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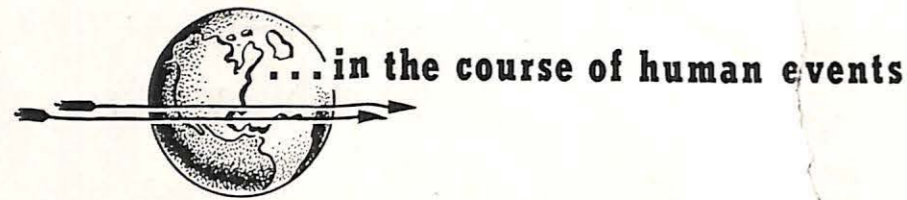
Christian Youth Week -- January 28 to February 4

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Counting Our Blessings in Africa

MISS RUBY SALZMAN

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...in the course of human events

● Rabbi Daniel Zion, former chief rabbi of Bulgaria, now residing in Palestine, is also a notable scholar and writer. For years he has held that the trial of Jesus was a mistrial and that the Jewish people owe it to one of the greatest in their history to confess this fact formally and publicly before the world. "When Rabbi Zion made known his views from the pulpit and in the press," writes the correspondent in Tel-Aviv of the Jewish Daily Forward of New York, N. Y., "he was promptly declared apostate by the Rabbinate and deposed from his position of rabbi." They went even farther. In a conference, without calling on Rabbi Zion to defend himself, these gentlemen declared him insane and recommended his incarceration in an asylum. Happily, public opinion rose up against this injustice, both in a section of the Hebrew press and among the people at large. — Sunday School Times.

● The youngest Christian community in Egypt has built the biggest church in the Middle East. It is the Cairo Evangelical church, situated on Ismailia Square, cultural and administrative center of this metropolis. The church is so tall that its cross can be seen from many districts and from across the Nile river. Although the stained glass windows are still to come from Italy and the benches are not complete, services have been held for some months. The auditorium has a capacity of 2000, and is nearly always full on Sunday. The pastor is Rev. Ibrahim Sayeed. Mr. Sayeed started his Gospel preaching in 1930. Only 30 persons attended the first service. When the numbers increased, he hired the auditorium of the YMCA in Cairo, but even that was not big enough, so he moved to a larger hall. In 1939 his congregation had outgrown even that. Now it is the largest in Cairo.

—United Evangelical Action.

● Another "first" New Testament has now been published by the American Bible Society. This is in the language to be known as Kikwango, a trade language used by 16 mission stations in a large area in southwestern Belgian Congo, in the Kasai River area. The people speak many tribal languages but few understand the Fiote Kikongo in which there is considerable literature, including a translation of the entire Bible. Kikwango, however, is used by about 500,000 people. Translations of several of the Gospels in Kikwango had been prepared

by J. A. Brower and other missionaries of the Congo Gospel Mission as well as by Mrs. Ernestine Strauss Janzen of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America. These had been published by the British and Foreign Bible Society, the Scripture Gift Mission and the American Bible Society and by the missions, at various times since 1935.

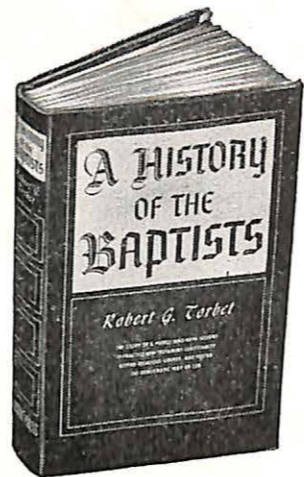
—American Bible Society.

● A new Christian voice has begun to spread its influence among thousands of people in the South Pacific. The voice is radio station DYSR, a \$175,000, 1000-watt installation located in a dormitory building at the Presbyterian Church's thriving Philippine college, Silliman University at Dumaguete, some 500 miles south of Manila. While it is located at a Presbyterian school and staffed largely by Presbyterian missionaries and students, it is an interdenominational venture "for the promotion of the entire cause of Christianity and of the Protestant movement in the Philippines." Most of the programs are educational and inspirational, including professional, business, and farm hours, Bible quizzes, worship services, and U.S. imports like "The Greatest Story Ever Told." The station's range on both broadcast and short wave bands covers many thousands of miles. Already favorable reception reports have come in from as far away as Brisbane, Australia.

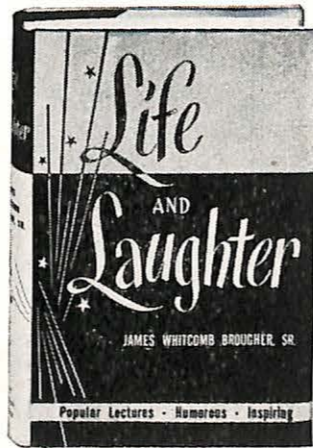
—Presbyterian Life.

● In a solemn setting, rich in color and pageantry, the delegates of 29 American Christian churches brought into being in November the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America, dedicated "to the glory of God and the service of mankind." It was a great moment in religious history as a representative of each of 25 major Protestant and four Eastern Orthodox churches signed constituting documents, and then heard the presiding officer, Dr. Franklin Clark Fry of New York, formally declare the National Council "officially constituted." The capstone in the arch of cooperative Christianity in America was erected in a memorable ceremony in snow-bound Cleveland's public auditorium Wednesday morning, Nov. 28. Against the backdrop of the banners of the 29 constituent denominations the eight merging agencies signified that

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A History of the Baptists by Robert G. Torbet. This book could not have come to hand at a more opportune time. A half-century has elapsed since Albert H. Newman wrote his History of the Baptist Churches in the United States; almost as many years have passed since Henry C. Vedder wrote his Short History of the Baptists. Price \$6.00.



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Editorial

The Exuberance of Youth

THE RESPONSE of Christian young people to the call of God to go into all the world as missionaries has been quite remarkable. Someone has estimated that about twenty young people of our churches are preparing now in schools for possible service in the Cameroons of Africa or have made a public dedication of themselves for missionary work in the Cameroons. The General Missionary Committee of our denomination is in touch with a number of fine, talented couples from our churches who have made or want to make application for the Cameroons mission field.

This missionary fervor of many of our young people is the exuberance of youth that is channeled into God's service. It ought to set many hearts of older Christians aglow with a new-found radiance. It ought to set many leaders to thinking at a time when we are not altogether willing to venture forth into new or larger missionary fields because of financial entrenchments. As far as dedicated "man power" is concerned, the future for Christian missions and the Church of Christ is bright with promise and hope. These young people are in the vanguard of God's work, setting the future pattern for missionary action by the surrender of their lives to God's purpose for them.

It is this heartening fact that gives blessed meaning to the theme for YOUTH WEEK to be observed in our churches from January 28, 1951 to February 4, 1951. CHRIST CALLS — IN FAITH WE SERVE! Christ is constantly calling, even as he did in Palestine almost twenty centuries ago. But we are often fearful of heart and timid in faith. Our eyes are closed to the call of God because of our occupation with other things. We are not ready to make the great surrender that involves sacrifice and personal risks. In the midst of long hesitations, Christian young people can be a stirring example to the rest of us as "by faith they go forth exuberantly and eagerly to serve!"

Let no one of us be a stumbling block in this pathway of faith of these young people. Satan will discourage them and try to tempt them often, as it is. Not every field that beckons and every door that looks promising will open to them. It still remains true that not every young person who wants to be a minister or missionary actually finds his or her hopes realized. But whenever God has truly called a young person into his service and with exuberance of faith and joy that person goes forth on fire for the Lord, then we ought to be grateful eyewitnesses of God's grace and glory and strengthen the hands of these young people in their service for Christ.

It is a blessed privilege to pass the torch of Christian glory on to young people who are coming up the trail. Christ is calling them as never before in human history. Their response of faith has been most heartening. The future of God's work is assured, indeed, so long as we have his promises and such young people as these!



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Satan Hath Desired You

The power of decision rests with each of us to choose, not only the destiny of our souls, but also the course of victory in our Christian lives

By the REV. HENRY R. BAERG of Durham, Kansas

"Behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he might sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for you, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen the brethren" (Luke 22:32-33).

THE WORDS of our theme are no fabrication of some hypersensational enthusiast or alarmist. They are a direct quotation from Scripture and their truth is a stark reality. Each of us should be stirred to the foundation of our souls at the impact of this truth.

Complacency and indifference must be banned forever from our lives when issues of the soul are at stake, for decisions in this realm are of eternal consequence. We are cautioned in 1 Peter 5:8, "Be sober and vigilant for our adversary, the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking, whom he may devour."

THE SPIRITUAL WORLD

In a very realistic way the Bible pictures to us what is going on in the unseen, the spiritual world. Man, a spiritual as well as a physical being, is coveted by Satan, the Deceiver, for his destruction, and is desired by God, the Redeemer, for his salvation. How tragic that man's spiritual faculties have been darkened by sin and his eyes have been blinded to the Truth so that he cannot clearly discern what is at stake. Even the Christian, in the



The Rev. and Mrs. Henry R. Baerg and their family of Durham, Kansas.

light of God's great love and his eternal redemption, is in danger of minimizing and underestimating the power and the craftiness of the enemy.

By the illumination of the Word of God and the Spirit of God, I shall attempt to unfold before our mind's eye what an intense conflict is staged for our souls. Furthermore, the power of decision rests with each of us to choose, not only the destiny of our souls, but also the course of victory in our Christian lives.

We consider, first, Satan's request. The force of the Greek text is: "Satan has demanded you for himself." Oh, the brazenness and diabolical boldness of the enemy of our souls! The intruder and imposter demands man

from his Creator and Redeemer. However, we are not in darkness about his wiles, strategy and diplomacy.

It was he who requested for the Old Testament saint, Job, that he might spoil this saint and bring to an abrupt end all of his joy, prosperity and happiness. It was Satan who withstood Gabriel and the archangel Michael (Daniel 10 and Jude 9) in situations involving God's people, that by all means their misery and enslavement might continue. The height of all shameless, demonic intrigue and opposition was reached at Satan's assault on Christ, when he said, "If you will fall down and worship me, I will give you the kingdom of earth."

SATAN'S REQUEST

At the occasion, of which our text speaks, I can imagine this one, whose only intention is to kill and to steal and to destroy, saying to himself, "I have Judas, just let me at the rest of the disciples." It is like turning loose a wolf in a sheep corral. Nevertheless, we need not fear for we have a good Shepherd. Has Satan, who is a liar and the father of lies, the slightest intention of enriching those who fall victim to him. Has he ever shown one particle of benevolence to his prey? No! a thousand times no!

He wants to trap and bring to ruin. Just like the thousands of graves from the Siberian slave camps call to us to cherish our freedom, liberty and prosperity, and warn us against seeking Communistic enslavement, so the pit of hell is re-echoing with the groans and cries of the millions who have been intrigued, that their brethren and their kin might not come to that place of torment (Luke 16:28). Don't believe the propaganda from hell; Satan the liar has devised it.

When I was a boy living on a farm in southern Alberta, Canada, I used to have difficulty in catching my saddle pony. I devised a scheme, which, no doubt, many of you have used, of coming to this pony with a bucket of oats in the one hand in front of me and a bridle in the other hand in back of me. While the dumb animal was eating the oats, I quickly slipped the reins around his neck and then proceeded to bridle him.

Satan also does not come empty handed. Oh, yes, he makes offers, but

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he has no desire of making us happy, joyous and rich. What did he do to Job? His only intention is to deceive as many as possible into the hell prepared for him and his angels. Let us use our intelligence to consider. Let us not be fooled, for the devil's one express purpose is to ruin us in hell.

CHRIST'S INTERCESSION

We consider, next, Christ's prayer in this great conflict over the souls of men. We notice that this is the One with the office of eternal priesthood. He ever lives to make intercession for us. Furthermore, he is the Dispenser of all good and perfect gifts. He who created us and redeemed us with the shedding of his precious blood is lifting up his holy, nail-pierced hands of intercession for us. He told Peter: "I have prayed for you that your faith fail not."

We pray for others, but often it is so unwillingly; frequently it is done so selfishly, so falteringly. Many times we pray just to be able to say that we have prayed. We are so limited in knowledge and interest. How many times we wonder if our prayers are heard. But Christ said, "I know that thou hearest me always." He assures us that to counteract all requests or demands of Satan, he is praying for us. He who knows the heart of man, and he who is seated at the right hand of God, is making intercession for us. We can overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb (Rev. 12:10).

OUR INTERCESSION

Finally, we notice that we also are to have a place in this great conflict over the souls of men. After we have gained the victory, not by appeasement and compromise, but by resisting the devil and by trusting in Christ who is our victory, we are to strengthen the brethren in order that they too might be victorious. Christ wants to make us useful and fruitful. We can and must help others in their struggle so that they wax valiant for God. Altogether too often we still lend Satan a hand against the brethren and we become accusers of the brethren rather than helpers. The devil is the accuser of the brethren (Rev. 12:10). Let us beware that we do not align ourselves with the enemy of the souls of men.

Having discovered the Lord's help, let us encourage, cheer and strengthen the brethren. Christ came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. He helped; he healed; he dispensed comfort and life. Likewise, the ministry of the church is to preach the Gospel of salvation; but then also to strengthen and establish the saints. May God give us victory that we might comfort others with the same consolation we have experienced!

