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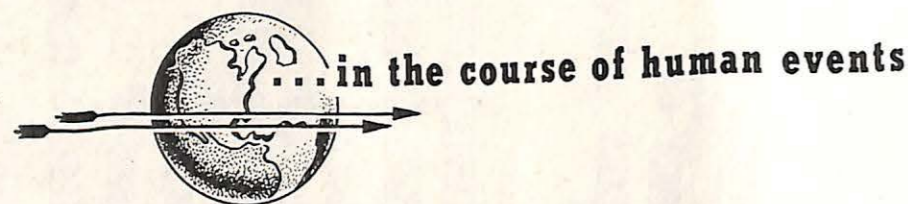
*A Momentous Conference on Top of the World!*

**"Rend Your Heart, and Not Your  
Garments"**

REV. HERBERT SCHAUER

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...in the course of human events

In the annual report of the London Baptist Association, the Rev. Henry Cook states that the spirit of defeatism is passing and congregations are better. There are more young people in the Sunday Schools and "erasures are fewer." London has 258 Baptist Churches, 44,000 members, and the churches last year received nearly 3,000 new members. A hundred church buildings have been erected since the turn of the century. — British Weekly.

The Rev. Desmond H. Hall, a student of Spurgeon's College, London, England, who has gone out to India, owes both his Baptist membership and missionary calling to special experience during the last war. He served in several Eastern countries but received deep impressions in India. During his extensive travels he met Baptist missionaries and became impressed by their witness as well as convinced that he needed scriptural baptism. He had to travel 600 miles to the baptismal service. — British Weekly.

The Philadelphia School of the Bible has purchased, for \$160,000, the former property of the Philadelphia YWCA. It is a central city, eight-story, 300-room building that the YWCA vacated for a larger property, a former hotel, a year ago. The Philadelphia School of the Bible has had a steady expansion since it was founded in 1914. It now occupies eleven properties in an old residential block of three- and four-story houses, five blocks from the new site. The move will give the school a more central location and an opportunity for further expansion, according to V. Clifford Harrington, executive vice-president of the school. — United Evangelical Action.

The Woman's Union Missionary Society of America, celebrated its ninetieth anniversary with special meetings at Calvary Baptist Church on January 17. Dr. Harold J. Ockenga, pastor of the Park Street Church in Boston, was the guest speaker. The Society maintains twenty-three missionaries in stations in India, China and Japan. Established in 1860 and incorporated in 1861, the Society may hold a record for length of tenancy in one building. It has occupied offices in the Bible House, 45 Astor Place, for the last eighty years. It is the oldest missionary society in the United States maintaining a woman's ministry to women and children. The So-

ciety sends out only single women. Its missionary efforts are directed to taking the Gospel message to the women and children of the Orient. — United Evangelical Action.

Shortly after returning home from a 14-week tour which took him to Switzerland, Germany, Africa, India and Japan, Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He reported that he found increasing opposition to Christianity in India, where the new spirit of independence has produced a rising tide of nationalism. In that country, he said, Christianity is interpreted as a phase of Western culture. Dr. McCall was unable to secure visas for missionaries forced out of China by the Communists. He reported a tremendous response to Christianity in Japan — "beyond anything I ever dreamed of." — The Christian Century.

The Rev. James Jefferson Davis (Dad) Hall, 86, retired Episcopal minister in New York City, is giving people upon request little sermons over the telephone. The telephone phase of his work began on Dec. 29, 1939. It happened thus: An early morning phone call awoke him. "Sorry, I have the wrong number," said the man on the other end of the line. "No," Dad Hall told him, "you have the right number. Are you a Christian? Do you read the Bible and pray?" "Oh, I suppose I'm a Christian," the caller admitted. "Mother used to make us do those things when we were at home. Good-by." "Hold on," Dad told him. "I'm not through with you. Did your mother make you take a bath, too? And did you stop bathing when you left home?" When Dad got through talking, the man thought it was the strangest telephone conversation he had ever engaged in. If you're in New York, you may call Circle 6-6483. — From Newspapers.

This news has been contributed by the Rev. John Grygo of Chicago, Illinois.

**FRONT COVER**  
An Indian chief and a Canadian Mounted Policeman hold a conference on the rugged heights at the top of Sulphur Mountain in Banff National Park, Alberta, Canada. This striking picture tells a dramatic story without words!  
EDITOR.

**FLAGELLANT ON HORSEBACK**

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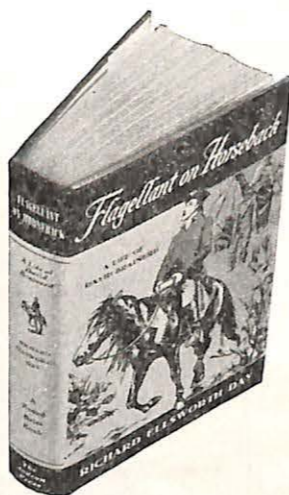
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**Editorial**

**The Door To a Greater Life**

A CHRISTIAN COBBLER, working in his little shop by the sea, was visited by the preacher of the town. The one man worked and the other watched as hours went by in pleasant fellowship. But after a while the monotony of the work, the narrowness of the room and the dimness of the light from a small window brought a spirit of depression over the watcher. So the preacher asked: "Man, don't you ever get tired of this narrow life?"

A smile came over the cobbler's face as he drew himself up to his full height, and opened the front door saying: "Whenever I feel like that, Pastor, I open this door." There before them was the vista of ever-widening sea through the open door. Dr. John Henry Jowett who first told this story stated that "immediately that little room was glorified by the vastness of its relationships to fields and skies and rolling sea, and to the Creator of them all."

This is always the door to a greater and larger life for every Christian. In this sense, it is always more blessed to give than to receive. As we give with joy, liberally and sacrificially, God opens wide the doors to greater blessings and spiritual delights. Dr. Ralph Spaulding Cushman in "The Message of Stewardship" says that "when the tithe is used as God commanded it to be used, the door is opened into the larger life of Christian stewardship." That is the open door of God's invitation to prove him now herewith and to see if "he will not open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing" (Malachi 3:10).

So many people, even Christian people, miss out on God's most wonderful blessings. They are content to stay in the little confined room of their small faith and monotonous Christian experience. They do not realize that by reaching out and laying their gifts upon the altar of God, they can open the door to a vastness of blessings before them. God can use these gifts of yours in the winning of precious souls for eternity. You can have a thrilling share in this mighty ministry. The Church of Christ can advance with triumphant glory over the forces of evil, as you and I join the army of the Lord with our gifts and offerings. Every gift, large or small, becomes the means of bringing the Gospel with its accompanying blessings for eternity to others. That is why the Lord has need of you and of your gifts!

The Easter Offering is really the door of God into a greater life of joy and blessing! You can keep that door closed by being satisfied with your own little selfish ways. You can also open the door by your large sacrificial gifts, and God will do the rest! He will reveal to you the glorious vista of vast and wonderful spiritual blessings which are yours through the risen and triumphant Christ. Remember, then, the Easter Offering from Palm Sunday, March 18, to Easter Sunday, March 25, for our missionary and benevolent ministry!

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# Rend Your Heart, and Not Your Garments

A call to spiritual searching of our souls. We may be able to fool men with excess words and excuses, but we can never fool HIM who knows our hearts

By the REV. HERBERT SCHAUER of the Dickinson County Baptist Church, Elmo, Kansas

THE BOOK of Joel can be compared with one of Beethoven's symphonies. It begins with a pessimistic note of the devastated harvest fields. It develops into the thunderous crescendo, signifying the coming of the Lord with trumpet, power and might. The symphony subsides into a wailing plea for penitence urging people to "rend their heart and not their garments" (Joel 2:13). Quickly the music becomes calm and peaceful, as it portrays the graciousness and mercy of God, promising forgiveness and plenty to all who repent.

Even as Beethoven has repetition in his symphonies, so Joel suddenly repeats the movement telling of the "Day of the Lord." The music roars forth of the "blood, and fire and columns of smoke" which will be sent on the earth. "The sun shall be changed to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the day of the Lord, great and terrible." The music swells ever louder as the entire orchestra, drum and cymbals, bass violin and trumpets, pour forth concerning the judgment of all the nations.

Again, there is a quick change of mood. The last movement is calm and beautiful as the struggle has ended and the Prince of peace is on the throne, ushering in the Golden Age. One wonders in which movement the orchestra of time is playing in our day!

## HOUR OF CALAMITY

Great calamities call for a national season of repentance and prayer. This was Joel's answer to Judah's plight. Drouth, famine and pestilence prevailed throughout the country. God in his compassion showed the people how to regain his favor. God always shows his people how to come back to him. He is doing that today in America. Most Americans will never be able to say that they never heard God's message proclaimed in one way or another.

We, too, are facing a national crisis. It is of a different nature, but surely as serious as that which faced Judah. Many solutions have been offered for permanent peace, but apparently none of them have proven successful. Perhaps the answer can be found in

this Old Testament book, chapter 2:13: "Rend your heart and not your garments."

This verse seeks to penetrate to the very care of our lives and disclose our true spiritual condition. We can say that "rending our garments" is a hypocritical form of Christianity while "rending our hearts" is genuine Christianity. Rending our garments is having a fake, "put-on" show of religion. Rending our hearts is getting to the root of our spiritual problems and removing from them what should not be there. When we rend our garments, we deceive ourselves into thinking we have the true Spirit of Christ, while rending our hearts involves facing ourselves, openly, honestly and admitting any guilt existing there and pleading for God's mercy to forgive and to cleanse.

Many times people cry and grieve about their troubles instead of turning them over to God in faith, and making sure that their sins are not at the root of these trials. We must stop having an outward show of grief and we must have true grief within. Perhaps Paul sums it up best for us when stating that we must stop "having a show of godliness but denying the power thereof."

## EXCUSES IN THE LORD'S WORK

To stop rending our garments means to stop making excuses when we are to give of our time, money and energy to the Lord's work. It means to stop putting an "if" in our resolutions on spiritual practices, to stop saying that we'll come to church IF nothing interferes. We never say, "I'll eat dinner today IF I have nothing else to do at the time." Yet we often tell ourselves, "I'll read the Bible today IF I get around to it. I'll pray IF I find time. I'll come to prayer meeting, IF I don't have too much work." The danger signal, "the red light" in our spiritual lives shines brightest when we don't feel the need for prayer. We can't all sing in the choir, play the piano, teach or preach, but we all CAN pray.

We have to stop making and breaking promises and start "doing." It is said that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. We have to stop

saying, "I know I should do this or that," and start building character by being "doers." We must stop being moved by sermons and start doing something about those sermons. There are people who listen to every sermon over the air and in church and the more they hear the more soundly they sleep, spiritually. Let us stop being spiritual parasites, letting just the "faithful few" keep the wheels of the Lord's work going.

Words, excuses and broken promises as to why we are not more faithful stewards will never stand the test of the discerning Eye of the Almighty.

## MESSAGE TO PARENTS

This verse has a message for parents, also. Parents sometimes tear their hair and clothing after a son or daughter who has gone astray, after the child has become a delinquent and ended up rent their hearts while the child was growing and developing, asking God's guidance and bringing him up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. The biggest, the most difficult, the most responsible task in the world is that of raising children and it is possibly more difficult in our day than it has ever been. Parents, rend your hearts now, as you plead God for help and wisdom, while the child is growing, and you will not have to "rend your garments" at some future day. Do not push, but lead him "in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

"The broken heart is the only sound heart. Judgment is inevitable — no individual need hope for escape. The character of judgment day will depend on the attitude of heart. It may be a day of terror or of blessing." (Preaching from the Prophets by Yates.)

It is easier to preach than to practise; but that doesn't excuse any of us from practising. It is easier to give advice than to follow it, but that is no excuse for any of us to keep from following the commandments of God. May we as Americans, as North American Baptists, thoroughly examine our hearts, as our nation faces this present catastrophe and make sure we display that attitude of heart which will cause God to hear and to answer our prayers.

