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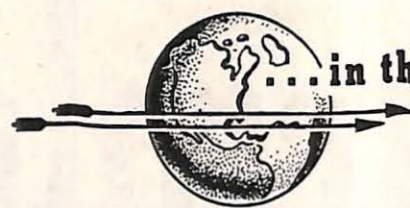
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...in the course of human events

At the same time the Christians in Greece were celebrating, in a two-week festival, the 1900th anniversary of the arrival of the Apostle Paul in that country, the American Bible Society issued a new, beautifully illustrated copy of the Book of Acts, the Biblical record of Paul's life. This book is paper-bound and in magazine size, 8 1/4 by 11 inches. An edition of 360,000 was printed. This is the second book of the Bible the American Bible Society has published in this form, the first being the Gospel of Luke.

—American Bible Society.

The fourteenth annual convention of the Christian Business Men's Committee International, to be held in Toledo, Ohio, October 17-21, promises to be one of great interest to all Christians and especially to laymen. This movement consists of over 250 committees organized in various parts of this country, Canada and eleven other lands. Their chief object and purpose is to reach other business men with the simple story of Jesus and his love, his power to save, his power to keep and his power to satisfy. One of the activities CBMC sponsored during War II to reach service men for Christ (service men's centers), has been continued since the termination of that war and today many CBMC's have opened or are opening new service men's centers, resulting in over 1,000 boys a month professing acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior through these activities alone.

—United Evangelical Action.

Manfredi Ronchi, secretary general of the Baptist Evangelic Foundation in Italy, recently protested that the Ministry of the Interior was impeding the freedom of the foundation by requiring it to obtain special permission to open new churches and that the state-controlled radio monopoly in Italy had refused permission for a broadcast of ritual for next Sunday. A Government spokesman denied that the government interfered with the activities of the Baptist foundation. The Rev. William D. Moore of the Baptist Evangelical Foundation took issue with the government spokesman. Numerous evangelic churches in Italy have been closed by police on instructions from the Minister of the Interior Mario Scelba, Mr. Moore said. Those closed, he said, include a Methodist church in Terni,

a Baptist church in Lentini and a mission station at Padigliani.

—New York Times.

Four hundred and eighty native pastors, Protestant and Roman Catholic, have "vanished" under the North Korean regime. This report was made here by Rev. Edward Adams, Presbyterian field secretary in Korea, en route to that country after a visit to the United States. "I would say the chances are nine to one against their still being alive," he said. Dr. Adams said he based his figure of 480 on reports collected by church headquarters in the United States. "It began under the Russians," he said, "and when they pulled out the North Korean government continued with it. First the pastors were asked to sign pledges supporting the North Korean government. Then many of them were told to give only one service a week." Dr. Adams said the Communists also applied pressure against Christians through their system of giving out food and jobs.—United Evangelical Action.

Rev. Charles B. Templeton one-time Canadian sports cartoonist, has been named first full-time evangelist of the National Council of Churches. His appointment was approved by the Council's General Board at a meeting here. Mr. Templeton will be a member of the Council's evangelism department, of which Dr. Jesse M. Bader is director. Dr. E. G. Homrighausen of Princeton Theological Seminary, chairman of the department, called Mr. Templeton's appointment a "great step forward." Widely known as "Chuck" Templeton, the thirty-six-year-old clergyman has had a wide career as an evangelist, particularly as a representative of the Youth for Christ International. One of the movement's founders, he addressed rallies in his home city of Toronto with crowds as high as 20,000. He also spoke to 70,000 at one Youth for Christ rally in Soldiers Field, Chicago. He and Dr. Billy Graham have appeared as co-speakers on several evangelistic tours, and in 1945 they made a two-months tour of ten European countries in a youth evangelism campaign, speaking on alternate nights.

—United Evangelical Action.

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

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Editorial

God's Hour in Japan

WE MAY WELL BELIEVE that our new mission in Japan has the touch of God's benediction upon it for us as North American Baptist churches. We are thereby launching out in a new endeavor and this always increases the spiritual stature of God's people if God has willed it. Our horizons are being thereby enlarged upon other harvest fields of the world. We are enlisting the consecrated services of some of our young people who might otherwise be going into missionary service under other boards.

But the important reason for our new mission field in Japan is that we believe that this is God's hour for "the Land of the Rising Sun." Missionary doors have closed to Protestants in another part of the Orient, in China, while the same missionary doors have been flung wide open in Japan. Many boards are sending a host of young people to the Japanese people only to be told that their number is not enough.

Immediately after the second World War the Japanese welcomed the Americans to their shores with a strange enthusiasm. They attended Christian meetings in droves and eagerly read all Christian tracts and books that were given to them. Many people thought that this was the Oriental way of showing obeisance to their conquerors but that it wouldn't last. They claimed that it wasn't a sincere and genuine turning of many of the Japanese to the Christian Gospel.

Recently an outstanding Christian observer and missionary made a tour of Japan, upon completion of which he commented as follows: "The fear in many minds that this turning toward Christianity was a surface thing bound up with a passing infatuation with Americanism is fading out. The turning toward Christianity is far more thoughtful and discriminating than it was two years ago. For the change IS dramatic—Christianity from being a sect on the margin of Japan's life has moved into the center as the subject of a national choice." He concluded his article by saying that Japan is "the greatest evangelistic opportunity the church has had for a thousand years."

This has been the burden that has been laid heavily by the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of our three missionary appointees to Japan. Jay Hirth was an American soldier during the war in Japan. He resolved before God at that time to return to Japan with spiritual weapons of the Gospel of Christ. Both in his splendid training at school and in his marriage he kept this missionary objective before him. This was the place of God's choice for him and his wife!

Florence Miller has prayed and planned to go as a missionary to the Orient. At first, she thought of China. But God's will for her always directed her life toward the Orient. That was the missionary burden that rested heavily upon her soul.

This is God's hour then for Japan. The missionary doors are open. We also believe that it is God's hour for us to assist other evangelical groups in this important missionary work in Japan. Therefore we rejoice and take courage in such an hour as this!

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# That I Might Know Him

A Testimony and Sermon

by the REV. HENRY SCHUMACHER of Wetaskiwin, Alberta

"That I may know him."  
PHILIPPIANS 3:10.

NEVER BEFORE in the history of mankind has there been a time when a thorough knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ was more essential than today. And yet never before in human history has there been less knowledge of him than today. There are so many people in the world today, both Christians and non-Christians, who glibly talk about the Master and claim allegiance to him, who have never known the joy that comes with really knowing him.

They remind me of Philip, who after walking with the Lord for three years, had to hear these words from the Master, "Have I been so long with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip" (John 14:9). Many of us have been with him a long time and yet have never known him.

## CHRIST, THE LORD

I stood one day in a very busy tire shop. A young man near me suddenly began using the Name of the Lord in vain. Calmly I walked up to him and said, "You must know him, too?" He looked at me dumbfounded and asked, "Know who?" I replied, "The one that you were talking about just now."

Still surprised he said: "I wasn't talking about anyone." "O yes, you were," I replied, but he still did not understand. When I saw that he wasn't following me, I told him this: "Just a minute ago I heard you talking about Jesus Christ. He is my Savior. He died for me. I love him very much. I thought that if you made use of his Name so constantly, you must surely know him."

Never have I seen a young man so taken by surprise by a statement. His face flushed and he hung his head as he slowly walked away. In the meantime, I sent an earnest prayer to God that this young man might learn to know this Jesus, whose Name he had used in vain. How many people in the world today are the very same! They talk about him but they do not know him.

There is a vast difference between knowing Jesus Christ as your Savior and knowing him as your Lord. If Jesus Christ is not Lord of all, then he is not Lord at all.

This cry to know the Lord, made by the Apostle Paul and recorded in Philippians, was made after years of mis-

sionary work and winning others for the Lord. It is therefore extremely important that we as Christians learn to know Jesus Christ better every day of our lives.

I want to give you three ways in which you can learn to know him better.

## WALKING WITH HIM

So often we sing, "I am walking arm in arm with Jesus." Yet how little we know of walking with God. "Enoch walked with God and he was not, for God took him" (Gen. 5:24).

Whenever a person goes to explore the mountains, it is advisable for him to take a guide. Now if you were to go on such a tour, you would, of course, first go to a guide station. There at the station a man would probably recommend a certain guide. He would say, "This guide knows the mountains well. He knows every slippery place. He knows every crevice and danger spot." Then you would take the guide and trust him because the man at the guide station told you that he is trustworthy.

But as the days passed by, you would notice again and again that this guide does know his business. He does know every slippery place. He



Rev. Henry Schumacher of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, pastor of the Pleasant Prairie and West Side Baptist Churches of Wetaskiwin.

does know every crevice and danger spot. Then, you begin to trust him not because you were told by someone else but because you know him. My dear friend, when you first came to Jesus you trusted him because someone told you he was wonderful, but the best way to learn to know him is to walk with him every day. Then you will be able to say, "I love him, I trust him, because I know him."

## SUFFERING AND TRIALS

It seems strange and yet true that it takes the hard things in life to bring us closer to Christ. The Apostle Paul in our text prayed to know the fellowship of Christ's suffering. Paul really learned to suffer. In 2 Corinthians, chapter eleven, he tells that he was imprisoned five times he received forty stripes (save one), three times he was beaten, once stoned, three times shipwrecked, and many other things. Still he says, "What things were gain to me those I count but loss, yea, doubtless and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus, my Lord" (Phil. 3:7-8).

The Apostle John also knew Jesus very well, but I am convinced that even when he leaned on Jesus' bosom that night of the Last Supper, he did not know him so well as he did when he was out on the lonely isle of Patmos. There when he saw Jesus, John said, "I fell at his feet as dead" (Rev. 1:17).

It was while I was going through some of the greatest pain and suffering in my own life, that one day I wrote the song, "Oh, that I might know him better." Yes, as the poet has so well said:

"Oh God is there no other way,  
Except through sorrow, pain and loss  
To stamp Christ's image on my soul;  
No other way except the cross?"

The answer comes back firmly, "No, there is no other way." We must admit, it is a hard way but it is the best way!

## TIMES OF CONFESSION

In Isaiah, chapter five, we find that the prophet was preaching and six times in the fifth chapter he pronounced "Woe" upon others. But now we come to chapter six and we find that he says, "In the year that King Uzziah died I saw also the Lord." When Isaiah saw the Lord then he no more pronounced "Woe" upon others but he said, "Woe is me, for I am undone."

You will note how the seraphim came and touched him and thus cleansed him. Then when he heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us," he said, "Here am I, Lord, send me." It was when he met God face to face

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# Christ Is the Bread of Life

An Exposition on John 6:35-71 by DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

ONE OF THE GREAT "I am's" of John's gospel is the significant statement: "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me will never be hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty again." Jesus didn't say, "I am the cake of life." We can get along without cake but not without bread.

Bread is a daily necessity. Men must have bread or die. Jesus is not a luxury but a necessity. Material bread is food for the body, but Christ is spiritual bread for the soul.

The pronoun "I" is very emphatic. Christ and none other is the bread of life. He satisfies our moral and spiritual needs forever. He says: "Never be hungry, never be thirsty." All we need to do is to come and believe.

## HEAVENLY BREAD

This spiritual food is heavenly bread. Four times in this discourse Christ declares that he came down from heaven. This bread is different from all other bread. It has a divine origin. It comes from above.

Christ's one purpose was to do the Father's will. The Father's will is that all those who believe on Christ as the Sent One should be preserved forever. Here is the preservation of the saints. "I shall not lose one of all those whom he has given me, but shall raise them up at the last day."

One of the significant sentences in this discourse has reference to the last day. Christ not only begins the new life but finishes it. He saves the whole man. He gives new life now, and some day this new life will inhabit a spiritual body. The last day is his day of ultimate victory over all the forces of evil, when he shall return in power and triumph. It is the Father's will that everyone that beholds and believes the Son, has eternal life as a present possession and some day body and soul will be glorified together.

## THE CRITICS

The Jews, probably some Pharisees, were displeased with the utterances of Jesus. They talked in an undertone among themselves because he claimed to be heavenly bread. Why, they knew all about his parentage. (But did they?) How can this son of Joseph and Mary say: "I am come down out of heaven?"

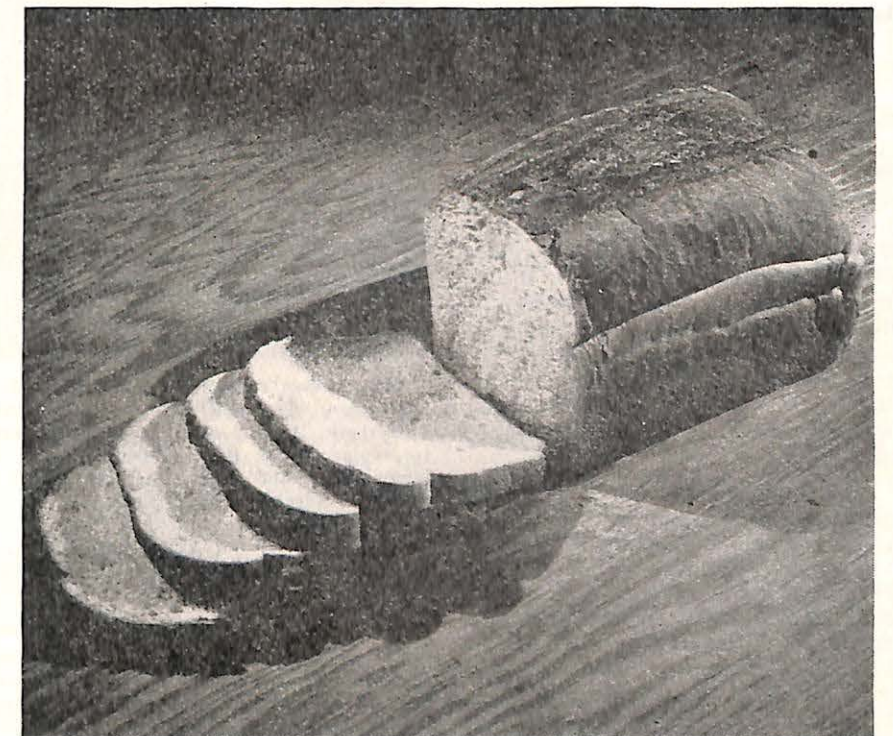
Jesus answered: "Do not find fault with me among yourselves. No one

can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him." The Father draws by divine providence, religious truth, his only Son and the Holy Spirit, working on the human heart.

