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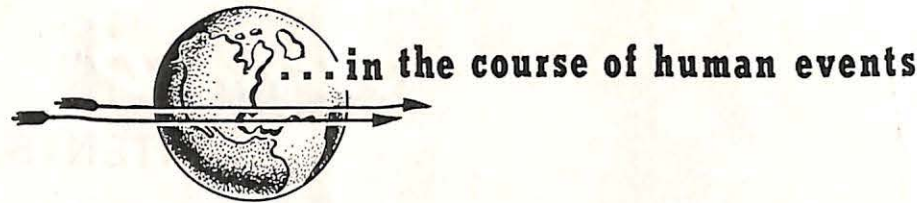
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Peace Tower on Canada's Parliament Buildings at Ottawa

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● The youth of East Germany was under instructions to scuttle Christmas as "an obsolete bourgeois affair" and to concentrate instead on the birthday celebration of Prime Minister Stalin, four days before Christmas. The Communist youth organization's central council issued the instructions to provincial officials, who were advised against sponsoring Christmas parties. Stalin, the order said, is the "true friend of German youth." He was 71 on Dec. 21st. — Chicago Tribune.

● Evangelist Eddie Martin has the old Billy Sunday fire, but with some new twists. The handsome Southern Baptist, aged 30, is a "sharp article." He likes bow ties, sport jackets and slacks. He also does magic tricks and knows how to throw a football. He figures he has to make the youngsters feel he's one of them before he can win them to Christianity. But once he has the teen-agers' attention in the revival tent, the preaching is resounding old style Gospel. He is liked by young and old. And what's more, he has results too. — Condensed from Newspaper Reports.

● In Montreal, Canada, a new Bible Institute is opening its doors to train workers for spreading the Gospel among French speaking people. Known as the "Bible Institute of Montreal", the school offers two and three year Bible courses and two preparatory courses. One of the preparatory courses is a one year schedule for English-speaking students, providing for concentrated study in the French language. Members of the school's board of directors and advisory council are associated with six different evangelical Christian groups, both French and English. — Moody Monthly.

● Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, head of the Church of England, advocates a union between the Church of England and the evangelical free churches. After lengthy discussions between representatives of these two religious bodies the following obstacles still stand in the way: "The Church of England would not be able to recognize free church ministers who have not been episcopally ordained as authorized to administer holy communion for purposes of intercommunion or as acquiring any fresh rights or status in relation to the Church of England. The free churches, on the other hand, repeatedly have stated they are not able to countenance the reordination of their ministers." — Chicago Tribune.

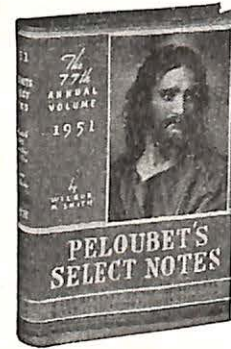
● Bearded Amish farmers, black-garbed and solemn in mien, are in open conflict with the Pennsylvania law which requires school attendance up to the age of 17 where work permits have not been issued. A number of Amishmen have elected jail in preference to nominal fines for refusing to send their children to school after the age of 14 or completion of the eighth grade. The convicted parents stated that formal education after 14 is a violation of Old Order Amish tenets. Advanced schooling, the Amish believe, tends to make young people indolent and to unsettle them for the vocations of farming and housekeeping. — Crusader.

● Mr. Mitsuo Fuchida, who commanded the squadron of 360 Japanese planes in the attack on Pearl Harbor, and who has been converted to Christ, has been preparing a book on "No More Pearl Harbor" along the lines of world peace and brotherhood. Now, on studying Scriptures, he has come to the conclusion that the only way to attain world peace is to expect Christ's second coming, hastening it by preparing men all over the world to welcome and to love his appearing. Since his conversion, Mr. Fuchida has been assisting the Pocket Testament representative in distributing Scriptures and giving his Christian testimony in meetings. When he spoke in Osaka, Japan, 4000 people crowded the hall with 3000 turned away. — Sunday School Times.

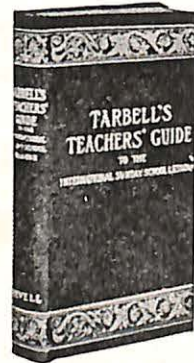
● The 1,000,000 Jews from all over the world, who have now returned to Israel, are twenty-five times as many as those left Babylon under Zerubbabel (Neh. 7). At a recent congress in Jerusalem, Jews from all nations were called up to "strain their resources" to rescue the 600,000 Jews from Arab lands and East European countries who, within the next three years, must either reach the Jewish homeland or perish. An excavation in the Holy Land reveals the site of the New Testament city of Jericho, once used by Herod as a winter capital. The American School of Oriental Research has announced the find. The excavated city, built about the time of the birth of Christ, is about two miles from the site of the Old Testament city of Jericho and a mile west of the modern city. — Prophecy and Moody Monthly.

The above news paragraphs were contributed by the Rev. John E. Grygo of the Ogden Park Church, Chicago, Ill.

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Editorial

God's Encircling Love

HAVE YOU EVER stood in a valley that was completely surrounded by rugged, towering peaks? There is enthralling inspiration in such an experience. A reassuring sense of security comes over one. The canopy of the blue sky overhead and the high walls all around one form an enrapturing picture. You feel that this place belongs to you and you are the king upon the throne. At least, you are in the center of all this encircling grandeur!

That must have been the experience of the Psalmist as he considered the goodness of God and as he remembered Jerusalem. "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even for ever" (Psalm 125:2). That is a good word to take with us into the New Year of 1951. It has the ring of a wonderful promise. It has the beauty of a great outlook. In whatever direction you turn, there you will find God and see the evidences of his goodness.

This word of the Psalmist assures us that we are protected on all sides. God is everywhere present. He is a wall that completely encircles us. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1). His protecting care and providential guidance must be viewed, not in the light of our wishes, but in accordance with his divine will. However, God does take care of his own so that all things must work together for good for those who love him. With that picture of "the Lord round about his people from henceforth even for ever," like the mountains round about Jerusalem, you can face a new year confidently and unafraid.

This word of the Psalmist also assures us that we are in the center of God's will. That is where every Christian must be if he would know what it means to abide in Christ and to have constant fellowship with him. There can be "nothing between my soul and the Savior" as the Negro hymn writer, Charles Tindley, so beautifully expressed it. That is the experience of any one in a valley who finds himself surrounded by mountainous walls. He is at the center of the circle. He is encircled, even as the Apostle Paul expressed in Rom. 8:39 so that nothing "shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

This word of the Psalmist also assures us that we are constantly in the light of God's love and truth. "God is love, whichever way the wind blows," as Charles Haddon Spurgeon used to say in speaking of the weathervane that had the words, "God is love," inscribed upon it. If the light of God shines upon us from a thousand encircling hills, then there can be no shadows across our path. We shall know that in Christ there are joys forevermore. That is the treasure of God's truth and peace in the individual heart that no one can rob or steal.

Lift up your hearts then with joy! Let this be your New Year's greeting from God's Word! "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth (1951) even for ever."

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The Glory of 1951

A New Year's Sermon by the REV. JOHN E. GRYGO
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Christ's allegory about the vine and the branches makes us wonder that he should insist that we be fruitbearing disciples. It is far more interesting to be a flower garden than a fruit garden. A flower garden will usually draw more admirers. Many Christians prefer to dally their time away under the honeymoon, whereas the Lord would rather have them toiling under the harvest-moon.

Our churches have largely operated as a show-place instead as a workshop. How often have we been spreading ourselves so much and saying to the whole world: "If you wish to see a church extraordinary, here we are!" But God wants us to be just a fruit garden; nothing more, nothing less!

The vine is one of three trees used as figures of the Elect Nation. The vine is constantly so employed. The prophets complained that though God had planted "a noble vine, wholly a right seed," it had proved to be a degenerate plant of a strange vine. Now Christ, the true vine, had taken the place of Israel in the purposes of God. This vine would bear the right fruit.

What's more, this true vine has borne fruit ever since. But how? Through his disciples, of course. They are his branches. Did not the Lord declare so significantly: "Because I live, ye shall live also?" Thus, his life that passes through the branches, produces the fruit. The branch of itself cannot bear fruit. On the other hand, the stem itself cannot bear fruit either. Both must be joined together. It is by abiding in him and he in us, that fruitfulness is realized.

Without him we are nothing, and can do nothing. Apart from him, there is no life. If we are not joined with him, we shall never bear fruit. However, a branch may still be attached

to the tree, and yet its leaves have turned yellow, and its bark has cracked, only to show that the wood beneath has dried up. What caused it? Was it a certain sickness? Was it a certain insect?

ABIDING IN CHRIST

To the gardener it really does not matter. He knows only one thing, that the branch has become useless, and has to be cut off. Every Spring a good gardener will examine the trees. He carries with him either a tree saw or a pruning knife. As you follow him you will see branches strewn recklessly all over the ground. Suppose you would point out to him that his actions are unreasonable. What would be his answer? "Those are wild ones and these are dry ones. They'll never bear fruit."

We may have failed in some ways during the last year, but then, in other ways, we have made definite advances. And if not, we have held our own, at least. We are not in the red. We may thus comfort ourselves. But deep in our hearts we are not as happy as we ought to be. We must admit, that years ago we have done much better. Why not last year? It pains us to think that we should have fallen short. Whose fault is it? Whom do we accuse? Does the fault lie without or within? If we are still Christ's, we shall have to look within.

Some "sure people" go about the land proclaiming that the different denominations are but branches of the vine, Jesus Christ. Some try to emphasize their point by saying that the local church is a special branch of the Tree of Life. A few may even think that various organizations of the church are branches of the big stem.

But Jesus addressed his words to individuals. His followers, his disciples are the branches. Every child of God is a certain part of the Kingdom of God. Now then, if the branch is unable to bear any fruit, the fault is not with the denomination, or the church, but with the so-called "branch." There are too many professing branches in Christendom today; that's why there is so much fruitlessness. However, it only appears to us that way, because we do not always recognize the true branch and have gone on counting all the dead and wild branches into the Church of Christ.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

Has the Church of Christ failed? The hasty man will shout from the

housetops: "Yes, the church has failed miserably!" But the cautious and wise man will say: "No, the Church has never failed!" If the Church has failed, then Christ has failed also. The professing church will always fail and must fail, but the possessing Church can never fail, because its members are branches of the true vine.

A professing branch will bear fruit that is produced by the other stem, the evil one. Such fruit is unto death and not unto life. A corrupt tree cannot bring forth good fruit. Christ did not say: By their good looks ye shall know them, or by their nice words ye shall know them. He said: "Therefore, by their fruits ye shall know them."

If we want to bear fruit of the Holy Spirit, we had better stop wanting. If we want to bear fruit of good deeds, we had better stop thinking about it. If we want to win someone for Christ this year, we had better stop trying. It is not we, but HE who is going to produce this marvelous harvest. All we have to do is to abide in him. Such a harvest will then bring honor to the husbandman and not to us. That is the tragedy, that fine accomplishments have lost their charm, because they have been demonstrated as a compliment to man.

Does not the Gardener get the praise when the crop has been prodigious? He also gets the profit. "Herein is my Father honored."

THE WORK OF GOD'S SPIRIT

The motive for the works of Christ was always for the glory of God. He never did anything for his advantage. He never displayed his fruit gleefully. He never pandered to the curious. He did his mighty deeds so that his heavenly Father might always be glorified, and that man might believe on him. That is the two-fold mission of the Church of Christ. Such fruit will bring genuine joy and will be everlasting.

Much has been accomplished in our ranks during the past year. We praise God for it! But why has not more been done? It is his will that we should do more and more each day. We must go forward in every phase of his work. It is never our work; it is always his work. During this coming year, more souls should be won — for HIM; more should be spent — for HIM; more should live — for HIM!

To remain static would be a disgrace. To retreat would be a calamity. To give up would be a tragedy. If that should happen, then Christ would not suffer, but we; then he would not die, but we. Should we be anxious about our state of affairs? Indeed, we should be! Should we worry about our status before him? No, never! He shall bring all things to pass. How will it be done? By simply allowing his Spirit to permeate our whole being. As long as that is certain, then we shall have a glorious year!

The Open Door in 1951

New Year's Message from the Baptist World Alliance

To the members of our Baptist churches throughout the world:

Greetings in the Name of our one Master and Lord!

With the wonderful spiritual fellowship of the Cleveland Congress fresh in our minds, we face 1951 with confidence, knowing that all the years belong to God, and that if we are faithful in prayer and consecrated service his promises will not fail.

It is to God's Word that Baptists unflinchingly turn for guidance and help. We may well commend to one another a passage in Revelation 3:8. It was the Word of God to the church in Philadelphia: "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it." Philadelphia, though set in a favorable commercial situation, lay in a district liable to volcanic eruptions, and the city itself was no stranger to earthquakes. Yet it was to such a church, menaced daily by earth-shaking forces which threatened to engulf the city in ruins, that the challenge of God came. Uncertainty, instability . . . yet at the same

time opportunity, the opportunity of God's open door.

The Baptists of the world live in times no less uncertain. For many of our brethren, indeed, Christian witness is maintained only at great cost. In some areas our cherished convictions are in danger. In all areas men are in desperate need of the saving grace of the Gospel. To us, as to the ancient church in Philadelphia, comes the challenge. The door is open and God has opened it. It is for us to pass through, linking hands and hearts in the faith, singing the great hymns of Christian experience, declaring the authentic Gospel of the Crucified and Risen Lord, willing to spend and be spent if only mankind will "crown him Lord of all."

