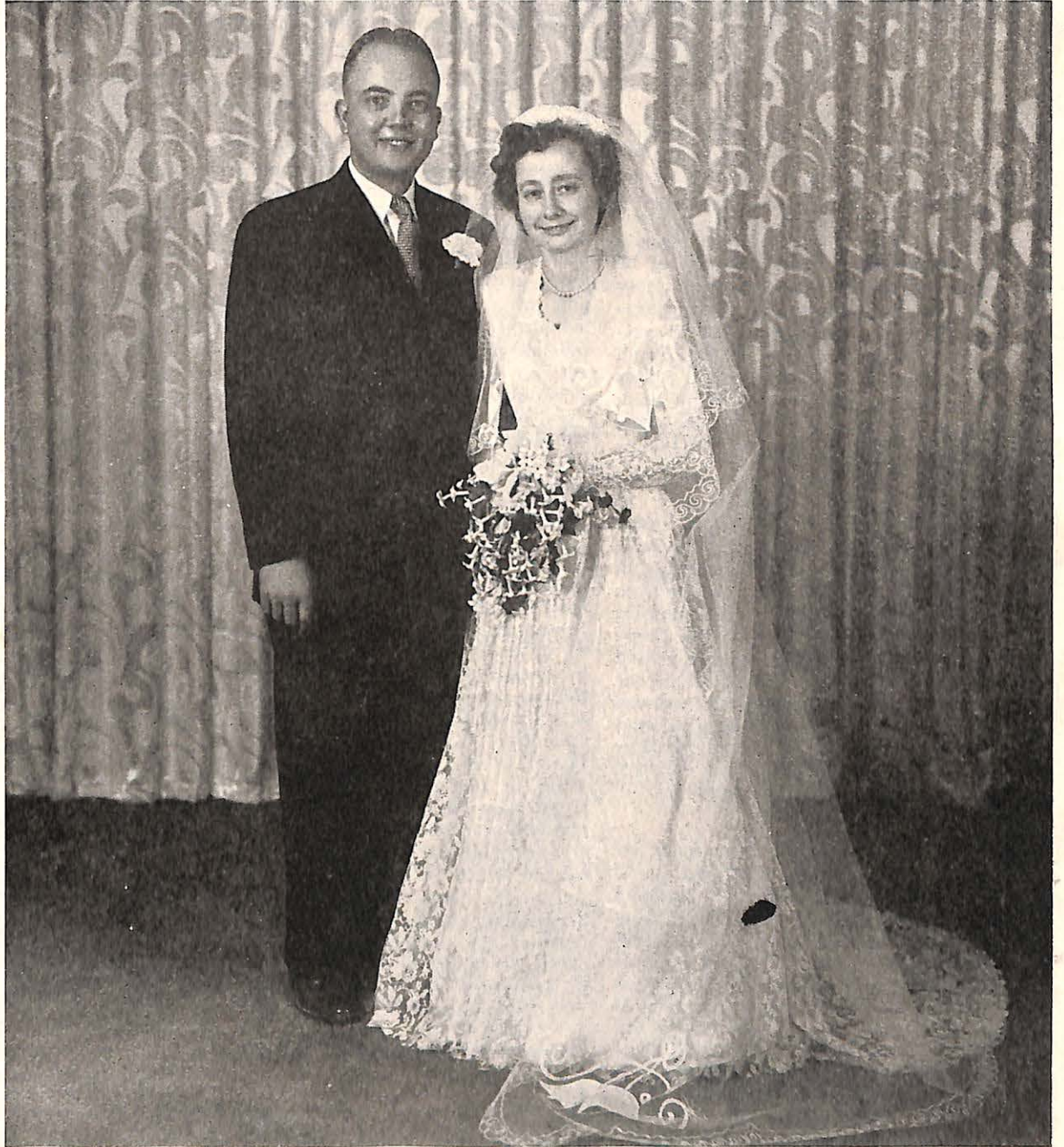


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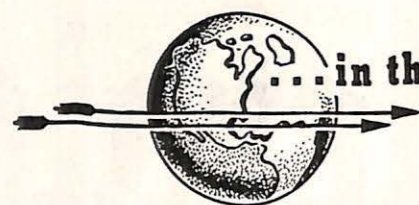
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...in the course of human events

● Membership in United States religious bodies increased 3.56 per cent last year to a new high of 85,705,280, according to statistics compiled by the "Christian Herald." Protestant groups reported a net gain of 1,409,045, or 2.89 per cent to a total of 50,083,868 members. Roman Catholics increased 3.1 per cent, or 859,784, to a membership of 28,470,092.—Watchman-Examiner.

● Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse, president of The Evangelical Foundation, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa., is head of an organization sponsoring the provision of tape recordings of complete services with sermons by some of the outstanding preachers of the past to be furnished to the numerous churches across the country which have no services or supply preachers. It is estimated that there are 30,000 small church buildings in the United States in which no services are being held. This is an effort made to provide complete services under lay direction.—Watchman-Examiner.

● Tak Tsa, the eldest brother of Tibet's Dalai Lama and in his right an important member of the Buddhist priesthood, has been living in seclusion as a refugee in Fairfax, Virginia, for the past three months. His host in this country is the Committee for a Free-Asia, which rented a country estate in a wooded area for his residence. His party includes an estate manager, his acolyte (spiritual assistant), and R. B. Ekvall, anthropologist, who spent a number of years in Tibet and acts as interpreter.—The Christian Century.

● The prediction has been made by an Anglican bishop that within 25 years the Catholic Church in England would be the dominant religious communion. The following figures speak for themselves: In 1914 the Church of England clergy numbered 22,000; today the figure is 13,000. In 1960 it will be less than 10,000. There are 3,186,093 registered Anglicans in England and Wales. The number of practicing Catholics is commonly set at somewhat under 4,000,000. Catholic births are fourth again as high.—The Register.

● The enormous advance of Islam in South Africa in recent years is the greatest problem that Christian missionaries face in that area. Trained Moslem missionaries are arriving from other lands, including even a British

Moslem missionary. Many Christian children come under Moslem influence in the schools. Friendships are formed that may well lead to Moslem marriages later. Many of the suburban districts have now a large Moslem population and inter-marriage is frequent. New mosques are springing up in all new districts.—The Evangelical Christian.

● Colorful dedication ceremonies of Houghton Hall, newly constructed women's dormitory at the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill., were held on October 30. The dedicatory address was given by Dr. Robert G. Lee, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Other highlights of the day's activities included open house and an alumni banquet. The new memorial building, named in honor of the late president of Moody Bible Institute, Will H. Houghton, contains 205 double and 40 single rooms. Hollywood beds, double dressers, and double desks are in the dormitory rooms, with plenty of book shelves on the wall. The entire building, including the bookstore and 400-seat radio studio, is finished in modern design.—Moody Monthly.

● A new \$450,000 home for over 400 aged refugees was inaugurated at Darmstadt, Germany, on September 22, by the World Council of Churches in cooperation with the International Refugee Organization and the Inner Mission division of the Evangelical Church of Württemberg-Baden. The 12-unit center, which was nearly two years in planning and building, is situated on the site of a former landing field used by the German air force, and includes 143 acres of land given for the World Council—initiated project by the Government of Wurttemberg-Baden. Too old for emigration, most of the home's inhabitants are either Protestant or Orthodox, ranging in age from 65 into the nineties.—Watchman-Examiner.

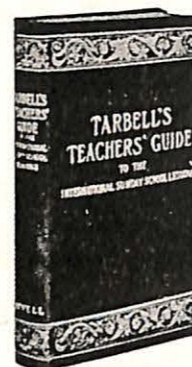
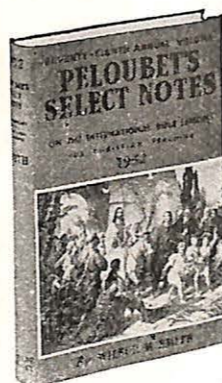
FRONT COVER
The Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke were married in Edmonton, Alberta, on Sept. 13. Mrs. Gieseke (the former Miss Hilda Tobert) served for one term as one of our Camerons missionaries. Mr. Gieseke is the president of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union. Both are now serving energetically in the ministry of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas.

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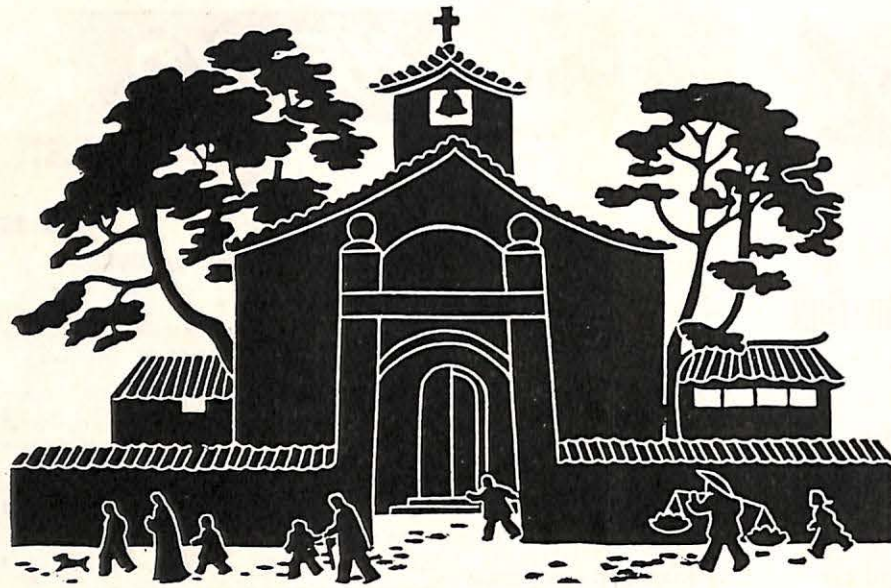
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A mission church in the Orient with a stream of people going by, who are heavily burdened by all the cares and sins of life, to whom alone the Lord Jesus Christ can minister through his missionaries!

The Open Door to Japan

Five years after leaving Japan as a United States soldier, Jay Hirth has returned as a Gospel missionary with his wife and young daughter to open our first mission door in Japan!

Testimony by the REV. JAY HIRTH, Missionary in Japan

IT WAS exactly five years ago that I walked up the gang-plank of an American troop ship in Japan bound for the United States. Although I should have been overwhelmed with joy, my heart was somewhat heavy. It is true that I was happy, but I was also sad because I was leaving a country and a people whom I had learned to love.

Little did I realize that I would have the privilege and the opportunity of returning to Japan to make known the "unsearchable riches in Christ Jesus" to the millions of Japanese people who are so hungry for the Word of God but who are still in utter spiritual darkness. As I said farewell to the people of our Japanese "Youth for Christ" group, Bible Class and Sunday School with tears in my eyes, I thought it was the last time we would come in contact with one another.

ANSWERED PRAYER

However, in God's providence, he has worked out a plan whereby I could not only once again see the people I had come to love in the Lord, but he is working out a program for me to meet countless more. Not only will God allow me to visit the organizations which I helped to found,

but by his grace God will permit me to organize and to guide many such groups to the end that a strong Baptist Christian indigenous Church will be founded and established in Japan. Truly, we have a wonderful God! He does not promise just to answer prayers, but he promises to over-answer. He does "exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us" (Eph. 3:20).

This is not only proven by Biblical history but also by personal experience. In Genesis 32:11 when Jacob prayed: "Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother . . ." God not only delivered Jacob from Esau, but he reconciled hateful and avenging Esau to Jacob. Surely, Moses' mother must have prayed asking God to protect and preserve her child as she placed him in the basket on the water. God certainly answered her

MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN

Our missionaries arrived in Japan on the "S.S. Surprise" about Nov. 20. The report about the Rev. Jay Hirth's ordination and the farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth by Chicago's Foster Ave. Church appears on page 18 of this issue.

prayer. Not only was he preserved, but the child, born as a slave, was made a king's son. Not only was he preserved, but his needs as well as his mother's needs were abundantly met.

Not only was Moses preserved, but through Moses the Israelite nation was preserved. God always answers prayer exceedingly.

Ever since I yielded my life to the Lord Jesus for missionary work, I have been looking forward with great anticipation to the time when I could return to Japan. Now it has been realized. What a joy it will be to set foot on Japan once again and to proclaim to the Japanese the Gospel of Christ which is "the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."

In 1 Corinthians 16:9 the Apostle Paul said, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, but there are many adversaries." Truly, the doors are opened in Japan according to our evangelical leaders. Japan is one of the most opportune fields today for evangelization. But there are also many adversaries. Satan is there opposing the work of Christ in the form of communism, liberalism, Roman Catholicism, and the ancient religions of Shintoism and Buddhism.

However, the Apostle John wrote in 1 John 4:4, "Greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." Pray for us that the Holy Spirit may be able to work in and through us to the end that many Japanese may come to saving knowledge of Christ and that a strong church will be built.

MRS. HIRTH'S TESTIMONY

Esther's testimony can be by the words of Philippians 3:10, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto His death." It was in the summer of 1949 at our Lake Ripley Young People's Camp that I was finally able to get up with tears in my eyes and say, "Yes Lord, I will follow you and do whatever you want me to do; even if it means physical death."

It was a hard decision to make, but now that I am looking forward to working in Japan I have perfect peace of heart and mind. Many have asked me if I am not afraid to go to Japan with a ten-week-old baby, and especially because of the communist threat in the Far East. My answer is: "No, I am not afraid, because I have perfect confidence in a great and wonderful God."

God's Word promises us that the eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. I know that by his grace he will not only bless our ministry by giving us many souls, but that he will also protect us and supply all of our needs according to his riches in glory.

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Christ's Ambassador in Africa

The thrilling story of the trip to the Cameroons, Africa, and of the initial experiences of the author as a new nurse at the Banso Baptist Hospital

By MISS E. ARDICE ZIOLKOWSKI of Banso, Cameroons

"And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee! he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee; fear not, neither be dismayed" (Deut. 31:8).

I CAN surely praise the Lord for the way in which he has gone before me in this step of heeding his call to the Cameroons. We thank him that it was possible for the Holzimmers, Ruby Salzman and myself to get passage on the same ship, the S.S. Britannic. It gives one rather a strange feeling to see the anchors being pulled in one by one and then hundreds of people madly waving good-bye, and finally America fading in the distance. It is then that one looks forward in anticipation to the new land beyond these wide stretches of water.

FIRST SIGHT OF AFRICA

The ocean voyage proved to be a very pleasant experience. It afforded various means of recreation as well as relaxation. Since there was a group of us together with other missionaries, we were able to have our own services, sing-songs, and devotions.

It was our privilege to stop in Liverpool, England, for two days and there to become acquainted and to enjoy fellowship with our field superintendent, the Rev. Paul Gebauer, on his way home. He was able to show us some of the interesting sights in the English city.

