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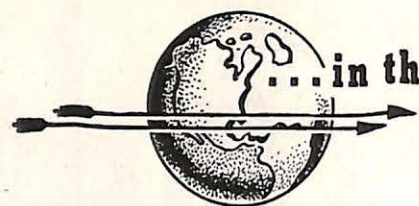
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...in the course of human events

● "The Big Brother" movement of Greater New York reported recently that in 1950 its rehabilitation work among juvenile delinquents helped 2,081 "unwanted, unpiloted" boys "get back on the road to useful lives. More than a third of the boys were referred to the organization by children's courts; the rest came from social agencies and "confused" parents.—The Christian Century.

● Missionary doctors and other doctors engaged in full-time Christian service will be exempt from the "doctors' draft" because of the alertness and persistence of the Washington office of the National Association of Evangelicals. The new law will permit the exemption, not only of missionary doctors, but of doctors at home who are in full-time religious service.—United Evangelical Action.

● Eighty-five per cent of all children in Berlin, Germany, are registered for religious instruction. This is provided during school hours exclusively on the responsibility of the churches by teachers trained by the churches themselves. A total of 300,000 Berlin children are receiving religious instruction. There are still seven schools in West Berlin and five in East Berlin which are without religious instruction, as well as particular classes, sometimes for lack of teachers, and sometimes for lack of money.—The Churchman.

● For the fourth time in three years of its existence, the Jesuit Academy of Music at Hiroshima, Japan, was invited to give a music program over a nation-wide radio hookup. Japan has some 6,000,000 radio sets. Even before the war one-third of the Japanese who enrolled for music lessons signed up as catechumens. It was this fact that encouraged the Jesuits to establish the music academy. The academy gave a concert in the town of Kure, where 600 music lovers crowded a hall and heard a lecture on the relationship between Japanese culture and Catholicism.—The Register.

● In Pueblo, Colorado, nine Catholic priests protested to the Board of Education against the holding of baccalaureate services of a distinctively religious character in public schools. The priests cited "the inconsistency of attempting to give a religious tone to public education under non-Catholic auspices at the close of the pupils' high school careers, when all refer-

ASSEMBLIES AND CONFERENCES

Aug. 16-19—Northwestern Conference at Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis. Prof. Ralph E. Powell, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, Rev. Gilbert Schneider, Missionary, Speakers.

Aug. 19-25—Chicago and Wisconsin Young People's Assembly at Salvation Army Camp, Antioch, Illinois. Miss Esther Schultz, Guest Speaker.

Sept. 6-9—Eastern Conference at Andrews Street Church, Rochester, New York. Rev. Richard Schilke, Prof. Albert Bretschneider, Mrs. Thomas Lutz, Speakers.

Sept. 13-16—Atlantic Conference at Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, New York. Rev. Richard Schilke, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, Miss Esther Schultz, Missionary, Speakers.

ences to religion must be excluded from the preceding educational program." They asked that Catholic pupils be excused if services are held and said: "It is our opinion that such services should be abolished."—The Register.

● The new "Flag of Our Lady" was installed at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, used exclusively by Catholics at the U.S. general headquarters in Tokyo, Japan. The flag shows the Virgin Mary appearing in the shekinah cloud, with rays of glory about her head. Underneath are the words: "God has given the peace of the world to her." At the top, and running down the right side, are the words: "Tell them to plead for peace from the immaculate heart of Mary." Catholic papers stated recently that the idea for the flag came from a Korean veteran who wrote to a Catholic magazine that the troops were fighting under the United Nations flag, which meant nothing to them and what they needed was the banner of the immaculate heart of Mary. Such a banner was therefore immediately designed by a Carmelite nun and promptly blessed by the bishop of New Orleans.—Prophecy Monthly.

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Editorial

God's Appointments

THE DISAPPOINTMENTS of life can often be God's appointments for his children. He can transform the stumblingblocks in the way into steppingstones that lead to higher things. This is what the Apostle Paul meant by his remarkable utterance recorded in Romans 8:28. "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

The Christian believes implicitly in the purposes of God for his life. He may not go so far, as some do, to state that God has fore-ordained every event and deed in life. But beneath the happenings of life are divine purposes which give rhyme and reason to all that occurs. The Christian looks for that pattern, even when everything seems chaotic and unreasonable at times. This colors his unpleasant experiences and disagreeable hours with hope and assurance that "all things under God will work together for good."

Even as God's thoughts are high above ours, so his ways are sometimes hard for us to understand. But his appointments are always made to shine even through the gloom of our disappointments. The writing careers of such men of God as Paul Hutchens and Basil Miller began only after their active preaching ministry had to be terminated because of critical illness. Phillips Brooks was a failure as a school teacher before God was able to reveal his appointment for him as a great preacher. Many of the Christian songs and hymns we love to sing were born in the travail of sorrow and disappointment. Whenever a Christian has this faith in God's marvelous purposes, then life takes on a new radiance and glory! "All things work together for good!"

This is also true of God's guidance. At times it may be difficult, if not altogether impossible, to discern the pattern of his leading in all the things that happen to us. Like the young men in the fiery furnace in Babylon, everything may be going against us with a terrible fury. But such devoted servants of God believe that sometime the Lord will reveal his guidance and that it will always be for the best. Whether that pattern of his guidance is seen now or ultimately in the ages of eternity does not greatly matter. Suffice it to say with the young men of Daniel's time: "Our God, whom we serve, is able to deliver us." Because of that faith, we are unflinching in our service to God: "We will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up," Nebuchadnezzar.

All of this requires a bold step of faith. It comes victoriously to those who have experienced God's redeeming love in their hearts. It is the possession of those who are growing in grace. It is the vision of those who walk close to the Master of life. It is God's gift of spiritual insight that through all the clouds of life's sorrows and disappointments, "it will be glory" for you and for me in God's appointments for every life that loves and serves him!



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A Decade of Service for My Lord

A sermon preached in the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Illinois, on the tenth anniversary of his ordination into the Christian ministry

By the REV. FRANK VENINGA of Peoria, Illinois

"Because the preacher was wise, he taught the people knowledge; yea he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs" (ECCLESIASTES 12:9).

TEN YEARS AGO (May 27, 1941) as a young theological graduate I stood in the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York, before an ordination council composed of 43 delegates representing 32 churches. To this body I gave my call into the ministry, preparation for the ministry, doctrinal views held, and the task of the ministry as I conceived it to be at that time. On this occasion these words were read from the ordination paper:

"There is a divine will for every individual. Not all are called to minister, to preach the Gospel, or to go to foreign mission fields, but some are definitely singled out for this specific task. I firmly believe that God has a task for me and if I fail to do it, I will have failed my God.

"I believe it to be my task to declare the eternal truths of God. It is to be my supreme mission to reveal God, in Christ, to all men, and to preach Christ as Savior and Lord. My one purpose is to exalt and glorify Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, our only Savior, Redeemer, and Lord and to invite others to seek to follow and serve him.

MANY TALENTS

"As I go into the ministry I pledge it to be my solemn duty to fear God, to keep his commandments, to preach the Gospel of salvation to every creature. I will continue to study to show myself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

And now (May 27, 1951), I look back upon a decade of service for my Lord. Not all the dreams and aspirations of that day have materialized; not all hopes and desires have been fulfilled; not all visions have become a reality. I realize more than ever that the ministry is a greater job from what I had imagined it was when I was ordained and it is incomparably more important.

The work of the minister calls for talents of many kind. He must be a preacher, pastor, counsellor, executive, administrator, sociologist, psychologist, psychiatrist, financier, mentor, and friend to all. He must know how to be abased and how to abound. He must know how to be abased without shame and how to abound without pride.

To be sure, the minister's tasks are numerous and his responsibilities great. What then have I learned in a decade of service for my Lord? Would I do it all over again? Would I still choose the ministry? To these questions I give a definite "Yes." Others, longer in the ministry than I, are equally enthusiastic for the greatest task in all the world. The late Dr. George W. Truett said on one occasion, "If I had a million lives to live, I would give them all to the ministry."

Dr. Weldon M. Wilson, for many years the esteemed minister of the North Shore Baptist Church in Chicago, said concerning the ministry, "There is more abiding joy in it, there is more consolation in it, there is more challenge in it than any calling on earth. It is the hardest work a man can choose, but a work of joy unspeakable."

Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, for several terms president of the American Baptist Convention, makes this delightful comment, "In no field of activity that I can think of are there so many fascinating human relationships, such variety of experiences, such freedom of thought and expression. The ministry touches life at every point — youth, the family, business, labor, education, the community as a whole. The pastorate is my first love."

MY FIRST LOVE

The ministry is also my first love, I chose it for I felt called of God to do so. Or, perhaps I should say, God called me. Never have I wavered in this conviction. What a rare privilege

REV. FRANK VENINGA

The Rev. Frank Veninga received his Bachelor of Divinity degree at the commencement exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in May 1951. He and his family were present for the commencement exercises, and a telegram of congratulations from his church in Peoria, Ill., was read at the service.

to announce the message of God—man's sin, God's grace through Christ which redeems man from sin, and the ever available indwelling Holy Spirit which molds man into Christ-likeness.

The minister deals with people in two sets of terms: people-the-way-they-are, and people-as-they-are-made-to-become in God's purpose. They are both true: man is always what he is and also what he ought to be. John, the disciple of thunder, became the disciple of love. Saul, the persecutor, became Paul, the ambassador of Good News. Matthew the taxgatherer of ill repute became a man of integrity and honesty.

If a man is capable of great shame, great cruelty, great childishness, he is also capable, with the help of his Lord, of equal greatness and nobility and courage. How frequently have I seen this in the lives of individuals during the past ten years!

During these years my faith has increased, my horizon extended, my desire for service broadened, and my love for my fellow-men has widened. Out of the numerous and wide range of experiences I have developed some deep convictions about the ministry. These, a few of them, I share with you.

I have learned that graduation from seminary and ordination into the gospel ministry are but milestones in the ever on-going ministry. These two important events are not the end of our striving toward perfection. My education, my knowledge of the Scriptures, my understanding of human nature, was not necessarily completed when graduating in May, 1941. The words of Paul, "Now we see through a glass darkly," are somewhat more sublime today than at time.