May our heavenly Father crown the year with revival, sending down showers of blessing on all our churches. Let us all, in the quiet ways of personal life, keep very close to the Master. They who keep daily company with Christ discover a faith that enables them to meet the challenge of this day.

"Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things,
Give heart and mind and soul and strength
To serve the King of kings.

"Lift high the Cross of Christ;
Tread where his feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of man
Rise up, O men of God!"

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Our times are in God's hands (Psalm 31:15) as depicted in "The Hand of God" by Auguste Rodin, the original of which in marble is in the Metropolitan Museum of New York City.

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit" (John 15:8a).

DURING New Year's time we wish each other much good, much happiness and much success. And for ourselves, we wish very much the same, if not more. Our very nature prompts us that we wish ourselves well.

The old year may have been disappointing. We set our goals and failed to reach them. But then, what is past is past. What has been left undone will remain undone. The book is closed. We must begin anew, if we wish to carry on.

It seems strange that some people said at the beginning of last year, "We shall build a house," and they did. Others declared, "We shall expand our business," and they did. Still others vowed, "We shall increase our income," and they did. Can they also boast of spiritual accomplishments? After all, is not the spiritual side of life the important one?

A FRUIT GARDEN

Our Savior said once: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." These words are irrevocable. To circumvent them would leave the spiritually destitute.

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Seminary chorus singing in the chapel of Sioux Falls College at the Sunday afternoon dedication program for the new buildings of the North American Baptist Seminary.



The Central Baptist Assembly with young people and pastors from the Central Dakota churches and assembly teachers at Jamestown College, Jamestown, N. Dak., in July 1950.

Christ Calls -- In Faith We Serve

A message for YOUTH WEEK to be held from Jan. 28 to Feb. 4 sponsored by the National C.B.Y. and Sunday School Union

By the REV. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary of the C.B.Y. and S.S. Union

IT IS GRATIFYING to know that across our lands of the United States and Canada literally thousands of youth groups in hundreds of churches will observe YOUTH WEEK from January 28 to February 4, 1951. The national Youth Week theme, "Christ Calls — In Faith We Serve" is indeed one to which thought should be given. It is hoped by our executive committee and denominational leaders that most, if not all, of our local Commissioned Baptist Youth groups will observe Youth Week in their churches.

Program materials and excellent suggestions as to activities have been worked for the entire week. This fine material appears in YOUTH COMPASS. Additional suggestions have been made available and sent out to every C.B.Y. president in the local church. We trust your activities for the week will prove a real blessing and will make a spiritual impact on your church and community.

CHRIST CALLS TO ACTION

It is significant that Christ calls young people into special service and expects a definite witness from them. In our busy modern life it is not always easy to discern the voice of God as to what he would have us do. Our intentions are often right, but the commission as he gives it is not al-

ways clear. The Word of God can then be the directive. The Psalmist says: "Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness and the light, and thy judgments as the noonday" (Psalm 37:5-6).

Before action can be carried out in his Name and in his behalf, his truth, his spirit and his power must have become a part of our life. That takes place when with the writer of the Psalms we can say: "My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God" (Psalm 84:2).

Those called of Christ are ever desirous to be led to an understanding of his will. There is an assurance that life is a gift of God and is to be enjoyed by us. Life gives us a sense of responsibility in that his own are to share in his work. There is real gratitude for a sense of duty that leads beyond ourselves and a challenge to serve. The great hymn so often sung in our churches, "Lord, speak to me that I may speak," might well be the sincere prayer of every consecrated Christian. We shall do well at this time to read it thoughtfully, making the very words our prayer:

Lord, speak to me, that I may speak
In living echoes of thy tone;

As thou hast sought, so let me seek
Thy erring children lost and lone.

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart.

O fill me with thy fulness, Lord,
Until my very heart o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word,
Thy love to tell, thy praise to show.

O use me, Lord, use even me,
Just as thou wilt, and when, and where;
Until thy blessed face I see,
Thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

A LIFE OF HOLINESS

The Lord calls us to a life of holiness for his cause. The Lord calls us to a deepening of inner resources and renewing of faith. The Lord calls us to the higher ideas of Christian service. Faith demands service. If we have faith in Christ who came to serve, we, too, must serve. "For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45). If we love our neighbors, friends and people in general,

as we love ourselves, we will be concerned about helping them. "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matt. 22:39).

We can all agree that Christ calls his own to serve. He calls the youth everywhere through the needs of the world about them. He calls through the lives of dedicated individuals who contact other young people again and again. He calls youth through the Scriptures. In the epistle to the Romans we read: "I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God" (Rom. 12:1).

IN FAITH WE SERVE

In these days the call is sounded to young people who desire to see the world filled with the spirit of the living Christ. To those who have this concern, it is comforting to know that if the task is to be fulfilled, we need not be alone in this great undertaking. As we attempt these things for our Lord, the power of God in Christ is ours. Thousands of young people across the land are convinced that a great task is ours. They share our conviction that we need a strong spiritual testimony.

Furthermore, they believe that in order to give an impressive and helpful witness we must be united in a great service for Christ. Because of our faith in Christ, we must deepen our faith for a definite task, share our Christian convictions with our Christian friends and prepare the way for a dynamic Christian service. We need to sing again and again the great stirring hymn, "Rise up, O men of God," until it becomes a very part of us.

Rise up, O men of God!
The Church for you doth wait,
Her strength unequal to her task;
Rise up, and make her great;
Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
As brothers of the Son of Man,
Rise up, O men of God!

Every Christian young person must be alerted to the fact that he is commissioned to serve. We must help others, every person within our reach, to have an opportunity for abundant Christian living through the church and the community.

What is the service we render? How do we really serve him? "When the Son of man shall come in his glory — and before him shall be gathered all nations — then shall the King say to them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundations of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick

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Youth Week Activities

Practical suggestions for the observance of Youth Week from Jan. 28 to Feb. 4 prepared by MISS MARTHA M. LEYPOLDT

THE KNOWLEDGE of the activities in which the young people will participate during Youth Week will contribute to your understanding of the vital program which is to be carried on. Take careful note of the specific activities of each evening and see what your part can be in this spiritual and advancing program of the young people in your church.

On Sunday, January 28, the pastor will direct his sermons, both morning and evening, to the young people of the church. The adults of the church will also be challenged to understand their task in helping the young people carry on a spiritual, dynamic and growing program.

THOROUGH PREPARATION

Monday evening a supper fellowship hour will be held at the church, followed by definite instructions for a visitation program to be held on Tuesday evening. In most churches the pastor will lead the young people in this vital preparation. Brief instructions and definite assignments will encourage definite results in this organized endeavor.

You may be asked to help in this work of preparation. Join the young people as they pray and prepare for this important activity. The women of the church may be asked to help in the preparation of the supper so that the young people can give their entire time and wholehearted support to the thorough preparation needed.

VISITATION

Tuesday evening the young people will meet at the church for a brief prayer meeting before their visitation program. All young people will go out, two by two, to homes of young people whom they wish to contact for the C.B.Y. and for the church. Your car may be needed to take some of these young people to the homes they will visit.

If you know any young people who should be contacted for the church, let the president of your C.B.Y. know so that as many young people as possible can be visited during this evening of special endeavor.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Wednesday evening will be an inspirational hour of prayer and praise when the young people will take complete charge of the program. Singing, testimonies, prayer and brief talks by the young people should be an inspiration to all who attend this meeting. Encourage the young people by

your attendance. By your presence you will inspire the young people, and through their participation they will be an inspiration to you.

Thursday evening some of the youth groups will have a fellowship gathering at the church. Wherever possible, the young people from a nearby church will be invited to join in this evening of Christian fellowship.

MISSION EMPHASIS

Friday evening many of the youth groups will present a missionary play or program. The entire membership of the church and community will be invited. You can help the young people by your interest and presence. Your liberal share in the missionary offering will help attain the goal for the conference mission project in your area.

THE BANQUET TABLE

Saturday night will feature a banquet that will be an occasion of real joy and genuine Christian fellowship and friendship. All of the young people of your church and their friends will attend this special event. Since fellowship activities such as this very often become evangelistic opportunities, you will want to pray definitely for the young people on this evening.

Assist the young people in the planning of this banquet if they ask you to help in any way. This will be a means of offering your services to your people, to your church, and to your Christ.

CHRIST CALLS YOU

On Sunday morning, February 4, a special effort will be made to have all young people who were contacted during the week at the Sunday School and morning worship service. Again a special message by the pastor will be directed to youth.

The young people will have charge of the evening church service using the theme, "In Faith We Serve." An impressive service of the dedication to specific tasks will be presented by the youth of your church.

Be interested in the young people of your church. Know what they are doing and help them in every way possible. With a cooperative spirit between the youth and adult members of your church, your fellowship will grow stronger and your work will advance because all have heard Christ's call and are unitedly willing to serve him.

A Memorial to the Rev. Frank Kaiser

A Tribute to the Rev. Frank Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., Who Passed Away on Nov. 2, 1950, by His Friend and Pastor, the REV. O. E. KRUEGER

The Reverend Frank Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y., lived a beautiful life. His last moments on earth were in keeping with that beauty. Fully conscious that his hour had come, he beckoned his children to his bedside and fondly kissed them one by one and said, "Now let me rest." Several hours later he closed his eyes upon the things of the earth. His soul went to its far home in the Father's House.

His life began in Philadelphia, Pa., "the City of Brotherly Love," on August 28, 1862, in the home of staunch Christian parents who imparted to him the valuable possessions of the spirit. This rich heritage he shared with the late Professor Lewis Kaiser, Mrs. Anna Speicher, the well known missionary to China, as well as with two other brothers and sisters still living.

The ministry of the sainted Professor J. S. Gubelmann made indelible impressions upon his youthful mind. Responding to a deep urge to enter the ministry, he came to the Rochester Theological Seminary for preparation, completing his course in 1895. During the period of thirty-five years he served five of our churches: Second Church of Milwaukee, Wis.; Second Church of New York, N. Y.; Benton Street Church, Kitchner, Ontario; Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y.; and Bethel Church, Detroit, Mich.

A CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR

Frank Kaiser was first and foremost a Christian. He endeavored to think the thoughts of Christ and to follow his pattern of life. Anything that did not fall in line with the mind of the Master found no mastery in his mind.

His mental habits were those of a scholar. Since he was always after facts, mere traditional opinions did not suffice. His sermons were thoroughly prepared, saturated with the desire to impart truth, knowing that truth makes free. He retained his scholarly pursuits to the last. He loved to read the books of the deeper thinkers of our age, and was able to analyze and summarize their substance in remarkably brief statements, and also to pass judgment on the validity of the thesis. When Oswald Spengler's thousand page book on "The Decline of the West" appeared, he reviewed and analysed it for me in such a remarkable manner that I felt I did not need to read it.

Frank Kaiser was not only a Christian preacher and scholar, but also a pastor, well beloved in all the congregations to which his ministry extended. Again I want to make a per-



Rev. Frank Kaiser of Rochester, N. Y.
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sonal reference. In Milwaukee a young woman, whose mother was an invalid, told me that as her pastor greeted the people at the door, he never failed to ask about her mother. That is just a sample of what one could hear in every congregation that was blessed with his ministry.

As a good leader he tried to train the laity in leadership. In the Rochester Church the laymen depended upon the leadership embedded in the seminary. He wanted them to do their own thinking and planning. During his ministry, there grew up in the church a large Men's Brotherhood Class known as the Gruber Class, which took an effective part in the church activities. He led the Bethel Church through its building project in which it completed its magnificent sanctuary and the equipment for Christian education.

MANY CONTRIBUTIONS

His wisdom and clarity of insight made him a valuable man in the larger affairs of the denomination. Dr. Wm. Kuhn, who knew him from the days of his youth, pays him this tribute in "Der Sendbote" from which I quote: "As a member of the Kaiser family, God had endowed him with talents far beyond the average measure. Since he had placed himself with all his gifts in the service of the Lord, he counted him worthy to stand as a light of extraordinary brilliancy in our denomination. He was drawn into the work of many important committees and boards. He shared with me in 1920 a trip to Europe as commissioner to our Baptist brethren there. These months of fellowship under all manner of conditions drew our hearts closer

together and increased my high esteem for him."

As editor of the "Yokefellow," forerunner of the "Baptist Herald," he stirred up enthusiasm for a better organization of our Sunday School and young people's work, and had a large share in laying the foundation of that work of which we are justly proud.

It remains to be said that Frank Kaiser was every inch a gentleman. Meticulous in every detail of his personal appearance, his manner was always correct. He had high regard for the opinions of others. In the matter of the faith of other people, his generosity went the second mile.

A CHRISTIAN GENTLEMAN

A few weeks before his death while we were discussing the clash of faiths now becoming more prominent, he said, "Who are we to judge another man's faith? Jesus seemed to be very lenient. Remember the woman who came to him merely desiring to touch the hem of his garment, believing that that would heal her! We might regard that as an extremely inadequate faith, verging on the magical, but Jesus accepted it saying, 'Thy faith hath made thee whole.' Why then should we want everybody to have just our type of faith?" He had great tolerance for those who do not even pretend to be tolerant of others. That is the mark of the gentleman.

In the absence of his pastor, Dr. Fred H. Wilkens of the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School led the service. A quotation from his prayer is fitting: "We remember him as a kind and considerate father whose constant aim it was to give his best to his loved ones. We call to mind the deep spirit of humility, his genuine passion for social justice, his sincere love for people and his readiness to serve them. We thank thee for his prophetic insight, his ceaseless effort to help break barriers down between various groups and races and his willingness to participate in the endeavors to find the great common denominators for all the children of God."

