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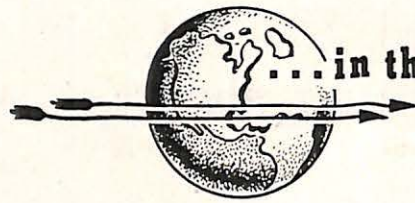
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...in the course of human events

● President Truman recently gave a statement to the Associated Church Press calling upon editors of all Protestant magazines to try to get the people of all denominations to forget their differences in the interest of their public harmony in these critical times. "Everybody is headed for the same place," said the President, "going on the same train and under the same Engineer."—Prophecy Monthly.

● A British exchange reports that recently a famous Gospel Mission in Edinburgh, Scotland, applied to the City Council for permission to place a neon sign in front of its building bearing the words, "Jesus Saves." The application was refused. The Lord Provost said: "It is introducing an alien method of advertising into our Christian faith," and another member of the council said: "Our religion in Scotland should remain quiet and unassuming."—Prophecy Monthly.

● More than 500 new Protestant chaplains have been recruited and processed through the General Commission on Chaplains since recruiting efforts began last November. This information was given 83 delegates representing forty cooperating Protestant denominations. The delegates discussed means of procuring additional chaplains to bring the armed services up to their goal of one chaplain for each 1,000 men.—United Evangelical Action.

● Senator Kerr of Oklahoma recently protested against the use of so much hard liquor to keep the wheels of government turning in Washington, D. C., saying that every kind of conference had to be mixed with drink. When two or more people get together at anything less formal than a session of congress, he declared, it takes cocktails. The Capital social slogan is: "Let's have a drink." Washington is 3.14 gallons ahead of the rest of the nation in the average per capita sales of hard liquor.—Prophecy Monthly.

● Not a single Chicago newspaper mentioned the meeting sponsored here on May 7 by the local chapter of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State, although around 4,000 persons thronged Medinah Temple for the featured address by Paul Blanshard, author of "American Freedom and Catholic Power." Mr. Blanshard charged that the Vatican and the Kremlin are both "foreign imperial-

isms which attempt to dictate and control the minds and actions of their followers." He further declared "that it is essential for us to face reality and distinguish clearly between a system of power, as represented in the Roman Catholic Church, and the religious faith of a people, which we represent."—The Christian Century.

● A Baptist missionary of Pangwai, Burma, writes that a false prophet is setting up competition in Upper Burma, who also claims to be the reincarnation of Christ. His name is Ca Pa, and he lives in a village where there has never been a Christian church. Much of his teaching coincides with Christian truth. This self-styled prophet professes to be sinless, and the villagers say that he is. He proclaims that four years from now, when he will be forty years old, he will die, and after he has been in his grave seven days, an earthquake will accompany his resurrection. After that, he will save people and bring about an era of peace.—The Evangelical Christian.

● Contrary to former expectation, the Selective Service System headquarters has informed the NAE Office of Affairs, Washington, D. C., that having a missionary doctor ordained will in no wise affect his status before the draft law. There is a specific instruction in the law to the effect that a secondary profession will in no wise affect the situation. Thus a medical missionary would be drafted anyway even if ordained. According to the best information available, in China alone there were 232 male medical missionaries prior to the Communist expansion. Since then all of these are out of the country or immobilized, in prison or dead. At the present time the approximate numbers of medical missionaries in various parts of the mission field are: Africa, 155; Asia, 150; Pacific Islands, 75 (including the Philippines); Latin America, 15 (including the West Indies). Prior to World War II, most of the above medical missionaries came from Europe, some 219 according to the latest figures available. Now approximately 225 medical missionaries are from the United States.—United Evangelical Action.

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

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Editorial

Peace of Mind

PEACE OF MIND is one of the greatest gifts of life. Some wealthy people would be willing to pay a million dollars for it, if it could be bought. Many people go through life on an unsuccessful chase after it. They fail to realize that peace of mind is a gift, the gift of God, for those who know him and love him.

The Christian is privileged, above all others, to possess this gift in all fulness. For peace of mind is the accompaniment of faith in Christ, even as light is associated with a day. It is the reaching out and grasping of Christ's promises by a soul that has felt the redeeming touch of his grace. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you" (John 14:27).

This peace of mind can be ours without a worry in the world! Christ condemned the man who was fretfully worried over many things which he couldn't change anyway. We must be concerned about our responsibilities, but all our cares must be cast on HIM who cares for us and who gives grace and strength to carry out the tasks before us. If God is your Partner and you have committed your life confidently into his hands, then this peace of mind without "a cloud worry" in the sky should be yours. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee" (Isaiah 26:3).

This is also the peace of mind for every Christian because of our awareness of invincible, spiritual strength that is ours. Care and worry are the twin sisters of fear. We are afraid that we shall not succeed. We are fearful about the results. We are scared that we won't make the grade. This fear is the source of our inhibitions that start the worries going at a fast clip. But if God be for us, who can be against us? It is the peace of mind that is seen in the upward look of every Christian who is fully aware of the fact that he is more than a conqueror through Christ who loved him and gave himself for him.

This is also the peace of mind of one who is linked up with the purposes of God. Whenever our lives are related to a purpose or to a goal that is greater than ourselves, our souls bask in the sunlight of joy and peace. Someone has said that we need some fixed point outside ourselves in order to exist with some amount of happiness. It is the overpowering joy of being in the center of God's will. With it comes the peace of being in the place of God's appointment and of being needed in God's Kingdom enterprise. All of life becomes the spiritual enjoyment of the things that God by his divine purposes has prepared for you.

Such is the peace of mind that keeps the Christian on an even keel, that gives him a song to sing, that makes him triumphant over the world round about him. It is God's gift to you for the asking, a prized possession that no one can ever take from you!

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not only have something to live on, but, above all else, he must have something to live for and by. He must have a firm purpose, an ideal and a grounded faith in a righteous and all loving God.

Paul looked ahead and up and said: "For me to live is Christ." The educational institutions of our day are very busy teaching the youth how to make a living. But to make a living is not the chief end of man. William Cary was asked what he did for a living and he said: "I am a Christian missionary, and peg shoes to pay expenses." Paul also could say: "I am a Christian missionary and I make tents to pay expenses." But seldom do people put their service for Christ above their own living.

AT LIFE'S CROSSROADS

Christ still stands at the crossroads of life beckoning people to come and follow him. "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." Let us consider Luke, the beloved physician, for instance, who accompanied Paul on his missionary journeys and who wrote the Gospel of Luke and the book of Acts. He could easily have settled down in a town, built up a big practice, and lived comfortably. But had he done so, the name of Luke would never have been linked up with that of Paul in the great missionary enterprise.

Life is a gift of God which places the bearer under direct responsibility. To meet this responsibility is to live for and in Christ. Paul did not run away from this responsibility like some people from unpaid bills. He did not flee from life's opportunity as the Prophet Jonah did. His burning zeal for service found a great outlet in the way of the Master, and in giving and sacrificing he found life anew with the accompanying joy and peace of another world upon him.

ARTHUR PEARSON

Like Paul, we too can put our life into the hands of One greater than ourselves and let him run it. Let God have your life, and rest assured that he can do more with it than you can. Let me illustrate this through the life story of Arthur Pearson.

Arthur Pearson had weak eyesight and realized in early life that blindness was coming his way. In school he majored in journalism and established his own magazine called, "Pearson's Magazine," which brought him fame and a good fortune. In spite of an operation on his eyes, he became totally blind at the age of forty-seven. Before this happened he made contact with the National Institute for the Blind in England.

This connection gave him his lifetime opportunity during the first

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Miss Berneice Westerman and Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer are shown the British Cameroons in Africa on the map at the Exhibit Hall of the 1949 General Conference by the Rev. H. G. Dymmel, former general missionary secretary. Both of these young women are now serving as our missionaries in the Cameroons.

A Life Worth Living

Life is a gift of God which places the bearer under direct responsibility. To meet this responsibility is to live for and in Christ.

By the REV. G. BEUTLER of Plevna, Montana

"For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." PHILIPPIANS 1:21.

GOD HAS CREATED man a living soul, and life is all that we have. Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." If we do not find joy in life's abundance, if we cannot make music out of its discords, if we misuse it and treat it lightly, then there is nothing else left for us. Life is soon over, and we have either lived or not lived it.

What kind of a life are we willing to live? A self-centered, pleasure-seeking one, using the world as a collecting depot? Or are we willing to seek a life of spiritual usefulness and self-spending that adds something to the worth and beauty of the world in which we live. Paul shows us what he lived for, when he says: "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain."

In these few words he sums up the secret of a great and worthy life. From the human point of view, Paul's way of life was anything but gratifying. Yet he had a clear cut vision, a

worthy aim, a strong faith and an undaunted courage. In spite of various enemies and all sorts of obstacles, he nevertheless found joy in serving humanity in the Name of Christ and bringing to Asia and Europe the Gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ. Surely, this was all possible because he surrendered his life to One greater than himself. Because of this fact he could say: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

THE QUEST OF THE AGES

The quest of all ages has always been to have something to live on. It is a great time in which we are living. Scientific discoveries are being made which rapidly change the ways of life. But how do we meet these changes? What is our ambition and aim in life? The basic needs of the animal are met by food and drink, but "man does not live by bread alone." Yet he cannot live without bread. Our present-day "world problems" show that man cannot build greatness of soul and peace of mind upon hunger and poverty. But in spite of this fact, man must

The Feeding of a Great Multitude

Christ offered the true Bread, the Bread of God, a heavenly, life-giving Bread to the people, as recorded in John 6:1-34. But he was misunderstood and rejected, even as it still happens in our world today!

By DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

JOHN BEGINS the sixth chapter of his gospel with the familiar words: "After these things" (John 6:1; 7:1). He doesn't tell us how long the interval was between the events of the previous and the present chapter nor all the happenings that intervened. He is not so much concerned about the chronological order as about the spiritual significance.

Jesus and his disciples undoubtedly had left Capernaum for the northeastern shore of the Sea of Galilee. People outside of Palestine knew the Sea of Galilee as the Sea of Tiberias. This body of water received its name from a city on its southwestern shore, built by Herod Antipas Tiberius.

THE HUNGRY MULTITUDE

A great crowd followed Jesus because they were attracted by the signs performed on the sick. While the Master crossed with his disciples in a small boat to the northeastern shore of the lake, the people were hurrying on foot around the head of the lake. Jesus went into a mountainous district and according to Jewish custom sat with his disciples. Because of the approaching Passover, the crowds were on their way to Jerusalem.

While Jesus was teaching and healing, the crowds kept coming. He realized that thousands were tired and hungry. So he turned to the Apostle Philip and said: "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" The Master was testing Philip. The apostle answered: "Thirty-five dollars worth of bread is not enough for them, so that each can take a morsel."

The feeding of the more than five thousand is reported by all four gospels. But it is only John who tells us that Andrew said: "There is a little lad who has five barley loaves and a couple of fish, but what is that among so many?" Barley bread was the food of the poor. How human both Philip and Andrew were! They didn't seem to realize that he who could perform miracles on sick bodies could also provide food for well bodies. They forgot that Jesus is the solution to all our problems.

The Master told them to recline on the thick grass. At this season of the year the grass was green and abundant. About five thousand men were

present. The crowd was divided into hundreds and fifties. They only counted men in those days. The number of women and children is not given. What a difference the teaching of Christ has made in the lives of children and women. How Christ's spirit has elevated childhood and womanhood.

The great moment had come. The Master of religious ceremonies at this open air gathering took the five barley loaves, looked toward heaven to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, thanked him for the blessings about to be received and then the miracle happened. Christ distributed the loaves to his disciples, who in turn gave them to the people resting on the ground. Fish were likewise distributed. Nobody had to go hungry. There was an oversupply. Jesus said: "Gather up the fragments that are left, so that nothing may be wasted."

What an example for Americans to follow! We are the most wasteful nation on earth. What an indictment Jesus would bring against us today! They gathered up the broken pieces and to their astonishment filled twelve baskets, one for each apostle. There was surprise, astonishment, satisfaction and jubilation. The crowd exclaimed: "This really is the Prophet who is come into the world." They meant this Bread-king was the Messiah (Deut. 18:15, 18).

CHRIST IN THE STORM

The crowds felt that this benefactor was the king for whom they were looking. They planned to take him by force to Jerusalem and proclaim him king at the Passover. But Jesus, after having sent his disciples across the lake and dismissing the crowds, withdrew once more into the mountain (Matt. 14:22-23).

The disciples probably took the same boat in which they had come over to the eastern shore. Now they are returning to Capernaum. But this time Jesus was not with them. He was in some solitary place on the mountain engaged in prayer.

On their return trip the wind was against them. They should have made the boat trip in several hours, but the sea was rough. So they made slow progress. They were battling against

the waves all night. When they had rowed about three or four miles, a little before the dawn of day, they noticed a figure coming nearer and nearer to the boat. They were frightened. Who wouldn't be! They thought it was a visitor from the other world. Immediately they heard the voice of their Master: "It is I, be not afraid!" Christ does not prevent us from getting into the storm but he comes to us in the midst of the storm and calms the troubled waters. When the disciples recognized Jesus and heard his encouraging words, they were glad to receive him into the boat, but now they had reached the western shore.