"Thank You, Heavenly Father"

This meditation was prepared by MR. ELMER STAUB of Detroit, Mich., on Nov. 15, 1950, only ten days before God called him Home

YOUR "BEOBACHTER" (Observer) has been passing through a portion of the years "when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them" (Eccl. 12:1). Since his heart attack, fifteen years ago, he has enjoyed unusually fine health, but on July 29th last and during the week following he had a series of new heart attacks and from then on, until November 8, he has been continuously in bed, including the last three and a half weeks which were in the hospital where he was taken because of renewed attacks.

A number of lessons were learned which might be helpful to all readers, because days of sickness come to us all sooner or later. Here is the first of those lessons:

The first week at the hospital was a nightmare. I never knew there were so many different kinds of pills and different kinds of hypodermic needles as I made the acquaintance of during that week. Under an oxygen tent day and night and with my beloved family around me during the day. I was not fully aware of what was happening. My nerves and emotions seemed to have broken down also, and I tried my best to keep my mind focused on spiritual things and on prayer, but

DER BEOBACHTER

Mr. Staub had been writing a series of brief articles for "Der Sendbote," our German publication, which he signed, "Der Beobachter" (The Observer).

my thoughts seemed to run together and flow away from me as water flows down stream. I felt alone because I could not keep my mind on any one thought.

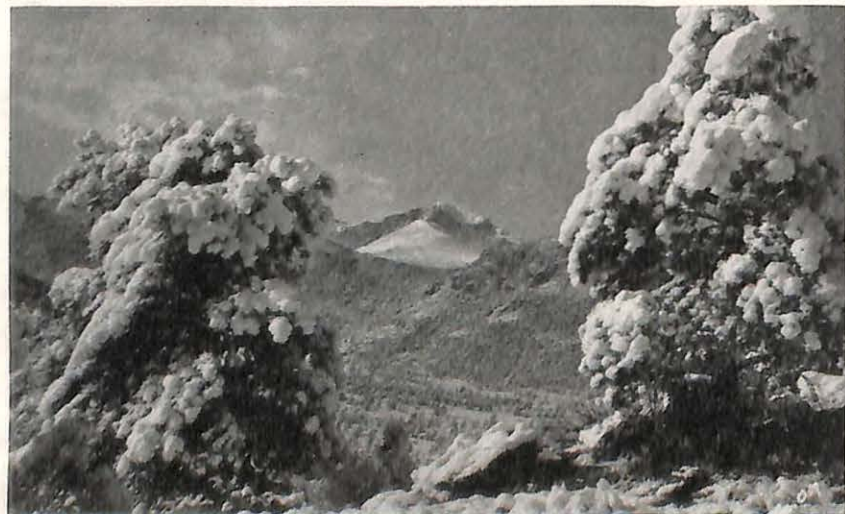
Then, suddenly, there came to my mind a story I had read some months before about an uneducated servant girl who knew only one prayer and that was, "Much obliged, Lord," and she prayed it all day long for the privilege of seeing the morning sun; for strength to get dressed, and to work; and for every blessing through the day, and when she took sick she said, "Much obliged, Lord," that her sickness was not worse and she repeated the prayer for every improvement in her condition.

We can learn from everybody — and when that story flashed in my mind I determined to spend my hours in the same manner. I no longer tried to pray in detail but during the rest of that serious first week in the hospital and ever since, I have learned to say, "Thank you, Lord; thank you, Father," many times, day and night, for the many improved changes in condition and for the many tokens of love from my wife, family and friends.

Could it be that learning this lesson, to say, "Thank you, Lord; thank you, Father," for many small blessings, as well as for the larger ones — and to say it often during the day — is really what Paul meant when he wrote, "Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thess. 5:17-18).



A Picture That Was Used Effectively in Our Denomination Some Years Ago for Promotional Purposes With Dr. William Kuhn (Standing); Mr. William F. Grosser, Treasurer (Seated, Right); and Mr. E. Elmer Staub of Detroit, Mich. (Seated at Table, Left)



Snow-covered pines frame this beautiful picture of majestic Long's Pike in the Rockies of Colorado.

Counting Our Blessings in Africa

Leaves from the diary of our missionary at Ndu in the Cameroons, MISS RUBY SALZMAN, now on furlough in America

"Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done,
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done."

As WE MISSIONARIES return to the homeland and look back over the years on the field, counting the blessings God has showered upon our work, we can only say: "God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Faith is the victory that overcomes the world. Truly, our leaders on the field and at home have seen visions and dreamed dreams, and their faith has given victory to overcome the numerous difficulties in our Cameroons work.

A MISSIONARY'S DIARY

As we turn the leaves of our diary, we are reminded that one of the outstanding cries in the first years of our life in Africa was for a doctor. Sick babies, burned cases, intestinal disorders were a constant challenge to our nurses. One page in the diary records the incident when the school manager overfilled the water bottle and near boiling water spread over her hand. The nurse at hand searched for and found the "Burn Ointment" tube. The directions read, "In case of severe burn call the doctor immediately." "What's his telephone number?" "Now, what's his name? When will he come?" The doctor is there now, and we all praise God for answered prayers. On the hospital com-

pound stands a new Baptist Church, and every day patients are introduced to the Christ we love and serve.

Another repeated phrase at the close of many a day's record in the Desert was, "And the Desert Dodge didn't come yet." Those were the days when only three or four trucks of any description being our one Ndu road, one of them transport, a three- and only means of transport, a three-ton Army truck. One passed before I Ndu, eight months ride. Now motors experienced a motor travel that same of every description travel trouble Ndu road, and we scarcely trouble ourselves to look out the door when one passes, unless we are waiting for one of our own to arrive.

For additional missionaries we give thanks. Many times on our Ndu area treks we were asked, "Why are there so many Catholic priests visiting our compounds and our own mission has no man on this field?" From many outstations that same cry for more visits is heard continuously. We still need additional workers, but we praise God for continuing to send forth laborers.

Four years ago our grassland teachers were easy prey to Communist influence. They had had such limited guidance and counsel from the one and only man on the field during those preceding years. Never will we forget the scene one afternoon as Laura Reddig and I looked out of the door and saw our teachers being tricked into posing for a group photograph with some Communist-minded visitors who were haunting our mission compound under the guise of

visiting a brother. What could be done? If the picture were taken, it would undoubtedly be published in the Nigerian newspaper. We could almost see the headlines, "Baptist mission teachers pose with Zeikist friends."

With determination in her step and a prayer in her heart, Laura rushed down to the group and challenged our teachers, "Choose you this day whom you will serve." Silence reigned for several long moments, and finally one of our older teachers stepped out. Others quickly followed and the situation was saved. The temptation to follow this movement is still very real to our boys, but their daily, weekly or monthly contacts with the missionaries on each main station have now given them a firmer foundation in the ideals of Christian democracy.

CHRISTIAN TEACHERS

Another of our dreams has budded into the first stage of reality in our Preliminary Training Center for our present and future school teachers. If we want to keep our mission schools Christ-centered, we must staff them with teachers whose chief aim in teaching is to win each boy and girl to the Lord Jesus Christ. All of us have watched with misgivings in our hearts the teachers who have come out of the Government Training Center. Many of those who entered as consecrated Christians have lost their zeal for the Master. They come out to serve in our schools as headmasters and often act as "wet blankets" on the Christian enthusiasm of our untrained, young teachers. They seem

to lose their vision of sacrifice and service to the community. In our own center these ideals are held before them constantly, and they are nurtured in their Christian growth.

Another prerequisite we have for beginning teachers is that they attend one year at our Bible School. This Bible School too has been an answer to prayer, and we thank God for the progress that has come in the few years it has existed. In its infancy it did not have enough prestige in the eyes of the natives, but now they recognize its importance in our general program and are proud to be enrolled as students. Encouraging reports continue to come from the missionary in charge. Several of this year's students have been recommended by the last Missionary Conference to join the three men who are now studying at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Nigeria. God has opened this door of opportunity for further advanced training for our best qualified, and for this we are most grateful.

BAMENDA CHURCH

As the mission truck rounds the last few bends going towards the government center in the town of Bamenda, our hearts always skip a bit, and we gaze with pride on our Bamenda Baptist Mission Station. It is situated on a knoll at the foot of the Bamenda cliff. Its gateway is at the Bamenda crossroads, leading south to Soppo and north to Warwar. The landscaped sight and brick buildings together with a beautiful native church sprang up in three years' time under the capable management of our field superintendent, the Rev. Paul Gebauer. To this station and to these veteran missionaries come people from every walk of life, including the highest official, the British Resident of the province or the lowest native who has fallen into the hands of the law. Here they know that they will receive wise Christian counsel for whatever palaver they bring to "Massa" and Mrs. Gebauer.

Four years ago in the grasslands we had one complete eighth grade school. In the next two years our other two main station schools attained that rank. The last Mission Conference voted to attempt to bring one of our grassland outschools to the same standing. Our Mbem grassland station now has a complete set of permanent school buildings constructed of locally burned brick. At Ndu a compact stone building is under construction that will house the whole school under one roof. If this plan proves satisfactory, Belo Station hopes to put up a similar structure. Those more familiar with the coastal area have a similar story to tell of the several flourishing schools in Victoria, Soppo and Kumba Areas.



Smiling Zuwar, one of our Cameroons mission school girls in Africa, in a cocoa-yam patch.

Foundations are being laid for new churches at Belo and Ndu Stations. The native Christians have been tugging away at stones and bringing them, one, two and three at a time on their heads, to deposit at the designated stone depots. The station managers urge the natives to bear half the cost by carrying stones, making bricks and donating labor as the native masons begin to lay the first stones.

The Christians in the small outstations, not to be outdone by those attending the church on the mission station, join hands on their "country Sunday" to dig the pits to find good brick clay, to carry water, to make putta-putta and to fill the brick forms. Often the missionary on trek finds it impossible to sleep in the native church when arriving at the station, for the Christians have filled the "near-to-fall" bamboo church with bricks for their new church. It is with joy that we see our Christians taking pride in the appearance of their own local house of worship.

OUR GIRLS' SCHOOL

One of the biggest heartaches of the grassland school managers is the lack of interest on the part of native authorities and parents in sending their girls to school. The woman makes the farm, raises the children and cooks the thick cornmeal mush and cocoa yams. Why should she have schooling to perform such tasks? "If I let my daughter learn book, she will deny to marry the man to whom I have promised her," is the answer we have heard over and over again.

Because of these attitudes, even our school and church teachers cannot find a girl who has even two or three years of schooling to become his helpmate in his chosen life work. Three

Belo girls have come through the eighth grade at Belo and are all teaching. They have been a great influence in getting little girls into the first classes, but we do not have more than four or five girls past the fourth grade in any of our grassland schools this year.

At the coast there is a different picture. Women have caught a vision of what education can do for them, and they are permitting their daughters to attend. Our Girls' School at Soppo, another one of our mission dreams, is crowded to capacity, and a number were turned away for lack of facilities.

What progress do we see in Christ-like attitudes in the native Christian home? Country fashions change very slowly, and even the most consecrated Christian husband, who from all other appearances loves his wife devotedly, still will not invite her to share his meal with him at the table in the living room of his home. She sits on a low bamboo stool out in the kitchen with her children hovering around her. There next to the open fire that is burning between three stones with an iron kettle containing their soup or mush, they share their food. However, the good husband is most anxious to clothe his wife properly and he tries as well to clothe his children.

In a recent debate on the pros and cons of the value of polygamy, one of our trained teachers said, "We cannot judge our own standards today according to the standards of our fathers. Even economically we could not afford to be polygamists, for when we get a new pair of shoes, we want our wife to have a new pair as well." Husbands are showing more Christian consideration toward their wives, and the wives who try in any small measure to improve their own standards are given the respect due them from their families.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

However, the foregoing facts would mean little to us as missionaries if we did not see gains in the spiritual lives of our people. Time and again the people at home have read encouraging reports of hundreds of baptisms and the other hundreds who are enrolled in our Inquirers' Classes. But the missionaries have the joy of watching these babes in Christ continue in their Christian growth. We rejoice with them as they conquer temptations that befall them, and we weep with those who fall into the hands of the evil one.

As school managers, we have opportunity of sitting in classes with our older school boys and are sometimes amazed at the questions these boys and young men ask concerning spiritual problems. It is a source of satisfaction to us to know that every day the boys and girls in each of our

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Belo school children in the British Cameroons at the left, and teacher Chang at the right with the Bible and New Testament which he earned by memorizing Bible verses.



...FOR... LEADERS...

C.B.Y. Guide for Leaders

Announcement of a new handbook for youth leaders
by MISS MARTHA LEYPOLDT of Forest Park, Illinois



"Go ye into all the world," Mark 16:15. (Missions.)

"Continue in my Word," John 8:31. (Study.)

"Come ye yourselves apart," Mark 6:31. (Fellowship.)

"Tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee," Mark 5:19. (Publicity.)

With these commands before our young people, we look forward to greater activity in our C.B.Y.'s. In order to carry out these commands of Christ, a working program has been outlined for our C.B.Y.'s to follow. To give you this new program in detailed form and to give an abundance of ideas to carry it out, the "C.B.Y. Guide for Leaders" has been prepared.