After the passing of his life's companion, he had a quiet restful home with two daughters, who in the days of his physical decline watched over him with great care and devotion. Three daughters, who have taken prominent places in the life of our city, and one son, Dr. Clarence Heer Kaiser of Chapel Hill, N. C., share in the rich heritage of the values of this beautiful life and cherish his memory. To a host of friends this memory imparts a permanent fragrance.

My Tribute to E. Elmer Staub

By DR. WILLIAM KUHN, Life-long Friend of Mr. E. Elmer Staub of Detroit, Mich., Who Was Called to His Heavenly Home on Nov. 26, 1950

WHEN that unnamed woman had anointed the Lord in the house of Simon, the leper, in Bethany, the Lord himself said: "Whosoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman has done, be told for a memorial of her." Without question the long Christian ministry of E. Elmer Staub of Detroit, Mich., can be regarded as a memorial for him. Although it will not be published wherever Christ's gospel will be proclaimed, it is recognized by those in our denominational family and by a host of people who are outside of our circle — his memorial will outlast time and extend into eternity.

The most important event during those 67 years of Mr. Staub's earthly life was when he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ by faith and was reborn from above into the household of God. This all took place while he was still a young lad, after having spent the years of his childhood in Girard College, that largest orphan institution in Philadelphia, Pa.

PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP

By the providence of God it has been given to me to have had most intimate and influential relationship with the Staub family. As pastor of the old Second Church in Philadelphia, Pa., I baptized Elmer Staub and three other members of his family. Then I officiated at his wedding to Emma Fleury. When they were called upon to lay their two little daughters to rest, I was also with them. At the funeral of the second daughter, Edith, I had chosen as a text from one of the Psalms, "But Thou art holy." That truth brought comfort to hearts of the sorrowing parents.

Everybody who knew Elmer Staub even as a boy was convinced that he was destined to have a most important life's career. His spiritual growth was unmistakable. It was on a Sunday morning when he came to me for advice concerning an important decision. As he had been intensely interested in foreign missions, he wondered if he were not to go to Africa as a missionary. Since I was his pastor and intimate friend, he sought my advice. I told him frankly that my conviction was that God wanted him to be a strong Christian layman rather than a missionary in Africa. The same advice was given him by another pastor. His memorial as a Christian layman has proved the wisdom of this decision.

God's plans can often be best understood in retrospect. My conviction is

that if there had not been that intimate relationship between Elmer Staub and myself and between other lay brethren who have made such marvelous contributions to our denominational organization and life they might never have devoted themselves to our denominational life and to the extension of God's Kingdom through our ministry. This statement is being made without any spirit of boastfulness on my part. We recognize God's leadership, and to him be all honor. When I was alone with Elmer Staub, he often said that he was delighted to invest

his talents and his money in our denominational ministry.

As everyone who know Elmer Staub intimately could expect, he made rapid progress in his chosen profession as Certified Public Accountant. He was mentally and temperamentally qualified for this profession. As quite a young man he was sent by his firm to audit the finances of a big automobile concern. The officials of that organization were so favorably impressed by the extraordinary ability of that young auditor that they offered him a position

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Brother Staub's Spiritual Greatness

A Tribute by DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Milwaukee, Wis., a Former Pastor of Mr. Staub

My acquaintance with Brother E. Elmer Staub goes back half a century. We attended the same church in Philadelphia, Pa., and as teen-agers, we belonged to the same Sunday School class. Both of us were poor boys. Having a keen mind and being very ambitious, Brother Staub climbed the financial ladder of success. But he realized God's goodness toward him.

One day I was in his beautiful home in Detroit, Mich., and he said to me: "Better than we deserve!"

It was my privilege to be his pastor in Detroit for over nine years. During that period I had ample opportunity to observe him. He was deacon, Sunday School teacher and treasurer of the large Ebenezer Baptist Church. Once I saw how he underlined Sunday School material and added his comments in preparation for teaching a men's class.

Many a minister and layman could have learned from him how to prepare for teaching a Bible class. He was a voracious reader of religious books and magazines. Church members would frequently come to him after a church service and ask for advice or financial help. Immediately he would take paper and pencil from his pocket and jot down the name or the problem. Many church people received financial help, the total sum of which would run into five figures.

He was a great help to the Detroit Baptist Union, when Dr. H. C. Gleiss was executive secretary, and a valuable asset to our denomination for many years. He worked very hard and finally suffered his first severe heart

attack some 15 years ago.

Brother Staub was an excellent speaker. He was chosen as principal speaker again and again on Founders' Day of Girard College, Philadelphia, Pa., from which he had been graduated as a youth. This college in "the city of brotherly love" is one of the greatest institutions in the world for orphan boys.

His prayers in devotional meetings were wonderful. His flow of language amazed one. He had convictions but underneath was a kind and sympathetic heart. Only eternity will reveal how many people he helped.

He was a lover of flowers and of art and was an amateur artist himself. He was a true friend of ministers. I valued his friendship highly, although I didn't visit him any oftener as a pastor than other members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

While visiting our oldest daughter and son-in-law in Detroit in September, 1950, we called on Brother Staub at his home for a short visit. He told me how precious some of the old German hymns were to him on his sick-bed. He was the writer of the German articles in "Der Sendbote" and signed, "Der Beobachter."

His life has come to an end on earth but not his influence. Through his death, a great loss has come not only to his dear wife and four sons, but also to a great host of friends. We need more such laymen in our churches who not only live for their business but for the Lord and give freely of their time, talent and means to the local church and the Kingdom of God and are a real encouragement to their pastor.

The Women's World Day of Prayer

A service especially prepared for use in women's groups
on Friday, February 9, 1951

By MRS. FRED A REDDIG of Cathay, North Dakota

Theme: "Perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18).

CALL TO WORSHIP: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, saith the Lord, there am I in the midst of them."

"Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

HYMN: "Jesus Calls Us."

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 96. **PRAYER.**

HYMN: "For the Beauty of the Earth."

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4: 7:21.

INTRODUCTION:

"God, the Father, loving
Calls our love to grow
Ever wider, deeper
That the world may know
Every barrier broken
By Love's firm, sweet sway;
Grant to us, our Father,
Vision true, this day."

Since it originated in 1927, the Women's World Day of Prayer has spread until it is now observed by women in 93 countries completely circling the globe. In observing this day of prayer, Christian women of the world are uniting in a bond of fellowship before the Throne of grace that transcends all race, creed, color and national boundary lines.

Our prayers this day will be lifted to God in the only spirit of unity which remains in a war-weary, fear-beset world. Let us make our prayers to God, in faith believing that "the prayer of a righteous man (woman) has great power in its effect" knowing that "more things are wrought by prayer than the world dreams of."

Individually, we women often feel utterly helpless to stem the tide of events that each day sweeps in new fears. United with one another the world over through prayer this day, we possess a far greater weapon than the most powerful bomb evolved by man. "Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need" (Heb. 4:16).

I. THE FEARS WE FACE

Perhaps no other age has been so harassed by the burden of fears as our own. Never has there been such

a world-wide feeling of insecurity. Small nations fear large nations; large nations distrust those of equal power. Scientists live in dread of the awful consequences of their own creation, the atomic bomb and its more terrible successor, the hydrogen bomb. The laborer lives in fear of losing his job; the employer fears strikes.

Millions the world over daily face the fear of hunger and want. Mothers with growing sons live in fear of the day when those sons may have to be sacrificed on a bloody battlefield. Young people fear the future in a turbulent world that appears so hopelessly confused. On every hand there is uncertainty, doubt, bewilderment, and friction — breeding hate and distrust. We are caught in a whirl of economic pressure, and constantly besieged by some new hazard that threatens to snatch something from us which we cherish.

How can we women — mothers — meet the challenge of our time? How can we create homes that have an atmosphere of peace and serenity as well as of constancy, security and love in a world that offers no peace and so little love? Our theme for today gives us the only answer there is: "Perfect love casts out fear." May we seek that love for ourselves and our own — and radiate its warmth to those about us!

II. GOD'S LOVE IN US

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). God's love to mankind was manifested in the greatest of all gifts. He gave his own

PROGRAM MATERIAL

The second supplement to the Program Packet of the Woman's Missionary Union will be available January 15, 1951. It will contain anniversary, birthday, Mother's Day and missionary programs plus suggestions and methods for variety in programs. Price: 25 cents.

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Son that we might live. In accepting that supreme Gift of love, we open our lives to him, the Giver of every perfect gift.

Our hearts are flooded with God's love, until every fear is driven out. Anxiety is replaced by faith and trust in God. Our lives are transformed by God's love so that we grow in power, holiness and blessedness. Motivated and inspired by so mighty a force, we can attain heights of perfection undreamed of in our sinful, lost state outside the compass of his great love.

No longer need we be beset by fears of what tomorrow may bring. God's love in our hearts creates the peace and serenity we all need so sorely to meet the problems of each day. "He who abides in love, abides in God, and God abides in him" (1 John 4:16).

In his letter to the Romans in the eighth chapter, Paul asks the question: "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine or nakedness, or peril or sword?" The answer follows in the same passage: "For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." What a glorious promise for a time such as this!

PRAYER (Suggestion): Let us ask God to help us cast out all fears, anxiety and distrust so that our hearts may truly be filled with his great enduring love.

III. OUR LOVE FOR OTHERS

Our Scripture lesson clearly states that "he who loves God should love his brother also." Jesus said, "These things I command you that you love one another" (John 15:17). "For he who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen." God's love to us cannot have its right influence in our lives unless it makes us loving — loving to the brethren — loving to every one.

Think how changed our world would be if this principle of love could be universally applied! Wars would be impossible. The impact of this truth is hard to comprehend. The

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LIFE'S JOY

God gives us joy that we may give.
He gives us love that we may share;
Sometimes he gives us loads to lift
That we may learn to bear.

For life is gladder when we give,
And love is sweeter when we share,
And heavy loads rest lightly, too,
When we have learned to bear.

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

"Let us be kind to one another, for most of us are fighting a hard battle."

—IAN MACLAREN.

THE HOUSE OF HAPPINESS

Take what God gives, O heart of mine,
And build your house of happiness.
Perchance, some have been given more;
But many have been given less.
The treasure lying at your feet,
Whose value you but faintly guess,
Another builder looking on
Would barter heaven to possess.

—B. Y. WILLIAMS.

"God can use a dull tool; but a keen one would do better."

QUOTED IN "CHRISTIAN HERALD."

ASSURANCE

It comes to me more and more,
Each day as I pass along;
The love of the Father eternal
Is over us tender and strong.

It's not alone in the sunshine
Our lives grow strong and true;
There is growth as well in the shadow
And pain has a work to do.

A message comes in the heartache,
A whisper of love in the pain,
And the pang we have fought and
conquered
Tells the sweet story of gain.

So it comes to me more and more,
As I enter upon each new day;
The love of the Father eternal
Is over us all the way.

—SUSIE P. ELDER.

"Why grumble because the roses have thorns? Be thankful the thorns have roses!"

—ANONYMOUS.

INFLUENCE

Not merely in the words you say,
Not only in your deeds confessed;
But in the most unconscious way
Is Christ expressed.

For me, 'twas not the truth you taught,
To you so clear, to me so dim;
But when you came to me you brought
A sense of him.

And from your eyes he beckons me,
And from your heart his love is shed;
Till I lose sight of you — and see
The Christ instead.

—WATCHMAN-EXAMINER.

"Get the pattern of your life from God; then go about your work and be yourself!"

—PHILLIPS BROOKS.

INTERCESSION

By Mrs. W. S. Jaeger of Vesper, Kansas, a member of the Bethany Baptist Church.

Perhaps you are mixing the bread
While your thoughts go here and there;
You remember what a friend has said
And your heart goes to God in prayer.
Will your prayer make his load a bit lighter,
Though it was all you could do that day;
And his path be made much brighter,
Because you were willing to pray?

You may be old and weary,
Not able to do a day's task,
Our Savior promised to give us
The things that in faith we ask.
The world needs our intercession
In all its wrong and woe;
Tested faith can take possession
And get results that really show.

It's a task for the physical weak
But strong in their faith in God;
His mercy we'll continue to seek
While he seems to be using the rod.
Perhaps nations will still turn back
And seek God whom now they spurn,
And suffering Christians never will
lack
The strength to let their light burn.

CHRIST GOES BEFORE US

(Quoted by Dr. F. Townley Lord in his coronation address at the Baptist World Congress, Ohio, on July 27, 1950)

He goes before us in life's strain and stress;
No road we take can lack his blessedness;
No common road our downcast, eyes shall meet
Can want the footprints of his pierced feet.

He goes before us up the crags of thought;
We climb no higher than the Truth he brought;
Whatever peak we scale and leave behind
Lo! On a higher peak his form we find.

He goes before us up the steeps of prayer;
No sooner do we kneel that he is there.
Pleading before the great white throne of grace,
With outstretched arms, and mercy on his face.

He goes before us when the day is done,
In paths unknown beyond the setting sun;
Lo! In the west, the flowing skirt of night
Is lit by him, the Resurrection Light.



—Eva Luoma Photo
A jig saw puzzle can be very exciting, especially when three "eager beavers" work at it.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Erwin A. Gerlitz of McIntosh, S. Dak., have announced the birth of a son on Nov. 21st who has been named Stanley James. This is their first child. The Rev. and Mrs. Rubin Kern of the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, have informed their friends that a daughter was born to them on Nov. 23rd. Margaret Elizabeth is their second daughter.