TO CAPERNAUM

On the day following the feeding of the five thousand, the crowd stood on the eastern shore. They noticed only one small boat and knew that Jesus had not gone with his disciples. They left without him. The people probably thought Jesus was still on the eastern side, where he might soon show himself again. When they saw neither Jesus nor his disciples, they decided to cross in boats that had come from Tiberias and had stopped near the place where Jesus had fed the great multitude. Probably there were not many who went by boat to Capernaum.

When they found Jesus on the western side of the lake, they were astonished and exclaimed: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus had something of great importance to tell them. "Truly, truly, I say to you: You seek me, not because you saw miracles, but because you ate of the bread and were filled." They were looking for him because they wanted another free meal. It was a purely selfish motive that prompted them to follow him. The Kingdom of God to them was food and drink, not righteousness peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17).

Jesus told them "not to labor for the food which perishes, but for the food that endures unto eternal life." They should have been more concerned about food for the soul than food for the body. The one is perishable, the other imperishable. This imperishable food the Son of man will give them, because God has sealed

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In the impressive and worshipful chapel of the United States Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, the choir, composed of prisoners, gets ready to sing an anthem as the Protestant Chaplain, the Rev. A. E. Kannwischer, stands behind the pulpit at the right.

"I Was In Prison!"

The first of two articles describing selected aspects of the Federal Prison Chaplaincy with particular references to experiences at the United States Penitentiary at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

By the REV. A. E. KANNWISCHER, Protestant Chaplain,
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"... I was in prison..." The above words are used, more or less frequently, by most men who have been in prison. The customary reaction on the part of the person to whom they are addressed is a mixture of shock and fear which expresses itself in a quick "No" to requests for employment or other forms of assistance.

According to the Gospel of Matthew these words were also spoken by Christ. In the parable of the Final Judgment he said among other things: "I was in prison and ye came unto me..." When surprised people raised the question, "When?", he answered: "Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye did it unto me."

THE PRISON CHAPLAINCY

Protestant Christians in America have long ago recognized in these words a clear mandate for a Christian ministry to men in prison.

The prison chaplaincy is, accordingly, one of the oldest services in the history of American penology. With the exception of the warden and the doctor, the chaplain was, in the early development of prisons, the only one interested in guiding prisoners back to God and a place of usefulness in society.

The Quakers or Friends were among the first in our country to heed this mandate, for they are largely responsible for bringing the influence of Christianity into prisons. According to reports from colonial days, the old Walnut Street Jail in Philadelphia, Pa., was the first place of religious endeavor on their part.

THE AUTHOR

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These two articles, prepared expressly for the BAPTIST HERALD, are unusually provocative and informational and merit the earnest attention of every reader. EDITOR.

The following incident indicates that in those days considerable doubt existed in the minds of the authorities concerning the value of religion in prison, for "when the first attempt was made to preach to the prisoners in the Walnut Street Jail, the prison authorities remonstrated and opposed it for fear of an outbreak by the prisoners, but finally agreed on condition that the preacher leave all his valuables outside and that a loaded cannon be placed facing the prisoners with a man standing ready with a lighted fuse to touch it off." The reporter comments, "It seems probable this was merely a device of the keeper of the prison to frighten the preacher rather than the prisoners."

FEDERAL PRISONS

In the records of chaplaincy work among Federal prisoners, no evidence of similar incidents has been discovered by the writer. Actually this work constitutes a later chapter in the history of prisons. The story of institutions operated by the Federal Government may be divided into three periods.

The first period ended in 1890. It was characterized by the fact that all Federal prisoners were "boarded" in

state prisons, for the United States Government had no institutions of its own.

During the second period between 1890 and 1930 six Federal institutions were built, but there was no coordinated policy of administering them. The major institutions in operation during this period apparently had the services of full-time chaplains. Their functions were, however, diversified. Chaplains were probably the first social workers, librarians, educational supervisors, and recreational leaders in prisons.

When the official emphasis shifted from treatment, which was largely custodial, to individual treatment, the goal of which was rehabilitation, the Federal Government began to employ specialists. As these specialists in education, recreation and social work entered Federal service, the chaplains were relieved of all non-religious functions in order to devote all of their time to the ministry of religion.

Among the institutions which were authorized by Congress in 1930 is that at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. It is widely regarded as a model institution, both in architecture and in administration. Its motto, carved upon the arch of the auditorium where all chapel services are conducted, reads: "That which is past and gone is irrevocable; wise men have enough to do with things present and to come." These words of Francis Bacon serve as a constant challenge to both prisoners and officials, for the primary purpose of the institution is the rehabilitation of the men committed to it.

PRISON LIFE

In the realization that there exists considerable public speculation concerning prison life, the Director of the Bureau of Prisons, Dr. James V. Bennett, wrote, "Almost everyone is curious about life behind prison walls. This curiosity, unsupported by fact and observation, has given rise to a misconception of prison life in the minds of many people. To some, prisons are nothing short of country clubs providing a life of ease and comfort under conditions of restricted freedom. To others, the prison atmosphere is charged with bitterness, rancor, and a pervading sense of defeat. Actually, these popular notions do not characterize the American Prison System. Most prison administrators realize the significance of their jobs and try to make their programs as constructive as possible. Certainly, life in a Federal prison is not an easy one. It is, in fact, a regimen of work, training, and correctional treatment tempered with intelligent discipline and enlightened custody."

The responsibility of the chaplain in carrying out this policy consists of four inter-related functions. They are chapel services, Christian education,



Rev. A. E. Kannwischer, Protestant Chaplain of the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., and author of the article, "I Was In Prison."

counseling, and miscellaneous activities. The first three will be discussed briefly in this order.

The Director of the Bureau of Prisons has stated repeatedly that "the chaplain does have sort of a dual position in the institution; he must, of course, identify himself with the institution and work in harmony with its methods and objectives, and at the same time he must keep his identity with the church. He must provide for the religious needs of his parishioners in precisely the same way that he would under any other appointment in cooperation with other workers and agencies, but his work and methods must be those occasioned by the circumstances of institutional life."

CHAPEL SERVICES

In conducting chapel services, the chaplain is conscious primarily of the fact that he is a representative of the churches. The type of service he prepares, therefore, is general so as to enable men with varying denominational backgrounds to follow and participate to the largest possible extent. At present, for instance, the Protestant population at the Penitentiary in Lewisburg includes men from thirty-four different denominations. About forty-four per cent of these men are members of some church at present or have been members at one time in their lives.

The percentage of active church members is, however, relatively small. The majority are non-members who attended Sunday School more or less regularly during their childhood and early adolescence. While some of the non-members report that they also attended church services irregularly or occasionally, others admit frankly that they have not been in church for many years. In the sermon, which is the common meetingground for all

Protestants, the aim is to be realistic and practical in approach. The emphasis is threefold. It encourages self-analysis and the recognition of man's need of God in coping with the problems of contemporary living. It points to the sufficiency and availability of divine grace for every human need. It also challenges men to commit their lives to God with whom there is forgiveness and newness of life through faith in Christ.

The purpose of the sermon, in particular, the services in general, and the entire program of the chaplain are to appeal to the intellect, stir the emotions, and energize the will to constructive ends. It aims at realizing the Director's hope that "somehow the chaplain must reach the innermost spiritual life of men in prison."

There are several types of services conducted by the chaplain. The main weekly service is a period of public worship to which all men are invited. This period is usually scheduled for a Sunday morning hour. At this worship service the Chapel Choir, composed of prisoners, participates by singing a prayer hymn, a prayer response, and a choral Amen. Occasionally it sings special anthems.

Seasonal services, celebrating special events in the church year, are also scheduled for the institution population. These include the major church and national holidays such as Christmas, New Year, Lent, Easter and Thanksgiving services. Communion is celebrated once every three months. Attendance at this service, as all religious activities, is voluntary. Private devotions are encouraged by the chaplain and suitable booklets, New Testaments, and Bibles are supplied by him through the courtesy of the headquarters of various denominations and the American Bible Society.

BACKGROUND OF LIFE

At this point it is perhaps well to ask: "What is the background of some of the men to whom the chaplain ministers?"

In eleven different cases, selected at random, the home situation was as follows: Five men had both parents living congenially with each other and no other delinquents in the family. One man had lost both parents in early childhood. In two cases one parent had died in early childhood. The parents of one man were alive but not living with each other. One man's parents were of different races. The family of one man lived in continual discord. The father and one brother had been in state hospitals. Several uncles and an aunt had also suffered mental breakdowns, and one uncle had committed suicide.

The economic conditions of the above homes range from below the marginal level to good. One man

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Canada's Open Gates to Immigrants

The story of joys and sorrows experienced by thousands of immigrants as they arrive in Canada and adjust themselves to life in the New World

The Third and Last of a Series of Articles
by the REV. WILLIAM STURHAHN of Winnipeg, Manitoba

THE 8,000 TON "Beaverbrae" docks in Quebec during summer, in Saint John, New Brunswick, during winter. A total 700 to 800 passengers are crowding her decks. At the best, the sea journey was not as pleasant as it might have been on the "S.S. Queen Mary." The "Beaverbrae" is a former German submarine tender, transformed by the Canadian government into a group movement boat. Passengers are not crowded, although, understandably, not accommodated in individual cabins. The boat has been leased to the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company for the purpose of moving Volksdeutsche to Canada. She is at the disposal of the C.C.C.R.R.

Another health inspection at the port keeps many a finger crossed. The routine customs inspection can be awkward and annoying. A new settler to Canada may bring all of his personal belongings without duty, provided he has owned the goods for six months. As a rule, the customs officials are polite and kind. Our immi-



A group of Baptist immigrants from Europe are welcomed by the Rev. William Sturhahn, immigration director for the Baptist World Alliance, on their arrival at Winnipeg, Manitoba

grants reciprocate by being honest. A number of them usually have the well known Hohner Piano Accordion on their backs. It is probably their only way to bring the little bit of cash they had before leaving Germany.

An official of the C.C.C.R.R. takes over the intricate task of entraining the passengers. They are destined for

all parts of Canada, having to use almost every line of the two large Canadian rail systems. Two special trains will accommodate everyone. The first one heads west through Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto. The larger section, usually made up of fourteen to sixteen coaches, passes through Montreal to Winnipeg.

The train has sleeping and eating accommodations for all. A commissary car, equipped with steam cooking kettles, staffed by four or five efficient cooks, prepares simple but tasty meals. To the front and to the rear is a dining car in which up to fifty people are being served by courteous stewards.

CHRISTMAS ON A TRAIN

You too would have enjoyed accompanying one of the transports on its three-day journey from Saint John to Winnipeg. It was December 30. Christmas on mid-ocean had not been a pleasant experience for the majority. We had prepared a little post-Christmas celebration on the train,

another one, and another one — — and why not! This was just like Christmas at home. An occasional tear was quickly wiped away. The children beamed.

Oh yes, a miniature Christmas tree was also there, and presents — — neatly wrapped in colorful paper and strings. Several large Canadian firms had donated a toy for each child, and candy and nuts for everyone. We spoke a few brief words of welcome to Canada, as well as greetings in the Name of the King who was born at Bethlehem, and joy for the New Year.

While the train covers endless miles through Ontario's bleak wintry forests, our passengers begin to form an opinion of their new country. The little wooden shacks nestled among barren rocks and the rugged spruce stands are puzzling to many. Where do all the Canadian people make their living? Will they also have to live in homes like these? Before long they will ask—"How far is it to Winnipeg or to Vancouver?" That some will have to spend another three or four days riding through this endless country reminds them of the vast Russian tundra and steppes. As we walk through the train, chatting here and there, this country becomes ever greater and more awesome to our people.

A passenger list gives us not only name and destination, but also religious affiliation. This enables me to find our own Baptist people. In one instance I did not need to consult my list. I had heard singing in a car. It was a well known Gospel song, "Precious Promise God Has Given." Baptists had found each other, and they spent the time singing.

IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

Would you like to meet them? Here is the Z. family, bound for northern Manitoba; parents and three young people, fine, clean and upright. The G. family is going to Alberta. In the front coach is an old couple. They must be near eighty. They are going to join their children in Winnipeg. They are getting a little impatient, but they are doing well on the journey.

Oh, yes, here is grandmother S.! She will be ninety years old on this trip. Her good niece took care of her with infinite love and patience. She had felt fine during the sea journey,

but is not well on the train. She cannot understand why they won't let her see her only son in Vancouver.

All of our people had their experiences of terror and courage during those harrowing days of flight from East to West. Suffice it to mention two of them. The S. family with three lovely children could not thank God enough for his wonderful ways. Only one year ago the father had returned from a Russian war imprisonment, a mere shadow of himself. For five long years his family had not heard of their father. Here they were in Canada, rejoicing and grateful.

Or here is the B. family. They have three strapping, handsome boys. The parents told me that they had not been able to locate their eldest son of twelve until about nine months ago after five years of searching in Eastern and Western Germany. In fact, the lad had forgotten his real parents, and had learned to love his foster parents so much that on the day of embarkation to Canada he fled back to his foster home.

If this foster home had been a Christian home, the parents might have decided to leave their child behind. But they could not bear to have their son reared in a godless, un-Christian environment. I don't blame them. I looked at him while he lay sleeping—a handsome, curly-headed fellow, whom anyone could love.