The word "draw" is also used in John 12:32. This word doesn't imply force but it does imply attraction of some kind. Augustine said, "Do not think you are drawn against your will; the soul is drawn by love" (Jer. 31:3). The Father draws and gives. The Son receives and preserves. Is it not written in the prophets?—"And they shall all be taught of God" (Isaiah 54:13; Jeremiah 31:33).

the supreme importance of the bread of life. He is not a bread but THE BREAD of life, the bread that nourishes the soul with peace, love, joy and other spiritual qualities.

Their fathers ate the manna in the wilderness and died. It was perishable food for perishable bodies. But how different is the heavenly bread from the perishable manna! To eat of this bread means to be delivered from spiritual death. Christ is the heavenly bread that has life in itself and can therefore give life. If anyone eats of this life-giving bread of faith, he shall live forever.



—Photo by Ewing Galloway

All those who come will be enlightened, and in the Messianic day those who have heard and learned from the Father will come to the Son. The Jews thought that Jesus couldn't add anything to the knowledge of men who had been taught of God. He reminds them of himself who has perfect knowledge of the Father (John 1:18; Matt. 11:27).

## ETERNAL LIFE

Jesus has something of great importance to emphasize. "I tell you solemnly that he who believes has eternal life." We see the supreme importance of faith. Faith leads to the possession of eternal life. We also see

This spiritual bread is also sacrificial bread. "And moreover, the bread which I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world" (John 6:51). This last sentence indicated that Jesus was speaking of sacrificing his life for the redemption of the world (Matt. 20:28; Eph. 5:20, 25).

The Jews debated with one another and said: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" Of course Jesus was not teaching crude cannibalism. He was speaking figuratively. He said: "Truly, truly, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

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# Another Missionary-nurse for Africa

The story of God's leading in the life of Miss E. Ardice Ziolkowski of Orcadia, Sask., and of her recent appointment as a missionary-nurse for the Cameroons mission field

By the REV. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER of Forest Park, Illinois

MISS E. ARDICE ZIOLKOWSKI has stepped into an illustrious procession of missionary-nurses who have gone to the Cameroons of Africa as God's angels of mercy. The names of Edith Koppin, Laura E. Reddig, Margaret Kittlitz, Eleanor Weisenburger and Hilda Tobert belong to our missionary "Hall of Fame." They have been handmaidens of the Lord in helping God to accomplish his miracles among the people of Africa.

## SPIRIT OF ESTHER

Miss Ziolkowski is known as Ardice to her friends and acquaintances. The official records show her first name to be Esther. Like Esther of old, she has come to the mission fields for such a time as this, succeeding Miss Hilda Tobert, who had to resign because of reasons of health, in the important work at the Banso Baptist Hospital. Like Esther of old, she wins the favor of all who meet her by her spiritual charm and Christian radiance. She is ready to do the Lord's bidding and to carry out his assigned tasks in Africa.

Miss Ziolkowski's early life was spent on the Canadian prairie, in "the bush" and out-of-the-way places. She was one of a family of eight children with two brothers and five sisters. Most of her public school education had to be secured by correspondence. Even her Christian training was largely the result of home and parental influences. She is a product of the pioneer and prairie life of Canada.

She was born and raised on a farm seven miles from Lemberg, Saskatchewan, a small outpost of human life surrounded by an expanse of prairie country. We have had a small struggling church there which has been largely served by seminary students in summer pastorates. But the Ziolkowski family attended the services of and held their membership in the Baptist Church of Fenwood, Saskatchewan, about 35 miles away. They attended this church as frequently as circumstances permitted.

## THE ZIOLKOWSKI HOME

But the home was the real temple of God for the Ziolkowski children.



Miss E. Ardice Ziolkowski of Orcadia, Saskatchewan, who will soon leave for the Cameroons, Africa, as a missionary-nurse to replace Miss Hilda Tobert. She is a member of the West Ebenezer Baptist Church of Saskatchewan.

Family devotions were pleasant hours in the home. Christ was exemplified by the Christian parents. The radio was turned on on Sundays for the Radio Sunday School Hour. Services were held on Sundays in the home led by the father and listening in on the radio broadcasts. They even took some of the correspondence courses in the Bible conducted by the late Premier Aberhard of the province of Alberta.

Ardice Ziolkowski gave her heart to the Lord at the age of 11 years in such a beautiful setting of home devotions and the family altar. The radio ministry of Dr. Oscar Lowry had influenced her considerably shortly before the evangelist's untimely death. It was a profound conversion experience for her which established her in the large family of God! Shortly thereafter she was baptized by the Rev. J. N. Wiens in the Fenwood Baptist Church.

About five years later the family moved to Orcadia, Saskatchewan, an-

other "small whistle stop" on the railroad line 14 miles from Yorkton. Since there was no high school in that entire area, Ardice had to take the 9th and 10th year of schooling by correspondence from Regina, Saskatchewan.

## EDMONTON BIBLE SCHOOL

In 1946 and 1947 she was a student at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. There she learned to understand God's Word more deeply and felt God's call to the mission field. At that time, Miss Ida Forsch, now one of our Cameroons missionaries, was serving as the C.T.I. librarian and Miss Twila Bartz was our missionary on the nearby Indian mission field.

In 1947 she entered nurses' training at the Yorkton General Hospital, Yorkton, Sask., and prepared for missionary service. She wrote to the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, General missionary secretary, and told him that her heart was set to go to Africa. At the hospital Ardice Ziolkowski was instrumental in organizing a Nurses Christian Fellowship Group which met for Bible study once a week and for prayer every other evening. That group with new members is still meeting regularly at the hospital.

She was graduated from the Yorkton General Hospital in June, 1950 and received her degree of Registered Nurse (RN) from the province of Saskatchewan in November 1950. While in nurses' training she met a fine Christian young man, Clifford Stade, to whom she became engaged. Both of them went to Chicago, Ill., where they enrolled as students in the Missionary Medical Course at the Moody Bible Institute and also in courses of Christian Education at nearby Wheaton College.

## TRAGIC ACCIDENT

Clifford was earning his way through school as a night foreman at a construction plant in Melrose Park, Illinois. Two months before their planned marriage, in September 1950, he was killed in a tragic accident at the plant. This was a terrible blow to Ardice who seemed to feel that the

sky of her most ardent dreams had caved in on her. But her faith in God's goodness persisted and her plans for the mission field remained undaunted. She returned to Yorkton and continued her work as a graduate nurse. She prayed earnestly for God's open door!

That came unexpectedly but thrilling to her in May of this year. She had written to headquarters about her hopes for Africa, but no reply was received due to several uncertainties on the mission field. She had not heard of Miss Tobert's resignation, and so it was like God's answer to her prayers to be informed that the General Missionary Committee had appointed her as Cameroons missionary-nurse late in April.

## BOUND FOR AFRICA

She will be leaving for Africa sometime in August. For the present she will be stationed at Great Soppo in order to become adjusted to missionary life in Africa. But her ultimate place of service will probably be the Baptist Hospital at Banso where a new hospital building is being planned for the very near future.

Ardice Ziolkowski and her family are members of the West Ebenezer Baptist Church near Ebenezer, Sask., of which the Rev. Martin De Boer is the pastor. Her birthday is on May 25th. Her home and postoffice address is Orcadia, Sask., Canada.

From humble surroundings and heart-rending experiences of life, Ardice Ziolkowski has come to lay hold on the greatness of God. Certainly, God is leading her to great heights of service even as he has given her sweetness of spirit and charm of personality. When such God-given gifts are laid upon his altar in complete consecration, then God can set his servants and handmaidens into a place of great and mighty usefulness! That is the unfinished life story of this missionary-nurse, Ardice Ziolkowski, now bound for the Cameroons, Africa!

# God's Leading in My Life

A Personal Testimony by MISS E. ARDICE ZIOLKOWSKI,  
Who Will Soon Be Bound for Africa as a Missionary-nurse

"FOR though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of, for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!" (1 Cor. 9:16.)

This challenge together with a realization of thousands dying daily without Christ stirred my heart and it seemed only reasonable that I should be willing to serve the Lord on the foreign field. It is our duty as Christians to spread the Gospel for we are debtors to those about us. We have been bought with the great price of the blood of Jesus Christ; therefore, our lives no longer belong to ourselves.

## MY PROMISE

God never allows us to break a promise with him. During my days at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, I felt a burden for the foreign field. I promised the Lord I would go wherever he should lead. He certainly kept me to that promise. It has been wonderful just to see his leading in every step.

I'm sure that he was preparing me from early childhood. I was born and raised in the rather isolated district of Lemberg, Sask., Canada. The home was our main place of religious training and it was there that my parents pointed me to the Lord at the age of eleven. Since then Christ has always been very near and dear to me. When I was sixteen, we moved to the West Ebenezer district in Saskatchewan, where we enjoyed more Christian fellowship. Upon graduation from high school, I was rather uncertain as to what field of service to choose, so I went to the Christian Training Institute. There the Lord placed the

burden of foreign missions upon my soul.

The following year I went into nurses' training at Yorkton, Sask., with this greater goal in view. Training days had their ups and downs which caused me to depend more wholly on the Lord. Our Nurses' Christian Fellowship, which was organized after I was in training for two months, was a real source of blessing. It also afforded many opportunities for service.

## GOD'S PURPOSE

While in nurses' training, I became engaged to a fine Christian young man who was also preparing for missionary work. He was a great spiritual help and encouragement to me for he really lived close to the Lord. But God saw fit to call him Home through an accident a few weeks before we were to be married. This caused me to realize more than ever that we have no claim on our lives. God really proved to be my refuge and strength.

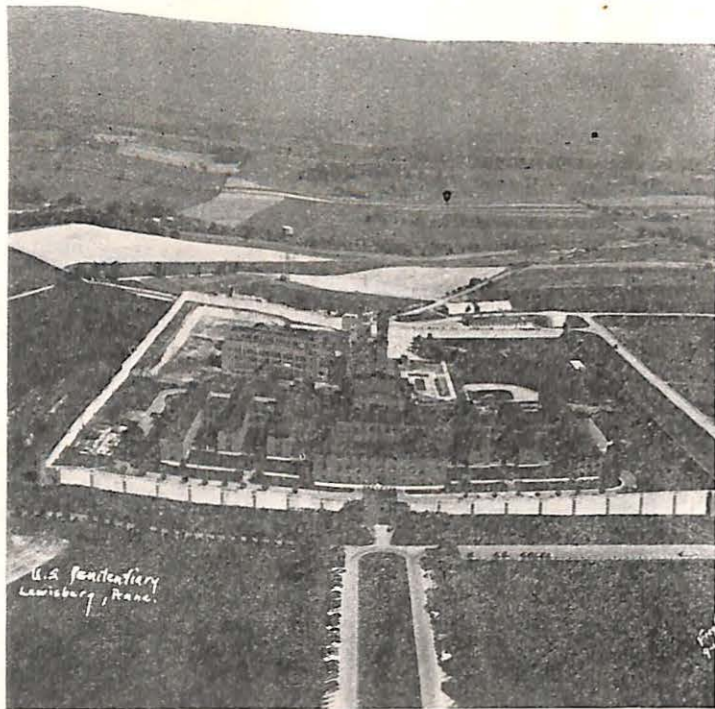
As I sought the Presence of the Lord in daily "Quiet Time," he continued to convict me concerning those millions who are without Christ, suffering physically and spiritually. Finally, I began corresponding with our missionary committee of the denomination. The greatest joy of my life came when I was appointed to replace Miss Hilda Tobert as missionary-nurse in the British Cameroons.

I do not feel capable or worthy of this high calling, but I am trusting God for the necessary strength and wisdom. He has promised: "My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness" (2 Cor. 12:9).



The mission school compound at Ndu in the British Cameroons, Africa, (left) and another school building going up at Mbem in the grassland interior (right). In this way we too go into all the world and teach all nations concerning the Gospel of Jesus Christ.





An aeroplane view of the United States Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Penn.

THE APPALLING ignorance concerning religious matters prevalent in our country is reflected in exaggerated forms in prison. If the general educational level is comparatively low, the level of religious training of the "average offender" is lower. The chaplain meets case after case of men who are spiritually illiterate or dwarfed. Instead of having made a transition from childhood conceptions of the Christian faith and life to those of an adult level, they in early adolescence have either gradually or at one stroke discontinued their training.

The typical pattern runs somewhat as follows: "I attended Sunday School regularly until I was about thirteen or fourteen years old." Concerning the following period of their lives, the chaplain will receive answers such as these: "I quit going," or "I went occasionally for a while and then stopped going altogether," or "My family moved and I just never got started elsewhere." Insofar as church attendance is concerned, the trend is similar except that the break occurs somewhat later, usually at the age of sixteen to eighteen.

#### WEEKLY BIBLE FORUM

In order to meet this situation the chaplain conducts a weekly Bible Forum. The International Sunday School lessons constitute the basis of these discussions. The emphasis always is in the direction of the applicability of Bible teaching to everyday living. As occasion arises special courses are given.

For instance, some time ago the chaplain taught a course entitled, "The Fundamentals of the Christian Faith and Life." When these sessions came to a close, each member of the

class was asked to express in his own words what benefit, if any, he had derived from this course.

One man wrote in part as follows: "I have experienced the feeling of being lost and on the wrong path, but through your interest, kindness, and devotion to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, you have succeeded in bringing me back to the right and known path."