Two weeks later I was awakened at 6:00 A.M. by Ruby Salzman rushing into my cabin, all excited about being able to see land. So with our heads sticking out the porthole, I had my first sight and "smell" of Africa. The first thing that caught my eye was the rich, green, thickly forested hillside with lovely European houses in the foreground. It wasn't long before the sun drove the clouds from Mt. Cameroon and we could see its beauty.

Now who are all these natives coming to meet us in their small "dug-outs?" Ruby assured me it was not us they were welcoming but the refuse from the ship. Finally, Miss Berneice Westerman and the Rev. Don Ganstrom, our welcoming party, came out to meet us on a launch, not only to meet us but to receive us, as

we were hoisted over the edge of the boat in a "mammy chair."

It was a joy indeed to be able to stand on African soil and to realize that this is where God would have me labor for him. As we drove the thirty miles from Victoria to Soppo Station, I just couldn't admire enough the beauty of the palm trees, ferns, banana, rubber and cocoa plantations. As we climbed the steep hills and turned the sharp curves, it seemed there was always danger of running over someone's goats, pigs, chickens or ducks, for every few miles you find a village of thatch-roofed huts.

CHRISTIANS AT SOPPO

Finally we reached Soppo Station and with it the Bender Memorial Church, the actual sight of which far exceeds in beauty any picture I have seen of it. It was from hearts filled with joy and gratitude that we were able to sing around that first African meal table, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

It was a thrill to be awakened next morning by the harmonious singing of "More Love to Thee," by the natives during their morning devotions. We heard more of this lovely singing on the following Sunday when the Soppo Christians had a welcome for us. Their various ways of expressing their gratitude for our coming made us realize our great responsibility in this undertaking.

It doesn't take long before things that seem strange at first, like house boys, native cooks, pidgin English, filter water, pouring rain and kerosene lamps become a part of you.

After a week at Soppo, Dr. Leslie Chaffee took Ruby Salzman and me up to the grasslands in his truck, a trip which I shall never forget. It didn't seem true that we were going through the jungles of Africa, for it looked more like a beautiful park with its waterfalls, rushing rivers and trees arched over the road. But amid these beauties we had varied experiences: narrow bridges, hairpin curves and motor trouble. Rainy season roads make it very difficult to climb the steep hills, and if you can't make the hill, the native motor boy is quick to put his "chuck" behind the wheel and



—Photo by Laura E. Reddig
Little Andrew Tah Fonani proudly holds his month-old brother at one of our grassland Cameroons mission stations.

we all get out and push. In one place the pushing, lifting and shovelling didn't help, and so the cargo had to be unloaded.

Now in what hotel shall we spend the night? B'Kebbi rest house is the answer. It is beautifully situated on a hill, and surrounded by grapefruit, orange, banana and paw-paw trees—what a feast! But those lizards on the cement walls and mat ceiling of our hotel made one a bit uncomfortable. That night I was most thankful for a cot with a mosquito net. The next day brought us to the grasslands, Bamenda, then to Banso.

THE BANSO HOSPITAL

As I walked into our Banso Hospital wards, it all seemed so different from our wards at home. There is no space wasted by the use of bedside tables or chairs, but instead there is only enough floor space between these low, narrow, grey-blanketed cots to allow a relative to sleep. These relatives are a necessity for they cook and do a lot of little jobs for the patient.

The maternity ward is an interesting place for it has delivery room, labor room, nursery and mother's beds all in one room. One does not need to be around the hospital long before you sense the deep spiritual atmosphere. Every morning one of the missionaries leads the staff of native male nurses in devotions, who in turn have

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The Deity of the Son of God

In John 10:22-42 we learn that Christ's works prove that he is the Lord's Anointed, for they were the works of the Father. Therefore, Jesus stated that he was the Messiah!

Exposition by DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Forest Park, Illinois

THE SECOND HALF of the tenth chapter of John's gospel begins with the celebration of the Feast of the Dedication in Jerusalem. Another name for this feast was "The Lights" or "Feast of Lights" because the idea of light was prominent (John 8:12; 9:15).

This feast was instituted by Judas Maccabaeus to commemorate the purification and restoration of the temple after the desecration by the pagan ruler, Antiochus Epiphanes. During the celebration the customary lamps or candlestick were lighted as a mark of rejoicing. The ceremonies were similar to those of the Feast of Tabernacles.

GOD'S ANOINTED

John informs us that it was winter. Therefore Jesus sought shelter in Solomon's Porch and was walking under cover. The Master was always a source of attraction. Some Jews encircled him and said: "How long do you keep us in suspense? Tell us if you are really the Christ." They certainly put Jesus on the spot.

But the Master always had an answer. He could not give a direct "Yes" or "No," if he was to avoid any misunderstanding. If he had said "Yes," they would have thought he was the Messiah of Jewish expectation, and he was certainly not that. If he had said, "No," he would have betrayed his mission.

He did answer them by saying 1) that he had told them but they wouldn't believe him; 2) that his works proved that he was God's Anointed. The works of Christ were the works of the Father. Jesus stated he was the Messiah (John 4:26).

Now the picture of the shepherd reappears (10:26-28). The unbelieving Jews did not belong to his sheep. Otherwise they would have recognized his voice and followed him without any hesitation. Christ's sheep hear him, know him and follow him (10:27).

His sheep receive the greatest spiritual possession, "eternal life," a life of the highest quality and of eternal significance. They enjoy eternal safety because they are his sheep and no

one can snatch them out of his Father's hand. Christ's sheep can never be taken from him against their will, but their will is free. They may choose to leave his flock. We know that Judas Iscariot did leave the flock.

God's hand does lead and protect us. Those who remain loyal will never, never perish. No enemy can snatch us out of the Father's hand, if we obey his voice, because he is greater than all things or the greatest of all beings. He is the all-powerful Father. And Jesus is his Son. They are one in essence, power, will and action.

CLAIMS OF CHRIST

The words, "I and my Father are one," aroused the animosity of the Jews. Because he claimed to be more than human, they became indignant and fetched stones that they might stone him. Jesus, however, didn't withdraw immediately, but he stood his ground. He reminded them that he had performed many noble works. Christ called attention to the quality and character of his works. These works of healing were primarily works which the Father wrought through him. Why should they want to kill him because of the good he had done?

The Jews answered that they did not want to stone him because of his deeds but because of his claims. They accused him of blasphemy. He, who in their opinion was a mere man, was making himself God. They felt they were perfectly justified in wanting to stone him, because the law demanded death by stoning for those who were guilty of blasphemy.

"And he that blasphemeth the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the Lord, shall be put to death" (Lev. 24:16).

Jesus was always ready with an answer that could not be refuted. He proved to them by the Scriptures that he was not guilty of blasphemy. The Master quoted from Psalm 82:6: "I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High."

Jesus used the word, "Law," in the widest sense for the whole Old Testa-

ment (John 10:34). He called attention to the fact that even in the Scriptures unjust judges are called "gods." They are God's representatives. God is the Judge of judges. At the beginning of the 82nd Psalm we read: "God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods." Then he reminded the judges (gods) that they should not be unjust in their dealings with the poor, the fatherless, the afflicted and the needy (Psalm 82:1-4).

Jesus' argument is that if the judges as God's representatives are called "gods" without being guilty of blasphemy, why should he be accused of blasphemy by describing himself as "the Son of God?" Jesus called attention to the words of Psalm 82:6 as being of permanent significance and therefore must not be ignored. The Scripture cannot be undone.

A UNIQUE MISSION

The heavenly Father has consecrated or set apart Jesus for a unique mission and sent him into the world for a unique purpose. Why then should they accuse the Holy One of God or the Son of God of blasphemy? (John 10:36.) Jesus' works of healing were works of God. But if they didn't recognize his works as such, they need not believe his words. But if his deeds are works of God, they should believe because of his works, even though they do not believe his words. Belief in his works will lead to belief in him who is in the Father and the Father in him.

But Jesus' words didn't satisfy them. Again they tried to arrest him. This time nothing is said about stoning. Probably Jesus' words from the Old Testament had taken the wind out of their sails. But they were nevertheless determined to take him as a prisoner. However, the Master escaped out of their hands. How he escaped, we are not told.

Now Christ retired beyond the Jordan (John 10:40-42). Jesus probably returned to the scene of his earliest ministry, where he found a welcome response. He remained in Peraea until he went to Bethany (John 11:7). John the Baptist had carried on his

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Prophecy Foretells Israel's Coming King

The Scriptures describe the Anti-Christ, the Time of the Gentiles, the Great Tribulation, the Mark of the Beast, the Return of the Jews, and the True Messiah as "the sure word of prophecy"

The Fourth in a Series of Articles by the REV. L. H. SMITH
of Corn, Oklahoma

"We have a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place."

BEFORE the true Messiah will come from heaven to establish his reign upon this earth, the Devil's Messiah must first be revealed. Satan's counterfeit Messiah is given many significant and descriptive titles in the Word. He is called by such names as THE BEAST, THE MAN OF SIN, THE WICKED ONE, LAWLESS ONE, the ABOMINATION THAT MAKETH DESOLATE, THE ANTICHRIST and similar titles. He will be a great world figure, and a great political leader that will head the last great federation of Gentile nations.

This federation will consist of ten Gentile kingdoms, whose kings will be given power to reign for a brief time under his world dominating leadership. These kings are represented by the TEN HORNS on the Beast (Revelation 13:1 with Revelation 17:11-14). This world federation will mark the close of that period spoken of in the Word as THE TIME OF THE GENTILES.

TIME OF THE GENTILES

The domination of the earth by Gentile nations began with the fall of Israel and Judah and their carrying away into captivity. It will close with the fall of the "Beast," "the ten kings" and their armies as they go out to make war with the Lamb (Rev. 17:12-14; Rev. 19:17-21; Zech. 14:1-4, 12-15). This Lamb is also Israel's Messiah, and he will come with "power and glory" and break off the rule of the Beast over Israel's land. THE TIME OF THE GENTILES will then come to a close. "But Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, UNTIL THE TIME OF THE GENTILES SHALL BE FULFILLED" (Luke 21:24).

The coming of the beast is "after the working of Satan, with all power and signs and lying wonders" (2 Thess. 2:9). Satan gives him "his power, his seat (throne) and his great authority" (Rev. 13:3). God permits him to continue his diabolical program for three

and one-half years (forty-two months) and to overcome the saints, and "power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" (Rev. 13:5-7).

He worked "with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God SHALL SEND THEM STRONG DELUSION, that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (2 Thess. 2:10-12). In other words, God will give Christ-hating men what they want for a time as a judgment. Men do not want righteousness, so God gives them lawlessness." They will not have his Son, so he gives them the "son of perdition."

In our last article in these columns we discussed THE GREAT TRIBULATION which will accompany the reign of the son of perdition. But God's clock will still say, "Time is up, for the Devil's counterfeit Messiah." God will then send his Son to earth to set things right. He will come having great wrath and "with power and great glory" IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE TRIBULATION OF THOSE DAYS (Matt. 24:29-30).

THE TRUE MESSIAH

Christ, our Lord, comes "from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel; . . . He shall punish them with everlasting destruction from his presence and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints and to be admired in all them that believe in that day" (2 Thess. 1:6-10).

Men will seek to hide themselves in the rocks and caves of earth from the face of the Lamb and from his wrath (Rev. 6:15-17). "This same Jesus which is taken up into heaven, shall so come IN LIKE MANNER as ye have seen him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). "And in righteousness he doth JUDGE AND MAKE WAR." "The beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, gather together TO MAKE WAR AGAINST HIM." The

Lord takes the beast and the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had the mark of the Beast, and them that worshiped his image. THESE BOTH WERE CAST ALIVE INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE BURNING WITH BRIMSTONE (Rev. 19:11-21).

It is thus that the Lord crushes this great world federation of Gentile nations and takes vengeance upon the people who support its program. He gives their flesh to the fowls of the air as they fall in battle. God's Son takes over the rule of the earth with "a rod of iron." He rules till every force opposing righteousness is put under his feet (1 Cor. 15:24-27). He also has power to establish peace and righteousness in the earth.

THE FINAL REGATHERING

The present return of the orthodox Jews to Palestine is only temporary. They will again be forced to flee their land as the Beast comes to power and demands that he be worshiped. The apostate Jews who are returning will accept the Beast and worship him. Perhaps many of them will remain in the land. But the coming Messiah will send forth his angels to "gather them out of all countries and bring them into their own land" (Ezek. 36:24). The regathering that will then take place will be final. They will no more be scattered from their land (Amos 9:13-15).

When the Messiah returns he will judge the Jews who are living until he comes. "For the Lord whom ye seek (ye Israelites) shall suddenly come to his temple, . . . But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and fullers' soap. . . and he shall purify the sons of Levi and purge them as gold and silver. . . I will come near to you to judgment: and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and the adulterers, etc." (Malachi 3:1-6).

This judgment is to purge out the transgressors and rebels from among Israel and to determine who shall enter their land for the millennial

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This is one of the many large signs announcing the Gospel Tent services in Bochum-Hoevel, Germany, which were attended by the Rev. Henry Pfeifer of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and in which he preached.

My Tour Through Germany

Impressions of a ten week tour in Germany by the author as he returned to the land of his birth after 26 years and then had the privilege of preaching in a Gospel Tent in his home town before 1500 people!

By the REV. HENRY PFEIFER of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

FROM THE DAY I left Edmonton, Alberta, until I returned again, three months had passed. What those three months have meant to me cannot be expressed in brief words or in articles since all of the experiences have left indelible impressions upon my mind and heart. Ten weeks out of these three months were actually spent in Germany itself among my own people, among our Baptist churches with their pastors, and among people of all walks of life.

COUNTLESS IMPRESSIONS

I was privileged to contact the man on the street and office, the man of the factory and industries, yes, even the man deep down in the coal mines of Germany. A good friend took us one day down into the bowels of the earth in one of the most modern and up-to-date coal mines in the city of Bochum. And because of these contacts there have been countless impressions, some of which I shall endeavor to share with the readers of the "Baptist Herald."

First of all, in gratitude and thanksgiving to God I would report of his gracious leading. Twenty-six years

had passed since I had left Germany and had come to America. During all these years my thoughts turned frequently to my homeland, to my parents and other relatives, to the churches and pastors, and to a host of friends. But I never had the chance to go back, not even for a visit. In 1936 my wife and son of seven months went to Germany while I remained at home and built the parsonage of the Beaver Baptist Church near Auburn, Michigan.

In the Fall of 1950, shortly after our acceptance of the Central Baptist Church pastorate in Edmonton, God led in a most remarkable way and opened the doors to make it possible for me to go. Leaders of "Youth for Christ" had come to Edmonton in search for volunteers to carry the Gospel into far off countries, including Germany. The Central Baptist Church board and the church itself cheerfully and unanimously approved and endorsed a three months' leave of absence without curtailing my support.