The eight commissions from Christ listed above give us the basis for the commissions outlined for our C.B.Y.'s to follow. Each commission (committee) has the impetus to work because it receives its commission directly from Christ, namely: Program, Worship, Service, Enlistment, Missions, Study, Fellowship and Publicity. These commissions are primarily activity and planning groups and do work over and above the Sunday evening youth hour program.

Besides your officers of president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, the new C.B.Y. program suggests that a chairman be appointed for each of the eight commissions. The new program is based on the principle that the best way to get young people interested in the activities of your church and your C.B.Y. is to give them some definite task to perform.

COMMISSION GROUPS

Every young person should be assigned to take an active part in one

of these commission groups. Each person should be made to feel that he has a responsibility, one which has been given to him by Christ who has commissioned him for service. What an impact your youth group could be in your church and community if every member would take his responsibility to Christ seriously!

The PROGRAM COMMISSION will supervise the planning of all Sunday evening youth programs. Although this commission will no doubt have only two or three people working on it, it will assign tasks to all young people in your group so that all might participate in the worship and discussion programs.

The WORSHIP COMMISSION will emphasize the worship activities of the group, encourage the use of devotional literature by the young people and supervise the music of the group.

The SERVICE COMMISSION will plan and carry out the service activities in the church, community and denomination, enlisting all members in participation.

The ENLISTMENT COMMISSION will gain new members for the C.B.Y. and encourage and train the young people to win other young people to Christ.

The STUDY COMMISSION will encourage the reading of good Christian literature and supervise the young people's department of the church library. They will also plan an accredited leadership training course at least once a year.

The COMMISSION ON MISSIONS will keep the young people informed of the latest missionary news and create an enthusiastic interest in missions. They shall also encourage the support of the North American Baptist mission project in your area.

The FELLOWSHIP COMMISSION will plan the social activities of the C.B.Y. and will encourage friendliness to all young people.

The PUBLICITY COMMISSION will publicize all activities of the C.B.Y., presenting them in an attractive manner.

GUIDE FOR LEADERS

The "C.B.Y. Guide for Leaders" gives detailed suggestions for each commission to carry out the commission of Christ given to its members. Many ideas are contained in this handbook which you can adapt to the

needs of your group. Not one of these commission emphases should be lacking in your C.B.Y. organization. The "Youth Compass," on pages 57-65 of every issue, gives added suggestions and inspiration to each commission to carry on its activities.

Suggestions for carrying out this C.B.Y. program in a small church, duties of all officers and commission chairmen, a suggested C.B.Y. constitution, charts and diagrams and an effective installation service help to make the "C.B.Y. Guide for Leaders" a valuable and indispensable handbook for your youth group.

Your C.B.Y. should have at least three to five copies of this 116-page handbook. Study it, discuss it with your leaders, counsellor and pastor and then put the program into effect. Make these slogans known to your leaders: "YOU'LL BE LOST WITHOUT YOUR COMPASS;" and "THE C.B.Y. GUIDE WILL SHOW YOU THE WAY" to a more effective youth organization inspired by Christ's commands.

The Forest Park Baptist Church has proven a testing ground for this new C.B.Y. program. Added interest and increased consecration to the tasks of service have been the result.

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

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schools hear again and again the story of the Christ who died that they might have life and have it more abundantly.

At present, the missionaries on the field are contemplating following the same Scripture memorization program in which our own young people at home are participating. May the Holy Spirit reveal to them the meaning of these verses as applied to their native and country fashions that they might have a lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path!

That every one of our school and church teachers is a fully consecrated Christian we cannot boast, but a good percentage of them are. In the hands of these men lies the future of our Baptist work. Please continue to pray for these young men that their faith might not fail, but that it will grow stronger. It is through the leadership of our church teachers and evangelists that we hope to continue seeing growth in indigenous churches.

VISITATION TRIP
Miss Ruby Salzman is now on a visitation tour to scores of our churches in several conferences which will not be concluded until May 27, 1951.

Pray that the local Christians might not only get a vision of tithing to make possible the local support of their own church teacher, but that there might awaken within them a desire to send others forth to smaller communities to begin new churches where Christ is still not represented. There is always rejoicing in the local church at home when one of its own youth dedicates himself to full time Christian service. We on the field have the same experience as we watch our graduating boys decide what they want to do when out of school. During the past several years a goodly number of our grassland boys have decided to be church teachers. Perhaps, some may fall by the wayside, but we are assured that God has called many who will remain faithful witnesses for him.

Today the African Christian has not only the sins of his native witchcraft, superstition and fear to counteract, but he also must face the evils introduced by the white man and western civilization. But together let us claim God's promise that his word shall not return unto him void. Let us help to make it possible for his word to continue to go forth through our prayers, gifts and time, that we who claim to be his followers, whether black or white, might be found walking in manner worthy of the vocation to which he has called us. Let us not fail to make the most of the opportunities which God is giving to us while there is yet time for the harvest.

The New Plan at Work

By BERTHOLD L. SWEENEY, president of College Age Youth Groups, Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois

THE OFFICERS and leaders of young people in our churches are becoming more conscious of the necessity of an active energetic youth group. Until we integrate our young people into the church program, we are not fulfilling the ministry of the church. At the same time, youth in the church, just as youth in a home, represents a freshness and vitality.

Realizing the importance of youth in the church, we want to find the most effective method of bringing about an appealing young people's program. Also we want to introduce our young people to the opportunities of Christian service.

In our college age youth group at the Forest Park Baptist Church, we have adopted the new C.B.Y. Program based on the Commission type of organization as suggested by our General Conference Union. Only a few months have passed since we began organizing our group on the commission basis, but results are already an encouragement to our entire group.

There are always some who are hesitant about any change of organization, even in the young people's groups. You may run into some of the comments we heard: "Isn't this too much organization for a young people's group?" "We don't have enough really interested young people to make it work." "What's wrong with our past organization?"

After making the change and observing some of the early results of the commission program, it is my conviction that it is not too much organization to follow a plan whereby ALL the young people are being used in groups with a definite responsibility and co-ordinated into the overall picture of the group.

Nor is a "lack of interest" by our young people always due to a lack of spirituality, but it is often due to our inability to harness their po-

tentialities and give them a definite responsibility in the group. As for "past organization," while it may be good, it is not acceptable for our church unless it is the BEST we can find!

At present we are functioning with four general officers: president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. We have a chairman and an assigned number of co-workers for all eight of the suggested commissions: program, missionary, service, enlistment, study, promotion, worship and fellowship. It has made possible a complete program serving the spiritual needs and providing social activity.

Programs and activities have been carried out, and some planned for future days — programs and activities which would be almost impossible without commissions specializing in one field of the work of our organization. These specialists are young people, who, without a definite responsibility, would not feel the impact or importance of the work of our young people's organization — the evangelical outreach of the church to other young people.

We have felt the importance of monthly meetings for the commissions and chairman with his co-workers; and a monthly meeting of the cabinet, composed of the officers and commission chairmen. These meetings need to represent planning and work, as well as sincere prayer. The effectiveness of the planning at these meetings will be felt in the programs and activities of the days which follow.

Serving as president of our young people's group has given me first-hand evidence in favor of the commission program. It is my belief that your youth organization, large or small, will be benefitted by the commission program. The prepared materials by the denomination will make this program workable and beneficial in YOUR organization.

Miss Anna Brinkman Is Honored

The report of the reception for the matron of the Girls' Home, Chicago, Illinois, following twenty years of faithful service

By the REV. JOHN E. GRYGGO of Chicago, Illinois

TWENTY YEARS AGO, Miss Anna Brinkman, missionary of the White Avenue Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, responded favorably to the call extended to her by the board of directors of the Girls' Home of Chicago, Illinois, to succeed Miss E. Wagner, now Mrs. William Berg, as matron. Just before she arrived, Mrs. Albert Johns, the well beloved president of the board at the time, was able to marshal all the interest and generosity of our Chicago churches so that the Home could be appropriately remodeled and refurbished.

The original purpose of the building, to train nurses and to care for the sick, as planned by the founder, the Rev. Jacob Maier, had to be abandoned. Henceforth, it was to be a Christian home for employed young women of limited financial resources. But a home may function without a father, though never without a mother. The motherly heart and touch must be there; otherwise it degenerates into a boarding house.

Miss Brinkman was not only a mother, but a Christian mother as well, to the many Protestant girls, who have come from far and near to find an attractive and wholesome dwelling place. Small wonder then, that it was a sad day for the house-guests, as well as for the Girls' Home Society, when Miss Brinkman felt compelled to present her resignation to the board of directors several

CHICAGO GIRLS' HOME
Miss Ruth C. Doeschler of St. Joseph, Mich., has become the successor to Miss Brinkman as the matron of the Chicago Girls' Home. Miss Brinkman's present address is 933 S. Gramercy Place, Los Angeles 6, California.

months ago.

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, a group of personal friends of Miss Brinkman, as well as the board members, and ministers and their wives of Chicago and vicinity, came together at the Forest Park Baptist Church for a special farewell banquet in behalf of our departing sister. Mrs. Roland Ross was the gracious hostess and Mrs. Robert Krogman acted as the genial toast-mistress.

The Rev. G. A. Schlesinger invoked the Lord's blessing upon the food and the assembled guests. After the delicious dinner, Mrs. Krogman brought to our attention the purpose of this meeting and table fellowship, which was to pay high tribute to Miss Brinkman, and wish her God's bountiful blessings for the future. As a token of deep gratitude, she furthermore presented to our guest of honor, in behalf of the board of directors, a farewell gift of one thousand dollars and a leather purse. All nodded approval, for Miss Brinkman was also a good manager. Her words of appreciation made us all aware that we were losing a true handmaid of the Lord.

Such a sublime occasion could only be made more dignified by the spiritual contribution of Dr. William Kuhn. He spoke kindly of Miss Brinkman and fittingly compared her services to the girls and the Home with the woman who broke her alabaster box out of sheer love for her Savior, and of whom the Lord said: "Where-soever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." The Rev. Robert Schreiber offered the closing prayer.

We wish our sister well! May her days in California be happy ones! May she continue to enrich other lives!

THE ARTIST

Life does not promise always
To make her pathways gay
With buttercups, green pasture slopes,
And sunshine all the way.
Never was a picture painted,
Where shadows did not lie,
Accentuating beauty
Of landscape, sea, and sky.

So we find the Master Artist,
Whose touch is ever true,
Paints in the lights and shadows
Which are best for me and you.
And some day, when the picture
In its completeness stands,
We shall see the love and wisdom
That moved the Artist's hands.

—Jessie Bell Thabes.



Miss Anna Brinkman, matron of the Girls' Home of Chicago, Ill., is honored at a dinner upon her retirement (left picture) with Mrs. Robert J. Krogman and Mrs. A. G. Schlesinger to her right; and the officers of the Girls' Home are photographed at the right with Rev. A. G. Schlesinger, vice-president (left to right); Miss Minnie Proefke, secretary; Mrs. Robert J. Krogman, president; Miss Anna Brinkman, matron; and Mrs. Roland E. Ross, treasurer.



SAY IT WITH KINDNESS

If you've got roses, bless your soul!
Just pin one in my buttonhole.
If you have anything nice to say,
Don't wait until I've passed away.

—Author Unknown.

"When the outlook is bad, try the
uplook."

—Henry Drummond.

PRAYER ON A BIRTHDAY

God, our Father, every time
That a birthday comes for me,
And I've lived a whole year longer,
Let me also wiser be;
Help me, God, to always know
There are many ways to grow.
Let me grow the wisest way,
This I pray. Amen.

—MARY AMBLER MARSHALL

"Fear not that thy life shall come to
an end, but rather fear that it shall
never have a beginning."

—Anonymous.

MENDING AGAIN!

Mending again!
Week in, week out, the pile is there
Of clothes that are unfit to wear,
A button off, a rip or two,
An overall with knee burst through.

Mending again!
Perhaps the same clothes fixed be-
fore,
With buttons off and ripped some
more.

We sit and mend, and soon we learn,
Like bread on waters, 'twill return.

Mending again!
Day in, day out, the Master mends
The Christian's life, so full of rents,
Some caused by our own carelessness —
A broken heart in deep distress.

Mending again!
How patiently he comes and mends
With threads of love the selfsame
rents,

Broken anew, bleeding and sore,
That he has fixed so oft before.

—Clara Fennema
in "The War Cry"

"Every man cannot be the best, but
every man can be his best."

—Mirabeau.

A VERSE TO REMEMBER

"The Christ you have to deal with
is not a weak person outside you, but

a tremendous power inside you." 2
Cor. 13:3b (Phillips translation).

FAITH

Faith is a grasping of Almighty power;
The hand of man laid on the arm of
God;
The grand and blessed hour
In which the things impossible to me
Become the possible, O Lord, through
thee.

—Anna E. Hamilton.

HOME

Some call it home but use its shelter
for
Their sleeping hours or dressing for
a show,
Turning their keys at midnight in
its door,
Staying, sometimes, because they can-
not go.
We live within your walls, dear
little home,
Reading old books before your cheery
fire,
Choosing your comfort while the
restless roam,
Thankful that you hold all our hearts'
desire.

Washing and dry-
ing dishes are lots
of fun when there's
"nice company" to
help you! Then
the drudgery be-
comes play and
the time passes
quickly — alto-
gether too soon.