Another one expressed himself in these words: "Prior to my enrollment in the Bible Class I was like a child with no one to lead me. I had fears, doubts, and no peace of mind. Now that I have come to know my Savior Jesus Christ I am no longer lost. I have my God and Father to watch over me and protect me from all dangers. All this wonderful joy and gladness of spirit, I can attribute to the Bible Class in which I have learned to read and understand the words of our dear Savior. I have a fuller and richer knowledge now of just why our Lord and Master died on the cross for the remission of our sins, and I truly thank God that I am now a Christian who can hold up his head and walk in supreme light of Jesus Christ, my Lord and my Redeemer."

A third man expressed himself poetically in these words:

#### SEARCH

Across the earth I've been  
And back again!  
In every walk of way  
In goodness and in sin.

Along the river's shore  
And jungle land  
Through some forgotten moor  
Or desert sand . . .

In search! In vain it was  
For I surmised a sign  
In which would hover over me  
And give me "peace of mind."

I traveled here and journeyed there,  
But at last within the wall

## "I Was In Prison . . ."

The second of two articles describing selected aspects of the Federal Prison Chaplaincy with particular reference to experiences at the U. S. Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

By the REV. A. E. KANNWISCHER,  
Protestant Chaplain, U. S. Penitentiary,  
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

I finally found that "God" can be  
In any place at all.

More recently a School of Life was held. It offered three courses: "The Bible—The Book of Life," "Christ—The Light of Life" and "The Christian Faith—The Foundation of Life." The first-named course was taught by Dr. Charles M. Bond, Chairman of the Department of Religion at Bucknell University. The second was taught by the chaplain and the third by Dr. Elbert Wethington, Assistant Professor of Religion at Bucknell. These friends of the institution contributed their time without remuneration. Their witness for Christ was clear and radiant and will leave a lasting impression upon the men whom they taught.

Some men like to study the Bible systematically in their quarters. The opportunity to do so is provided by means of correspondence courses. In these cases the chaplain's office acts as a clearing house and the chaplain frequently becomes a source of information or of reference in answering questions which seem difficult to the students.

#### SPIRITUAL COUNSELING

Another method of Christian education, closely related to the foregoing, is the chaplain's lending library. It possesses a few good religious novels, biographies and other theological works of Protestant writers. The novels of Lloyd Douglas are in almost constant demand. Harold Begbie's "Twice Born Men" is arousing considerable interest as is Starr Daily's "Release." Other favorite books are: "The Art of Real Happiness" by Norman Vincent Peale, "Abundant Living" by E. Stanley Jones, and "Lite-

ature of the New Testament" by E. Finley Scott.

Counseling occupies the major portion of the chaplain's time. Francis Bacon has aptly stated, "The greatest trust between man and man is the trust of giving counsel, for in other confidences men commit the parts of life—their lands, their goods, their child, their credit, some particular affair; but to such as they make their counselors, they commit the whole. By how much more they are obliged to all faith and integrity." The chaplain is conscious at all times of the sacredness of this trust.

The variety of problems and their complexity defy categorizing. Those reported here are examples which can be told because no confidence is violated. Among the functions of the chaplain is that of informing men of serious illness or death in their families.

In pursuance of this function a man was called into the office in order to be notified of the death of his father. Although the father was not old and the message contained no explanation of his sudden death, the man seemed stoical, if not indifferent, during the course of the interview. This unusual attitude was even more perplexing when he stated in effect, "I guess it was better this way," and terminated the interview.

Several days later, however, he returned stating that he now had word from his family concerning the cause of his father's death. Then he added, "I suppose you have been wondering why I acted and spoke as I did. You see, my father never amounted to much. He always drank and abused mother. He met death when in a drunken stupor he fell off a little bridge and drowned in a shallow creek. . . . I first learned about crime from my father when I was about six years old. He had stolen two chickens from my uncle. Uncle came looking for them. He found feathers under the porch flooring and chickens in the pot on the stove. They fought with axes until neighbors separated them. So you see why I feel about my father as I do."

#### NEW HOPE AND PEACE

Among the men whom the chaplain met soon after his arrival in Lewisburg was a young man of high intelligence, musical taste and considerable ability. There was about him, however, an air of cynicism which frequently bordered on bitterness. This tendency increased sharply when he became sick and had to be confined to the hospital. During a visit he stated frankly that he "hated" himself and that he had repeatedly disappointed those who loved and trusted him. As a result he had a very guilty conscience which had now driven him to the point of despair.



The Rev. A. E. Kannwischer, Protestant chaplain at the U. S. Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Penn., in a spiritual conference with one of the prisoners in the chaplain's office.

He wanted to know if there was any help or hope for him. In simple words his attention was directed to the good news of God's boundless love as revealed in Christ. He was encouraged particularly to lay claim to the promise of God, to those who repent and in faith accept Christ as Savior and Lord of life. In response to the challenge to ask God to make real this experience in his life, he prayed haltingly but earnestly for forgiveness, for courage, and for faith to bear patiently whatever the future held in store for him.

Although his physical condition grew progressively worse, attendants and doctors noted his new attitude. His irritability, bitterness and hopelessness had been replaced by a cheerfulness which was the result of his newly-found peace with God. As a part of this experience he wrote a letter to his mother in which he informed her of his experience, sought her forgiveness for all the disappointments, pain and shame he had caused her, and promised to make her proud of him despite his past if God should see fit to restore his health. In reply he received a beautiful letter containing words of forgiveness and reassurance. He felt now that his life had been set right with God and man. Despite the best efforts of medical science his life ebbed away.

During the course of a regular visit he said one morning, "Chaplain, last night I thought I was going to die. I want you to know I wasn't afraid." When he was asked, "What gave you the courage?" he replied: "Do you remember the day when I was so dis-

couraged and you talked to me and prayed with me? That experience took away my fear and gave me hope." Within less than forty-eight hours after he had spoken these words he had gone to meet his Creator and Redeemer.

#### THE CHURCH CAN HELP

In closing it is well to raise the following question: What are the prospects of men who leave Lewisburg or other Federal institutions? They are beset with difficulties at best for the stigma of "ex-convict" is attached to them for the remainder of their lives. It haunts them when they return to their families and communities. It haunts them when they are seeking employment. It haunts their children in school and at play, and it might haunt them when they go to church. Despite these difficulties and others not mentioned the Bureau reports that between June 30, 1941 and June 30, 1948 about 86.5 per cent of the men sentenced to more than one year and released on regular parole had made successful adjustments in their respective communities.

How the church can help is perhaps best exemplified in the case of a young man we shall call John. Through the help of the Y.M.C.A., the chaplain contacted a minister of John's denomination who was willing to act as his parole advisor. This minister was his true friend and spiritual counselor. He helped to secure suitable employment and to reestablish his home. Excerpts from a letter will

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Mr. Sam Rich of the Rich and Sons Nursery, Hillsboro, Oregon, (left) getting ready to plant some of the many shrubs and trees on the property of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, assisted by a group of Seminary students (right) with shovels and strong muscles!

## For the Beauty of the Earth

The story of the landscaping of the Seminary grounds at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and of the gift and personal supervision of the landscaping project by the Rich and Sons Nursery of Hillsboro, Oregon

By the REV. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

BEAUTY AND HOLINESS go together, not only in church services but also in a theological seminary. This Scriptural truth was recognized by those who planned for the new buildings of the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. It was also envisioned by Mr. Chris Rich and his sons of the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Ore., in planning for the landscaping of the seminary grounds and the beauty of the property surrounding the buildings.

### RICH AND SONS

When the seminary building fund campaign was in full swing, the members of the Rich family of the Rich and Sons Nursery of Hillsboro, Ore., inquired about the landscaping project. They proposed a gift of \$600 towards the work and promised personally to supervise the selection and planting of all shrubs and trees. The Seminary Building Committee gladly accepted the offer with heartfelt thanks. It is interesting to note that Mr. Chris Rich, the father, is celebrating his fiftieth year in the nursery industry this year so that this seminary landscaping job can be regarded as one of the highlights of his nursery during this anniversary year!

On Saturday, May 12, during the

sessions of the Board of Trustees at our seminary, a strange Dodge truck pulled up at the curb in front of the seminary buildings. The announced arrival of Mr. Sam Rich and his son, Robert, with all of the landscaping plants was soon heralded in the seminary's halls. Within a few hours father and son and a group of seminary students were busy, digging holes, planting trees, and planning for the shrubbery around the buildings.

### 685 TREES AND SHRUBS

That truck brought 685 trees and shrubs over the mountains from Oregon besides annuals and bulbs, amounting almost to a thousand, to be planted on the seminary grounds. Twenty-six trees have been planted around the block of property between the sidewalk and curbing. Many more trees have been placed at strategic places. These include the red maple, scarlet hawthorne, flowering crabs, American linden, Chinese elm and cut leaf weeping birch.

The hedges include the Colorado blue spruce, the Arctic dwarf hedge and bridal wreath. Imagine, if you please, these trees and shrubs ten years from now with their ample shade and enrapturing beauty!

The approach to the dormitory building is adorned with creeping junipers, hardy Japanese yews and

Barbary hedge. Along the west wall of the dormitory are tall trees, called Pyramid Arborvitae, creeping junipers and some honeysuckle bushes.

At one end of the property alongside an ornamental wall are lilacs, mock orange trees, Russian olives, shrub roses and spiraea as decorative trees besides many annuals such as daffodils, tulips, narcissus, petunias, sweet alyssum, lobelia and crocus.

### A PICTURESQUE PATIO

Spreading yews and forsythia have been planted along the dining hall. A patio is being planned for the L shaped area bounded by the administration and dormitory buildings. Between the hedges there will be Floribunda roses bearing such names as Red Ripple, Father Hugo, Donald Prior, Goldilocks and Betty Prior, besides hydrangeas, spiraea, lilacs and forsythia. As these flowers begin to blossom and these trees and shrubs gain their growth, the seminary grounds will show forth the beauty of the Creator even as the seminary halls send forth holy men of God to proclaim the unsearchable riches of the Gospel.

Mr. Sam Rich and his son remained at the seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for several days following the commencement festivities in order to

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### OVERTONES

By MR. WILLIAM A. PERCY.

I heard a bird at break of day  
Sing from the autumn trees  
A song so mystical and calm,  
So full of certainties—  
I think no man can listen long  
Except upon his knees.  
Yet this was but a simple bird,  
Alone, among dead trees.

—CHRISTIAN HERALD.

"He who waits to do a great deal  
of good at once will never do any-  
thing."

—SAMUEL JOHNSON.

### THREE THINGS COME NOT BACK

Remember, three things come not  
back:

The arrow sent upon its track—  
It will not swerve, it will not stay  
Its speed; it flies to wound, or slay.  
The spoken word so soon forgot  
By thee—but it has perished not;  
In other hearts 'tis living still,  
And doing work for good or ill.  
And the lost opportunity  
That cometh back no more to thee.  
In vain thou weepst, in vain dost  
yearn—  
Those three will never more return.

—FROM THE ARABIC.

"Die when I may, I want it said of  
me by those who knew me best, that  
I always plucked a thistle and planted  
a flower where I thought a flower  
would grow."

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

### IF GOD FORGOT

By GEORGIA M. ANDERSON.

If God forgot the world,  
Forgot for just one day—  
Forgot to send the sunshine,  
And change the night to day;  
Forgot to make the flowers grow,  
Forgot the birds and bees,  
Forgot to send the sweetness  
Of the south wind in the trees;  
Forgot to give us friendships,  
Forgot to send us rain,  
Forgot to give the children play,  
Forgot to soften pain;  
What would happen to this world  
and us?  
Would we still be gay?  
If God should forget—  
Forget for just one day?

—WATCHMAN-EXAMINER.

"My soul is dyed the color of my  
thoughts."

—HENRY H. SCHOOLEY.

### GROWING OLD

Nobody grows old merely by living  
a number of years. People grow old  
only by deserting their ideals. Years  
wrinkle the skin, but to give up en-  
thusiasm wrinkles the soul. Worry,  
doubt, self-distrust, fear and despair  
—these are the long, long years that  
bow the head and turn the growing  
spirit back to dust. Whether seventy  
or seventeen there is in every being's  
heart the love of wonder, the sweet  
amazement of the stars and the star-  
like things and thoughts, the un-  
daunted challenge of events, the un-  
failing child-like appetite for what  
next and the game of life. You are  
as young as your faith, as old as your  
doubts; as young as your self-con-  
fidence, as old as your fears; as young  
as your hope, as old as your despair.

—CHRISTIAN HERALD.

"The greatest thing I know is  
Christ's companionship."

—I. L. SHAVER.

### COME INTO MACEDONIA

By JUSTIN E. PATTERSON  
of Costa Mesa, California.

"Come into Macedonia,  
We need help to come from you!"  
Thus appeared to Paul a vision,  
A man praying him to do.

And immediately obeying,  
What to him was God's command,  
He gave heed unto the message,  
Pulling out from yonder land.

If a voice should come from heaven,  
Bidding you some work to do;  
Would you heed, like Paul, the  
message,  
Let your life to thus run true?

This should be your fond ambition,  
Not alone yourself to serve,  
But to meet a greater service,  
And from duty not to swerve.

"I never yet have known the Spirit  
of God to work where the Lord's peo-  
ple were divided." — D. L. MOODY.

### THE TRAVELER'S PRAYER

"God, grant them journeying mercies,"  
Thus the old pastor prayed,  
"As they go forth toward distant ports  
May they be undismayed.