They all have a thousand questions about their new country. They are eager to adjust themselves. Many speak a little English. They are cheerful and hopeful. The train crew was impressed with the fine behavior. There was no screaming of children. During the stops, young people rushed out, and pelted each other with snowballs, not very careful to miss passing members of the train crew.

RE-UNITED AFTER YEARS

Winnipeg will be the end station for many. About half of our passengers will change trains. The special train is broken into sections. Two cars will be attached to the fast Transcontinental, bound for points west. Although our train arrived at 7:00 A.M. on a cold morning, the usual large crowd had gathered at the C.P.R. Station.

Shouts of greeting, tears of love and welcome, embraces and loving kisses touch even the neutral observer. Here is a reunion of mother with her son. Brothers and sisters have found each other after many years. Long before the train arrives, the telegraph wires carried the time of arrival to the waiting sponsor or relative. Everyone seems to be taken care of.

We are about to leave the station, when we see a girl sitting in tears of agony and lonesomeness on her baggage. Her fiance was not there to



The Baumert family of three (center) arrive in Canada as European immigrants and Baptist laborers for the farm of Mr. Oscar Zimmerman (right) of Ft. William, Ontario, who is shown with Mr. A. Zimmerman at the left.

welcome her. Perhaps he was unavoidably delayed, but before long he was contacted, and was happily united with his sweetheart.

A day later a mixed train moves north out of Edmonton, going into the Peace River district. A young girl rides toward her destination to a lonesome outpost in the Canadian Northwest. Her uncle and cousins live up there. The train stops at the station which she knows so well by name. Only the station agent and mail carrier are on the platform. Just as she begins to swallow hard, the agent addresses her by name, takes her suitcase, and ushers her into the warm station.

Her uncle was not able to make it because of the heavy snowfall. But he would come for her in the morning. In the meantime, he took her to the little town hotel and looked after her convenience. That was his duty. The railroad is responsible until the immigrant is safely in the care of the sponsor.

BAPTIST LABOR IMMIGRANT

In February, 1951, the Winnipeg newspapers carried the article: "Baptists Welcome Their First Labor Immigrant." Miss Meta Seidel was welcomed by a group of representatives of the Baptist World Alliance Immigration Service at the C.P.R. station at the arrival of the "Beaverbrae" transport. On October 27 Mrs. Arthur Edel placed with the immigration secretary an urgent request for a domestic. This application was approved by the Department of Labor and rushed to the overseas representative, Mr. H. Streuber, who selected as the first Baptist sponsored immigrant a distant relative of Rev. Waldemar Gutsche, Miss Meta Seidel. Miss Seidel had applied for emigration to Canada several months ago, and was completely

surprised when she received notice by telephone to appear at Bremen for the necessary examinations.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Edel were at the station to welcome their household assistant. It required three months and fifteen days to complete the procedure. Miss Seidel, who was born in Russia and displaced in Germany since 1945, expressed her deep joy and gratitude over the privilege of being the first directly sponsored immigrant. She wishes to have her mother and sister come over as soon as possible.

That is how they arrive! The first year is often hard and filled with disappointments. The burden of their debt is pretty heavy, but with tenacity and careful management they are soon out of the woods. There is plenty of work for the willing worker. Before long they own a little home.

NEW VITALITY

After a few weeks they begin to make plans to have their other relatives come out of Europe. Timidly they knock at our door. Can we help them with money? It almost breaks our heart that we cannot help them with more than a small credit advance. But somehow they will get along. They soon find themselves in the land of unlimited opportunity. They are on their way to become good Canadians.

Many of our Baptist churches have received new vitality through the coming of our brethren. The invariable pains of expansion in the churches are brought on by different languages, but let it be said that our immigrants are less to blame for difficulties that the older members of these churches. Love and understanding are so essential for the newcomer to our shores.

Any Need for Church Leaders?

A recommendation of a systematic leadership training program
for your church

By the REV. G. K. ZIMMERMAN of Milwaukee, Wis., written while serving as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota

DO YOU NEED trained leaders for your church? Do you have a class in Sunday School or a youth group for which you lack trained leadership? Do you have difficulty getting people to accept responsibility?

An educator in Grand Forks, North Dakota, recently said to me, "You have a church with many capable leaders. Tell me how you get them to do the work in Sunday School and youth groups." I answered this question by explaining the leadership program of our church of past years through which we have had a continuous supply of teachers and workers. Here is how it developed!

in the church for Sunday School and youth work. Rooms were made of unused space in the basement of the church. The Sunday School and youth work grew in size and in quality.

Under the able leadership of the Rev. E. W. Klatt, the successor of Mr. Gunst, the work of the annual leadership training program became traditional. Young people in early high school years took advantage of these training courses and soon many became eligible to receive diplomas after completing the four required basic courses of study.

The courses taught in the local church were supplemented by courses at the assemblies of young people and

program has usually been arranged for practical application of the course whenever possible. In 1950 we had for our leadership training course the subject, "How to Teach and Conduct a Vacation Bible School." The course was held during February and March. In addition to the materials from the text-book, a written report was required from supplementary materials which centered around teaching Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes.

Our Vacation Bible School teachers were selected three months before our school began. The teachers received their materials by April 1st. During the period between the first of April and June the teachers and their assistants were directed in applying the leadership training course suggestions in their preparation for Vacation Bible School. This made it possible for them to be thoroughly acquainted with the materials and to have them filed for each day's use together with samples of handwork.

Because of the advance preparation, it was possible for the teachers to make personal visits to the homes of prospective pupils a few days prior to the school. The results were that we doubled our enrollment and that the teachers really enjoyed their work much more due to the advance training and preparation.

Our leadership program continues the year round in another way whereby the assistant teacher in every Sunday School class has complete charge on one Sunday each month. This keeps the assistant teacher in first hand contact with the class, thereby making it easier to substitute when that becomes necessary.

The fruits of leadership training cannot be expressed in words because the experience to those who so faithfully shared in it is a matter of personal spiritual growth and achievement.

It has been a blessing to the church and to its workers to participate in the leadership training program. The fruits of the faithful laborers for Christ continue to come forth from those whom we teach and train. We recommend a systematic leadership training program for your church. Then you, too, can have a continuous supply of teachers and youth workers.



The worshipful sanctuary of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., which was recently finished at a cost of \$258,000 and dedicated to the glory of God during a week of festive dedication services.

About fifteen years ago leadership training courses were introduced at the Grace Baptist Church through its pastor, the Rev. J. C. Gunst. The courses of study centered around "The How of Teaching" and on Bible materials which would give any teacher more confidence in "rightly dividing the word of truth."

One of the immediate results of this effort was to put into use unknown talents of members of the congregation who became effective teachers, assistant teachers and leaders of young people. Another result was that of making the most of the space

Sunday School workers. This participation in the leadership training program at the church as well as at the assembly brought the total number of courses taken by several individuals up to 13 or 14 each.

These leadership training courses supply us with teachers for Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. In addition, the young people have been able to assume leadership within their own organization in preparing and conducting their weekly services.

These training periods not only have consisted of the usual ten forty-minute class sessions, but also the



MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER

By EDITH BARKER SWIGART

Lord of the morning,
Cloudy sky or sunshine,
Make thy gracious smile
Its radiance shed on me;
Feeling thy presence
At my first awakening,
Make my heart respond
With joy at finding thee.

God of the evening,
Starlit sky or storm filled,
Let thy quiet blessing
Speak its peace to me.
Having thy presence
Known each waking hour—
May my life this day
Have won "Well done" from Thee.

—MOODY MONTHLY.

"Many have heard of Christ, but
are not possessed of his Spirit."

—CLARENCE H. CORKRAN.

PICTURE WINDOW

By LOIS SNELLING.

Our house has a picture window;
Its panes are tall and wide;
So big that a flaming sunset
Into the space can slide.

It holds a rain-drenched garden,
And a street leading up to town;
A squad of robins and titmice,
And a maple dressed in brown.

Kaleidoscopic beauty,
The world and its luring charms,
Come into the room and linger,
Clasped tight in crystal arms.

—WATCHMAN-EXAMINER.

"Faith is not belief without proof,
but trust without reservations."

—D. ELTON TRUEBLOOD.

THE TEST

By PHILIP L. CARLSON.

It is easy to live on the mountain,
Where we speak to our Lord face to
face;
But the test is to live in the valley—
Just to live, every day, by his grace!

It is wonderful where all is bright-
ness;
There we fain would reside—never
go;
But the test is to live by the moment
Step by step in the valley below!

It is pleasant to be in the sunshine,
Where we see our Lord's hand as he
guides;
But the thing that is precious to Jesus
It the faith that in darkness abides!

—MOODY MONTHLY.

"To my fellow-men, a heart of love;
to myself, a heart of steel."

—AUGUSTINE.

A DAY

It may be sunny—it may be grey—
Whatever it is, it is God's own day!
A bit of his time he has lent to you,
To learn some lesson—some task to do!

It may be bright with a sunlit track:
It may be shadowed with storm clouds
black:

But take it pluckily! Make it fair!
Show you are worthy to walk just
there!

There may be song—or there may
be none!
The world may praise you for work
well done!
Or, maybe, only Omnipotent Sight
Shall see and shall judge your
journeying right!

But, whether the road be rough, or
end

With moss for footing its path, my
friend,
Remember this, as you tread its way,
You must make it grand—it is God's
own day!

—SELECTED.

"It is better to be rich in God than
rich in gold."

—ROBERT W. KELLEY.

NOW

AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

If you have hard work to do,
Do it now.

Today the skies are clear and blue,
Tomorrow clouds may come in view,
Yesterday is not for you;
Do it now.

If you have a song to sing,
Sing it now.

Let the notes of gladness ring
Clear as song of bird in Spring,
Let every day some music bring;
Sing it now.

If you have kind words to say,
Say them now.

Tomorrow may not come your way.
Do a kindness while you may,
Loved ones will not always stay;
Say them now.

If you have a smile to show,
Show it now.

Make hearts happy, roses grow,
Let the friends around you know
The love you have before they go;
Show it now.

—WATCHMAN-EXAMINER.

"God calls me to no task without
giving me strength to do it."

—PERRY O. HILL.



What fun it is when the family decides to have a picnic at the park, especially on a sunny, warm summer day!
—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Baptist Church of Fenwood, Sask., Canada, has extended a call to the Rev. E. L. Thiessen of Edenswold, Sask., to which a favorable response has been given. He will begin his pastorate in Fenwood on August 1st, succeeding the Rev. Henry Schumacher, now of Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Mr. Thiessen has served the Edenswold Baptist Church for the past two years.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., held evangelistic services from May 20 to 27 with the Rev. H. C. Phillips of Vancouver, British Columbia, serving as evangelist. The results of the meetings were very gratifying. The Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor of the church, reported that two persons have recently joined the Calvary Church by baptism and ten others by letter.

● The Rev. William D. Ross recently resigned as pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., and has accepted the call of the McKees Rocks Baptist Church of McKees Rocks, Pa., a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa. This is a church of the American Baptist Convention. He will begin his pastorate in McKees Rocks on August 1st. He has served the Union Church of Arnold, Pa., since 1949.

● On Sunday, June 3, the Rev. D. S. Wipf presented his resignation to the Emery Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., and announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by the Liberal Arts College of Northwestern School at Minneapolis, Minn., to become associate professor. He will be teaching in the department of German and History. We will bring his pastorate in Emery to a close on August 31st. He has served as pastor at Emery since 1947.

● The Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor of the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa., will leave New York City on July 26 on the "S.S. America" for a trip to Germany and a visit with his elderly and sick father at Dortmund in the Ruhr Valley of Westphalia. This will be his first return trip to Germany in many years. He will also visit other relatives in Germany and speak in several Baptist churches. He hopes to return to the United States early in September.

● On Sunday morning, June 10, the Rev. William L. Schoeffel of the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill.,

baptized six persons on confession of their faith in Christ. On that same evening Dick Meale of Wheaton, Ill., presented an unusual program of "Gospel Magic Art." During the month of June Mr. Schoeffel spoke at the midweek services on "Twice Told Stories" in drawing some helpful lessons from some of Christ's wonderful parables.

● Mrs. Albertina Mercner of Philadelphia, Pa., a member of the Fleischmann Memorial Church for many years, left on June 13 on the "S.S. America" for a trip to Switzerland, the place of her birth. She celebrated her 79th birthday in Switzerland. She was scheduled to fly to Germany for a visit at several places and to spend several days in Paris. She has promised to contribute some pictures and observations about her trip to the BAPTIST HERALD. She will return to the United States on August 6.

● The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., has engaged the services of Mr. Raymond P. Yahn, a spiritual son of the church and a graduate of Bob Jones College, as assistant to the pastor, the Rev. W. C. Damrau, for the summer months. He will serve in visitation and boys' work until September 1st. He hopes to begin his theological studies at the Eastern Baptist Seminary of Philadelphia this Fall. His wife is ably assisting him in his appreciated ministry at the church.

● Miss Ruby Salzman of Kankakee, Ill., and Miss E. Ardice Ziolkowski of Orcadia, Sask., are scheduled to sail for the Cameroons, Africa, on August 6 on the "S.S. Britannic" bound for Liverpool, England. From there they will go by freighter to Tiko in Africa. Miss Salzman will begin her second term of service as a teacher and missionary. Miss Ziolkowski will embark upon her first term as a missionary-nurse, replacing Miss Hilda Tobert who resigned because of reasons of health.