# Our Stewardship of Service

Christ not only lives within our hearts, but he must serve through our lives. That is the challenge and privilege of the Easter Offering for every North American Baptist

By the REV. J. C. GUNST of Forest Park, Illinois, National Youth Secretary

IN MANY RESPECTS the Easter season is the most beautiful season of the year since it brings to us a special challenge. What would the world be like if there had been no "Easter morn," no empty tomb, no risen Christ? Surely, there would be no hope for eternal life. How meaningful and encouraging to every believer in Christ are the words of the Master: "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25).

Christ lives forevermore, but he that believeth shall live also. No true believer would doubt the words of the song writer: "We serve the risen Savior; he's in the world today." The true disciple of Christ prays, plans and prepares for a part in the program of the risen and living Christ.

## THE CHRISTIAN WATCHWORD

"Ye are my disciples if ye do" are words from the Master's lips. Service is the Christian watchword. Christ not only lives within our hearts, but he must serve through our hearts and lives. Easter has come to have such great significance because of faithful stewards in his Kingdom work.

We gladly emphasize our denominational "Evangelism - stewardship Program." It is certainly in keeping with the spirit of Christ for "he gave his life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28). The early disciples "first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God" (2 Cor. 8:5). How can we do less? The spirit of giving as he gave himself has been propagated ever since he came. That is how it should be.

God still has a plan for himself, but he also has a plan for every one of his stewards. It becomes the responsibility of every faithful steward, in fulfilling his obligations, to match God's plan with the one in his own life. In that venture he must possess the spirit of the Lord and Master who said, "Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matt. 26:39).

The only way to keep life is to invest it. You recall the fatal mistake the unfaithful servant made who buried his lord's pound. The servant evidently reasoned to keep his pound

safe and sound. Actually he defrauded its owner and the world. "Wherefore gavest thou not my money unto the bank, and I at my coming should have acquired it with interest . . . Take away from him the pound" (Luke 19:22-24). So it is with life. God gives it to us for use. Unless we use it, he takes it away.

## THREE PRINCIPLES

In our stewardship of life three principles need to be closely observed to warrant God's approval. First, observe Jesus' two great commandments. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God" (Matt. 22:37) and the second is like unto the first. "All things, therefore, whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them" (Matt. 7:12). When we love God aright, keeping the Golden Rule, we can become good stewards in his Kingdom work.

Secondly, cooperation is necessary as Jesus expressed it when he sought his Father's will, but still he mingled with the wise and unwise, the rich and the poor. His purpose was to draw men together, in the love of God, and thus build a Kingdom of righteousness.

Thirdly, in the great endeavor of our stewardship we must accept Christ as the great example. Jesus said, "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:18). While on earth he made it his special task (service) that the blind receive their sight, the lame walked, the lepers were cleansed, the deaf heard and the dead were raised (Matt. 11:2-6).

The steward of life does not have this miraculous power but certainly his Lord would want him to minister to the wants and needs of men and

Christ gave his life a ransom  
for many!

What is your gift for HIM?

THE EASTER OFFERING

Palm Sunday, March 18, to

Easter Sunday, March 25



## ACCEPT OUR TRIBUTE

Jesus, thou everlasting King,  
Accept the tribute which we bring;  
Accept thy well-deserved renown,  
And wear our praises as thy crown.

Let every act of worship be  
Like our espousals, Lord, to thee:  
Like the blest hour, when from above  
We first received the pledge of love.

Let every moment, as it flies,  
Increase thy praise, improve our joys,  
Till we are raised to sing thy name,  
At the great supper of the Lamb.

—Isaac Watts.

help them better conditions. Our stewardship of life consists in trying conscientiously to carry out the Golden Rule patterned after the example of Jesus Christ.

If our stewardship would take on real meaning, there shall have to be great objectives. Needless to say, the first great objective is a transformed life. This transformation comes through the dynamic power of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. His power becomes our power only after he reigns in our lives and as we pass him on to others. This can be accomplished in prayer, in worship, in communion, in service, in business, in the home and in our dealings with our

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"We give thee but thine own,  
Whate'er the gift may be:  
All that we have is thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from thee."

MANY YEARS ago the Rev. George Lohr, at that time pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California, now long since deceased, suggested to me that we as a denomination should institute an annual Easter Offering. The Finance Committee at the time wholeheartedly approved the plan and since then the Easter Offering has been promoted and has brought to our denominational household increasingly bountiful blessings.

The funds secured through this Easter Offering have not been used for the support of any particular department but for the support of our entire denominational household. That includes our home and foreign missions, our Seminary, our Publication Society, our Children's Home, our young people's and Sunday School work, Fellowship Fund, superannuated ministers and relief grants and ministers' pension. All these varied activities can be considered as the mission work of our denomination assigned to us by the Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ himself. With these different ministries we are building Christ's Church and extending the bounds of his Kingdom.

#### MISSIONARY PASSION

When the Lord Jesus Christ had visited that Samaritan city, named Sychar, he called the attention of his disciples to our MISSIONARY FUNDAMENTALS as requisites for any successful missionary endeavor. We will do well to acquaint ourselves with these missionary fundamentals and acquire them as individuals, local churches and the denomination as a whole as dominant spiritual forces.

## Bountiful Blessings of Easter

You will do well to remember four missionary fundamentals as you contribute to the Easter Offering of 1951

By DR. WILLIAM KUHN of Forest Park, Illinois,  
Executive Secretary Emeritus of the General Council

When the disciples returned to the well where the Lord had been conversing with the Samaritan woman, they inquired whether he had eaten. His reply was most significant: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me and to finish his work." The Lord himself had that overwhelming passion for pleasing his Father and finishing the work assigned to him. Everything else was subordinate. In his devotion to God and God's work, he found his greatest satisfaction. On another occasion he told his disciples to "seek first the kingdom of heaven and his righteousness" and he became for us the most perfect example to follow. All great Christians, in whatever circumstances of life they may have lived, have been passionately devoted to God's work and to the completion of their assignment from him.

On that day beside Jacob's well the Master made this frank statement to his disciples: "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." At that time those disciples still lacked that passionate devotion, but from the Day of Pentecost, when they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, they were changed men and women. Our Lord, who does not judge according to the outward appearance but who knows the heart of each one, may with the frankness of true love reveal to us the lack of our passionate devotion to himself and to his cause. Our plea should be: "Fill me now, fill me now. Holy Spirit, fill me now."

#### MISSIONARY VISION

Standing among those Samaritans the Lord said to his disciples: "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest." When the Lord came to Jacob's well in Samaria, he found the most unpromising missionary field imaginable. The Samaritans and the Jews had no

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fellowship with each other. The Samaritan woman whom Jesus first met was immoral. Only Jesus could see that Samaritan field was "white already to harvest." What brought about this remarkable change? The coming of Jesus himself and the winning of a convert who became a convincing witness for Christ.

As a denomination we have adopted these two goals for this triennium: first, to win and baptize 7000 converts and in addition to win 7000 men and women who will pledge themselves as faithful stewards of Christ. Examining our own hearts and inquiring as to the spiritual condition of our local churches and of the spiritual state of our denomination as a whole, we may be forced to the conclusion that these individuals and denominational organizations may be only an unpromising field for the reaching of these two high goals.

What can bring about that change? Naturally, we all have our human promotional plans, but to our sorrow they often prove ineffective. If Jesus through his Holy Spirit enters the hearts of individuals and is enthroned in the life of the local church and of the denomination itself, when he reveals himself as the Christ of God, as he did to that immoral woman there at Jacob's well and when he makes of each of us an ardent and impassionate witness going to our fellowmen and saying, "Come, see a man, which told me all the things that I did: is not this the Christ?" then many of our fellowmen will turn to him and we will prepare the way for Jesus Christ to have a triumphal entry into the hearts of many more.

#### MISSIONARY REWARDS

We should all be assured that our labors as individuals and churches and denomination will not be in vain. Christ himself says: "And he that reapeth receives wages and gathers fruit unto life eternal." Even those of God's workers who have had seemingly nothing but difficulties and persecution and death as martyrs have nevertheless enjoyed God's wages. They have had an indescribable joy and satisfaction in their hearts, because they were privileged to be bond servants and God's

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Christian natives who serve as helpers and workers at the Banso Baptist Hospital with Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, missionary-nurse, at the extreme right.

## A Visit to Banso

At the Banso Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons, the Gospel is being brought to those who are sick in body and soul, needing "the Balm of Gilead" to heal them

By MISS MYRTLE WEELDREYER, Missionary-nurse at Banso, Africa

"LET'S SEE! Where shall we find a bed for that new patient who is asking to be admitted?" This is a very common question confronting us here at the Banso Hospital in the Cameroons almost constantly these days. It has been that way almost from the time of my arrival. The wards are crowded most of the time. The beds are sometimes practically upon one another, so there is scarcely space to walk between them.

Yes, and the people continue to come to the hospital. Some come from many miles away; some come in walking; while others arrive "per ambulance" in many cases where they are too ill to walk. You may ask what kind of ambulance service we have here in Africa. To be sure, it is not the most modern, but it is still one of the safest methods of travelling. The patient is placed in a chair which is tied to two long bamboo poles so that he is suspended between the men carrying him. There are usually a number of carriers who alternately carry the patient in this manner because many times they carry them several days before reaching the hospital.

#### SICKNESS AND ACCIDENTS

I have said that this is perhaps the safest way of traveling because already I have experienced a tragic truck accident which was carrying a large number of natives as many of these native trucks do. The driver died only a few minutes after admission, due to a gash in his throat from ear to ear. Two others suffered severe fractures of the lower limbs; others had head injuries, cuts and bruises. That was a busy day! The patients were brought in about five o'clock in the afternoon. So we worked into the night trying to relieve pain and to repair the damage which had been done. You see, we do have some excitement at our hospital, too.

No doubt, many of you try to visualize in your mind just what our hospital is, how it operates and the like. I wondered a great deal about

it after I knew that I was to be stationed at the hospital, at least for a short time after my arrival. It is difficult to say just what I expected to find, but it was quite different from what I had anticipated.

My first visit to the wards was to reveal to me what I had been wondering about. There are no private rooms such as those in our hospitals at home. Here there are only several wards instead. For beds I found only some narrow cot-beds side by side, occupied by dark-skinned patients. To me they all looked very much alike, and what peculiar names they had! It seemed incredible that anyone could ever remember the names of all the patients.

Let me enumerate a few of them for you, and let us see how well you can do — Tatah, Wingo, Ndi, Jato, Monjoh, Satu, Ndzozika, Dango, and on and on. However, it is surprising how their personalities soon stand out and after a short time their names also do not seem so strange. One soon becomes adjusted to living in this land where the blacks predominate. But we cannot forget that we are the foreigners here, even though they do welcome us.

The native staff of our Banso Hospital are all Christians. Mr. Martin, a native trained nurse, who works in

the hospital office is a great help to us, as well as the boys who were trained in our dispensaries by our missionary nurses. How important it is that we have trained native Christian helpers in this place where we contact so many people daily, and where our staff works with them so closely.

Before the day's work begins, we all meet in a devotional period to prepare us for a day of service for our God. We would request that you intercede especially for these boys who are trying to work among their own people in this vital work. Each morning and evening they also gain Christian experience and enrich their own lives by bringing something from God's Word to those on their sickbeds and pray with them.

#### BUSY ACTIVITIES

Life at Banso is a busy time. Truly, one must pray that the busy activities do not absorb one so fully as to crowd out our first purpose in being here — that of bringing the Gospel to those who are sin-sick in soul, needing that "Balm of Gilead" to heal them. The Great Physician still is at work, healing these sin-sick souls even as he takes care of their physical ills.

It is interesting to note the look of utter confidence on the faces of the patients as Dr. Leslie Chaffee makes the rounds each day in the wards. The people who come to see him as out-patients are willing to wait hours, if need be, just so they might obtain advice or medicine in the bottles which they bring with them. Before the doctor sees them, our church teacher brings a short Gospel message to those waiting in front of the hospital office. Again we are relying upon God's promise that his Word shall not return to him void.