—Eva Luoma
Photo



Homing hearts are happiest, and still
So many seek afar the joys we share,
Certain that over some enchanted hill
Life must be excitingly more fair.
Anxiously moving, in never-ending
quest,
They lock their doors on what in life
is best.

—Better Home.

"One on God's side is a majority."
—Wendell Phillips.

MY OLD BIBLE

Though the cover is worn,
And the pages are torn,
And though places bear traces of
tears,
Yet more precious than gold
Is this Book worn and old,
That can shatter and scatter my
fears.

This old Book is my guide,
'Tis a friend by my side,
It will lighten and brighten my way;
And each promise I find
Soothes and gladdens the mind,
As I read it and heed it each day.

To this Book I will cling,
Of its worth I will sing,
Though great losses and crosses be
mine;
For I cannot despair,
Though surrounded by care,
While possessing this blessing
divine.

—Author Unknown.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Grace Baptist Church of Davin, Sask., Canada, has extended a call to the Rev. P. O. Hauge, who is already on the field serving the church. He has succeeded Mr. James T. McNair. The Davin church is located near Regina, Sask.

● Mr. Leland Schantz of Gotebo, Okla., a 1950 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is at present studying for his B. A. degree at Oklahoma University, Norman, Okla. He hopes to secure his degree in the Spring of 1952. His address is 519 Chickasha St., Norman, Okla.

● The Rev. Erwin A. Kohfeld recently resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif. His resignation took effect on Nov. 15, 1950. His plans for the future were not expressed in the letter with the announcement about his resignation. Mr. Kohfeld, who was a former missionary in China, had served the Wasco church since 1948.

● The Rev. Vernon Link of Fessen-den, N. Dak., recently baptized five converts on confession of their faith in Christ as Savior. Last Fall the church began a Children's Bible Hour every Wednesday afternoon after school. This program is conducted by Mrs. Vernon Link, assisted by several young people of the church. Flannel-graph lessons, Scripture memory work and a continued story feature these meetings.

● The new officers of the Sunshine Society of the Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa, are Mrs. Karl Blume, president; Mrs. Bob Stickle, vice-president; Mrs. Louis Dreyer, treasurer; and Mrs. John Krull, secretary. The Society has been making earnest plans for a successful program of Bible studies and activities in 1951. The Rev. Herman Lohr is pastor of the Parkersburg Baptist Church.

● The Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., has extended a call to the Rev. Reuben A. Houseal of Detroit, Mich., to become its pastor. He is a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, and has conducted a Christian radio program in the city. A sermon by Mr. Houseal appeared in the June 22, 1950 issue of the BAPTIST HERALD. He has responded favorably to the call and is already serving the



Rev. Reuben A. Houseal, new pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa. While serving as a radio minister in Detroit, Mich., he was also a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of that city.

church, having succeeded the Rev. Paul D. Ford.

● Mr. Edmund Lengefeld of Chicago, Ill., the father of the Rev. E. R. Lengefeld, superintendent of the Chicago Home for the Aged, passed away on Dec. 16. A few days later, on Dec. 19, 1950, he would have been 86 years of age. The memorial services were held on Dec. 19 with the Rev. A. G. Schlesinger of the Humboldt Park Church and Dr. William Kuhn of the denominational headquarters officiating. Interment was in Forest Home Cemetery.

● The Rev. Elmer Strauss of Madison, S. Dak., a former member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit,

Mich., was united in marriage to Miss Ruth Thiessen of Alberta, Canada, at a lovely church wedding in Madison, S. Dak., on Aug. 15, 1950. Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary and a former pastor of the groom, officiated. Mr. Strauss is pastor of the First Baptist Church of the American Baptist Convention in Madison.

● In November and December the Rev. J. Lester Harnish of the Bethel Church, Detroit, Mich., preached a series of sermons on "Facing Life's Crises." He spoke on "Death," "Work," "Giving," "Marriage," "Birth" and "Decision." On Sunday, Dec. 10, Dr. John Skoglund of the foreign mission board of the American Baptist Convention served as the guest speaker. At the Watchnight Service several converts were baptized and a memorial and communion service by candlelight ushered in the new year.

● On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, the Fourth Ave. Church of Alpena, Mich., held special missionary services with the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., bringing a message in the morning service, the young people going to the hospital at noon to render a ministry in song, and missionary pictures being shown in the evening under the sponsorship of the Ambassadors' Group of the church. The pictures depicted the Cameroons and Indian mission fields of the denomination. Thanksgiving and sacrifice offerings were received during the day. The Rev. Richard Grenz is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26, five young people were baptized and received into the Baptist church of Baileyville, Ill. The Rev. Harold Birkholz, one of the young men of the church, is leaving for Japan to serve as a missionary radio technician. The church is receiving a missionary offering every second Sunday of the month toward the Iowa Mission project of \$2500 for the Bible School in the Cameroons, Africa. On Saturday evening, Nov. 25, the Rev. Merle Booth, pastor, was honored by having been asked to sing at the Chicago Youth for Christ Rally held in Chicago's Orchestra Hall.

● The Rev. G. W. Rutsch, pastor of the Plum Creek Church near Emery, S. Dak., from 1943 to 1950, resigned on Sunday, Dec. 3, and announced

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE OFFERING
The communion offering on Sunday, Feb. 4th, (Baptist World Alliance Sunday) should be designated for the immigration and relief ministry of the Baptist World Alliance. Two of our men, the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn and Mr. H. Streuber, are immigration directors for the Alliance. Send your offerings, properly designated, to our Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., to be forwarded to the office of the Alliance.

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

HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

January 28, 1951 — "Christ Calls —" by Rev. Frank Venninga, Peoria, Ill.
February 4, 1951 — "In Faith We Serve" by Miss Ellen Lehr, Aplington, Iowa.

YOUTH WEEK to be observed across the land from January 28 to February 4 is drawing near. It is hoped that every local Commissioned Baptist Youth organization will make the most of this week. With this year's challenging theme, "Christ Calls — In Faith We Serve" your C.B.Y. should have activities for all your members in your group. Furthermore, this is youth's opportunity to give a forceful witness in your church and community. May your influence and testimony be really felt and convincing!

NEWS FROM TEXAS

A cast of ten C.B.Y.ers, of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas, presented the fine play, "The Lost Church" by D. C. Wilson, to the entire church group for their Commissioned Baptist Youth anniversary program. Upon request from neighboring churches, these young people presented the play at the nearby First Methodist Church in Kyle, Texas; also in the Westover Baptist Chapel, San Marcos, Texas. The cast now has the invitation to present the same play at the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, and at the Lytton Springs Baptist Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STANDARD

The Sunday School Standard, prepared, recommended, and made available through the Sunday School Union has been widely adopted in our Sunday Schools. Keep the Standard alive by referring to it again and again. It will help your teachers and officer, keep your contact fresh with your people, and bring new scholars into your Sunday School. It is YOUR Sunday School Standard for a successful Sunday School program.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSES

A number of C.B.Y. groups and Sunday Schools have already had their leadership training courses this year. These have reported: Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta; Parkersburg Church, Parkersburg, Iowa; Immanuel Church, Kyle, Texas.

The following have made definite plans: Connor Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., and Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis. Many of the churches have had leadership training courses, but have not reported to date. Your teachers, officers and C.B.Y. leaders will find their ministry a much greater joy after such a leadership training course in your church. An up-to-date curriculum leaflet, with suggested study courses and text books, is available free from our headquarters office, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

The Immanuel Baptist Church is putting out a mimeographed, 8 to 10 page church paper each month. Members of the C.B.Y. assist the pastor in mimeographing, assembling and mailing the paper.

CONFERENCE MISSION PROJECT

Are you wondering how to put your conference mission project across so that your people know about it? The Southern Conference C.B.Y. and S.S.U. organization have as their project the support of five native workers in the Cameroons mission field. They also support two seminary students each year who visit all of the Southern Conference churches assisting in evangelistic meetings, Vacation Bible Schools, and help out with the program at the summer assembly or encampment. To keep the mission project alive the year round the leaders have posters and letterheads printed with pictures of the native workers on them. Each church group receives a supply. Their slogan is "Keep the eyes of the people on the personalities of the project." You will have your idea of promoting your mission project. Each group of conference leaders should keep their people well informed not only as to what the project is, but how the returns are coming in.

A WORTHWHILE THOUGHT

Let's mean business in whatever the Lord wants us to do for him. "Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart" (Ps. 119:2).

William Law in his "Serious Call to a Devout Holy Life" says, "If you will here stop and ask yourselves why you are not as pious as the primitive Christians were, your own heart will tell you, that it is neither through ignorance nor inability, but purely because you never thoroughly intended it." He goes before thee!



A striking view of the Wrigley Building and the Chicago River near the Loop of Chicago, Illinois.

The Thing Appointed

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

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

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SYNOPSIS

Tom Richards was very happy about his new job at the Jackson Casualty Insurance Company. He was to work in the auto department of this insurance agency under Mr. Pete Reilly and "the big boss," Joseph A. Harper. His mother was happy with her son over his fine position, but as a Christian she wondered sometimes about the testing times in Richard's life, especially since her husband had passed away. But Richard got along splendidly with everybody in the office. He met Lynn Tracy and was told that "as a Christian she lets her religion run away with her." That's what Dawson said about this strange but highly respected girl in the filing department.

CHAPTER TWO

JACK DAWSON sat down next to Tom's desk and began going over the accounts Tom was expected to handle. Dawson explained that rather than handle the business as it came in, the firm had found it more expedient for each man to take care of certain brokerage houses. In this way responsibility could be settled for any particular risk and it was easy to check the account if necessary. Tom was pleased that one of his accounts was the large and well-known brokerage house of R. C. Stebbins Company. He had contacted them indirectly on occasion and realized that they had a large volume of business. He was sure that it was a profitable relationship because there had always been heavy competition for the account. Stebbins had many clients operating plants throughout the United States. Many of these

large companies owned hundreds and thousands of automobiles, all of which were insured against possible accident. Tom had worked on policies covering practically all of the states and he knew that some of them were worth from twenty to fifty thousand dollars in premiums for the company. He was thrilled with the possibility of working on some of these large risks.

Soon Tom was deep in his work. Occasionally his phone rang, or Jack Dawson would have calls transferred to him, calls on accounts he was now handling.

Shortly before noon the phone rang and Tom lifted the receiver.

"Richards speaking," he said clearly. A woman's voice replied, "This is Miss Barrett, Mr. Richards."

"What can I do for you, Miss Barrett?" Tom asked, not recognizing the voice.

Fully aware that Tom did not know who was speaking, the young lady answered, "I am Mr. Harper's secretary."

"Oh!" exclaimed Tom as he turned his swivel chair toward her desk.

"Sorry I didn't know your name, Miss Barrett." Tom's face flushed crimson and he hoped that she could not see his embarrassment.

"If you don't mind, I would like you to fill out a form which the bonding company requires. There is also a blank to be filled out for the company's

records. If you will come to my desk, I'd appreciate it."

Tom was far from composed as he left his desk to pick up the forms from Miss Barrett. As he crossed the office, he felt that Ann was looking at him keenly and searchingly. This made him feel most self-conscious — like a high school boy, awkward and obvious.

She smiled at him encouragingly, "These are the forms, Mr. Richards. Could you return them to me this afternoon?"

When she spoke Tom felt her friendliness. There was something appealing about her that he could not define but he felt warmed as though bathed under the glow of a bright light.

"I'll be sure to bring them back early this afternoon," replied Tom.

Ann Barrett smiled disarmingly, "I hope you're going to like it here."

"I'm sure I will. In fact, I do already!"

Tom said this with so much enthusiasm that he blushed. Ann temporarily lost her poise and then they both laughed at his frankness. Tom wanted to say more — he was curious about this girl. Where was she from, what did she like, and other details important to him, but these were questions he could not ask. He determined to use his first opportunity to ask her for a dinner date.

Jack looked up as Tom returned to his desk and said, "By the way Tom, I usually go to lunch at twelve. If that's all right with you, you can go from one to two."

"No objection at all, old man," Tom responded in a friendly tone.

During Jack's lunch hour, Tom was expected to take care of all phone calls for their department. Around twelve-thirty the phone rang and Tom answered it promptly.

"This is Rathbone of Stebbins. Will you please get A. P. 1435756? I have a couple of questions about it."

"Just a moment please," replied Tom as he left the phone to hurry toward the file department.

All of the girls had gone to lunch except Lynn Tracy. Her brown eyes were sympathetic and implied a hidden source of strength and joy. Tom noticed that her smile revealed a dimple in one cheek.

"Miss Tracy, will you please get me A. P. 1435756?"

"Just a second, Mr. Richards," Lynn replied as she swiftly turned to the files and selected the folder for the automobile policy he wanted.

"Here it is."

Tom thanked her and returned to his desk to talk with the broker's office.

"I have the file. What can I do for you on that application?"

"I think the policy has been cancelled for non-payment of the premium. We have the premium in the

office now and we want you to write another policy. There are no changes; everything remains the same."

"Right, we'll be glad to do it, Mr. Rathbone."

"Say, who is this? Dawson?"

"No sir, this is Tom Richards. I just began working here today."

"Well, I'm glad to know you, Richards. I'll be dropping in the office today or tomorrow. Goodbye."

