 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and a host of friends. The undersigned spoke words of comfort based on John 11:25-26.

Fourth Ave. Baptist Church,  
Alpena, Michigan

RICHARD A. GRENZ, Pastor.

### MRS. JULIUS BLUMHAGEN of Anamoose, North Dakota.

Mrs. Julius Blumhagen, nee Maria Buchholtz, of Anamoose, N. Dak., aged 72 years, 9 months and 27 days, was born on March 25, 1878 in Bessarabia, Russia. As a young girl she moved with her parents to Rumania and on November 1, 1895 she was united in marriage to Julius Blumhagen.

In 1901 Mrs. Blumhagen accepted the Lord as her Savior under the ministry of the Rev. Martin Isler, and was that year baptized by the Rev. Ludwig Liebig, while still in the old country. In April, 1902, the Blumhagens came to this country and homesteaded five miles south of Drake, N. Dak. Here they made their home until the spring of 1942 when they retired from farming and moved into Anamoose, N. Dak. Mrs. Blumhagen was an active worker in the Anamoose Baptist Church until about two years ago when she was confined to her home because of illness.

Mrs. Blumhagen suffered a stroke and passed away at the Harvey Hospital on Monday, January 22, 1951. To the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Blumhagen, eight children were born, of whom one, a son, Christian, died in infancy. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband, and seven children, namely: F. J. Blumhagen of Drake; Mrs. E. V. Siebold of Cathay; Mrs. Wm. Krause of Drake; Emanuel of Watonga, Okla.; Mrs. L. Peterson of San Jose, Calif.; Mrs. Frank Engel of Velva; Mrs. Ira Smith of Yakima, Wash. She leaves one brother, Gustave Buchholtz of Marsh, Mont.; also ten grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; and a host of friends.

Anamoose Baptist Church,  
Anamoose, North Dakota

F. H. FUCHS, Pastor.

### MRS. LOUISE PETERS of Lodi, California.

Mrs. Louise Peters, nee Hearth, of Lodi, Calif., was born on October 23, 1881 in South Russia. She came to the United States in 1890 and made her first home in the new country in St. Francis, Kansas. In 1920 she came to Lodi, Calif., with the family, and remained here until she was called to her Heavenly Home above. She was united in marriage with Mr. Henry Peters on Jan. 9, 1899. This union was blessed with five children, two sons and three daughters. One son preceded his mother in death in 1941.

Our departed sister was converted at the age of 19 years and walked in the faith of the saints until she was brought from faith to sight. Since 1930 she was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lodi, Calif., and an active member of the Woman's Missionary Society. She passed away on March 2nd in the firm faith of her precious Lord.

She arrived at the age of 69 years, 4 months and 9 days. She is survived by her loving husband, Mr. Henry Peters; four children: Jacob Peters, Lodi; Mrs. Edna Stahlman, San Francisco; Mrs. Elsie Schmierer, Lodi; and Mrs. Inez Pullen, Lodi. She also leaves two brothers and one sister: Jacob Hearth, Portland, Ore.; Fred Hearth, Alameda, Calif.; Mrs. Christian Zimbalman, St. Francis, Kans. Besides these she leaves ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The Psalmist saith, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saint."

First Baptist Church,  
Lodi, California

GUSTAVE G. RAUSER, Pastor.

### MRS. ELIZABETH ENGEL of Tyndall, South Dakota.

Mrs. Elizabeth Engel, nee Rueb, of Tyndall, S. Dak., was born on September 27, 1868, at Kassel, South Russia, and passed away on March 2, 1951 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hubner, where she had been cared for during the past several months. She attained the age of 82 years, 5 months and 3 days. Grandma Engel had been in ill health for the past several years.

When eight years old, she came to America with her parents, Mrs. and Mrs. John Rueb. They homesteaded five miles southeast of Avon, with Yankton as their nearest railroad. They were one of the first pioneer families and lived through many days of hardship. Here she grew to womanhood and on January 2, 1889, was united in marriage to Joseph Engel. This union was blessed with seven children, five sons and two daughters. Her husband preceded her in death in December of 1912.

Mrs. Engel lived on the farm with her family until 1917, when she moved to Avon where she lived until her death. She was originally a member of the Danzig Baptist Church near Avon where she was baptized on June 23, 1889 by Rev. Fred Reichle. Upon moving to Avon, she joined the First Baptist Church in 1917 and remained a faithful member until her death.