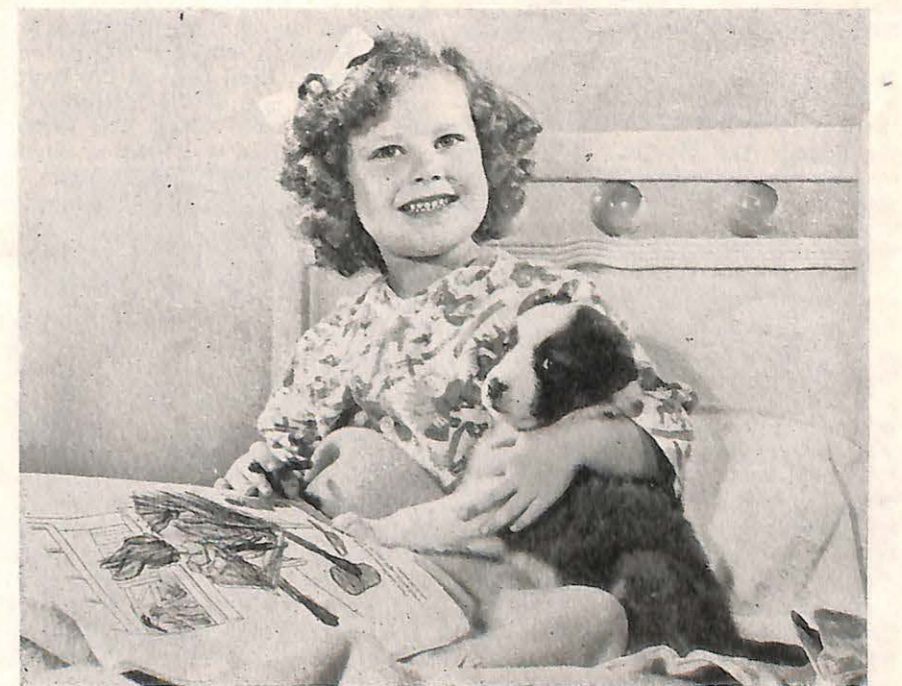
"And grant their eyes be opened  
To thine all-reaching grace.  
Save them from threatening danger  
In every time and place."

God grant us journeying mercies  
As on our way we go;  
And open wide our seeking eyes  
Thy Providence to know.

As east or west we journey  
By land or sea or air,  
Grant us thy journeying mercies  
Wherever we may fare.

For though the wings of morning  
Should bear us far and free,  
Darkness or light or distance  
Will not divide from thee.

—THIS DAY.



—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert  
This must be this girl's idea of heaven, enjoying the comforts of bed, with a coloring book  
in front of her and her dog beside her!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The First Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas, has extended a call to the Rev. Jack Block who has been recently graduated from college. He is on the field, having succeeded the Rev. Harold Fischer, now a student at the California Baptist Seminary. Mr. Block's address is Box 303, Bison, Kansas.

● From June 3 to 10 the First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., held a series of "Deeper Life Meetings" with Dr. J. Edwin Orr, evangelist and Christian world traveller, as speaker. It is claimed that Dr. Orr has traveled more than a million miles through more than a hundred countries with a fearless and fascinating presentation of the Gospel. The meetings were well attended and were a great blessing, according to the pastor, the Rev. P. G. Neumann.

● The Rev. Rudolph A. Klein recently presented his resignation as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, S. Dak., which he had served since 1949. His resignation was accepted by the church. Mr. Klein's plans for the future are still indefinite. From June 20 to 24 the city of Aberdeen convened in the R. A. Klein, serving as hosts to the well attended conference.

● At a recent meeting of the Ministerial Association of Alpena, Mich., the Rev. Richard A. Grenz, pastor of the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church, was elected president for the past two years he has served as vice-president and secretary-treasurer. Twelve Protestant churches comprise the association. The local with the co-operation of the association will have a radio broadcast three times weekly.

● On Monday evening, June 18, the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., held its Father and Son Banquet with many fathers and sons in attendance from the Pioneer and First Baptist Churches of Pound and from the Section Eight Church in Chicago. The guest speaker was the Rev. John Grygo of the Ogden Park Church, Chicago, Ill., who formerly served as pastor of the Pioneer Church in Pound. The Rev. James Conner of the Pound church also had a part in the service.

## SOUVENIR PLATES

Souvenir plates of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., are available at \$2.75 each. The large dinner plate shows the old church photographed by Eric A. Pohl on one side and gives a brief history of the church on the other. Plate holder is optional at 25 cents. Mailing service is 35 cents. The plate plus postage costs \$3.10. Plate and holder cost \$3.35.

Send all orders with check or money to Mrs. Arrol G. Rook, 4154 S.E. 79th Ave., Portland 6, Ore. The proceeds from the sale of these historical plates will go for the furnishings of the new library room in the church's Educational Unit.

EDITOR.

● The Spring Valley Baptist Church of South Dakota held its Vacation Bible School from June 11 to 15 with 37 students in attendance. The pastor, Rev. Alvin Wetter, served as superintendent. A teaching staff of seven other young people assisted him. From April 30 to May 14 evangelistic meetings were held at the Spring Valley church with the late Rev. O. W. Dirks as evangelist. There were two conversions. This was the last North American Baptist Church served by Mr. Dirks before his untimely death.

● A total of 234 pupils attended the community Vacation Bible School of Aplington, Iowa, from May 28 to June 8 with the Baptist, Presbyterian, and Reformed churches participating. Mrs. Harm Sherman served as superintendent. Mrs. C. Fred Lehr of the Baptist church was one of the instructors in the Kindergarten Class. The demonstration program was held on Sunday evening, June 10. A two-column, illustrated story of the Aplington Vacation Bible School appeared in the Waterloo Sunday Courier of Waterloo, Iowa, on June 3rd.

● From May 28 through June 1 the Baptist Church of Creston, Neb., conducted a two-week Vacation Bible School. This was made possible by having all day sessions. There were 22 children enrolled. The Beginners were taught by Mrs. Vernon Mohrman, the Primary class by Miss Ruth Husmann, and the Intermediates by the Rev. John Broeder. Mrs. Fred Hamburger assisted with the music and teaching. Mrs. John Broeder also assisted the teachers of the Beginner and Primary classes. The daily offerings were given to assist the healing of Chinese on the Island of Formosa where much trachoma exists.

● On Sunday evening, June 17, the Baptist Church of Tripp, S. Dak., dedicated its new pulpit furniture and communion table at a very impressive service. Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought the dedicatory message. The Rev. Alfred Weisser, pastor, conducted the communion service that was held at the close of the program. The entire set of furniture was purchased at a cost of \$685. Mr. Weisser also serves the Baptist Church of Parkston, South Dakota. The interior of this church building was recently painted and beautified.

● The congregation of the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., heard the testimony of Mr. David Nasgovitz regarding his call into the Christian ministry on Sunday morning, June 3rd. The church with its pastor, the Rev. Gideon Zimmerman, voted unanimously to recommend him to the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for studies beginning this Fall. The church held its Vacation Bible School from June 18 to 22 with a good attendance of children. The guest speaker at the Temple Church on Sunday morning, June 17, was the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Illinois.

● The Rev. Walter W. Wessel, a member of the First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa and a teacher at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Calif., is finishing his year of study at the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland. He reports that in all of Scotland there are only 20,000 Baptists and according to figures in the Scottish Baptist Handbook that number is on the decrease. The Church of Scotland is by far the dominant religious group, but even it is not very verile. The spiritual ministry of Baptists is very conscious of the need for an awakening but there have not been many evidences of that as yet. Mr. Wessel's address in the United States is given elsewhere in this issue.

● The five Kratt brothers enjoyed their first reunion in ten years on March 7th at Fresno, Calif., when four of the Kratts attended a surprise gathering in honor of their brother, Mr. Edwin C. Kratt, who is superintendent of the Fresno City Schools. The feature of the program sponsored by the Fresno Teachers' Association

was a sketch of Superintendent Kratt's life. The visiting brothers are Colonel Walter Kratt of the United States Army, Portland, Ore.; William Kratt, president of Menlo College, Menlo Park, Calif.; Theodore Kratt, dean of the school of music at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Ore.; and Emil Kratt, vice-president of the J. A. Jones Construction Company, Charlotte, N. C. These five talented men are sons of the late Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Kratt of Portland's Trinity Baptist Church and the brothers of their famous missionary sister, Mrs. Clara Gebauer of the Cameroons, Africa.

● On Sunday evening, June 10, the young people of the Pleasant Prairie and West Side Baptist Churches of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, joined with other Christian young people of the city in conducting street meetings at a main intersection between 9:15 and 10:30 P.M. Other young people from the Swedish Baptist, Mission Covenant and Pentecostal Churches also participated with testimonies and musical numbers. Mr. Ollen Strohschein is in charge of the services which are held regularly on Sunday evenings. On Sunday afternoons the Wetaskiwin Baptist young people conduct very successful open-air meetings at Ma-Me-O Beach at nearby Pigeon Lake. A hundred copies of the Broadman Hymnal were recently dedicated at the Pleasant Prairie Church. The Rev. Henry Schumacher, pastor, baptized a number of converts on Sunday, July 1st, about which a more detailed report will be given later.

## CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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## HERALD NEWS

### YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

August 5, 1951—"What's The Object" by Rev. Robert Zimbelman, Brooklyn, New York.

August 12, 1951—"Bible Characters" by Miss Florence Miller, newly appointed missionary to Japan.

### MISSIONARIES SAILING

The following missionaries are sailing on or shortly after August 8th. The Cameroons is their destination. They are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer and two daughters of Detroit, Mich.; Ruby Salzman of Kankakee, Ill.; Esther Ardice Ziolkowski of Orcadia, Saskatchewan. Pray for these and all our missionaries.

### KANSAS SCRIPTURE MEMORY CAMP

About 95 boys and girls met at Camp Fellowship, June 4-7, for the Junior Scripture Memory Camp of Kansas which was a climax for the Scripture Memory work done by the boys and girls during the past year.

Besides the fine time of fellowship and fun, there were various classes conducted based on the unit of verses learned during the year. Although the days were packed full of activities, they were days which had long been anticipated by the Kansas youth. Guest speaker for chapel and evening service was Ruth Bathauer, our Conference Union children's worker. Services of song and testimony around a camp fire ended the busy days.

### CENTRAL CONFERENCE UNION

The Central Conference Union Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union set a new high goal in contributions. The goal is \$3,500 for the conference year. Mr. Ed Wolff of East Side Church, Chicago, Ill., was elected the new president.

### GENERAL CONFERENCE 1952

The youth and Sunday School leaders of the Central Conference Union talked a great deal about plans to attend the next General Conference to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., August 20-26, 1952. Are you planning your time so you can attend?

### 1951 SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

It is not too early to be thinking of the 1951 Sunday School Week. The last week of September materials suggesting activities for the week in keeping with a rich spiritual and educational program have gone out to Sunday School superintendents and pastors. Write to your General Secretary, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., if you have not received your packet.

### KANSAS YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

Camp Fellowship was the destination of many young people from our churches in Kansas. There they enjoyed four days of rich spiritual blessing and Christian fellowship.

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Young People's Fellowship Class of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., with Mr. Ralph Kletke, council member at large for the Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union, at left (standing).



# Giants in the Land

While the millions of Japanese people blindly trust in endless cycles of existences under Buddhist teachings, we at home have discussed gigantic difficulties in the way. But NOW we have launched out with our mission project and with three new missionaries to Japan!

By MRS. RUTH H. STEPHENS of Chicago, Illinois

gripped the senses with strange foreboding. Why should a temple bell which one heard so regularly, evening after evening, always seem to hasten the lengthening shadows and produce a chilly distaste for any further outdoor reminiscences?

That bell was the symbol of a hopeless religion uttering its toneless voice in the dark night of Oriental heathenism. One could almost see the gloomy, towering form of the Giant of Shinto rising up from dark temple grounds, deceiving the people and blinding precious souls with its primitive teachings of ancestor-worship. Who could compete with this Giant?

Well,—we could shrug our shoulders and turn away from the monsters of religious cults to find something more pleasant to our liking in this neglected island of Japan.

Foreigners are always impressed by the affection of the Japanese for the flowers. There are no special, distinctive varieties peculiar to Japan alone, but the admiring affection which the flowers inspire in the hearts of the Japanese people, is unique. The Japanese are ardent nature-lovers.

When their New Year is ushered in in February (according to the old calendar), the camellia and daphne are in bloom. The people do not care

a great deal for the camellia because of the ugly way they shed their blossoms, but these flowers are the advent of Spring which in a short time grips the hearts of everyone with the bursting forth of the "sakura" (cherry blossom) in April. This brief period is accompanied with much festivity.

## CHERRY BLOSSOMS

As a family, I remember we visited one of the more famous spots in cherry-blossom time to feast our eyes upon an ethereal-like beauty, never to be forgotten. The flower-laden boughs of delicate pink and white patterned against the exquisite blue of those eastern skies, captivated our eyes. If such things could be enjoyed down here on earth, it is small wonder that we read in 1 Cor. 2:9, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." With every gentle movement of the wind, petals fluttered softly to the ground creating a fairy-like carpet at our feet.

The ancient poets of Japan have regarded this season as expressing "the soul of Japan!" Throngs of men, women and children strolled along the banks of the lagoon admiring the reflection of the trees in the water and jesting gaily among themselves. Wide tables, covered with clean straw mats and conveniently low to squat upon in Oriental fashion, were set up everywhere for foot-weary visitors. Hot tea could be purchased for a few sen for refreshment purposes. At night, gay hand-painted lanterns of many quaint shapes and sizes were strung from branch to branch to enhance the blossoms overhead with their flickering glow.

As the hours advanced, the scene shifted to a higher pitch of festivity and "saki" was indulged in more and more freely as anticipation of night revelry was at hand. Oh the wickedness of the human heart! Sin is sin regardless of clime or country, and the heart of mankind is desperately wicked. Who can know it? But in this land the Giant of debauchery, immorality and futile pleasures stalks unchecked, beckoning with lurid promises of a "good time" and always

leading thousands of captive souls down to a hopeless degradation.

## RAVAGES OF SIN

There are no Christian churches here to exercise at least a minimum of influence over the lost souls of men, and the population is increasing at the rate of one million a year! Of this million per year, consumption claims two percent of all deaths; child mortality rates 390 out of 1000 for children under five years of age; earthquakes and devastating fires take their terrible toll, and still the towering Giant of sin marches on throughout the length and breadth of the land claiming thousands more. Who will go to fight against it bearing the standard of the Gospel?