● The First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., has extended a call to Mr. Bernard R. Fritzke of Orcadia, Sask., a member of the 1951 graduating class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. Fritzke has responded favorably to the call and will soon begin his pastorate there. He is engaged to Miss Lorraine De Boer of

Corona, S. Dak., president of the South Dakota C.B.Y. and S.S. Union at McLaughlin. Mr. Fritzke will succeed the Rev. Alex Sootzmann, now of Mowata, Louisiana.

● Mr. Heinz Grabia, a member of the 1951 graduating class of the North American Baptist Seminary, has accepted the call extended to him by the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to become the associate to the pastor, Dr. Hintz. Mr. Grabia is in charge of all young people's work, evangelism, home and hospital work, and he presides at all morning church services and church broadcasts over the radio. He will also be able to continue his studies in Sioux Falls in September in addition to his duties as associate pastor. He began his ministry officially on June 25th.

● On Friday evening, June 8, a week of evangelistic meetings were closed at the Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., with the Rev. Fred J. Knalson of Underwood, N. Dak., serving as evangelist. In spite of rainy weather, the meetings were well attended and five adults made their decision for Christ as Savior. The week before eight young people had accepted Christ as Savior in the sessions for the Vacation Bible School at the Goodrich Baptist Church. The Rev. Henry Hirsch, pastor, brought the baccalaureate sermon for the school and the Decoration Day address.

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, is being served by the Reverend Mr. Erteus as interim pastor. He is a native of Estonia, who has been a zealous worker for the Lord during past years in the Displaced Persons Camps in Germany. The church is still earnestly endeavoring to secure a minister as a successor to the Rev. William Sturhahn, now a director of immigration for the Baptist World Alliance. The Morris Church is also constructing a new parsonage at the present time. Many new immigrant families from Germany are in attendance at the services of the Morris church.

● On Sunday evening, May 20, the C.B.Y. of Plevna, Montana, considered the topic, "Modern Men Who Prayed," with Wilmer Huber bringing the message. Other young people who took part were Paul Losing and Norman Lang. The choir sang "Waiting on Jesus." The pastor, Rev. G. Beutler,

also spoke. The young people's group was also inspired by the message of the Rev. W. C. Damrau of Philadelphia, Pa., on Sunday, April 29. He served as visitation evangelist in Plevna during the following week under the auspices of the denomination, during which one person found Christ as Savior and several others made their decisions for baptism.

● Miss Clara Seecamp of Leduc, Alberta, the oldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Seecamp of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, won first place in the recent Beethoven piano competition of the music festival held in the city of Edmonton, Alberta. Prof. Harold Hamer, the festival adjudicator, gave Miss Seecamp a marking of 97 out of a possible 100 points, the highest mark he had ever awarded a contestant in more than 20 years of music festivals. The judge described Miss Seecamp's "musical interpretation as beautiful and expressive, a demonstration of excellent technique." The festival was held in the McDougall United Church of Edmonton.

● A total of 28 children were enrolled in the Vacation Bible School conducted by the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, N. Dak., from May 28 to June 8. Mr. and Mrs. Jalmer Anderson supervised the school, assisted by Miss Lillian Graf of Medina, South Dakota. Miss Graf is a student from the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, and is putting her time and talents into the service of the Lord in this way. A program of songs, memory work, Bible quiz and contests were successfully carried out on Sunday evening, June 10. Parents and friends viewed the handwork that was displayed in the church. A thank-offering for the teachers was received as a token of appreciation. The Rev. G. W. Rutsch is pastor of the church.

● The Bethel Church of Anaheim, Calif., held its reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Berthold Jacksteit and family on Sunday afternoon, June 3rd, with friends from neighboring churches and the community of Anaheim in attendance in addition to the members of the church. Mr. Harry Fox, vice-moderator, presented the Jacksteit family to the audience. Representatives of the church and neighboring pastors extended their heartiest greetings. On that same evening the Anaheim Woman's Missionary Society rendered its 40th anniversary program with Mrs. Dora Quast in charge. The remaining charter members, Mrs. Emilie Hemmerling, Mrs. Elizabeth Wedel and Mrs. Marie Dargatz, were presented. The Rev. Berthold Jacksteit spoke on the topic, "On Fighting With the Stars." His first message to the Bethel Church on Sunday morning, May 20, asked the question, "Any Word from the Lord?"

C.B.Y. and S.S.U. HERALD NEWS



Miss Ardice Ziolkowski of Springside, Sask., Canada, an appointee as a missionary-nurse for the Cameroons Mission Field in Africa, in a recent graduation picture from the Nurses' School.

A CALL TO PRAYER

May we ask all of our local leaders, C.B.Y. presidents, Sunday School superintendents and conference officers not in attendance at Green Lake to pray daily for the leaders assembled at the retreat. We expect great things from God, but want to do great things for God.

PLANNING AHEAD

August is the month for your local C.B.Y. leaders, officers and cabinet to have an annual planning meeting. Set up your tentative youth program for the coming year. Get your leaders and workers lined up. Prepare your program outline for each month. The new "C.B.Y. Guide for Leaders" is your expert helper in this planning. Copies are still available by writing to the General Secretary, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Price, 50 cents.

KEEP YOUR STANDARD HIGH

Your C.B.Y. organization will benefit greatly by following the goals of the C.B.Y. Standard. This is not a one time presentation to be soon forgotten. Leaders must keep these goals before the group constantly. Plan your annual program around these goals. Check your activities each month in relation to the Standard. See where you stand and note your progress in activities as well as spiritual growth. The "C.B.Y. Guide for Leaders" contains a copy of the Standard.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERS

The Sunday School workers also have a definite Sunday School Standard to follow. Many of our Sunday Schools have officially adopted the Standard. Each month at your Workers' Conference in your church you have an opportunity to re-study and re-emphasize your Standard. Watch for the special announcement concerning special recognition for those Sunday Schools that meet the requirements in connection with the Sunday School Standard.

SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS

An excellent corps of student workers has been on the job this summer. We welcome these consecrated, conscientious Christian workers. We are confident that the Lord has used their talents and service in a mighty way. We thank God for their lives and service. Watch for a more detailed report about their work in forthcoming issues of the "Baptist Herald."

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

July 22, 1951—"Notes on Friendship" by Miss Ida Mae Nordland, Oak Park, Illinois.
July 29, 1951—"Sportsmen for Christ" by Rev. James A. Brygger, George, Iowa.



The Mbem school boys help to make bricks for various mission buildings in the Cameroons of Africa (left), and Missionary Earl Ahrens and Teacher Mafanny observe the boys at work (right) and note the progress that is being made.

"We Will Do Good Work in Jesus' Name"

A quotation from a letter by a native Christian evangelist of the Mbembe Area which encouraged the missionary in his trekking adventures and labors for Christ

By the REV. EARL AHRENS, Missionary of Mbem, Cameroons

THE INSPIRATION to write always meets me here in the Mbembe Area in the Cameroons. Mbembe is very dear to my heart, and it always seems to provide more to talk about than other places!

On this our second tour in Africa, I cannot thank the Lord enough for allowing our return. In a sense our faith was sorely tested when we had to return home so abruptly, and yet the Lord was merciful and gave us confidence to rest in him. In our rest in him, he has granted the desire of our hearts to return here for which we truly thank him and are the more earnest in our desire to serve him. We must "redeem the time." Our joy in Christ has been correspondingly greater also.

ABRAHAM NSOM

Well, to come back to Mbembe! A letter was just handed to me by Abraham Nge Nsom, the evangelist of this area. I am to forward it for him to the evangelist in Belo Area. Since the letter was to be forwarded by me, I took the liberty of reading it and in reading it my heart was thrilled. This thrill and joy I would pass on to you.

The occasion for the writing of this letter came about in the following manner. The other day we had been discussing the work in Mbembe and our immediate need was for more and better church teachers. When I had to

leave for America a few years ago, the evangelist who was in charge did not care to stay in Mbembe any longer. Another man was sent in his place who proved to be unworthy of his calling. Instead of furthering the work as anticipated, it was retarded. The result was dissension and an uncooperative spirit among the church teachers, chiefs and people. The gossip is that he spent most of his time hunting. At present he is not under the employ of the mission.

On my return, the present man, Abraham Nge Nsom, who formerly was stationed at Lus and who had so wonderfully built up Mfumte Area, was transferred here. In my last letter to you, he was trekking with me and making his first survey of the area. After eight months I have returned to see what progress has been made. To my surprise (and still, not to my surprise, because the Lord has promised his blessing to those fully surrendered to him) the work in Mbembe is flourishing.

Inquirers are being prepared for baptism, more inquirers are being enrolled and villages which still have no church teacher are begging that we send them one. There is some opposition and there are some weaknesses which are to be expected because Satan and his forces will oppose as hard as they can against the proclamation of the Name of Jesus. If there is no opposition, we had better wonder if we are doing the work of the Lord.

So in the discussion of the needs, the following problems presented themselves. First, the present native church teachers should practically all be transferred. They have done a good work, but not being natives of this place and being used to the high and colder mountains, this climate is too hot and some are sickly.

MANY PROBLEMS

Second, who will replace them? In arranging for replacements, we must send men of experience in church work. They must also understand these primitive people and be patient with them in their slowness to comprehend at times.

Thirdly, what new stations do we open, if any? Can one native worker supervise two stations to allow for the opening of another? Should any of our present Mbembe stations be closed?

I told him that from Mbem area he could have four men, but for the others we would have to ask for men from the Ndu and Belo fields. It would have been very easy for me just to write either of the missionaries in charge of these stations and ask for men myself. Then I realized that the missionary will not always be here to do the managing and that we want growing, independent churches. So why didn't Abraham write to his fellow-evangelists in these areas? The work would go, first, through the respective evangelists and secondly

through the missionary whose overall view of the field would be needed. Now would be a good time for him to look to and cooperate with his fellow, native leaders.

Please don't think that this is a new thought entirely envisioned by me. It is merely stated in this manner to help your trend of thinking and the understanding of our problems here. This has been done before and should be done more in the African church. Very often it is much easier for the missionary automatically to lead and to manage everything. This is a great mistake. The result will be "white men's churches" and not native African churches. The native will be trained to look to the white man and not to his own spirit-led judgment. There will be no strength and maturity.

THE LETTER

So then he wrote the following letter:

To Robert Jam
Belo,
Sir!

Hope you and family are there keeping on well as we do here at present.

Please, sir, I am telling you again that the work of Mbembe are now going on. I beg you to pray for me all the time that we will do good work in Jesus Name in this Area.

Dear sir, I am beg you sincerely that if you want me to do a good work here, let you be very kind and send me some of Belo boys (church teachers) which you know can do best work in Jesus name. They must be good Christians also. (He means those having a good Christian conduct.) I will like to mix Belo boys with Mbem boys in Mbembe Area next year 1950. I have desired (discussed) every things with Mr. E. H. Ahrens. We are now waiting for your help to me. I believe that if good workers come in Mbembe, the work of Mbembe will improve quite well. I am now on tour with my master E. H. Ahrens.

For the help of the Lord I will reach Onitsha.

My best wishes to you and family,
I am your son,
A. N. Nsom.

REDEEMED LIVES

What pleased me so in this letter was the end in which the work of Jesus was to go on well in this area. Also the desire for good workers showed an interest for the whole of the work. No favorite stations of favorite men were involved. The choice of who was to come was left to the Lord. The qualifications were not educational, nor of great ability, nor of other earthly standards. They were to be qualified in the Lord. It was written in a spirit of confidence

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The Cameroons Baptist Mission Bible School students at Mbem with Missionaries Earl and Lois Ahrens at the right and Missionary Kenneth Goodman at the left.

The Kayser Memorial School

This largest one unit primary school building in the Cameroons built at Ndu in honor of Missionary H. P. Kayser serves the African people in many wonderful ways!

By MRS. JUNE GOODMAN of Ndu, Africa

"BUT SIR," exclaims the stranger. "What is that thing that shines so in the night? It can't be electric lights, but it surely looks like it."

"No," we have to tell the new district officer, "that is our new Kayser Memorial School building which has an aluminum roof." And day or night it SHINES!

During the day we are glad there are trees between us and the school because the glare is hard on the eyes. At night as we look at it through the trees, it makes us think we are back in civilization with the lights of a city.

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

But day and night we are most thankful to you at home who have been praying for the progress of the Kayser Memorial School, the biggest one-unit primary school building in the Cameroons. In October 1949 five of the rooms were finished and roofed and, because of the damage to our old school unit, four classes moved in. The senior boys and girls are quite proud to be in the new building and the little ones watch with interest as the walls to the two wings take shape day by day knowing that some day their classes will also be inside this fine new building.

Remember, a year ago, when we asked you to pray that Ndu Station would have some kind of transport which could be used in building, to carry stones, sand and water? Praise the Lord, we now have one of the mission pickups, and it is just the thing for our needs. At this very moment I can hear the motor as Ken goes by carrying stones. In all probability before this is finished, he will call me to come and drive so that he can see about the other work on the station.