Another phase of the work here is the Maternity Ward, which is a means of reaching the women. What a joy it is to see the happy motherly love show forth from the face of the new mother as she looks at her new-born babe. They are so very grateful, which

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#### BANSO HOSPITAL ARTICLES

This article by Miss Weeldreyer is the third story about the Banso Baptist Hospital prepared by our missionaries. The first article by Dr. Leslie Chaffee appeared in the Nov. 23, 1950 issue of the BAPTIST HERALD. Extra copies of this article in mimeographed form are available upon request (up to 25 copies) at Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. The second entitled, "When Jesus Came to Banso" by Miss Laura Reddig appears in the 1951 ANNUAL. (Price, 75 cts.)

# The Good Seed

Bible Day on Sunday, March 11, will call the attention of our people to the glorious fact that, when the Word of God falls into the heart of a man, it will bear good fruit!

By the REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER, business manager  
of the Publication House, Cleveland, Ohio

not been in vain. Our history shows that God has blessed their efforts.

## BIBLE DAY OFFERING

On March 11th, we observe our 52nd Bible Day. Again our churches will be reminded of the opportunity to sow good seed, in other words, to make the Bible and Christian literature available at home and abroad. An offering will be received which is designated for the purpose of sowing "the Good Seed." As a special project for this year, \$2,000 of the Bible Day offering will be sent to the Baptist Publication Society of Germany to help them in their mission of sending Bibles and Christian literature into the Eastern Zone of Germany.

The devaluation of the East Mark under Russian domination has created insurmountable hardships for the Publication Society of Germany, largely of a financial nature. Seven East Marks correspond to one West Mark with the result that the Publication House lost almost 100,000 West Marks (almost \$25,000) during 1950 through this ministry of sending Christian literature into the Eastern Zone. This deficit also includes payments for the sending of full consignments of Bibles, hymnals and some Sunday School literature to those Baptist churches.

Who can tell how much good will result from the sending of Christian literature into the Eastern Zone of Germany. It should thrill our hearts that we have the opportunity of helping sow "the Good Seed" there. As we have been generous with our gifts of food and clothing, so let us now be liberal with our gifts which will plant "the Good Seed" over there.

## CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

At the present time, thousands of copies of the Christian tract, "Der Wegweiser," are being sent to Austria and to Germany. From Austria, we hear that these German tracts are the only Christian literature which they have for the purpose of doing evangelistic work. Our Bible Day contributions will also help to place religious tracts into the hands of Christian workers of Austria and Germany. Another important ministry is the

free distribution of "Der Wegweiser" and "Der Sendbote" to newly arrived immigrants at the ports of entry in Canada. Recently, Freda Davison, Baptist port worker, reported: "Last Friday, about 700 displaced persons arrived from Europe and your papers were eagerly received." Thus, we are attempting to place a Christian tract or paper into the hands of the displaced German persons as they enter a new land and home.

In the past year, the Publication Society was again able, by the grace of God, to meet every request for Bibles and Christian literature. Somehow, God always provides the means which will enable his children to sow "the Good Seed." The Publication Society will continue its efforts to serve wherever God leads in the ministry of Christian publications and in the distribution of Bibles and Testaments. Again he is calling you to share in this mission.

Recently I read the following: "Philosophy, science, economics, education, agriculture have all contributed greatly to the material progress and well-being of man. But no one of them can in and by itself contribute the least to the salvation of man's soul. They are all devoid of spiritual power. The Word alone is effective in the spiritual realm. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a power of God unto salvation for those who believe."

## THE HARVEST OF SOULS

To sow this vital seed is the Church's most pressing task. The harvest will be in terms of immortal souls saved.

O Lord, arouse us to the task of sowing far and wide the everlasting seed that we may also "come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves." God is calling you to sow "the Good Seed." From a small seed, a mighty tree can grow.

Bible Day program material consisting of a selection of recitations and a program leaflet have been sent to all churches. If more are desired, please write to the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio, at once.

Send all contributions directly to the North American Baptists, Inc., 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill.



"The seed is the word of God" (Luke 8:11).

NORTH AMERICAN Baptists are Bible-believing and Bible-loving people. From the very beginning of their existence as a denomination, the Bible has held first place in their religious thinking and life. It has always served as the rule and guide for their faith.

## THE BIBLE'S MINISTRY

What has it been that has endeared the Bible to our denomination during the past hundred years. May I venture three reasons? The Bible has served as a means of leading people to faith in an acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior. This experience has filled their hearts with joy, and has opened to them a new and a better way of life.

The Bible, by means of its masterful teachings and its divine authority, has become to them the Word of a living God, and with this Word, they have been able to meet every problem of life and have been fully prepared to meet death. The Bible has also been recognized as a seed, beautifully illustrated in the parable of the sower.

Our forefathers were filled with evangelistic zeal, and the Word of God and prayer were the two most important factors in their evangelistic efforts. Every possible effort was made to bring the Bible, or portions of it, or Christian literature based on the Bible, to the attention of unsaved people, for the Word of God is "a Good Seed" which, when it falls into the heart of a man, will bear good fruit.

In order to plant the good seeds, a Bible Day was started 52 years ago. On this day in our churches, reference was made to the importance of the Bible and Christian literature and to the urgent necessity that God's Word be spread just as the sower casts the seed over the field. Our forefathers had faith that this seed would bear good fruit, and their faith has

# Back to Africa Via London

A message from our Cameroons missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, with a note of appreciation, a report of their studies in London, and their hopes for Africa's Christian youth

By MRS. S. DONALD GANSTROM of Soppo, the Cameroons, Africa

"I delight to do thy will, O, my God,"  
Psalms 40:8.

UPON ARRIVAL in the homeland (U. S. A.) at our first assignment of the deputation work for the summer, the above words were the motto or theme of the Eastern Commissioned Baptist Youth Conference in Erie, Pa. How we praise God for this starting keynote to our stay in the homeland! Truly, our visitation with the youth camps and churches was a delight.

So often it is the desire of Christians to do the will of God but not with delight. Too often we are prone to make God's will our will by force and not with delight. There is no joy in serving the Lord in this way.

As we taught and spoke of our conference work in the ten youth camps, our vision was widened to the work which we as a General Conference have to do. It was interesting to compare the programs of the various youth camps. However, there was a basic similarity. All camp programs emphasized the advantage of living a Christian life and the joys received from consecrated service.

## GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

We are particularly thankful for God's faithfulness to us. Much of our time was spent travelling on the highways. At first, it seemed a waste of time, but later much time was spent in meditation and planning. God provided and we were able to purchase a used car and trailer house for a nominal amount. These means enabled us to travel as a family, doing our deputation work together. God richly provided our daily needs.

Don needed to get some schooling and we wanted Norris, our son, to be introduced to formal education since only his mother will be his tutor in Africa. Therefore, we settled in St. Paul, Minn., for the two months of October and November, 1950. We had grand fellowship with the local St. Paul churches as well as becoming more familiar with the people of our Minnesota Association.

Then word came of our course at London University. So hurried preparations were made and we sailed on the "S. S. Queen Mary" on January 5th. The voyage was a real rest and

we were thankful for it. Since we have finished our stay in America and shall be well on our way back to Africa when you read this, we go back with great thanksgiving in our hearts for you with whom we have fellowshiped and whom we have found so faithful in Christ's work. We've met hundreds and worked with scores who daily "delight to do" his will. The young people of our General Conference were a great challenge to us, and we are so thankful for consecrated leaders in the various conferences who helped to make our stay in the United States pleasant.

## STUDIES IN LONDON

When first anticipating the London studies, we were a bit wary about it being a waste of time when we so wanted to get back to the Cameroons and be busy about the Lord's work. However, we cannot always anticipate God's plans. It seems that even in this adventure all things have worked out according to a divine plan.

To be able to find lodging in such a desirable atmosphere is not easy in London. To be able to fellowship with various missionaries is giving us a world vision of what God is doing in many lands. We are better learning the ways of the British people so that



Jeremiah Waindim (left) and Enoch Yungkuma (right), two young men from pagan compounds who are now Christians and studying at the Baptist Teachers' Training College in the Cameroons.

we may be more acceptable among the British people of the colonies. We find this very important in order to gain their interest in our mission work. We can speak with them of their own country, having been there.

We have started with our educational courses at the London University. You know, if we are going to be involved in British education in the Cameroons, we must know something fundamentally about it. Each of our courses seems to be outlined exactly around the material which we will be needing in the Cameroons in our work of educating African youth.

As we have stated in many places this summer during our deputation work, the African youth is now craving education. He is not satisfied with the confines of his tribe or learning only the tribal customs, laws and trades. He has heard of a vast world and of many people who are doing interesting things and he wants to know of them. He wants to learn to read and write some language so that he may communicate with those far from him. To fulfill this desire, we as a mission are operating elementary schools according to the requirements of the government.

However, our schools are based on Christian principles. And it is our desire that boys, and the few girls whom we can persuade to attend, will not only learn to read and write English, but will develop a desire to read the Bible and write letters of spiritual encouragement or discussion to their friends when they have found Christ as the Savior in our Christian schools. To reach the youth of Africa is a great task which God has given us through our schools, and upon the youth of Africa will depend the future of their colony. Pray with us that many will find Christ through our witness.

## TWO YOUTH LEADERS

Two such boys who found Christ in our schools, and in whom we have much hope as leaders of youth are Enoch Yungkuma and Jeremiah Waindim. They come from pagan compounds in which their fathers are "council men" to the Chief, or Quarterheads. Being in such positions, they wanted their boys educated to read and write

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# The New General Missionary Secretary

Introducing the Rev. Richard Schilke of Anaheim, Calif., as the newly appointed general missionary secretary, succeeding the Rev. H. G. Dymmel

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

ON MARCH 10th another North American Baptist minister steps into the limelight of denominational leadership. The Rev. Richard Schilke, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., officially becomes the new general missionary secretary at that time. No whistles will sound at the headquarters office welcoming Mr. Schilke, but the confident assurance will be seen in the faces of those who greet him that God's blessing will help to make his forthcoming ministry eminently successful. Letters of congratulation and expressions of good will from our people everywhere have also assured him that many prayers are holding up his hands in the field of service to which he has been called.

## LIFE BACKGROUND

Mr. Schilke has a cosmopolitan background. He is a spiritual product of our denomination. He is intimately acquainted with the churches and problems of the Northern Conference in Canada, where we have a large number of home mission fields and churches. He is bilingual in his ministry, able to serve most effectively in English and German to our constituency. He is a firm believer in God's inspired revelation through his Word and in the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God. All of this will soon be evident in his ministry among our people as he writes articles for promotion and brings messages from the pulpits of churches and conferences which he will soon visit.

The family of Richard Schilke came to Canada in 1913 from Poland, where he was born and settled in the area of Yorkton and Ebenezer, Sask. In his boyhood days he worked on a farm and became acquainted with the hardships of life suffered in those trying years of depression by those who were immigrant families and pioneer farmers. In 1930 he was baptized by the Rev. G. P. Schroeder (now of Lodi, Calif.) and received into the fellowship of the Ebenezer East Baptist Church.

At an association meeting in 1931 he heard the call of God into the Christian ministry. He wrestled with the call for several years and prayed



Rev. Richard Schilke of Anaheim, Calif., who will begin his ministry as the General Missionary Secretary on March 10th, succeeding the Rev. H. G. Dymmel.

earnestly about it, as most young men do. But God won the battle in his soul, and in 1934 he went to Rochester, N. Y., to attend our Seminary there. His Seminary years characterized him as an able student, a promising young pastor and a genial Christian who would never fail in having many friends. I can still remember as pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., when Richard Schilke along with other Seminary students visited Philadelphia over the Christmas holidays, how he brought his fine, glowing testimony in one of the church services.

Following his graduation from the Seminary, Mr. Schilke was ordained on June 10, 1939 at the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. The Rev. August Rosner of Ebenezer, Sask., preached the ordination sermon for the two young budding preachers, the Rev. Richard Schilke and the Rev. R. Milbrandt, who is now of Medicine Hat, Alberta, the Northern conference missionary-worker.

From 1939 to 1943 Mr. Schilke served the Baptist Church of Mini-

tonas, Man., as pastor and watched it grow from 360 to 450 members. This northerly Manitoba field became a mecca for many immigrants. It was not easy to weld these many family units into a harmonious church, willing to make sacrifices for the Lord. But God's blessing was upon the work as the Lord prospered the leadership of the young energetic pastor. A new parsonage was built and many spiritual achievements were attained.