ABIDING VALUES

I have learned that the minister must have an abiding love for his people. To be sure it is not always easy to love those who oppose and are contrary. It is not always easy to love those who are indifferent and complacent. And yet the minister must carry his congregation upon his heart. He must, in order to be effective, love his people with a consuming love. Their burdens are his burdens, their worries are his worries, their joys are his joys, and in a most peculiar sense he shares their lives.

His position as "shepherd of the flock" brings him close to his people. He must always be an example, keeping himself clean and unspotted from the world. The minister must be a man who speaks clearly and lives cleanly. Because he is engaged in the most important business in the world, he must ever be busy about his Father's business.

I have learned that there are abiding values. These abiding values are faith, hope and love. The greatest of all Christian virtues is love. Love is the desire to honor, esteem and help others. We are to love God supremely and to love our fellow-men as we love ourselves. We ought to love every person, good or bad, friend or foe, with a love that prompts us to act in a Christ-like way. We must always be altruistically inclined. The minister of Jesus Christ must ever be on guard to treat all alike—young and old, trained and untrained, fortunate and unfortunate, rich and poor. For all are the children of God through Jesus Christ.

While much vanishes in the transitoriness of life, there yet abides hope even beyond the grave. The preacher has the opportunity to present a virile Christianity. Christianity creates a hope that is undying, because it has Christ as its foundation. Through this message the discouraged are blessed and the downhearted lifted. Jesus said that men should never cease to hope, that "they ought always to pray and not to faint" (Luke 19:1). Paul said by hope we are saved (Romans 8:24).

Faith, the third of the abiding values, is a prominent doctrine in the New Testament. Christ made faith necessary for salvation. Paul's theme is salvation by grace through faith. In preaching and teaching, the minister should seek to cooperate to the that brings the individual into spiritual contact with Christ.

IMPORTANT COOPERATION

I have learned that in a world sadly divided the minister must, because of necessity, cooperate with other ministers and churches of his community. There is no room for the "lone wolf." The days of isolation are past. No one lives to himself, particularly the minister. Therefore, the minister should seek to cooperate to the very limit with those who are of "one mind and one accord." Why? Because his church is part of the larger community.

The minister is interested, or should be, in the general program of religious activity in his city or community. Yes, he should learn to love, respect, and appreciate his fellow-ministers. He may not always agree with all of them but he can find a happy fellowship with them. He can be a helpful influence in fighting community evils as he cooperates with those who believe

in their eradication. In those things that cause for righteousness, decency, and Godliness, we need to be "workers together with God" as well as with our fellow-men.

I have learned to appreciate the churches I serve and to cooperate with the denomination with which they are affiliated. In the two churches in which it has been my privilege to serve I have found large numbers of fine Christian people. It has been a real thrill to work with them in Kingdom endeavors. The many altruistic and wholesome members and friends by far outweigh the few selfish and self-centered. Because of these fine folk I have the satisfaction of having the most mature relationship with them; a level of friendship and confidence which really has no parallel in life. I have the satisfaction of being able to help when all other earthly helpers fail.

SCRIPTURAL TRUTHS

I am eternally grateful for lack of theological squabbling and petty denominational bickering so frequently displayed in these days. What a blessing the absence of this wrangling! Unity and harmony in the church and the denomination have added joys to the numerous tasks of the ministry. The days are far too evil for us as Christians to engage in such devastating practices. We must live in such close unity and harmony that the world will once again exclaim, "See how these Christians love each other."

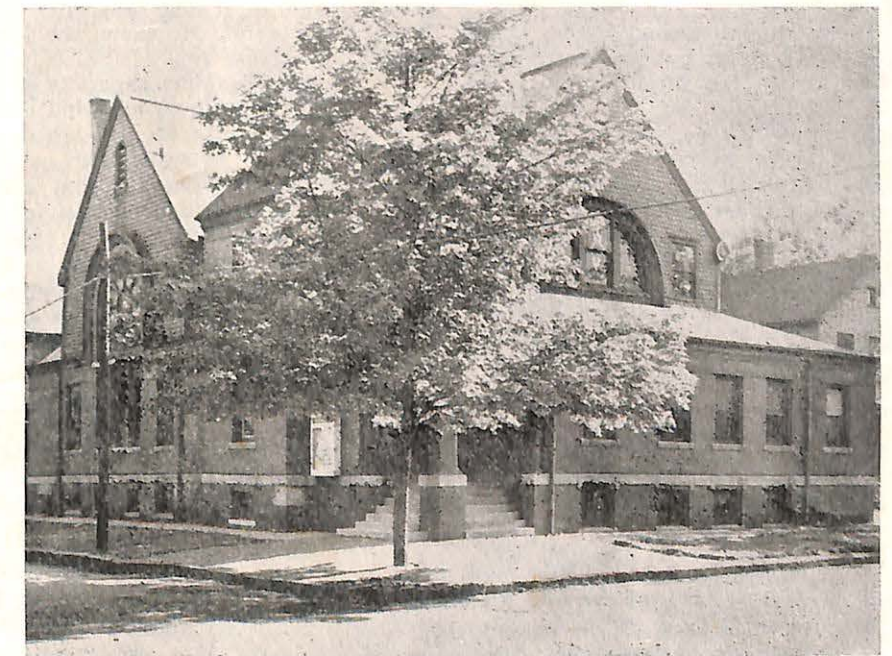
I have learned to re-emphasize in my message the tremendous scriptural truth that man needs a Savior. We now realize that inevitable progress, education and science cannot save us

from our foolish ways. A current religious magazine states that "Jesus Christ is the Savior of the atomic age no less than of the ages that have preceded it." During these past years I have seen in re-created and re-born lives that the Gospel of Jesus satisfies the deepest needs of the human heart. In our age of materialism, militarism, doubt and fear, the minister, if he is to be effective at all, must have an unquestioning faith in Jesus Christ as the only one power in all the world to save it.

To do, even partially, the work of the minister of Christ requires intelligence, energy and consecration of the highest order. To represent the Christ of revelation, to win men to complete surrender to this Christ as Lord and Savior, are salient points in the full work of the ministry. We must ever remember that the personality of Jesus is the core of our religion. "Jesus Christ is," as Pascal, the French philosopher has said, "the center of all and the goal toward which all tends." Napoleon, the defeated conqueror, said, "Everything in Christ astonishes me, his spirit over-awes me, and his will confounds me."

Finally, I have learned to become a little more tolerant and a lot more patient. I have also realized that the validity of the preacher's message can not be judged on the basis of immediate results. Amos, Isaiah and Jeremiah speak rather loudly to today's wayward generation. I realize too that which Dr. Sheldon of "In His Steps" fame spoke many years ago as most practical and helpful for today, "I will try to do in between two Sundays the most important part of

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The State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., of which the Rev. Frank Veninga has been the pastor since 1945.

An Unusual Investment in Africa

An appraisal of Mr. Ernest Hildebrand's special ministry on the Cameroons mission field by the mission's superintendent

By the REV. PAUL GEBAUER of Bamenda, Cameroons

THIS AFTERNOON we saw Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand off at Tiko Airport. The usual pictures were taken; the usual niceties were exchanged; and the usual words spoken to make this parting easier.

The unusual thing about this farewell struck me only as the plane mounted above Tiko's bananas and clouds to take the Hildebrands back home to Stafford, Kansas. Theirs had been the shortest service of any and all the missionaries whom I have known. And this brief service to this timeless Africa had been planned, opposed, doubted and reconsidered only to be carried out in the end. Someone even called it "this unsound investment."

DANGEROUS RISKS

In the eyes of the calculating businessman it must have appeared madness to risk two lives, their time and ours, their money and yours, your good will and our reputation. And such it appeared, I would agree. But in the eyes of your missionaries it appeared to be the thing that had to be done. Some eyes got blurred, however, when the briefness of this Hildebrand service became apparent. Let us balance the account!

There should be no doubt about this that nothing but an urgent need could justify the limited ministry of the Hildebrands. To ship two brave souls across the vastness of land and sea to serve seven months in one given spot in an extraordinary assignment seemed an unsound move at its face value. Moreover, to take a man out of his stable environment and long experience into this Africa of unskilled labor and unknown materials to produce results quickly can appear to be less than an act of faith.

Our last three years as a mission have led us to take African diseases and fevers more seriously. To expose your two people from Kansas to these diseases was asking a great deal of them and of us. Above all, to ask for them while war clouds gathered round about us all was asking more than the usual. Did your heads shake? I can assure you that mine did and often.

CREDIT SIDE

What can be put on the credit side of the ledger?

1. Two greatly needed homes have been built.
2. An expert's experience and advice have been added to our amateurish ways.
3. A business man's survey and view have enriched our entire program.
4. Their fellowship has been a value beyond words.
5. Their witness to this Africa!
6. Their witness to you at home!

We needed the permanent home for our Banso nurses and we needed the permanent home for the five Chaffees. None of your missionaries could spare the time for this urgent assignment. We had to appeal to you for extra help. In the Name of God we accepted your first and only offer in Ernest Hildebrand. He came; the job is done! We thank you!

We needed a building expert to examine our building programs and our output in homes, chapels and schools. It did us good to hear from your builder in Mr. Hildebrand that our walls are strong enough, the foundations sound enough and the roofs steep enough. We gained the required measure of certainty to go on building. And we shall build in every station this year and for another three or four to come, God permitting.

We have had the privilege of the visit of your two-delegates, the brethren Dymmel and Ferris. They gave us spiritual food and fellowship. They appraised our endeavors from the pastoral and theological vantage point. To have the cool and calculating businessman from Kansas, Mr. Hildebrand, weigh our endeavors, view them firsthand, and to hear his appraisals have given us courage to sail on. We now know that we need not be ashamed to stand before the most successful of you because our work has been probed by one of your own and found worthy.

What do you know about the value of Christian fellowship? Little, until you are away from home and church and church services—year after year! It is a loss to all of us, this enforced isolation. The fellowship of the Hildebrands has been a heavenly gift to your Chaffees and to your nurses at Banso.

That two people would leave home and children so late in life to serve so freely has hit more African natives than can be imagined. Some of them still stand aghast, still search for the hidden profit motives of the Hildebrands, and still exclaim: "This is truly wonderful." This witness of a free service to a people held by raw materialism has caused more talk and speculation than a thousand sermons in the marketplace.

SPIRITUAL DIVIDENDS

In closing, let me thank you personally for this "unsound investment" of yours. It pays dividends now, while passing eyes of this passing world behold the glories wrought by your ambassadors. It keeps on paying interest while measured with eternal standards. Your investment stands the test of time and of eternity. It was sound!