● The Rev. Albert Stelter has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario. However, he will continue to serve the church until a successor has been found. He has served the church faithfully and with God's accompanying blessing since 1945. However, the health of Mrs. Stelter as well as his own have necessitated a period of rest for them.

● The Rev. Carl Swyter of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, is serving as the interim pastor of the Baptist Church of Buffalo Center, Iowa, since the Rev. Martin De Boer has gone to Springville, Sask. He will serve the church until it has been able to call a new pastor successfully. He is a former minister of the Buffalo Center church, having begun his ministry in Buffalo Center fifty years ago.

● The General Missionary Committee at its special session on Dec. 6 elected the Rev. Richard Schilke of Anaheim, Calif., as the new general secretary to succeed the Rev. H. G. Dymmel. On Sunday morning, Dec. 17, Mr. Schilke read his resignation to the members of the Bethel Church of Anaheim and announced his acceptance of the appointment by the General Missionary Committee. Further details as to the beginning of his new ministry, etc., will be announced later.

● The Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., Canada, held two weeks of revival meetings in the month of October, with the Rev. H. Schumacher as evangelist. The services were well attended and the challenging messages stirred many hearts. Three persons accepted Christ as their personal Savior, and many young people dedicated their lives to greater faithfulness in the service of the Lord. Special music was furnished by the Rev. R. Kanwischer, local pastor, and solos and duets by members of the choir.

● The Rev. Thomas Rowell, former pastor of the Fellowship Church of Passaic, N. J., has accepted the call to the People's Baptist Church of Bayonne, N. J. He began his ministry there on Nov. 12th. Mr. and Mrs. Rowell are retaining their same address at 53 North Third St., Paterson 2, New Jersey. As much as weather will permit, they will go back and forth to serve the church. They want to remain in touch with the North American Baptist Conference by attendance at conference sessions and by the reading of the denomination's literature.

● The guest speaker at the Sunday morning worship service of the Temple Church of Milwaukee, Wis., on Nov. 26th was the Rev. Alex El-sesser of Dayton, Ohio. He is a son of the Temple Church. He and his family were vacationing in the Milwaukee area at the time. A Christmas vesper service was conducted by the church choir on Sunday, Dec. 17, which was greatly enjoyed by a good sized audience. The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, pastor, is bringing his ministry in the Temple Church to a close on Jan. 28, and will begin his pastorate in Burlington, Iowa, on Sunday, Feb. 4.

● Evangelistic meetings were held at the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., from Nov. 1 to 10 with the Rev. H. H. Riffel of Lansing, Mich., serving as evangelist. The attendance from evening to evening was excellent with capacity crowds on several occasions. The Booster Band of boys and girls and the Welcome Committee aided in the good attendance. Nine persons accepted Christ as their Savior, and there were seven reconsecrations. The Sunday before the meetings was set aside by the church as a Day of Fasting and Prayer. The Rev. Richard A. Grenz is pastor of the Alpena Church.

● Miss Esther Salzman of Kankakee, Ill., is now serving as a Baptist missionary of the American Baptist Convention in the Philippine Islands. She sailed from San Francisco, Calif., on Oct. 27 on the "S.S. Jacob Lucken-back" of the Pacific Far East Lines. She will be stationed at the Iloilo Hospital at Iloila, Panay, Philippine Islands. This is the same hospital where Dr. and Mrs. F. W. C. Meyer were formerly stationed. Miss Salzman is a cousin of Miss Ruby Salzman, our missionary in the Cameroons. She

served for a number of years as a missionary in China before the Communist aggression in that country.

● The Rev. David Zimmerman, pastor of the Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., conducted a devotional service over radio station KFKA in Greeley, Colo., on Dec. 23rd. In November a group of 15 of the Baptist Church joined the Christian churches of Greeley in taking a countywide religious census. They found a total of 20,348 persons who are holding membership in Protestant churches of Greeley or the nearby area. The census showed 3576 non-Protestants and 1255 with no religious preference. On Monday evening, Nov. 19, missionary pictures of the Cameroons were shown to the La Salle Baptist Church by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill. A missionary offering was received.

● The missionary offerings on Sunday, Nov. 18, at the Harvest and Mission Festival of the Salem Baptist Church of Scottsbluff, Neb., amounted to \$124.75. More than one hundred persons attended the evening service, at which the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, of Forest Park, Ill., showed missionary pictures. He also spoke at the morning service and German meeting in the afternoon. The Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Bostow are carrying on an aggressive missionary work among the children of the community and winning a considerable number of people for the church services. There are definite signs of promise on this field at Scottsbluff, Neb.

● On Sunday, Nov. 19, the Rev. Fred Schmidt, pastor of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church of North Dakota, had the joy of baptizing ten persons during a service held at the nearby Washburn church. The Rev. P. Galambos assisted in the service and brought the message. The baptismal service revealed some of the fruits of the evangelistic services conducted during October, when the Rev. and Mrs. G. G. Rauser of Lodi, Calif., and their son-in-law and daughter, Jim and Jean Collier, served in a most consecrated manner in winning the lost for Christ. There were some forty-eight persons who openly took their stand for the Lord. Many of these were from neighboring churches. Others, besides the ones already baptized, have promised their Lord to follow him in baptism in the near future.

● A farewell luncheon was held for Miss Anna Brinkman, for 20 years matron of the Girls' Home of Chicago, Ill., by the board of the Home at the Forest Park Baptist Church on Wednesday, Nov. 29, with pastors and their wives of the Chicago area, board members, and friends in attendance. Miss Brinkman has gone to live with her sister in Los Angeles, Calif., at the address given elsewhere in this issue. Gifts of a leather purse and a \$1000 check were presented to her. A more detailed report of the occasion and of Miss Brinkman's ministry will appear in the next issue. The Board has extended a call to Miss Ruth Doescher of Saint Joseph, Mich., to serve as the Matron of the Girls' Home beginning with Jan. 1, 1951.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
Sunday, Jan. 7 — Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa.

Dr. Martin L. Leuschner
Jan. 3 and 4 and Sunday morning, Jan. 7 — Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
Jan. 5 (Friday Evening) — Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Sunday evening, Jan. 7 — Ridgewood, N. Y.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist
Jan. 7-21 — Plum Creek Church near Emery, S. Dak.

Dr. Albert Felberg, Evangelist
Jan. 1-10 — Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.
Jan. 14-21 — Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 5-6 — Annual session of the executive committee, C.B.Y. and S.S. Union at Forest Park Headquarters.

Jan. 7-12 — Week of Prayer Services in our churches. Program material prepared by Rev. E. Wolff and Rev. A. Husmann.

Jan. 28-Feb. 4 — "Youth Week" sponsored by the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union. (See articles about this observance in this issue.)

February 9 (Friday) Worldwide Day of Prayer. Program material by Mrs. Freda Reddig appears in this issue.

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HERALD NEWS



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It's "Happy New Year" everywhere!

A HAPPY YEAR FOR 1951

"Count your many blessings,
Name them one by one,
And it will surprise you
What the Lord hath done."

In faith, courage and concern for the Lord's cause we look forward to 1951. A greater challenge to Christians lies ahead as we approach the second half of this century. Never before in history has Christian youth had a greater opportunity to witness and to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. We are most confident that great things are in store for all of us.

OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

The meeting of our General Conference Union Executive Committee on January 5-7 at Forest Park in the headquarters building will be significant. Important decisions will be made which require prayer and much work. Watch for a report in these columns.

REMEMBER YOUTH WEEK

You should have your plans well under way by now for Youth Week, January 28 to February 4. The striking theme is: "Christ Calls — In Faith We Serve." Program suggestions, activities, as well as ideas for a full

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

January 14 — "Modern Men Who Prayed" by Rev. B. C. Schreiber of Bethlehem, Pa.
January 21 — "Workshop in Prayer" by Rev. Fred Lower of Kankakee, Ill.

week of youth emphasis are found in the current issue of "Youth Compass" and elsewhere in this issue of the "Baptist Herald." Let your church and community know that you are a live Christian youth organization.

Mimeographed outlines of Youth Week activities have been sent to all C.B.Y. presidents and the pastors. If you have not secured yours, send in your request immediately.

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Our Scripture Memorizers.

Four boys and girls completed the entire Scripture Memory Course this year. A beautifully framed picture of Sallman's "Head of Christ" was sent to each of the following:

Bobby Howe of Stafford, Kansas;
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"Farewell, Old Year, with goodness crowned,

A divine hand hath set my bound,
Welcome the New Year, which shall bring

Fresh blessings from my God and King.

The old we leave without a tear,
The new we hail without a fear."

—Anonymous.



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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CHAPTER ONE

THE ELEVATOR took Tom Richards to the fifteenth floor so quickly that he stopped to catch his breath. His pulse beat rapidly as he stood outside the door of the Jackson Casualty Insurance Company. With nervous anticipation he took off his hat and ran his pocket comb through his hair. Reading the large gold letters — JOSEPH A. HARPER, Manager, Tom murmured, "Mmm, that's the name." He opened the door and entered.

An attractive receptionist looked up and asked, "Whom do you wish to see?"

"I have an appointment with Mr. Harper. Is he in?"

"Just a minute, I'll see. Your name is—?"

"Richards, Tom Richards."

The receptionist picked up her phone and delivered Tom's request. Then turning to Tom, she said, "Mr. Harper will see you. Come with me."

Tom Richards eagerly followed as they walked through the executive section and stopped outside the manager's office at his secretary's desk. The girl stood up and greeted Tom with a smile.

"How do you do, Mr. Richards? Mr. Harper will see you now. He has been expecting you."

She opened the office door and Tom found himself alone with Mr. Harper.

The manager rose to his feet and offered his hand, keenly surveying the younger man.

Richards was twenty-three, tall but sturdily built. His blue eyes — twinkling yet piercing — and crisp blond hair emphasized his Nordic ancestry. Harper observed the strong jaw and firm mouth which gave Tom a commanding air.

In turn Richards looked over his prospective employer with interest. Harper was probably about forty, slender, quite bald and wore a tie which complemented his boldly checked suit. His darting eyes — which would not, or could not, look squarely at Tom — indicated restlessness and aggressiveness. He held a large cigar, and from it heavy pungent smoke slowly filled the room.

But it was the office itself which caught Tom's attention. Morning sunlight filtered softly through the Venetian blinds and across Mr. Harper's expensive mahogany desk. Four hand-carved chairs with antique red leather cushions were symmetrically placed around the room and a deep-cushioned, gray-green rug covered the floor. Tom admired the office and thought of himself, some day, in just such an executive office.

Harper opened the conversation with characteristic abruptness. "I heard about you from Packard."

"Yes, sir," replied Tom.

"How long have you been working for the Alliance Casualty Insurance Company?"

"I've been with them over a year now."

"How do you like working in their auto department?" asked the manager.

"I like the work very much," Tom answered.

"Fine! Packard gave you an excellent recommendation when I mentioned that we need another auto man here. He thought you might be exactly the man we need. I asked you to stop in because he said that you might be interested in making a change."

"Yes, sir, I'm very much interested in making a change."

"Just why are you interested in changing?" asked Harper quickly.

"Well, I'm not dissatisfied with the company, but I can't seem to get ahead. I started with them after getting out of college and in many ways it seems that the only way to advance is to change companies after getting experience. The company you first work for never thinks of you in terms of anything other than the fact that you began there!"

"You are right!" chuckled Harper. "I found that out myself many years ago. We do have an opening here and it's better than what you now have. I know our company pays better than yours."

He mentioned a salary figure that made Tom almost gasp. This was more than he expected!

"You understand that this position is to be considered a trial one. We've had some difficulty before and we take all new men on trial until they prove themselves. Is that agreeable?"

"Do you mean that you will let me go at the end of the trial period if I don't succeed?"

"Exactly."

"That will be satisfactory with me. I'd like to try the job."

"Understand, Richards, that if a man proves himself worthy we do something for him financially, too. In a year or two your salary ought to be far larger if your work merits it."

"That will satisfy me completely," replied Tom.

"Since we seem to agree, when could you begin working here?"

"I could begin a week from Monday, if that's all right."

"Good. I have a high regard for Mr. Packard's opinion and I'm willing to take you on his recommendation."

Harper stepped from behind his desk and walked toward the door.

"I'll introduce you to Mr. Reilly now. He's the head of the auto department." Tom followed and they entered a section of the office which was enclosed by a partition about three feet high. Once inside the rail, they stopped at the first desk.

"Pete, this is Tom Richards, the chap we've been speaking of. I've gone over the situation with him, and he'll be

able to start a week from Monday. Do you think you can get along until then?"

Reilly smiled at Tom and offered his hand. Then he turned to Mr. Harper. "I can make out for another ten or fifteen days, but we are tremendously rushed."

When Harper returned to his office, Tom sat down beside Mr. Reilly, a red-headed, moon-faced man with shrewd, sharp eyes.

Reilly sketched the requirements of the position briefly and mentioned some of the brokers and agents with whom they did business. Tom recognized several of the names and knew that the company served many large firms. He felt that this new connection was certainly desirable. Finally Reilly pointed out Tom's desk.

"By the way, Richards, Jack is the first assistant, but you will usually work to gether. You'll like Jack. He's a great fellow. The work will be divided so that you each handle certain brokers' and agents' accounts. Then you won't have any confusion. Too bad he's out of the office right now, but you'll meet him when you come to work."

After a few more remarks, Tom rose to leave. As he walked toward the door he glanced again at the manager's secretary, but immediately he looked away for the girl was watching him. The glance she gave him made his heart beat unsteadily.