## EDMONTON, ALBERTA

In November 1943 Mr. Schilke and his wife moved across the Canadian prairies to the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta. There he found many opportunities for an enlarged ministry and for personal spiritual growth. The Central Church is one of our finest and largest churches in Canada. The Christian Training Institute of more than a hundred students is located in the city. Edmonton is one of the main line for a great deal of train and auto traffic to the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Schilke served as moderator for the Northern Conference for two years, as the representative on the General Council for three years, as mission secretary for the Northern Conference for two years and as chairman of the C.T.I. Board for two years. During this time his church grew in membership from 360 to 440 members. There were many regrets on the part of the people as he announced late in 1949 that he would be leaving for Anaheim, Calif., to begin another pastorate in "sunny California" on Jan. 25, 1950. While in Edmonton he continued his studies at the University of Alberta, and finished his work for the Bachelor of Arts degree (BA) in the Spring of 1949.

His ministry in Anaheim was short-lived but eventful. Because God was definitely using him in the fine leadership of the Bethel Church, it is still difficult for some of the members to understand why God should lead him elsewhere after a little more than a year's ministry. But the church as a whole has believed that this is a call to a greater denominational ministry and they feel highly honored that their pastor should have received

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## GOD'S GLORY

Ever lift thy face upon me  
As I work and wait for thee;  
Resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus,  
Earth's dark shadows flee.  
Brightness of my Father's glory,  
Sunshine of my Father's face,  
Let thy glory e'er shine on me,  
Fill me with thy grace.

—Jean Sophia Pigott.

"Obedience is the fruit of faith;  
patience the bloom on the fruit."

—CHRISTINA ROSSETTI.

## THE PURE IN HEART

Blest are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see our God;  
The secret of the Lord is theirs;  
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul  
He doth himself impart,  
And for his temple and his throne  
Selects the pure in heart.

—John Keble.

"Dare to trust HIM; dare to follow  
HIM! And discover that the very forces  
which barred your progress and  
threatened your life, and at his bidding  
became the materials of which an  
avenue is made to liberty."

—F. B. MEYER.

## REDEMPTION

I need that strange Man on his lonely  
cross —  
A code of ethics never could suffice:  
I'd sink in darkness and eternal death  
But for the virtue of his sacrifice.

A teacher and a pattern of the way  
Are not enough to heal a broken heart;  
I need redemptive power, such as he,  
My risen Savior, only can impart.

Incarnate Love that died and rose  
again,  
Sweet Power divine, I feel at work  
within  
The epic of redemption in my soul —  
The crucifixion of the life of sin!

For sin is as the raging flames of hell,  
And selfishness, the veil that blinds  
our eyes  
To the glad radiance of the face of  
God —  
The bar that bolts the gates of  
paradise.

"In the life of Jesus, God came near

to man. In the death of Jesus, the way  
is opened for man to draw near to  
God."

—MAX REICH.

## THEY'VE CRUCIFIED OUR LORD

They've crucified our Lord! Our hearts  
In indignation cry  
Against that ancient mob who caused  
The Son of God to die!

They've crucified our Lord! Alas!  
Are we less guilty now  
Than they who drove the cruel nails,  
And mocked his thorny brow?

They've crucified our Lord! And we  
Are wounding him the same,  
Forgetting him, neglecting him,  
Ashamed to own his name.

They've crucified our Lord! But we  
Have done the same today.  
We've crucified our Lord! O Christ,  
Forgive, forgive, we pray!

—Alice Mortenson.

"I am resolved to live all my life  
while I live it."

—JONATHAN EDWARDS

## THE MAN OF JOY

They call him the Man of Sorrows!  
I tell you he is not that to me;  
This Master of earth and of heaven  
The Master of joy must be.

I remember the theme of the angels  
As they sang of the wonderful birth,  
How joy had come down out of heaven,  
How gladness would cover the earth.

I do not forget that he sorrowed,

That he grieved over old Galilee,  
That he strove with the fiends in Judea,  
And the storms that raged by the sea.

Yes, I know his deep pain in the  
garden,  
And the burn of the traitor's sad kiss,  
Then the nails, and the jeers, and the  
dying;  
No, never man suffered like this.

But deeper, far deeper than sorrow  
Was that strangest of gifts from above;  
"My joy" is the name that he gave it,  
"I give it to you with my love."

So he promised, and out from the  
heavens  
Streamed the light that illumined his  
Cross,  
And Eastertide followed Golgotha,  
And victory grew out of loss.

They call him the Man of Sorrows?  
I tell you he means joy to me,  
This Master of earth and of heaven,  
Who gladdens the land and the sea.

—Ralph Spaulding Cushman.

"O God, by whom the meek are  
guided in judgment, and light riseth  
up in darkness for the godly; grant  
us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,  
the grace to ask what thou wouldst  
have us to do; that the Spirit of wisdom  
may save us from all false choices, and  
that in thy light we may see light, and  
in thy straight path may not stumble;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord."

—WILLIAM BRIGHT.

## TABLE GRACE

"For this bread that is so good,  
For this milk so rich and sweet,  
And for every other food  
Thou hast given us to eat,  
We would thank thee, Lord, and pray  
That all children everywhere  
May be fed as well today;  
May be kept within thy care."

—Grace Noll Crowell,  
"A Child Kneels to Pray"  
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. Paul Leasure, pastor of the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., since 1949, recently resigned and announced to his congregation that he had accepted the call to the Pear Park Baptist Church of Grand Junction, Colo. His resignation took effect on January 31st. The new field in another Baptist conference is "one of unlimited opportunities," as reported by Brother Leasure, which presented an inviting challenge to him.

● The Rev. C. Fred Lehr returned to the pulpit of the Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, on Sunday, Feb. 11. He was out of his pulpit for six months recovering from virus pneumonia and a serious operation. The Rev. Fred Siems of Burlington, Iowa, served as supply pastor for the intervening months, bringing his appreciated ministry to a close on Sunday, Feb. 4. The many friends of Brother Lehr will rejoice with him over God's answer to prayer and over his fine recovery from his illness.

● The Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, has extended a call to the Rev. H. Schatz of Calgary, Alberta. He has responded favorably and hopes to begin his ministry in Leduc on June 1st. This will be his second pastorate in the Temple Church, having served it formerly from 1935 to 1939. He has been pastor of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary since 1946. The Temple Church of Leduc has been pastorless for several years since the going of the Rev. A. Huber to Linton, N. Dak.

● The Rev. Ed. R. Lengefeld has resigned as superintendent of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, effective May 1st. He has served in this capacity since 1936. This is one of the largest of our five Homes for the Aged in our North American Baptist Conference. Tentative plans are being made for a new building for the Home which will also take care of a greatly enlarged family of guests. Mr. Roland E. Ross is the president of the Home's Board of Directors.

● The new \$10,000 Hillgreen-Lane organ of the Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill., was dedicated on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 18, with a large audience of church members and friends from other churches present. The program consisted of an organ recital

by Mr. Winston Johnson, organ instructor at North Park College, choir numbers with Mr. Herbert Pankratz, choir director, in charge, and brief messages of congratulation. The Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor of the church, was in charge of the program.

● The Baptist Church of Ashley, N. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. J. J. Renz of George, Iowa. He has responded favorably and hopes to begin his pastorate in Ashley on April 15, succeeding the Rev. Walter Stein, now of Tyndall, S. Dak. Mr. Renz has served the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, for 6½ years, during which the church membership has grown, the building was enlarged, a Hammond Organ was installed and a parsonage purchased. The Ashley Baptist Church has stations at Johannelstal and Jewell besides the church in the town of Ashley.

● At the Watch Night service of the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., two young adults followed the Lord in baptism. At the communion service held on Jan. 7, the Rev. Richard A. Grenz, pastor, received eight new members into the church's fellowship, six of whom came by letter. The church recently granted its pastor a substantial bonus. On Jan. 17 Miss Ruby Salzman, Cameroons missionary, brought a message in word as well as in song with her accordion and in pictures which was deeply appreciated by the good sized audience.

● The message for the Every Sunday Bulletins for March and for one Sunday in April have been prepared by members of the North American Baptist Seminary faculty, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. They are exceedingly inspiring for the Sundays preceding and following Easter Sunday. Dr. George A. Lang, president, prepared the message for the two-colored Easter Sunday bulletin. Professor Herbert Hiller prepared the brief article for the bulletins on Sunday, April 8. The material for Sunday, April 1, was contributed by Dr. A. S. Felberg, a denominational evangelist.

● The Bethel Church of Detroit, Mich., is now enjoying the services of the Rev. Theodore Place as assistant pastor. He began his ministry on Oct. 16, 1950 in response to the invitation of the pastor, the Rev. J. Lester Har-

nish, and the call of the church. Mr. Place is serving as executive secretary of the Sunday School, the youth director and director of the group system. He is a 1948 graduate of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa. For several years he was the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hillside, N. J. His address appears elsewhere in this issue.

● The Rev. J. C. Gunst, youth secretary, served as guest speaker on Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Erin Avenue and White Avenue Baptist Churches of Cleveland, Ohio, respectively. From Jan. 21 to 25 he conducted a study course on "How To Win To Christ" at the Connor Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich. He was the speaker at a great youth rally of the Detroit churches on Friday evening, Jan. 26, assisted by Missionary Alma Henderson and the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner. On Thursday evening, Feb. 1, he showed pictures concerning the National C.B.Y. and Sunday School Union at the monthly meeting of the Woman's Missionary Guild at Forest Park, Illinois.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 31st, the Rev. E. S. Fenske of Herreid, S. Dak., had the joy of baptizing 21 converts and of receiving these and four others into the fellowship of the Herreid Baptist Church at the communion service that followed. The newly baptized were converts of evangelistic services which had been held last Fall on the three preaching stations of the church. The Rev. G. W. Rutsch served as evangelist at the Gnadentfeld station; the Rev. Albert Ittermann in Artas; and the Rev. J. J. Renz in Herreid. A total of 45 persons were saved, but several of them because of illness and other reasons could not be baptized on Dec. 31st. Another baptismal service will be held on Sunday evening, May 13.

● "Youth Week" was observed by the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., climaxed by a banquet on Saturday evening, Feb. 3, with Dr. Thorwald W. Bender as guest speaker. On Sunday evening, Jan. 28, the picture, "That Kid Buck," was shown as God's answer to juvenile delinquency. At the morning service 20 Junior girls known as "The Carollers," under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Schoeffel sang, "In My Father's Keeping." They were wearing for the first time the attrac-

tive choir gowns which were a gift of Mr. Herman Siemund to the group. The Rev. William L. Schoeffel, pastor, was given a \$500 salary increase by the church recently. From March 11 to 18 evangelistic meetings are being held with the Rev. L. H. Broecker of St. Joseph, Mich., serving as evangelist.

● The Center Line Baptist Church of Center Line, Mich., a mission of the Burns Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich., recently installed a gas fire and hot water heating system costing about \$5000. The Rev. S. H. Houbolt has been considering with his people on Wednesday evenings the first five books of the Bible for the past six years. At present they are studying passages in the early chapters of Numbers. The 30 to 60 people are benefitting spiritually from these studies every week. On Sunday, Jan. 28, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, spoke at the Sunday School and youth hours, the morning service and showed missionary pictures of the Cameroons, Africa, at the evening service. He found a large group of God's redeemed people at this church that is spiritually alert and fervent and that is devoted to the great cause of Christian missions.

## BUILDING FOR GOD IN AFRICA

By MR. ERNEST HILDEBRAND of Stafford, Kansas, building supervisor in the Cameroons, in a letter dated Jan. 15, 1951.

Two months ago Mrs. Hildebrand and I landed in Africa. Our trip to Africa was a pleasant one. It took us twenty-two days to make the trip. We have visited all but two of our stations in the Cameroons. If time permits, we want to visit these before we return home. We know that it is a great privilege to see our Cameroons Mission in action.