The Christian Business Men's Committee of Edmonton sponsored me as evangelist for a period of ten weeks in Germany under the banner of "Youth for Christ." Mr. Sam Yeske,

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a member of the Christian Business Men's Committee and also a member of Central Church offered to assist in these evangelistic efforts. Not only would he make the tour, but he also would take his automobile and wife and two children along.

"Youth for Christ" supporters in Edmonton were jubilant and cheerfully pledged their faithful support on the night of June 2nd. That great service attracted more than 1200 people who expressed their appreciation of the message that included reasons for the trip. It was also an impressive service at the church on Sunday night, June 3rd, when the church and a host of friends bade farewell to the Yeskes.

PREPARATIONS FOR TRIP

My trip had been planned for a week later inasmuch as I was to fly to Germany. It was a cheerful crowd that assembled at the Edmonton Airport to see me off. The forty passengers sat quietly as the great Trans-Canada Airliner, "North Star," lifted graciously and winged its way to Montreal. Soon sunny Alberta had been left behind and everything grew smaller and smaller as "distance" grew larger. By midnight I had reached Montreal, a city of splendor, brightly glimmering in colorful lights.

The next day another "North Star" took me with forty others across the ocean to London, England. As I sat by the window of the "North Star" nothing could be seen except the red-glowing exhaust pipe of the four British-built Rolls-Royce engines, and the clouds, and at times the first quarter of the moon. Flying over the southern tip of Ireland I saw water for the first time and soon we soared over the scarred city of London. As I looked down upon that great metropolis I was impressed with the vast area which that city covers, and with the devastation wrought by the war. I could not help but think of the homes, the families, the children, countless men and women, the churches, the factories, all of which revealed the horrors of war.

It was a beautiful day, however, when I stepped off "the ship" and for the first time set foot on English soil. Impressed by the friendly service and the smiles everywhere, I made my way to the heart of the city to stay for the night and to make contact with the brethren at the Baptist Church House. Even though I was a stranger, Mr. Henry Cook received me as a brother in Christ.

HORRORS OF WAR

A smaller plane carried me from London to Duesseldorf, Germany, the next day and, like many others, I wept at the sight of the ruins that were left to tell of the horrors of war. You may have read about it, and you may have

even heard about it, but not until you have seen it, or not until it has been your own, will you ever feel the tragedy and the pain it gives.

Within two days after I had left Edmonton, I was in Germany and the dream of many years had come true. The fact that I was sent as a messenger of the Lord kept ringing in my ears and the thrill of seeing loved ones after so many years made me conscious of the great responsibilities upon my shoulders. The next two hours of the train ride seemed longer to me than the rest of the journey. I stood at the window and as the train sped through the cities and villages past factories and farms, I saw with my own eyes what destruction and devastation had been wrought.

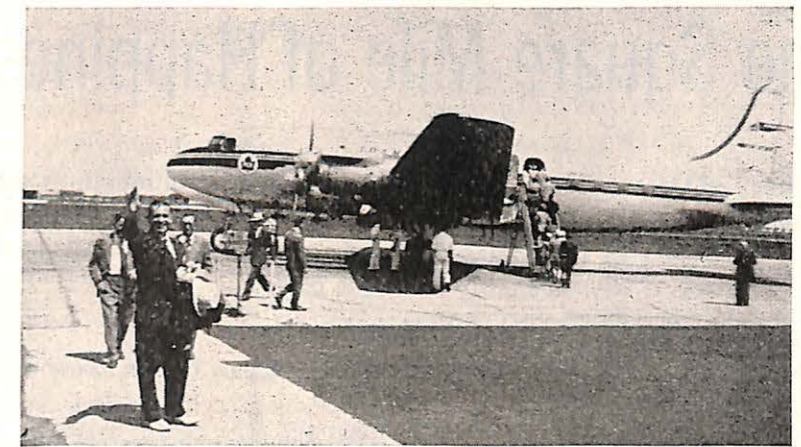
Inasmuch as we had definite appointments in the interest of "Youth for Christ" throughout Germany, we traveled extensively and covered in all more than 7,000 miles. The Yeskes met me in Bochum one week after I had arrived, and from there we traveled East and North and South preaching almost every day in such cities as Bochum-Hoevel, Hamm, Herringen, Werries, Muenster, Gevelsberg, Frankfurt/Main, Hanau, a city which in the last days of the war felt the great blast and where at least 22,000 people died in one night as the bombs fell.

GERMANY'S MASSES

Then we came to Meerholz, a farming community where I found my brother whom I had not seen for forty years. Like so many others, he and his family live in one room. Having lost all of his possessions on the farm with cattle and grain and all, now he is thankful to have a place where they may live, cook, wash, sleep and pray. In that community there are a large number of others in the same situation and even though they have been driven from house and home and from their church, they have banded themselves together to worship as D.P.'s (Displaced Persons) in an old castle chapel. How they wish they had a sanctuary of their own! What a wonderful opportunity is theirs to testify of the Savior and the glorious Gospel!

From there we went to Limburg, Heidenheim, Durlach, Gernsbach, Gelsenkirchen, Gronau, Hannover, Celle, Bremen I and II and at the Overseas Home, Freden/Leine, Berlin for five days, Langenberg, Barmen and Bochum. My impression everywhere was that of a stricken and smitten Germany, for the great land of Martin Luther is poverty stricken, indeed. You cannot help but weep at the sight of those ruins, those blackened walls that still stand.

Time and again we had been informed that Germany looks improved and restored, and that which is left now is only fragmentary. I have often said that if that is so, what must it



The Rev. Henry Pfeifer at the Edmonton Airport before boarding a Canadian Trans-Canada plane on his trip of three months to Europe.

have been at the beginning, I have been so impressed by the ghastly sight of these ruins that I have thought of the words of Jeremiah when he said, "Is it nothing to you all who pass by?" These ruins speak a strong, loud, and effective language and quietly one hopes and prays that the message may be heard and heeded.

DISAPPOINTMENTS OF LIFE

I have been impressed by the masses of people there. You will never understand the great tragedy of Germany until you stop to analyze a number of facts. First, there is the fact of a small territory with so many people—eighty millions of them. Compare Germany with Texas and you find that Texas is larger in territory. Compare it with the province of Alberta and you note that Alberta is larger. Then think of the number of people who populate the country. All these people have been thrown together from every direction, from Russia, from Poland, from Austria, from Hungary and from many other countries. Think of their homes left be-

hind, their possessions gone, their families torn apart.

Above all, think of the fact that they are not wanted, not trusted, not desired, not properly cared for, not educated alike, not nourished, not clothed, and that all have been deceived, driven out and hated. What a life that is and what conditions those are! What thoughts such circumstances provoke! Many have no work, and those who do have something, earn sparingly with living costs rising higher and higher. Remember that of all that is earned, great sums are withheld by the government in taxes and expenditures to pay for the war and the present occupation troops, etc. You cannot forget these impressions if you have been able to contact the man on the street and in the office, the man on the job in factories and in coal mines, in business and on the farm.

I have been impressed by the masses that stand gazing in the store windows longingly, or that stand at the street corners listening to the appeals from all sorts of politicians and

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The large crowd of boys and girls at the children's meetings held in the Gospel-Tent at Berlin-Neukoelln, Germany, the home town of the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, to whom he had the privilege of speaking on two occasions.

One Square Mile of Happiness

The story of Ocean Grove, N. J., and its summer camp meetings which can easily be visited by our people before or after the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., August 20 to 26, 1952.

It's truly a unique place!

By MRS. J. F. NIEBUHR of 95 Heck Ave., Ocean Grove, New Jersey

HAVE YOU ever heard of Ocean Grove, New Jersey? We have lived there for the past ten years and have found it to be a most unique place, and truly interesting — "One square mile of health and happiness."

An auditorium, seating 10,000 people, in summer, is filled to its capacity, even on a rainy Sunday! Speakers and preachers from all over the world come here, and such music we hear! I am sure one never heard better singing, especially when a chorus of 150 to 175 voices produce the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah!" At the end of this production, the American flag is lighted up with small electric bulbs. This is an inspiring sight!

CHAUTAUQUA SALUTE

A preacher from Edinburgh, Scotland, by the name of Dr. Baxter had charge of the camp meetings this year. The services were all well attended, people even standing to hear him, and on the last Sunday evening, the place was filled to overflowing. At the close of the meeting, many beautiful hymns were sung by the chorus, choir and the audience, after which the "Chautauqua Salute" was given Dr. Baxter and thousands of handkerchiefs were seen waving all over the building.

Three Musketeers of Erie

A true Story of Three Boys by MRS. R. R. EICHLER of Erie, Pa.

ONCE upon a time there lived three boys—but no!—I cannot begin my story thus, for this is not a fairy tale but the true tale of three boys and how God is using their simple, untrained voices to his honor and glory because they have been dedicated solely to him.

The story begins only a year ago in Erie, Pennsylvania, although these three boys, Clyde Bartlett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Bartlett; Larry Gibbens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merle Gibbens; and Gary Eichler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Eichler, have

On Sundays, no cars are permitted to remain in Ocean Grove. All must be out of the city by Saturday night at 12 o'clock. Five thousand cars have been known to park in the parking lots provided for this purpose in Asbury Park and Bradley Beach nearby. These remain out of Ocean Grove until Sunday night at 12 o'clock.

MARCH OF THE USHERS

I forgot to tell you about the handsome flower baskets placed along the front of the auditorium platform; twelve and fourteen good sized baskets, usually in memory of some loved one. Behind all these stands the Rev. Dr. George Henson, president of the association, reverently, calling the meeting to order and making the announcements, also introducing the speakers and preachers.

All this is a thrilling sight, but one more item I forgot to mention, that is the "March of the Ushers," played by Mrs. Eddows, wife of the leader of the choir. It reminds one of "The Wedding March"—only reversed in that the 150 to 170 ushers march in fast and return marching slowly, two by two. After the offering is brought to the platform the audience rises and sings "The Doxology." And, well they might, for such a beautiful service!

long been "Central's three musketeers." One day, a little more than a year ago, a change came into the life of each of these boys and one by one, apart from each other, they made the decision to accept Jesus as their own personal Savior and, as in II Corinthians 5:17, they became "new creatures in Christ."

Thereupon really begins the tale, for now they were eager to "live for him who had died for them." As Gary plays the piano, he conceived the idea of a boys' trio which was heartily agreed to by the other two boys. With scarcely any adult supervision, these

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three boys began to sing away lustily for the Lord.

Their first public opportunity came at a large "Youth for Christ" rally and talent night in Erie, Pa., and from then on the demand has been greater than their repertoire has permitted. They have sung special numbers in various churches beside their own Central Baptist Church and only recently sang before a large group at the Erie County Sunday School Conference at Camp Caledon of Erie.



The Boys' Trio of Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania.
Left to right: Gary Eichler, Clyde Bartlett and Larry Gibbens.

One of the biggest thrills for the "Central Trio" came when they were asked to sing before an audience of 1500 persons on a Saturday night in the local Armory during the great "Christ for Erie Crusade." They sang a specially arranged version of "Do Lord" by Herman Voss, renowned organist, who also accompanied them on the organ.

Gary, aged 13, sings the tenor while Clyde, aged 16, takes care of the bass, and Larry, aged 13, carries the melody in the soprano. From three trembling, scared boys they have developed into three smiling confident lads whose voices are used strictly for Christ's honor and glory. They have appeared over television and have sung numerous times over the radio. The Lord is blessing these boys' vocal renditions unto him just as he will do for all who are willing to be used wholeheartedly. Even though you may be only a young boy, entering your "teens," "it is no secret what God can do."

MY TOUR THROUGH GERMANY

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philosophers. Germany has been betrayed and it has been deceived, but those who are guilty are gone and those who are not guilty suffer in countless ways. You need only spend one day in Berlin to see the forces of unrighteousness and injustice hard at work. How people are misled and betrayed and deceived!

So it is no wonder that you discover a lack of confidence and trust everywhere. One cannot trust another. And what difficulty that causes in the proclamation of the Gospel! These people have gone through disappointments from too many different sides and sources. Monetary changes and inflation have robbed them of the little they did have, and the sight of someone calling for habits of saving are ridiculed and laughed at. For whom shall we save? For the Russians? For another inflation? For another breakdown in the financial world? Who wants to save under such circumstances? And so the man of unbelief and godlessness spends his money in beer and liquor and licentiousness.

I have been shocked by the moral decay, by the filth and the immorality, by the spiritual poverty and the disorder and breakdown in Germany. Satan is doing his utmost in double and triple fashion. He knows that his time is limited and so he preys upon the minds and hearts of mankind while he has the chance. What a dark picture of Germany!

EVANGELISTIC TENTS

But I thank God for the brighter and more brilliant picture of Germany that impressed me and caused me to thank God rejoicingly. I was impressed by the glowing spiritual fervor of Christian people and the heroic efforts of our pastors and churches. With so many churches destroyed and with so many people scattered in every direction, our Baptist brethren are doing a most magnificent work. They gather in schools and halls and homes for their services and give evidence of their confidence and conviction that if Germany is going to be helped it must come from God.

Therefore the program of evangelism has won first place in their hearts. Five tents are in operation throughout Germany with evangelists and workers who are on fire for God. It was my privilege to preach four times in two days in the Gospel Tent in Bochum-Hoevel, my own home town, where most of my relatives live. Those two extra children's services held during those two days were a thrilling experience for my own soul.

I thank God for the glowing and radiant response by people from all walks of life. They came and accepted

Christ as their personal Savior. They came and trusted him in the midst of a people and of conditions that are not trustworthy. They prayed with us in the tent and then came to testify of a gracious Savior.

I thank God and Brother Kerstan and Brother Dannert for the privilege given to me in Berlin-Neukölln on July 30th. The splendid work carried on by these brethren is commendable and I hesitated to take over that night. But the brethren constrained me to serve and, trembling before an audience of more than 1500 people, I was privileged to speak a word for my Savior and Lord. I was deeply impressed by the more than 300 hungry hearts who stayed for the aftermeeting to testify and to accept Christ. In spite of satanic efforts, especially right there through card players and soothsayers, Christ Jesus came to be victorious and souls were rescued from the burning fire.

These tent meetings are sources of great strength for the churches and rescue stations for the unbelievers. The brethren who direct this great ministry are doing more for the restoration and rebuilding of Germany than any other planners and builders can ever do. "Youth for Christ" has also three such Gospel tents and, together with other Christian businessmen, the ministry of evangelism is flourishing. The masses are reached and the trend and tendencies of the ungodly hour are definitely broken. The cooperation of other Gospel tent workers and evangelists is something that stirs our hearts to grateful praise and assures us that the masses in Germany are being brought under the Gospel ministry.