A LOVELY BUILDING

Back to the Kayser Memorial School! It is a lovely building! The natives come by and exclaim, "Ndup bong si!" This means "good house!" They have only known mud brick-houses with grass roofs which are temporary, and at Ndu with the fog, wind and rain the temporary period is very short. We are most happy to see how much the native masons have learned. In fact, we shall probably see many native houses of stone in a few years and that is just what we want—to teach the people about Christ first, and by their association with the mission they learn to live better by walking close to him.

The progress on the Kayser Me-

morial School came to a halt the first few months of 1950. There was no transportation available. So Ken took his masons and carpenters with him and went down to help out at Soppo until the Michelsons arrived back home to their station. While there, the mission's big truck was replaced and it was our joy to drive two pickups from Lagos to Bamenda which released the doctor's old motor for use at Ndu.

Of course, we are happy, and you should see the eyes of the natives now that "Massa" has a motor. They know that the work can go on now. Recently at an Empire Day celebration, all the children from our bush schools came to Ndu for a Play Day. It was the first time any of them had ever seen a truck or a pickup. And even if it was old and in need of paint, repairs and tires, it made no difference to them—their eyes got big and shiny as if they had, for the first time, seen a dime store in all its glory.

But what of the unfinished work on the school? One wing has yet to have the stones neatly laid into the walls and all of the interior of the schoolrooms must be finished. New blackboards and new desks must be made. Each room needs a locked cupboard for records, and the outside landscaping must be done. So even though there is an edifice which on the outside looks like it is almost finished, there is still lots to do. So please continue to pray that God will use our ALL in the building and in directing the efforts of the school for his glory.

A LIVING MEMORIAL

Our Kayser Memorial School has an international value. At least three planes a day, and sometimes even more, mark their course by the shining roof of the school. Isn't it wonderful to think just how many ways this school serves the people? First, as a Mission School, it is the place where the Word of God is taught daily.

Second, it teaches the people how to build better and stronger houses for warmth and permanence. Third, in years to come it will save the missionary and the mission much in time, and a great deal in money, because it will not be necessary to replace a stone wall.

Fourth, the Ndu Christians are meeting in the school building as a church while their own new chapel is being built. Fifth, the shining roof of Kayser Memorial School acts as an air route marker through this part of the country.

But, best of all, the Kayser Memorial School will be a living memorial to the former missionary, the Rev. H. P. Kayser, and to you at home who have built it through your prayers.

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

Here is the summary of reports sent in for work done on the Achievement Chart. How does YOUR society measure up?

REPORT BLANK SUMMARY

On the Seven Goal Achievement Chart for the year

April 1, 1950-March 31, 1951.

Number of societies reporting: 153.
Total number of active members: 3869.

Number of societies receiving Gold Star: 40 (All seven goals completed.)

Number of societies receiving Silver Star: 54. (At least one point under each of seven goals completed.)

1. Spiritual Life YES
 - (a) Did your society have definite emphasis on Daily Bible reading and prayer? 138
 - (b) Did your society observe the Day of Prayer? 149
 - (c) Did you have a planned devotional at each meeting? 150
2. Missionary Education
 - (a) Did 75 percent of your society read one missionary book during the year? 92
 - (b) Was a portion of every meeting devoted to missionary emphasis? 142

3. White Cross
 - (a) Did your society co-operate in foreign and home mission projects? 149
 - (b) In clothing and food for relief? 131
4. Denominational Co-operation
 - (a) Did you send a contribution to Forest Park for the denominational budget? 116
 - (b) Did you remember our Institutions with gifts? 146
 - (c) Did you encourage the reading of at least one denominational paper? 148
 - (d) Have you sent the \$3.00 Union dues to Mrs. T. Lutz, North Freedom, Wis., for this fiscal year? 151
5. Special Missionary Project
 - (a) Did you send a contribution for the Cameroons Medical Mission to Forest Park? 133
 - (b) For the Seminary Kitchen Furnishings? 94
6. Planned Calendar

Were the meetings and activities of your society planned well in advance? 145
7. Personal Evangelism

Did your society make a definite effort to win unsaved persons for Christ? 108

CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES

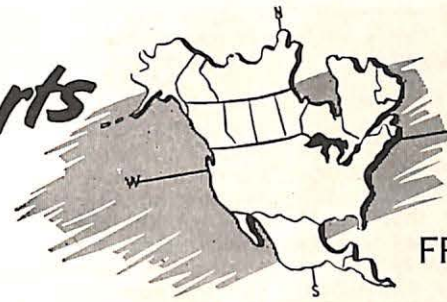
- July 18-24—Manitoba Young People's Assembly at Lake Dauphin Camp, Manitoba. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Speakers.
- July 21-27—Pastors' Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.
- July 22-29—Alberta Young People's Assembly at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Speakers.
- July 25-29—Oklahoma Young People's Camp at Roman Nose Park. Miss Ruth Bathauer, Guest Speaker.
- July 25-31—Manitoba Junior Camp at Lake Dauphin Camp, Manitoba.
- July 28-Aug. 4—California Young People's Assembly at Lake Hume Camp, Calif. Prof. Herbert Hiller and Miss Esther Schultz, Missionary, Speakers.
- July 28-Aug. 4—Laymen's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

- July 29-Aug. 1—Oklahoma Scripture Memory Camp at Roman Nose Park. Miss Ruth Bathauer, Guest Speaker.
- August 11-17—Oregon Youth League Assembly at Suttle Lake Camp, Sisters, Oregon. Prof. Herbert Hiller and Miss Esther Schultz, Missionary, Speakers.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- Rev. Emanuel Broeckel
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- Rev. Willy R. Muller
P. O. Lauderdale
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
- Rev. H. Schatz
Leduc, Alberta, Canada.
- Miss Esther Schultz
c/o Mr. and Mrs. Rein Braun
Auburn, Michigan

Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Northwestern Conference

Baptism of Five Converts at the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa

On Sunday, May 27, the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa, had outstanding attendance at both morning and evening services at which we all received a great blessing. It was our privilege in the morning to have the King's Stewards Quartet of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with us. They presented a very inspiring program of songs and testimonies and we all enjoyed having them with us again.

On Sunday evening our pastor, the Rev. James Brygger, baptized four young girls who accepted Christ as their personal Savior during Bible School. He also baptized a young lady whose husband was received into church by letter. Following the baptismal service a very impressive candlelight communion service was held, at which time these six persons were extended the hand of fellowship.

The Lord has richly blessed us by sending Brother Brygger and his family to us. Our church is going forward and we are trusting that the Lord will give us souls and that we may see our church continually grow.

Kenneth Harms, Reporter.

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. John Reimer by First Church, George, Iowa

The First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, has extended a call to the Rev. John Reimer of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., formerly of our Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota. He responded favorably and he and his family have already taken their places with us. Their first Sunday services with us were on May 13. Our meetings are well attended and constructive and uplifting messages are being brought. Much interest is shown on the part of the non-members as well as the members. We expect a spiritually profitable future with our group and our new pastor, all working together for the Lord. On May 15 our Christian Hour Circle held a pantry shower for the Reimers, when they received many groceries and other edibles.

A reception was held on a recent Wednesday evening for the new pastor and wife. The Rev. J. A. Brygger of the Central Baptist Church was in charge. The Scripture was read by

the Rev. Marvin Kanengieter of Adrian, Minn. George Winter, our senior deacon, led in prayer. The message of the evening was given by Mr. Brygger. An instrumental number was given by Arlene Stratman. Words of welcome were brought by Mr. Kanengieter, the Rev. J. Jordan, representatives of the deacons and trustees, Sunday School, Ladies' Missionary Society, and Christian Hour Circle. A duet was rendered by Mr. Andrew Wagenaar and Arlis Kramer, accompanied by Marilyn Renz at the organ.

Mr. and Mrs. Reimer gave a response, thanking the church for the evening. The congregation then sang, "Blessed Be the Name."

Kriene Schneiderman, Clerk.

Southwestern Conference

Mother's Day Program by the Awoik Class of La Salle, Colorado

On Sunday evening, May 13, the Awoik Class of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., presented an evening program in observance of Mother's Day. Prelude for the evening service was by Mrs. David Zimmerman, one of the Awoik sponsors. A song service followed led by Ruth Zimmerman with Betty Renke as pianist.

Evelyn Meyer read a portion of Proverbs 31 as Scripture passage for the service, followed by prayer. Irene Croissant, president of Awoik, welcomed the guests on behalf of the class. Mrs. Albert Renke gave the response.

Mrs. Adam Moser, Awoik sponsor, presented a corsage to the oldest and youngest mother present. Mrs. Cecilia Couch, oldest mother present is 78 years of age. The youngest mother present at the age 21 was Mrs. Albert Croissant.

An accordion solo, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go," was given by Norma Lesser. A reading, "Nobody Knows But Mother," was given by Lorene Croissant. A vocal duet, "Faith of our Mothers," was sung by Mrs. Adam Moser and Evelyn Meyer.

Members of the Junior B.Y.F. presented several recitations while the cast for the play, "Janie," was getting prepared. Between acts special music was given by Mrs. David Zimmerman. At the close of the play Mrs. Albert Croissant sang "It is No Secret." The Rev. David Zimmerman pronounced the benediction.

Norma Lesser, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Evangelistic Meetings Conducted by the Late Rev. O. W. Dirks at Harvey, North Dakota

Two weeks of evangelistic meetings were conducted by the Rev. O. W. Dirks of Ottawa, Kansas, at the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, N. Dak., from March 26 to April 8. It was most gratifying to know that so many people are still hungry for the precious truths of God's Holy Word.

These meetings were well attended. Both roads and weather were favorable which made it possible for some to come a distance of fifty miles in order to enjoy the fellowship that only the Lord can give.

We thank the Lord for such a talented evangelist, both in messages and in music. We give praise to the Lord for the 13 converts during this time.

Mrs. J. O. Wahl, Church Clerk.

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Anamoose, North Dakota

The Baptist Missionary Society of Anamoose, N. Dak., held its annual program in the church on Sunday evening, April 8. Our president, Mrs. Matilda Wehr, welcomed the large audience. Many blessings were received from the program which featured a short dialogue as well as various musical numbers, several recitations, piano solo and group singing. Our pastor, the Rev. Fred Fuchs, was our speaker who brought to us a heart stirring message.

We as a society meet once a month in the homes of our members and friends as well as in the church.

We were able to do some things for the Kingdom of God in sending several CARE packages to the needy and distressed in Europe, a White Cross package to the Cameroons mission field, a box of vegetables and groceries to the Old People's Home in Bismarck, N. Dak., and a box of clothing to a Home Mission family. Money donations were sent for General Missions, to the Old People's Home, Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., and to the Seminary Kitchen Fund, also to several local funds such as Red Cross, etc. Our parsonage was cleaned and redecorated before our new pastor and his wife arrived last Fall. The offering at our annual program was designated for the Girls School in Soppo, Africa.

A total of 135 visitations were made to the sick during the year and many were made happy with "get well" cards and flowers. We now have 16 members on the roll, ten of whom are active and six on the honor roll.

The officers for this year are as follows: president, Mrs. Fred Fuchs, who thus far has proven her willingness and capability in leadership, musical talent and inspiring messages; vice-president, Mrs. Matilda Wehr; treasurer, Mrs. T. Derman; and secretary, Mrs. Leah Wehr.

Mrs. Leah Wehr, Reporter.

Fine Vacation Bible School and Encouraging Church Attendance at Hebron, North Dakota

The services on Sunday mornings at the First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., are usually attended by many more people than we have members. Our membership stands at 186 and frequently we have over 200 people in our services. This speaks well for our people. During our two years ministry in Hebron, our church has raised our salary by \$600 and given us a gift of \$450. We appreciate the kindness of our people very much. This year it was my privilege to preach the baccalaureate sermon for the local school.

From May 28 to June 3 we conducted a very successful Vacation Bible School. We enrolled 59 children and our average attendance was 55. Our experienced and faithful teachers were: Mrs. T. Frey, Mrs. Fred Klein, Mrs. V. Saylor, Mrs. C. Rempel and Miss G. Stading. The pastor served as supervisor. At the end of this school, we had a great program when our church presented a gift to every teacher and a diploma to every pupil.

C. T. Rempel, Pastor.



Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School conducted by the First Baptist Church, Hebron, N. Dak., with the Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Rempel at extreme left and right, respectively.

Baptismal Service at McLaughlin and Newly Organized Baptist Church at Selfridge Recognized

On Sunday, June 10, six candidates were baptized for the Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., by Rev. Alex Sootzmann in Mobridge, S. Dak., and the hand of fellowship was extended to them, followed by the Lord's Supper.

In 1944 the church of McLaughlin and the station of Selfridge consisted of 44 members. With the latest additions, the membership list is 85. At the beginning attendance in McLaughlin was about 25, which slowly increased and for about a year it is between 75 and 80. The McLaughlin Church, which is independent from the Station Selfridge, has called a minister and voted to be self-supporting. Many improvements have been made during the years.

The work with the Station Selfridge began in an old schoolhouse with nine members. On May 23, 1948 the little

group dedicated its \$11,000 church for the service of the Lord. This church is now free of debt. On June 4th a council of churches was called, consisting of Bismarck, N. Dak., Herreid, S. Dak., McIntosh, S. Dak., and McLaughlin, S. Dak. The council with great enthusiasm recommended to the Station Selfridge to proceed with the recognition service. when the Rev. E. Kary brought a very fitting message for the occasion. Selfridge is now an organized church and is already in process of obtaining a parsonage. The Station Selfridge with the help of the mission will have its own minister in the future and has already made steps to secure a spiritual leader.