We have met all our missionaries out here, and the least we can say is that we are proud of them. We pray that the Lord will continue to use them in the future as he has in the past, so that our Christian family in Africa will keep on growing. May the Lord bless you at home, who pray and give to missions. We are depending on you. Thank God that we as North American Baptists still believe in missions.

My day starts at six o'clock; breakfast at six-thirty; work at seven; and I finish my work day about 5:00 P.M. Some time later I must tell you of my experiences as a builder in Africa. Thank you, dear friends, for those letters, and for everything you have done to make our trip and work in Africa more pleasant. May the Lord continue to bless us as North American Baptists!

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

## HERALD NEWS

### YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

March 4, 1951 — "My Task" by Rev. Arthur Ittermann, Elgin, Iowa.

March 11, 1951 — "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" by Rev. Henry Smuland, Sheffield, Iowa.

**TO ALL LEADERS:** In these challenging days when the Lord's work and a witness for him require haste, your C.B.Y. and S.S. Union ought to be making news.

**THE FORESTBURG, ALTA., C.B.Y.** The young people of the First Baptist Church of Forestburg, Alberta, have notified our office that they have organized a Commissioned Baptist Youth Union with twenty charter members. The president, Miss Shirley Bergey, writes: "Even though we are a small group, we know that the Lord can use us mightily." Let us pray for these and all our young people.

**THE NEW C.B.Y. STANDARD:** Something new for all our youth groups. The Commissioned Baptist Youth Standard is now ready to be introduced in your local C.B.Y. Copies have been sent to all presidents of the local church young people's groups. Possibly your young people have already adopted the Standard. The ten goal Standard will stimulate new interest and enthusiasm in your youth work. Additional copies are available, free, by writing to your general secretary.

**NEW C.B.Y. GUIDE FOR LEADERS.** It is out and ready for your use; the attractively bound HANDBOOK chock full of excellent ideas for your young people's organization. The Commissioned Baptist Youth Guide for leaders is something quite different and undoubtedly will prove most valuable for all our leaders. Every president MUST have a copy of the unique GUIDE in his work. All leaders and officers in your C.B.Y. should have a copy on hand. Your youth group should order several copies immediately, if you have not already done so. The price is 50 cents per copy. Order from Commissioned Baptist Youth, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. Send check or money order.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS.** The Grace Baptist Sunday School of Grand Forks, N. Dak., under the leadership of the Sunday School superintendent and the pastor of the church, planned a study course for all

Sunday School workers in preparation and programming for the Vacation Bible School. Some thirty-seven workers took advantage of the preparatory course. Early in March last year all leaders and workers for the Vacation Bible School had been appointed. Materials were on hand and preparations were fully under way. The result was a large increase in attendance for the Vacation Bible School over the previous year. Leader and teachers met their obligation for each task in their daily schedule with unusual joy. The children responded most favorably to the program and teaching ministry, expressing deep satisfaction for the grand time of study and fun in the Vacation Bible School. A good percentage of the children in attendance accepted Christ as their Savior.

**BAPTIST ALLIANCE YOUTH NEWS.** A new Baptist publication has made its appearance in January, 1951. The Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance is publishing a twelve-page pamphlet called, "BWA YOUTH NEWS." The Rev. Joel Sorenson, the Youth Secretary, is the editor. The subscription price is \$1.00 per year. For the time being the pamphlet is published in Stockholm, Sweden. We shall be glad to forward orders for our youth leaders if they will place their order with us and enclose one dollar for the subscription. Send orders to Rev. J. C. Gunst, Forest Park, Ill. A good way to get first hand news about Baptist Youth work around the world.

**ITALY IN THE NEWS.** On December 2-3, 1951, the first conference of the Italian Baptist Youth was held, as the Rev. S. Inguanti reports. Rome was the place for the conference. — BWA YOUTH NEWS.

### WHAT I LIVE FOR

By FANNIE COOKE MILLER

I live for those who love me,  
For those whose hearts are true;  
For the heaven that smiles above me  
And awaits my spirit too.

I live to learn their story  
Who suffered for my sake.  
To emulate their glory  
And travel in their wake.

For all human ties that bind me,  
For the tasks by God assigned me,  
For the hopes not left behind me,  
And the good that I can do.

—Christian Herald.



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

## The Thing Appointed

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

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

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### SYNOPSIS.

Tom Richards was very happy about his new job at the Jackson Casualty Insurance Company. He was to work in the auto department of this insurance agency under Mr. Pete Reilly and "the big boss," Joseph A. Harper. His mother was happy with her son over his fine position, but as a Christian she wondered sometimes about the testing times in Tom's life, especially since her husband had passed away. But Tom got along splendidly with everybody in the office. He met Lynn Tracy and was told that "as a Christian she lets her religion run away with her." He also became acquainted with Ann Barrett and dated her several times. One day the boss asked Tom Richards to take care of the insurance for the All State Trucking Company and to cut rates for them by twenty percent, even though it was illegal. The boss told him how it could be done by having a correct copy in the files and the other company copy in his personal desk. "How do I know the will of God?" Tom asked himself perplexed as he prepared to take Ann Barrett to a basketball game, knowing that she was not a Christian.

### CHAPTER FIVE

PROMPTLY at seven-thirty on Saturday night, Tom stood outside the Barretts' apartment door and rang the bell. A maid opened the door and he entered the reception hall to wait for Ann. When she appeared Tom was again impressed by the delicacy of her beauty.

"Ann!" Tom exclaimed, "you look positively beautiful."

Ann bowed slightly and laughingly replied, "Thank you, kind sir. Anything else?"

Arm in arm they headed for Madison Square Garden. The streets were overflowing with people of all sorts, defying description. Broadway was alight with huge advertising signs. Taxicabs dashed here and there as human figures weaved in and out among the numerous cars. Everyone was in a hurry!

As Tom and Ann hurried toward the Garden, the crowds did not diminish to any great degree. Now everyone's attention was centered on rushing for the same place. Eighth Avenue, to the casual observer, was far different from Broadway. Here the buildings were poor and old, the streets dirty and uneven. The brightly lit entrance of the Garden was like a hive with hundreds of bees streaming into it.

Ann and Tom were caught in this merging mass of humanity. Passing the brilliant marquee, they approached the doorways leading toward the arena and the balconies. Their tickets were snatched up, torn in half — one half returned to them, and they were carried by the mob into the gigantic indoor stadium.

They found their seats in the first row of the first balcony and looked at the scene beneath them. To the newcomer it was a remarkable sight and even to those more accustomed to it,

there was strong fascination. Stretched out across the floor of the Garden was a rubber mat, marked off according to basketball regulations. At either end of the artificial field, placed there for this night game only, were two glass backboards on which hung the baskets. The glass construction permitted people seated behind them to see the movement of the ball. High in the air lights illuminated the court. By contrast the rest of the Garden seemed shrouded in darkness. Tiny figures were warming up on the court and a dozen basketballs were flying through the air.

The contrasting colors of the two teams held Tom's attention. He had played basketball for New York University when he was an undergraduate and now he was thinking of himself on the court instead of in the balcony as a spectator. The flood of memories brought a gripping desire to get a basketball in his hand. Even the smell was familiar for he had played in the Garden when he had been one of the five men cheered by thousands.

Tom glanced at the program and remarked to Ann, "I see that New York doesn't play until the second game. They've developed some new tactics this year. The team ought to be good!"

"Did you ever play basketball, Tom?" inquired Ann.

"Yes, I used to play with New York U."

"You did? Isn't that wonderful." Ann's tone was respectful. "Did you ever play here?"

Tom smiled at her question. Every time he mentioned the fact that he had played for New York, people would immediately ask whether he had ever played in the Garden. For some reason everyone felt that this was a distinction in itself.

"Yes, Ann, a number of times."

"Weren't you ever scared, Tom?"

"Scared? You bet I was scared. The first time I came out here I thought that every eye in New York was watching just me. When I heard the roar of the crowd it almost frightened me to death. I wanted to get back in the locker room and stay. But our coach used to tell us not to let anything throw us — just imagine we were in our own gym. After the first time, everything went OK."

"I don't think I'd like to be out there, Tom."

"It isn't bad after the game gets started. You get so wound up that you never even remember or see the crowd."

A whistle blast cut through the air, the balls were taken from the floor and the two teams gathered at opposite ends of the court for last minute instructions. Then they lined up, the jump ball was thrown and the game was on.

Once the game started, there was no time for talk of any kind. The action

was fast as Long Island University set the pace. Several of the players consistently tossed thrilling shots from the middle of the floor. Michigan State went in for straight basketball, bringing the ball up the court fast, the forwards breaking in under the basket, the center weaving in and out around the foul line. Michigan's play was more spectacular from the viewpoint of the audience because the perfectly executed breaks that produced basket after basket appeared more difficult than the easy shots of Long Island from mid-court. At the half the score stood 20-18 in favor of Long Island.

The interval between halves gave Tom an opportunity to broach the subject of the All State risk to Ann. "Say Ann," he said, "do you suppose that Mr. Harper often gives the Stebbins outfit cuts on risks?"

"Do you mean like the All State risk?"

"Yes, Ann."

"Oh, we have a lot of their business. Most of it is big and usually they get a special rate in view of the size of the risks and also because the boss expects to get lots of business from that company."

"Is it legal for the company to do that, Ann?"

"No it isn't legal, but many of the companies on the Street do it. I never heard of anyone getting caught."

"I don't feel exactly right about the whole business."

Ann glanced at Tom and saw that he was deadly earnest. She took her time about answering because she wanted to understand Tom fully.

"Do you mean, Tom, that you are worried about whether or not the company ought to do this or are you worried about your relationship to it?"

Tom flushed brick-red at this question. He realized that Ann was carrying the issue over into ethical grounds and principles.

"Let me get this straight, Ann. Are you asking me whether I am only concerned about myself because this happens to affect me?"

"Exactly, Tom. I want to know whether your concern over the matter originates in the problem which faces you personally or whether you are concerned about the matter because it is wrong in itself."

At that moment the whistle blew and the second half of the game started. Tom was glad that Ann had mentioned this new issue which he had not considered before. The thought came to him that his interest in the matter was purely personal and that it was not based on a matter of principle. If a principle had been involved, he would have had nothing to do with it! He decided this must be true because he believed that he was a person who would not compromise principle for practice. He saw the weakness of his position in Ann's sight. If it were a matter of principle, then his action

should be dependent upon the principle alone whatever the personal cost. And to permit expediency to motivate his decision meant compromise. His position was one of compromise, but his excuse was the need for money.

The conversation did not take a serious turn during that game and the following one. So fast was the play and so tense the spectators that it seemed an incredibly short evening. The crowd milled its way out of the stadium. It was far different from entering the Garden. Fire escape doors were opened and the crowd streamed forth from all exits, hurrying once more.

On the way home Tom did not bring up the All State risk, but Ann had been thinking of it herself and soon they were in the midst of a discussion about it.

"You know, Tom, from the things that you have said to me when we were out last time, I didn't think that you would have anything to do with the All State risk. It seems to me that it is inconsistent for a Christian."

Tom was acutely aware that these were almost the same words he had spoken about professing Christians who did not live their professions. When Ann said the same thing, his face flushed. From someone else he might not have minded so much, but coming from Ann Barrett whose good opinion he desired, it made him uncomfortable.

He rushed to his own defense and explained that he had spoken to Mr. Reilly about the difficulty. Ann listened patiently to his explanation of Reilly's refusal. Then she said, with a speculative gleam in her eyes, "You could have resigned from your job."

"Yes," answered Tom faintly, "but there is more to it than that. I have financial responsibilities. Mother is dependent on me. What would you do in a case like that?"

"Oh, I would undoubtedly do the same as you, Tom, but somehow —," and she stopped as though to say that she expected Tom to be different in what he did.

Tom saw her look and it bothered him. Just as he was ready to say something, Ann spoke again.

"Tom, I did you an injustice when we were talking about it in the Garden. I shouldn't have accused you of having only a personal interest in the matter. Perhaps it is far less personal because your mother's welfare is involved and you are not a free agent to do what you might otherwise want to do."

"Thanks, Ann," quickly responded Tom with some degree of relief.