Great signs that speak of these tent meetings make impressions upon young and old. The opportunity for personal interviews cannot be overestimated. Countless people have asked me upon my departure, "Please, remember us;" "Please, do not forget us." We do well to think of them as we unite our hearts in prayer.

EXPRESSIONS OF GOODWILL

As I left Germany to return to my family and church, I was deeply impressed by the tender love and the many expressions of goodwill, by the many ties that bind us now together more than ever. It was so hard to part, especially from my aged father, and from my sisters, brother and other relatives. But I thank God for the privilege that was mine to preach the Gospel there, and once more to see my aged father who has reached the age of ninety. Since then he has gone to be with the Lord and I am more grateful than ever. In the Home over there, we shall meet again.

ISRAEL'S COMING KING

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reign (Ezek. 20:33-38). But before he comes to judge Israel, he will send Elijah before him to prepare Israel for his coming (Malachi 3:1 and 4:5). The result of this judgment will be "to turn away ungodliness from Jacob," by purging out the apostate rebels from the camp of Israel and destroying them. Those who have rejected the GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM that will be preached to all nations just before the Lord returns and who turn to worship the Beast shall be purged out and destroyed (Malachi 4:2-6; Romans 11:26-27).

THE MESSIAH'S THRONE

But Messiah must have a throne if he is to rule, so "the Lord God shall give unto him THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID, and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:32-33). "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and THE GOVERNMENT SHALL BE UPON HIS SHOULDERS, . . . of the increase of his government there shall be no end, UPON THE THRONE OF DAVID, AND UPON HIS KINGDOM, TO ORDER IT, and to establish it with judgment and justice, from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this" (Isaiah 9:7).

KING OF KINGS

David's throne was established originally, and so shall it be in that day when Jesus shall rise from his Father's Throne to take his seat upon his own throne. Jerusalem shall then become the religious center of the earth.

For "it shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people . . . saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the Lord, . . . Yea, many strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts IN JERUSALEM, and to pray before the Lord" (Zech. 8:21-23). "And it shall come to pass that everyone that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem, shall even go up from year to year to worship THE KING, the Lord of hosts, and it shall be that whosoever will not come up of all the families of the earth UNTO JERUSALEM TO WORSHIP THE KING, THE LORD OF HOSTS, even upon them shall be no rain." "And the Lord shall be KING OVER ALL THE EARTH, in that day there shall be one Lord, and his name one" (Zech. 14:9, 16-17).

Thus saith, "the sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place" (2 Peter 1:19).

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. Frank Friesen presented his resignation as pastor to the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Ore., recently which was accepted by the church. His resignation will take effect on Jan. 1, 1952. He has served the Bethany Church with much spiritual effectiveness since 1943. He is awaiting God's guidance as to his future ministry.

● The Rev. Hugh Bronstad has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, S. Dak., effective Nov. 18. He has served the church since 1949. His immediate plans for the future, as he awaits God's guidance in his life, are not known at the Forest Park headquarters. Further information will be passed on to "Baptist Herald" readers as soon as it is received.

● The Rev. John Kimmel recently resigned as pastor of the Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., which he had served since its founding as a mission station of the Trinity Baptist Church in 1947. He and his family are living in Portland at the address: 7148 S.E. Yamhill St., Portland, Oregon. He is hoping to continue his ministry in another North American Baptist Church, if the Lord should lead that way.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., has extended a call to the Rev. Henry W. Barnet, who formerly served as minister of the near-by Villa Ridge Baptist Church, to become its pastor. He has accepted the call and began his ministry on Nov. 15, succeeding the Rev. Otto Roth, who is the superintendent of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Barnet has been taking studies at the Western Baptist Theological Seminary of Portland.

● The pulpit of the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, N. Dak., has been recently supplied by the Rev. R. C. Schmidt of the Crippled Children's School at Jamestown, North Dakota. He has carried on this ministry since the Rev. Wilmer Quiring's departure for the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He will continue to serve at the Sunday morning services until the new pastor, the Rev. Carl Weisser of Killaloe, Ont., arrives. The young people have been in charge of the evening services, as reported by Mrs. Lowell Leppke.

● The Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich., observed its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 21, with a fine program by the Sunday School. The offering for the new mission work in Japan amounted to \$60. The church has shown its love to its pastor, the Rev. V. H. Prendinger, by raising his salary at the last business meeting. Mr. Prendinger wrote: "All branches of the church are working harmoniously, and we are praying for a harvest of souls."

● The Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., recently held a series of evangelistic meetings with the Rev. A. Ittermann of Elgin, Iowa, assisting the local pastor, the Rev. E. Gutsche. An intensive house to house visitation program was carried out. Mr. Gutsche is bringing a series of messages on Hebrews to his church young people. The church has purchased a Hammond organ which greatly enhances the services of worship. Miss Ruby De Boer, the local CBY president, is attending Sioux Falls College.

● From Oct. 22 to Nov. 2 evangelistic meetings were held in the church at Java, S. Dak., which is a mission station of the Baptist Church of Eureka, S. Dak., with the Rev. F. E. Klein of Aberdeen, S. Dak., serving as evangelist. On Sunday, Oct. 7, Mr. Klein was the guest speaker at Eureka for the Harvest and Mission Festival, and on Oct. 14 he supplied the pulpit of the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, South Dakota. He is continuing his radio ministry on Sunday mornings, even though he is engaged in secular work throughout the week in the city of Aberdeen.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Zimbelman of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., have announced the birth of a son on Oct. 6, who has been named Robert Fred, Jr. This is their second child. The Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Wilcke of the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., have announced the arrival of a daughter on Oct. 25 who has been named Barbara Jean. This is their fourth child but their first daughter. A daughter has been born to the Rev. and Mrs. Otto R. Schmidt of the McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, on Oct. 22 who has been named Carolyn Louise. This is their first child.

● The Rev. John Schmidt, pastor of the Second Church of New York, N. Y., recently had the joy of welcoming an entire family from Germany into the fellowship of the church. They are Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Woelper and their three children, Erika, Peter and Ernst, who were formerly members of the Baptist Church at Stelle near Hamburg, Germany. Mr. Schmidt as well as Dr. Frank H. Woyke, the executive secretary, were in the large group of church and state officials who recently welcomed 500 "Volksdeutsche" to New York City from Bremerhaven, Germany. A military band and the New York Bavarian band were also on hand for a musical greeting.

● The Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 7. The Sunday School presented a fine program at the afternoon service. The church choir beautified the programs of the day with uplifting music. The offerings for missions and the building fund totalled \$6,145. The Rev. G. Beutler, pastor, who also brought the messages reported that "the crop was very small this year due to insufficient rain, but in spite of this the people of the church have had a great heart for giving." The Plevna Church also served as host to the Badlands Sunday School Convention from Oct. 19 to 21.

● On Sunday evening, October 14, the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, N. Dak., bade farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Klein, who have accepted a call to the administration of the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A fellowship supper was enjoyed, after which a brief program was given. Although the church and community regretted the departure of the Kleins, all joined in wishing them God's blessing in their new work. Mr. Klein served the Germantown Church in two pastorates for approximately thirteen years. "Both he and Mrs. Klein will be remembered for their untiring labor," Mrs. H. J. Edinger stated in her report.

● The Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Niebuhr of Ocean Grove, New Jersey, are spending the winter months in Daytona Beach, Florida. They are living at Olds Hall, a Home with apartments for retired ministers and missionaries made possible by Mrs. Olds of the

Oldsmobile car fame. Mrs. Niebuhr has prepared an interesting brief article about the Ocean Grove auditorium and summer meetings that are annually attended by thousands of people from all over the United States. They will be happy to greet North American Baptists before and after the 1952 General Conference sessions in nearby Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

● Mr. and Mrs. John Petke of Portland, Ore., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Eighteen of their children, grandchildren and one great-grandchild celebrated with them at dinner and informal program held at the Mallory Hotel in Portland. Their three children are Mr. Harold G. Petke, former president of the National Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union, Mrs. Gus Backofner and Mr. Lorn Petke. On Sunday evening, a brief recognition program in their honor was held in the Grace Baptist Church of the city. Mr. and Mrs. John Petke are guests in the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland.

● The Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., held a Leadership Training Class from Oct. 8 to 12 with classes each evening. Dr. Pre Vol of the California Baptist Seminary instructed the classes on "How To Teach" and "Teaching Adults;" the Rev. B. Jacksteit, pastor, taught "The Life of Christ" and "Teaching Young People;" and Mrs. Herbert Bowen another group on "Teaching Young People." The new officers for the Men's Brotherhood are as follows: Harry Fox, president; Paul Jungkeit, secretary; Al Hartman, treasurer; Leonard Dargatz, song leader. The fourth Wednesday evening of every month is now reserved for Church Family Night with a pot luck supper and an inspirational program.

● On Sunday, Oct. 14, the Bethel Church of Missoula, Mont., held its Harvest and Mission Festival with a missionary offering of \$633.46. On Tuesday evening, Oct. 23, a Youth for Christ rally for Missoula was held in the Bethel Baptist Church. The Rev. Howard Kensit of Chadwell Heath Baptist Church, London, England, was the speaker and the Rev. John Grant, also of England, served as song leader. About 300 people were in attendance. The Rev. G. P. Schroeder, pastor, and members of his church have arranged for Mrs. C. A. Gruhn, who is now blind because of cataracts on her eyes, the widow of one of our highly esteemed pastors, to listen to all of the church services by means of a public address system with wiring from the nearby church.

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HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS
Dec. 9—"The Bible Speaks" by Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, Detroit, Michigan.
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YOUTH WEEK—1952

It is not too early to be thinking of YOUTH WEEK, January 27-February 3, 1952. The theme for Youth Week is a challenging one, "Commissioned—Committed." Leaders in the local CBY should plan well in advance for a full week of inspiring activities in which all members of the CBY shall be able to participate. A full schedule of activities for the week will be sent to all local presidents for program suggestions and other Youth Week activities. Original ideas and plans on the part of local leaders should work out best.

MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN

Our newly appointed missionaries for Japan sailed on November 6th from San Francisco, California. Your general secretary of the Conference Union had the pleasure and was privileged to spend a day with the missionaries at Oakland, Calif., before their sailing. It was most interesting to accompany them on their last minute shopping tour in San Francisco for some of the very important items which missionaries need and cannot buy in the land where they will serve. All three of the missionaries stayed at the "Home of Peace" in Oakland for a few days prior to sailing. Here they received excellent accommodations for lodging and meals.

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION

Our young people always have a vital part in our rallies, associations and conferences at the California Association. At Anaheim, Calif., the Sunday morning and afternoon of Nov. 4th was devoted to Sunday School and youth activities. Missionary Gilbert Schneider brought the message at the youth rally on Sunday afternoon and your general secretary, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, brought the Sunday morning message. The young people of the California Association have adopted a \$1000 mission project for the mission work in our new field in Japan. Mr. Ed. Schuh of Elk Grove, Calif., is the president.

OREGON ASSOCIATION

The Oregon young people held their annual rally at the Bethany Church, near Portland, Ore., in connection with the Oregon Association. The Rev. J. C. Gunst brought the message. The Oregon League young people have adopted a \$2,000.00 mission project for the leper work in the Cameroons, Africa. Mr. George Bauder of the Trinity Church in Portland is the president.

CHILDREN'S WORKER ACTIVITIES

From Sept. 23 to Oct. 26 Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker, made a tour through the Dakota Conference, visiting twenty-three churches in that area. The Scripture Memory course was presented and encouraged. The churches were urged to adopt the Sunday School Standard as well as use the available Junior Mission material. Some of the churches that were contacted already had the Scripture memory course and were working hard on it. Plans were being made for bi-monthly programs to be presented at the end of November, which is an excellent means of stimulating interest in the Scripture Memory course.

There were thirteen churches who voted to accept the course as a result of the contacts. The general feeling seems to be that although the Scripture Memory course takes time and hard work, the course has done much and can do more to enrich the spiritual lives of the boys and girls in our churches.

BADLANDS CONVENTION

Miss Bathauer attended the Badlands Sunday School Convention in Plevna, Mont., and made contacts with the Montana churches. On Saturday afternoon the Scripture Memory work was presented as well as various methods of teaching for Sunday School teachers. The Sunday School officers and teachers who attended the convention received a real challenge as the pastors of the Badlands Association directed their thinking toward the importance of the Sunday School in the church, how to win the young people for Christ after they come to Sunday School and then how to keep them busy and active in the Sunday School. Miss Mareleen Huber of Bison, S. Dak., was elected director of Scripture Memory work for the Badlands Association.

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THE BAPTIST HERALD

Withering Grass

A Christian Novel by BERNARD PALMER

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since we met to see that I haven't been dreaming."

"Furniture transforms a house, doesn't it?"

"It's love that transforms a house, dear," he contradicted.

"You know what I meant."

"Sure." He pulled her closer to him. "It does look nice."

"It's beautiful."

"There's only one thing missing."

"What's that?"

"Supper on the kitchen table."

"Why Ernest Henning!" she exclaimed, drawing away. "You're about as romantic as a toad."

"How on earth do you expect a fellow to be romantic on an empty stomach?"

"And there isn't a thing to eat."

He groaned good-naturedly.

"We could hunt up a neighbor and beg a handout."

"That's an idea. You could go up to the door and say, 'how do you do. I'm the new minister. My wife and I have come to have supper with you. You'll have fried chicken, I presume.'"

"Come on, you little imp. Let's get to town before the restaurant closes."

They drove to town over the soggy gravelled road that was criss-crossed with tiny streams or covered with a thin, shimmering veneer of water.

The creek that had been but a whisper, trickling ankle deep through the weeds and grass when they drove over it earlier was now a lusty young river, churning boisterously inches below the bridge, and water was still pouring into it from every ditch and crevice, every gully gashed ruthlessly through farm land or pasture.

They were only in town an hour or two; long enough to eat and buy an order of groceries at a suburban store which they were fortunate enough to find open.

"Those last couple of miles are getting softer by the minute," he said to Karen as they hurriedly stowed their groceries in the back of the car. "I want to get over them as soon as possible."

The car lights stabbed two dull orange holes in the curtain of black and the windshield wiper struggled valiantly to swish the rain away.

The creek had risen faster than Ernest had imagined possible. It had spilled out of its banks, its dirty brown

water fingering through the corn stalks on either side, and boiling over the floor of the bridge.

"What do you suppose would cause it to come up like that?" Karen asked.

"Rain."

"Silly."

"It's just a flash flood caused by the water pouring into it from the hills."

"Anyway, I'm glad we're on this side."

They got out of the car and scurried into the house in the rain.

"That water is awfully close, Ernie," Karen said as she stowed the groceries in the pantry in the bottom cupboard shelves. "You don't suppose it'll get up to the house, do you?"

He shook his head. "No, I think it's about at its crest. Anyhow, there's nothing we can do about it so we'd just as well go to bed."