The McLaughlin Church consists now of sixty-two members and Selfridge of twenty-three members.

Rev. Alex Sootzmann, Reporter.

Ordination Service for the Rev. Walter Sukut at Napoleon, North Dakota

A council composed of the following churches: Ashley, Bismarck, Gackle, Linton, Lehr, Napoleon, Streeter and Venturia, met on June 3rd in the Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak., for the purpose of

examining Mr. Walter Sukut as a candidate for the Gospel ministry. The Rev. T. Frey, who opened the service with a short devotion, was appointed moderator pro tem and the Rev. J. Renz as secretary pro tem.

The council was organized with the recording of the delegate list. The Rev. E. Kary was chosen to serve as permanent moderator and the Rev. J. Renz was appointed as secretary of the council. Mr. Frey presented the candidate, Mr. Walter Sukut, who proceeded with presenting his conversion, his call to the ministry and his doctrinal beliefs. We were convinced by these statements that a great and wonderful work was wrought in the life of Walter Sukut by the Holy Spirit.

After several favorable comments were made concerning the views of the candidate, the council withdrew for the purpose of deliberation. The group declared themselves satisfied with the entire presentation of Mr. Sukut's views. The council voted

unanimously to recommend to the church of Napoleon to proceed with the ordination.

The ordination service was held at 8:00 P.M. in the Napoleon School Auditorium. A prelude and hymn preceded the Scripture reading and prayer by the Rev. F. Alf. The charge to the church was given by the Rev. E. Kary, the charge to the candidate by the Rev. J. Renz, the ordination prayer by the Rev. E. Broeckel and the welcome to the ministry by the Rev. R. Dickau. Deacon Fred Pfeifle in behalf of the Napoleon Church presented Mr. Sukut with a copy of the Holy Bible. The highlight of the evening was the ordination sermon by Dr. George Lang who spoke on "The Christian Ministry." The services were beautified with a solo by Miss Alexzine Grenz and two numbers by the Ashley Men's Chorus. This happy and memorable service was brought to a close with the benediction by the Rev. Walter Sukut. He is the new pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

J. J. Renz, Reporter.

Several Receptions and Missionary Play at the Grace Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

The Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak., held a farewell reception for their pastor and family, the Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Zimmerman, and their son, Paul, on March 25th. The respective organizations of the church gave their farewells to the family. They were also presented with a farewell gift.

During the eight weeks period that we awaited our new pastor and his family, we had the honor of having the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Cameroons missionaries, with us. They were a great blessing to the church. We really feel we know the missionary field and their work even better after hearing their sermons and seeing the slides. Mrs. Michelson spoke to the women's organization and told us much of the work with the women in Africa.

On May 20 the church had the joy of holding a reception for our new pastor and family, the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Waltereit, and their children Ruth and David, from Lehr, North Dakota. The Ladies' Missionary Society presented a pink carnation corsage to Mrs. Waltereit. Welcomes were given by the different organizations and Dr. Murch, head of the department of religion of the University of North Dakota, greeted the Waltereits in behalf of the ministers of our city. We feel that we shall have many blessed times with our new pastor, working together for the Lord and in the building of his Kingdom.

The Dorcas Club recently presented a missionary play entitled, "The Pill Bottle." It portrayed the life of a medical missionary in India. There were 23 members in the cast. The patients in the cast were in costume of the native dress in India. They were all of different colors. It presented a very beautiful and impressive scene. Mr. Clayton L. Edinger directed the play. The offering was used

for missionary White Cross supplies. The officers of the Missionary Society for the year are: president, Mrs. Clayton Edinger; vice-president, Mrs. Godfred Kurzweg; secretary, Mrs. Joseph Werre, Sr.; treasurer, Mrs. Ray Eisner. We as the Missionary Society have had several clothing drives for relief in Germany. We have wrapped bandages, cut squares and made shirts and blankets for White Cross work.

Mrs. Norris Gulson, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

The Rev. John F. Crouthamel Continues His Pastorate at Philadelphia's Fleischmann Memorial Church

We at the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., were made very happy on Sunday, May 27th, when our pastor, the Rev. John F. Crouthamel, announced that after much prayerful consideration he had reconsidered his decision to resign and would continue to be our pastor if the church so wished.

At a business meeting immediately following the morning worship service, it was unanimously decided to recall the Rev. John F. Crouthamel. The entire group seemed to feel the Presence of God, and believed that his will was being done.

We look forward to many years of working together in the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

Mrs. Ruth Toner, Church Clerk.

Northern Conference

Dedication of the New Edifice of the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

It was with great anticipation that we as members of the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, waited for the time when we could dedicate our new church to the Lord. On June 1st it was one year since our former church building was destroyed by fire, but this new building which we now have is proof that the Lord is still with us.

On Sunday, May 13, the great day came. While the song, "Open the Gates of the Temple," was sung, Mr. D. Aumueller, carpenter, unlocked the door and presented the keys to Mr. P. Ohlman, the foreman. The congregation preceded by the minister and church choir entered the church, while the Wiesenthal brass band rendered several selections. Two inspiring messages were given by the Rev. H. Schatz, our present pastor, and the Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton. Dinner was served in our spacious basement by the women and friends of the church.

The afternoon program consisted of special music by the Central Baptist Church orchestra of Edmonton and the First Church choir of Leduc. Congratulations were extended by the churches represented. Words of thanks were spoken by members of



The choir of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., with the choir director and church's pastor, the Rev. R. Kanwischer, at the right.

the different branches of the church. An inspiring message was given by the Rev. A. Huber of Linton, N. Dak., our former pastor. Great was the joy of both members and friends, which was shown by the offering received that day amounting to \$1,064.

On May 31st we as members of the church gathered to welcome our new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. H. Schatz. Mr. Schatz is not new among us, having served this church from 1936 to 1940. Words of welcome were spoken by members representing the different branches of the church. The Rev. E. P. Wahl and the Rev. August Kraemer were in our midst and they too brought words of greetings.

We are thankful to God for sending us a shepherd and our earnest desire is that we might work hand in hand, building God's Kingdom.

Eunice Kern, Reporter.

Recent Inspirational Activities of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan

What a blessing it is to serve our Master! Our stay down here is in reality so short and fleeting. We have so little time to serve to try and recompense our God for all that he has done for us. We of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., Can-

ada, had the wonderful opportunity of rendering an inspirational Song Festival as a choir, and as we sang our songs of praise to our Savior our hearts rejoiced for the many who came out to hear us.

Our Young People's Society also took part in the Easter program. They presented an outstanding play, and all those who took part must be commended for their excellent work. It was a very successful venture.

We also had the great privilege of having the Rev. H. Pfeifer of Edmonton, Alberta, serve our church for a week for revival meetings. What wonderful talents God has given this minister and how well he uses them to serve him! How clearly God's Word stood out as Mr. Pfeifer illustrated the many beloved portions of the Bible and what blessings we received as he faithfully served every evening in both the English and the German language so that all could understand. The young people took part every evening in the musical portion of the services with solos, duets, trios and quartet selections and their willingness to co-operate and serve when called upon was certainly appreciated. How thankful we are that six persons heard God's call and were saved during these revival meetings!

Hertha Pelzer, Secretary.



The Choir of the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, on the festive occasion of Dedication Sunday.

Eight Converts are Baptized and Twelve New Members Received at Calgary, Alta.

May 20th was the day of rejoicing for the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta. Eight persons were baptized by the pastor, the Rev. H. Schatz, and these with four others were given the hand of fellowship into the church.

We sincerely thank our Lord for having burdened our hearts for the lost souls who are now rejoicing in our Savior's love. Bound together in united church prayers and also strengthened by cottage prayer meetings that were announced by large prayer cards placed in the individual homes and in street windows, together with sincere personal work, these spiritual experiences were made possible. May the Lord ever continue giving us a strong passion for souls!

Mrs. H. Schatz, Reporter.

Twenty-five Converts Are Baptized in the Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta

The chief duty of a Christian and of a church is to win souls for the Kingdom of God. We as a Baptist Church in Carbon, Alberta, and the station Zion have followed this command of God. This is what we were



Twenty-six persons who were baptized and received into the Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta, by its minister, the Rev. Jacob G. Rott (seated in center row behind the pulpit).

doing in our house visitation as well as in our evangelistic efforts.

Plans were made to hold a baptismal service on Easter Sunday, but these were "blown out" by the big blizzard which swept through the greater part of the North American continent around Easter time. This baptismal service was then set for April 22. The Zion Station united almost in full capacity with Carbon to make this a blessed festivity. Following the morning service the pastor had the great joy to step into the waters and baptize 25 persons upon confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the afternoon we had a very special communion service. At this occasion the newly baptized candidates were received into the church besides four other friends who came to us by letter and testimony. Four of the ones who were baptized and



Eight young people baptized by the Rev. Schatz (third from right, back row) and received into the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta.

received into church were those who in the recent months had come over from Germany.

The Carbon and Zion Choir united for that day and sang the glory of God into the hearts of everyone who was there to listen. Besides the choir, the ladies sextet of Carbon as well as the men's quartet of Zion helped to beautify the festival with good singing. It was a day of great blessing and rejoicing.

Jacob G. Rott, Pastor.

An Aggressive Evangelistic and Missionary Program Conducted by Central Church, Edmonton, Alta.

The reasons for rejoicing at Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alberta, are very many, and we believe that the readers of the "Baptist Herald" will want to rejoice with us. Under the leadership of our beloved pastor,

HELP WANTED!

Wanted—A Christian woman or a couple to act as matron and maintenance man for the German Baptist Home for the Aged, Philadelphia, Pa. This is a challenging work for the Lord! For details contact the Headquarters at Forest Park, Illinois.

the Rev. Henry Pfeifer, we undertook a three-week revival campaign before Easter. Assisted by all of our choirs and many individual singers, we experienced God's nearness during the one week of German services and the other two weeks in English. Under the strains of our organ played by Inez Wahl and Mrs. Con. Schroeder and with the accompaniment of the piano with Lillian Peter and others we were led to sing spiritual hymns and choruses. Each night Mr. Pfeifer illustrated his messages with the Felt-O-Scene pictures and aroused enthusiasm among the children and youth by offering a beautifully framed picture for bringing the largest number of visitors.

The efforts have not been in vain for 16 converts found salvation in Christ Jesus. On May 6th Mr. Pfeifer baptized these 16 converts and extended the hand of fellowship to them and 13 others who have come to us by letter.

More than 30 students are presently engaged in the study course, "The Book We Teach." Eager hearts are responding to the congenial teaching of our pastor.

Further reasons for rejoicing may be discovered from the beginning of a glorious mission work on the south side of Edmonton. In cooperation with the Christian Training Institute and the General Missionary Society, we have purchased a splendid piece of property, and the building of a new church and enlarged quarters for the C.T.I. is soon to begin. Sunday School and services are now being held in the C.T.I. building and Mr. Robert Hofmann has been appointed to lead this work. A splendid Sunday School is in progress under the leadership of Jake Derman. Young people's work and a splendid choir have begun to make their influence felt.

On May 20 more than 70 people began this great work, and we pray for advancements on every hand. We rejoice in this great triple North American Baptist testimony in Edmonton of which one is at Central Church, one at Lauderdale and now one on the south side. God has sent us a splendid pastor for Lauderdale in the person of Mr. Willy R. Muller, and we are praying that God will direct strong spiritual leadership for this new work on the south side.

We are also rejoicing in the greater mission opportunities that have fallen on the shoulders of our pastor. Upon recommendation of the church board the church cheerfully granted our pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, a ten week leave of absence that he might go to Germany. There he will have the privilege to see his aged father—now over 90 years—and sisters, and at the same time preach the Gospel. The Christian Business Men of Edmonton and Youth For Christ are sending him on this European tour. He will be accompanied by Mr. Sam Yeske, one of our own good Christian laymen. Brother Yeske and his wife and two children, Rosie and Ronnie, left on June 4th. Mr. Pfeifer left on June 11th, and together they will return at the end of August.

Mrs. Erwin Zapf, Reporter.



On Sunday, May 20, the remodeled edifice of the Greenville Baptist Church near Burton, Texas (right), was rededicated and many members and friends from sister churches in Texas gathered to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Greenville Church, the oldest church in the Southern Conference.

Southwestern Conference

Rededication and 90th Anniversary Services at the Greenville Baptist Church of Texas

The rededication and 90th anniversary services held at the Greenville Baptist Church near Burton, Texas, on Sunday, May 20th, climaxed a remodeling program which had been in progress for several months. This renovation program began in the Fall of 1950 and continued through the Winter months until Spring. Donated labor by church members began and completed the entire job.

The vestibule and the steeple were torn down. A new entrance hall and nursery replaced the old front. The church walls were textured and repainted while the floor and pews were revarnished. A new cello-tex ceiling replaced the wooden one. Fluorescent lights, new windows, and a gas system were installed. The church building received a new brick foundation. In addition, the education building as well as the church received a new coat of paint.