They entered the Barrett apartment and Ann led Tom into the living room. Each piece of furniture was faultlessly chosen to harmonize with the other pieces. The upholstery was expensive and two thick oriental rugs covered the floor. The room was obviously the work of an interior decorator.

On one wall Tom noticed an oil painting which bore the name of a well-known contemporary artist. Noting the absence of any books, Tom concluded that there must be a library in the apartment. His mind was busy comparing this with his own home. It was not that he was envious or that he felt inferior. It was merely that his senses were sharpened to the gulf which separated him from Ann. Everything seemed futile and possibly it was incredible to expect anything to come from his friendship with her.

As they sat by the fireplace the conversation turned again to personal channels. Tom was, in part, responsible for this; the whole atmosphere of the Barrett apartment was to blame.

"Ann," he asked, "just how much does money mean to you?"

Ann's face showed her surprise at this peculiar question.

"Money? I suppose it makes all the difference in the world. If you have it, everything is all right, but if you don't have it, then everything can be all wrong."

Tom was a bit taken back by Ann's materialism. "Do you mean to say, Ann, that you would let money rule your life?"

Ann looked at Tom steadily for a moment before answering. "You remember that I said once before that I wanted a good time. It takes money to have a good time. Anyway, Tom, I may want money for one thing which you might not think a good reason. Then it is only a question of a difference of opinion between us. You see the lack of money would interfere with my life."

"Suppose it were either money or happiness, then what would be your choice?"

Again Ann waited before speaking. Then she replied with complete frankness, "I would not be happy without money. So if it were a choice between happiness or money, I could never be happy without it. Thus the choice of happiness would be an illusion. Whereas, if I had money I would be happier than without it."

"Then money is your criterion of happiness?"

"I suppose so, Tom. It may sound awfully materialistic to you, but it really is the same with you. You hang on to your job because of your need for money. It is not the same materialism but it is a varying form of it."

"Well, Ann, can't you conceive of happiness apart from the material? Can't you hold to some idealism that is above matter?"

Ann smiled, "You sound like a Sunday School teacher. Perhaps there was a time when I thought such a thing possible. But I have changed. I think it is an impossibility in this world. Everyone else is materially minded and I have to be the same way. Most of the idealists died young or have been unhappy. Many more have died in



poverty and want. Idealism doesn't always satisfy."

There popped into Tom's mind the idea of speaking to Ann about Christ. From the very beginning Tom thought that certainly Ann would accept his way of thinking.

"What about Jesus Christ, Ann? He was an idealist in one sense of the word and He lived without concern for material."

"Jesus Christ was a failure, Tom. He died an outcast without having accomplished anything that would set the world on fire."

Tom's face lit up as he saw the opportunity to witness to Ann.

"Ann," he exclaimed, "Jesus accomplished just what He set out to do. He died a young man to be sure. But what other young man could say that he had finished his work at thirty-three?"

Ann became quiet and thoughtful. "What do you mean he finished His work at thirty-three?" she inquired.

"I mean that Jesus came to this earth to die. I believe that Jesus is God; that He was born of a virgin; that He died on the cross to make atonement for sin. I believe that every man is a sinner and that every man needs Jesus Christ as his Saviour. I believe that Jesus in His death suffered the punishment of eternal hell so that any man who accepts Him as Saviour has a substitute who paid the price for him."

"Just a minute, Tom," interrupted Ann, "you don't really believe that there is a hell, do you?"

"Yes, I do. I believe it because the Bible teaches that there is one."

Even more gently Ann countered, "But God is a God of love; He is our Father. As Father, He would never send His children to hell for disobeying Him. My own earthly father would not and if my own father wouldn't do a thing like that, how could God?"

"Wait a second, Ann, you're going too fast. There is no place in the Bible in which it is stated that God is the Father of all men in the sense that you speak of it. He is Father in the sense that all things were created by God. But the Bible teaches clearly that God is the Father only of those who trust in Him in faith and believe that Jesus died for them. We are not children of God naturally but become His children after we are born again by accepting Christ as Saviour."

"You're right, Tom. I would like to believe very much that there is no hell but I will be honest and admit that I have never been able to get away from the belief that one does exist. You remember that when we first talked about Christianity I told you that I was not a Christian. Well, many times I have wanted to become one, but it's like a dream — something you think is good but you do not reach the objective."

"I know what you mean, Ann. There was a time when I wanted to become

a Christian and did not until later. Then when I was a Christian there were times when I doubted that I was one. I did not have any assurance on which to rest. I was uncertain and uncomfortable. That was all changed, however, and I came into the assurance of my salvation. From that time on everything was different. Anyone can become a Christian and anyone can be sure he is saved.

Deliberately Ann replied, "Tom, you remember that I said that I wanted to lead my own life and that I wanted to have a good time?"

"But if you admit that you are not happy, how can you call it a good time?"

"It is a good time and I'm happy in one sense. I like to dance and smoke and consider only myself. Apparently real Christians live different lives. I think I would be relatively less happy if I tried to conform to that pattern."

Tom shook his head. "Your feminine logic amazes me!"

"Well, I don't care what it is. I want a good time and I'm going to have it," replied Ann firmly.

Tom saw that there was no use in continuing the discussion. Ann had her mind firmly made up and had no intention of changing.

Ann smiled as she said, "Well, we got off the track somewhere back there, but let's forget it for now, shall we?"

Tom could only agree. It was getting late and he made a move to leave. Ann took him to the door and said, "Tom, I had a delightful time tonight. Even if we didn't agree on everything, it was a real pleasure and such a change from the ordinary routine."

Tom's eyes shone. "I had a grand time myself, Ann. I certainly enjoyed being with you."

"Thank you, Tom, that's a very fine compliment. Good night."

And Tom left the apartment building for the subway and home in a deeply reflective mood. His problems were not solved. Instead they appeared more difficult than ever. There was the All State risk; there was Ann; there was his mother. What was he going to do?

The night after his date with Ann, Tom found himself alone in the apartment. His mother was visiting an old friend. He had declined several invitations because he wanted an opportunity to think through his problems.

As he sat beside the radio, he automatically turned the dial and the first words he heard were from a favorite hymn: "Jesus knows all about your troubles. He will guide till the day is done. There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus. No, not one. No, not one."

Vaguely he listened to the speaker, but the refrain, "Jesus knows all about your troubles," penetrated his consciousness. He hardly noticed the next

solo number. Tom could not remember the name of the program. It was a program run by a youth group in midtown Manhattan. Tom recognized the location.

The speaker used a verse from the eighty-fourth Psalm as his text: "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." This verse impressed Tom in a new way.

Softly he repeated to himself, "No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly."

The radio speaker continued to explain that God could and did withhold many things from His children when they were disobedient or when they were out of fellowship with Him. One of the pointed statements startled Tom.

"If you are uneasy; if there is doubt in your heart; if you have no peace and need it, look to see whether or not you are walking uprightly. There is no assurance that you can have peace, and certainly no guarantee that you will be free from all difficulties if you are not walking uprightly. When you are sinning you are not walking uprightly for sin separates and then God does withhold good things from you."

Tom was listening very carefully now. Indeed, he was leaning forward to catch every word.

"God is sun in that He gives light. He gives the light of His face to guide us, but when that Light is disobeyed there comes darkness. His face is veiled and hidden from us. God is a shield for He protects and succors His own in the midst of distress and trouble. But when we are not walking uprightly why do we expect God to continue to protect just the same? If in your heart and life tonight you feel that God is withholding some good thing, then be assured that you are not walking uprightly. For when we walk uprightly He does not withhold any good thing."

Tom had heard all that he needed to hear. The words struck home clearly. He was convicted on two grounds. He admitted then and there to himself that there was something vitally wrong. He was not walking uprightly. As he analyzed the situation the Holy Spirit of God spoke to his heart.

Tom was amazed. It was as though someone were standing next to him saying, "Tom, Tom," in a quiet yet firm voice. "Tom you have been wrong. The All State risk stands between you and walking uprightly. Remember that it makes no difference what anyone does. You are not held responsible for anyone but yourself. The men at the office are not Christians; they will be judged for their wrongdoing and are headed for hell. But you will also be judged for your wrongdoing even

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## THE MISSIONARY SECRETARY

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the appointment as the General Missionary Secretary by the general committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Schilke have two children: Clifford Harold, aged six years; and Dianna Annette, aged four. Mrs. Schilke's home church is the Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Hoekman of that area. Her brother, Mr. Meynard Hoekman, is the promotional director for the mission project of the South Dakota C.B.Y. and S.S. Union.

Mr. Schilke made a hurried trip to the Forest Park headquarters in January to see about housing for his family and to have an important conference with the denominational secretaries and chairman of the Finance Committee. In these conferences he revealed his able administrative traits, his high spiritual objectives for his task, his humble spirit before God, and his eagerness to be about the Lord's business as General Missionary Secretary.

"God bless you, Brother Schilke," our people are saying with an encouraging smile. Follow him with your prayers, and be assured that the leadership of the General Missionary Society is in good hands for the days ahead!

## BACK TO AFRICA

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so that they might be scribes or secretaries for them. Since our Baptist School was closest to their compounds, that is where they started them in the first grade.

They proceeded naturally throughout the school and we came to know them when they were in the Seventh Grade. Previously, they had accepted Christ as their Savior through the ministry of the school and the church on Belo Station. We could see that they were outstanding young men since they were alert and high in their classes. They love to sing the hymns of the church which they have learned during their music classes.

After finishing the Eighth Grade, they applied to us for employment as Primary teachers. Knowing their calibre, we employed them and were not at all disappointed. They did a good job. Just as we left the Cameroons, we were happy to see them enrolled in the initial class of our Baptist Teachers' Training College where they can be better trained to fill their post as Christian teachers and leaders of the African youth. Further reports from the field inform us that they are doing well. Please pray for these two young men that they will be able to withstand the darts of the Evil One and bring many young people to their Christ.

# We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

## IS IT NOTHING TO YOU?

DURING THE DAYS before Easter, the appeal for a special offering is being made to us. The call comes to give a generous, sacrificial offering, over and above our regular giving.

Perhaps, as you read the appeal on other pages of this paper, you have thought: "Money, money! Always asking for more and more money! I'm getting tired of giving!" If such thoughts have passed through your mind, then listen to the Appeal of the Crucified:

From the throne of his cross, the King of grief

Cries out to a world of unbelief:  
Oh, men and women, afar and nigh,  
Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?

I wept for the sorrows and pains of men,

I healed them, and helped them, and loved them, but then

They shouted against me:  
Crucify! Is it nothing to you?

Oh! men and women, your deeds of shame,

Your sins without reason and number and name,

I bear them all on this cross on high.  
Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?

—From Stainer's "Crucifixion."

"Of course that means something to me," you say. "It means everything to me to know that Christ died on the cross for me, that he bore my sins, and that because of this I have salvation and hope of eternal life. But I don't quite see what that has to do with this special offering." If that is your reaction, then listen again:

"Is it nothing to you that Christ is being crucified again today by the many who are indifferent, who are lost in sin, and don't know it, nor care?"

Not only once, and long ago  
There on Golgotha's rugged side  
Has Christ the Lord been crucified  
Because he loved a lost world so.

But hourly souls, sin-satisfied,  
Mock his great love, flout his commands,

And drive nails deep into his hands,  
And thrust the spear within his side.

For this reason young men are trained in our Seminary — to bring the gospel again and again to the attention of men and women lost in

sin. For this reason mission pastors are supported in communities where otherwise churches could not be maintained. For this reason there are men and women ministering to those of other races, such as the Indians in Canada and the Spanish-Americans in Colorado. All this takes money — and IF YOU CARE — you will want to have a part in giving!

But wait — listen again: "Is it nothing to you" that millions have not yet heard of the Christ who was crucified for them? Our missionaries are striving to bring the gospel to them in far corners of the earth — but it takes money! How many are still waiting for the missionaries to reach their villages — but there is not enough money in our treasury at home to send enough missionaries out to supply the need. Do YOU CARE? "It is nothing to you?"

May the Appeal of the Crucified so touch your heart that you will respond: "Yes, Lord, I do care! I will give as much as I think I can afford — and then I will open my purse and give again, a really sacrificial offering for the Christ who was crucified and rose again."