August 16, 1951

Christian Missions in Action

A report about buildings completed and building plans on the Cameroons Mission Field by a Baptist layman who with his wife spent six months in Africa without any salary consideration

By MR. ERNEST HILDEBRAND of Stafford, Kansas

OUR SHORT STAY in Africa permitted us to see missions in action. You already know that our purpose in going to our mission field in the Cameroons was to help our missionaries do some building. That did not mean that we could not be called on for other tasks. All our missionaries are subject to call as the need arises.

BUILDING NEEDS

I will give you a short report on my part in our building program in Africa, also some of the future needs of our Cameroons Mission. When I first got to Africa, I saw a list of the buildings that we would like to build in the near future. As I remember the list, it went something like this: nurses home at Banso; maternity center and dispensary at Mbem; permanent quarters for the native staff at Mbem; out-patients' ward at Banso pending the permission of the General Mission Committee; water supply at Soppo; teachers' quarters at Soppo; Girls' School at Soppo; preliminary training center; Bai Somba school plant; and a doctor's home.

To this I could add many more. A few that I think of just now are: a church at Belo, a church at Ndu, wards for in-patients at Banso, and a white ward at Banso. I am sure there are more. I wish I were better informed on our field needs as a whole.

I am happy to report that while I was on the field many of these buildings were under construction. Just how much is complete to date I do not know. There is work going on at all the stations. We rejoiced when we got news that some money was given to us for the hospital and for the leper work. While this adds to the building problems, we know that the Lord can provide the field with men to build, so that the hospital can do even better work, and the leper camp will add another service which the mission gives to Africa. We know that many natives receive physical help at the hospital, but only eternity will reveal the spiritual blessings that the natives have already received.

WORK AT BANSO

When I came to the field with only six months to stay, it was not easy to decide where I might help the

building program most. It was decided before I came out that we should start by building a home for nurses at Banso. After getting the nurses' home well under way, I asked for permission to get a site ready for the doctor's home. I was granted my wish.

In this way I could do more for the Banso Station while there. Much work goes into getting a building site ready. Much dirt has to be moved to level the ground. There were big rocks that had to be broken up and carried away. We have to do this with picks, shovels and head pans. I also asked if I might build some roads that would help so much in building the nurses' and the doctor's homes.

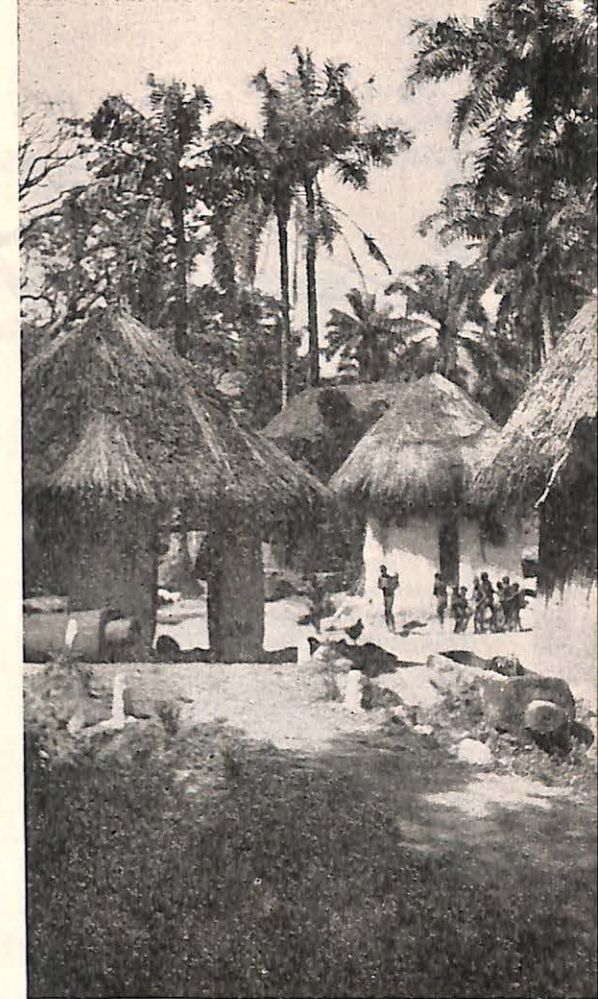
Building these roads was more than staking a place to drive. They went up on the side of the mountain with plenty of rocks to make it interesting. I was told, "You know the needs of the station. If you have time to supervise other work while building, that is up to you, but do not let up on your building."

BUILDING PROBLEMS

I hired more help, and it was not long until the much needed roads were finished. I no longer had to have building materials carried up the mountain to our building sites. We could use the men for other work. While the roof was under construction at our nurses' home, other men were busy building roads on the new hospital grounds and finishing up the leveling of the site for the doctor's home.

Next we had to finish the nurses' home and the foundations and walls for the doctor's home. Mixed in with this, I put a new roof on the kitchen of the Basel rest house, built new living quarters for the native workers at the Basel rest house, built an isolation ward hospital, did surveying at Mbem, and attended several meetings where we discussed building needs and problems.

Time and space will not permit me to tell you much about the building problems as you will find them only in Africa. May I give you just a few lines on the building materials used. Sun-dried bricks and grass roofs were used on native quarters and the isola-



An interesting glimpse into an African village with their native houses and juju places and with tall palm trees rising above them.

tion ward. Rock walls and galvanized iron roofs were used in the construction of the nurses' home and the doctor's house. All rocks were in the rough, and had to be dressed. All lumber is sawed by hand, and we would say it is in the rough; it has to be dressed. I was fortunate to have some power tools to use in straightening and planing this lumber.

Native help is another problem. Skilled labor is hard to find. All labor is slow. While I was permitted to spend most of my time at our Banso station and helped to bring about some changes, I had to leave much undone. The walls and roof of the doctor's home were up when we left but were not finished. Our Banso station needs a builder so that the doctor's home may be finished, and so that we might build an out-patients' ward and several other buildings as time and money permit.

May I say in a few words that much of the building of which I wrote at the beginning of this article is yet to be done. If we build the leper camp and all that is needed so badly on the field as a whole, we still have a tremendous building program ahead of us. I am asking that you pray for a builder for our Cameroons Mission, and that you give, so that we can go forth in the Name of our Lord in Africa!

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta, has extended a call to the Rev. David Berg, who some years ago served as pastor of the Baptist Church of Washburn, North Dakota. He is already on the field at Trochu, Alta., having succeeded the Rev. R. H. Zepik, now of Ochre River, Manitoba.

● The Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas, has extended a call to the Rev. Leonard Hinz as its pastor. He began his work at the Strassburg Church on August 1st, succeeding the Rev. Loyal Funk. Mr. Hinz was formerly pastor of the Mennonite Brethren Church in Collinsville, Oklahoma.

● The Rev. Loyal Funk, formerly pastor of the Strassburg Baptist Church of Kansas, is now studying at the California Baptist Theological Seminary. His present address is given elsewhere in this issue. He is also serving as pastor of the Mennonite Brethren church located at 8109 Hoover Street, Los Angeles, California.

● The resignation of the Rev. Fred W. Mueller was accepted by the Laurelhurst Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., on Sunday morning, July 15, at a special business meeting. Mr. Mueller has served the Laurelhurst Church since it was founded in 1937. Mr. Mueller's plans for the future are still uncertain. He preached his last sermon in the Laurelhurst pulpit on Sunday, July 8th.

● The Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., has extended a call to the Rev. B. F. Taylor of the Northside Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to be its pastor. He has responded favorably and hopes to begin his ministry in Gotebo on Sunday, Sept. 9. His resignation will take effect in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on August 12. In Gotebo he will succeed the Rev. Paul Leasure.

● On July 1st the Rev. Russell G. Blank presented his resignation to the Dayton Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., which he has served since 1949. The resignation was effective on August 1st. Mr. Blank has no church in view for the immediate future but he and his family will return to Florida for their residence, thus leaving the North American Baptist fellowship in which he has won many friends.

● The Woman's Missionary Society of Tyndall, S. Dak., held a Mother's Day banquet on Friday evening, May 4. After the banquet the regular meeting of the society was held with a program honoring the mothers. Special numbers were given in songs, readings, dialogues and a talk by the Rev. Walter Stein, pastor. Twenty-five guests were in attendance. Mrs. Walter Stein is president of the society.

● On Tuesday evening, June 5, the members of the Plum Creek church near Emery, S. Dak., were delighted to hear their former pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Rutsch, at a special service. The Rev. Adolph Braun, present pastor, was in charge. Mr. and Mrs. Rutsch were on their way to the graduation exercises for their son, Elvin, at the South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota.

● A reception was held for the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Zepik of the St. Rose Church near Ochre River, Manitoba, on Sunday evening, June 17, at the beginning of their ministry in the church. Mr. Herman Schroeder, deacon, was in charge of the program. Greetings and brief messages were brought by the Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Winnipeg, the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski of Minitonas and the Rev. Otto Ertis of Morris, besides words of welcome by representatives of the church.

● Miss Lorraine De Boer of Corona, S. Dak., and Mr. Bernard R. Fritzke of Orcadia, Sask., pastor-elect at McLaughlin, S. Dak., were married at the Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., on August 1st with the Rev. E. Gutsche officiating. Following a honeymoon trip to Vancouver, British Columbia, Mr. and Mrs. Fritzke moved to McLaughlin where he has served as pastor since July 1st. Mrs. Fritzke is the president of the South Dakota CBY and SS Workers' Union.

● The Hager Memorial Baptist Church of Prince George, British Columbia, Canada, has decided to rejoin the Pacific Conference. For the past few years it was a member of the Northern Conference fellowship. Its pastor, the Rev. Phil. Daum, officially represented the Prince George church at the sessions of the Pacific Conference held in Salem, Ore., from June 27 to July 1. All records for the

church will be included in the Pacific Conference totals hereafter.

● The Rev. Victor J. Hammond has resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., effective on July 31, 1951. He has served the church with much blessing and success since 1946. His plans for the immediate future are still uncertain, but he is awaiting God's guidance and the opening of some door for a continuation of his pastoral ministry. His new address in Reading, Pa., is announced elsewhere in this issue.