Sometime during the night Karen was awakened by a peculiar gurgling sound. It seemed to come from everywhere, the hall, the kitchen, or perhaps the very room in which they were sleeping. It was a thin and furtive sound, now faintly heard above the storm, now lost in the dashing rain against the window pane. She was in that unpleasant halfworld between sleep and wakefulness, somewhat conscious of the things that were happening yet drugged into inactivity. It was probably nothing at all, the wind rattling a shutter or moaning through the cottonwoods. She sat upright, all evidences of sleep banished in an instant, and groped for the flashlight on the chair beside the bed. A moment later its narrow beam revealed the truth. The creek had continued to rise and already dirty brown water was standing three inches deep along the mop boards.

"Ernest! Ernest!" she cried shaking him. "It's the creek. We've got to get up."

He stirred restlessly.

"Ernest! Wake up!"

"Huh? Huh? What's the matter?"

"The water is ruining everything!"

"Quit worryin' about it and go back to sleep," he mumbled.

"Ernie! Wake up!" she exclaimed, shaking him vigorously. "It's a foot deep in our bedroom right now!"

"What's that?" He leaped out of bed and yelped with surprise as his feet struck the cold water.

The water was rising slowly and somewhat peaceably for all the damage it was doing. The furniture showed the level of the water on its varnished legs. Quickly they dressed and sloshed from room to room getting things as high as possible off the floor.

"There," he said aloud as he put the last chair on the dining room table. "That takes care of everything in here. Are you about through in there?"

"I think so."

They met in the bedroom doorway and momentarily she huddled close to him, drawing strength from his firm, warm arms. Her breath was coming in long, wracking sobs and her body was trembling with exhaustion.

"Oh, Ernest," she whispered. "Everything we have is ruined! I—I—" She slumped suddenly, but only for an instant.

"What's the matter, dearest?"

"I—I feel funny," she said in a flat, far away voice. "I—I feel like I'm going to faint."

He could feel her heart hammering against his chest, fast and strong and erratic.

"Maybe you'd better lie down," trying to hide the concern that sprang within.

"No, Ernie, I'll be all right in a minute."

"Come on in the bedroom and lie down. You shouldn't be standing here in the water. You'll catch cold."

"I'm feeling better now, Ernie."

She shook her head as though to clear away the cobwebs. "I don't know what came over me. I was working so fast to get everything put up when all of a sudden I felt dizzy and everything went black. If you hadn't been here I think I'd have fallen."

"Are you sure you feel better?" he persisted.

"Of course, darling." She pulled away. "I'm all right now."

"Are you sure?"

"Certainly I'm sure," she laughed shakily. "I'm a little upset but I feel fine."

"I—I hope you do." Then, as though it had just occurred to him, "We've got to get over to the church. We can't spend the night here."

"Why the church?"

"The church, my dear little goose, is a couple of feet higher than the house and it ought to be a little less damp. Maybe we can curl up on the floor and get some sleep."

"That sounds good to me."

The water between the church and the house was almost waist deep and cold as a thawing stream; but they carried dry clothes and towels and bedding and it wasn't long after they got into the church through the window Ernest forced until they were comfortable once more. They made a bed of sorts on the thin carpet in the aisle, but sleep was slow in coming. The floor was hard and uncomfortable and minds refused to still.

"Darling," Karen said softly. "We had to borrow money to come out here and to buy our furniture. And now, before we've even had a chance to use it, it's ruined. If I didn't feel so terrible I'd cry."

"I'm not concerned about furniture or money or debts, sweetheart. The only thing that really matters is that we're truly serving the Lord and that we have each other."

She snuggled closer to him until her damp cheek was next to his.

When they finally awoke, stiff and sore in every joint and muscle, the sun was streaming through the stained glass window. Ernest lay there until he felt Karen stir.

"Are you awake, honey?" he asked softly.

"Yes, dear."

"Look at the window."

She raised up on one elbow and looked at the stained glass figure of Christ standing with arms outstretched. At that moment it glowed with the glory of the early morning sun.

"See, darling. Regardless of what happens Christ is still watching over us. He cares."

The water had gone down but the signs of its presence were everywhere. Dirty yellow water-marks stained the siding of the buildings, and grass and straw and bits of trees clung to every fence wire and lodged against the trees and bushes and even their car.

"I—I'm almost afraid to go inside," Karen said. It was worse than they had imagined possible, not because they had had no yardstick of experience for comparison. Along the wall paper two or three inches above the mop boards the same ugly yellow stain that was everywhere outside appeared. The colors were streaked and run together and in places large chunks of paper bulged. Already the varnish was disappearing from the legs of the furniture still on the floor and from where they stood it seemed to Ernest that he could see that the glued joints were loosened. But the floor was the worst. The mud and clay and sand, suspended in the water as it rose was left behind as it seeped away. The refuse was two inches deep on the rugs and linoleum and the floor.

Karen turned and buried her head, wordlessly, in Ernest's shoulder.

Ernest and Karen did not eat breakfast. There was too much work to do. He tried to scoop up the mud with the dust pan and broom but soon gave it up for the scap shovel he found in the woodshed.

"What do you want me to do?" Karen asked.

"Just stand back out of the way. This is a man's job."

"But I'm going to do something," she insisted.

"All right. Why don't you build a

fire in the range and I'll haul up some water to heat."

The task was an endless one. The slimy, sandy mud had to be scooped up and carried outside; the floors had to be sloshed with water brought up from the well and heated on the kitchen range; the linoleum rug, so bright and colorful the day before had to be mopped again and again before the ravages of scraping shovels and sand and scalding water were revealed, but at the time Ernest didn't care about that. He was desperately tired, but he dare not show it by stopping to rest. Karen would be up in a moment grabbing a broom or a mop. Even now he hurried each time he had to go outside, fearful that she would be doing something she oughtn't before he got back.

"Now, darling," he exclaimed on one occasion when he came into the kitchen and found her mopping vigorously. "You know you aren't supposed to do things like that."

"I'm not going to hurt myself."

"That isn't what the doctor said."

He stepped closer and took a mop from her protesting fingers.

"But Ernie, I've got to do something. We can't leave things in such a mess."

"Just give me time!" he snapped. "I'm getting it cleaned up as fast as I can."

"I didn't mean you weren't doing all right, honey. I just—"

"Well, it certainly sounded like it," he cut in sharply.

Color flashed in her cheeks and she started to speak, then hesitated, her lower lip quivering.

"Ernest," she said softly, striving unsuccessfully to conceal the hurt in her voice. "That's the first time you ever spoke to me like that."

There was a long, poignant silence. His eyes dropped to the floor a bit sullenly then raised to see hers brimming with tears. "I—I'm sorry, honey," he said at last.

"All I did was push the mop a few times. Surely I ought to be able to do a little thing like that."

"Maybe you could, but I'd feel a whole lot better if you wouldn't."

"Dearest," she smiled, leaning over and pecking him lightly on the nose. "If it'll make you happier. I'll never turn a hand again."

For answer he took her in his arms and kissed her tenderly.

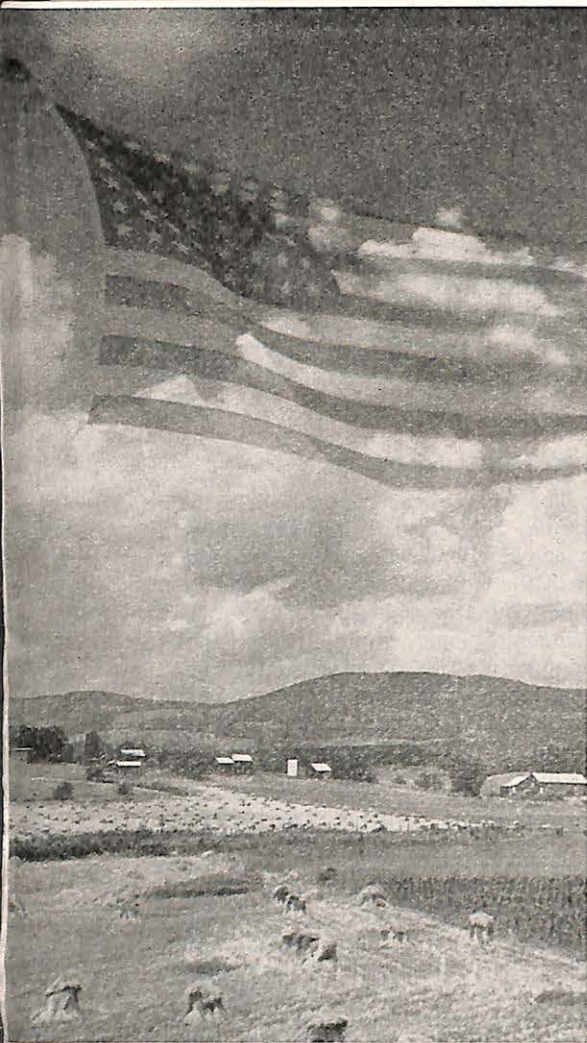
"Let's go out on the porch and sit for a few minutes," she said, taking him by the hand.

They sat down on the top step and Karen stretched lazily in the warm still air. "Doesn't it feel good to be out here in the sun after it's been so cold and rainy?"

"If I could keep my eyes closed all the time it would?"

"Keep your eyes closed?" she echoed. "What does that have to do with it?"

"Everything, my dear. When I've got my eyes open I look at things. And



—Eva Luoma Photo

SYNOPSIS

The Rev. Ernest Henning had finally arrived! The greatest opportunity of his career was at hand, that of candidating in the big, influential church of Elba City. Always his illustrious younger brother had soared to heights in the spotlight ahead of him. If only Karen could have known the glory that now had come his way. Suddenly his mind was flooded with memories, meeting Karen at "an open house" party the first week of college. How vividly he remembered those days of many years ago at Indiana Christian College! Ernest's and Karen's friendship blossomed until they knew that they were meant for each other. Ernest went to a seminary in Chicago and Karen finished her schooling at college where Burt, the brilliant younger brother, was studying. Ernest and Karen were married in the seminary chapel with Karen's father officiating. They went to a small Kansas pastorate in the country. Ernest was becoming jealous of his brother Burt, about whom a seminary teacher had said that three big city churches would snatch him up at once if he were graduating at the time. Karen tried to show him that in God's sight this job of his was just as important as filling the biggest pulpit in the city. Their furniture was moved into the parsonage as a rain storm broke loose with sudden fury.

CHAPTER EIGHT

The rain showed little signs of stopping, but Ernest and Karen were far too busy to watch the storm. There were rugs to unroll, furniture to arrange and pictures to hang on the wall. When the last picture was in place and the last scarf placed over the deep scratch in the dining room table, she took his arm and pulled him down on the divan beside her.

"Darling, I'm so happy tonight," she sighed.

"I've been pinching myself ever

when I look at things this morning I see work to do."

"Look at the church then. There aren't any branches and dead grass in it."

"No, but I can just imagine what that basement looks like. We'll probably have to get row boats for our Sunday School come Sunday morning."

"If that's the case I guess you will have to close your eyes."

For several minutes they sat on the step in silence. Once or twice Ernest started to speak but, with his lips forming the words, he hesitated.

"I can't help thinking," Karen began, slipping her arm through his and snuggling against his muscular shoulder, "that it's strange we haven't heard from a single member of the congregation. Surely they know what's happened."

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AMBASSADOR IN AFRICA

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devotions in the wards. Dr. Chaffee never begins an operation without first committing all to God in prayer.

I am sure it would have touched your hearts, as it did mine, to hear my welcome program by the hospital staff. After introductions and enthusiastic singing of "Send the Light," Mr. Martin, an indispensable native helper at the hospital, said a few words, some of which I shall quote.

"We cannot express our joy and happiness to welcome you. We give thanks to Almighty God who has brought you safely in your voyage from America to Africa and to Bango.

"For the love of helping fellow-Christians, you departed from your parents, relatives and friends to come out here to work as a nursing sister. You have denied yourself all comforts in your native land to come and nurse the patients and their souls for Christ.

"Many patients will now look upon you steadfastly to bring back their happiness in life and the happiness in our Lord Jesus. Many strange fashions will be experienced among our patients and you will then be the best teacher.

"Remember the hard sufferings of Paul, the missionary among the Gentiles, for the sake of Christ and his achievement at the end. It is almost the same work we are to do.

"We all wish you happy times in Bango, a healthy stay, successful work and the Lord's blessing over you and those whom you have left behind, to obey the great command which our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ left us."

Thus it is a great joy and satisfaction, but also a great responsibility to be an ambassador for Christ in this needy land. Only with the help of God and your prayers can it become a fruitful work.

THE DEITY OF CHRIST

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ministry in the region where Jesus was now laboring. He had prepared the way for the Messiah. Many of the people, who flocked to hear Jesus, said: "John did no miracle, but all things that John spake of this man were true."

Although a prophet, the forerunner of Christ performed no miracle but his words had made a profound impression (1:29-34; 3:27-30; 5:33). The hearers recognized that the Baptist's witness was true. He had spoken of the superior greatness of the Messiah. So many of the people beyond the Jordan believed on Jesus. Bengel says: "Jesus was reaping the post-humous fruit of the Baptist's work."

In the messages on John's gospel that we have been privileged to publish this year at the request of the editor of the "Baptist Herald," we have sought to exalt Jesus Christ as the Son of God and the Savior of the world. How grateful to God we ought to be for this sublime gospel! May we read it more, believe it more and live it more, so that we shall be a living gospel that others can read and be attracted to our Savior and Lord.

Our last message in the Christmas issue of the "Baptist Herald" will be on "The Beautiful Shepherd" (John 10:1-21).

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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● Evangelistic meetings were held at the Baptist Church of Tripp, S. Dak., during the last two weeks of September with the Rev. Edgar W. Klatt of the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn., bringing the messages. "The church was greatly benefitted spiritually and appreciated Mr. Klatt's fine services," as reported by the Rev. Alfred Weisser, pastor. The Tripp Woman's Missionary Society held its anniversary program on Sunday evening, Oct. 7, with Mrs. George A. Dungen of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., formerly missionary in the Cameroons of Africa, as the guest speaker. Some pictures of the Cameroons were also shown. Mrs. Emma Mehlhaff, matron of the Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak., and formerly a resident of Parkston, S. Dak., spoke about her work with the elderly people at the Home in the Name of Christ.