Once outside, Tom was exultant. Things had turned out better than expected! The job was his! And a salary better than before. Added to the thrill of financial advancement was his sudden interest in this young secretary.

Happily Tom left the building at 60 John Street in lower Manhattan and headed back for the Alliance Casualty office at 80 Maiden Lane. The first person he went to see was the head of the auto department.

"Mr. Wilson, I'm planning to leave the company a week from Monday," Tom told him simply.

Wilson looked up from his desk in evident surprise. "Going to leave us, Tom? What's the trouble?"

Tom looked steadily at Wilson before answering. "Frankly, Mr. Wilson, this is a step I dislike taking. I have enjoyed working with you. You have been very kind to me, but there's no advancement for me here and the salary certainly isn't the best."

"Yes, Tom, I have realized for some time that there is little chance of advancement for you here. I've tried my best but the top men don't come through with anything definite and substantial for you. They know you are a fine employee but they're economizing. Such economy is a poor policy and I have tried to point that out to them."

"I really don't want to leave. You have been so considerate, and the rest of the men have been fine to work

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with. I'm going with the Jackson outfit."

"Well, I know they pay much better and there is room for advancement. On the other hand, I think there are things more important than money and advancement. I've heard peculiar reports concerning the manager and their auto man. Nothing I can put my finger on definitely, of course."

Tom looked at him curiously because he trusted Wilson's opinion. "I had an impression like that, but I think it was only my imagination. It will be all right, I'm sure."

"I hope so, Tom. You've a great future ahead of you in the business, but be careful what you do."

Tom did not ponder the warning long. He was thinking of the salary increase and the possibility of advancement. "In the final analysis," he thought, "success is measured in terms of dollars and cents. Little money means a little job and big money means a big job."

Tom hurried home that night happy and elated. His mother welcomed him at the door and immediately noticed his radiant face. Before Tom spoke she knew that something good and unexpected had happened to her son.

Mrs. Richards was a middle-aged woman. Her graying hair gave her a distinguished look that well suited her serene, pleasant face. She was a motherly sort of person whom everyone trusted at first glance, the kind of person to seek out for counsel and advice. Her face brightened at the sight of Tom for he was her prize possession. It was easy to see the two as mother and son, for their eyes and mouths bore similar expressions. Mrs. Richards was alert in a surprisingly youthful way, and yet this was not without a charming gracefulness.

"Tom," she exclaimed, "something has happened! It's something grand, isn't it?"

Tom caught his mother in his arms, "Yes, Mom. It's something wonderful! It's just the job I've wanted!"

Together they moved into the living room of their apartment. A fire crackled in the fireplace at one end of the cozy room. The wallpaper was a soft muted brown and blended with the russet rug on the floor. Several book-cases were filled with select volumes and the desk in one corner looked well-used. A large wing chair, chintz-covered, a beautiful turquoise sofa, and a comfortable man's armchair were in the room. Lamps were placed for convenience and not decoration alone. It was not an expensive home but it was comfortable.

They sat together on the sofa and Tom repeated the interview with Mr. Harper, Manager of Jackson Casualty. He outlined the job as Reilly had done.

"Best of all, Mom, is the fact that I shall be getting a good salary! Fifteen hundred more a year!"

"Oh, Tom! Isn't the Lord good to us!"

"Yes, Mother, He is," Tom answered thoughtfully.

While eating dinner they talked at length about Tom's wonderful position. Tom's enthusiasm was dimmed by only one thing — he had enjoyed working with the people at Alliance Casualty and regretted leaving them.

Late that evening Mrs. Richards sat in the living room reading her Bible before going to bed. Tom had already gone to his room. As Mrs. Richards pondered the meaning of the new position, a wistful look stole over her face. She was concerned with certain changes she had noticed in Tom since he had started in the insurance business. Laura Richards was a devout Christian who had been severely tested by the fortunes of life, but she had emerged with a calm and trusting spirit. She suspected — though she had not told him — that Tom had been losing ground since going into business. Tom had accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior when the invitation had been given by a visiting evangelist. How glad she had been to see him go forward! Certainly it had been deep and real and vital to Tom for he had grown marvelously in the years following this decision. Her heart was cheered again and again because he had made his decision before his father's death.

The testing period after Mr. Richard's death had been severe, but the severity was lightened by Tom's companionship. His faith in the midst of adversity had been a constant source of encouragement to her. Almost imperceptibly Tom took over the family affairs.

They both had been very happy when the carefully saved bank account was large enough to provide Tom's college education. He finally went to New York University although his mother wanted him to attend a Christian college. Tom, however, insisted on remaining at home and working his way through school. And at the same time he had been active in young people's work, with a growing interest in the things of the Lord. This interest had tapered off once he left college and began working. His contacts with insurance men had slowly altered some of the opinions he held and now he no longer cared to read the Bible or attend church services.

There was nothing on which Mrs. Richards could put her finger — it was so intangible, but there was a real burden on her heart for her son. She thought that perhaps she had expected too much from him. Her desire and

that of his father, an outstanding Christian layman, had been for Tom to enter the Christian ministry. This dream now appeared impossible!

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The day to begin the new job soon arrived. Arising earlier than usual, Tom reached the office at eight-forty, twenty minutes before the office opened for business.

The office boy was busily engaged in opening the morning mail. Tom greeted him and looked around for the desk he had been told to use. He removed his coat and hat and began to distribute his personal belongings in the empty desk.

It was just nine when a sophisticated young man entered the office. He placed his coat and hat on the rack and sauntered over to Tom. Tom noticed that the dark stranger was fastidiously dressed in a light grey striped suit. His dark brown eyes shone with friendliness and humor as he introduced himself.

"My name is Dawson. I take it that you're Tom Richards. Mr. Reilly told me about you. Glad to have you here."

"Yes, I'm Richards and glad to be here, too."

"Well, make yourself at home right away. I've been snowed under these past three weeks. A lot of work has piled up since the last fellow left, but I hope it won't get you down in the beginning."

"No, I'm used to hard work, and I'd rather be busy than have things slow down."

"Don't worry about that. There's probably enough work now for three men," Dawson assured him.

Just then Mr. Harper's secretary came in the door and both men greeted

her. When she smiled in return, Jack Dawson excused himself and followed her to her desk. Idly Tom watched the two chatting together. He had not forgotten this girl since their first meeting ten days ago, and Tom promised himself that he was going to get acquainted with her.

Today she wore a brown Glen-plaid hat and suit with a beige blouse. Her brown hair was perfectly arranged and her carmined lips and carefully manicured hands finished the picture. Admiringly Tom thought that it would be a pleasure to be seen with this girl.

Tom's thoughts were interrupted by the entrance of Pete Reilly. He walked over to Tom and greeted him cordially.

"Good morning, Richards. Glad to see you here. Jack Dawson will give you the files of the various accounts you are to handle."

With that remark Reilly glanced about the office and his eye rested on Dawson and the secretary. With a coarse laugh and in a slightly leering tone, he muttered, "At it again! Well, at least he has a good eye!"

Tom felt a wave of disgust sweep over him and doubts entered his mind about the wisdom of having chosen this company since Reilly would be his immediate superior. He especially disliked the look in Reilly eyes, but he kept his counsel, waiting for Reilly to continue.

"You'll be all right, Richards, once you learn the ropes. By the way, I'll just call you 'Tom' and you call me 'Pete'. No use in our being formal since we do have to work together."

Reilly headed for his own partition, removing his coat as he went. He sat down at his desk and began to work vigorously as though anxious to make

a clean sweep of everything early in the morning.

Dawson returned to Tom's desk shortly after this, bringing with him an armful of work.

"Okay, Tom, let's go," he said. "First of all I will show you around the office so that you'll know where you are."

Tom followed Jack to the policy writing department and was introduced to the woman in charge. Then Jack took him to the cabinets of office supplies where he introduced Tom to the stock clerk who gave him a supply of pencils, rubber bands, and other office essentials.

On the way back Jack stopped to show him the filing department. All office correspondence and complete copies of all policies issued were kept here. The chief filing clerk was away, but Jack introduced him to her assistant, a girl named Lynn Tracy.

Back at their desks Jack said, "You know that file clerk I just introduced you to?"

"Yes," answered Tom hesitantly.

"She's an unusual girl. Very different from most of the girls around here. She doesn't drink, or smoke, or do any of those things. But we rather admire her in spite of her peculiarities."

Tom felt that he understood Lynn Tracy's behavior. He had met many girls like her before. Some were from his own church. He did not want to question Jack as to why Lynn Tracy was different, but he did want to know more about this girl.

"How does she get along in the office?" Tom inquired.

"Funny thing," continued Dawson meditatively, "she is very well liked here. Most of us do not agree with her, but she's always so cheery and happy that one can't help liking her. When questioned about her constant happiness she smiles and says, 'I'm a Christian and just can't help it. I love my Lord so much.' She just let's her religion run away with her, I guess."

Richards flinched when he heard this. He had been brought up by Christian parents and they had taught him that it was imperative for every Christian to bear a positive testimony for Christ. He was thinking that it had been very difficult in his former position and knew that after a few feeble efforts, he had not attempted to witness for Christ. Tom had felt the same antipathy which Dawson was now expressing about Lynn Tracy. Intuitively he knew that his new job was going to be even harder. And while he felt a little uneasy, he firmly resolved that the matter of testifying was not going to interfere with the opportunities the new position promised nor with any advancement.

For only a fraction of a second Richards was tempted to make it plain to Dawson that he too was a Christian, but as he hesitated the moment slipped by and with it his opportunity.

(To Be Continued)

The Story of a Novel

The story behind the Christian novel, **THE THING APPOINTED** by Dr. Harold Lindsell, which began in serial installments in this issue of the **BAPTIST HERALD**

THE BAPTIST HERALD is proud to begin a new Christian novel with this issue that is bound to be different and very exciting. **THE THING APPOINTED** will appeal to all ages. But especially should it hold interest for those of our readers who face important decisions in the business world about them and who want an answer to the all-absorbing question, "What shall I do about it?"

THE NEW NOVEL

THE THING APPOINTED by Dr. Harold Lindsell is called "an unusual story" by its publishers, the Van Kampen Press. "The answer is here — in the lives and loves of young people you would like to know in real life. Tom locates in an insurance office where he soon becomes the unwitting victim of an undercover practice which he knows down deep is questionable. While this situation is being spun around him, he 'falls' for a fetching young creature. By the time you reach the middle of the story everything becomes quite exciting. But Tom regains his balance, spiritually and emotionally, with a final result that you'll agree is simply God's best for a Christian life."

THE AUTHOR

We are also happy to present Dr. Harold Lindsell, the author of **THE THING APPOINTED**, who is known to many of our North American Baptist churches. He is a Baptist minister and teacher who has often spoken to our groups. At present he is Professor of Missions and Church History, as well as Registrar, at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif. Previously, he taught at Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. Car., and at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary as Professor of Missions and

Church History.

He received his education at Wheaton College (A.M.), University of California (Ph.D.), New York University, College of the City of New York, and Harvard College. He was ordained by the Southern Baptist Convention.

He is the author of "Abundantly Living" (another novel), "A Christian Philosophy of Missions," and a new book, "Park Street Prophet," a biography of Dr. Harold John Ockenga of Boston, Mass., will soon come from the press. He is a frequent contributor to many Christian magazines.

In response to the editor's request for a brief story how the novel, **THE THING APPOINTED**, came to be written, the author sent the following sketch. It will prove to be very interesting to every "Baptist Herald" reader.

THE AUTHOR'S STORY

THE THING APPOINTED was born out of the experiences of my own life and the temptations which come to men who try to live for God in business.

The substance of the story does reflect actual happenings in an insurance office and does represent the ethical, moral principles and practices of people with whom I have come in contact. Naturally the characters themselves are fictional and are compounded from many people whose acquaintances I have made and who are somewhat similar to the ones in the novel.

Believing that sincere Christians face these problems today and need help in meeting them I undertook this simple story to show that God's way is best; that sin shall be found out; that sin never pays off dividends that are worthwhile — but that through the maze of life God is ever working



Dr. Harold Lindsell of Pasadena, Calif., author of "The Thing Appointed" and other Christian novels.

in the hearts of men to get them to the place where he secures a commitment of life and heart for the work of Christ.

Some people may say, "It doesn't happen this way." I can only reply that it has happened this way a thousand times and a novel cannot begin to tell the whole truth for no one would believe it to be true. Aply has it been said that "truth is stranger than fiction," and so true is that, that few people will believe fiction that tells the truth.

Fiction writing is difficult for anyone but more so for the minister who must avoid moralizing. My only excuse for moralizing is the fact that all of life does this, day by day, and to reflect the unalterable laws of the spiritual universe may be, and is, necessary. I am happy to be guilty of moralizing if young men and women everywhere will see the truth of God — that God's way IS best.

And if this isn't the best reading you have ever done, may it at least make you think and face up to the question, "What is the will of God for MY life?"

gether faithfully with him and with his help, we shall not fail.

CHRIST CALLS — WE SERVE

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and ye visited me: I was in prison and ye came to me."

And the answer of his faithful servants shall be: "Lord, when have we done all these things in your name?" And the Lord shall answer: "Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me" (Matt. 25:31-40). Read also Matthew 25:41-46. Working to-

"Serve the Lord in youthful days Do his will and walk his ways."

These are the first lines of the chorus of our General Conference Union theme song. Copies of this song, with notes, are available by writing to our Headquarters Office, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. Have this challenging song not only on hand, but sing it often. Let the message become a part of your life in the service for

him. In faith serve him to the best of your ability wherever you are.

"I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).