Various methods were used to provide funds for the program. A building fund was opened to which members donated as much as they were able. The Woman's Missionary Union aided this cause by making a beautiful quilt. Letters were sent to neighboring churches and friends telling of the project and asking for donations, if possible. All contributors' names were embroidered on the quilt. This quilt will be sent to Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Cameroons missionary. The money thus raised paid almost entirely for the interior decorating of the church.

The children also added their help in securing funds. On Sunday evening in the Junior group class, each of the eleven members received a piece of cardboard on which an unpainted blocked church was drawn. The blocks represented bricks. Each time a block was colored, five cents were put into a blank. The total amount so received was over \$100.

This money paid for the church draperies and the rug on the nursery floor.

The rededication services were held in the morning. Both the Rev. Arthur Schulz of Crawford, Texas, and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., spoke. At the afternoon anniversary services, various members of the church gave reports of the birth and progress of the church itself and its other organizations. Following these reports, Dr. Leuschner delivered the afternoon anniversary message. He also brought the evening message.

Approximately 225 visitors were served without charge at the meals. The offerings taken in at both the morning and afternoon services amounted to over \$400. This occasion has been, not only a time to look back over the years, but also to look forward with renewed vigor to the work given us to do.

Dorothy Deiss, Reporter.

Central Conference

Eventful Sundays in May at the Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Illinois

A wonderful baptismal service was held on Sunday evening at the Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Illinois. The record audience was composed of members of the church and friends who had come for the first time. Our pastor, the Rev. Robert Schreiber, delivered a marvelous message on "Why We Are Baptists." Inspiring music enriched the service rendered by our choir with Mr. Herbert Pankratz directing, and also by the male quartet and Mr. Fred Sonnenberg. The climax of the service came when the lights were dimmed in the auditorium and with only the baptismal fully illuminated ten converts followed the Lord through the waters of baptism.

The other three Sunday nights of May were also eventful. On May 6 we were privileged to have with us the Wheaton Chapel Choir.

On May 13 the King's Daughters presented a Mother's Day program. Upon entering, every mother received

a lovely carnation. After a piano prelude by Mrs. Audrey Sonnenberg and the congregational singing, led by Mrs. Dorothy Reich, warm words of welcome were expressed by the club's president, Miss Erna Holz. The King's Daughters Chorus rendered a lovely song under the direction of Mrs. Beatrice Pankratz. Juliette Young led in prayer. Dolores Zoch gave a reading: "Thank God For Christian Mothers." Betty Meister read a portion of scripture, followed by a reading by Mrs. Mary-Louise Kiffel, "The Shrine At Mother's Knee."

While the offering was being taken, we listened to "Brahms' Lullaby," rendered upon the violin by Raye Pankratz, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Pankratz. After another song by the chorus, Anna Brunlinger spoke on "Mothers In The Bible." Mrs. Dorothy Reich followed with a solo, and then Mrs. Beatrice Pankratz spoke on "What The World Owes To A Christian Mother." This was a beautiful tribute to her own dear mother, who has gone to be with the Lord. The missionary projects of this group include white cross work for the Cameroons, sending clothes to the Indian Mission in Canada and layettes for babies in Germany.

On May 20 our mixed choir rendered its Spring Concert under the capable direction of Mr. Herbert Pankratz. The program was composed of Bach's cantata, "Christ lag in Todesbanden," and many beautiful anthems in English. Each number was done to perfection, a musical and spiritual treat, rendered even more enjoyable with the comments, spoken by the director and printed in our programs with the full text of the songs.

June 3rd was a Sunday of rejoicing. The hand of fellowship was extended to those baptized the previous Sunday and to Mrs. Maria Markowski, who has come to us from Germany. We also rejoiced to have with us again Jay and Esther Hirth and Joyce Casten; the latter home on vacation from Columbia Bible College, Jay and Esther, to spend the summer at home before going to Japan as missionaries.

Mrs. Louise Zoch, Church Clerk.



—Courtesy GEORGIA STAR
Miss Esther Vinz (center) and her two sisters, Lydia (left) and Alma, enjoy refreshments, served at the public reception in Miss Vinz' honor by the State Park Baptist Sunday School of Peoria, Illinois.

Esther Vinz Honored by Peoria Sunday School for Four Decades of Service

Four decades of service were marked on Sunday afternoon, June 10, at Peoria, Ill., at a public reception honoring Miss Esther Vinz, who has been associated with the Sunday School of State Park Baptist Church in that city 40 years. The event, which was held at the church, was sponsored by the Missionary Service Guild.

Miss Vinz began her work with the children at the church in 1911, when all activities were conducted in the German language, the name of the church then being First German Baptist. Her initial assignment included assisting in opening exercises by play-

NOTICE!
The August 16 issue of the BAPTIST HERALD will consist only of 16 pages. The new serial story will be begun in the August 30 number.

ing a foot-pumped portable organ (which is still used on special occasions) and teaching the A-B-C's in German.

Recognizing the growing need for introducing the English language into Sunday School activities, she started a development in that direction soon after joining the staff. This had the effect of bringing more children to the classes, and the secondary result of reducing the age classification of children attending. Whereas the youngest children in Sunday School formerly were six years old, the beginning age dropped to 1½ years with the increased use of English. At present, departments under Miss Vinz' supervision are Beginners, 1½ to 5 years, and Primaries, 6 through 8 years. Some children in her departments are the third generation whom she is seeing progress through the Sunday School.

She finds it a source of satisfaction that five boys she taught are now ministers—Walter, Edwin and Arthur Waldvogel, all in New York, N. Y., sons of a former pastor of the church; Robert Smith of Chicago, Ill.; and Fred Spinder of Cainville, Mo. Another one of her former Sunday School pupils, Howard Corey, will enter the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., this Fall. Six ministers, including the present pastor, Rev. Frank Veninga, have served the church during her Sunday School career, as have six Sunday School superintendents.

Associated with Miss Vinz in her Sunday School departments are her two sisters, Alma and Lydia Vinz, who have been in Sunday School work 30 and 20 years, respectively. Her present departmental staff consists of six persons.

The program honoring Miss Vinz on June 10 consisted of musical numbers by former pupils, a skit by former pupils, reading of congratulatory messages, and refreshments. Mrs. Iva Campbell, president of the Missionary Service Guild, presided.

Walter E. Kohrs, Reporter.

Mother-Daughter Banquet at the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio

On Friday evening, May 18, the Fellowship Hall of the White Avenue Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, was the scene of the annual Mother-Daughter banquet. Various male members of the church did a fine job of serving a wonderful chicken dinner to the women. Mrs. Paul Zoschke, the wife of our pastor, was a most able and enjoyable toast-mistress.

The guest speaker for the evening was Miss Dorothy Smith, who gave a highly amusing and entertaining book review entitled, "It Gives Me Great Pleasure." Also on the program were recitations by several of the small daughters and musical numbers including a piano solo, a mother-daughter chorus, and two solos entitled, "My Mom" and "May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You."

The happy association of such occasions as this always enriches us, and we look forward to other times of good fellowship in the Name of our Master. Hazel Mader, Reporter.

MR. JOHN MARTIN
of Goodrich, North Dakota.
Mr. John Martin of Goodrich, N. Dak., was born July 26, 1867 in Gnadenfeld, South Russia, and he died on May 30, 1951, reaching an age of almost 84 years. In 1888 he married Katharina Hornbacher. To this union twelve children were born, three of these preceding their father in death. In 1894 he came with his small family to America, and settled at Marion, South Dakota. Four years later they moved to Goodrich, N. Dak., where Mr. Martin farmed for some years. Later he owned and operated a grain elevator for about 20 years.

Our brother in the Lord was converted in Russia, but was baptized in South Dakota by the Rev. August Liebig. In Goodrich he became a charter member of the First Baptist Church, and he was a faithful member of this church until his death. He loved his Savior and served him faithfully all his life. Mr. Martin had a big heart for the poor and a strong sense of justice and righteousness.

He is survived by his faithful wife and companion, Mrs. Martin; and by the following children: Reinhold, Mrs. Bertha Trautner, Mrs. Martha Keller, Lydia Martin, Mrs. Annetha Doering, Mrs. Emma Baier, Mrs. Johanna Ertman, Mrs. Hulda Martin, and Mrs. Emmilia Redman. He is survived also by 25 grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters, and many relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, June 3, in the Baptist Church of Goodrich. The Rev. H. Hirsch, pastor of the church, and the Rev. J. R. Matz of Bismarck, N. Dak., officiated. Hundreds of people attended the service, paying their respect to the elderly pioneer.

Goodrich, North Dakota
HENRY HIRSCH, Pastor.

MR. JACOB BALLIET
of Elk Grove, California.
Mr. Jacob Balliet of Elk Grove, Calif., was born on September 20, 1898 near Forbes, N. Dak., and went to his eternal home on May 19, 1951. His end came very suddenly and unexpectedly, even though he had spoken of the fact that his days were numbered and his work done. Hardening of the arteries, which was the cause of his death, made its noticeable attack only during the last few weeks of his life. However, nearly five years ago, he suffered a stroke from which he recovered enough to enable him to resume a large share of his former duties and also made it possible for him to worship with God's people.

In the year 1919, he came with his parents to California, settling in the Elk Grove area, where he was a resident until the day of his death. In 1924, he was united in holy wedlock with Maggie Kammerer with whom he shared life's joys and adversities for 27 years. This marriage union was blessed with two sons and one daughter.

After his coming to California, he was converted and subsequent to believer's baptism, he became a member of the First Baptist Church of Lodi. When the present First Baptist Church of Elk Grove was first organized at Franklin, Calif., he became one of its charter members and remained in its fellowship until he passed away.

Those who mournfully survive him are his beloved wife, Mrs. Maggie Balliet; his two sons: Raymond Balliet of Elk Grove and Pvt. James Balliet with the Armed Forces in the Hawaiian Islands; and one daughter, Alice Balliet of Elk Grove. He was the brother of Mrs. Kathryn Kammerer and Mrs. Louise Selze of Elk Grove, Calif.; Mrs. Lydia Wolff of Forbes, N. Dak.; Mrs. Madge Lamb of North Sacramento, Calif.; William Balliet of Galt, Calif., and the late John Balliet. He was also step-brother of Richard and Herbert Forsch of Sacramento, Mrs. Erna Pahl of Galt, Mrs. Esther McKeon, Miss Ilda Forsch, Miss Joan Forsch, all of Sacramento, California.

The local pastor was assisted by the Rev. G. G. Rauser of Lodi, Calif., in the funeral services conducted at the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, California.
Elk Grove, California
W. W. KNAUF, Pastor.

MR. FRED GRUNERT
of Edmonton, Alberta.
Mr. Fred Grunert of Edmonton, Alberta, was born Sept. 19, 1896 in Gnadenfeld, Manitoba, Canada, and died after a minor operation on June 4, 1951. He had thus reached an age of 54 years, 8 months and 16 days. These brief years were filled with rich experiences of great joy and also deep sorrows. But in all these years, God revealed his great love and mercy to him in many ways and led him with protective care and providential kindness.

He was united with Lydia Gurel into holy matrimony on February 3, 1922. Together they came from Yorkton, Sask., where they were married, to Edmonton. Here they found among relatives and friends great favor and high esteem. The Lord spoke to him during revival meetings at the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church and he responded in genuine faith to confess the Lord Jesus Christ taking him as his own personal Savior. He was baptized and received into the fellowship of God's people.

Only a little more than a year ago he developed a heart condition and had suffered because of it. Repeated hospitalization was necessary and God spoke to him more seriously and earnestly. During my visits with him he gave evidence of a willing and ready heart to be a better follower of the Lord. He was taken to the hospital on June 3rd, operated on June 4th in the morning and in the evening of the same day he fell asleep to say, "Good night here, and good morning up there!"

Those who grieve his untimely death are: Mrs. Fred Grunert, his wife; five brothers: Dan and Gustav of Edmonton; Albert and Norbert of Springdale; Herman of Vancouver, B. C.; three sisters: Helen, now Mrs. Gerald Siemer of Luma, Alta.; Ruth, now Mrs. Herbert Bienert of Leduc, Alta.; and Minnie, now Mrs. Dan Grunert of Edmonton.

Funeral services were held at the Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Henry Pfeifer officiating and speaking on John 11: 17-28. Mr. Albert Layetzke sang two lovely selections, "Near to the Heart of God," and "God's Way is the Best Way." We know that our God is a God of comfort and he understands our needs, and will always remember us. In him we have a living hope through Jesus who said, "I am the resurrection and the life."

Central Baptist Church,
Edmonton, Alberta
HENRY PFEIFER, Pastor.

MRS. SOPHIA PERMAN
of Carbon, Alberta.
Mrs. Sophia Perman, nee Bertsch, of Carbon, Alberta, was born on Jan. 23, 1881 in Johannesthal, South Russia, and passed away to her reward on Thursday evening, May 10th, in the Hospital in Drumheller, Alberta, reaching the age of 70 years, 3 months and 17 days. She was sick for a long time, but by the grace of God and the loving and kind care she received from her loved ones, she was able to bear the pain and sufferings more easily.

When she was seven years old, she came to the United States and settled near Eureka, S. Dak., and later south of Ashley, North Dakota. On Dec. 5, 1899 she was united in marriage with Phillip Schmidt. Nine children were born to this union: three sons and six girls. One boy and two girls preceded the mother in death in their infancy. In her early life she was converted to Jesus Christ and was baptized together with her husband by the Rev. Mr. Klundt on May 27, 1901 and joined the Johannesthal Baptist Church south of Ashley, N. Dak., in which community they were residing at the time.