Each beautiful season of the year with its exquisite flower shows—the wisteria (fuji), the azalea (tsutsuji), the iris (shobu), and later in October and November the fashionable chrysanthemum (the national flower), found the same sad evidences of "wickedness in high places." What then—no escape from Giants? If one wants to look for Giants in this Land of the Rising Sun, there are many to be found!

The volcanic nature of the country causes many earthquakes. The Tokyo Observatory registers an average of four shocks a day under normal conditions—these of course in scattered areas. Many of these shocks are violent, levelling whole towns to the ground. The agricultural resources of Japan are limited—wheat and rice being the only grains, as only twelve percent of the land is cultivatable. Sanitation is of the worst and few towns and villages have an organized water supply.

We pioneered up into the mountainous section of Izumo to establish a work there and found that the best in houses, which we could obtain, was one with a miserable little backyard flanked at both ends with open toilets. Rats of enormous size flourished in the walls and ceilings, and we had a constant warfare with the fleas in the thick matting which commonly carpets the floors of the Japanese dwelling. To obtain fresh milk, we had to purchase and fatten up some scrawny goats, and a few chickens supplied our meat and eggs.

Yes—there are Giants in the land (if one wants to look for them!). Surely the Anakims are there, and we are as grasshoppers in our own sight!

## HARVESTS IN JAPAN

Our lamentable spiritual condition today as church boards and congregations is that we are looking for Giants. When we meet to discuss the future of consecrated young people for foreign fields, we avoid the fields white already to harvest in Japan because our fearful eyes have sought out the inhabitants of the land and our ears

save or his ear heavy that it cannot hear? We content ourselves with an occasional but good offering for missions and think remotely of the urgent and recent calls for workers in Japan, trusting that our puny efforts will do something or send somebody!

We have heard the cry for four million Testaments and the immediate need of one hundred new missionaries, for these eighty million souls who are now so ready and eager for the Gospel of Jesus Christ which they know America has. The few who have gone over there have written back with tears saying, "The land, which we passed through to search it, is an exceeding good land . . . Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it."

But alas, Giants in the land! We see the idols, the sin, the disease, the distance, the amount of money it takes to establish a work there, and we see the numerous other little trials attendant upon supporting missionaries there, and we excuse ourselves. Friends, the simple truth of the matter is that we lack faith in the God Whose we are and Whom we claim to serve!

## OUR OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRIST

As someone has said: "Our American religion is a soft cushion against the hard impact of the Living God!" God have mercy upon us for sitting back in secluded pews, content with ourselves and our possessions, while the Japanese people sadly worship their ancestors at the little god-shelves in their homes, or blindly trust in endless cycles of existences under Bud-



—Photo by Ewing Galloway  
Beautiful blossoms of Japan with a lovely Japanese girl dressed in a colorful kimono.

"And there we saw the giants,"  
NUMBERS 13:33.

ONE COOL EVENING, I stood on our back verandah in Japan which overlooked a wide valley of neatly cultivated mulberry bushes extending beyond to low green hills. A mist was rising from the warm ground as hushed evening lent its faint, familiar sounds to my ears: the soft coo of a wild mountain pigeon in nearby pines, —the low rumbling of wooden doors being slid along their accustomed grooves as neighboring families enclosed their verandahs for the night.

The evenings thrilled me. I loved the purple skies, the sleepy murmuring of the tall pines, and the winking fireflies in the grass. Even the big black spiders, which crept out after sundown into their airy webs, intrigued me. They seemed to hang unsupported between the earth and sky, waiting motionlessly for some hapless insect.

## TEMPLE BELLS

One could look and watch and listen until nightfall, just absorbing the peacefulness of the surroundings and admiring God's handiwork. Then it would come,—the tolling of the temple bell: dull, monotonous and eerie, rolling down from its dark seclusion on the hillside. Low and insistent, it produced a melancholy not easily shaken. It chilled the enthusiasm and



Fusako San, a young native Christian of Japan, who is known personally by the author.

have shut out the outstanding promise of God which says:

"He will bring us into this land, and give it us; a land which floweth with milk and honey" (Numbers 14:9).

As our young people look for future work for the Lord, they turn their eyes away from this remote island, murmuring, "No money," "Too uncertain in these times," "Our denomination has no work there," "Others can go," and so the Giants rise up and overwhelm them with flimsy excuses!

Where are the Joshuas and the Calebs of today? Where are the promises of the Living God? Is the arm of the Lord short that it cannot



—Photo by Ewing Galloway  
The Great Buddha at Kamakura, Japan, sitting unhoused in a sheltered spot in a valley shaded by lofty pine trees, a gigantic symbol of the nation's worship of Buddha and of the spiritual darkness in which most of the Japanese people live.





**THE STORY OF JESUS**

Someone told the story of the cross  
Long ago on old Judea's plains;  
Others took the tidings on to Rome,  
Preaching there in dungeons and in  
chains.

Someone crossed the ocean to the  
isles,  
Spread the story with a heart aglow;  
Others carried it to desert sands  
Toiling over mountains heaped with  
snow.

Down the ages has the story come,  
Told by loyal folk in every clime,  
Shall we fail to pass it on today?  
Fail to tell it to those of our time?

dhist teachings, hoping that their next life will be something better than what they have to pass through in this present miserable existence!

Still others grope for a guiding hand to the path of righteousness through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. One very recently returned missionary from Japan said, "A young man came up to me and asked, 'I want to believe in this Jesus. Who is he?'"

The children of Israel, with the exception of Caleb and Joshua, lost an opportunity to possess the land of

Canaan, because they feared the Giants. Fear paralyzed their faith, blinded their vision, and destroyed their initiative to go up and possess the land. Are we not facing the same circumstances today with the land of Japan before us? That generation fell in the wilderness as punishment from God for their unbelief. Are we going to make the same mistake?

If we fail to act by a consecrated and sacrificial surrender of our lives for service at this very moment when the land lies directly before us literal-

ly "flowing" with the rich possibilities of winning souls for Christ, a great enterprise will be lost, and our generation will not receive the great reward of inheritance in this land of Japan!

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tian living were conducted by Dr. George Lang, president of North American Baptist Seminary, and the Rev. J. R. Kruegel, Junction City, Kansas. The Hildebrands were there and gave a report of their building work in the Camerouns and presented the need for more consecrated workers.

Our missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, were the guest speakers at the chapel services. On Sunday afternoon several decisions were made by the young people as a result of the missionary challenge presented.

**IOWA CHRISTIAN LIFE CAMP**

The Iowa Christian Life Camp held at Iowa Falls, Iowa, was well attended with an average attendance of 100 campers present. The courses and teachers were as follows: Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson and Ruth Bathauer. Evening rally and chapel speaker was Dr. R. E. Powell. Each camper had an opportunity to choose two courses of study. Most of the campers expressed the feeling that a week of camp was really too short! Several decisions were made which we trust will count for Christ.

*"Losses and crosses are heavy to bear; but when our hearts are right with God, it is wonderful how easy the yoke becomes."*

—C. H. SPURGEON.

**JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE**

Conferences	June, 1951	June, 1950	June, 1949
Atlantic	\$ 910.98	\$ 1,478.07	\$ 1,543.60
Eastern	1,422.08	1,773.58	1,721.44
Central	4,634.29	7,133.84	5,794.15
Northwestern	2,820.19	7,346.98	3,630.18
Southwestern	4,719.22	4,164.32	2,981.55
Southern	1,692.41	1,539.19	1,467.49
Pacific	3,793.82	4,283.20	2,275.80
Northern	1,223.88	831.33	1,328.56
Dakota	5,215.79	6,207.38	1,501.85
Inter-Conference Contributions*		11.36	
Totals for All Purposes	\$26,432.66	\$34,769.25	\$22,244.62
Less Non-budget Items	2,797.00	10,916.62	1,720.96
For Denominational Budget	\$23,635.66	\$23,852.63	\$20,523.66

**BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED**

For the month of June, 1951	\$23,635.66
For the month of June, 1950	23,852.63
For the month of June, 1949	20,523.66

**BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR**

April 1, 1951 to June 30, 1951	\$ 87,177.02
April 1, 1950 to June 30, 1950	82,587.82
April 1, 1949 to June 30, 1949	101,618.93

**BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium**

August 1, 1949 to June 30, 1951	\$718,810.94
August 1, 1948 to June 30, 1950	786,405.73
August 1, 1947 to June 30, 1949	880,701.16

\* These contributions cannot be allocated to specific conferences.

**THE BREAD OF LIFE**

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Jesus knew that Jews were never allowed to drink the blood of animals. Much less could they be expected to eat human flesh or drink human blood. We believe Jesus meant by "eating his flesh and drinking his blood" that we must take his sacrificial death in faith. As we eat and assimilate his unique sacrifice in faith, we receive eternal life.

**CHRIST'S SACRIFICIAL DEATH**

Over and over again Jesus emphasizes this truth in verses 53 to 56. If we eat his flesh, and drink his blood, (1) we truly live, (2) we have eternal life and (3) we abide in him. Christ's sacrifice and his atoning death are true food, true drink for the inner man (John 6:53-56).

God as Father is the absolutely living One, the Fountain of all life. Christ lives because God lives, and we live because Christ lives, if we "eat him," or believe on him. In verse 58 we have a general summing up of this wonderful discourse. This bread is superior to all earthly food. It is divine in its origin and keeps us alive forever. This discourse was delivered in the synagogue at Capernaum.

Some Bible scholars teach that Jesus was thinking of the Lord's Supper when he spoke of eating his flesh and drinking his blood. Others believe that he was referring to his sacrificial death. We believe the latter view is correct. When Christ speaks of the Lord's Supper, he uses the word "body," but not "flesh." Christ gave his flesh and blood on the cross. It is faith not in an ordinance but in a Person that saves us.

Many of Christ's superficial followers said: "This teaching is hard to accept. Who can listen to it?" But Jesus turned to them and said: "Does this displease you? You accept things too literally. What will you think of this discourse after I have ascended to heaven? The eating of flesh and drinking of blood is a stumblingblock to you. It's the spirit that gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life."

The Spirit lives in the words and works through them. To receive his words means to receive his Spirit. But there were some who didn't believe. Jesus knew when some began following him who were genuine and who were not. That is why he said that only those would come to him who were given him by the Father.

**THE TWELVE DISCIPLES**

Many of his followers, who didn't like his teaching, forsook him and went back to their old occupations. (See 6:60.) Then Jesus said to the twelve: "You also do not wish to

**ASSEMBLIES AND CONFERENCES**

Aug. 8-12—**Southwestern Conference** at Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas. **Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. A. F. Runtz and Rev. Gilbert Schneider, Speakers.**

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

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

leave me, do you?" The spokesman of the apostles said: "To whom shall we go, Master? You have words of eternal life, and we have learned to believe and we know that you are the Holy One of God."

The earliest manuscripts have "the Holy One of God," not "the Christ, and Son of the living God." What impressed the apostles most of all were not Jesus' miracles but his holiness.

But his joy was mingled with sorrow. There were some bitter drops in the cup of joy. "Did I not choose you, the twelve, and one of you is a devil?" Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who undoubtedly came from the town of Kerioth in Judea was the only apostle who was not a Galilean. He was a man with splendid possibilities but he became a tool of Satan and finally betrayed his own Master.

If we as Christians are to become strong morally and spiritually, we must feed our souls daily on the heavenly Manna, on the Bread of Life.

**THE MAGIC OF MEMORY**

By M. ALLEN GIBSON.

Magic and memory walk hand in hand!  
No other fact will explain  
How that the passing of years will suffice  
To rob the heart of its pain.

Deeply I drank of the dregs of the cup,  
Bitterly tasted each drop;  
Wept when the load seemed too heavy to bear  
Prayed that my troubles might stop.

Gone are those years and the sting of their ills,  
Paid every cent of their cost;  
Somehow the bitterness vanished away,  
Somewhere the vileness was lost.

Great is the love of the Maker of men  
Who has a place in his plan  
For some soft portion of magic that will  
Sweeten remembrance for man.

**THAT I MIGHT KNOW HIM**

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and yielded to him that he learned to know him better.

My friend, do you want to know him better? You may ask me, "How can I do this?" I can find no better way to answer you than in the words of Sir Buchan, the former Governor General of Canada, who wrote:

"Come ill, come well, the cross, the crown,  
The rainbow or the thunder;  
I will fling my soul and body down  
For God to plough them under."

It is when God is allowed to plough down our hopes and highest ambitions, that our lives will grow again with the fragrant knowledge of Jesus Christ, our Lord!

**I WAS IN PRISON**

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indicate how this pastor and the people practiced Christianity:

"Please forgive me for not writing sooner, but I've been going day and night since . . . and have hardly had time to catch a second breath. I started a meat-cutting school course in . . . which I attend from 6:00 P.M. till 11:00 P.M. every week day night. I work from midnight till 8:00 A.M. . . so you see I am on the run about sixteen hours a day . . . My wife and the kiddies arrived here Mother's Day. We lived in . . . until I was able to find this place. This is also where Rev. . . has his church, so it's really wonderful. Although I am not able to attend church too often because of my long working hours, I read from my Bible as much as possible here at home. We just moved into this apartment . . . and everything is brand new . . . Rev. . . rounded up most of the furniture for us and it is nice."

Each session of the Bible Forum is opened with a prayer. One day a man who attended faithfully came to the chaplain's office and said in effect: "I am going home next week. May I have the privilege of leading in prayer the last session which I shall attend?" When permission was granted, he prepared and prayed this prayer:

"Dear Father, give us grace to live an honest, upright life. Keep us from needless strife. Help us to those less fortunate to give. Grant us, dear Lord, that our hands may never reach in selfish attitude for that, that others own or cherish. And grant us, dear Lord, that our mouths will not speak words of prejudice, revenge and hatred toward our fellow-men. But teach us daily to be good. Help us to spread some sunshine where all may be dark and overcast, and where all ways seem in utter despair. Help us, dear Father, by word of cheer despondent souls to free from care. Let us be brave in face of ill, nor fear to trust thy love, be confident that all things will for good together move . . . Amen."