● Dr. John F. Olthoff has resigned as pastor of the Portland Avenue Chapel and as associate pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington. He has served this field since 1946. For the summer months he and Mrs. Olthoff are in South Dakota where they have many relatives and friends. A report about the Vacation Bible Schools held by the Tacoma church will appear in the next issue of the BAPTIST HERALD.

● The Rosenfield Baptist Church near Anamoose and Drake, N. Dak., has extended a call to Mr. Reuben C. Stading, a 1951 graduate of our North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Mr. and Mrs. Stading are serving the field for the summer months under the Youth Service Plan. Mr. Stading's full-time pastorate on the field will begin on Sept. 1st. He has succeeded the Rev. R. C. Schmidt, who is now a student at our Seminary in Sioux Falls.

● Mr. William Effa of Yorkton, Sask., a student at the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is serving the Baptist Church of Lashburn, Sask., for the Summer months of June, July and August. He was in charge of a Vacation Bible School at Lashburn from July 16 to 20 assisted by Reuben Graeber of the Edmonton Christian Training Institute. The Lashburn church has been without the services of a regular pastor for many years.

● The Baptist Church of Glidden, Sask., held evangelistic meetings from June 25 to July 6 with the Rev. W. Reimche of Burstall, Sask., serving as evangelist. Three persons confessed faith in Christ as Savior. From July 8 to August 31 Mr. Lawrence R. Prast, a Senior student in the North Amer-

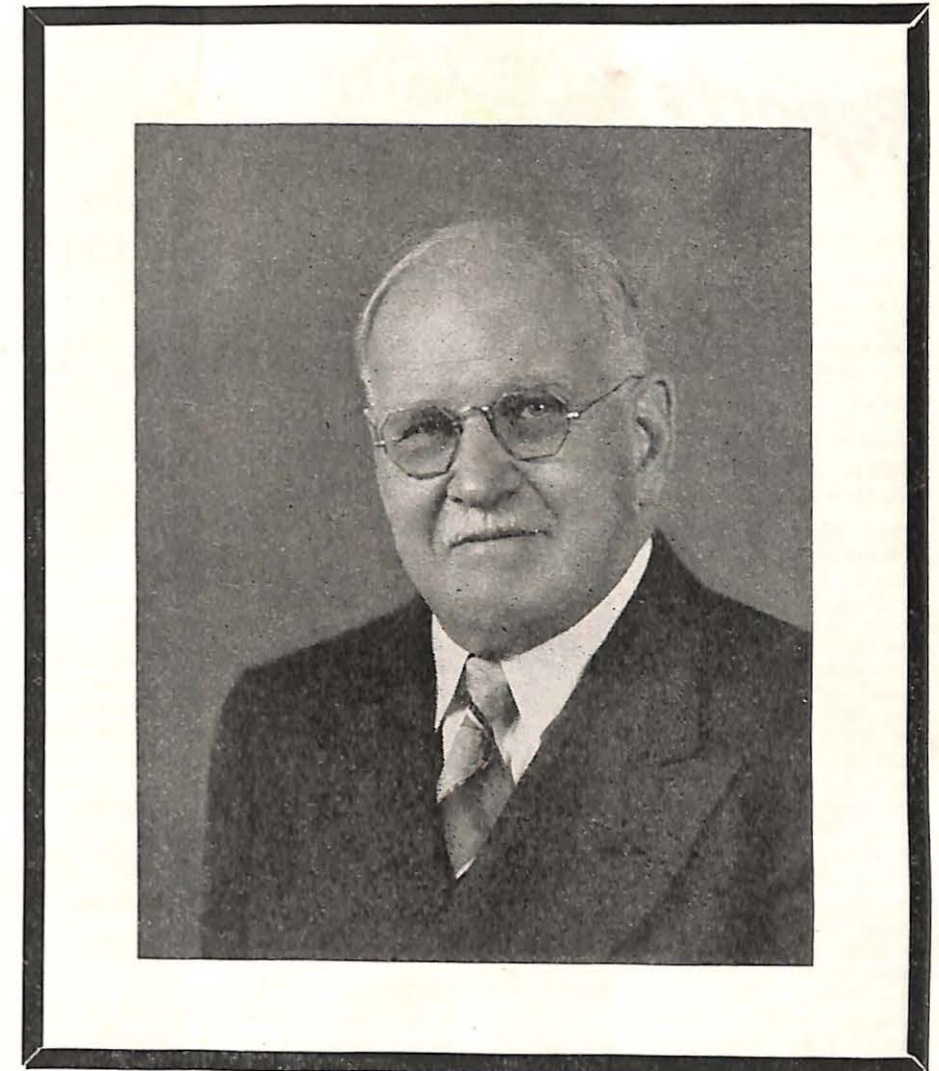
ican Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is serving as student pastor since the Glidden Church is without a full-time minister. On Sunday, August 12, a baptismal service was held at Glidden with five converts baptized by the Rev. W. Reimche.

● The Rev. Jacob Ehman began his ministry at the Baptist Church of Bessie, Okla., on Sunday, June 17. The people of the church welcomed him and his wife graciously at a reception tendered them soon thereafter. It was recently stated incorrectly that Mr. Ehman comes from the church of Ashley, North Dakota. It should have read, Lehr, North Dakota. He was one of twelve young men to have received the Bachelor of Theology degree from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in May, 1951.

● The First Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., held its annual Vacation Bible School from June 4 to 9. The teachers and courses were: Mrs. G. Beutler, Beginners, "Footsteps of Jesus;" Robert Hepperle, Primary, "Bible Boats;" Mrs. Art Sieler, Intermediate, "A Christian's Walk and Talk;" and Rev. G. Beutler, Seniors, "Parables of Jesus." Friday afternoon saw jubilant scholars rollicking at a picnic. On Sunday the children gave a demonstration program consisting of questions and answers, numerous choruses and flannelgraphs. A total of 34 children attended the school.

● The Baptist Church of Selfridge, North Dakota, has extended a call to the Rev. Norman Miller of Hettinger, N. Dak., to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Miller hopes to begin his pastorate in Selfridge on Sept. 16th. The Selfridge Church was recently recognized as an independent organized Baptist Church. It has been served during the summer months by Mr. Wolfgang Schmidt of Berlin, Germany, who is a student at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Schmidt is a son of the Rev. Paul Schmidt, one of the leaders of the Baptist Union of Germany.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Howard Roth of Portland, Ore., sailed for the Cameroons Mission field in Africa on July 18, sailing from New York City on the "S.S. Hopeville." Prior to their departure, they were able to visit and to speak in a number of our churches in the Atlantic Conference area. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer of Detroit, Mich., visited all of the California churches prior to their departure for Africa from New York City on August 8. Miss Ruby Salzman and Miss E. Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary-teachers and nurse, respectively, sailed on the "S.S. Britannic" leaving for England and the Cameroons on August 8.



DR. WILLIAM KUHN OF FOREST PARK, ILLINOIS

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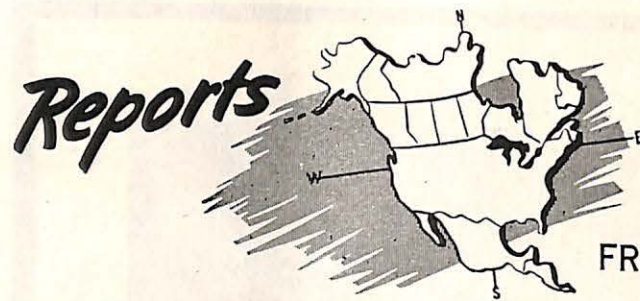
Dr. William Kuhn, our beloved denominational leader and devoted servant of the Lord Jesus Christ, has followed God's summons to his heavenly Home! He died on Tuesday afternoon, July 24th, in the West Suburban Hospital of Oak Park, Ill., following an illness of several weeks and a major operation. The news of his homegoing has saddened the hearts of tens of thousands of those who were inspired by his preaching and blessed by his Christian influence in all North American Baptist Churches.

The next issue of the BAPTIST HERALD will publish tributes by Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, life long friend and seminary classmate of his, and by members of the secretarial staff, besides a brief sketch of outstanding events in his life. Dr. Kuhn died in his 82nd year, several months after he had carried out his own wish to retire from all active service at the denominational headquarters. But his life was a glorious procession of abiding achievements for God and his denomination as young people's and field secretary, general missionary secretary, executive secretary of the General Conference, and assistant executive secretary with

special responsibilities for the immense relief program.

The memorial service was held on Friday afternoon, July 27, before a large congregation in the Forest Park Baptist Church with the Rev. C. B. Nordland, former pastor, in charge. Dr. Herman von Berge and Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, brought tributes to Dr. Kuhn's life and ministry. Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., offered prayer, and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., read selected Scripture passages. Miss Lydia A. Mihm of the Forest Park Church sang two beautiful numbers. Mr. William Krogman presided at the organ. The platform and choir loft were banked with a profusion of gorgeous flowers. Interment was in the Forest Home Cemetery.

Dr. Kuhn leaves to mourn his passing his wife and two sisters-in-law, the Misses Flora and Clara Schulte, other relatives, and a great family of God's people in our North American Baptist Churches whom he loved so sincerely and served so devotedly. His monument can best be seen by looking at the churches and people whom he so richly blessed by his life-long and Christ-like ministry!



Atlantic Conference

Ministers of Atlantic Conference Churches Hold Their Retreat at Bradley Beach Cottage

The Atlantic Conference Ministers' Retreat was held in the Baptist Young People's Cottage in Bradley Beach, N. J., from June 25 to 29. We were the guests of the Baptist Young People's Association of New York and Vicinity. A number of ministers were accompanied by their wives and children. The Rev. Paul Wengel, after twenty-six years absence from this conference, and now the pastor of Ridge-wood Church, Brooklyn, New York, was chairman of the Program Committee and graciously presided over the meetings.

The theme of the Retreat was, "Practical Church Problems." Devotional meetings were conducted by the brethren Herman Kuhl, F. Orthner, A. Husmann, V. J. Hammond, and Christian Peters. The following subjects were treated and discussed: The Minister and his Prayer Life, Rev. H. J. Freeman; Dignified and Effective Publicity, Rev. Richard Mercer; Building and Presenting the Sermon, Rev. W. C. Damrau; The Minister and His People, Rev. Robert W. Cook; Music Adequate to Worship, Rev. G. Hensel; The Minister and His Larger Fellowship, Rev. R. Mercer; Open Forum, "Is Pastoral Calling out of Date?"