The remainder of the day was uneventful with one exception. About three o'clock the office door opened and the manager, Mr. Harper, came in. He greeted the department heads hilariously as he passed them and disappeared into his own private office. His secretary followed and Tom could hear him talking loudly to her.

Harper had been drinking and drinking heavily. As Tom looked about the office he noticed many of the employees were smiling and seemed to find the manager's condition a source of humor. Only Lynn Tracy looked distressed.

Tom had never used liquor. He had been brought up to regard drinking as decidedly wrong. To him one of the regrettable things in the insurance business was the drinking which he had found so customary among both executives and employees. Apparently business contacts could not be maintained and encouraged in any other way. Every holiday at Alliance had been an excuse to drink. Tom was often disgusted by the ribaldry. Again he wondered if he had made a wise decision in accepting this new job.

That night Mrs. Richards was eager to hear about Tom's new job. He told her enthusiastically all the events of the day, omitting only the incident of the drunken manager. Tom knew that this would only distress his mother and he did his best to be considerate of her feelings.

When Tom mentioned Ann Barrett, his mother raised her eyebrows speculatively. She knew her son well and understood from the excitement in his voice that he was very much interested in this young lady.

"What kind of a girl is she, Tom?"

"She's a peach, Mother," exclaimed Tom. "She knows how to dress and is so beautiful!"

Mrs. Richards smiled tolerantly at his enthusiasm. "Is she a Christian?" she inquired.

"I didn't talk with her long enough to find out whether she is a Christian. She may be. I had no definite way of telling."

The mention of spiritual things reminded Tom of the file clerk who had been so helpful, but described by Dawson as peculiar.

"The fellow with whom I work was telling me that there's a girl in the office who is an outstanding Christian. Apparently she really witnesses for Christ. From what I gathered she's

not too popular because of that," explained Tom as though to silence his conscience for his own failure to witness during the past year.

"From what you have told me here and there, Tom, I don't doubt that such a girl would be unpopular in the insurance business. She must be well grounded to be able to stand true. It's hard to be a Christian in those circumstances."

That chance remark of his mother's opened up a fertile field of thought for Tom.

"Well grounded"? Yes, indeed," he thought. "She must have something to be able to stand that way. Maybe there's something wrong with me?"

Tom did not take his mother's statement so seriously that his attention centered on his own responsibility for any length of time. Other thoughts crowded out his unanswered question. He contemplated his excellent prospects for the future and there was a tingle of excitement as he considered ways and means for furthering his acquaintance with the charming Miss Barrett.

The days passed rapidly. Within a week Tom felt as though he had been in the office for five years. He knew the names of all the brokers on his accounts.

In two months Tom had definite opinions about some of his office associates. He was keenly disappointed to discover that Jack Dawson was extremely interested in Ann Barrett. Jack was a likable person. He lived with his parents but was financially independent. He dressed well and spent freely. His dates with Ann averaged fifteen to twenty dollars. This alone caused Tom to hesitate in asking the girl for a date.

Tom's department head, Reilly, repulsed him. He was a heavy drinker but a sharp business man, whether sober or drunk. Tom particularly disliked the crude stories he persisted in telling. Other men in the office soon realized that Tom did not appreciate certain of their jokes and selected the stories they told. However, Reilly seemed to take fiendish delight in dropping down on Tom during the day to tell him another of the jokes he knew Tom would resent.

Tom still found Ann Barrett attractive. There were few opportunities for him to talk with her and so he knew little of her life outside the office. He had learned that she went out with Dawson on an average of once a week. While it was plain that Dawson loved Ann, it was impossible to gauge her feeling for Jack.

In his contacts with Lynn Tracy Tom found an understanding friend. She and her brother were orphans and part of her salary paid his expenses at a Christian college in the Mid-west.

Tom realized that Lynn was a girl

he could trust and he often told her things he did not wish to mention to his mother. Once he tried to question Lynn on the subject of Ann Barrett.

"You know, Lynn, I would give anything to date Ann Barrett."

"Well?" questioned Lynn.

"To tell you the truth, I'm afraid she'd turn me down. Jack Dawson takes her out often and spends a lot more money than I could."

Lynn smiled at Tom. "Did it ever occur to you, Tom, that most girls don't care how much you spend if they enjoy being with you?"

"Do you think then that she would go out with me?"

"Why not? The only way to find out is to try. 'Faint heart ne'er won fair lady,' you know."

"Don't you think she's a wonderful girl?"

Lynn considered this remark for a second. "She is a beautiful girl," she said and let it go at that. Tom was so engrossed in his own thoughts that he paid little attention to Lynn's answer, assuming that anyone would agree with him.

"You know, Lynn, I think I'll ask her."

Tom returned to his desk after his conversation in the file department. His mind was made up. "After all," he thought, "she can only refuse."

During a slack period that afternoon Tom lifted his phone to call Ann.

"Miss Barrett?" he inquired.

"Yes, this is Miss Barrett speaking."

"This is Tom Richards."

"Oh, yes, Mr. Richards. What can I do for you?"

Momentarily Tom was caught off guard. His carefully prepared speech seemed to evaporate and he held his tongue for a few seconds.

"I've been thinking, Miss Barrett—"

And his voice ended abruptly.

"Thinking what, Mr. Richards?" asked Ann sweetly.

Tom plunged on desperately. "Thinking that it would be nice if we had dinner together sometime." Tom's face was red and his ears burned as he realized the lack of sophistication in his approach and speech.

Ann's voice reflected her sense of humor, "Is this an invitation, Mr. Richards, or just a statement of fact?" Tom bolted on, "Will you have dinner with me tomorrow night?"

There was a long pause as Ann considered the matter. Tom felt certain that she was going to refuse him.

"I have to work until seven tomorrow on a special report, but if we could go after seven, I'd be delighted to say yes."

Weakly Tom managed to mutter, "That's swell. Seven, tomorrow night." He hung up the receiver, pulled out a handkerchief and wiped the perspiration from his forehead. It had been heavy going!

Tom plunged back into his work with the happy thought that the first

barrier had been overcome. He had a date with Ann Barrett and he had Lynn Tracy's encouragement to help him make the most of it.

Late that afternoon Tom went into the file department to tell Lynn of his success.

Lynn smiled at Tom as though to say, "I told you so." Instead she said, "I'm so glad for you, Tom. Have a nice time and remember that girls are all alike in many respects."

During the remainder of the day Tom sparkled with glad anticipation. His face brightened into a broad smile so often that Jack Dawson noticed it.

When Tom came to work the following day Jack was the first to notice that he was dressed with particular care.

"Say, old man, you seem to be preened up quite a bit for work. Going some place tonight?" inquired Jack lightly. He wanted to tease his fellow worker rather than to appear inquisitive.

"Uh huh. Special engagement tonight. Guess who?"

"I wouldn't know," replied Jack casually.

"I'm taking Miss Barrett out tonight. You've heard the name?" Tom carried on the light mood which Jack had adopted.

"Miss Barrett?" answered Jack with a distinct note of surprise in his voice. Then he whistled softly. "Ah, so you're cutting in on me, are you?"

"Cutting in on you?" replied Tom, "I didn't know that there was anything between you and Miss Barrett."

"There isn't — yet!"

Tom flushed at the import of these words and Jack noted it immediately. He laughed lightly. "Don't mind me, Richards. I may be a bit jealous, but I can readily see how you would be interested in her. The fact that she is attractive to other men makes her all the more so to me and competition is the spark of life. So watch your step, young fella, watch your step," he finished.

Tom was amazed that Jack took the news so well. "I doubt that I could be as fairminded," he thought.

During the day Tom looked for indications that Jack was disturbed about his date with Ann, but Jack did not give the faintest indication of irritation. Tom appreciated this quality in Jack; he was a good sport.

When the employees left the office at five o'clock, Lynn smiled as she passed Tom's desk. Both of them enjoyed Tom's accomplishment. Jack usually stayed until five-thirty and he did so tonight. "Have a nice evening, Tom," he said as he left the office.

Tom worked at his desk until almost seven. Finally he became impatient and gave up trying to keep his thoughts on the work at hand. Ann was typing steadily, but she saw Tom watching her and smiled. "Be with you in a moment," she indicated.

In a few moments Ann closed her typewriter and went toward the wardrobe for her coat and hat. As she approached Tom she said, "Well, here I am on time, Mr. Richards."

Tom could hardly believe that this beautiful girl was his companion for the evening. She was breath-taking in a turquoise dress and hat. Her brown cloth coat was trimmed with mink. Her dark hair curled intriguingly beneath the hat and her eyes sparkled.

The first words Tom uttered were as ancient as mankind itself.

"You look beautiful tonight, Miss Barrett."

"Thank you, Mr. Richards."

"Why don't you just call me Tom?"

"All right Tom, if you'll call me Ann. There's no need for being formal outside the office."

Tom knew that while most women like to be consulted about where they are to go, they like to have the man make the decision within the limits of his own pocketbook.

"If it suits you, Ann, we'll go to Stauffer's for dinner, and to Madison Square Garden for the rodeo."

"Oh, that's wonderful Tom! I love watching a rodeo. Let's go," she exclaimed with enthusiasm.

Ann placed her gloved hand in Tom's arm as they left the building and headed for the Lexington Avenue subway station at Broadway and John Street. Tom was conscious of the faint aroma of the spicy perfume Ann was wearing.

The subway was not crowded and they found seats. At Grand Central Station they got off the express and took a local train to 59th Street. Here they ascended to the street and quickly walked to 57th Street where, just off Fifth Avenue, was the restaurant.

Tom had reservations and they were seated in a quiet corner away from most of the other diners. Their orders were placed for shrimp cocktails, steak, french fried potatoes, chef's salad, ice cream and coffee.

Almost immediately they began a conversation designed to discover the background and past life of each other. Tom reached his destination first with a leading question.

"Where did you go to school, Ann?"

"Oh, I went to Miss Brent's Day School here in the city."

"Where did you go after that?"

"Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School."

"So you're a Katie Gibbs' girl?"

Then Tom told her that he had gone to a New York City high school and upon graduation he had wanted to go west to school, but because of his father's death he had remained at home and gone to New York University.

"What do you remember about your father, Tom?"

Tom's eyes glistened when he thought of his father. "He was a great man, Ann. He was never rich, but we

had a comfortable home and he was just about the keenest father a boy could have. He always understood me when I was in any kind of difficulty."

Tom noted the wistful look in her eyes and wondered what her father had meant to her.

"How about your folks, Ann?"

"It's a long sordid story. Both of them were in love with other people. You see they had married one another only because their families arranged the match. They did not love one another so life was one grand controversy. I can remember how they used to quarrel when I was just a little girl. They were never divorced because both families opposed it, but they were most unhappy together."

"Oh, that's too bad," said Tom sympathetically.

"You don't know how bad it really is. You can't appreciate how a child feels without experiencing it for yourself. I was powerless to do anything but listen to their sarcastic tones and words of hate. As a result, I'm completely disillusioned about marriage."

This was a new thought to Tom who had been so happy with his own devoted parents.

"Oh, you can't mean that, Ann!"

"Yes, Tom, I mean it very much. You can never understand it because you did not go through the same agony. I never knew which side to be on and I was constantly torn between two loyalties. Much later I realized that my parents were mismated and that each one was right in part. It was horribly difficult for me as a child."

"I see what you mean," Tom replied thoughtfully. "I was looking at it from my own experience. By the way, didn't you go to church or Sunday School as a child?"

"No, my parents never had time to send me. Sunday was a day when they slept late after being out the night before."

"Do you mean you never went to church, Ann?" asked Tom incredulously.

Ann laughed. "No, I didn't mean that I never went to church. Sometimes on Easter and Christmas we used to go. But we never knew anyone and felt very strange. I was always glad to leave and go home."

"Weren't you cordially received?"

"Sometimes no one spoke to us. Other times people were cordial, but they didn't seem to be like us."

Tom put his next question with some hesitation, knowing perfectly well that he was asking it in a form highly undesirable.

"Well, did you ever join a church?"

"Join a church! You mean become a member. No. We never did that. I don't know why folks didn't, but I never had a desire to become a member. I think now that it was due to my consciousness that we had nothing in common."

(To Be Continued)

DENOMINATIONAL REMINDERS

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. J. C. Gunst
Jan. 21-25 — Leadership Training Course, Connor Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.
Jan. 26 (Friday) — Five Church Youth Rally, Burns Avenue Church, Detroit, Mich.
Feb. 1 (Thursday) — Woman's Missionary Guild, Forest Park, Illinois.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner
Jan. 21 (Sunday) — Ogden Park Church, Chicago, Ill.
Jan. 24-25 — Connor Church, Detroit, Mich.
Jan. 26 (Friday) — Five Church Youth Rally, Burns Avenue Church, Detroit, Mich.
Jan. 28 (Sunday) — Centerline Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist
Jan. 24-Feb. 4 — La Salle, Colo.

Rev. Albert Felberg, Evangelist
Jan. 14-21 — Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 18-20 — Sessions of Program Committees for Laymen's and Pastor's Retreats at Green Lake, Wis., to be held at Forest Park Headquarters.
Jan. 28-Feb. 4 — "Youth Week" sponsored by the Commissioned Baptist Youth groups.
Sunday, Feb. 4 — Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Communion offering for the Baptist Alliance Immigration Fund.
Friday, Feb. 9 — Worldwide Day of Prayer. Program material appeared in Jan. 4, 1951 issue of BAPTIST HERALD.