There is much work to be done. It must be done by consecrated, courageous and faithful men and women. While it is day, while the opportunity is ours, let us dedicate our best to Christ. Let us reverently ask God to lead us into holy, happy service today.

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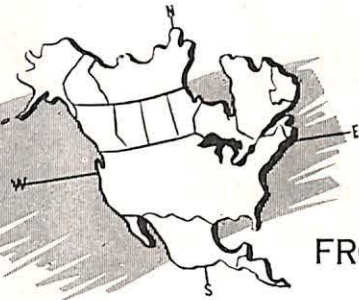
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Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Eastern Conference

Evangelistic Services and Special Events at the Forest Church, Munson, Pa.

On Sunday, Oct. 1st, the Forest Baptist Church of Munson, Pa., celebrated the tenth anniversary of the ministry of its pastor, the Rev. George W. Zinz, Sr., with the church. The Rev. Paul Raycroft, evangelist of the Pennsylvania Baptist Convention, was the guest speaker.

On the same date the church began a week of revival meetings which were very well attended and during which the Gospel was plainly preached. As a result of these meetings, seven adult, new members, were added to our church by baptism, a church choir was organized, attendance has increased at our regular meetings, and there is a new zeal for the work of the Kingdom of God.

On Oct. 7 the church, under the leadership of the young people, further honored their pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Zinz, with a fellowship supper. At this occasion, the deacon of the church and the leaders of the various organizations expressed their appreciation for their faithful ministry and then presented them with several love gifts. Mr. Raycroft, who has known Mr. and Mrs. Zinz for many years, also expressed his appreciation for their loyalty and sincerity. Mr. and Mrs. Zinz responded by thanking the members and friends of the church for their love and faithfulness.

Mrs. Henry Litke, Church Clerk.

Recognition of the Open Bible Tabernacle of Erie, Pa., as a Baptist Church

An advisory Council of the Eastern Conference of North American Baptists met in the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., to consider the request of the Open Bible Tabernacle of Erie that they be received into the fellowship of the conference. Letters of invitation were sent to a number of the conference pastors calling for a council meeting on Friday, Nov. 17th.

The meeting of the council was called to order by the Rev. Paul D. Ford. After prayer the purpose of the meeting was outlined, and a chairman, who was to act as moderator, chosen. The Rev. L. B. Holzer of Pittsburgh, Pa., accepted the nomination to officiate as moderator.

The Rev. A. F. Kastonoski, present pastor of the Tabernacle, gave as

his reason for the church's desire to enter into our fellowship that Baptists from an historical standpoint live nearer to the Bible. He revealed that the church in its four years of active missionary effort has made progress. It has a membership of 38 with an average attendance of 44. The Sunday School has an average of 30. With a quiet optimism the pastor spoke of the opportunities and possibilities of development.

Mr. Kastonoski is a converted Catholic. Having a desire to help his fellow countrymen from Poland, he entered a Bible Training School. He was unable to complete the course owing to financial obligations at home. In an effort to make up for this loss, he enrolled at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago for a correspondence course, and later with a Bible School in Philadelphia. A member of the Grace Baptist Church, Binghampton, N. Y., he was ordained in his home church by a regularly constituted council of churches.

After an intelligent discussion of the aims and objectives of the Tabernacle Church, the council moved and adopted the following resolution: "It is apparent from the discussion of this council that the pastor and members of the Open Bible Tabernacle are one with us in spirit and in purpose, and therefore it is moved that we recognize them as a duly constituted church of the North American Baptist Conference."

Before supper the council was conducted through the new church building. Many improvements have been made, some changes have yet to be made, but it has a fine chapel for worship. Credit for the improvements must be given to the pastor, for he is not only a preacher, but also a skilled workman.

The Council, members of Central Baptist Church, and the Open Bible Tabernacle met for the service of recognition. This service was held in the Tabernacle, and Mr. Holzer was moderator of the meeting. The Rev. F. H. Woyke spoke on the "Central Task of the Church." "And ye shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8). Emphasizing the importance of witnessing,

ATTENTION, REPORTERS!

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Brother Woyke said, "A witness must know (knowledge); he must tell what he knows (ability); and he must live experience."

The Rev. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., expressed his welcome in words of invitation. "You are welcome to share with us in the wealth which is in Christ Jesus. You are welcome to share in the abiding values: faith, hope, love."

The Rev. G. Friedenberg of Buffalo, N. Y., welcomed the church into a fellowship that embraces the world. "We have solemn obligations: 'This new commandment give I unto you, that ye love one another.' Let us not forget that every privilege has a corresponding responsibility." Following prayer by the Rev. G. Zinz of Munson, Pa., the moderator said, "You are now members of the North American Baptist Churches."

The meeting closed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Wm. D. Ross, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Thanksgiving Day Dinner at the Cottonwood Church of Texas for the Church Families

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, sponsored a Thanksgiving dinner in the dining hall of our church for our church family and friends. The tables and dining hall were beautifully decorated with the horn of plenty and cut flowers.

Immediately following the delicious meal, we enjoyed an inspiring program under the leadership of our president, Mrs. J. O. Zillen. The devotional was in charge of Mrs. Claud Kincannon, reading Psalm 95:1-6. Mrs. Clifton Kraemer led our inspiration with Mr. W. B. Marsteller offering our opening prayer. Mr. Bill Foster, a ministerial student from Baylor University, rendered a medley of his favorite hymns on the piano. Mrs. A. W. Guderian sang the beautiful number, "The Stranger of Galilee," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Adolph Braun.

We were privileged to have as our guest speaker Mrs. Edwin Kraemer, wife of the Rev. Edwin Kraemer, a former chaplain in South America. She took us on an imaginary trip to South America and the South West Indies. Mrs. Kraemer used as her text Acts 16:9, "And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There stood a man of Macedonia and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia and help us."

A mission offering was taken in the amount of \$58.00. Mrs. W. B. Marsteller offered the offertory prayer and Bill Foster played and sang the hymn, "Close To Thee," as our offertory music. The Rev. J. O. Zillen, our pastor, closed the meeting with prayer. We as a society are very grateful to the Lord for his bountiful blessings which challenge us as a society to follow the slogan, "Forward With Christ."

Mrs. Claud Kincannon, Cor. Sec.

Visit of the Rev. William Kahlert at the Cottonwood Church of Texas

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 1st, it was both a privilege and a joy for the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, to have the Rev. Wm. Kahlert of Union City, N. J., as guest. He is a returned missionary from Greece and Macedonia. He showed us pictures taken of his work in those places. We saw the ruins of some of the same buildings and temples which the Apostle Paul visited. He played the Greek and the Macedonian national anthems for us, showing us the difference between their music and ours.

Although Mr. Kahlert has been back in the states for several years, he is carrying on God's work in a mighty way. Besides his preaching here, he sends clothing to the people, among whom he worked over there. He is helping 100 families with his relief work. He showed us a picture of one of his churches with the entire congregation dressed in American clothes that he had sent across the seas. We were privileged to help him by means of the offering received after his talk.

Mrs. H. D. Lynn, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., Celebrates Its 95th Anniversary

Sunday, Nov. 19, is a day that will long be remembered by the members and friends of Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., for on that day the church observed its 95th anniversary.

At the morning worship service, Dr. Thorwald W. Bender, our pastor from 1941 to 1947, and now professor of theology at Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., gave a most inspiring message to a capacity audience. "If we are to be set for tomorrow, it is vital that our worship of God be sincere and true," he said. "We need true reverence. We are to be children of obedience. In obedience we find freedom. Obedience leads man to give his life to Jesus Christ, and then he finds he is a free man."

Our choir, under the capable leadership of Mr. W. Penzek, sang two appropriate numbers, "O Praise Ye the Lord" and the "Creation." An invitation for the people to rededicate themselves to Christ was given by our interim pastor, the Rev. Louis Johnson, at the close of the morning message. Our pastor, the Rev. George W. Zinz, Jr., is on leave of absence as an Army Chaplain, now in Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

At the evening service, greetings were extended to the mother church by the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of the Temple Church, and Dr. John Leybold of the Bethany Church, both of Milwaukee. Recognition was given by Dr. T. W. Bender in behalf of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive

secretary of the North American Baptist Conference, and Dr. Ezra G. Roth, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention. A tribute to members from 35 to 78 years standing was given by Mr. Emil C. Quade, chairman of the Board of Deacons. Miss Emma Frey was given a corsage for being the oldest member present at the service. She has been a member of the church for 68 years. "Gloria In Excelsis" was sung by the choir, which also sang "Open Our Eyes."

Betty Freigang, Reporter.

minister to the eunuch (Acts 8:26-27). An angel directed Cornelius to Peter, but it was Peter who was called to present the message of salvation to Cornelius (Acts 10:3 ff). God has committed to us the supreme privilege of giving out this great message and every Christian who can say "Christ liveth in me" (and there are no other Christians) must testify of the saving knowledge of Christ to the unsaved. This is not the business of the angels; it is our business!

Lewis B. Berndt, Pastor.

Rev. Lewis B. Berndt (left) of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., and 16 converts whom he recently baptized and received into the fellowship of the church.



Sixteen Converts are Baptized and Received Into Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

On Sunday, Oct. 15, the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., conducted a joint baptismal service with the Fourth Baptist Church of the city. It was a great privilege for the church to witness the burial into the watery grave of sixteen candidates, testifying that the old sinful man had died, was buried and was raised in the newness of life, even as Christ died, was buried and rose again to the newness of life. Baptism to these candidates was a solemn obligation. The hand of fellowship was extended to these candidates and others on the following Sunday. These were converts for the greater part fruits of personal work as well as of our preaching and teaching ministry.

It has always been my aim to impress upon the church the fact that such an ingathering of souls through the instrumentality of its own members, bespeaks the healthy spiritual condition of the church. The Faith Baptist Church is blessed with many talented people whom we are using to great advantage in our church school and Vacation Bible School. We have organized our deaconesses and teachers into visitation and personal workers' teams, as well as our board of deacons which is teamed up with other laymen for personal work, assisting the pastor.

God has conferred upon man the supreme privilege of being called a co-laborer together with him, and what an honor it is to be working with God in this great business of winning souls! He might have employed angels to present the Gospel to sinful men. However, it is not given to angels to proclaim the message of redemption to a race of lost men.

The Lord commanded an angel to send Philip to Gaza, but Philip was to

Northern Conference

Ninety Voices in Mass Choir Present Concert at Kelowna, British Columbia

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29, a sacred concert was presented in the First United Church of Kelowna, British Columbia, under the auspices of the Grace Baptist Church. The Rev. A. Kujath, our pastor, was in charge of the program.

A mass choir of about 90 voices, representing five local churches, rendered the special music. The choir was conducted by the well-known Canadian and American conductor, Mr. K. H. Neufeld of Winkler, Man.

Hearts rejoiced as they heard the choir singing, "I Want to Be There at the Roll Call" and "Leave Us Not." Then Miss Vivian Lietz sang a beautiful soprano solo, "There Is an Eye That Never Sleeps." The program also consisted of two messages by Rev. P. Wildeman and Rev. J. J. Unger, challenging us to surrender our lives to God's perfect will and then we will have a new song to sing praises to our God. As a special feature, the male choir of the Grace Baptist Church sang, "Gottes Volk darf nie ermüden." Among the other anthems the mass choir sang were, "Sodom and Gomorrah" (German), "In the Light of Heaven" (German), "Be Thou Near," and "How Long, O Lord." The grand finale was the wonderful singing of the anthem, "The Easter Psalm," by the mass choir.

Truly, our hearts were touched by the beautiful singing and the inspiring messages in the songs. May we never forget to give thanks unto our God for giving us voices to sing praises unto him!

Mary Bredin, Reporter.

Song Festival for Central Saskatchewan Churches by Choir of 75 Voices at Nokomis

On Sunday, Oct. 22, the Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., Canada, was host to a large number of young people and friends as they gathered for a song festival in the town. They had rented the local theater. Even though the roads were very heavy due to rain and snow, this building was filled to capacity. Many had to stand and some sat in cars near the building.

The morning worship service was also conducted in the theater. But the highlight came in the afternoon when the choirs of the central Saskatchewan churches participated in the mass choir of approximately 75 voices directed by the Rev. R. Kanwischer of Regina. Interspersed were quartets, duets, solos and choir numbers from the various churches add-



The choir of the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Ore., wearing the new robes at a recent musical for the dedication of the choir robes. The Rev. Frank Friesen, pastor of the church, is at left (rear row) without a robe.

ing much to the enjoyment and blessing of the afternoon. The Rev. E. H. Nikkel of Southey brought the message. Many friends not directly associated with the church expressed their appreciation after the service.

The host church spared no effort in planning and preparing for the comfort of the visitors. They served a fine dinner. When lights went out due to a power failure while eating lunch, it was only a matter of minutes until other lights were brought in, although they had not anticipated this.

Before the evening had advanced very far, the crowd was melting away. You could not help leaving with mixed feelings, regret mingled with joy. Joy, because the Lord had poured out showers of blessing! Regret, because the festival was so short lived!

E. L. Thiessen, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Ben Strohschein at the Pleasant Prairie Church of Alberta

On Oct. 20, in response to the request of the Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alta., Canada, 23 messengers representing nine Baptist churches gathered in the church for the purpose of examining the fit-

ness of one of its sons, Mr. Ben Strohschein, for the Gospel ministry.

The organizational matters were quickly completed with the election of Rev. C. Seecamp as moderator, and Rev. J. Sonnenberg as clerk. Then the candidate was presented to the council. He responded with the presentation of his conversion experience, his call to the ministry, and his doctrinal views. A brief period of questioning followed, whereupon the council convened separately and declared itself satisfied with the statements of faith as declared by the candidate. It voted unanimously to recommend him to the church for ordination.