The weather was fair the first days, but rainy the latter days. However, there was ample time for swimming in ocean and recreation. The spirit of fellowship and good will was enjoyed by all. The Rev. Gustav Schmidt wrote an interesting letter in German, which was read by Rev. John Schmidt of New York and was translated in English verbatim by Rev. Christian Peters to the delight of the audience.

We are grateful to Mrs. Neuschaefer and the Baptist Young People's Union of New York and Vicinity for the lovely retreat at Bradley Beach, New Jersey.

J. F. Niebuhr, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Meetings and Missionary Activities of the Missionary Echoes Group of Trochu, Alberta

We, the Missionary Echoes of Trochu, Alberta, Canada, have much for which to praise the Lord for the salvation of our souls. In May we held

a Father and Mother Day Social at the church. The meeting as usual was held, with a short program responding to our mothers and fathers. A delicious lunch was served after which each mother received a cactus plant.

In our June meeting we were very sorry to have to say "Good-bye" to our pastor, Rev. R. H. Zepik and his wife. They have helped us a great deal with the missionary work. Our project at Christmas time was to raise money for Bibles which we sent in a box full of testaments, etc., to the missionaries in Africa. Other gifts were sent to the missionaries here at home, to the Neumans who are serving the Indians.

We shall be very glad to welcome our new minister, Rev. and Mrs. H. Berg, into our Missionary Echoes group. Our prayer is that the work which we do to help bring the Gospel to people in heathen darkness may be blessed.

Helga Rode, Reporter.

Manitoba Tri Union and Association Sessions at the Swan River Baptist Church

The days of June 14 to 17 were days of rich blessing for the Manitoba churches of our Northern Conference. Although the Swan River church is at present without a pastor, nevertheless it displayed a wonderful spirit of Christian co-operation. The untiring efforts of these dear people contributed greatly to the success of our Tri Union and Vereinigung held at Swan River.

Our meetings were centered around the theme, "Following Jesus." The Rev. Otto Ertis of Morris brought the introductory message. His theme was "The Secret of Following Jesus." On the following day reports were brought by the representatives from the different churches. Every report was concluded with the statement, "Pray for the Lord."

On Saturday, June 16, the officers representing the various branches of our Tri Union brought their reports. Although we have accomplished much during the past year, we still need to press on in the service of our Lord. It was decided that we undertake a project in which we contribute at least \$500 toward the work among the lepers in the Cameroons, Africa. The evening program consisted of testimonies and musical numbers. A dramatization, "Thy Will Be Done," by the Swan River young people reminded us of how easy it is to be outside of the will of the Lord.

The closing meetings on Sunday were held in a local theater of Swan River. Both morning and afternoon services were well attended. Our CTI quartet brought us several numbers on Saturday and Sunday. The final message was brought by the Rev. Daniel Fuchs of Winnipeg on the topic, "How We Know the Will of God." It was a challenge to our hearts and it impressed us very much.

Truly, the days we spent at Swan River were mountain-top experiences. The Lord blessed us with good weather, and the various speakers stirred our hearts with their challenging messages. As we turned our steps homeward, we felt that Jesus had become more dear to us.

H. Bushkowsky, Reporter.

Central Saskatchewan and Alberta Association and Tri Union Convenes in Hilda

The Central Saskatchewan and Alberta Association and Tri Union convened at Hilda, Alberta, from June 7 to 10. On the afternoon of June 7th a council comprised of the ministers and delegates of the churches at Medicine Hat, Golden Prairie, Hilda and Burstall met in the chaste sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Hilda for the examination of its pastor, Mr. Fred Pahl, pending his ordination for the ministry. Mr. Milbrandt presided over this meeting. The council was privileged to have the Rev. K. Korella and the Rev. H. Schumacher also present.

The candidate, Mr. Pahl, gave a detailed account of the Lord's leading in his life that led to his eventual acceptance of Christ as his Savior and his later call into the Lord's service. In this testimony, Mr. Pahl evidenced a Biblical doctrinal standing and love for God's Word. The council joyfully recommended his ordination, the same to take place on Sunday evening, June 10.

On Thursday evening the Rev. R. Milbrandt delivered the opening message of the convention on the text, "For me to live is Christ." The days that followed were filled with spiritual blessings. Through the messages everyone present was challenged to go forward with Christ in the various aspects of the Christian life. The messages and meditations rendered by our guest speakers, the Rev. Karl Korella of Edmonton, Alta., and the Rev. H. Schumacher of Wetaskiwin, Alta., proved a real blessing and inspiration.

The business sessions of the Vereinigung took place on Friday. The following officers were elected: president, Rev. I. Faszer; vice-president, Rev. R. Rapske; secretary, Mr. E. Strauss of Burstall; treasurer, Mr. Adolf Jaster of Golden Prairie. The motion was passed establishing our next annual session in the form of a three day Bible Conference.

On Saturday the delegates of the Tri Union elected the following officers: president, Rev. F. Pahl; vice-president, Rev. W. Reimche; secretary, Mr. E. Strauss; treasurer, Mr. Albert Unrath of Golden Prairie; Sunday School director, Mr. C. Biffard of Medicine Hat; young people's director, Miss Erna Frank of Medicine Hat;

music director, Mr. G. Schatz of Hilda. A resolution was passed that the next annual session shall be held in the Fall in connection with a Song Festival and other projects that will advance the interests of the Tri Union. The Saturday youth meeting and the Sunday services culminated in the dedication of many lives to God in response to the challenge given by the Rev. H. Schumacher.

On Sunday evening the First Baptist Church of Hilda assembled for the ordination of its pastor. A host of friends was present as both the pastor and his church were challenged by the messages of the participating ministers to meet the spiritual need of this present age. We are grateful to our guest speakers and everyone who contributed to the convention in some way. May the result be an ever increasing zeal to go forward with Christ!

W. Reimche, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Annual Program of the Bertsch Woman's Missionary Society of Venturia, North Dakota

Again the Bertsch Woman's Missionary Society of the Venturia Baptist Church in North Dakota is glad to report that we have gone forward with the work of our Master. Our annual program which was given in June consisted of two dialogues, "The Gardens" and "The Heroine of Ava," which were well presented.

During the past year, under the leadership of our president, Mrs. Christ Bertsch, we have held twelve regular meetings. Our present membership numbers eight women. Although we are only a small group, we trust that the Lord will guide us as we endeavor to carry on his work.

We have missed Mrs. Raymond Dickau's faithful service since her illness. Our prayers are that she may soon recover from her illness and unite with us again.

During the year we have remembered the Old People's Home, the Children's Home, the Banso Hospital,



Children and teachers at the Vacation Bible School held at Artas, S. Dak., a station of the Herreid Baptist Church.

the Seminary kitchen furnishings and the denominational fund. The Society has been doing White Cross work and Miss Eleanor Weisenberger in the Cameroons has been remembered with some essential necessities for her work.

Mrs. G. G. Breitling, Reporter.

First Daily Vacation Bible School Ever Held in Artas, South Dakota

From May 21 to 25 a very successful Vacation Bible School was conducted at the Artas church station of the Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., with 32 children daily in attendance. The children came from all the churches in Artas and enjoyed the work very much. The school was divided into three classes which were taught as follows: Primary class by Mrs. Fred Rau; Junior class by Mrs. E. S. Fenske; and Senior class by Rev. E. S. Fenske. This was the first Bible School that was ever conducted in our Artas church.

On Sunday evening, May 27, the school presented a program before a capacity audience. The children re-

cited many Scripture portions and sang songs. A display of handwork was laid out on a large table to show what work had been done. The people marveled at what was accomplished in one week and in recognition gave a love offering to the teachers. God willing, we plan on having another Vacation Bible School in Artas next Spring.

Mrs. E. S. Fenske, Reporter.

South Dakota Young People's Assembly at Camp Lakodia Near Madisson, South Dakota

How we praise God for the wonderful time that he gave us at the South Dakota young people's camp at Camp Lakodia near Madisson, South Dakota. Yes, it was cold and rained practically every day, but everyone had a good time.

Miss Martha Leypoldt taught the subject, "Living with Jesus," to both Seniors and Juniors and Dr. M. L. Leuschner taught the Seniors, "Living for Jesus." Miss Marleen Huber of Bison, S. Dak., and recently a graduate of Sioux Falls College had charge of the Juniors and she did a very fine job, having almost sixty in her class at all times. Decisions were made that will affect lives throughout eternity.

The total number registered was almost a hundred and the average attendance was 90. Some of our pastors were there to assist in whatever way they could and to bring God-inspired evangelistic messages daily in chapel to Juniors and Seniors separately and each evening to the entire camp. At the close of the morning worship service on Sunday a show of hands was called for so that all who had made decisions during camp could testify in that way. There were nine hands raised, signifying that they had made decisions for Christ during the week, some for salvation, others for full-time service and still others for just a closer walk with Jesus.

We thank God for the wonderful time had by all and especially that we could have two denominational workers from our headquarters.

B. F. Taylor, Camp Dean.



Pastors and their wives and teachers at the South Dakota young people's camp (left) held at Camp Lakodia near Madisson, S. Dak., and the large crowd of a hundred boys and girls and young people in attendance (right).

Vacation Bible School With Thirty-nine Children at Napoleon, North Dakota

We, of the Baptist Church at Napoleon, N. Dak., are able to join with the Psalmist in saying, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever." We do give thanks to the Lord for permitting us to hold a week of Vacation Bible School from June 4 to 8. A blessed time was had by all as we worked and played together and during which teachers and children were drawn into a closer relationship with their Lord and Master.

There were 39 children enrolled in four different classes. Those assisting in teaching were Edna Zimmerman for the Beginners, Mrs. Edwin Grenz for Primary department, Alma Zimmerman for the Juniors, and the Rev. Theo Frey for the Intermediates. "The Christian Way and Walk" was the main theme of the school. We have truly been blessed by having a Vacation Bible School and with the things we have learned, by the grace of God, we shall strive to serve our Master better in the coming year.

Alma Zimmerman, Director.

Evangelistic Meetings and Other Programs at Baptist Church, Selfridge, North Dakota

From May 20th to June 1st we, of Selfridge, N. Dak., enjoyed some of God's richest blessings as Dr. A. F. Felberg, denominational evangelist, brought us some spirit refreshing messages. Although no persons were saved, we as Christians felt drawn closer to the Lord and were made to feel our responsibilities toward the souls of our fellowmen and toward our Almighty God.