# Reports



## FROM THE FIELD

### Atlantic Conference

#### Sessions of the Delaware Association at the Baptist Church, Jamesburg, New Jersey

The Delaware Association of the Atlantic Conference held its annual conference in the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., from May 22 to 24. Six churches were represented, and attendance at the sessions was only fair. It was commented that the rest of the church members didn't know what they were missing in spiritual and physical food as well as in fellowship.

The theme, "The Church and the Present Crisis," was developed and examined by a series of three main papers followed by discussion. These papers were: "The Power of the Apostolic Church in Their Crisis" by Rev. Robert Cook; "The Responsibility of the Church in the Present Crisis" by Rev. Walter Damrau; and "The Privileges of the Church in the Present Crisis" by Rev. H. Grose.

Devotional messages were brought by Rev. Julius Kaaz, Rev. Robert Hess, Mr. Raymond Yohn, Rev. Albert Eastman, Rev. Christian Peters, and Rev. Victor J. Hamond, pastor of the host church. Three inspiring and challenging evening messages were brought by Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Illinois.

The women's meeting was held on Thursday with a fine delegation from the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia attending. Educational trips were enjoyed by the delegates to the State Home for Boys in Jamesburg, and the Walker Gordon Dairies in Plainsboro.

Officers elected for the coming year are: moderator, Rev. Walter Damrau; vice-moderator, Rev. Victor Hammond; secretary, Mrs. Brown of Jamesburg; treasurer, Rev. Christian Peters.

Robert W. Cook, Reporter.

### Northern Conference

#### Birthday and Anniversary Celebration at Bethany, Alberta, For the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg

On Sunday afternoon, June 10th, the congregation of the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, gathered at the church to honor its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Sonnenberg, and their son, Brian. They have now served together with us for one year. We also celebrated

Mr. Sonnenberg's birthday and Brian's first birthday.

Mr. R. G. Soderstrom, deacon, acted as chairman for the brief program, and Wesley Gerber, home from Sioux Falls College and Seminary, led the congregation in a splendid song service. Mr. A. A. Gerber, deacon, on behalf of the church thanked Mr. and Mrs. Sonnenberg for their splendid service. Also other members voiced their joy in working together with them. Mr. C. A. Roth presented them with an envelope of money on behalf of the church. Mr. R. Neske rendered a solo, "Rose of Sharon."

Mr. and Mrs. Sonnenberg very ably thanked the church for their kindness and gift to them. Our pastor then spoke to us on the theme, "The Expulsive Power of a New Affection." A fellowship lunch was enjoyed at which the Mission Circle presented Mr. and Mrs. Sonnenberg and Brian with an anniversary and birthday cake.

May the Lord continue to bless our pastor and family as they labor together with us! Our prayer is that they may continue to preach the unsearchable riches of God's grace.

Mrs. R. G. Soderstrom, Reporter.

#### Baptism of Three Converts and Evangelistic Meetings at Olds, Alberta, Canada

The East Olds Baptist Church of Olds, Alberta, had a great day of blessing on June 10. During the morning service it was the privilege of the pastor, the Rev. G. J. Thiessen, to baptize three persons, who previously had given their testimony as to faith in Christ as personal Savior. The hearts of God's people rejoiced especially because the baptized candidates were all grown men. The youngest was seventeen years of age.

In the afternoon the church gathered for the Lord's Supper. First, the hand of fellowship was given to the three persons baptized in the morning. Then a full house participated in remembering the death of our Lord upon the Cross of Calvary.

It is believed that this blessing came as a result of God's people finding their delight in the Lord. Psalm 37:4 tells us: "Delight thyself also

#### ATTENTION, REPORTERS!

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in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." Proof of this was found in the receiving of the message from God's Word during the past months. The saints here at Olds have been taking in and heeding the Word. Blessing never fails from God if his people obey the Word.

The blessings came as a result of the special meetings held during November 1950 with the Rev. C. H. Seecamp as evangelist. During the two weeks he was with us he preached first in the German and then in the English language. The Lord accompanied the preaching of his Word with blessing. Two persons came to know the Lord as personal Savior. Looking at the biblical estimate of the worth of a soul we are thankful to our heavenly Father for this spiritual harvest. It blessed and encouraged God's people here.

Thus, through the entire year, the Olds church has felt the presence of the Lord. To him, our Lord and Savior, we give thanks for blessings of seeing his people follow him more closely in baptism, through hearing and heeding the Word of God and teaching the little ones to know him.

G. J. Thiessen, Pastor.

### Pacific Conference

#### Musical Ministry and C.T.I. Trio Program at Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, California

"O sing unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvelous things..." (Psalm 98:1). Truly we, of the redeemed here at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., can say so. Music has always played a major role in our church activities, as we have been led by our singing pastor, the Rev. Henry Hengstler, who via the wings of melody as well as the feet of spoken discourse brings us the wonderful Gospel message we love to hear.

A new member of our body is the Clarion Choir, a group of about twelve saved young people who sang together as a group for the first time on Easter Sunday morning, and have since sung at regular intervals, especially the fourth Sunday evening of every month—the night when the youth of Ebenezer Church have complete charge of the evening service.

On May 20 we were privileged in our evening service to have as our guests the Glory Gospel Trio, representing the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Canada, with whom fellowship was both blessed and sweet as we heard the Trio sing praises to him, our matchless Lord, and tell of the progress and functions of C.T.I.

We pray that as both familiar and new melodies containing the unchanging message which illumines sin-darkened hearts continue to be heard from individuals and groups at Ebenezer, they might be the means of reaching those who so desperately need their heart strings tuned and harmonized by the Master Musician, our altogether lovely Savior.

Helena B. Wiebe, Reporter.

#### Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Bartel at Chilliwack, British Columbia

After six months without a pastor, it was with great anticipation that we of the Baptist Church of Chilliwack, British Columbia, looked forward to the coming of our new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Bartel.

On the afternoon of June 10 a reception was held in their honor. Chairman of the occasion was the Rev. Kern of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C. Representatives from the various organizations of the church spoke words of welcome to the pastor and his wife. The Rev. Mr. Semrau welcomed Mr. Bartel on behalf of the Ministerial Association of Chilliwack. The Reverends Penner, Rempel and Toews, who so kindly assisted us with the Word while we were without a pastor, were present to represent three Mennonite Churches in the community. The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer of the Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver gave a short address and welcome. The choir of the church rendered two suitable selections.

We prayerfully covet God's richest blessings upon our mutual efforts in furthering his Kingdom.

Helmut Blessin, Clerk.

#### Children's Day Program, Baptism and Vacation Bible School at Salem, Oregon

June 10th was a day long to be remembered by the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., as it was a day especially dedicated to children. In the Sunday School a brief Children's Day program was given, after which our pastor, the Rev. Rudolph Woyke, led in a special dedication service for the children who were born into the families of our church fellowship in the past year. May God bless these little ones, and may they grow up in the fear of the Lord!

Elsie Neuman was featured as the child soloist, as the choir presented the anthem, "A Prayer for Children." But the highlight of this blessed day was when six Sunday School children, including Justin and Margot Ann Woyke, children of the Rev. and Mrs. Rudolph Woyke, professed their faith in Christ as they followed the Lord in baptism.

The days of June 4 to 15 were busy and happy days with our Vacation Bible School. We had an average attendance of 50. There were eleven teachers and helpers together with our pastor, who served as superintendent. At the close of the school, a demonstration program was given, and parents and friends had an opportunity to see in word, action and singing, what the children had learned and accomplished during the preceding two weeks. There was also a display of handwork and notebooks.

We thank God for the privilege we have had of telling the children about the Lord and our prayer is that some of the seed may bear fruit for eternity.

Mrs. Walter Willecke, Reporter.

#### Baptismal Service and Silver Wedding Anniversary at Bethany Church, Vancouver, B. C.

From March 11 to 21 the Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, conducted evangelistic meetings with our general evangelist, Dr. A. Felberg, ministering to us. The Lord graciously blessed these evangelistic efforts in the salvation of souls and the edification of his saints. On Pentecost Sunday a baptismal service was held with nine persons following their Lord in baptism.

grant them many more years of happy wedded life and of blessed service in the Kingdom of God!

Arthur Pudlas, Clerk.

### Southwestern Conference

#### Vacation Bible School With One Hundred Children at Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas

Vacation Bible School was held at the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, from May 21 through June 1.



Pupils and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon, with the Rev. Rudolph Woyke, pastor and superintendent of the school, at the left (back to bulletin board).

The following Sunday, May 27, these were publicly dedicated with prayer and received into the church through the hand of fellowship. Six others also received the hand of fellowship, coming to us through letters from other churches. The influx of immigrants is continuing, bringing many new members into our church and constantly widening our opportunity in soul winning.

The days of May 20 and 21 marked the silver wedding anniversary of the pastor and his wife and the Rev. and Mrs. John Schweitzer, and also the 25th anniversary in the ministry for the pastor. Thus it was a two-fold celebration. The Rev. A. Kujath of Kelowna, B. C., was the guest speaker. On Sunday evening a fitting program was rendered under the leadership of our deacon, Mr. A. Hass. On Monday evening the church gave expression of its esteem and love for its pastor and wife through an informal program and social evening with bounteous refreshments. At this occasion the Rev. and Mrs. R. Kern and the Rev. A. Kujath were among our honored guests and brought the felicitations of their respective churches.

The Bethany Church presented Mr. and Mrs. Schweitzer with an appropriate gift in silver, consisting of tray and coffee and tea service. After a hearty response of appreciation, Mr. and Mrs. Schweitzer narrated some of their varied experiences in the ministry and of their home life. May God

The school which was under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Fred Ferris, had an enrollment of one hundred boys and girls from beginners age through the intermediate department. Worship, study and expression activities filled the two hours and a half of school time daily.

A closing program was given on the evening of June 1st to which the public was invited. The evening consisted of demonstrations of the work accomplished during the school and an exhibit of the handcraft and workbooks. During the school several decisions for Christ were made. Superintendents of the departments were: Mrs. Clarence Wilkens, Beginners; Mrs. R. C. Rolfs, Primary; Mrs. Walter Kohrs, Juniors; and Mrs. W. W. Mollhagen, Intermediates. Other teachers and workers were: Miss Gertrude Rolfs, Ellen Wilkens, Mrs. Joe Truhlar, Donna Stassen, Arva-Jo Janssen, Lois Rolfs, Elda Janzen, Pat Rolfs, Rev. Ferris, Gene Peters, Marilyn Rolfs and El Dean Kohrs.

Thirty-nine boys and girls of the Lorraine Sunday School completed their Scripture Memory courses for the past year. Nineteen of these were in the Primary division under the leadership of Mrs. Roland Rolfs and twenty were in the Intermediate division with Mrs. Alfred Schacht as leader. Eighteen of this older group attended the state Scripture Memorization Camp at Camp Fellowship.

Mrs. Clarence Peters, Reporter.



### Eighty-six Children Attend the Kansas Scripture Memory Camp at Camp Fellowship

"Heavenly Sunshine" gleamed from the faces of 86 Kansas girls and boys, even though rain clouds gathered frequently overhead. They were the Scripture Memorizers from the Kansas churches in camp at Camp Fellowship near Wichita from June 4 to 7.

The Rev. J. R. Kruegel of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church was the dean of this happy, well organized camp. He endeared himself to the boys and girls as well as to the staff of workers. The morning classes were based upon the verses memorized during the year. The instructors were: Mrs. J. Wood, Mrs. W. Wirth, Miss Jean Haynes, Miss Edith De Werff, Rev. H. Schauer, and Rev. A. Stackhouse. A memory verse contest was held in which the following campers were finalists: Keith Greiner, Carol Herman, Carolyn and Betty Jo Wirth, all of Bethany; Rosalyn Schmidt, Norma Browning and Roxanna Kohrs of Lorraine.

Miss Ruth Bathauer, national director of Scripture memorization, was the speaker at morning assemblies and evening services. Day by day with talks and stories she guided the children through important Gospel truths. On the final evening Miss Bathauer presented the story of Jesus in scripture and song. She used a number of the boys and girls in this impressive service. The bonfire service before bedtime was rich in youthful Christian testimony. Private cabin devotions also were well planned and meaningful as conducted under the direction of the seven counsellors.

To the meat of Scripture study was added the spice of ball games, picnics, boat rides, good meals and fine fellowship. Old friendships were renewed, new friends were made, and a spiritual deepening was felt by everyone.

Mrs. Clarence Peters, Reporter.

### Southern Conference

#### The Cottonwood Church Men Honor Mothers With a Supper for Their Families

On Wednesday evening, May 9th, the men of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, were hosts at a supper given to their families. The Rev. J. O. Zillen led us in singing several choruses. After a prayer by Mr. Miller, we went to the basement for the supper, prepared entirely by the men. The men did all the work from decorating the tables to preparing the meal without any help from the women. The tables were beautifully decorated with wild flowers along with many others. Mrs. W. B. Marstaller offered a few words of thanks for the women for the supper. The reply was given by Mr. Zillen.

Mr. Guderian led all of us in singing "Faith of Our Mothers." The scripture was taken from 2 Tim. 1:1-7. Mr. Vernon Ekrut led in prayer, paying tribute to Christian mothers. All

the men rendered a song. Mr. Bennie Lampert was in charge of the program. Mr. Miller gave a few words of greeting to the mothers. Our speaker for the evening was Dr. Stout, a businessman of Waco, who is being used by the Lord to help carry on his work. He emphasized this thought, that our supreme task is to share our lives with others for their good and that all of us working together can care for various needs.

Mrs. H. D. Lynn, Reporter.

#### Cub Scout and Camp Fire Girls' Meetings at Central Church, Waco, Texas

The Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, is active in sponsoring meetings of the Cub Scout and Camp Fire Girl groups of the Alta Vista School located in our community. On Boy Scout Sunday it was our privilege to have as honored guests the Cub Scout Pack No. 29 of the Alta Vista School.