● On Sunday evening, Oct. 7, a beautiful joint baptismal service was held at the First Baptist Church of Colfax, Washington. The United Brethren Church with its pastor, united with the Baptist Church in that service. The Rev. D. Ward preached the baptismal sermon and

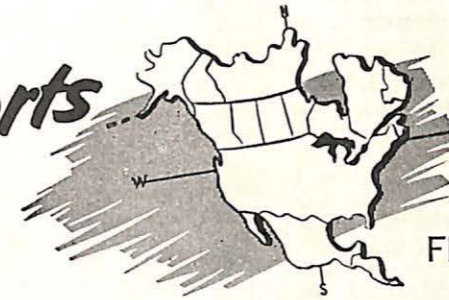
then baptized three of his boys and girls. The Rev. S. Merriman from Southern California baptized his grandson, and then the Rev. F. E. Klein of the Baptist Church baptized six candidates in the Lord's death. At the communion service on Sunday morning, Oct. 14, these seven were given the hand of fellowship of the church. Among them were an elderly couple, the man being almost 80 years of age and his wife a few years younger; also a former Catholic young woman who came to Colfax about a year ago from Europe; also a young married man.

● On Sunday evening, Oct. 21, the Baptist Church of Startup, Wash., enjoyed an organ recital rendered by Mr. Walker, a high school teacher of Sultan, Washington. Musical numbers by Handel, Liszt and Stephen Foster were featured. The Harvest and Mission Festival of the Sunday School was observed on Sept. 13 with Mr. Jake Keck, superintendent, in charge. On Sunday, Nov. 4, the church held its Mission Festival with the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., speaking and showing missionary pictures at the evening service. The missionary offering on this day amounted to \$255.45. On Tuesday evening, Oct. 6, the Rev. Gilbert Schneider, Cameroons missionary, brought an inspiring missionary message. On Friday evening, Oct. 19, the church celebrated the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Hieb with a festive program held in the church annex. The Rev. R. G. Kaiser is the pastor.

● On Sunday evening, September 30, members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Colfax, Washington, held a surprise celebration for the Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Klein, honoring them on their silver wedding anniversary and observing the 25th anniversary of Mr. Klein's ordination into the ministry. The Rev. R. M. Klingbeil, retired minister of the church, had a short message at the close of which he asked the couple to renew their marriage vows. The Rev. P. D. Unruh of the Onecho Mennonite Church read a Scripture passage and led in prayer of dedication. Mrs. Paul Krueger told the life-story of the honored couple, and representatives of the church extended their congratulations. Many musical numbers were also rendered and a gift of silver dollars presented. The four-tiered wedding anniversary cake was baked and cut by Mrs. A. O. Krueger. The Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Klein were married in Ashley, N. Dak., on Sept. 26, 1926 with the Rev. W. H. Buening officiating. On Oct. 13, 1926 Mr. Klein was ordained by the Baptist Church of Bismarck, N. Dak., with the Rev. G. Eichler preaching the sermon.

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Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Dakota Conference

Three Girls Are Baptized and Received Into Spring Valley Church of South Dakota

Sunday, September 16, was a day of rejoicing for the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, South Dakota. Upon confession of their faith in their Lord and Savior, three young women, Misses Delores Buseman, Jeanette Beeninga, and Marilyn Hagen, were baptized by the pastor, the Rev. Alvin Wetter. A goodly number of people witnessed this impressive service.

Members of the church have been busy making improvements on the church building and parsonage. New shingles were put on the roof of the parsonage and some other repair work was done on the interior and porches. The women did some painting and re-finishing in the auditorium and basement of the church, and the Mission Circle bought a new electric stove for the church kitchen.

Mrs. John G. Buseman, Reporter.

Sessions of the South Dakota Woman's Missionary Union at the Avon Church

The delegates and friends of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South Dakota Association met on Wednesday afternoon, October 10, at the Avon Church for their yearly meeting.

The president, Mrs. Herbert Hiller of Sioux Falls, presided. The welcome was given by Mrs. Van Gerpen of the entertaining church. A new society has been recently organized at the Trinity Church in Sioux Falls, and this society was welcomed into the Association.

Our secretary, Mrs. John Johnson, read the minutes of the previous meeting and the 14 society letters. These were most interesting and proved that the Kingdom work is being carried on successfully. Several musical numbers were well rendered during the business session and program which followed. The offering of \$96.33 was designated for the Seminary, Bismarck Home for the Aged, and the Cameroons.

Mrs. H. Hiller installed the following newly elected officers: president, Mrs. W. Stein of Tyndall; vice-president, Mrs. H. Bronstad of Chancellor; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Alfred Weisser of Parkston.

A descriptive and informative report was given by Mrs. Emma Mehl-



The Rev. Alvin Wetter of the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, South Dakota, and three young people whom he recently baptized.

haff, who is a matron at the Home for the Aged in Bismarck, North Dakota. Dr. Frank Woyke gave an interesting and helpful message and encouraged the women to "work while it is yet day!"

Mrs. Alfred Weisser, Reporter.

Activities and Programs by the Woman's Missionary Society, Tyndall, South Dakota

Our Woman's Missionary Society of Tyndall, S. Dak., has divided into two groups for the purpose of making two quilts. One group of ladies is embroidering the names of the members of their families and short Bible verses on the blocks of their quilt. When the quilt is finished, they will pass around a mission box and each will put in her offering (2 Cor. 9:7).

The women working on the other quilt have placed varying values on different blocks and anyone wishing to help with the work may do so by paying for the block on which she wants to place her name. This gives friends an opportunity to help with this work. When the quilts are completed they, together with the money received, will be sent for the new work that is being opened in the leper mission in Africa.

In September we from the society sent jelly and jam to the Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. In October we had the privilege of having the women from Parkston, Tripp and Dan-

zig as our guests. Our subject for the meeting was "Cleanliness."

After our devotions and business meeting the following program was given: a favorite chorus by each of the visiting societies; a reading and a poem; a talk, "The Suffering Christ," by the guest speaker; a talk on "The Cleansing of the Temple;" a double trio, "Whiter Than Snow;" a talk on "Spiritual Housecleaning" and a final thought on Phil. 4:8. Many lessons and blessings were received by all of us through the prayers and numbers in message and song. The offering received at this meeting will be sent to help with the new mission work being opened in Japan.

At our November meeting a love offering was received for a missionary family from our Tyndall Church who are serving their third term in India. Mrs. Fred Lubbers, Secretary.

The One Hundred-fifth Session of the South Dakota Convention at Avon

South Dakota's North American Baptists commemorated the 105th session of their state convention from Oct. 8 to 10 at the Avon Baptist Church, whose pastor is the Rev. James De Loach. Fourteen churches were well represented with 53 delegates and many visitors. We praise the Lord for the wonderful weather we had making it possible for our sessions to be well attended. Our conference theme was, "I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life," with each speaker exhorting a firm stand on Bible truths and Christian responsibilities. Five new pastors were welcomed into our association by the Rev. Alfred Weisser, namely, Rev. W. Sukut of Wessington Springs, Rev. A. Braun of Plum Creek, Rev. J. D. De Loach of Avon, Rev. Fred Schmidt of Madison, and Rev. W. Stein of Tyndall.

It was our pleasure to have Dr. Frank Woyke, our executive secretary from Forest Park, with us to bring challenging and heart searching messages from God's Word and to bring us greetings from Forest Park and reports of interest concerning our denomination. The Woman's Missionary Union, with Dr. Woyke as guest speaker, presented a very fine program to a large and attentive audience. We want especially to thank the Avon church of its fine hospitality and delicious meals and for making all feel at home during the days of meetings. We are already looking forward to the 106th convention to be held in the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, South Dakota.

On Wednesday evening the young people presented a fine program to a large crowd with Dr. Woyke bringing the message on, "The Joy, Peace and Victory Given to the Christian through the Living Christ." Dr. Woyke had charge of the installation of the newly elected officers as follows: moderator, Rev. W. Stein; vice-moderator, Rev. James De Loach; secretary, Rev. W. Sukut; treasurer, Mr. Ed. Wobig. After the singing of our theme song, "Jesus Saves," Mr. Stein closed with prayer and thus one of our best association gatherings had become history.

Hugh Bronstad, Secretary.

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer at Turtle Lake, North Dakota

On Sunday, October 7, the Turtle Lake Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., gave a reception for its new pastor, the Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer, and his family. This was an occasion looked forward to for some time. Many friends from the Bismarck, Washburn, Underwood and Mercer churches shared the blessings with us. The church was filled to capacity.

The Rev. E. Broeckel was the guest speaker for this occasion. He left a challenge for the church as well as the pastor. After his address, words of welcome were given by representatives of the various organizations of the church. Refreshments and a social hour concluded the evening. When the Bibelheimers arrived at the parsonage they found a well stocked pantry provided by the ladies of the church.

Jacob Schlafmann, Clerk.

Northwestern Conference

Father-Son Banquet and Other Interesting Events at Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa

The women of the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, served a turkey dinner for the first Fathers and Sons banquet on Sept. 11. The tables were laid out and decorated as football fields, with yardage marked, football key-chains at each plate, and goalposts at the end of the tables. "Christ our Goal" was the banquet theme.

Mrs. William Jeschke served as toastmistress for a program that included impromptu speeches, group singing and special musical numbers. Mr. Kees Kooper of Amsterdam, and one of the winners in the recent international musical contest at Brussels, Belgium, played two violin selections. Our pastor, the Rev. William Jeschke, spoke to the men on the theme, "Men Wanted."

On Sept. 28, Mrs. Walter Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., spoke to the church at the Woman's Missionary Society's annual installation of officers. Mrs. Grosser endeared herself to us as she challenged the ladies in regard to their opportunities for soul-winning outside of and within the church. We were happy to have many visitors from Elgin with us that night. Miss Esther Schultz was a visitor in our church on Oct. 16 and lifted our eyes to behold the importance of our work in the Cameroons and of our part toward its effective progress. On the next evening we began ten nights of services with the Rev. John Reimer of George, Iowa, as our Bible teacher and evangelist.

We are saddened by the fact that the Rev. and Mrs. William H. Jeschke are leaving our midst, but thank God for their fruitful ministry among us during the past three and one-half years. We are prayerfully considering their successors to lead us onward.

Mrs. W. O. Potratz, Church Clerk.

Eastern Conference

Farewell to Dawn Noziglia, Missionary to the Bahamas, by Erie's Central Church

The trees are aflame with brilliant greens, yellows and orange and the various autumn tints. The fields are golden with the harvest of grain and we are reminded of God's words that "truly the fields are white unto the harvest but the laborers are few." So we rejoice that one from the midst of us at the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., has answered the call for reapers and has gone forth to do God's will and bidding. "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Dawn Elythe Noziglia, one of our young people and still in her "teens," has been outstanding in her Christian growth since her conversion almost three years ago. When God's call came, she forsook all that was and is dear to her in this life and fully surrendered her will to God's. She has gone to work among the native children and young people in the "out-islands" of the British West Indies, under the Island Missionary Society which is non-denominational.

The Fidelis Class under its president, Robert Eichler, honored Dawn Noziglia at a farewell service on a recent Wednesday evening at which time she gave a special testimony message telling of God's definite leading in her life and how he had closed the doors on her going back to Wheaton College and finally shown his clear call to "go ye" into the Bahamas. On Sunday, October 14th, she brought the evening message to the entire church and they all wished her "bon voyage" with a generous love gift.

As the great plane roared down the runway of the Erie Airport and then, with its searchlights blazing, soared off into the deep blue moonlit night, so Dawn soared off, one of God's little lights, into the darkness of heathenism in the Isles of the Sea. But still as the bright moon shone over the great bird in the sky and brought to the brilliance of noonday the things below, so it seemed symbolic of God's guiding love over one of his own who had answered, "Here am I, send me."

Mrs. Robert R. Eichler, Reporter.

Central Conference

Ordination of Rev. Jay Hirth and Farewell by Chicago's Foster Avenue Church

On Monday, Sept. 17, a council of representatives from North American Baptist Churches met at the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago, Ill., for the purpose of examining Mr. Jay Hirth concerning his ordination into the Gospel ministry. Thirty representatives from ten churches were present. The Rev. Robert Schreiber was elected moderator of the council and Rev. Ed. McKernan of Kenosha served as clerk.

The candidate gave a convincing testimony concerning his conversion

and call to the ministry and this was followed by a clear and positive statement of his doctrinal beliefs. The council then voted unanimously to accept the statements of the candidate and joyfully recommended him to the church for ordination.

On Friday, Oct. 12, the ordination service was held, combined with a commissioning service for Jay and Esther Hirth. The church was filled with members and friends of our church and the sister churches. Beautiful flowers lent a note of festivity which was heightened by the choir's rendition of the anthem by Gounod, "Send Out Thy Light." The portion of Scripture read by the Rev. J. Grygo was Romans 12:1-15. The Rev. C. Pfeiffer led in prayer. The minutes of the Ordination Council were read by the Rev. R. Schreiber.

Solemn and heart-searching thoughts were expressed by the speakers of the evening: Rev. R. Schreiber in the ordination sermon; Rev. J. C. Gunst in the charge to the candidate; Rev. F. Lower in the charge to the church; and representatives of the denomination which is sending Jay and Esther to Japan as our first missionaries. Unforgettable to our hearts and minds are those moments during which the ordination prayer was spoken by Rev. R. Kern, with eight ordained ministers standing in a circle, their hands placed on Jay's head, as he knelt in their midst.

Later, Esther Hirth joined Jay on the platform and the Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, delivered the commissioning message dealing with the words: "Go quickly and tell" — and closing with: "and as they went, — Jesus met them" (Matt. 28:7, 9). That was the promise left with Jay and Esther Hirth that Jesus would meet them too and be with them as they go to tell the Good Tidings to the people of Japan. A vocal solo, "The Unveiled Christ," sung by Mrs. C. P. Orth, brought this part of the program to a close. A reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth was held in the lower auditorium, at which time a five-year diary was presented to Jay by the Rev. J. C. Gunst on behalf of the CBY and SS Union, and a briefcase by Mr. Walter Pankratz as a gift from our church with a promise of more things to come.

On Oct. 12th, the time had come to bid farewell. Representatives of the various groups in the church expressed good wishes and a few more gifts were presented: to Esther, a Bible and a lovely orchid, from the King's Daughters; to Jay and Esther, a subscription to "Time" magazine from the Dorcas Guild; a short-wave radio set from the Christian Fellowship Club; a SVE Combination slide and film strip projector and screen from the church to help them with their educational work in Japan.

Following the service, a time of fellowship, singing and refreshments was enjoyed by all and opportunity was given for individual farewells and promises to remember Jay and Esther Hirth before the Throne of grace as they work for the Lord in Japan.

Mrs. Louise Zoch, Clerk.



The Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas (left), of which the Rev. J. O. Zillen is the pastor, with the church platform beautifully decorated with flowers, fruits and vegetables (right) for its Harvest and Mission Festival Sunday.



Southern Conference

Harvest and Mission Festival Program at the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas

On Sunday, Oct. 7, the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, observed its Harvest and Mission Festival. The platform of the church was very beautifully decorated with fruits, vegetables and grains with which the Lord had blessed us. After the song service, led by Olive Rae Lampert, our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. A. Guderian, brought a few words of welcome and led us in our responsive reading. Our pastor, the Rev. J. O. Zillen, led us in a prayer, followed by a Harvest and Mission song by the audience.