She is survived by five sons and two daughters: Rudolph, Fred, John and Pauline (Mrs. E. A. Hubner) of Avon; Charlie of Fremont, Neb.; Harold of Wagner; and Ella (Mrs. Clarence Corron) of Los Angeles, Calif.; 23 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; three brothers and one sister: Jacob Rueb of Avon; Fred Rueb of Fremont, Neb.; Rev. Dan J. Rueb of Ellensburg, Wash.; and Mrs. Martha Van Gerpen of Fremont, Neb.; and also a large number of other relatives and friends.

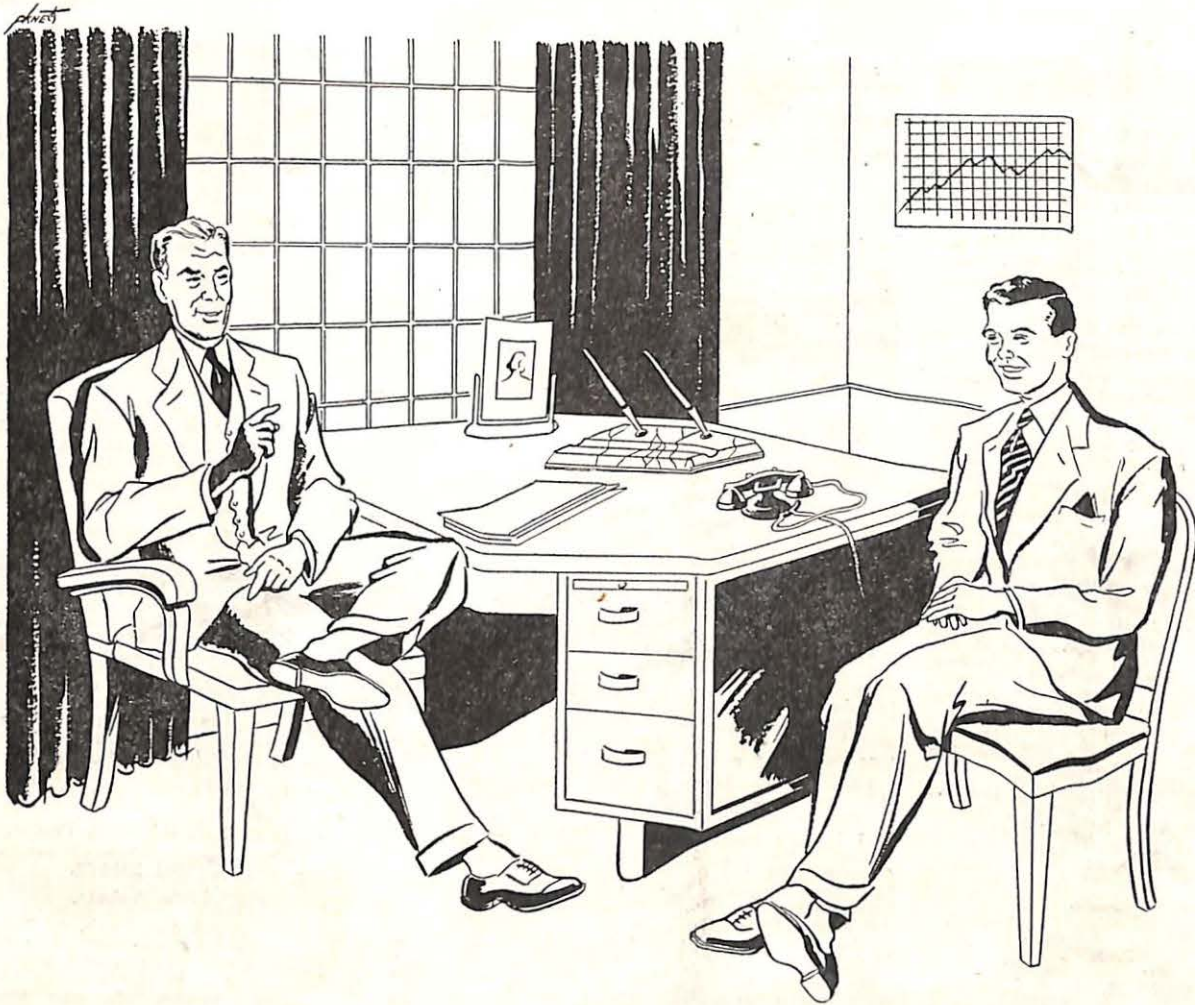
Grandma Engel was an ardent Christian, never missing worship services unless she was ill. In her later years when her family was grown, her entire time was spent in her beautiful flower garden which she loved and of which she was very proud. Her life will be remembered by everyone as a living flower of beauty as she grew her flowers and gave them to her friends as tokens of love.

May the Lord of all comfort bless the bereaved!

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