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We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

The holidays are over, and again we have entered into a new year. Many of us have made our annual New Year's resolution, if not specific ones, at least the resolve to live a better, nobler life than ever before.

As a Woman's Missionary Society we need to check ourselves occasionally and if we find room for improvement — and who doesn't? — to make definite resolutions for improving our work. May I call your attention to several which every society ought to make?

● **ACHIEVEMENT CHART REPORT.** It will soon be time for another yearly report on the seven-point project or Achievement Chart. Is your society one of the 156 that reported last year, or are you among the 100 who failed to send their reports to the Union secretary? Of those reporting, only 21 had a perfect record. Surely, we can do better this year.

It was interesting to note that all 156 completed one goal: "A planned devotional at each meeting." The two goals with the lowest record were "Missionary Reading" and "Personal Evangelism." A total of 3677 active members was reported, according to the secretary, Mrs. E. Wolff. We know that there are at least twice that many women in our societies. May we hear from all of you this year?

At each of the local conferences last summer, the question was discussed as to whether the practice of sending annual reports on the Chart should be continued. Almost all groups were in favor of doing this, since it helps to keep up the interest, and provides a way of measuring one's work. Hence we urge you to resolve now to send in your report blank as soon as it appears in the "Broadcast." You still have over two months to work on the goals — the end of this fiscal year is March 31. Try to be one of those with a perfect record this time!

IN THE COURSE OF EVENTS

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they now were united in an inter-church enterprise linking 32,000,000 Christians in 150,000 churches across the land. Under the Constitution approved by the 600 official representatives of the 29 constituting communions, the National Council began operations January 1, embracing the major interdenominational enter-

● **EXCHANGE PROGRAM.** The suggestion has been made that every society invite a neighboring society to one of its program meetings during these winter and spring months. The purpose is for fellowship and for exchange of ideas. If your society has not yet done this, perhaps you would like to resolve to try this idea in the near future. We feel sure that it would be of great benefit and help to you.

● **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.** In the last issue of the "Baptist Herald" the program for the World Day of Prayer appeared, ably written by Mrs. Freda Reddig of Cathay, N. Dak. Resolve now to join the women of the world on February 9 in prayer and meditation. Never before has the world needed our prayers more. This opportunity for united prayer should not be neglected by anyone.

● **BIBLE READING LEAFLETS.** The new leaflets giving daily Bible reading for 1951 are out, in an attractive form. They also contain some definite prayer requests which merit our attention. Be sure that all members of your society have a copy. You may get them from your pastor or directly from the Forest Park headquarters. You will want to keep this leaflet in your Bible, as a constant reminder to pray specifically for the objectives indicated.

● **VERSE FOR THE YEAR.** Finally, may we resolve in all our work to keep before us always our ultimate goal, which is to become more like Christ. These words of the Apostle Paul express our desire for each of you for this year:

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

prises of Christian activity developed over more than a half century. Centered in four major divisions and more than 20 other units will be evangelism, education, stewardship, foreign and home missions, family life, overseas aid and many others.

—News Release.

"One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: to rise above little things."

JOHN BURROUGHS



FROM THE FIELD

Dakota Conference

Harvest and Mission Festival, Evangelistic Meetings and Baptismal Service at Hebron, N. Dak.

A very successful Harvest and Mission Festival was held at the First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak. The Rev. P. Galambos of Washburn, N. Dak., was the guest speaker. The offering for the day was \$2575.20. The ladies served a delicious dinner and supper for all in our church basement.

Following our Mission Festival, two weeks of evangelistic meetings were held with the Rev. Aaron Buhler of Harvey, N. Dak., as the evangelist. The attendance was good, and three persons were saved. A joint baptismal service was held with the church of Beulah in the Hebron church baptistry, and twelve converts were baptized. The Rev. F. Trautner of Beulah brought the message. Among the converts were two middle-aged fathers, and the son of one.

The Rev. C. T. Rempel of Hebron served as evangelist at meetings at Hettinger, N. Dak., for two weeks. Unfortunately, three other churches were having evangelistic meetings there at the same time, so the attendance was smaller than hoped for, and only one conversion could be reported. The Rev. Norman Miller now serves the Hettinger field.

I. E. Giedt, Reporter.

Nine Converts Baptized at Baptist Church of Underwood, Following Evangelistic Meetings

From Oct. 22 through Nov. 3 the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., conducted evangelistic meetings with the Rev. R. F. McIlnay (Pastor "Mac") as the evangelist. Mr. McIlnay is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Minot, N. Dak., and is director of the Baptist Hour, a weekly devotional service over radio station KLP. The meetings were well attended and interest and attendance increased from night to night. Pastor "Mac" presented the Gospel in a very informal and easily understood way. Those that were saved and rededicated their lives to the Lord during this time numbered in the neighborhood of twenty. First time decisions numbered ten.

On Sunday, Nov. 26, the Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor of the church, baptized nine persons upon confession of faith in the Lord. One more was received into the church on confession

of her faith along with her son, who was baptized and is now in the Armed Forces of our country. About ten more are awaiting baptism which will take place in the very near future.

In January the Rev. and Mrs. Fred J. Knalson are rounding out three years of service in Underwood. Besides the completion of the new church edifice and other improvements to the property, the church has more than doubled its membership.

Fred J. Knalson, Pastor.

Union Revival Meetings with Cathay, Germantown and Fessenden Baptist Churches of N. Dak.

For the period of November 5 to 22 the Baptist churches of Cathay, Germantown and Fessenden, N. Dak., were privileged to hold a revival campaign. The meetings were held in the Fessenden church.

For the four Sunday evening meetings the three churches met together to prepare for the meetings. We considered the topics of Prayer, Witnessing, Soul Winning and Consecration. The pastors of the churches, Rev. Walter Schmidt, Rev. Daniel Klein and Rev. Vernon Link, led at these meetings.

For our campaign we were privileged to have the Rev. F. E. Klein of Colfax, Wash., as our speaker and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Tahrn of Jamestown, N. Dak., as our directors of music. Mr. Klein brought sincere and heart searching messages from the Word of God. Mr. and Mrs. Tahrn very capably assisted with solos, duets, musical selections on the vibra-harp, accordion, trombone, piano and organ.

Meetings were held every night including Saturday when Youth for Christ meetings were held. These services featured a quartet from Jamestown and talks by Mr. Tahrn on his recent trip to Austria.

In spite of snow storms and disagreeable weather, the attendance was very good. The spirit of God manifested itself and Christians were revived. Moreover, we praise God and rejoice that we can report that 13 persons were brought to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Vernon Link, Reporter.

Missionary Programs and Revival Meetings at Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak., held its annual program on Sunday evening Oct. 8th. On this occasion a very impressive memorial service was conducted by Mrs. H. Waltereit. The two persons whose memory was re-

called were Mrs. Elizabeth Ziegenhagel and Mrs. Carolina Kranzler.

On Sunday, Oct. 15th, we held our Missionary Festival with the Rev. A. Huber of Linton, N. Dak., as our guest speaker. Both services were well attended, with the choir furnishing music for the morning and evening services.

From Nov. 12 to 29 we were privileged to have the Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif., with us for revival meetings. These services were very well attended with weather conditions very favorable. Mr. Schroeder became a very special friend of all the children whom he made feel a very vital part of the service. A number of persons confessed their faith in Christ.

Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.

More Than \$1000 Raised by the Women for the Bismarck Church, North Dakota

It was in March 1950 that the Woman's Missionary Society of the Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, N. Dak., set itself a goal of \$1000 to raise for the complete equipping of the kitchen in the new church. At the beginning of September only a small sum of that amount had been realized. That month, however, we roused ourselves and set to work with a will. We planned several projects to be carried out one after another. All of these were highly successful and we were very happy when at the end of October we had raised the sum of \$659 in all.

Our biggest project, however, was still to come . . . an auction sale of fancy work and handmade articles to be held on November 17 at the Baptist Home for the Aged. Our hope was to fulfill our goal with this sale, but to our great joy and amazement God blessed our undertaking beyond belief and we made a clear profit of \$454.84 on this one evening.

Including another project, which already is practically completed, the sum of approximately \$1135 was raised before the close of 1951.

Much of the credit for the success of this sale is due to our aged friends at the Baptist Home. When word got around what we were planning to do, they silently set to work. Some of the most beautiful items sold were the handiwork of their loving labor.

When our Society met the last week in October to make our plans for the near future, our secretary, Mrs. Edward Stohler, seemed to be in unusually happy spirits. Two days later, as she stepped into the home of a sick friend, she suffered a heart attack and passed away in a matter of moments. How great was our sorrow as we heard the unbelievable news!

Although our beloved sister had been a member of Baptist circles for only a matter of 12 years, she had been a whole-hearted member and extraordinarily faithful at her task of secretary, a position she had held for 7½ years. In her loving memory the Woman's Missionary Society and a group of her friends plan to inscribe a window in our new church.

Mrs. Edward Kary, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. R. Vasel at Bison, Kansas

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 22, a group of friends met at the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas, to honor the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Vasel. The occasion was their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Brother Vasel has held pastorates in our churches in Chicago, Ill.; Kyle, Texas; and Bison, Kansas, before his retirement. At the present time Mr. and Mrs. Vasel are residing at their home in Bison. He is dearly beloved by his acquaintances for his energetic, Spirit-filled messages and his faithfulness to Christ in his retiring years.

The Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Ellinwood, Kansas, brought a very fitting message for the occasion after which the Ladies' Mission Society of the church served refreshments to the group. Their many friends surprised them with many gifts and a grocery shower. Guests at the happy occasion included friends from the church at Ellinwood, Stafford, and their many friends of this community.

Harold H. Fischer, Pastor.

Golden Anniversary and Dedication Services by the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., celebrated its 50th anniversary on Sunday, Nov. 12, and in connection with the 50th anniversary we held the services dedicating our new pews, pulpit, furniture, piano, and new rugs to the Lord. Our guest speaker was Prof. Herbert Hiller from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He gave us three encouraging and inspiring messages. We were glad to see members from the Mt. Zion, Durham, Strassburg and Lorraine churches present.

We were blessed with three numbers from our choir under the direction of our choir director, Mr. Otto Funk. We also enjoyed two talks by two of our members, Mr. Haizlip and Mrs. Anna Popp. The ladies of the church prepared a real anniversary dinner which was served in the dining room of the church.

Following are the high points of the church's history as given by our pastor, Rev. J. J. Kroeker: The Emmanuel Church traces its beginning back to Aug. 26, 1900, when in a school building (District No. 91) the charter members met to organize this church under the direction of Mr. Jacob Ehrlich. The Council was organized with Rev. R. Stracke from Lorraine appointed as chairman; and J. A. Pankratz from Hillsboro, secretary. First the confession of the Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., was read and accepted, after which Rev. Jacob Ehrlich was appointed to go to the conference and promote the junction of our church with the Baptist Conference. The chairman then asked those who were ready to join the Baptist Conference to stand. Twenty members stood to their feet. Here-



—Photo by Broadstreet

The choir of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas, singing during the festive 50th anniversary program with the guest speaker, Prof. Herbert Hiller of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on the platform (left), and the Rev. J. J. Kroeker, pastor of the local church at the right.

upon Mr. Stracke extended to us the hand of fellowship and we were recognized by the members of the present Council as a Baptist Church. On September 16, 1900, we met in our meeting house. Mr. Ehrlich told about his happy experiences during the conference to which he had been delegated and that the conference which we had joined had been named the Southwestern Conference at Shell Creek, Neb. The first church secretary elected was J. F. Dahlinger. First treasurer was D. D. Socolofsky.

Our first pastor was Rev. Jacob Ehrlich who served from 1900-1905. From 1905 the following pastors have served our church: Rev. John Sievers, 1906-1913; Rev. J. A. Pankratz, 1916-1923; Rev. H. D. Meier, 1923-1924; Rev. J. G. Draewell, 1925-1928; Rev. C. Wagner, 1929-1931; Rev. Otto Roth, 1933-1937; Rev. P. Potzner, 1938-1942; Rev. C. C. Gossen, 1943-1945 (our dear Brother Gossen ended his work here with us and was called to come Home on June 1, 1945); Rev. J. J. Abel, 1945-1948; Rev. J. J. Kroeker, (our present pastor), who started his work here on March 27, 1949. Our prayer is that the church and their pastor may remain in spiritual fellowship and work happily together to build the Lord's Kingdom. Mrs. I. Sommers is the only living charter member of this church.

The evening service was a real climax to all the good things which the Lord had already bestowed upon us on this day. May we as a church praise God and remain in one accord.

Wm. O. Schroeder, Clerk.

Pacific Conference

The Oregon Baptist League Fall Rally at the Immanuel Church of Portland

The Oregon Baptist League held its Fall Rally at the Immanuel Baptist

Church, Portland, Oregon, on November 11 and 12. On Saturday evening the meeting was opened with a song service led by Walter Schmitke of the Salt Creek Church in Dallas. Reports of the summer assembly and various committee meetings were given by treasurer Pat Scheideman and secretary Margie Lou Bauman. President George Bauder introduced the mission projects for the coming year and it was moved, seconded and carried that the Oregon Baptist League adopt as its project for the year of 1950-51, \$2000 to be used toward travel expense and equipment for the contractor, Mr. Hildebrand, who has gone to the Cameroons to build Dr. Chaffee's home and other approved building projects.