On June 4 committees from four of our neighboring churches met with us at the First Baptist Church of Selfridge where special recognition services were held, separating the station of Selfridge from the mother church of McLaughlin. The Rev. Edward Kary of Bismarck brought us a very inspiring message.

On Sunday evening, June 17, members of the Selfridge Baptist Church joined with the people of the McLaughlin Baptist Church in a joint farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Alex Sootzman who have left our midst after seven faithful years of service. To take Mr. Sootzman's place for the summer months we have with us Mr. Wolfgang Schmidt of Berlin, Germany, who is a student at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Illinois.

Thus far our CBY hasn't been too active. However, with our recent elections and having some of our members return spiritually refreshed from our assembly, we are looking ahead to a much brighter future. Newly elected CBY officers are: Mrs. Albert Walker, president; Alvinia Geigle, vice-president; Irene Geigle, secretary-treasurer; Dery Geigle, CBY Reporter; Mrs. Johnny Walker, pianist; Lawrence Walker, Richard Geigle and Melvin Goehring, ushers.

Mrs. Albert Walker, Reporter.

Sessions of the Northern North Dakota Woman's Missionary Union at Martin, North Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Northern North Dakota Association met in Martin, N. Dak., on June 15 for its annual meeting in connection with the Association sessions. Mrs. Martin Kandt of Cathay led the devotions. Our president, Mrs. A. Buhler, presided at the business session. Fourteen societies responded to the roll call with a total of 57 delegates. The Union has a total of 350 members who raised the sum of \$9,609.57, which amounts to \$27.45 per member. During the past year 39 new members were gained and four were taken by death. Mrs. A. Buhler was re-elected as president and Mrs. A. Fischer was elected secretary-treasurer.

The afternoon meeting was well attended and an interesting and varied program was rendered. Special numbers were rendered by the Goodrich, Washburn, and Rosenfield Societies. The Harvey Society presented a dialogue, "The Cross Bearer," which made a deep impression on all. A German reading was given by Mrs. Gienger of Lincoln Valley. Our guest speaker for the afternoon was Dr. T. W. Bender of Chicago, Ill., who spoke of the need of expansion in the various activities of the church and pointed out that we are often like Gideon who threshed wheat in the winepress. The offering of the afternoon amounted to \$167.52.

Mrs. A. Fischer, Secretary.

Sessions of the Central Dakota Woman's Missionary Union at Baker, Montana

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Central Dakota Association held its annual business meeting and program on Friday, June 15, at Baker, Montana, with the Woman's Missionary Union and Plevna as hostess. The meeting was held under the leadership of our capable president, Mrs. E. Kary of Bismarck, North Dakota. The new officers for this coming year include Mrs. C. Rempel of Hebron, N. Dak., president; Mrs. A. Krombein of Eureka, S. Dak., vice-president; Mrs. A. Fiesel of Sidney, Montana, secretary; and Mrs. Adam Huber of Linton, N. Dak., treasurer.

The Union now has a membership of 616 women with a gain of 54 new members this past year. The women showed their love for their Master and fellowmen by making 3,345 sick calls and sending 193 relief packages overseas.

The evening program was a great inspiration to those who attended and gave us a new zeal to carry on for our Savior. Mrs. E. Fenske presented Mrs. Kary, the outgoing president, with a beautiful corsage in token of her faithful efforts for our Union these past two years. Mrs. E. Becker of New Leipzig, N. Dak., led the audience in quoting the 23rd Psalm and Mrs. Meyers of New Leipzig led us in prayer. An inspiring trio number was sung by Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, Mrs. F. Alf and Mrs. C. Rempel.

Mrs. G. Beutler of Plevna welcomed the visiting members and friends, and Mrs. E. Fenske responded to this welcome. Three new ministers' wives were introduced, namely, Mrs. E. Becker of New Leipzig, N. Dak., Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler of Berlin, N. Dak., and Mrs. J. Renz of Ashley, N. Dak., after which they presented us with a musical number. The secretary's report was read by Mrs. A. Fiesel.

The Rev. Richard Schilke was the main speaker of the evening, giving us a detailed glimpse of our missionary work. The new officers were introduced and Mr. Schilke offered the dedicatory prayer in their behalf. The treasurer's report was read and the offering announced which amounted to \$248.35. This money was divided equally for the Banso Hospital, for the current expenses of the Banso Hospital and for the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck, North Dakota. The Junior Woman's Missionary Union of Plevna then rendered a number in song, after which the Plevna women presented a play in German entitled, "Our Talents." The meeting was closed in prayer by Mrs. F. Alf of Streeter, North Dakota.

Mrs. O. Fiesel, Secretary.

Inspirational Sessions of the Dakota Conference Held in Aberdeen, South Dakota

On June 20 we as members of the Dakota Conference made our way along the highways of North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana converging to one point, the city of Aberdeen, South Dakota. At 7:30 P.M. our hearts were filled with rejoicing because the time of fellowship, to which we had looked forward for days and months, now had officially begun.

Very cordial were the welcomes spoken by the pastor of the entertaining church, the mayor of the city and the representatives of the Ministerial Association. The opening speaker, Rev. H. Hirsch of Goodrich, N. Dak., brought us a fine inspirational message, setting our minds to thinking on the theme of the conference which is found in Esther 4:14, "For such a time as this."

Through the following days until the closing session of the conference, we were privileged to hear many inspirational messages on this theme. They were well given by the various pastors of our churches, and our able guest speakers, who were Dr. George A. Lang of our Seminary and Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, two of our missionaries in the Cameroons. Some of the topics were prayer, faith, grace in our moral dilemma, preaching, evangelical necessities, hope, and the Holy Spirit in our times.

The reading of letters from our churches was a blessing to each of us as we were informed of the many souls saved, improvements made to our church buildings and the organization of two new churches, which are the Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and the Selfridge Baptist Church in Selfridge, South Dakota.

Our newly elected officers are Rev. H. J. Waltereit, moderator; Rev. J. J.

Renz, vice-moderator; Rev. Raymond Dickau, recording secretary; Rev. Vernon Link, statistical secretary; Rev. A. Huber and Mr. Christ Bertsch, Council members; Rev. Walter Stein, Rev. Wilmer Quiring and Mrs. H. B. Lippert, members of the Mission Committee; Rev. Walter Stein, mission secretary; Rev. A. J. Fischer, mission committee representative; and Rev. G. W. Rutsch, Orphanage Supervisor.

Our hope and prayer in times like this are that we as pastors and laymen of the Dakota Conference, as was suggested by one of our conference speakers, "may lead the people as Moses did the children of Israel from bondage to peace and freedom which only Christ can give."

Vernon Link, Reporter.

Sessions of the Dakota Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Aberdeen, South Dakota

In connection with the Woman's Missionary Union luncheon of the Dakota Conference on Thursday afternoon, June 21, in Aberdeen, S. Dak., the annual business meeting was held. The meeting was opened with a song service led by Mrs. E. Gutsche. Mrs. Edwin Michelson, missionary to the Cameroons, read Phil. 2:1-12, led in prayer and spoke briefly on the portion of Scripture read. Mrs. H. J. Waltereit, the Union's president, then took charge of the business meeting.

After roll call first, second, third and fourth prizes were awarded to the societies. The society of the new Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was accepted into our fellowship. The election results were as follows: president, Mrs. H. J. Waltereit; vice-president, Mrs. W. Stein; secretary, Mrs. F. Fuchs; and treasurer, Mrs. R. Stading. It was decided that the monies in the treasury and the evening offering which was received at the program be divided into four equal parts for our Old People's Home building fund in Bismarck, the Banso Hospital, Japanese Mission and our Publication Society. The total amount was \$597.85.

On Friday evening the Union gave a fine program before a large and appreciative audience with Mrs. Waltereit, the president, presiding. Mrs. E. S. Fenske led the song service, after which Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler read Scripture and Mrs. N. Miller led in prayer. A ministers' wives choir sang under the able direction of Mrs. A. Huber. Mrs. R. A. Klein spoke words of welcome to which the president ably responded. Mrs. Michelson was then presented with a beautiful rose corsage by Mrs. A. Krombein. Mrs. F. Fuchs read the secretary's report after which Mrs. Knalson sang a beautiful solo.

A dialogue entitled, "The Garden of Prayer," was given. Mrs. F. Alf and Mrs. G. W. Rutsch conducted a very impressive memorial service followed by a vibra harp solo played by Mrs. A. Huber. Mrs. Michelson was the guest speaker. In her own way she told of the work that is being done by our missionaries on our Cameroons mission field.

Mrs. E. S. Fenske, Reporter.



The Vacation Bible School group of the Baptist Church at Mt. Sterling, Missouri.

Central Conference

Vacation Bible School of the Baptist Church at Mt. Sterling, Missouri

The Baptist Church of Mt. Sterling, Missouri, held its Vacation Bible School from June 4 to 8 with 43 children enrolled besides six teachers and with an average attendance of 39 children. Of the pupils who attended 32 had a perfect attendance. There were five different denominations represented in our Vacation Bible School.

The children of the Beginners and Primary Department did considerable handwork such as coloring and pasting pictures in scrapbooks. They also had the joy of hearing Bible stories and doing considerable memory work. The Juniors made brooches and hot dish mats besides considerable work with cork material and paints. Seven cloth picture books were made for the children at the Banso Hospital in the Cameroons of Africa.

The Vacation Bible School Program consisted of Bible study, memory verses, chorus singing, and object lessons. Some of the children expressed the desire to know Christ better as a result of this school. The workers and teachers were faithful in their ministry as shown by their attendance every day. The school was directed by the pastor, the Rev. Arthur A. Voigt. We also had Miss Maxine Ahrens of Mt. Sterling, Missouri, to help us with the games and secretarial work. The Lord blessed us with good weather throughout the school.

On the last day of the school we enjoyed a wiener roast at the noon hour. On the following Sunday morning the children gave a program of the things which they had learned in the school and presented a display of the handwork which they had made.

Ruth Lipskoch, Secretary.

Sessions of the Central Conference at the Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Illinois

The Central Conference meetings were held at the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago, Ill., from June 21 to 24. The conference theme indicated the atmosphere of expectancy: "Hear the Word of the Lord," using as a text the words from Jeremiah 37:17, "Is there any word from the Lord? And Jere-

miah said: There is." Building the various inspirational and challenging messages around this central theme, the speakers led us into the very Presence of God.