A very impressive program was presented as follows: hymns, "America" and "Onward Christian Soldiers," presentation of colors, "God Bless America" by Cub Pack, greetings by Mrs. Roger Edens, president of Alta Vista P.T.A., greetings from Scout representative, Mr. Dale Hewgley; scripture, Psalm 100, by Bryan Traylor; prayer by John Edens; offering for Cub Pack, and a message, "The Man in Your Son" by our pastor, the Rev. Roy Seibel, who is the Cub Master. Forty-five boys with their parents and friends were present.

A banquet in honor of the scouts, sponsored by the Alta Vista Parent-Teacher Association, was recently held in our church. Mr. Douglas Boyd was master of ceremonies. Mr. Ben Gibson entertained the scouts and other guests with rope tricks and acts. A fine time of Christian fun and fellowship was enjoyed at this happy occasion.

The "Blue Bird" and other Camp Fire Girl groups, recently organized at the school, held a general meeting at our church, which was attended by leaders, sponsors, parents and members. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Roy Seibel. Mr. Roy Durie, master of ceremonies, introduced Miss Catherine Campbell, executive director of "Camp Fire," who explained the meaning of "Camp Fire" and the program of the organization. A social hour followed with Mrs. Roy Seibel and Mrs. Phillip Kinsey serving the refreshments. Two of our members, Mrs. Roger Edens and Mrs. Roy Seibel, are very active in the Parent-Teacher Association of the Alta Vista School. Mrs. Edens is the president and Mrs. Roy Seibel the vice-president and one of the sponsors for the fourth grade group of Camp Fire Girls.

These boys and girls are very near and dear to the hearts of the Seibels. Having them to meet in our church is one way of reaching those who are not saved and who do not attend Sunday School. May God bless our church in this phase of service and in the furtherance of his Kingdom's cause.

Mrs. John N. Kittlitz, Reporter.

### Dakota Conference

#### Sessions of the Northern North Dakota Association at the Martin Baptist Church

The meetings of the Northern North Dakota Association were held at the Baptist Church of Martin, N. Dak., from June 14 to 17. The delegates and guests received a very warm welcome from the entertaining church and its pastor, the Rev. J. Kepl, who has been ill for some time, but we were thankful to God that he gave him strength enough to attend all the meetings. The women of the church served delicious meals in the basement of the church.

The general theme of the association was "Soul Winning." Various phases of this theme were presented by the following: Rev. F. Fuchs, Rev. F. Knalson, Rev. A. Buhler, Rev. W. Quiring, Rev. P. Galambos, Rev. F. Schmidt, Rev. H. Hirsch, Rev. V. Link, and the Rev. E. P. Wahl, who as our guest speaker brought a series of heart stirring messages based on our theme. Dr. T. W. Bender was with us one day and during this time he brought two messages which also were a great inspiration to all. We were challenged by these messengers to go out and win more lost souls to Christ.

The Martin Baptist Church choir and men's choir supplied us with very fine music which added much to our meetings. Special numbers from the different churches were rendered. A blessed time with other Christians was experienced by all, and we were encouraged and strengthened in our spiritual life. Mrs. Emma Mehlhaff from the Bismarck Old People's Home gave a fine report on the Home on Friday afternoon when the Woman's Missionary Union presented its program.

The reading of the church letters was encouraging because there was a definite sign of progress among the churches. Many of the pastors were happy to report the increase of salaries and also improvements made in the parsonages.

The young people had their program on Sunday afternoon which was the closing meeting of our Association. We again say "Thank you" to the Martin Baptist Church and its pastor for their hospitality. Above all, we thank God for all the blessings that were ours and the excellent weather for our days of marvelous Christian fellowship with God's children. We are looking forward to the coming year when our association will be at Underwood, N. Dak., of which the Rev. F. Knalson is pastor.

Reuben C. Stading, Reporter.

#### The Baptist Church of Selfridge, North Dakota, Is Organized and Recognized by Council

A council of recognition met in Selfridge, N. Dak., on June 4 to hear reports and testimonies of the Selfridge Station of the McLaughlin Church concerning the recognition of

the Selfridge Station as a regularly organized Baptist Church.

The local pastor, the Rev. Alex Sootzman, opened the afternoon service with singing and prayer. The Scriptures were read by the Rev. E. Gerlitz. The Rev. E. Kary of Bismarck was elected to serve as chairman, and the Rev. E. Gerlitz of McIntosh as secretary. The roll of delegates showed the following churches represented: Bismarck, Herreid, McIntosh, McLaughlin, and Selfridge.

The request of the church to be recognized as a regular Baptist Church of the North American General Conference was read by Mrs. Elsie Walker who is the local church clerk. The church clerk also read the report of the committee of separation whose recommendations were unanimously accepted by both the McLaughlin church and the Selfridge Station. Various questions were asked concerning the division of property and financial settlement between the two churches. Every question was satisfactorily answered.

The motion was made and carried that the council withdraw in order to have a private discussion. After due deliberation the motion was made and passed to recognize the Selfridge Station as an organized Baptist Church of our Conference.

The council was encouraged by the record and attitude of the people of Selfridge. The Selfridge Church is to be commended on its courageous stand. The church was informed of the decision of the council and the recommendation was made to the church to proceed with a service of recognition in the evening.

Mr. Sootzman was in charge of the evening service. Mr. Gerlitz gave the report of the council, brought a word of praise and extended the hand of fellowship to the church through its pastor, Mr. Sootzman, and its deacon, Mr. Henry Geigle. The evening message was brought by the Rev. Edward Kary, based on the account of the ten spies in the promised land. Through it the church was inspired as well as warned, but above all counselled to trust in God who is able to bring all the things to pass.

E. Gerlitz, Reporter.

#### Many Activities and Great Plans by the Tyndall Baptist Church of South Dakota

We praise the Lord for the many blessings showered upon us in the Tyndall Baptist Church of Tyndall, South Dakota. In Tyndall and in Danzig the people are active and are concerned about the salvation of lost souls. During the Fall and in the early Spring we had evangelistic meetings and a goodly number of persons were saved. Great blessings were ours during the evangelistic campaign of Mr. O. W. Dirks who served us for two weeks in March. Our people invited him for four weeks which were planned for the Tyndall City Auditorium, but the Lord called our brother to his heavenly reward. However, we are making other plans for a great campaign for the Lord this Fall.

On May 27th we held a Baptism in our large Danzig church where 14 converts followed the Lord in baptism. We praise the Lord with the candidates, and we are confident that the Savior will bring more men and women, boys and girls to the saving knowledge here in our community.

For two weeks we held a Vacation Bible School with a large group of boys and girls. In Danzig, Mrs. J. Hebner, DeLana Saylor and the pastor were the instructors. In Tyndall, Mrs. F. Lubbers, Mrs. W. Stein and the pastor took care of the teaching. The children learned well and this was proven when on June 10th a program by the children was rendered in the Danzig Baptist Church.



Teachers and children of the Vacation Bible School held at the Danzig church of the Tyndall Baptist Church, Tyndall, South Dakota.

This Fall we are celebrating our 75th anniversary as a church, and we are making great preparations for the festivities. Our people have a heart for missions and in the past 75 years great sums of money were laid on God's altar for this all important purpose. Our Ladies' Aid societies are partly supporting the Rev. and Mrs. George Lubbers, missionaries to India. The Lubbers are members of our church and we are very proud of them. The pastor and his family appreciate the wonderful cooperation of the members and the interest shown in the spiritual as well as the material realm toward them. For the raise of \$300 in salary we do thank our people also.

Walter Stein, Pastor.

### Central Conference

#### Impressive Ordination Service for the Rev. Ruben M. Thom at Alpena, Michigan

Upon the invitation of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Alpena, Michigan, pastors and delegates of six Baptist churches met on June 8 to hear and examine the statements of Mr. Ruben Thom and to consider the advisability of setting him apart for the Gospel ministry. Dr. A. Dale

Ihrle was elected moderator, and the Rev. Richard A. Grenz clerk. Brother Thom presented his statements of Christian experience, call to the ministry, theological training, doctrinal views and his ministry now and later. After a time of questioning the candidate was requested to absent himself. The Council unanimously declared itself well pleased and satisfied with the statements and recommended him to the local church for ordination.

Following a delicious supper served by the women of the church, many people gathered at the First Baptist Church for the impressive ordination service led by the Rev. Richard A. Grenz, the candidate's pastor. The

fine ordination sermon was brought by Dr. A. Dale Ihrle, a close friend of the candidate and his family. The ordination prayer was offered by the Rev. John Kerr with the pastors participating in the laying on of hands. The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. Victor Prendinger and the charge to the church by the Rev. William Hartman. We were happy to have two retired pastors assisting in this service. The Rev. Lyly Hatfield led in prayer and the Rev. J. Landenberger extended the welcome into the ranks of the ministers.

Through its president the Ambassador Society presented Mr. Thom with an ordination gift. The inspiring music was supplied by the Fourth Avenue Baptist men's quartet and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thom of Detroit. Arthur and Ruben are brothers. Mrs. Ruben Thom was called on the platform for the closing hymn by the congregation and the prayer and benediction by the Rev. Ruben M. Thom closed the service.

The newly ordained pastor is a graduate of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Illinois. He has accepted a call to the Baptist Church, Waynesfield, Ohio, and the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Waynesfield. Two representatives from each of his churches were present at the ordination.

Richard A. Grenz, Clerk.



### Gospel Team Visit and Men's Brotherhood Banquet at Chicago's Ogden Park Church

May 27th and June 5th will long be gratefully remembered by the people of the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, Illinois. The last Sunday morning of May was set aside for the gospel team of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., and the first Tuesday evening of June was Men's Brotherhood banquet, with ladies present, who were our honored guests.

It is always a thrill to have consecrated young people minister to us, especially now when so few seem to set their affection on the things above. Our own Edith Frish, now a graduate of the college, arranged the program and selected the participants, to the great delight of all. Bill Elliot was the song leader and chairman of the meeting. He also led in the invocation and read the message from the Word of God. The girls trio, consisting of Dorothy Herzog, Marie Herzog and Joyce Thompson, accompanied by Evelyn Peters, was excellent. Vivian Sies and Edith Frish gave personal testimonies to the glory of their Lord. Bill Hunt delivered a fine and stimulating address.

Since our friends have come a long way it was only proper that our people would invite them to stay for dinner. And they did! We all, congregation and students, had the happiest table fellowship in the lower room of the church. Yes, it was a grand Sunday! May God's name be praised!

Whenever our friend, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, consents to visit our church, our folks want to call it a day of rejoicing. This time our men arranged a banquet, and it was a success! But we were not alone, since friends from our Forest Park Foster Avenue and East Side churches came to celebrate with us. And celebrate we did! After a delicious meal, all proceeded to the auditorium.

The program was in charge of Mr. Harry Davis, president of the Ogden Park brotherhood. He performed expertly. Mr. Otto Horn led a spirited song fest. Mr. Harry Davis read a portion from Scriptures, and the Rev. H. R. Schroeder invoked God's blessing upon the meeting. Short and cordial greetings were brought by Mr. E. O'Bryan of the Marquette Baptist Church, by Mr. Walter Pankratz of the Foster Avenue church, by Mr. Roland E. Ross of Headquarters, by Rev. H. R. Schroeder and Mr. Ed Wolff, both of the East Side Church. The pastor of the Ogden Park church gave a special welcome to all. And we had special music too! Mr. Herbert Pankratz and his little son thrilled our hearts as father Pankratz sang so beautifully and his boy played the violin so bravely. Mrs. Herbert Pankratz accompanied them at the piano.

The atmosphere was just appropriate when Dr. Leuschner was given the opportunity to bring his message, "God's Place of Service," based on Psalm 118:5. His deep spiritual exposition of God's truth warmed our hearts, and his sincere exhortation to

more consecrated service made us consider our ways before him. But what a letdown it would be, if he could not also show his beloved denominational pictures! So at the close of the meeting we were treated to those fascinating "Green Lake" pictures which brought joy and approval to all.

Indeed, it was a wonderful evening! The Lord was good to us. The words of the Psalmist came to our mind as we bade each other a hearty farewell: "And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

John E. Grygo, Pastor.

### Annual Session of the Board of the Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan

The Board of the North American Baptist Children's Home held its annual meeting on June 5 at the Home in Saint Joseph, Michigan. The majority of the members were present to discuss conditions and problems, to receive the Rev. August Runtz' excellent report, to look over the Home and grounds and to ask for divine guidance in operating this home for the homeless. Mr. Richard Mulder, chairman, presided and Mr. Harold Johns was appointed secretary pro tem.

Among various items of business discussed, it was decided that a local committee will review the terms of the wills and donations in the educational fund and will handle the same accordingly. It was voted that divorced parents, where there is no connection with a North American Baptist Church, must agree to pay \$1.50 per day per child. If such payments fall more than a year behind, it should be agreed, in advance, that such children be released for adoption.

Inasmuch as the approximate cost of keeping a child is \$1.73 per day, it seems not unreasonable to request increased contributions from relatives and guardians who are paying lesser amounts.

Mr. Henry Bartz' fine financial report was accepted with a lengthy discussion on investments relative to the Home and which will be handled by the local committee. Total insurance on the buildings and property amount to \$112,500. The new gas fired heating plant installed last Fall has proven to be entirely satisfactory.

Should the General Council meet a month later, as is being considered, the Children's Home Board will hold its annual meeting in May allowing decisions and policies to fall in proper sequence. To do this will require an amendment to the constitution of the Home.

Gifts received and greatly appreciated were as follows: duplicating equipment from relatives in memory of Mr. Henry Bartz' uncle; a beautiful front hall carpet from Mrs. Otto Ernst of Detroit, Mich.; and a thirty cubic foot deep freezer from the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich.; all of which are of real help in the work and operation of the Home.