## PROGRAM MATERIAL

NOTE: The second supplement of program material is still available — and you will not want to miss this fine assortment of program helps. Some of the excellent items in this packet are: a program on the martyred missionaries — Rev. and Mrs. F. W. Meyer; "Have you Tried it this Way?" — suggestions for unique ways of conducting your meetings; Missionary News Flashes; ideas for anniversary programs, and Mother's Day material. All this, and more, for just 25 cents.

If you missed getting a copy or the first supplement, which came out last Fall, you may still obtain one for only 15 cents. This too contained much material, any one item of which was worth the whole price. It would be a good idea to try to obtain all this material, and keep it on file for your society. Order from

Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.

All German speaking societies will be glad to learn that two separate supplements in German are also available, the first one for 15 cents and the second one for 25 cents. They contain much valuable program material; the second one has a complete program, with playlet, for a "Jahresfest."

## OUR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP OF SERVICE

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fellowmen. Every time we pass Christ on to another, instead of weakening our own lives, it increases our own power.

### GREAT OBJECTIVES

Our second great objective must be in keeping with Christ's great objective — world salvation. Read again John 3:16-17, but dwell prayerfully on these facts, "God loved the world . . . he gave his Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish . . . the world should be saved through him." Christ's plan of world salvation therefore is not only an individual matter; there is a group stewardship as well as a personal stewardship.

That calls to our attention our third great objective, a victorious Christian Church. The stewardship of life must have an application to his divine institution, called the Church. The membership of the local church is united for the purpose of worship, teaching and training for the extension of the Gospel. Of necessity, therefore, the Christian must give time, talent, energy, personality and possession in order to make the church a real power toward the accomplishments of Christ's work in the world. To the church's efforts and ministry belongs specialized service for its efficiency to which all must be devoted to carry out the great tasks of the church. We shall not endeavor to list here all of the offices where stewardship talents can be applied.

We recognize lastly the importance of stewardship of service. Our belief in Christ must culminate in Christian service or else the belief itself will wither away. Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). His parting message to his disciples was: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

There is the place of service, first of all, in the heart. This may seem strange to us at first, but service for Christ must commence in the heart. Remember Jesus' advice to Nicodemus (John 3:5-6).

The home is another place of service. Jesus said to the man whom he healed, "Go to thy house unto thy friends, and tell how great things the Lord hath done for thee" (Mark 5:19). Good homes are most essential for the making of Christian characters.

In the community Christ commanded others to "be My witness in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria" (Acts 1:8) and finally in the wide world. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15).

"Tell what great things the Lord hath done for thee" (Mark 5:19).

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Again there must be perspective in service. Let us only briefly mention our threefold perspective. 1. A secret life of prayer precedes service. An inner life with him, "Whose we are and Whom we serve," is something that the outside world knows nothing about. "When thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber . . . pray to thy Father who is in secret" (Matt. 6:6). In prayer time, when preparing to serve him, we get assurance, direction and power for the task before us.

### LIFE OF PURITY

Our second perspective is an open life of purity. Paul understood the Master here. "I have been crucified with Christ." There is an old dead "I": "It is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20). The Master's plan is to serve humanity by living his life over again in each of us.

When a man is called to become a steward, he is called to an active life of service (Matt. 6:32-33).

There is yet another part of stewardship which needs to be mentioned here, the practice of service. All servants of Christ may serve. Not all serve simply because service requires a stewardship that all do not have. Briefly, let us mention four ways in which we may practice the stewardship of service.

1. The most effective service is accomplished through personal work. Followers of Christ are stewards to enlist others in his service and to give them the light of life. Our Commissioned Youth emphasis is so arranged that there is a constant training of youth to become personal workers. If all followers of Christ would do personal work, there would be a strong unified Christian church.

2. Teaching is another practical service. Jesus taught people in larger and smaller groups. On the mountain (Matt. 5:1-2), in the synagogue (Matt. 4:23), by the seaside (Mark 2:13), and in the temple (Matt. 26:55), he set the example for a teaching ministry. Through the Sunday School department of our Conference Union there are unlimited possibilities of service in the teaching ministry.

3. Caring for the sick is another area of service. All of us should be very much concerned to minister directly to the comforts and recovery of the sick. Many of our young women

take advantage, and consider it their Christian duty, to go into nursing. More should hear Christ's call for this service. Young men from our ranks are training to become doctors. Jesus went among the people with a healing touch. If we cannot do it personally, let us support those who are definitely called (Matt. 11:4-5).

Our C.B.Y. and S.S. Union, through the special efforts of mission projects, is endeavoring to render fine service in caring for the needy. Let us not be content, however, with what we have accomplished nor with what we are doing. Let this Easter season be a time when we all, as stewards of Christ, search our hearts, look about us, and judge for ourselves, if we have been good stewards of our risen Lord. Has our time, talent, money, our full life, been in his service?

Again let us give liberally as unto the Lord to our denominational cause, thus sharing in the greater Kingdom work in the many departments in which we are able to serve. Remember the Easter Offering as faithful stewards of Christ from Psalm Sunday, March 18, to Easter Sunday, March 25.

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handmaidens in this high and holy cause.

All of these joys have been but a foretaste of the rewards which are to follow. It is a blessed assurance to know that the labors of all Christian churches and Christian denominations will outlast time and extend into eternity where we will see the full fruition of our earthly labors.

Let us all remember what Jesus says: "One soweth and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labor: other men labored and ye are entered into their labors." We as members of the North American Baptist General Conference in this year of 1951 are continuing to build the temple of God in the erection of which the former generations have labored. In no respect are we independent of the labors of those who have preceded us. Our duty is to faithfully fulfill the assignments given us and then to pass on to our children and children's children our share in God's work.

Even today there is mutual joy between those who sow and those who reap. In Christ's Day when the last stone has been put into that spiritual Temple and the last redeemed soul has brought into that fellowship with the family of God, then that myriad host of the redeemed shall sing the song of the lamb as it never has been sung before.

You will do well to remember these four missionary fundamentals as you contribute to the Easter Offering of 1951.



### Northwestern Conference

#### Programs of the Tabitha Society, C.B.Y. and Ladies' Missionary Society at Elgin, Iowa

The Tabitha Society of the Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, met at the church on Jan. 18. The meeting was opened by our president, Mrs. Charlotte Krueger, followed by devotions and a paper on "The Beginnings of the Cameroons Mission." A candlelight ceremony was arranged for this meeting while we turned in our coin cards. A total of \$47 was received. A few days before Christmas the Tabitha Society distributed 64 packages to the aged and shut-ins.

On Sunday evening, Jan. 21, the C.B.Y. presented a program on the theme, "In the Land of Beginning Again." Following this we met in the dining room where all joined in a singspiration, after which lunch was served.

The parsonage of the Baptist Church was the meeting place of the Ladies' Missionary Society with Mrs. Ittermann as hostess on Jan. 4th. A report of the missionary journeys of the Apostle Paul was given by Dr. Ittermann. A letter from Laura Reddig, missionary nurse of Africa, was read and a New Year's wish by Mrs. Eliza Habeger. Poems were contributed by Mrs. John Schaer, Mrs. Ittermann and Mrs. Edwin Krueger.

Mrs. Clarence Schneider, Reporter.

#### Family Night With Missionary as Speaker at the Bethel Church, Sheboygan, Wis.

The Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., observed its Family Night on Tuesday, January 9. Again a delicious supper was served by the women and the church was filled to capacity to hear the guest speaker, the Rev. George Henderson, whose missionary message was so inspiring that all, including the children, dreaded to leave when he was through.

The Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Francis Guenther, was the toastmaster, and as usual he was at his best. As a special highlight of the evening, prizes were awarded to those who competed in the Sunday School contest of obtaining new members.

The Sunday School has been slowly growing larger and larger. To make the attendance increase faster, the contest was held from October 17 to December 17, 1950. In this period of

time, the enrollment was to be raised from 70 to 85. At the end of the contest however, the enrollment was 89 children and still rising. So the church as a whole is striving to increase both the attendance and the spiritual growth. "Family Night" at Bethel Church is an event which is looked forward to by old and young alike, since the programs are varied and always interesting.

M. Vanderbeck, Pastor.

#### Holiday Programs and Evangelistic Meetings at the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

The people of the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis., enjoyed a busy, inspiring holiday season. A program was given by the Sunday School on Christmas Eve. As usual, it was a happy, heart-warming celebration of the birth of the Christ-child.

On the morning before Christmas Day, Dr. John Leyboldt baptized four converts on profession of their faith, which made a total of twenty baptisms for the year 1950. We thank God for these blessings. Several babies were also dedicated to the Lord at this service.

On New Year's Eve, a Watch Night service was held with a special message, testimonials and fellowship together. The young people participated with a special candlelight service.

During the first two weeks of January we were fortunate to have Dr. Albert Felberg, our denominational evangelist, with us for special services. The children liked the peppy children's talks, and competition was keen for the interesting quizzes. Not many points were lost by wiggling ears and shuffling feet! The beautiful flannelgraph pictures captivated the children, and also the "grown-up" children. The evening messages were soul-reaching and soul-satisfying, except where we were dissatisfied with ourselves as Christians.

Mrs. Kurt Knebel, Reporter.

#### Special Holiday Programs at the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin

We at the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., were privileged to hear an inspiring and challenging message about the Cameroons by the Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson on January 12.

We welcomed the New Year with our annual Watch Night service. Our pastor brought us a message taken from the book of Ecclesiastes, the 12th chapter. This was followed by the fellowship hour, which is in charge

of the young people. During the last period, testimonies and prayers were given in thankfulness for the goodness of our Lord.

Our Sunday School Christmas program was held on the afternoon of Dec. 24. A very enjoyable program was given in recitation and musical numbers by all departments. The offering went for the support of our native missionary worker, Noah Ndiko.

On December 12, in connection with our annual election of officers, a fellowship supper was enjoyed by church members and their families. The Men's Brotherhood furnished the turkey and the ladies of the church made pumpkin pies.

We have the Rev. A. V. Hoiriis, formerly of Rhinelander, Wis., as our interim pastor. He and his wife are residing at the parsonage (2417 Hansen Ave., Racine, Wis.).

Mrs. Myron Dudek, Reporter.

### Atlantic Conference

#### Silver Jubilee and 96th Anniversary at the Ridgewood Church of New York

For six months we of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, Long Island, had been working on our Silver Jubilee Celebration. Twenty-five years ago we moved our church to its present location and erected our new edifice. From January 7 to 10, 1951 we commemorated this great event, as well as our 96th anniversary. Through sacrificial giving of money, time and work our sanctuary was re-decorated and many repairs and improvements made throughout the building.

The Rev. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., brought us a very helpful message from Ezra and Nehemiah on the guiding and holding hand of God at the evening service on January 7th, at which time our pastor, the Rev. Paul Wengel, also baptized three believers, bringing the total number of members added during the year to 25.

On January 10 our festivities were climaxed with a dinner. Many former members and friends of the church attended and the program which followed was replete with brief reports from our organizations, messages from Dr. Hazzard, Rev. R. Zimbelman, Rev. J. Deedrick, Mr. Orrin Judd, Mrs. Clara Seibert and Miss Helen Grim-mell. Several fine piano solos and duets and a brass duet beautified the evening. Mr. Wengel read a wonderful letter from Miss Alethea Kose of Chicago's Baptist Missionary Training School who had been invited but was unable to be with us.

On the communion table before us stood the chalices and decanters of our original communion service, reminders of sacred fellowship around the Lord's table through the years. Reverently the meeting concluded as the choir sang the "Hallelujah Chorus."

Marion von Ahnen, Reporter.

## Northern Conference

### Immanuel Church of Morris, Man., Reflects on Recent Trying Days and Experiences

With the entrance of 1951 we of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, Canada, look back over the past year and become fully conscious that its memories will linger long. No doubt, there may be such who haven't heard much of Morris since the days when it made headlines in the 1950 Red River Flood. With a grateful heart we wish to thank all who so kindly remembered us in material ways and prayed for us in the time of need.