The keynote message was given on the opening night by the moderator, the Rev. Frank Veninga of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Illinois. His sermon topic was "God Has Spoken." During the ensuing days, over and over again the reality of this truth was emphasized in addresses by Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Rev. Herman Riffel, Rev. John Grygo, Rev. Monroe Chalfant and Rev. Victor Prendinger. The address on Friday evening was given by the Rev. A. McAsh of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Mich., on the theme, "We Have No Alternative," basing his thoughts on Peter's words, "To whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Sunday services at the Foster Avenue Church were served by addresses from Rev. Otto Patzia, Prof. Reuben Jeschke and Rev. Edwin Miller.

Prof. Thorwald Bender gave a challenging address to the ministers and laymen present. The Woman's Missionary Union had as its speaker Miss Ruby Salzman. The Rev. J. C. Gunst spoke to the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union banquet.

One of the purposes of these gatherings is to conduct certain business and to receive the reports from the various churches in the conference. It was observed that, generally speaking, our churches are in a healthy state, with an overall gain of 138 members. The number of organized Sunday Schools, however, has decreased by five. One of the observations made, over which proper concern was shown, was that in spite of inflationary trends in the cost of living and in personal incomes, our missionary giving remained at approximately the same level as the previous year. It was the unanimous feeling of all present that for the next year we ought to increase our giving by ten percent.

Election of officers was held on Saturday morning, with the following officers elected: moderator, Rev. Arthur McAsh; vice-moderator, Rev. Herman Riffel; clerk, Rev. Edwin Miller; statistician, Rev. Leslie Albus; mission committee, Mr. Irwin Draewell and Rev. Frederick Lower; and representative of the Children's Home, Mr. Conrad Somerfeldt. The Rev. Otto Patzia was elected as the mission secretary, with Mr. Irwin Draewell as the lay representative and Mr. Oscar Schmidt as alternative.

Special mention should be made of the many efforts put forth by the people of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church who worked faithfully and hard to give us the best of everything, especially a lovely new church in which to meet. The meals were delicious, the people genial, and the welcome in home and church reflected the highest kind of Christian hospitality. Our thanks to all these fine people, and a special word of appreciation to their hard working pastor, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, whose leadership in making many of the arrangements proved excellent.

Alex H. Elsesser, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Baptismal Service and Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa

Fifteen candidates took part in a joint baptismal service at the First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, on Sunday evening, May 27. The Rev. William Jeschke of Sumner, Iowa, baptized three children, and Dr. Arthur Ittermann of Elgin was privileged to baptize twelve people representing three age groups—the very old, the very young, and one young man. The hand of fellowship was extended to them preceding the communion service on June 10. In addition, two members were received by letter from another church.

The average attendance for the Vacation Bible School of the First Baptist Church of Elgin was 85 with 65 of these having perfect records. Prizes were awarded for perfect attendance and for bringing a pupil who had never before attended Bible School. There were four departments: Beginners, who studied "How Bible Children Lived;" Primary, "Bible Boats;" Juniors, "The Christian's Walk and Talk; and Intermediates, "Parables of Jesus." There was also a Nursery Class of five members. An offering of \$62.90 was designated for the Iowa project of the Commissioned Baptist Youth. The two weeks' session closed with a program on June 10.

Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Eighteen Converts Baptized and Twenty Members Received by the Dickinson County Church

We, of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Elmo, Kansas, are happy to report some very special blessings that the Lord has so richly given us.



Eighteen converts who were baptized by the Rev. Herbert Schauer (third from right, back row) and received into the fellowship of the Dickinson County Baptist Church of Elmo, Kansas, along with two others who were received by letter.



Twelve converts who were baptized by Dr. Arthur Ittermann (top, center, in group) and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa.

As an answer to prayer, a week of evangelistic meetings were held in April with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs from Winnipeg, Manitoba, as guest evangelist. His spirit-filled messages and wonderful example in personal visitation work were indeed an inspiration and a blessing to our church and friends and challenged us as Christians to share Christ with those near us who do not know him as Savior. We certainly appreciated Mr. Fuchs' effective ministry in our midst. Personal evangelism is a wonderful way of winning the lost.

On Sunday evening, May 27, our hearts were overjoyed as our pastor, the Rev. Herbert Schauer, baptized eighteen persons in a very sacred and impressive service. Following the baptism, a communion service was held during which our pastor extended the

hand of fellowship to twenty persons. Some of these people accepted Christ as a result of personal visitation during our week of revival meetings in April. Others were led to the Lord previously. Some of the adults joined our church from other churches by letter.

May we as a church, strengthened in numbers, ever continue to go forward as God leads the way.

Mrs. Milton Jacobson, Reporter.

Young Man from Ellinwood, Kansas, Is Killed in Action in Korea

Recently we of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas, reported that nine young men from our church were in the Armed Forces and that four of them were in Korea. Now this report has been changed by the first casualty with the "Purple Heart." It cast a deep shadow upon the church when his brave little wife and his equally brave parents received and conveyed the news, "Killed in action."

Leo Kasselmann had served in the World War Two and was in the Battle of the Bulge, one of the two who came out alive out of the battalion in which he served. Since coming home from the European war, he had married Miss Bessie Davis and together they established a Christian home. A little girl came to increase their happiness. They were not only devoted to each other but also devoted to the Lord and to the church. For bravery he was awarded the "Purple Heart" post mortem. His young wife and his parents, though grief-stricken, take comfort in HIM who does not fail.

The sad feature in this is that all the while he was at the Front he received only very few letters. The only complaint he had was, "All we do is look for mail from home." It was not that letters were not written but that the letters were not delivered, for after his death 24 letters from his wife alone were returned and those written by his mother and pastor. Wherever the fault lies, we do not know but we regret that the encouragement of these letters were denied him before he was killed.

As a church we mourn his departure since he was a faithful member and a regular attendant.

Theo W. Dons, Pastor.

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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. EMILIE ALBERT
of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mrs. Emilie Albert of Vancouver, British Columbia, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Elsie Wolfe, on June 20, 1951. The funeral service was conducted from the Ebenezer Baptist Church where the deceased had been a faithful member since 1936. Her Christian life was never made conspicuous, for she was a quiet but devoted follower of the Lord, ever willing to serve in the less noticeable places. Surviving her departure she leaves her husband, Mr. August Albert; two sons, Dan and Edward; two daughters, Mrs. Elsie Wolfe and Mrs. Sarah Wolfe, all of Vancouver; one brother and one sister, both of Washington. May the sweet memories of her life be a source of comfort to the bereaved!

Ebenezer Baptist Church,
Vancouver, British Columbia

RUBIN KERN, Pastor.

DEAN RAYMOND BUHLER
of Harvey, North Dakota.

Dean Raymond Buhler of Harvey, North Dakota, was born on April 17, 1950 at Harvey, N. Dak., as the third child of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Buhler, pastor of the Baptist Church at Harvey, and died at the home of his parents on July 6, 1951 at the age of one year, two months and eighteen days. He had never been a healthy child and far outlived the days which the physicians expected him to live. His death was thus expected, but nevertheless it leaves a vacancy in the home that will long be felt. He leaves to mourn his parents; one sister, Donna; one brother, Ross; his paternal and maternal grandparents; and a host of relatives and friends. May the Lord who understands our yearnings comfort all sorrowing hearts. The funeral service was held on Saturday, July 7. The undersigned spoke words of comfort from Job 14:15. Other pastors of the area assisted in the service.

Harvey, North Dakota

REV. R. SCHILKE, Correspondent.

MRS. WILLIAM LOOF
of Corona, South Dakota.

Mrs. William Loof, nee Seabrands, of Corona, S. Dak., was born Feb. 21, 1891 at Sheffield, Iowa, and died on June 20th at the Peabody Hospital at Webster, S. Dak., after an illness of several weeks, at the age of 60 years and 4 months. She was married to William Loof on Oct. 9, 1912 by the Rev. W. H. Miller at Twin Brooks, South Dakota. This union was blessed with seven children, of whom two preceded their mother into eternity. The deceased was converted under the activity of the Rev. Henry Schnuedt, baptized by the same and added to the fellowship of the Corona Baptist Church, of which she remained a loyal member to the end.

She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, William Loof; the daughters, Lola Hoeke, Marie De Boer and Mabel Giessen; the sons, Herman and Harold Loof; six grandchildren; the brothers, Fred, Herman, William, Carl and Louis Seabrands; the sisters, Mrs. Fred Eilers, Mrs. Adrian Hoekman, Mrs. Ben Pauli, Mrs. Lloyd Salverda and Mrs. George Keller; many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Emanuel Funeral Home, Milbank, S. Dak., and at the Corona Baptist Church with the Rev. E. Gutsche officiating and the Rev. R. Klein of Aberdeen, S. Dak., delivering the message. His message was based on John 14:1-6. A mixed quartet sang songs of comfort. The interment took place at the cemetery of the Corona Baptist Church.

Corona, South Dakota

E. GUTSCHE, Pastor.

WITHERING GRASS

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Beginning With the Next Issue!

MRS. LENA MUELLER BRINKMAN
of Stafford, Kansas.

Mrs. Lena Mueller Brinkman of Stafford, Kansas, was born Feb. 2, 1878 at Mayview, Mo., to William and Maria Mueller. At the age of thirteen she made her confession of faith in Christ, her Savior, and was baptized by her father who was then pastor of the Baptist Church at Madison, South Dakota.

On Feb. 2, 1903 Lena was united in marriage to Louis Brinkman at Alma, Mo. Three children were born to this union: Walter, Ida and Arthur. They moved to Stafford, Kansas, in 1905 to make their home and lived north of town on a farm until 1915 when they moved to Stafford where they lived until her passing on Sunday morning, May 20, at the local hospital at the age of 73 years, 3-months and 18 days.

Mr. and Mrs. Brinkman have been active members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford for more than 45 years. Mrs. Brinkman maintained an active interest in the Woman's Missionary Society down to the last, attending as the last church activity the Mother's Day program given the older women by the younger women's group, the King's Daughters, on Thursday, May 10. She will be greatly missed by all of her fellow-members because of her faithfulness through the years. Her home and her church were her primary interests in life and her radiant Christian life was a constant source of spiritual enrichment to both.