The ordination service followed in the evening, where long before the hour to commence had arrived, the church was already crowded to capacity. A spirit of triumph and joyous exultation dominated the entire service. A number of young people beauti-

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Pacific Conference

Dedication of Choir Robes and Other Special Events at Bethany Church of Oregon

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation" (Psalm 95:1). This verse truly became realistic on Sunday night, October 8th, in the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Ore., when the choir presented a musical for the dedication of the new choir robes. The Rev. Lester Spencer gave the Scripture reading and the Rev. Frank Friesen, pastor, brought the dedicatory remarks. Several numbers were given by the choir, a duet by Lester and Martha Spencer, a solo by Douglas Graf, and two numbers by the male chorus were also included in the program. Mrs. Melba Schaeer is the director and Mrs. Lily Croeni is the organist. We certainly are thankful for the message of song by our choir.

We are always very joyous when a missionary returns to report to us the work being carried on. It was our great joy to have Miss Hilda Tobert with us on Sunday evening, October 15. She spoke to our young people's group and evening service. We were stirred by her story of the work being carried on in the Cameroons and especially the endless tasks of our Dr. Chaffee.

On Sunday evening, October 29, the young people had charge of the evening service at which time Miss Helen Carlson of the Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland had charge of the service with the help of some of her workers at the school. They brought to us a very interesting report of their work in the Vacation Bible Schools in Alaska last summer.

It was our joy to have a baptismal service on Sunday, October 22, at which time the Rev. Henry Barnet of the Villa Ridge Church brought the evening message. Four converts were led through the waters of baptism from our church and Mr. Barnet also had the joy of baptizing several from his church.

Recently a Men's Brotherhood was organized at Bethany. The officers elected were: Chief Steward, Fred Mattson; Assistant Steward, Fred Schaeer; Steward of Monies, Herbert Koehn; and Steward of Records, Sam Rich.

Mrs. Fred Schaeer, Reporter.

Spirit-filled Sessions of the California Association at Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.

The California Association representing the churches of California met with the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., from Nov. 2 to 5. The churches were represented by some 32 delegates and many visitors, to whom the Lord granted travelling mercies and upon whom he poured out his blessings during the meetings. All evening meetings and Sunday serv-

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ices were held in the High School Auditorium of the city of Lodi, and all day meetings were held in the sanctuary of the Temple Church. The congenial pastor of the host church, the Rev. A. R. Weisser, extended a very cordial welcome to all guests, and the moderator, the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, replied in like manner.

The association theme, "Ye Are Ambassadors of Christ," was manifest in all the messages. The Rev. E. Mittelstedt brought the opening message on the association's theme itself. The following messages relative to the theme touched every heart and humbled us in self-examination before the Lord: "Every member a praying member" by Rev. H. Hengstler; "Every member an active member" by Rev. E. Kohfeld; "Every member a forgiving member" by Rev. R. Schilke; "Every member a giving member" by Rev. W. W. Knauf; "Every member a Spirit filled, right living member" by Rev. P. G. Neumann; and the closing message, "Every member a soul winning member" by Rev. R. Schilke.

We had the joy of having Miss Hilda Tobert, missionary-nurse to the Cameroons, in our midst. Her messages thrilled us and our hearts went out to the African people as she reported about the work in the Cameroons in its three phases: evangelistic, medical, and educational. Mr. Reinhard Neuman, missionary to the Indians on the Bobtail Reserve in Alberta, also thrilled us as he spoke of the wonderful success which is now being manifested in this new field of Indian work.

The Rev. Otto Nallinger, for the past three years representing the Baptist World Alliance in its relief work in Germany, was the guest speaker at the Saturday night rally. He reported on the condition and the need of those many unfortunates who lost so much during the last war.

Sunday was the crowning day. We had hoped for larger attendance during the week-day meetings, but on Sunday the attendance was gratifying. During the Sunday School the Rev. G. G. Rauser and the Rev. P. G. Neumann were the speakers. The mission sermon was brought by the mission secretary of the Pacific Conference, the Rev. W. W. Knauf. The afternoon meeting was a young people's meeting with the president of the California Assembly, Mr. Ed. Schuh in charge. The Rev. P. G. Neumann brought the challenge to the young people, encouraging them to lead the maximum Christian life.

The newly elected officers of the California Association are as follows: moderator, Rev. A. R. Weisser; vice-moderator, Rev. H. Hengstler; secretary, Mr. Wm. F. Smith; treasurer, Mr. D. Weigum. The mission offering on Sunday amounted to a total of \$910.74. Two-thirds of this amount was designated for our Bansa Hospital, and one-third for our Indian mission in Alberta. The next association will convene with the Bethel Church of Anaheim from Nov. 1-4, 1951, if the Lord tarries.

Wm. F. Smith, Secretary.

Central Conference

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Siemund of Chicago, Illinois

Are marriages made in heaven? Is the union of husband and wife for life "until death us do part?" That is just what a young happy couple believed when they came to the altar at the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., on Nov. 10, 1900. It was a Saturday evening when the pastor, the late Rev. Christian Dippel, pronounced those meaningful words: "What God hath joined, let no man put asunder." Next morning they both attended the church service and have never failed to do so since then.

Fifty years in happy wedlock, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Siemund of Chicago traveled together the roads of life. There were good highways, prosperity and joy, sunshine and flowers. There were also bad roads, stony or muddy, and sometimes the grades were very steep, but their faith and devotion to one another, their joy in the fellowship of the church and their mutual trust in God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, gave them the staying power. Now they are at the summit of joy and happiness. Surrounded by their two stalwart sons, Roy and Herbert with their families, relatives from far and near and a host of friends, they celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Saturday, Nov. 11. Flowers, music, singing, laughter and hearty "Congratulations and God bless you!" made the evening a memorable one. Among the guests of honor was Mrs. Wm. Scheel who served as bridesmaid fifty years ago.

On the next morning, even as they did fifty years ago, they with all their friends attended the church service joining in the opening hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness, O God My Father." The choir sang their favorite anthems: "I Love to Tell the Story" and "My God and I." At the close of the service, which was built around the theme, "The Christian Family," the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Schoeffel, a former Sunday School scholar of Mr. H. Siemund, on behalf of the church presented a beautiful "Golden Hour" electric clock to the anniversary couple. In moving words they accepted the token of friendship and congratulations.

Not only married for fifty years, but serving with unselfish devotion the same church for an even longer period has endeared them to all. In a day when the spirit of the home is suffering terrific onslaught, with many disillusioned couples finding their way to the divorce court, Siemund's union is a profound testimony to the power and blessings of a Christian home.

We thank thee, Father, let thy grace Our loving circle still embrace,
Thy mercy shed its heavenly store,
Thy peace be with us evermore.

William L. Schoeffel, Pastor.



Mr. and Mrs. Herman Siemund of Chicago, Illinois, at their golden wedding celebration. Mr. Siemund has served as the official photographer at several General Conferences. It isn't often that he is asked to pose for a picture by another photographer!

Evangelistic Meetings and Thank-giving Missionary Program at Detroit's Connor Baptist Church

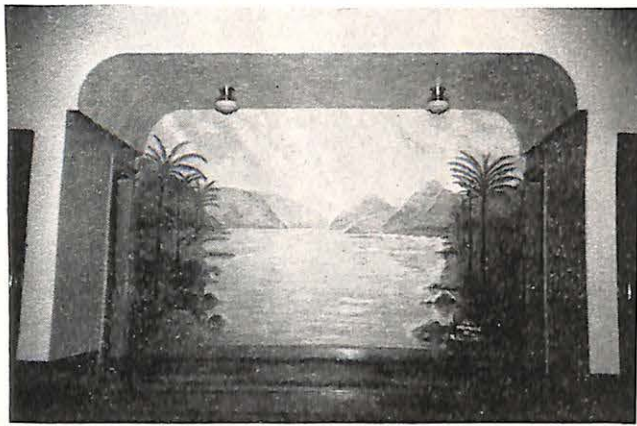
The Connor Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., was richly blessed by the Lord during our recent evangelistic meetings. Dr. A. S. Felberg, one of our denominational evangelists, conducted two weeks of meetings from Oct. 8 to 22. The first week of services was conducted in German so that all our German-speaking friends and new-comers from Europe could hear and understand the plan of salvation. The second week of services was held in English.

Many persons were led by the Holy Spirit to the altar and through prayer received forgiveness of sin. A large number of persons also rededicated their lives for service. A baptismal service is being planned so that the new converts may follow the example of Christ.

Sunday, Nov. 12th, was designated as Thanksgiving and Missionary day. In the morning worship our pastor, the Rev. O. Patzia, brought a very heart-stirring message on the need for missionaries and the continued support of mission work. At the evening service a special program was given with the various choirs of the church participating. Other special numbers in music and song were also presented.

To further the work of our Master, a special offering was taken. Our goal was \$2500, of which \$1000 is to be given to missionary work. The Lord laid the burden of his work on all our hearts and we praise him that our goal was reached. The earnest prayer of our church is that God will continue to bless us!

Lucille Friesen, Reporter.



The baptistry picture in the Linton Baptist Church, Linton, N. Dak., painted by the Rev. Charles Wagner, a former pastor, for the church's Jubilee Anniversary program

Dakota Conference

Baptistry Picture Painted for Linton Church of North Dakota by Rev. Charles Wagner

Added to all of the other joys and thrills of the Golden Jubilee which the Linton Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., was privileged to celebrate in October was the joy of having the Rev. Charles Wagner of Portland, Ore., beautify our church by painting a beautiful picture on the wall directly behind the baptistry. The desire had often been expressed by one member or another that an appropriate picture or tapestry be secured for this wall to enhance the appearance of the church. The decision of the church to invite all former pastors to participate in the Jubilee brought forth the suggestion that Mr. Wagner be invited to bring his "tools" along and paint a picture for us. As a result, Mr. and Mrs. Wagner arrived in Linton several days in advance of the activities, and by Thursday evening, when the first service of the Jubilee was held, the picture was quite complete, except for some finishing touches. These were added after the celebration was over. All are delighted with the results.

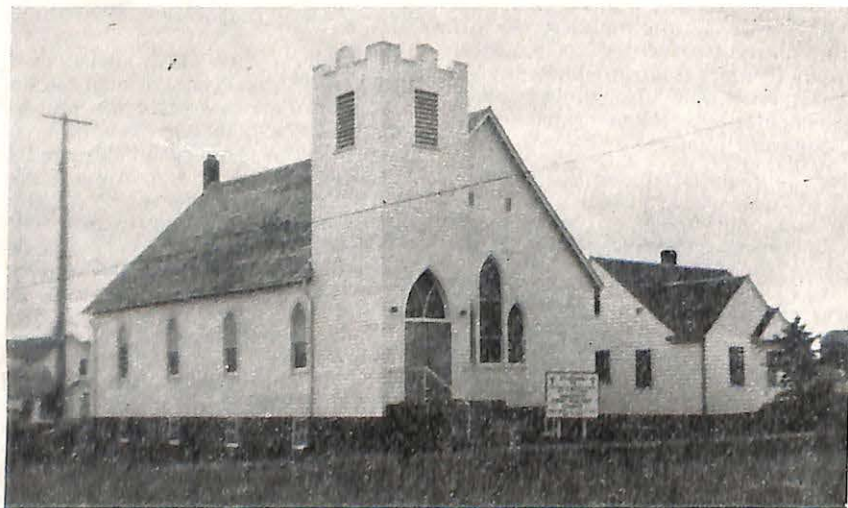
To make the picture even more precious and appreciated, the costs were taken care of by monies given

in memory of Mr. Andrew Bibelheimer, who had recently passed away. It is truly a picture very meaningful to all — to the church because it was painted by a former pastor, and dedicated to the memory of a former faithful member; to the Bibelheimer family because of the tribute to their loved one. We are so thankful to Brother Wagner for having so expertly and willingly painted this picture; to the Bibelheimer family for having seen fit to use memorial monies in this manner; but above all we are thankful to our heavenly Father for his wonderful guidance in this matter.

Alma B. Kremer, Reporter.

Harvest and Mission Festival at Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota

On Sunday, Nov. 5th, the Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, N. Dak., celebrated its annual Harvest and Mission Festival. The Rev. Paul Galambos of Washburn, N. Dak., accepted our invitation to be the guest speaker for the occasion. In the morning service he spoke to us on the subject of being thankful with our hearts, our lips and our hands. In the afternoon we went to the Old People's Home where Mr. Galambos brought a message to the old people on the subject, "Heavenly Homesickness." In the evening he again brought a message at the church in the English



The new edifice of the Baptist Church at Underwood, N. Dak., with the parsonage to the right, in which the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Knalson are living.

language. Mr. Galambos is not yet two years in this country but he has mastered the language well enough to enable him to bring a very effective message in English.

It was a blessed day for all of us. As a church we feel that God has led us in wondrous ways this past year. We were able to begin the actual building of our new church and are now anxiously awaiting the time when we will see it completed. The members were called upon to make many sacrifices throughout the year and yet we felt that this day called for a special offering. We were therefore able to lay \$1070.00 upon the altar of God. May his Name be praised for it!

Edward Kary, Pastor.

Dedication of New Church Edifice of First Baptist Church, Underwood, N. Dak.