A gift came to the Home in the Lillian Rueckheim legacy of \$858.17 for "something special" as requested by the brother and sister of the deceased. This will probably provide a brick pillar and name plate or property improvement. A delicious luncheon was prepared by the very capable cook, Inez Fulks.

Mr. Runtz' salary will remain as is. Mrs. Runtz will be paid a salary of \$300 per year, thereby giving her the benefits of social security. This action was taken in consideration and real appreciation of both Brother and Sister Runtz who are father and mother to approximately twenty-five children, some of whom have no other home and most of whom have never before known a Christian home. The tireless and loving efforts of these servants of God have endeared them to all who come within the portals of our Baptist Children's Home.

Mrs. John Decker, Reporter.

### SEMINARY LANDSCAPING

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assist with the leveling of the ground and the planting of the lawn around the buildings. The seeding and planting have been completed with the assurance that "God will give the increase" in the days ahead.

It has been remarkable how wholeheartedly our church people have given their gifts and contributed their means toward the new seminary buildings. They represent the united sacrificial gifts and loving devotion of our North American Baptists. The various memorial tablets are now being prepared with the donors' names and will be dedicated with appropriate exercises this Fall.

The Rich family is symbolic of our people everywhere who have had a mind to work at the seminary buildings and who are now praying that God will establish the work of their hands in the effectual training of young men for the mission field and the Christian ministry!



(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.)

#### DINA DEE PINKEL of Alpena, Michigan.

Dina Dee Pinkel of Alpena, Michigan, was born November 4, 1949 at Alpena to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Pinkel. She passed away unexpectedly on May 14, 1951 in spite of the measures used to save her life. Her death was due to a heart condition. She leaves to mourn her departure: her parents; one brother, Ronald; and two sisters, Judith and Ellen Jean. May the Lord comfort the bereaved!

Fourth Ave. Baptist Church, Alpena, Michigan

RICHARD A. GRENZ, Pastor.

#### MRS. AUGUSTA BUSCH of Startup, Washington.

Mrs. Augusta Busch, nee Schmidt, of Startup, Wash., was born June 6, 1869, in Russia, and passed away on June 2, 1951, at Startup, Wash., four days short of being 82 years.

She came to America in 1893. Since then she lived in different localities of this state. Her first husband was Michael Kline. She was endowed with health and a cheerful disposition, which were a great blessing to her very adventurous life, including care for her family and facing pioneer life. She loved her children and enjoyed their fellowship. Several years ago she was united in marriage with Jacob Busch. With him she spent her last years quietly and happy at Startup.

In early life she was converted and later baptized by the Rev. Mr. Lehman, becoming a member of the Baptist Church of which she remained a faithful disciple unto her end. She leaves to mourn her departure: her husband, three daughters, three sons, 28 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, besides many other relatives, friends and her church.

Startup, Washington

R. G. KAISER, Pastor.

#### MR. FRED MEISSINGER of Loyal, Oklahoma.

Mr. Frederick Meissinger of Loyal, Okla., was born Jan. 1, 1875 in Messar, Russia, the son of Henry Peter and Barbara Meissinger, and died suddenly on March 27, 1951, at his home in Loyal, Okla., at the age of 76 years, 2 months and 27 days. Mr. Meissinger was married to Katharine Margaret Shaeffer of Saratov, Russia, in 1893. To this union eleven children were born, of whom seven survive. They are Jacob of Gotebo, Okla.; John, Walter and Mrs. Lydia Hill of Loyal, Okla.; Harvey of Los Angeles, Calif.; and William and Emma of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mrs. Meissinger passed away April 21, 1920 at Loyal, Oklahoma.

Brother Meissinger came to America in August 1905 and made his home near Loyal with the Peter Lorenz family. His wife and three small children followed to this country in December of the same year. In 1916 the family moved to Claremore, Okla., but after three years they returned and continued to make their home near Loyal.

On Dec. 4, 1926 Mr. Meissinger was married to Molly Steinert of Shattuck, Oklahoma. God blessed the home with a daughter, LaFredda Mae (Mrs. DuWayne Staude), and a son, Donald Edgar. Mrs. Staude resides at Loyal and Donald is at present in the United States navy.

He accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 47 years and was an active member of the Immanuel Baptist Church as long as his health permitted. Besides his wife and children, he is survived by two sisters: Mrs. Charles Lorenz, Kingfisher, Okla., and Mrs. Andrew Longhofer, Canadian, Texas; four stepchildren: Mrs. Walter Meissinger of Loyal, Mrs. Elmer Reisweg of Thomas, Okla., Mrs. Wilbur Meier of Shattuck, Okla., and Herman Steinert of Follet, Texas; eleven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a host of loved ones who will indeed miss him greatly. Funeral services were conducted at the Immanuel Baptist Church with burial in the Lorenz Cemetery.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Loyal, Oklahoma

G. W. BLACKBURN, Pastor.

#### MR. JOHN P. MILLER of Rupert, Idaho.

Mr. John P. Miller of Rupert, Idaho, was born October 22, 1883, in Hoffnangstal, South Russia. He went home to be with his Lord on Monday morning, April 9, 1951 when the train and truck, in which he was going to work, collided. He was killed instantly. He had reached the age of 67 years, 5 months and 17 days.

In April 1898 he came to the United States and settled in Bowdel, South Dakota. On November 24, 1904 he was united in marriage to Pauline Vilhauer. In 1913 he with his family moved to McIntosh, South Dakota. During the dry years they moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in 1936, and in 1941 to the neighborhood of Rupert, Idaho, and in 1947 into Rupert where his

wife passed away on October 6, 1950. On February 5, 1951 he was again united in marriage to Mary Magdalena Wolf in Rupert. Only two short months were they permitted to share joys and sorrows of this life.

Mr. Miller was converted during evangelistic meetings in the winter of 1917 and was baptized the following summer by the Rev. C. M. Knapp and became a member of the Baptist Church of Herreid, South Dakota. While living in Rupert, he became a member of the Paul Baptist Church of which he remained a faithful member. For several years Brother Miller served as one of the deacons of the church and also as one of the trustees. He was a carpenter and rendered the church a good service during its building program.

Mourning his passing are the following: his wife, Mary Magdalena Miller; John, Elsie (Mrs. Bohle), Raymond and Eldon, all of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; (Harold preceded mother and father in death at the age of eight years); eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; four stepdaughters, Mrs. Ellen Buckenburger of Java, South Dakota; Mrs. Martha Grace, Kingsport, Tenn.; Mrs. Esther Zimmerman and Mrs. Lenora Whitworth, both of Rupert; three stepsons: Edgar Wolff of Paul; Eugene Wolff of Rupert; and Elmer Wolff in the Navy; six brothers: Reinhold, S. Dak.; Dave, N. Dak.; Charlie, S. Dak.; Rudolph of Rupert; Ted and Jacob of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Mrs. Maggie Neiffer, Prosser, Wash.; and Mrs. Lizzie Miller, Minnesota. Many friends also mourn his passing. May the Lord of all peace comfort the bereaved family!

Paul, Idaho

J. J. LIPPERT, Pastor.

#### MR. EMIL WOHLFARTH of Newark, New Jersey.

Mr. Emil Wohlfarth of Newark, N. J., passed on to his reward March 6, 1951 after a brief illness.

Brother Wohlfarth was a loyal and faithful member of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., for over three score years and ten and he is worthy of honor for the able services he rendered in all the different branches of church activities. We dedicate this belated obituary in his loving memory.

He was born in Newark, N. J., 87 years ago and lived there all his life. As a very young man he accepted the Lord as his personal Savior, was baptized and became a member of our church. At the time of his death he was the oldest member in the congregation.

He devoted time and talents in teaching Sunday School classes, laying the foundation of Christian principles in the heart of many boys and girls which blossomed out in useful and consecrated lives for Christ. He was a leader of the youth of our church, served as deacon and chairman of the Board of Trustees. His wise counsel was always acceptable. He bore the vicissitudes and burdens which arise in every church family with a stout heart and manifested goodwill and brotherly love toward every member in the Church. The Lord endowed him with a radiant and optimistic spirit which he retained to the end of his life.

Beside his activities in the church, he served in other branches of Christian labors. For forty years he served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Bethany Home for the Aged during which time he served on various committees, was treasurer and later became president. He was not slothful in business so that in the evening of his life he could rest from his labors and in the loving care of his children.

Mr. Wohlfarth's wife, Mary, died in 1932. He leaves two daughters: Mrs. Marguerite Koons and Mrs. Marion Windmiller; two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He is gone but will not be forgotten.

With our spiritual vision we could see as he entered the pearly gates the welcome Home he received from his own loved ones who preceded him, from friends and members of the church and from his Savior and Redeemer whom he loved and served with his whole heart.

Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey

MARTHA KLAUSMANN, Correspondent.

#### MR. FRANK STANGL of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Frank Stangl of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, was born in Hungary on April 27, 1891, and passed on to be with the Lord on June 8, 1951, at the age of 60 years after a lingering illness of about four months. In 1906 at the age of 15 years he came to this country as a pilgrim "not knowing whither he went." The Lord, however, prepared the way before him, and settling in Bethlehem, Pa., he came to find the Christ of Bethlehem and Calvary as his personal Savior at the Baptist Mission. Not long after following the Lord in baptism, he became a charter member of the German Baptist Church when it was organized in 1911.

In 1915 he was united in marriage to Wilma Klein which union was blessed with five children: Mrs. Helen Schreiber, David, and William of Bethlehem, and Mrs. Elsie Mayberry of Dinuba, California. One son, Wolter, died in infancy.

From his spiritual birth he loved and served his Lord through the church at Bethlehem for forty years in the varying capacities of sexton, clerk, Sunday School superintendent and deacon. His person and work will long be missed by many. There remain to remember him, his family and six grandchildren, a sister, Mary in Hungary, and a host of friends in the church and the community.

Memorial services were held in the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., on Sunday, June 10, and the funeral services and burial the following day. The text used the memorial services echoed the life-long testimony of Brother Stangl: "To me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

ROBERT W. COOK, Pastor.

#### REV. O. W. DIRKS of Harvey, North Dakota.

The Rev. Orlo Wilbur Dirks, son of Peter and Eva Wedel Dirks, was born November 10, 1898, at Moundridge, Kansas. After finishing elementary school at Moundridge, he became a student at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kans., and while there was called into the service of World War I. He became a resident of Lincoln, Kans., in 1919. On July 21, 1921, he was united in marriage to Dortha Jorgensen.

At the age of 35, Mr. Dirks trusted Christ as his Savior and his life was transformed by the power of the Gospel of God's Son. His life was completely yielded to the service of the Lord and on the first Sunday in May 1928 he answered God's call to the Gospel ministry and preached his first sermon in the Gospel Mission of Inman, Kansas. In 1941 Mr. Dirks was ordained to the Baptist ministry. For 13 years he was active in the service of Christ as a pastor, evangelist and radio preacher. Besides the establishment of two churches, Mr. Dirks became well known throughout Fundamental Christianity through his radio and evangelistic work. His ministry in song and sermon had endeared him to the hearts of thousands who have been blessed thereby.

On April 1, 1951 Mr. Dirks was received into the fellowship of the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, N. Dak., by the undersigned. At that time he was conducting meetings in that church which resulted in a number of conversions. During the short time that he ministered among the North American Baptist churches over 100 souls were saved and the saints were inspired. On May 26, 1951, he was called Home at the age of 52 years. At the time of his departure he was driving to McClusky, N. Dak., where he was to preach the following day in our Baptist church. He was on his way to Golden Valley for a series of meetings.

He is survived by his wife; one son, Benjamin, of Minneapolis; four daughters, Betty of Kansas City; Mrs. Roger Hjort, Hutchinson, Kansas; Mrs. William Helderman, Wichita, Kansas; and Miss Barbara Dirks of the home.

Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Wendell Zimmerman of Kansas City, Missouri. The remains were laid to rest in the Lincoln Cemetery.

Harvey, North Dakota

A. BUHLER, Pastor.





# BOOK REVIEWS

- "A Treasure of Hymns" by Amos R. Wells — W. A. Wilde Company. 392 pages. \$2.00.

Of the many volumes dealing with the stories of familiar Gospel songs and church hymns, this is one of the best and most reasonably priced. It has become quite a classic in its field and therefore can be highly recommended for every Christian's library. Brief biographies of 120 leading hymn writers with their best hymns are found within the covers of this well bound book.

This "Treasure of Hymns" evolved from ten years of editing hymn stories, one per month, for the "Christian Endeavor World." Dr. Wells' style is simple, forceful and dramatic so that he makes both the hymn and writer live with unforgettable vividness. Your favorite hymns will undoubtedly be included in this volume, even as I was glad to see for the first time the story of the gospel hymn that isn't sung so often these days, "Somebody Did a Golden Deed." This book is such a treasure of blessing that it calls for your purchase right away!

- "Living Portraits of Jesus" by Sanford Fleming — The Judson Press, 151 pages. \$2.00.

This small volume presents devotional studies of the New Testament portraiture by Dr. Fleming, the president of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School and the author of "God's Gold." With the warm heart of devotion and with the skilled pen of the scholar, the author studies the portraits of Jesus which were drawn under the guidance of the Holy Spirit by those who knew Jesus intimately,

who were very close to the scenes and activities of his earthly life. The author's purpose is to lead the reader into an ever deepening experience of Christ so that he sees the "Christ who is large enough for the needs of the world and near enough to be with us in the workshop."

The Christ of the Atonement, the sacrifice of his death for our sins, his redeeming power, and the fullness of God's revelation in him as "the only begotten of the Father" are clearly emphasized in this volume. Through the sympathetic reading of his book, a new vision of Christ can be seen in the strength and radiance of his matchless personality.

- "God's Best Secrets" by Andrew Murray — Zondervan Publishing Company. 375 pages. \$2.50.

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And all the depressed folk will look up  
And all the estranged folk will make up  
And all the gossipers will shut up  
And all the dry bones will shake up  
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