In 1913 the family immigrated into Canada and settled on a farm near Carbon, Alberta. Not only did they seek a physical home but also a spiritual home, so they joined the local Baptist Church. She consecrated her life more and more to her Lord as she grew in the grace and the knowledge of Christ.

On Sept. 3, 1919 her husband passed away, leaving her with six small children. These were testing days, but with her faith in God she was able to withstand the storms of life. On Oct. 5, 1920 she was married for the second time to her now bereaved husband, Mr. C. C. Perman. The

Lord blessed this union with four children: two boys and two girls. One girl preceded the mother in death in her infancy. She leaves to mourn her deeply bereaved husband, 9 children, many grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, one brother, and one sister, besides a host of relatives and friends. Since the pastor was not at home on the day of the burial service, the Rev. Henry Schatz, pastor of the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alta., was called to conduct the funeral service and to bring words of comfort. May the Lord be with the bereaved ones and comfort them with his eternal hope.
Carbon, Alberta
JACOB G. ROTT, Pastor.

CLIFFORD ARNOLD RANZ
of Trenton, Illinois.
Clifford Arnold Ranz of Trenton, Ill., youngest son of William and Frieda (Gieseke) Ranz, was born Feb. 12, 1931 and met death through an accident at his home on the Ranz farm east of Trenton, Ill., on Thursday, May 31, 1951, having reached the age of 20 years, 2 months and 19 days. His mother died when Clifford was three months old, and for two years he lived with Grandpa and Grandma Ranz. Then a cousin of his mother's, Miss Mary Lugnbuhl (Aunt Mary) undertook the care of the Ranz home and gladly gave of her best for the training of the four boys there. Then a stepmother came into the home and became the beloved "Aunt Em" who has devoted years of love to the family. Thus Clifford has grown up in happy surroundings that have made home a favorite resort. Of quiet but cheerful nature he has given pleasure in the home, while his industrious habits have brought success to various family ventures. Within the close family circle there are left the bereaved parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ranz; three brothers; a niece and two sisters-in-law: Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ranz; and daughter, Charlotte; Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ranz; and Mr. Richard Ranz, all of Trenton.

Clifford attended Trenton Grade and High School, graduating with the class of 1949. He maintained a high scholastic record and at the same time entered heartily into the sport life of the school, securing a Basketball letter for each of the four years, becoming a member of the Conference All Star Team, earning four letters in track and holding the M.B.C. Conference record in pole vaulting. He was chosen by the Athletic Council to receive the Medal of Good Sportsmanship. Members of the 1949 class served as pall bearers and carried flowers at the funeral.

The habits of the Ranz-Gieseke families through the generations lent their influence to the formation of Clifford's religious life, enrolled him as an infant in the Baptist Sunday School, attended his teaching in beliefs, and led to his acceptance of Christ, his baptism and his membership in the First Baptist Church of Trenton on June 10, 1942. In this relationship he found happiness and an opportunity to give of his talents. He served in official capacity in the Sunday School, the young people's society and the Brotherhood. He was an usher throughout the time of his church membership. His regular religious habits and willing service will stand as an example to boys who have known him.

Some poet brings comfort in these words: "I think those friends who we call dead are with us. It may be in some quiet hour, Or time of busy work for hand or head, Their love fills all the heart that missed them so. They bring a sweet assurance of the Life Serene, above the worry that we know, And we grow braver for the comfort brought. Why should we mourn because they do not speak Our words that lie so far below their thoughts?"

The funeral was held in the First Baptist Church of Trenton on Sunday afternoon, June 3rd. The pastor, Rev. L. P. Albus, brought a comforting message based on 2 Cor. 4:18 to family, relatives and friends who crowded the auditorium and surrounding lawn. He was laid to rest in the Ranz lot in Trenton City Cemetery.
Trenton, Illinois
MRS. EDNA W. GIESEKE, Correspondent.

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. SARAH ESTRUTH of San Jose, California.

Mrs. Sarah Estruth, nee Rich, was born in Belford, France, in October 1873. She passed away in her sleep at her home in San Jose, Calif., on May 31, 1951. In 1884 she came to America and settled in Salem, Oregon. Her father was the Rev. John Rich, at first of the Mennonite faith and later a Baptist preacher of Prater, Oregon.

She married George Estruth of Texas in 1895 who preceded her in death in 1919. After two years of residence in Salem, Ore., she moved to Texas and lived near Sweetwater, Texas, where she has many relatives, and later at Waco, Texas. She returned to San Jose, Calif., in 1902 where she raised her family. She is survived by her sons: John, Ben, Joel and Thomas Estruth; by three daughters: Mrs. Lydia Bernheisel, Mrs. Betty von Rotz and Mrs. Ruth O'Brien; a stepson, George Estruth; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Emma Calvert; thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church of San Jose, Calif., since 1902.

It was her desire that her many friends and relatives should rejoice in her tri-

umphant homegoing to the house not made by hands prepared in heaven for her.
San Jose, California
JOEL ESTRUTH, Correspondent.

MR. WILLIAM RUNTZ of Arnprior, Ontario.

Mr. William Runtz of Arnprior, Ontario, was born in McNab Township, near Arnprior, Ontario, on April 4, 1874, and lived in this community all his life. In the year 1893, when 19 years old, he was converted and baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Arnprior. He was a faithful and active member of our church for over 58 years.

Mr. Runtz was united in marriage to Augusta Nieman on August 30, 1905. This union was blessed with five children: three sons and two daughters. One of the sons, Arthur, preceded his father in death in 1923.

Mr. Runtz passed on to be with his Lord on Monday, May 28, at the Civic Hospital of Ottawa, after surviving a necessary operation. His death came suddenly and unexpectedly at that time. He leaves to mourn his departure his beloved wife, Augusta Runtz; two sons: Walter and Lawrence of McNab Township; two daughters: Julia of Smith Falls and Ethel of McNab Township; two sisters: Mrs. Hannah Hochmuth of Pembroke and Mrs. Ferdinand Scheel of McNab Township; three brothers: Robert of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Rev. August Runtz of St. Joseph, Michigan, and Ferdinand of Arnprior; four grandchildren and a host of friends. The undersigned was in charge of the funeral services.

Brother Runtz was a devoted Christian, father and husband and a good example to all who knew him.

Arnprior, Ontario, Canada
W. SCHMIDT, Pastor.

MRS. ALEX KUEHL of Pembroke, Ontario.

Mrs. Alex Kuehl, nee Zummach, aged 44, died at her home in Pembroke, Ontario, on Thursday morning, May 17. Although in failing health for several months, her sudden passing came as a shock to all.

She was born at Killaloe on Feb. 24, 1907. A devoted wife and mother, she was ever concerned for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the members of her household. The family will continue to cherish her memory in gratitude to God for love and affection bestowed upon them.

The funeral was held at the Church of Killaloe, Ontario, of which she was a member. Services at the church and cemetery were conducted by the pastor, Rev. C. R. Weisser, assisted by Rev. F. Wakeling of Pembroke and Rev. H. Palfenier of Forest Park, Illinois.

Besides her husband, she is mourned by five sons and five daughters: Mrs. Eddison Griesse (Shirley), Pembroke; Mrs. William McElwaine (Darlene), Haliburton, Ontario; Murray, Howard, Wayne, Karl, Kevin, Donna, Lorraine, Sharron at home; her mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. August Kuehl of Killaloe; one brother, Henry Zummach, of Eganville; two sisters, Mrs. A. Felhaber of Kitchener and Mrs. W. L. Wilkie of Killaloe. There is one grandchild.

The text used for the service was taken from John 13:7. "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." May these have been words of comfort to those who mourn!

Killaloe, Ontario
CARL WEISSER, Pastor.

WE'LL DO GOOD WORK

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that the request would be answered well and in the Lord.

Knowing Abraham personally and having worked with him last term, realizing his temptations and shortcomings and at times wondering a bit concerning certain acts in his conduct, which again are judged by white man standards, this letter encouraged me. It gave me a look into his inner thinking and desires. It showed me that his interest lay in the glorying of the Lord Jesus Christ. It showed a desire and passion to have Christ's Name known here in Mbembe and that he might be known well by all who hear of him.

Am I reading too much into this letter? I think not. Understanding the background a little from which our Christian leaders spring and realizing the conflict into which they throw themselves for Christ, we who are the missionaries and we at home should thank our Lord the more that he is able in all things. It makes one appreciate one's own salvation and opportunities for Christian growth into Christ-likeness the more when one sees the power of grace and love change the lives of these people. It makes one say, "If the Lord can do this much in the lives of backward natives who have had no opportunities as I have had, how much more shouldn't I do in my own Christian living and witnessing."

A LIFE WORTH LIVING

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World War. One day the military hospital telephoned the Institute that "a Belgian blind soldier is greatly in need of encouragement." Would someone, preferably a blind man, come and see him? Pearson made the visit. There he resolved to establish a special institution for the blind.

Before the war ended Pearson had under his care no less than 1,700 blind soldiers. At times, when one of these men would show signs of despair, Pearson would visit the man and say cheerfully: "Well, you know I'm blind too," and so dispel his gloom.

Pearson died in 1921, and a wave of grief swept over England. The blind soldiers of his institution were led into the church where his funeral took place. Everyone was asked to sing: "Lead, Kindly Light." Men as well as women broke down and wept. On Pearson's casket lay a wreath sent by no lesser person than Queen Alexandria, and on the card which accompanied the wreath she had written in her own hand the following words:

"Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's crown well won!"

This story truly illustrates what God can do if we surrender to him our all. He took Pearson where he was and as he was and made his life shine forth

I WAS IN PRISON

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grew up in a slum area under economic circumstances which are described as unbelievable. The families of five men lived on a marginal level, that is, they struggled for the bare necessities of life, namely, a minimum of food and clothing, and a shelter which may have been a share-cropper's shack or a cold-water flat in a tenement house.

The economic circumstances under which these men grew up range from poor to good. In one of two cases where economic security was present there was a grave lack of emotional security, for the mother had died in early childhood. Although the young man lived with his father and step-mother shortly before his incarceration, he had been reared by other relatives.

Educationally these men had the following qualifications: Two were illiterate, one had completed the sixth grade, two had finished the seventh grade, four had completed the eighth grade, four others had graduated from junior high school, and one had a high school diploma and some college training.

The records of the religious training and interest on the part of this group of eleven men is based upon their statements. The Sunday School records of three men were not available. Five of the remaining eight had attended Sunday School regularly during their childhood and early adolescence. Three of them had been irregular in attendance during the same period of their lives. Seven of the eight men had apparently severed their relations with the Sunday School between the ages of eleven and fifteen.

Only one man of the eleven had ever been a member of a church. He took the step some years after he had been married to a faithful member of the church which he joined. His attendance at the worship services, however, remained irregular. The others who were non-members appear to have had the following attendance records: four attended regularly, two irregularly, and three went occasionally.

The above facts are not offered as statistical proof of any theory. They are merely indicators of how these men lived as children and as adults prior to their imprisonment. Together with other information at the disposal of the chaplain they provide valuable clues in his approach to their souls.

in beauty. May we all resolve to say with Paul: "For me to live is Christ."

And with the poet, L. D. Logee, we shall be able to sing:

"Lord, we are able, our spirits are thine,
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine,
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be,
A beacon to God, to love and loyalty."

FEEDING OF A MULTITUDE

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or certified Jesus as the true Giver of spiritual food (John 3:33).

They asked: "What are we to do to carry out what God requires?" Jesus replied: "This is, above all, what God requires that you should be believers in him whom he has sent." The one new and special thing that God required of them was to believe in Christ as the Sent One. But they asked: "What sign then do you perform for us to see and become believers in you? What can you do? Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert as it is written: 'He gave them bread out of heaven to eat'" (Ex. 16: 15; Ps. 78:24). Jesus had performed a miracle only the day before. Is it not surprising that they should ask for additional evidence of his Messiahship? They are demanding a greater sign before they will believe Jesus. The feeding of the five thousand was less marvelous to them than the manna, and Moses had not claimed to be the Messiah.

But Jesus had an answer ready for his challengers. Again he has something of great importance to tell them. "In solemn truth I tell you, Moses did not give you the bread out of heaven, but my Father does give you the true bread out of heaven. For the bread of God is what comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." Christ told his hearers that not Moses but his Father gave them the manna. It was not a gift from Moses but from God.

SPIRITUAL BREAD

Now God has something much better to offer them. It is "true bread, the bread of God." It is something spiritual and not material. It comes from heaven and is not a product of mother earth. It feeds the souls, not only of the Israelites who believe, but is food for the whole world of believers. It is heavenly, life-giving bread!

No wonder they said: "Ah, Sir, evermore give us this bread." They misunderstood him like the Samaritan woman at the well. She thought the living (material) water would be very useful. So also the Jews thought the true bread is worth having. Christ had fed them that day before. It would be wonderful if he would supply them constantly with this food, perhaps another manna with greater sustaining powers.

How often Jesus was misunderstood! So long as we are in this life, we must expect to be misunderstood, because people do not always know the antecedents and are sometimes ignorant or prejudiced. Because of our own frailties, we must bear with others!