In 1948 our little town adopted a slogan for publicity: "Let's put Morris on the map." How vain man's efforts prove to be when the hand of the Lord takes hold! God manifested this truth to us as well as the fact that he was speaking to us valley people with a mighty voice that we should seek first the Kingdom of God!

Slowly our town is emerging from the silt so that today only a few buildings remain in the condition in which the murky waters left them. Possibly the words will come true: "Devastated, Morris, 1950. More beautiful, Morris, 1951."



Mr. and Mrs. William Kramlich of Colfax, Wash., on the occasion of their recent golden wedding anniversary celebration.

Our church deeply regretted the leaving of our pastor, the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, and his family. They were most beloved and it was only that the Lord was calling them into this all important work of immigration that we resolved to accept their decision. We are, however, happy and appreciate that they visit us often and that Brother Sturhahn supplies our pulpit whenever possible.

Lynda Rempel, Reporter.

### Evangelistic Meetings and Watch Night Service at Carbon Baptist Church of Alberta

From Nov. 7 to 19 the Carbon Baptist Church and Station Zion at Car-

bon, Alberta, held evangelistic meetings. The Rev. George Robinson who is associated with the Sunrise Gospel Hour in Calgary and who is a member of our Wetaskiwin church was our evangelist. He is a fundamental Bible student who brought us fine messages. Thirteen persons confessed Christ as their Savior. Since we did some personal evangelistic house visitation during the summer and since we also took part in the Union evangelistic campaign during the summer in Drumheller, 21 converts are now ready to follow the Lord in baptism.

On New Year's Eve we assembled in the Zion Baptist Church for our Watch Night service. The members of 50 years and over rendered two very beautiful numbers in song. Mr. J. A. Ohlhauser, one of the deacons and one of the charter members of the church, gave a brief historical sketch of the founding of the church. All branches, such as Sunday Schools, young people's societies, Ladies' Missionary Society, the choirs, and the men's chorus were represented. All took part and did so well that the service of more than two hours was much too short. At the close of this part of the program, the chairman of the deacons, Mr. J. A. Ohlhauser, took over and after a short talk to the pastor, he presented the minister with the key to a new 1950 Chevrolet automobile. These gifts of

love revealed to us that our people love the Lord and his work. How much better it is for the pastor and his wife to go about and to do the work in this great, God-given mission field!

The last hour from 11 to 12 A.M.

#### ATTENTION, REPORTERS!

All reports to be eligible for publication must be sent within one month after the event and should be limited, if possible, to 250 words.

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was under the leadership of the C.T.I. students who were home during their Christmas vacation. They rendered a very fine program of beautiful instrumental music, singing and a play, entitled, "Words." At the end of this program the pastor took over and after a period of silent prayer and singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" this wonderful and blessed Watch Night service came to a close.

Jacob G. Rott, Pastor.

## Pacific Conference

### Golden Wedding Anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kramlich of Colfax, Washington

On January 10, 1951, it was 50 years since Mr. and Mrs. William Kramlich of Colfax, Wash., were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. On the 7th of January they had their celebration as a family. A sumptuous anniversary dinner was prepared by their children at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Kramlich, Jr. As a church we planned secretly to give them a surprise celebration on this very memorable day.

On Tuesday evening, January 9th, the members of the church observed this day in a festive way. Mr. and Mrs. Kramlich and the minister's family had been invited to a supper at the home of their eldest son, William, and his family. Later in the evening the people gathered at the church and then, in a group, came to the home, where the guests of honor were quietly visiting.

Sincere words of congratulation and best wishes were spoken by all those present. Under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. F. E. Klein, a fitting program was presented. Two granddaughters, Marianne and Virginia Kramlich, sang a duet. The pastor congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Kramlich in the name of the church and gave a short address on the words: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name." Virginia also played a beautiful song on her saxophone. The pastor read an appropriate poem and dedicated it to the couple. As a token of our congratulations and best wishes as a church, the pastor presented the guests of honor with a very lovely golden wedding anniversary wreath. Mrs. Klein rendered a vocal solo and Rev. R. M. Klingbeil also gave a short address. Mrs. A. O. Krueger baked a beautifully decorated golden wedding cake and presented it to the bride and groom.

Brother Kramlich spoke words of deep appreciation for this celebration and told us many interesting things out of the rich experiences of their life. Repeatedly he mentioned how gracious and good the Lord has been to them on their journey of life together. Brother and Sister Kramlich are sincere Christian people and are highly respected in the church and community. May God's richest blessing and mercy keep and sustain our brother and sister for many years.

F. E. Klein, Pastor.

### Parable of Talents Reenacted by the Dorcas Guild, Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon

The Dorcas Guild of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., has just completed the second year of its existence. It has been a very profitable year also. The membership of the Guild is now 40.

As a project of the year, each member received a dollar from the treasurer, which she invested in some way. This was the Parable of the Talents brought up to date. The ingathering of these talents amounted to the sum of \$421.42. Surely, God has bountifully blessed our humble efforts beyond our greatest expectations.

At the annual potluck dinner in November the following officers were elected: Alice Pohl, president; Arpa Schmunk, vice-president; Martha Becker, secretary; and Anna Marie Kurtz, treasurer.

Adeline Rocks, Secretary.

## Dakota Conference

### Sixteen Converts Baptized on New Year's Day at Wishek, North Dakota

The First Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., was the scene of an impressive baptismal service on Monday evening, January 1st. A fine crowd assembled early and filled the church to capacity to witness this event. Everyone took hold of the opening hymn, "He Leadeth Me," and sang along lustily.

The Scripture passage, Matt. 3: 1-17, rolled back centuries to the banks of the Jordan, where John the Baptist baptized Jesus, upon whom the spirit descended when he came out of the water. A male quartet sang, "Jesus Paid it All," depicting the great price for the salvation of lost souls. In the evening prayer the Throne of grace was petitioned in behalf of all followers of the Master. An offering of \$765.88 was given for the building fund. Mr. E. W. Herr presided at the piano during the offering as well as for the evening service. A German hymn, "Mein Leben für Jesu," sung by the quartet had a special message for the German friends.

The Rev. Ervin J. Faul, pastor, spoke appealingly and earnestly on the meditation, "He That Believeth and Is Baptized." While the pianist played appropriate music, sixteen candidates: Howard Stien, Dale Ketterling, Richard Bettenhausen, Douglas Herr, Robert Stading, Ben Stading, Leslie Moser, Curtis Moser, Darlene Herr, Wilma Hagel, Jean Sukut, Nancy Herr, Priscilla Pudwill, Ella Bettenhausen, Frieda Ulmer, and Judy Fandrich, stepped down into the baptismal waters in obedience to the Lord's command.

The hand of fellowship was extended to them afterwards, and they were welcomed into the church. A communion service followed.

Ervin J. Faul, Pastor.



Members of the Dorcas Guild of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, with Mrs. Alice Pohl, president, fourth from left in front row.

### Blessings of God at the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, North Dakota

The revival meetings last November at the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, N. Dak., with Rev. G. Splinter were blessed of God. Nine souls were saved. On January 7 three churches held a Union baptismal service at the Fessenden Baptist Church. We baptized four married people and a young girl. Our membership now has tripled since our coming to Harvey a little over two years ago.

Last December we drew up and adopted a church covenant and constitution. The church is now well organized in all its departments and we believe it is functioning exceptionally well. We are happy to announce that we have five young people at Bible Schools this winter. Others are planning on going next Fall.

From January 8 to 12 we had a week of Bible study and prayer. Mrs. A. Buhler taught "Red Road of Redemption" the first hour, and the pastor, Rev. A. Buhler, instructed in "Home and Personal Evangelism." The studies were enthusiastically received and the attendance was most gratifying.

The following week the brethren of the church built a lovely study and a fruit and vegetable room in the basement of the new parsonage. The study is finished in knotty pine and has ample shelf space for the pastor's library. Our records at the annual church business meeting showed such a wonderful balance for both the church and building fund treasuries that it was decided to send an extra \$1000 to Forest Park toward the repayment of the loan over and above the regular quarterly payments. The explanation is simple. Most of our people are tithers or else this would not have been possible.

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 28, the pastor began a series of messages on "The seven sayings of the Savior on the cross." Simultaneously there was a brief series of messages in the evening services on "The Voice of the Devil."

A. Buhler, Pastor.

### Evangelistic Meetings Conducted by Rev. H. Palfenier at Plum Creek Church, South Dakota

Evangelistic meetings were conducted by the denominational evangelist, the Rev. H. Palfenier, from Jan. 7 to 18 at the Plum Creek Baptist Church, near Emery, S. Dak., with large congregations attending. Mr. Palfenier had a special children's story every evening before the evangelistic sermon. It was a special blessing for all to see what the Lord can do through the children. We thank the Lord for our evangelist who brought these inspiring messages that were so uplifting to us in these dark days. It is good to know that God's children can still rejoice in the salvation of our God.

Our prayer is that we may be drawn closer to the Lord. We are also praying that the Lord may soon give us another shepherd to lead his flock. We praise the Lord for the two converts who accepted the Lord. Our love offerings during these two weeks were \$641.67 which goes for missions. May the Lord bless the givers and many many souls be saved through the evangelist whom we learned to love!

Fred Triebwasser, Church Clerk.

## Southwestern Conference

### The Programs of the Holiday Season at the Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas

The holiday season was a joyous one for the First Baptist Church at Lorraine, Kans. Missionaries George and Alma Henderson arrived in the community on December 23. They brought their greetings to the Sunday School as part of the White Christmas service on Sunday morning, Dec. 24. At the traditional pageant presented on Christmas Eve the church was honored to have four missionaries in their midst. Besides the Hendersons, the Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom of the Cameroons Mission Field was the Cameroons Mission Field was

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though you are looking forward to heaven."

Deeply moved, Tom struggled desperately to get away from his increasing conviction. The Spirit continued speaking to him. This time it was about Ann.

"Tom, you know that Ann is not a Christian. You have been making excuses, thinking that she would be different if you were to marry her. You are conceited to think that you have any power to change her. Remember that you are expressly commanded not to be unequally yoked with an unbeliever."

Tom wiped his forehead with his handkerchief. His tongue moved over his parched lips as these words seared his heart. He shut off the radio with an angry gesture. Then he went to his room and took his Bible from the shelf.

It was no accident that he turned to 2 Corinthians 6 and began to read. When Tom reached the seventeenth

verse he stopped and read it again and again: "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you."

Tom began to see the importance of the last part of the verse — "and I will receive you." That was a bit strange to him until he understood the meaning of the entire verse. He was being commanded to come out and to be separate and then the Lord would receive him.

At that moment Tom knew that two things were necessary. He had to do something about the All State risk and about Ann. It would not be easy and immediately the devil began to tempt Tom.

"Listen," he said, "are you forgetting that if you leave your job on such flimsy pretext as that you might never get another job? You will have wasted all your experience and you'll have to shift to another field. It'll mean you have to start over again and it may take you years to make up the lost time."

Tom felt the force of the argument. He could see the difficulty in finding another job. He began to realize the cost of obeying the command of the Lord. Weighed in the balance, Tom felt ready to pay the price.

Then temptation came again, "Have you forgotten, Tom, that there are still other considerations. You do not have much money now. What will you do? Suppose you cannot get another job soon? Or suppose you do get another job but with considerably less pay? Come! Don't be foolish and sacrifice a good job because of a few silly scruples. After all it really isn't your fault. You are only obeying orders. It is the responsibility of your boss and the manager. Your conscience is free from any stain of guilt."

Tom listened more carefully to this argument, swayed by the force of it. Then slowly and deliberately the devil threw into the argument his strongest temptation. "Remember, Tom, that you have your mother. You owe her everything. You wouldn't want her to suffer." (To Be Continued)



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# The Easter Offering

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- **For what purpose?** — That the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord and Savior, might be proclaimed to all peoples everywhere through our Missionary and Benevolent Ministry.
- **When will it be received?** — In all North American Baptist churches from

**Palm Sunday, March 18, to Easter Sunday, March 25.**



A medicine man of Africa surrounded by other men of the village prepares "a powerful medicine" to heal a sick woman in the tribe.

- **Why should I give?** — "God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work. As a man purposeth in his heart, so let him give; . . . for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:8 and 7.

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