In the Scriptures we find an apt description of this wife and mother—"She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

Besides her husband, she leaves to mourn her passing two sons: Walter A. of Missouri City, Texas, and Arthur of Stafford, Kansas; one daughter, Mrs. Warner Mueller of Higginsville, Mo.; six grandchildren: Hugh Louis, Sue, Walter Jr., Dolores, Jean and Nancy; one brother, William of Kendall, Kansas; and one sister, Hannah, of Stafford; also other relatives and a host of friends in the community. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor with Rev. Charles B. Thole assisting.

Calvary Baptist Church,
Stafford, Kansas

AARON A. STACKHOUSE, Pastor.

MR. FRED HILDENBRAND
of Lehr, North Dakota.

Mr. Fred Hildenbrand of Lehr, N. Dak., was born in South Russia on June 19, 1874. As a young man of 20 years, he came to America, making his home in the vicinity of Lehr, N. Dak., where he remained all his life. In 1896 he united in the holy bond of wedlock with Eva Schaefer, which happy wedlock was dissolved by the death of his wife in 1906. In 1907 he married Paulina Schock. This happy bond of 34 years was ended by the death of his wife in 1941. Afterwards he married the widowed wife of his deceased twin brother.

In 1900 our departed brother experienced conversion and in 1904 was baptized by the Rev. Chris Bischof, and united with the Berlin Church from which the Ebenezer Church of Lehr came forth, and of which he was a member to the end of his earthly life. He loved his Lord, his church, the members. He was a peace loving member, attended services regularly, participating in all activities and witnessing for his Lord and taking part in prayer. He was a be-

loved Christian father and provider for his family.

About two years ago, ailments beset his body which proved to be cancer and caused his departure. He died on June 4th, at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 15 days. He was ready and desired to meet his Lord. One of his favorite Scripture verses was 2 Tim. 4:7-8, which also was used at his funeral services. One of his favorite hymns was: "In the Upper Room Together." This gives an insight into his inner soul life and becomes a source of comfort to the bereaved.

He leaves to mourn his departing: his wife: five daughters: Emma (Mrs. E. Dachtler), Otillia (Mrs. Fred George), Barbara (Mrs. Henry Landsiedel), all of Lansing, Mich., Emilie (Mrs. C. Doerr) of Holt, Mich., Helen (Mrs. Eugene Rozvorske) of South Bend, Ind.; five sons: Benjamin, Edward, Marvin, Alvin, all of Lansing, Mich., William, Grand Lodge, Mich.; 25 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren, eleven children of his wife, for whom he was a beloved father; many relatives and friends who have been bereaved by his departure. His memory will ever be a blessing and comfort until the meeting with the Lord, "in the Upper Room together." The undersigned was in charge of the services.

Lehr, North Dakota

EMANUEL BROECKEL, Correspondent.

MR. ERNEST E. BROSCHEAT
of Cathay, North Dakota.

At the tender age of 12 years, our beloved brother, Mr. Ernest E. Broschat of Cathay, N. Dak., decided to set his aim in life high when he accepted the Lord, was baptized and became a member of the Baptist Church of Cathay, North Dakota. He served this church loyally and faithfully until he answered death's call on June 29, 1951. The record shows that Mr. Broschat served this church with honor in the following capacities: as church clerk for 27 years, Sunday School superintendent for eight years, Sunday School secretary for eight years, and Building Fund treasurer for five years. For shorter periods of time he served as Sunday School treasurer, trustee, Mission treasurer, Music Committee chairman, etc. Impressive as this record may seem, we believe that the numberless songs, which welled from his heart to cheer his many friends on occasions similar to this and others, overshadowed everything else by far. There are few, if any, in our community who will ever forget the part he played in the Germantown Male Quartet.

In civic and public affairs he was no less active. There was not a township board in existence in Germantown Township on which he did not serve tirelessly at one time or other until October of 1948 when he and his faithful wife retired from the farm to live in Fessenden, North Dakota.

Our departed brother was born in Labian near Koenigsberg, East Prussia, Germany, on June 23, 1891. As an infant immigrant he arrived with his parents at Sykeston, N. Dak., on April 6, 1892 from where the family proceeded to settle in Germantown Township. It is here where the deceased grew to manhood and spent most of his days.

On October 26, 1922 he was united in marriage with Atilda Meth of Bremen Township, our neighbors to the north. His wife survives her husband. This union was blessed with three sons. To sum it all up, we could say that here were 60 years and 6 days well spent by one whose high aims were richly blessed with spiritual as well as with material things.

When Mr. Broschat crossed that River to his Home on high, he left to mourn his passing: Atilda Broschat, his wife; his three sons, Myron of Wadena, Minn.; Emery of Cathay; and Richard of Fort Lewis, Wash.; two grandsons; eight brothers and sisters: Paul of Lodi, Calif.; Adolph of Corvallis, Ore.; Annie (Mrs. Fred Edinger) of Van Hook, N. Dak.; Ella (Mrs. Walter Martin) of Napa, Calif.; Frieda (Mrs. R. M. Streibel), Esther (Mrs. W. S. Rudel), both of Fessenden, N. Dak.; Martha (Mrs. W. H. Seidel), Emma (Mrs. Emil Martin), both of Cathay; and many friends and relatives. May the great Comforter and the precious memories of the departed serve as the ministering angels to heal the heartaches of the bereaved!

Cathay, North Dakota

DANIEL KLEIN, Correspondent.



The choir of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., with the choir director and pastor of the church, the Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, in front row, center.

Pacific Conference

Choir Ministry and Special Events at Fifteenth Street Church, Los Angeles, California

"O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord all the earth." Our choir at the Fifteenth Street Church of Los Angeles, Calif., is happy to have had a busy and fruitful ministry in song. On Sunday evening, April 8, thirty-six singers, under the direction of our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, had the privilege of rendering a sacred concert at the Bethel Church of Anaheim, California. Mrs. Ruth Wetzler accompanied on the organ. Then on May 27, we were again invited to sing at the Schaeffe Memorial Church here in Los Angeles. For each of these occasions we rendered eight anthems. There were also special numbers consisting of our men's quartet, a piano solo by Mrs. A. Walrath, and our soloist, Mrs. E. Tanner, sang the beautiful number, "In the End of the Sabbath" by Speaks.

Both of our host churches graciously contributed the offerings to our own church building fund. Their kindness has helped to bring us a step closer to our primary goal, a new church location. In the meantime, until this can be accomplished, we like to see our church look as beautiful as possible. Therefore, we are grateful to Mr. J. Kompolt, one of our trustees, for giving the exterior of our church a new coat of paint. The parsonage has also acquired that "new look."

On May 20 we were privileged to welcome the Glory Gospel Trio from Alberta, Canada. It was surely inspiring to hear the songs and sincere testimonies of these young people. They are wonderful examples of the training which can be obtained at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. A special offering was taken during the morning service for the Institute.

On June 10 we enjoyed an excellent program prepared by the Woman's

Missionary Society in celebration of their 61st anniversary. Mrs. E. Mittelstedt, our pastor's wife, and president for many years, opened the program by greeting the large number of friends who attended. These large audiences are especially appreciated since the majority of those who come to our church must drive a great distance. This is also true of our own members; some driving as far as thirty miles in order to attend.

We next heard the yearly reports by Mrs. B. Jantz, secretary; Mrs. H. Wetzler, treasurer; and Mrs. E. Miller, White Cross chairman. We learned through these reports that the women are definitely missionary-minded. Our own missionaries, Florence Dilworth and Florence Eisele, are also remembered financially and by many prayers. We were privileged to have the Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, as our guest speaker for the afternoon. His inspiring words challenged us as Christians to be concerned about our church and "a lost world."

Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter.

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., has completed another year. We feel very humble and grateful for the many blessings we have received from our heavenly Father.

Under the capable leadership of our president, Mrs. F. Klapstein, we have been privileged to meet each month with varied and interesting subjects. We joined in the national Day of Prayer, with our ladies speaking on the various topics. As is our custom, our January meeting was also a prayer meeting. We were privileged to have several guest speakers, namely, Mr. Goetze from Germany; Reuben Stading, student at our Seminary; our own pastor, Rev. H. J. Wilcke; and our associate, Rev. J. F. Oithoff. At our birthday banquet Miss Hilda Tobert, missionary-nurse to the Cameroons,

was our speaker, and at our 42nd anniversary program in May, Mrs. M. Forsberg, a missionary to Africa was our guest.

As a society we sent Christmas boxes to our missionaries, Earl and Lois Ahrens, and Alma Kludt in India. We also contributed sheets to the Old People's Home in Portland. A new stair carpet was purchased for the parsonage. Our monies have gone to various missions, such as Lepers, Ban-so Hospital, our own Portland Avenue Chapel, Service Men's Christian Center, etc.

Our regular meetings have had an average of 29 women present. During the year an average of 19 visits a month were made. It has been our pleasure to have charge of the flowers for our church auditorium, with the various classes from our Sunday School participating. Our kitchen has been supplied with new dishes, new silverware, a steamer, and various other items.

Missions and missionaries have been foremost in our thoughts, programs and prayers. We know God will bless our efforts. We truly praise him for his goodness to our Society.

Marie Schmunk, Secretary.

A DECADE OF SERVICE

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my entire ministry . . . calling on the sick, the shut-ins, the afflicted." And lastly, it is a rare and esteemed privilege to proclaim to a world steeped in its own sin and foolish ways that "God remains sovereign over the world he has made. His will is the supreme fact of history."

There is a thrill and dignity in the office as ambassador of the King of kings. The minister needs to reassert the dignity and power of his callings. There is today a subtle propaganda to minimize and undermine the place and work of the Gospel preacher. The ministry is frequently caricatured. Our youth is being taught that "the high-hatted" sharp-nosed, inquisitorial, hypocritical parson of the Puritan School, is a typical minister of Jesus Christ.

It is because the minister opposes greed, license, lust and sin that selfish, designing classes of perverted men caricature him and the office to which the Lord calls him. He has according to Scripture, a great responsibility. "Because the preacher was wise, he taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs (Ecclesiastes 12:9).

Follow Me

Who answers Christ's insistent call
Must give himself, his life, his all,
Without one backward look.
Who sets his hand unto the plow,
And glances back with anxious brow,
His calling hath mistook.
Christ claims him wholly for his own;
He must be Christ's and Christ's alone.

—John Oxenham.