The special number for the evening was given by the Ladies' Trio of the Bethel Church in Salem, Ore. A very interesting film, "Footsteps of the Witch Doctor," was shown to us under the supervision of vice-president Howard Roth and the equipment of the host church. The benediction was offered by our dean, Rev. John R. Kimmel of the Glencullen Church. A singspiration with refreshments in charge of the host church was held downstairs and a wonderful time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.

On Sunday afternoon, the meeting was opened with song service led by Mrs. Ernie Schaer of the Bethany Church. Special numbers were given by the Ladies' Trio from Trinity, Men's Quartet from Bethany and the Immanuel Church Choir.

Miss Hilda Tobert, missionary in the Cameroons, was our speaker for the afternoon and gave us a stirring picture of the average American and native of Africa of today. We truly pray that we may be more like the native of the Cameroons who is willing to risk his life, if need be, to tell others of his Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Margie Lou Bauman, Secretary.

Southern Conference

Encouraging News from the Hurnville Baptist Church Near Henrietta, Texas

The Lord has done great things for us in the Hurnville Baptist Church near Henrietta, Texas. We met after the Sunday services on Oct. 29 to see what we could do about paying off the last debt on the new parsonage erected in April and May, 1950. After much discussion, the debt was liquidated and we are a happy group of people.

In September our pastor, the Rev. E. J. Ruff, enrolled as a student in the Dallas Bible Institute of Dalles, Texas. Of course, what he learns he passes on to us and our church is thriving spiritually as a result. He considers it to be a sacrifice on the part of the church as well as his family to make it possible for his studying, but we trust our church will continue to grow spiritually as well as in numbers.

In September the women of our church met to organize a Woman's Missionary Union. We held election of officers, and decisions were made as to future meetings.

Joyce Ruff, Reporter.

First Christian Workers' Conference in the Southland at the Central Church, Waco, Texas

During the days of November 24 and 25, many spiritual blessings were received by those who attended the Christian Workers' Conference held at the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. We were privileged to have the Rev. J. C. Gunst, our general youth secretary from Forest Park, Ill., and the Mr. Harold Gieseke, our national young people's president and new pastor of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, to be teachers for the Sunday School and C.B.Y. classes, respectively.

Our president, the Rev. Walter G. Gummelt, presided during all of the sessions. The same schedule was followed on both days beginning with a devotional period. Classes for Sunday School and C.B.Y. work convened in the mornings and afternoons. Mr. Gunst emphasized the Sunday School Standard and the need for every person to develop Christ-like personalities with talents and services dedicated to help man. Mr. Gieseke explained the new plan of conducting training union work in our churches.

After an inspirational song service on Friday evening, Mr. Gunst brought an evangelistic message speaking on the subject, "Commissioned to Serve." Following this message, a play, "Moon Spot," was presented by the drama group of Columbus Ave. Baptist Church of Waco. An offering was taken for our young people's project. It was our joy to have one of our missionaries, Miss Hilda Tobert, with us on Saturday afternoon. Her message, "What Are You Going to Do With Your Christ?" stirred the hearts of everyone who heard her.

The Central Church of Waco treated the young people with a wiener roast on Saturday evening. Following the fine time of Christian fellowship, Mr. Gunst showed colored slides in the church of young people's assemblies all over the denomination, pictures of the Seminary, pictures of the World Alliance, and pictures of nature which reminded us of the handiwork of God. Following this, a short devotion was given by the Rev. Oliver Whitson, the pastor of the Central Valley Baptist Church in Donna, Texas.

Although the Christian Workers' Conference was a new adventure for the Southern Conference, we are sure that God was in our midst, and we thank him for the blessings which he bestowed upon us.

Doris Engelbrecht, Secretary.

Atlantic Conference

Special Programs and Activities of Pilgrim Church's Young People, Philadelphia, Pa.

The officers of the Commissioned Baptist Youth of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., for the coming year are: Ralph Kletke, president; Dan Pfeiffer, vice-president; Ruth Schmidt, secretary; and Donald Wassinger, treasurer.

Our group's Fall activities were heightened by taking full charge of the Sunday evening service on November 19. The program included a Youth Choir of 14 voices, under the inspiring direction of Ralph Kletke. Our trumpet player, Dick Hoehne, rendered the beautiful "Holy City." Mr. Sam Appel, student at the Eastern Baptist Seminary, was the speaker. He chose his message from Acts 8:1-8 speaking on Stephen's persecution, and Philip's ministry in Samaria. Mr. Appel said "that one of the church's greatest needs was more persecution in order to sharpen its witness and testimony."

Another one of our C.B.Y. activities is our meeting at the Brotherhood Mission in Philadelphia. The second Saturday of every month some fifteen of us gather at this mission to tell the many wayward of Philadelphia of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is usually done through special music, testimonies and a speaker who conveys the message of love to the many hardened faces before him. Our young people have really grown to love these meetings, and it is here where many have learned to become adept in witnessing.

The society is looking forward to extensive Youth Week activities in January. It is the society's prayer that with God's help we may live up to our theme, "Commissioned to serve."

Ruth Schmidt, Reporter.

Inspirational Highlights in Program of Walnut St. Church, Newark, New Jersey

Sunday, Oct. 1st, was a special day at the Walnut Street Church of Newark, New Jersey, for it was the beginning of our great Fall program. In

the Sunday School, Rally Day was observed and we were blessed by having the Rev. Wallace Jones, a well known ventriloquist, presenting, with the aid of "Tommy," a visual interpretation of the Gospel. The morning worship hour was well attended as our pastor, the Rev. Richard K. Mercer, brought an inspiring message on "The Person of God."

Our young people who are "commissioned to serve," met that evening and the new officers presided, namely: Joseph Mingoia, president; Mildred Harris, vice-president; and Dorothy Stillman, secretary-treasurer. The young people were divided into three teams of twelve persons and each team is to present one program a month. The fourth Sunday is to be for special speakers and programs. Our own publication, "Youth Compass," will be in use at least in 50 percent of the programs. The evening evangelistic meeting followed.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, another impressive believers' baptismal service was held and five converts who had openly confessed Jesus Christ as their Savior followed the Lord into the baptismal waters. Since we have been celebrating our diamond anniversary year in 1950, we were thankful for this fourth baptismal service in the year. A sermon by our pastor on "The Power of the Cross" encouraged us to launch out in faith and power in greater things for Christ.

October 22nd marked the appearance of our beautiful new church bulletin board which was the gift of Mr. John Broemel. In a visitation campaign conducted by the official board almost 400 homes were visited. This added a number of new children to our growing Sunday School.

Mr. Mercer's Thanksgiving theme, "Loaves and Fishes," filled our hearts with gratitude for the many blessings of the past year. The All Girls' Choir sang the beautiful anthem, "A Song of Thanksgiving." We are truly thankful for all the blessings which God has showered upon us!

Joseph Balogh, Reporter.

Central Conference

Fortieth Anniversary Banquet and Program of the Anchor Men's Class, Dayton, Ohio

The Anchor Men's Class of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, celebrated its 40th anniversary recently in the Banquet Hall of the Bee and Thistle Restaurant at Fairborn, Ohio. The Rev. Wm. Beasley of the North Dayton Baptist Church, who was a former member of our class, gave the invocation. Wm. Haller presided as toastmaster.

Arthur Schmidt, the well known Dayton florist and who was our first president, spoke about "Our Beginning." Phillip Steinmetz of Vandalia, Ohio, spoke on "My Friend, Rev. Christian Dippel, the Organizer of our Class."

Harold Schultze gave us an outline of our forthcoming programs. Our teacher, Mr. John Tapper, spoke

on "Anchor Men as a Spiritual Asset to Our Church." Dr. Herman von Berge spoke on "Men and Their Duties to the Church." Our pastor, the Rev. Alex Elsesser, spoke on "The Anchor Men in the New Shroyer Road Baptist Church."

Nine of our charter members were present, almost all of whom are still very active members. We have always had high grade teaching during our 40 years. We have had the following teachers: Rev. Christian Dippel, Rev. L. C. Knuth, Rev. A. Schlessinger, Dr. H. von Berge, Mr. Karl Martin, Mr. Henry Martin and the present teacher, Mr. John Tapper. Our present officers are as follows: president, Walter Graeter; vice-president, Paul Tapper; secretary, Ernest H. Martin; and treasurer, Helmuth Behrend.

H. Behrend, Reporter.

Ruby Salzman Guest of Honor at Thanksgiving Tea at Forest Park Church

The Omicron Class of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., held a Thanksgiving Tea on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 26, in honor of Miss Ruby Salzman, missionary to the Cameroons. A Thanksgiving Tea was held in her honor last year by the Omicron Class. However, this year it was an especially happy occasion since Miss Salzman was able to be with us in person inasmuch as she is now home on furlough. The president of the class, Miss Marion E. Grupp, extended greetings to Ruby from her friends at Forest Park and presented her with a lovely corsage.

The program consisted almost entirely of musical numbers. Mrs. Bonnie Rogers sang two numbers for us, "Make A Joyful Noise" and "The Ninety and Nine." The Misses Mary and Martha Leypoldt and Mrs. Irma Grieger sang "Praise Ye The Triune God," and another girls' trio, Florence Wanger, Eleanor Wurster and Adeline Zimelman, sang "I Will Pilot Thee." Miss Ida Mae Nordland favored us with a piano solo and Miss Shirley Granzow played "Fairest Lord Jesus" on the flute. The Omicron Chorus, led by Miss Adelaide Klatt, presented two Thanksgiving numbers.

A unique and delightful number on the program was a chalk drawing by Miss Betty Heine. She drew a scene of the Cameroons with the mountains in the background. In the foreground she pictured Ruby with her accordion playing for several native children who were seated before her upon the ground. This was typical of Miss Salzman's work in Africa since she uses her accordion in teaching the natives.

The Omicron Class is a group of young women who meet together at the regular Sunday School hour each Sunday morning, as well as once a month at the homes of the members for a social gathering. The class has been remembering Ruby on different occasions with cards, letters and gifts while she has been serving as our missionary in Africa. Mr. Walter W. Grosser is the teacher of the Omicron Class.

Ethel R. Grupp, Secretary.

Sunday School Rally and Banquet Program of Sunday School Union, Chicago, Ill.

Sunday afternoon, Oct. 20, found approximately 400 people participating in the annual mass Sunday School Rally of the Chicago area, held this year at the Temple Baptist Church, under the direction of the Sunday School Union of Chicago and Vicinity.

The program, although geared to hold the interest of the children, was enjoyed by all. Each school responded to the roll call with a song or chorus. A massed Youth Choir sang two numbers under the direction of Mr. Herbert Pankratz of the Foster Avenue

Girls from the Forest Park and Foster Avenue churches served efficiently as waitresses.

Dr. Thorwald Bender, professor of theology at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, challenged those present with a message pertinent to the needs and apathy of the day. We left the banquet not only having enjoyed the Christian fellowship, but also having enjoyed the Christian fellowship, but also having been stirred from our spiritual lethargy by Dr. Bender's message and eager to work more earnestly and diligently for the Master while it is yet day.

Irma L. Grieger, Secretary.



—Photo by Herman Siemund
The newly elected officers of the Sunday School Union of Chicago and Vicinity. (Left to right: Walter C. Pankratz, president; Martha L. Leypoldt, vice-president; Irma L. Grieger, secretary; and Edward Wolff, treasurer.)

Church. The Gospel Harmonies from Chicagoland Youth for Christ favored us with several vocal and instrumental selections.

Two new features were introduced into the rally program: a Junior Sword Drill which was won by Doris H. Schuster of the Forest Park Church, and an Intermediate Speakers' Contest for which the prize was awarded to Ingrid Bergatt of the Foster Avenue Church, whose three minute talk on "What My Sunday School Means to Me" was considered the best among a number of contestants. Competition between schools brought interest to a peak. The rally was climaxed with a story told by Miss Gladys M. Talbot of the Moody Bible Institute staff.

Shortly after the rally, on Dec. 2, the Sunday School Union held its annual banquet at the Lincoln-Belmont "Y" in Chicago. This time, the program was geared to the interests of the Sunday School workers. Seated around tables attractively decorated with Christmas trees, 125 persons enjoyed both a physical and spiritual repast. The Foster Avenue Male Quartet and the WMBI Trombone Trio furnished the music for the evening.

Northwestern Conference

Northwestern Christian Workers' Conference Held at Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa

The third annual Christian Workers' Conference for the Northwestern Conference churches from Nov. 10 to 12 got off to a good start on Friday evening at Elgin, Iowa, with music presented by the Elgin Sunday School orchestra. A welcome was extended by the local CBY president, Marlene Dursher. Devotions for the evening were led by the Iowa CBY president, Carroll Stover of Sheffield. A brief address entitled, "Room For Growth," was delivered by Prof. R. Jeschke of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Following this, the service was divided into two groups: the Sunday School workers with Prof. Jeschke as leader, and the CBY workers with the Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill., leading. During the first two sessions of the CBY clinics, the CBY Handbook was explained. The remaining sessions were on stewardship.