Sunday, October 22, was a day of joy and blessing for the members of the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak. It was only through the grace of God, the humble prayers of members and friends, and the answering faith that our dream of a new church edifice was realized. On this day, about one year after the church basement for the new edifice was started, we dedicated the new building to the glory of God. Much work and sacrifice went into the project. The construction foreman was Mr. G. W. Gerlitz, a member of our Goodrich Church. When he could not come because of inclement weather, the men of the church and friends went ahead with the work themselves.

The church is 50 by 32 feet, with a full basement, automatic oil heating furnace, a nursery, a pastor's study, a balcony seating about 60 people and new carpeting in the main auditorium. The church seats about 250 people comfortably, although on Dedication Sunday there were about 310 people at the evening service. The building committee consisted of Messrs. John Hepper, Jacob Hepper, Ferdinand Koenig, Ernest Radke, Adam Schuh, C. C. Koenig, and the pastor, Rev. Fred Knalson.

The total cost of the materials which went into the building was about \$16,000. There are still some things to be finished in the basement and in the kitchen. Rest rooms are being installed and a completely furnished kitchen will be completed in the future. There were about 8,000 man hours of labor contributed, with some men contributing as much as 850 hours.

The Dedication Day services were opened with Sunday School with Mr. Carl Radke, superintendent, in charge. The Rev. E. L. Warkentien, president of the Northern Bible Institute, brought the lesson exposition. Special music was provided by "The Tiny Tots" of the Sunday School and by the Sayler Trio, an instrumental group of our Sunday School.

At the morning service, which was the main dedication service, we were blessed by the singing of the choir and Mrs. V. Wolitarsky who sang, "God Bless This House." The message was

brought by Rev. H. Hirsch of Goodrich who spoke on the topic, "The Gate of Heaven." The ladies of the church served a delicious dinner for all the guests of the day. The afternoon service featured a message by the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of Grand Forks, N. Dak., who brought a very practical message from the Word of God. Music was furnished by Ruben and Edna Greunich, students at Northern Bible Institute of Minot and members of our church. Visiting pastors from nine different churches brought greetings from their respective churches. Mr. F. Koenig, treasurer of the church, gave a report of the building progress and the approximate cost of the building. Mr. Arthur Turner, newly elected deacon of the church, spoke on "Our Vision for the Future."

The evening service was a real climax to the day's festivities. It opened with a film taken by one of our men during the construction of the church which was received with great enthusiasm. This was followed by a lively "hymn sing" led by our pastor and the showing of the fourth in a series of films on the life of St. Paul. Mr. B. Richardson, a member of the Underwood High School faculty, sang, "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings." Mrs. Knalson, our pastor's wife, again made us glad with her rendition of a vocal solo.

Approximately 1000 people attended all three services of the day. The total offerings, which went to the completion of the building, were about \$1100. Truly, our new church building is an imposing structure, and we thank God for it!

Mrs. Lorraine Swanson, Reporter.

Inspiring Revival Meetings at the Baptist Church of Ventura, North Dakota

We, as the Baptist Church of Ventura, N. Dak., are grateful to God for having richly blessed us during our revival campaign from Oct. 16 to 27. God worked in a wonderful way in the hearts of Christians, making them willing to testify and leading others to Christ. God worked in the lives of the unconverted and eleven persons stepped out for Christ, acclaiming him as their Savior.

We are indebted to the Linton Baptist Church of North Dakota for releasing their pastor, the Rev. A. Huber, in order to serve us as evangelist. He brought inspiring and challenging messages from the Word of God, and as God's children we were strengthened and challenged to do our best for our Master.

The evening meetings were made more interesting by special numbers in song and music. Mrs. Huber was able to be with us most of the time, and played many numbers on her vibra-harp. Mr. Huber and the Rev. Raymond Dickau, pastor of the local church, played violin duets accompanied by piano and vibra-harp. We praise God for giving us such wonderful blessings, and our prayer is that we shall continue to serve and live for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Raymond Dickau, Pastor.

Obituary

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

MRS. MARTHA ELLA LEPKE of Ellenville, New York.

Mrs. Martha Ella Lepke, nee Ziehl, died on Nov. 1, 1950 at Ellenville, N. Y., where she and her husband had made their home for the last seven years. Mrs. Lepke was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on May 15, 1885. In 1899 the family moved to Brooklyn, N. Y., where she was baptized by the Rev. C. L. Marquardt and received into the old First German Baptist Church of Williamsburg. She was always a faithful and loyal supporter of the church and specifically an organizer and charter member of the "Willing Workers." Her "earthly house" was laid to rest in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Maspeth, L. I. She is survived by her husband, Emil Lepke, and by several nieces and nephews.

Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

PAUL WENGEL, Pastor.

MR. THEOPHIL BILLETER of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Theophil Billeter of Portland, Ore., was born on Dec. 4, 1868 at Bischofzell, Canton Thurgau, Switzerland, and died on Nov. 18, 1950, having attained the age of 81 years, 11 months and 14 days. Mr. Billeter came to America in 1882 and made his home in and around Portland, Ore., ever since. He lived in the Baptist Home for the Aged since Dec. 15, 1944.

On April 10, 1894 he was united in marriage to Elise Yoss. To this union there were born four daughters and two sons, all of whom preceded the father in death. The mother also having preceded the children in 1909. On Aug. 25, 1910 he was married to Louise Koester Flack, a widow with five children, who also preceded him in death about a year ago.

Brother Billeter was converted and baptized under the ministry of the Rev. T. Henry of the First Baptist Church of Portland. He held church membership in the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland and Trinity Church of Portland in which he proved himself to be a devoted and loyal follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. His life was filled with many a poignant sorrow and heavy burdens, but he came through them all cheerfully and with his face ever fixed upon the Master. He now beholds the face of his blessed Lord and

The Ordination of the Rev. Lawrence De Boer at Corona, South Dakota

Upon the call of the First Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., the messengers of nine churches of the South Dakota Association, and two from Minnesota, met on Friday, Nov. 17, for the purpose of considering the propriety of ordaining Mr. Lawrence De Boer to the Gospel ministry. The Rev. E. Gutsche, pastor of the local church, opened the meeting with a devotional service.

There being no report of the Prudential Committee, the candidate was presented and given an opportunity to state his experiences as to his conversion, call to the ministry and his doctrinal views. After a period of questioning the motion was made and passed that the council go into executive session. The ordination council declared itself satisfied with the statements of the candidate and recom-

mended that the church proceed with the ordination of Mr. De Boer into the Gospel ministry.

The ordination service took place that same evening with the Rev. E. Gutsche in charge. Ephesians 4 was read by the Rev. E. Buenning, and the Rev. D. S. Wipf led us in prayer. Musical numbers were furnished by Misses Lorraine and Ruby De Boer and a solo by Mrs. Harry Schulte.

Prof. R. P. Jeschke of our seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., delivered the ordination sermon on the text "... And Some Pastors." The Rev. O. W. Brenner offered the ordination prayer during the laying on of the hands of the pastors. The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. G. W. Rutsch and the Rev. A. Wetter welcomed him into the ministers' fellowship. After the singing of the hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have," the Rev. Lawrence De Boer dismissed us with the benediction.

Alfred Weisser, Reporter.

Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

Terry Lee Felchle was born in Carrington, North Dakota, on Feb. 20, 1947 and passed away on Nov. 7, 1950 at the age of 3 years and 8 months.

Terry's pilgrimage on earth was short but those few years made their full impression upon his loved ones. Kind and agreeable by nature he was loved by young and old. Terry, together with his sister, attended the Sunday school of the Calvary Baptist Church and found it a joy to be there. As a member of the Beginners' Class he was taught early to love the Lord Jesus and to sing little choruses of praise. "Out of the mouth of babes thou has perfected praise." Though childish in expression, his ambitions for the future were often given. But the God who gave has asked for his return and Terry has gone to be with his Jesus. We cannot understand nor shall we in this life, but our God asks us only to trust in his all knowing wisdom.

On Nov. 6th, Terry underwent an operation in Minneapolis, Minn., to correct a condition of the heart. Though the operation was performed by the best medical skill available, complications entered in and Terry never regained consciousness.

Surviving Terry are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Felchle, and his sister, Jo Ann. Also surviving are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Felchle of Carrington, and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Wentz of McClusky; and four uncles: Tommie Wentz of McClusky, Floyd Felchle of Carrington, and Richard and Leland Felchle of Los Angeles, Calif.

In memory of Terry, his grandfather, A. H. Felchle, dedicates the following poem: "God knew that you were suffering, he knew you were in pain; He knew you would never get better in this world again. He saw the road was getting rough, the hills were hard to climb, So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered 'Peace be thine.' You left behind you aching hearts, who loved you most sincere, We never have and never will forget you, Darling Terry Dear."

Funeral services were held on Nov. 11 in Carrington. The pastor brought words of comfort based on Jesus' words in Matthew 19:24. Burial took place in the Carrington cemetery.

Carrington, North Dakota
WILMER QUIRING, Pastor.

E. ELMER STAUB

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with large responsibilities and with a lucrative salary.

From the early years of his life he proved himself to be a faithful steward of God with his finances. On one occasion I visited him in his office in Detroit and after discussing our own denominational missionary needs he handed me a check for \$5000. On a Thanksgiving Day I was guest in his home and at the breakfast table I found a check under my plate for \$5000. While Mrs. Kuhn and I were guests in their home and when I was just about ready to go to our bedroom for the night, Mrs. Staub, whom I have only known as Emma since her early girlhood days, handed me a check for \$2000 signed by herself. Expressing my surprise I said: "Well, Emma, where did you get all that money?" Her answer was: "Oh, I saved it from my household money."

Both Elmer and Emma Staub had a passion to dispense their money as good stewards of the Lord. No one but they and the Lord know the aggregate of their contributions. Elmer Staub had a most sympathetic heart for any one in special need. Many individuals have been the recipients of his practical counsel and his financial help. For years we have been sending from our headquarters office for him a monthly generous check to one whose acquaintance dates back to the days in Philadelphia.

When Elmer Staub heard that I was about to visit our missions in the Danubian field, he suggested without any prompting from me that he accompany me. That trip was eventually made by three of us: E. Elmer Staub, H. P. Donner and myself. Although I secured a free passage on the steamer for Elmer Staub, he sent us a check for the full fare of the ocean passage. That missionary tour through the Danubian countries moved the heart of Elmer Staub in its deepest depths.

For anybody to become a Baptist Christian in the Balkans demands strong faith, courage and the willingness to sacrifice. He saw the crying needs of suitable chapels for the strengthening of the Baptist cause in those countries. Some time after his return from that missionary tour, he together with another missionary-minded and generous layman, established an S and S Chapel Fund. These two brethren with their own money, under the direction of the General Missionary Committee, built a number of chapels in the Danubian countries. Both of these brethren have expressed to me personally that they consider these investments the best that they have made in the cause of Christ.

This tribute would not be complete if we failed to remember the contribution that Elmer Staub made to our denominational organizations. In the

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brief paragraph that Dr. Frank H. Woyke has in the December "News Letter" he says: "We shall miss him." From his earliest years because of his extraordinary professional ability with finances and because of his keen analytical mind in solving difficult problems, he served in many capacities. In no committee was he ever a non-entity, but he was always the one who gave direction.

Years ago he served as chairman of the General Missionary Committee. For a number of years he served as general treasurer. During that time he would spend two or three days a month at our headquarters office giving his personal attention to the many difficult problems that we faced in the time of financial depression. He also served as member of the General Council since its organization date, as chairman and a member of the Finance Committee, and until his decease as chairman of the Investment Committee, where we all thought he was about indispensable. In all these important offices he rendered a most unselfish and highly intelligent and unforgettable ministry.

We shall not only miss him but we most sincerely thank God for giving him to us with all of his professional endowments and this divine wisdom bestowed upon him by God's grace.

WOMEN'S DAY OF PRAYER

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fear of war haunts more people today than any other dread. It could be eliminated through brotherly love. If all men were truly motivated by love toward others, the starving of the world would be adequately fed, the naked clothed, the sick visited.

The Christian women of America have done a great deal to alleviate the suffering of others in war-torn countries. Let us not grow weary in well-doing. There is need on every hand for some ministry of love, often so small we hardly think it worth our while. In giving ourselves to others, we are best exemplifying God's great love in our hearts. No life can be more fruitful than one of loving service to others in need.

In giving to others let us give of ourselves, for "the gift without the giver is bare." A gift without the love of the sender is mere charity. Often the world needs our love far more than our money.

PRAYER (Suggestion): Let us ask God to show us opportunities of service all around us. Pray for a greater measure of love for those whom we might find hard to love.

OFFERING: Music rendered while offering is being taken should be suggestive of prayer. A simple hymn such as "Sweet Hour of Prayer" or "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," softly played or sung, can be most effective.

PERIOD OF PRAYER:

Suggestions to be read by leader:

1. Let us pray for the people within the scope of our denominational enterprises whose lives will be enriched by our offerings. — Pause for Silent Prayer.

2. Let us pray for the women of Germany who have sacrificed so much and suffered so greatly. They are more than sisters of faith to the women of our denomination. — Pause for Silent Prayer.

3. Let us pray for our nation, and particularly its leaders who bear such a tremendous responsibility in world affairs. — Pause for Silent Prayer.

4. Let us pray for all women of the world who try earnestly to help establish peace. Let us pray especially for the women of America that they may do all in their power to establish worthy homes and rear their children in the faith that made this nation great. — Pause for Silent Prayer.

CLOSING PRAYER.

CLOSING HYMN: "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" or "The Church's One Foundation."

BENEDICTION.

(Note: This service may be enlarged by interspersing suitable musical selections, either instrumental or vocal.)