Under the leadership of Mrs. J. O. Zillen and Mrs. Ted Nehring, the children of the elementary department presented the program. The entire group sang several choruses, after which each class brought us messages in verse and readings about the harvest and thanks to God for his goodness. We were favored with a song, "We Thank Thee," by the choir.

We were privileged to have as our guest speaker, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., using Col. 2:6 and 7, he chose as his theme, "Abounding in Thanksgiving." He reminded us that of all the gifts with which God has blessed us, Jesus Christ is the most wonderful and the greatest.

At our evening service our pastor, the Rev. J. O. Zillen, led us in the song service, after which we again heard from Mr. Leuschner. He showed us some films concerning the mission fields and work in the Cameroons. He also showed some films on the Indian Reserve in Canada with the story of the baptism of 20 Indians.

We had been looking forward for some time to having Brother Leuschner with us. His talks and the entire day's services were of great blessing to all of us. A special mission offering was taken at these services amounted to \$180.00.

Mrs. H. D. Lynn and
Mrs. Charles Hanson, Reporters.

Laymen's Day and Guest Speakers at the Cottonwood Church of Texas

On Sunday, Oct. 14, the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Texas observed Laymen's Day with the laymen in charge of both services. Mr. E. Gummelt presented the Brotherhood president, Mr. B. F. Lampert. The responsive reading was led by Vernon Hanson, followed by a duet by Jerrold and Louis Wedemeyer. The district Brotherhood president, Mr. O. G. Miller, spoke on the work done by various men in the Bible. Charles Hanson led us in prayer after which the men's quartet sang. Our pastor, Rev. J. O. Zillen, brought the morning message.

For the evening service, Jerrold Wedemeyer and Arthur Schraeder had charge of the song service and Scripture reading. Mr. L. E. Wedemeyer led us in prayer. The male quartet and also male chorus rendered selections. The message was brought by Dr. W. H. McKinsie, executive secretary of the United Drys. His topic was, "God a Destroyer," showing how God can destroy wickedness and evil in the land.

On Sunday, Oct. 21, we were privileged to have as our guest speaker for the morning service, the Rev. J. E. Roth, executive secretary of Latham Springs Encampment. He told us about some of the work carried on at the camp and how it affects the lives of all who attend. He also told us of some of the experiences and testimonies of those who had attended camp. There was an enrollment of 8000 last year. There were 187 persons saved and 94 surrendered for full-time service, with 25 of these resolving to preach.

Mrs. H. D. Lynn, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Central Alberta and Saskatchewan Conference on Evangelism at the Hilda Baptist Church

October 17 and 18 were the days for the Evangelistic Conference at the Hilda Baptist Church for the Central

Alberta and Saskatchewan Convention. We look back upon those days with mixed feelings. On the one hand, we were happy and thankful for the inspiring, instructive and challenging messages; but on the other hand heavy-hearted because so few of our people were able to avail themselves of this opportunity. We wonder where to look for the real reason. Was it the inclement weather that kept our people back, or could it be that our people are afraid to commit themselves to the great challenge of our Master, namely, to be soul winners?

On the whole, we followed very closely the program as outlined by the Program Committee for the Evangelistic Conferences. However, we extended our conference through the entire second day in which the local pastors and laymen considered three more phases of the work of evangelism. Then in the evening we again had a meeting at which the Rev. R. Milbrandt brought a challenging message. Mr. Milbrandt, who is the superintendent of our Old People's Home in Medicine Hat and the mission secretary of our Northern Conference, also presented two topics during the day.

At this conference, laymen as well as the pastors were able to express themselves in regard to this vital work of the church since both the laymen and the pastors had a share in the program. Perhaps, the highlight of the entire conference was experienced in the discussion periods where we could get at those things which concern us as laymen and pastors. Especially are we thankful to the Rev. John Wobig of Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., who was our guest speaker, for his helpful suggestions which he has gained through his own experiences in the work of evangelism.

Though there were only a few in attendance, none of us would say that the Conference was a failure. We believe that we were made conscious as never before that this task of winning men to Jesus requires a greater concentration on personal work, and, furthermore, that every Christian must have a share in this work.

Isador Faszer, Reporter.

Twenty-three Converts Are Baptized from Golden Prairie and Rosenfeld Baptist Churches

On Sunday, August 5th, the Rosenfeld Baptist Church and the Golden Prairie Baptist Church of Saskatchewan, Canada, held a joint baptismal service at Lee Lake. Many people came out to witness the testimony of 23 candidates who followed the Lord in baptism. Following the baptism at the communion service, it was the joy of the pastor, the Rev. Isador Faszer, to extend the hand of fellowship to 24 persons. Although the weather had been trying because of a storm, we rejoiced in the Lord for the blessings bestowed on us.

We held a combined Vacation Bible School with all of our churches at Rosenfeld in July. The enrollment was 59 and the average attendance was 54. In addition to the local help for teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Faszer taught. They are candidates for the Sudan Interior Mission.

Isador Faszer, Pastor.



The Rev. Isador Faszer (right) of the Golden Prairie and Rosenfeld Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan, Canada, and 23 young people whom he recently baptized at an impressive service held in Lee Lake.

Study of Romans and Evangelistic Meetings at Grace Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta

As pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alta., I had felt for some time that the easiest and possibly the best way to counteract the influence of some of the cults in our community was to give our members proper instruction in the Word of God. With this in mind I approached the church board and asked if we could extend an invitation to the Rev. Hugo Lueck of Edmonton, Alta., for special lectures on a book of Romans. This was a great blessing to our people because of the content of the letter and also because of the fine exposition by Mr. Lueck. The meetings were very well attended considering that many were still out on the farms, and the interest in this type of ministry was gratifying so that perhaps at a future date we may make arrangements for another such series of studies.

The Lord has blessed us in the work here in Medicine Hat. Recently we had our Harvest and Mission Festival at which we held our Thanksgiving Offering amounting approximately to \$560. We also experienced a spiritual harvest when the Rev. A. Buhler of Harvey, N. Dak., was with us during the last two weeks of November for special evangelistic services.

Rudolph Rapske, Pastor.

Conference on Evangelism for Saskatchewan at Springside With Rev. J. Wobig as Speaker

Memorable blessings were ours at the Evangelistic Conference held at Springside, Sask., on Oct. 10 and 11. The Rev. R. Kanwischer opened the meeting. The Rev. Alfred Lueck of Yorkton led the devotional period which led us to higher plains in our spiritual life. The Rev. F. Ohlmann emphasized the fact that if we desire to become useful to God we have a definite obligation to him in being obedient to his command, "Follow Me." The Rev. Robert Jaster encouraged youth leaders to organize and practice team work for the salvation of unreached souls.

We were deeply stirred by the messages on soul winning brought by the Rev. John Wobig from Portland, Oregon. He stressed the importance of prayer with equal use of God's Word for effectual soul winning. He said: "Much prayer and little use of the Scripture will give a zealous heart but

little strength." He reminded us that it was the duty of all members to engage themselves with definite "two by two house evangelism." Mr. Wobig advised us that if we wished to conserve the results of our evangelistic efforts, then we must give the new believers opportunities to pray, witness and work for their new found Lord within the church.

The Rev. E. H. Nikkel from Southey told us that Christ's commission was not only for the ministers and the laymen but for every mother, father, boy or girl whatever their vocation might be. He warned us that if we neglect opportunities to win the unsaved, these souls will slip through our fingers and never again would we get that same opportunity. "What methods should we use in praying with the unsaved?" The Rev. E. Thiesen advised us not to make any hard and fast rules as to what methods we should use, for every individual and circumstance is different and we must allow the Holy Spirit to guide us through our own personalities.

Fred H. Ohlmann, Reporter.

Conference on Evangelism for Northern Alberta Area at Central Church of Edmonton

"No trouble is too great to take for a human soul," could have been the underlying theme of this evangelistic conference for the Northern Alberta

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area which was held on October 12 at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, with the Rev. John Wobig of Portland, Ore., as the guest speaker.

The devotional periods were led by the Rev. Otto Schmidt in the morning hour and the Rev. Karl Korella in the afternoon. In the evening the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg led the song service, the Rev. Ernest Hoffmann read the Scripture and the Rev. Henry Schatz led in prayer. Special music was presented by Mrs. Ohlmann and Mrs. Benkie of the Central Baptist Church.

The Rev. Hugo Lueck directed the discussion concerning the enlistment of lay people and the Rev. Willy Muller discussed the enlistment of youth workers. The Rev. John Wahl dealt with the subject, "How to Pray With the Unsaved." In this presentation, he discussed praying with and praying for the unsaved.

The Rev. John Wobig of Portland, Ore., led the delegates in an inspirational, progressive study of soul winning. He first referred to the New Testament plan of soul winning. The last session of the morning was devoted to a discussion and a prayer time for a revival.

In the afternoon, Mr. Wobig demonstrated the actual use of the Bible in soul winning. He also gave help concerning the preparation of the local church for an evangelistic program and followed up with suggestions on conserving the results of these efforts. His evening message was a challenge to all Christians that we might again hear Christ's call, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." This is still the call to those who would follow the Lord Jesus Christ all the way.

The representative registration from the ten or twelve churches was fifty. At the evening service, there were approximately 250 in attendance. Any person who attended any part of this conference could have said: "It was good for us to have been there."

Mrs. W. R. Muller, Reporter.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan

A spirit of thanksgiving and anticipated blessing were keenly felt in the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., Canada, as friends from eight neighboring churches joined us in the 25th anniversary Jubilee of our church on Sunday, October 14th. The Lord granted us lovely weather, and as Mr. H. Gerhardt, superintendent, opened our Sunday School many friends from distant places had gathered with us. This session was highlighted by testimonies from all former Sunday School superintendents of this church.

The morning service led by our pastor, Rev. R. Kanwischer, was in the German language. The Rev. R. Milbrandt, former pastor of this church, was guest speaker. The mixed choir under the direction of Mr. Kanwischer sang, "Die Himmel erzählen die Ehre Gottes" and "Der neue Himmel," accompanied by Mrs. L. Knoll at the piano.

The afternoon service opened with a prelude by the band. Greetings were given by the ministers of the visiting churches as follows: Rev. E. Nikkel, Southey and Serath; Rev. F. Ohlmann, Edenwold; Rev. R. Jaster, Lockwood and Nokomis; and Mr. R. Grabke, Davin. The Rev. S. R. Weaver of the First Baptist Church and Rev. A. J. Hadley of the Cameron Memorial Baptist Church of Regina were also present. A brief report of the church's history was given by our pastor in the German language. As the first pastor of this church, the Rev. A. Miller gave an interesting detailed report of its early beginnings and concluded with the afternoon message. Hearts were stirred and spirits lifted as the choir sang, "Gloria in Excelsis" and "Let Mount Zion Rejoice."

Mr. Milbrandt's message in the evening challenged us to greater service. Mr. W. Knoll, CBY president, sang "Like as the Heart Desireth." Choir anthems were "Crown Him Lord" and "They That Trust in the Lord." The women received well deserved praise for the splendid meals which they provided for all present. We sincerely regret that the Rev. A. Kujath, also former pastor of this church, was unable to be with us.

And so to fulfill our Lord's glorious commission to win souls for him!

H. Bonikowsky, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Sessions of the Oklahoma Association at the Immanuel Church of Loyal, Oklahoma

Once again God has opened the windows of heaven and showered his bountiful blessings upon the Oklahoma Association as it convened at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Loyal, Okla., from Oct. 22 to 24. The opening song service on Monday evening, Oct. 22, was led by the Rev. O. Ringering of Shattuck and a special number was rendered by the Immanuel Church choir, after which Prof. H. Hiller of our Seminary brought the opening message of the association. He spoke from the book of Esther on the theme, "For Such a Time As This." Our souls were stirred and our hearts prepared for the many rich blessings that followed.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13, the devotions were led by the Rev. J. Siems of Okeene, after which the moderator, the Rev. J. Ehman of Bessie, opened the business session with prayer. After a brief report from five of the seven churches, a denominational report was given by the Rev. R. Schilke, which was very informing. At 10:45 A.M., Professor Hiller brought the first of a series of three Bible expositions from the Book of Nehemiah. At 11:40 A.M., the Rev. L. H. Smith of Corn led us in a "Quiet Time" which proved to be a daily highlight of the association. On Tuesday night the Woman's Missionary Union had charge of the service and Mr. Schilke brought an inspired and challenging message on missions.

Wednesday's services were a repetition of Tuesday with many more

blessings received as God used his servants to minister to our hearts. On Wednesday evening the young people conducted a very fine program and once again Professor Hiller was used of God in a dynamic climax to the association as one young lady and one young man dedicated their all to God and stood with several others who previously had taken this step along with the pastors of each church represented.

The Immanuel Church of Loyal and their pastor, Rev. W. Blackburn, are to be commended for their gracious hospitality shown by the delicious meals served and in opening their homes to their guests.

B. F. Taylor, Reporter.



The edifice of the Dickinson County Baptist Church near Elmo, Kansas, with the reconstructed steeple (not painted as yet). The Rev. Herbert Schauer is the pastor.

Mission Festival and Miss Schultz' Visit at Dickinson County Church of Kansas

With grateful hearts, members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County near Elmo, Kansas, celebrated Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Sept. 30. We were especially blessed by having Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker for the day. The highlight of the morning worship service was his inspiring message, "Spiritual Harvests of Christian Discipleship." Mrs. R. Linder sang "The Holy City." The Juniors enjoyed the story of Miss Eleanore Weisenburger, a Cameroons missionary, as told by our pastor, the Rev. Herbert Schauer, a high school classmate of hers.

The afternoon session included a dedicatory service for the improvements which have been made on the church, namely, lowering of the steeple, shingling the roof, a new celote ceiling, fluorescent lights, redecorating walls, refinishing hardwood floors, and a new gas heating system. Dr. Leuschner spoke about the work of dedication on behalf of the remodeled sanctuary. Then our pastor, the Rev. Herbert Schauer, spoke words of appreciation to members for their sacrificial giving of time and money for these improvements. Mr. Donald Jacobson sang "God Bless This House" after which Dr. Leuschner spoke the dedicatory prayer. Special music was rendered by the male chorus. With

the message, "Across the Seasons of the Year," Mr. Leuschner again lifted our hearts to the mountaintop of missionary enthusiasm.

For the evening service, special music consisted of a lively song service and several selections by our Junior choir, the newest addition to our church rostrum of activity, consisting of twelve Junior and Intermediate girls. After speaking briefly on the "Promises of God," Dr. Leuschner showed films of the new leper work in the Cameroons, the Indians of Canada and the Seminary in Sioux Falls.

On such a lovely autumn day with fruits of the field decorating the sanctuary and bespeaking God's material blessings, and the spiritually challeng-

ing harvest and missionary messages by Dr. Leuschner, our people responded to the challenge of the open door of missionary service with a generous offering of \$525. "Thanks be to God who giveth us the victory."