"Invitation to Service" was the very appropriate topic chosen by Prof. Jeschke for discussion at the clinic for Sunday School workers. The Sunday School Standard was the basis for the discussions in the following clinics with these topics as guides: "Our Work as Christian Stewardship," "The Challenge Near at Hand," and "The Christian Outreach, a World Enterprise." In the final session of the topic, "Overcoming All Obstacles," proved to be an interesting and helpful climax resulting in inspired teachers, workers and leaders zealously willing to return to their respective fields of service resolving to do a better service for their Lord and King, the Master Teacher.

On Sunday morning, the regular services of the church were held. Dr. Arthur Ittermann, pastor of the church, spoke from Joshua 1:1-11. It was emphasized that we must go forth with faith even as Joshua did to do our best for God. The Sunday afternoon service was opened with a song service led by Abe Habegar, Sunday School superintendent of Elgin. Both of the instructors gave a summarization of material covered in their class periods. Mr. Schreiber brought the closing message reminding us that "God Is Passing By" in the world of today. We must follow in his footsteps!

The time spent at this conference was profitable to all who attended. The number registered were 45 young people. Betty Lang, Secretary.

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. James Conner and Family at Pound, Wis.

The arrival of the Rev. and Mrs. James Conner and children, Gary, Susan and Daniel, at Pound, Wis., was the occasion for much joy in the Pioneer Baptist Church. We, as a church, feel this has been an answer to our prayers.

Members of the church gathered together on Friday evening, Nov. 10, to welcome our new pastor and family into our midst and to surprise them with a pantry shower. All organizations of the church were represented by various speakers in extending words of welcome. Mr. Conner gave expression of gratitude for the welcome and kindnesses shown them. A new furnace had been installed in the parsonage to give our pastor's family an extra "warm" welcome.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 15, our sister churches of Pound gathered with us to extend their greetings. Mr. Howard Fuelle presided over the program. The Rev. Warren Thompson and the Rev. Michael Evan, neighboring pastors, brought messages of welcome. Dr. Frank Woyke came from Forest Park, Ill., to share this happy occasion with us and to bring greetings in behalf of the denomination. In his evening message he spoke fitting words to the church and new pastor from Isaiah 40.

Mr. Conner favored us with a vocal solo during the program. How we have already enjoyed the vocal numbers and musical talents of our pastor and his wife in the few days they have been with us as they have testified through song! Mr. Conner responded with sincere words of encouragement, assuring us that his mission here is to preach the Word of God and to serve the Lord in every way possible.

Mrs. Reuben Graetz, Reporter.

Special Meetings and Unique Events at Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa

On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 5, six candidates, among them two couples, were baptized by the Rev. Wm. Jeschke, pastor of the Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, at the First Baptist Church of Elgin nearby. They were welcomed into the Sumner church at a unique communion service on the following Sunday at which Mr. Jeschke's father-in-law, the Rev. Theo W. Dons of Ellinwood, Kansas, officiated. The pastor, Mr. Jeschke, and his cousin, Professor Reuben Jeschke of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., assisted.

From Nov. 6 to 16 the Rev. and Mrs. Theo W. Dons were in our midst for special meetings. Mrs. Dons delighted the children with her interesting missionary stories and Mr. Dons rendered an appreciated ministry in his fine preaching, both in the German and English languages. It was a blessing to all of us to have Mr. and Mrs. Dons in our homes and to hear them in the evening services.

Our pastor has been asked to resume his weekly column in the local paper, which proved to be a popular feature during the time that it appeared. This will allow the Christian "tract," that individuals in the

church have sponsored, to have a weekly entry again into over 1700 homes.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 19, our choir under the leadership of Mr. M. Zurbriggen gave a program at the Salvation Army Citadel in Waterloo, Iowa. On every fourth Sunday afternoon our young people lead in the worship service at the County Home.

Two of our young men and their wives are at present in training for the Gospel ministry. Both of them serve each Sunday in Presbyterian student charges. We pray that others of our young people will answer the call to full-time Christian service, and that the new Christians among us will continue to strengthen and expand the work of our church.

We are grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Jeschke for their untiring efforts in the work of the church, and we confidently look forward into the future for still greater blessings.

Mrs. Pauline Potratz, Reporter.

Jubilee Program of the Woman's Missionary Society at Buffalo Center, Iowa

The Ladies' Mission Society of the Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, recently ended another year of mutual activity in the interest of various mission and benevolent projects. But this was not only an annual observance, but also the 50th Jubilee of the society. It was on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 29, 1900, that this mission society was organized with five women as charter members. Of these, two are still living, and one, Mrs. C. Swyter, was privileged to be present for the observance of this joyous occasion. Unavoidable circumstances twice made postponement necessary, and also made it impossible for the invited special speaker, Rev. James Brygger, to come. However, the attendance on Sunday evening, Dec. 3, was very good, and the program was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Henry Adams was in charge of the program for the evening. After the singing of the hymn, "Work for the Night Is Coming," Mrs. Fred Yahnke read the Scriptures from Matthew, chapter 9, and the Rev. C. Swyter led in prayer. A duet, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," was given by Mrs. Ed. Feldick and Mrs. Henry Kiewiet. The secretary, Mrs. Henry Bronleewe, gave the annual report of the various mission and benevolent activities of the society, and briefly reviewed the history of the past 50 years. The treasurer's report of Mrs. Joe Jurgens showed the receipts for the past year to have been \$165.

After another duet, "Lord, Send Me There," by Mrs. Dick Ceiken and Mrs. Peter Murra, the meeting was turned over to the interim pastor, Rev. Carl Swyter, who spoke on "Lydia" as an outstanding illustration of spiritual Christianity and active missionary interest. During the offertory by Lowell Bond on his French horn and accompanied by Beulah Folkerts, an offering of over \$170 was received.

C. Swyter, Interim Pastor.

BOOK REVIEWS

(Order all books from the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio.)

- "EIGHTH BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS — OFFICIAL REPORT" edited by Arnold T. Ohrn. The Judson Press. 372 pages — \$4.00.

This is almost an indispensable volume for every Baptist, both for inspirational reading as well as for historical purposes. The 8th Baptist Congress at Cleveland, Ohio, in July 1950 presented the greatest program in its illustrious history of almost 50 years. This volume gives all the addresses and resolutions of the Congress, besides about 70 pictures of speakers and other illustrations. The official Congress picture is also included in the book.

The Judson Press is to be congratulated on this well bound book and interesting arrangement of material. The foreword of Dr. Ohrn as well as his notes and comments on the Congress add to the value of the book. The Congress Constitution and the names of the officers and executive committee of the Congress are appended to the volume. This is an important book for every church and pastor's library. It deserves the attention of every intelligent Baptist in this day when Baptists are people of one Book and of one world!

- "HERE I STAND" by Dr. Roland Bainton — Abingdon-Cokesbury Press. 432 pages. \$4.75.

"Here I Stand" received the 1950 \$7,500 award as the book "to accomplish the greatest good for the Christian faith and Christian living among all people."

Everything that has been said in praise of this, "A Life of Martin Luther," falls short in properly evaluating the importance of this great work to modern Protestant thought. Therefore, for anyone who does or does not recognize that the issues of the Reformation remain to be vital, "Here I Stand" is the book to read now!

One cannot go far into the historic work before discovering that it is of the highest order. The author has not gathered bits of information about Martin Luther and compiled a book. "Here I Stand" is written by one of the foremost church historians of our time, by the man who is most competent to re-evaluate the moral and spiritual issues of the Reformation in the light of more than 400 years of religious history.

"Here I Stand" is easy, delightful reading. Its wealth of well documented, historical facts are beautifully illustrated with many choice

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. DICK BEEKMANN of Buffalo Center, Iowa.

Mr. Dick Beekmann of Buffalo Center, Iowa, was born in Buck Grove, Grundy Co., Iowa, on March 12, 1901, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Beekmann. The family came to Buffalo Center in 1913, where Dick grew to manhood. Early in life he learned to know Christ as his personal Savior, and in 1924 became a member of the Buffalo Center Baptist Church, having been baptized by the Rev. August G. Lang. In 1925 Mr. Beekmann was united in marriage to Miss Willmenetta Davids. To this union two children were born, Arthur and Geraldine. The deceased was known as a thrifty farmer, and neighbors and friends alike give the testimony that he lived a consistent Christian life.

After an illness of some duration Mr. Beekmann passed away to be with the Lord at the Dolmage Hospital in Buffalo Center on Nov. 17, 1950, at the age of 49 years, 8 months and 5 days. He leaves to mourn his early departure his wife and children; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Arthur Beekmann; two sisters, Mrs. Henry Bronleewe and Mrs. George Steen; and two brothers, Henry and Ole, all of Buffalo Center. Both of his parents and one brother, George, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held on Nov. 21 in the Buffalo Center Baptist Church, at which services the Rev. Wolfgang G. Gerthe gave a comforting message. May God graciously comfort the bereaved!

Buffalo Center, Iowa

C. SWYTER, Interim Pastor.

MRS. CHRISTINE BEISE of Mound, Minnesota.

Mrs. Christine Zimmermann Beise of Mound, Minn., was born on Christmas Day in 1877 in Buchberg, Switzerland, the daughter of Abraham and Marie Zimmermann. When Christine was only two years of age, she came with her parents to America and to Northfield, Minn., living there for her next six years. Then the family moved to St. Paul, Minn., living in the Dayton's Bluff area where Christine's parents operated a tailor shop in the front part of their home. As a young woman of sixteen years, she was baptized in the Dayton's Bluff Baptist Church. She entered whole-heartedly into her church responsibilities, singing in the choir, teaching in the Sunday School and helping in many other ways. Christine received her schooling in St. Paul and kept the home while her parents and sisters worked in the tailor shop.

On October 22, 1901 in St. Paul, Minn., she became the bride of Edward E. Beise. To this union two daughters and a son were born, one of their daughters, Genevive Marie, dying in infancy. Immediately following their marriage the young Beise couple came to Lake Minnetonka living for

sixteenth century woodcuts. The subject matter is divided into 22 chapters with paragraph headings so that the reader can follow the author as he tells the story why and how "a man athirst for God" discovered in God's Word that "the just shall live by faith." "Here I Stand" is a fascinating story of how Martin Luther paved the way to religious freedom and showed men a new pattern of holy living, and gave them the Bible for their daily guidance.

—Review by the Rev. G. E. Friesdenberg, Buffalo, N. Y.

several years at King's Point, Halstead's Bay. For the past thirty-five years they have lived at Mound, Minn.

Mrs. Beise was a faithful member of the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn. She was also active for many years in the Woman's Club of Mound and the Missionary Society of the Grace Baptist Church of Mound.

Left to survive her are her husband, Edward Ervin; her daughter, Marcella Ruth; and son, Sheldon Edward; and two grandchildren, all living at Mound; a sister, Mrs. Lydia Barrette of St. Paul; several cousins, nephews and nieces and many neighbors and friends who will greatly miss her kindly ways. Funeral services were held in the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., on Saturday, November 18. The remains were laid to rest in the family lot in the cemetery nearby.

Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn.

RALPH C. LUTTER, Pastor.

MR. GOTTLIEB G. BREITLING of Venturia, North Dakota.

Mr. Gottlieb G. Breitling of Venturia, N. Dak., was born on August 11, 1901, on his father's homestead located near Venturia, and spent his entire life in the immediate vicinity. When he was 14 years of age, he was converted, accepting Christ as his personal Savior. He was baptized by Rev. Rummel in 1915 and became a member of the Bertsch Station Church. He was a faithful member of the church until his death. He was an active worker for his Lord, and untiringly sought to help along in the church services. He served in different capacities in the church at various times, having had the offices of church clerk, Sunday School superintendent, trustee, and Sunday School teacher of different classes.

On November 22, 1927, he married Ida Bertsch of Venturia, and they made their home on a farm adjoining his father's homestead. Three children blessed their home and lives. One child pre-deceased him in infancy. His father, one brother and one sister also pre-deceased him.

On July 2nd of this year, he was stricken with a partial paralysis of the face. This also brought on severe pains from a cancer of the brain, which also caused his death. He came under medical treatments at the Eureka Community Hospital, then for one month he was at the University Hospital of Minnesota, where he received radium treatments. After being home for some time, he entered the hospital at Bismarck for the second time, and after being there for over two weeks, the Lord called him home on December 1, 1950, at 11 o'clock in the morning. He was 49 years, 3 months, 2 weeks and 5 days of age.

Mr. Breitling was an active man and greatly interested in civic affairs, holding different offices in the community. He will be remembered by all who knew him for his counsel, his encouraging words, and his friendship.

He leaves to mourn his passing his loving wife, who so faithfully ministered to him all during his illness; two children, Howard and Patty; his aged mother; two brothers and ten sisters; as well as a host of relatives and friends. The Rev. C. Rempel, the former pastor, and the local pastor brought words of comfort to the bereaved out of God's Holy Word.

Venturia, North Dakota

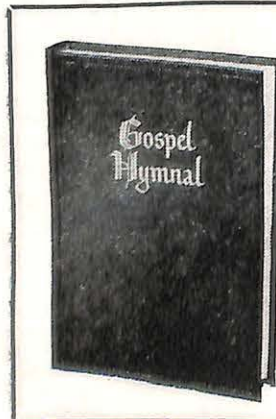
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