On Friday afternoon, Oct. 12, Miss Esther Schultz, one of our missionaries in the Cameroons, was guest speaker at the tea sponsored by our Woman's Missionary Society. Neighboring societies were invited and together we enjoyed a program consisting of a devotional period, a welcome, piano and vocal solos, and a personal acquaintance with Miss Schultz and her work in Africa of which she spoke with pride and enthusiasm. After the program dainty refreshments were served from the tea table and a time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all those present.

Our Sunday School observed Sunday School Week during the first week in October. Teachers and officers held a special meeting. Most of the teachers did some visitation. At prayer meeting a member from each class spoke on "What the Sunday School Means to Me," and the classes met separately for prayer. Activities of the week were climaxed on Promotion Day held on Oct. 14, and a sermon on "The Importance of the Sunday School" was given by our pastor. Several changes in procedure were made which will improve the efficiency of our school.

Mrs. Milton Jacobson, Reporter.

Reception for New Pastor and Mission Festival at Salem Church, Gotebo, Oklahoma

It was a great privilege for us at the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., to welcome our new pastor, the Rev. B. F. Taylor, his wife and son on Sept. 9. On Wednesday evening, Sept. 12, we had a reception and pantry shower for them after the midweek prayer service. Words of welcome were spoken by the leaders of the various branches of the church, after which Mr. Taylor gave a response.

We as a church wanted to observe Harvest and Mission Festival and at the same time we wanted our many friends to become acquainted with the Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Taylor, formerly of the Northside Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., so we combined "Homecoming" with the Festival and made it an all day program, serving dinner and supper in the church basement. Some 70 friends and alumni signed the guest book and well over a hundred were served at the noon meal. The program began at 10 A.M. Our pastor taught the Sunday School lesson to all classes. Then our Sunday School superintendent, Mervin Greb, asked each visiting "alumnus" to stand and tell what office, if any, he or she had held in the church. The morning message was brought by the Rev. Lesley Schmidt, a former member and a student pastor attending the seminary in Ft. Worth, Texas.

The afternoon song service was conducted by Earl Geis, an alumnus, and various specials were rendered by members. This service was brought to a close by a heart searching and soul stirring message by our pastor in which he emphasized the needs on the mission fields of the world and especially in our own denominational work. The congregation responded to the message by giving one of the largest offerings taken at a single service in the church.

The evening song service was conducted by Lloyd Schantz and again several specials were given, including two German songs by a male quartet. A brief memorial service was conducted by our pastor and as the names of those who had passed away during the past 15 years were read, a flower for each was placed in a vase and when completed the bouquet was presented to the Bill Linsteadt family in honor of their son Billy.

Leland Schantz, a church alumnus, brought the evening message and strangely enough, spoke on the same text as the morning speaker. God richly honored his Word when at the invitation a young woman of college age, who was also an alumna, surrendered her life to the Lord for full-time service. In so doing she took her stand beside another young lady from the church, Delores Weber, and two of the three young men who are studying for full-time service for the Lord. They were joined on the platform by their parents. The entire congregation joined hands and sang, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," after which our pastor pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. W. E. Schanz, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Reception for Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berkan by Baptist Church, Spokane, Washington

The Arthur Street Baptist Church of Spokane, Washington, had the joy of welcoming its new pastor and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Berkan, on Sunday evening, October 14.

Mr. Hugh Collins, our interim pastor, led the meeting and gave the welcome from the church. The Berkans were also welcomed by the representatives of various departments of the church, by the Sunday School superintendent, and the presidents of the Woman's Missionary Society and the CBY. A varied musical program was presented, including a song from the choir, instrumental numbers and vocal offerings and a chalk talk.

After the benediction, a time of social fellowship was spent in the church basement with refreshments served by the women. A monetary gift was presented to the Berkans by the church and a gift was also given to Mr. Collins who had served us so faithfully this summer.

Sunday, October 7, was a big day for the Sunday School. In the morning we held our Rally and Promotion Day. The annual Harvest Day program was held that evening with recitations by the children and "the teen age" group presenting a playlet. The church auditorium, decorated with fruits and vegetables of the harvest time, was filled to capacity with parents and visitors and an offering of \$70 was received for missions.

The church entertained the Evangelistic Conference on October 9 with the Rev. Robert Schreiber of Chicago, Ill., as the guest speaker. How our hearts were thrilled with the messages which gave us renewed zeal to win more souls for Christ!

Barbara Schauwecker, Clerk.

Programs by Sunday School, the Women and CBY at 15th St. Church, Los Angeles

A rousing Rally Day program, presented by the Sunday School scholars, put the Fall activities into full swing at the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California. Each branch of the church is actively engaged in planning its entire program for the coming year. The officers meet in the homes of the leaders and there the programs are discussed and decided upon. This systematic planning is entirely due to the efforts of our pastor, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, who spends many hours before every meeting outlining the programs.

On Sunday, October 4, the Woman's Missionary Society held its annual birthday luncheon and program. This year the event was highlighted by the presence of Mrs. Carl Bender who was guest speaker for the occasion. She and her husband, the Rev. Carl J. Bender, are well known for their outstanding missionary work in the

Cameroons. Since it was our pastor's birthday, he was remembered by the ladies. He was again surprised when the choir met for refreshments after rehearsal. He was presented with a gift in appreciation of his faithful services as our choir director.

Christmas gifts were brought for Miss Margaret Kittlitz, who is the adopted birthday missionary of the Society. Everyone brought an annual birthday offering for the Bansa Hospital in the Cameroons. These "birthday cake" offerings have become a tradition in the society. Miss Brinkman, whom our church is now honored to have as a member, read a beautiful poem, "One Day at a Time." Mrs. Bender then gave a vivid account of her active missionary life that kept everyone intrigued from beginning to end. The Benders loved their work despite the sacrifices they had to make. Mrs. Bender's stirring testimony is this: "In all griefs, sorrows and joys, I can only praise the Lord."

Sunday, October 14, was a great day for the young people. The Commissioned Baptist Youth with Walter Heiman, president, in charge, presented an inspiring program. Members and friends of the Bethel Church of Anaheim and the Ebenezer Church of Los Angeles were also invited. The choir took over the musical part of the program by singing five sacred anthems. Our talented soloist, Mrs. Evelyn Tanner, sang a beautiful selection entitled, "The Builders" by Cadman.

Mrs. Ruth Schadick, secretary, gave an excellent report of the activities and progress made during the year. A new branch of the CBY has been formed which is called the Junior CBY. Since they will not have a new set of officers, Raymond Jantz, vice-president, will preside over their meetings.

A fine stewardship play was presented entitled, "Guilty or Not Guilty." Several young people took part in a true-to-life courtroom scene in which Harold Wetzler was the judge. The accused were guilty of not using their talents for the benefit of others. The judge explained how they could change and live a new life as true stewards of God. They did as suggested and found a greater joy and satisfaction than they had ever known before. "What a challenge for all of us who are guilty!"

Esther Johnston, Reporter.

The Oregon Conference on Evangelism at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon

The Conference on Evangelism for the Oregon churches opened on Oct. 2, at 9:00 A.M. in the beautiful new educational structure of the Trinity Baptist Church in Portland, Ore. The Rev. Frank Friesen of Bethany Church led in a hymn after which he gave a brief devotional from Matthew 9:35-38 with the prayer that the Christian people might "see" the multitude and be moved to action.

Four periods of instruction followed in the morning. In the first, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, the guest speaker from the Foster Ave. Baptist Church

in Chicago, Ill., brought the issue of evangelism clearly before the delegates and other interested persons. He spoke on the basis, need and methods of doing the job, quoting another who said that "the church is organized for every job except evangelism."

In his second lecture he pointed out the church's evangelistic program is not drawing the unsaved. Thus he proved the need of visitation evangelism as carried on by the lay people of the church, not just by the pastor. In this message he gave every practical advice as to how to obtain these leaders, their qualifications, necessary training and rules to follow in doing the visiting. The second talk of the morning was by Roland Rich of Bethany Church, a young people's worker, on the topic of "Leaders in the Churches' Evangelistic Program."

Mr. Schreiber's third lecture of the morning was "Christians Pray for a Revival." He pointed out nine qualifications for answered prayer and then led one group into a period of actual prayer.

As if the spiritual feast wasn't enough, the women of Trinity Church prepared an excellent ham dinner with all the extras. All the time was well filled seeing the building and visiting, with a good deal of discussion going on concerning the practical program being presented.

Classes convened again at 2:00 P.M. with Mr. Schreiber demonstrating the use of the Bible in dealing with various persons. He showed that God's Word has the answer for all questions. Next Rev. Mr. Findley of Western Baptist Theological Seminary brought a message in song and then led the group through the steps of prayer in connection with evangelism, showing the necessity of much prayer. The last message of the afternoon was again by Mr. Schreiber with the topic, "Conserving the Results of Evangelistic Revivals."

At 7:45 P.M. the final service began, led in song by Vic Loewen with Mrs. Jim Billeter and Bernietta Wobig at the organ and piano, respectively. The Rev. E. Wolff of the Salt Creek Church read the Scripture from Isaiah 58:8-14, followed in prayer by the Rev. R. Woyke of Salem, Ore. Following a solo by Miss Wobig, the Rev. J. Wobig introduced the speaker to those who had been at school and at work during the day but were able to come for the evening. At this hour Mr. Schreiber brought a stirring message on the "Dynamics of Evangelism." Key thoughts in this last message were: "Without Christ it is better not to start" but "his presence is salvation."

The encouraging part of the day came from the realization that the program for evangelism by the church members would and could work, because it had been used in the church of which the speaker of the day was pastor. I know that many, if not all, who were there for the day went back home determined to show their love for the Lord in bringing others to him, and rejoicing in the fact that now they knew how to go about this all important job.

Roland Rich, Reporter.

Sunday School Week and Rally Day at Baptist Church, Elk Grove, California

The Church School in the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., observed Sunday School Week starting with Sunday, Sept. 23, at which our pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf, brought an appropriate message. The evening service was in full charge of the Sunday School and musical numbers and several three-minute talks were given by teachers, culminating with a sermon by our pastor. On Monday evening some 30 teachers, their wives or husbands, had a potluck dinner and fellowship. Such a fine time was had together that it was decided to have such a meeting of the teachers and officers every two months. We also have decided to accept the Sunday School Ten-Point Standard. Plans are under way to have a Teachers' Training Class in the near future.

Tuesday evening was visitation night and the teachers were assigned homes to visit. A fine number took part in that activity also.

Wednesday was Sunday School Night at prayer meeting. Although we have many Sunday School boys, girls and young people at prayer meeting, this service was outstanding as each class went to his or her classroom after the talk by the pastor and spent the remaining time in testimony and prayer. We have followed this plan for several years on a smaller scale, five groups going to different rooms. We find that in this way more can take part.

Thursday evening marked the beginning of our evangelistic conference with the First Baptist and Temple Baptist Churches of Lodi cooperating with us. The Rev. Robert Schreiber of Chicago, Ill., was our guest speaker and fed us bountifully this evening as well as during the class periods on Friday. So ended our Sunday School week in a very fitting manner and we were all fired with a new zeal "to Win Them One by One."

For some time previously, we had laid plans for a rousing Rally Day for October 7. Personal calls, written invitations, large posters in the local stores and ads in the local papers, as well as announcements rolled in cellophane paper and distributed throughout the area by the young people were some of the material things we used. But along with these went many prayers that this might indeed be a day of rejoicing and fellowship of God's people. While we did not quite make our goal of 300 for Sunday School, the Lord richly blessed us the whole day and our church was full. God is always ready to do his part if his children are ready to do theirs.

Another note of interest was that our pastor commenced his sixth anniversary with our church on Rally Day. Many and varied were the blessings we have received through his splendid ministry during the five years of his stay with us and we know and believe God will continue to bless us in the years to follow.

Theodora W. Wuttke, Reporter.

Obituary

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

MR. DANIEL RUSSELL of Gladwin, Michigan.

The family, the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich., and many friends were greatly shocked at the accidental death of Mr. Daniel Russell of Gladwin, Mich., on Oct. 16th. An explosion and flashfire in his place of work burned him so badly, that he died a few hours later. He was born on April 13, 1889 in Poland and died on October 16, 1951. In his youth he came to this country with his parents and settled in Gladwin, Michigan. In 1918 he accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized by the Rev. H. G. Braun.

Besides his sorrowing wife he leaves two children: Otto in Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Edna Grove of Gladwin, Mich.; three stepchildren, seven grandchildren, one sister and three brothers. May the Lord comfort this so suddenly bereaved family. The many floral pieces and the large number of friends attending the service showed their love and sympathy.

Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Michigan

VICTOR H. PRENDINGER, Pastor.

MR. GEORGE DEWEY HARTMAN of Buffalo, New York.

We of the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., come to share with readers of the "Baptist Herald" our grief over the passing of Mr. George Dewey Hartman of Buffalo, N. Y., who died on Thursday morning, October 5, 1951, and to pay our tribute of affection to a faithful member and conscientious worker in the Church of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mr. Hartman was born in Buffalo, N. Y., and lived here to the end of his days as a quiet upright man, enjoying the respect and friendship of many. On June 27, 1921 he was united in marriage to Hulda Haeusser and began to attend the services of the High Street Church with her, where under the influence of the late Rev. Peter Brunner he was led to make his covenant with Christ, was baptized and received into the fellowship of the church in 1925. Through the changes of the years he has been a faithful member! In turn, he served as superintendent and secretary of the Sunday School, as president of the Temple Baptist Brotherhood and, at the time of his passing, he was a member of the board of trustees.

He leaves to be remembered, besides a host of friends, these next of kin: his beloved wife, Hulda Haeusser Hartman; four sons: George A. Calvin J., Arthur N., and Albert F.; and a grandson, Mark Stephen Hartman; all of Buffalo, New York.

As we try to understand his untimely death, this word of comfort comes to mind, "The memory of the just is blessed."

Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

G. E. FRIEDENBERG, Minister.


THIS DAY

SYBIL LEONARD ARMES

Let every corner of this day
Become an altar, Lord, for thee.
A quiet place where I can pray
And hear thee talk to me.

The bright expectancy of dawn
Will not endure the noonday heat
Unless refreshing strength is drawn
Where altars touch thy feet.

—CHRISTIAN HEROLD.



“WHATSOEVER
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When the farmer sows the tiny seed of grain he is looking to the future, planning some day to reap the fruits of his labor. It is a constant challenge to him to store provisions so that when needed most, they are there to meet his needs.

You should take heed by preparing a program for your own future needs and the future needs of your family. A program would provide for such needs as a monthly income for your family, or an education for your children, or an income to you in old age. We can present such a program to you. It might mean the difference between happiness and misery for you or yours in future years.

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