

The New Edifice of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

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Century.

the main auditorium of the Baptist Temple in Philadelphia, Pa., was dedicated with President Harry Truman bringing the dedication message. This chapel was dedicated in memory of four chaplains who went down off Greenland with their torpedoed troopship, the Dorchester, in World War II. They were two Protestants, a Roman Catholic and a Jew. The \$300,000 chapel, built with the donations of more than 10,000 persons of all faiths, was the dream of Dr. Daniel A. Poling, father of the Rev. Clark Poling, one of the Protestant chaplains who perished. President Truman said that "our soldiers in Korea are making sacrifices in the spirit of the four chaplains in defense of the good religious faiths which make this chapel a place of worship."

• From Egypt, the land whose skies were darkened in Moses' day by swarms of locusts, comes word of the beginnings of what may prove to be another great locust plague - perhaps the worst in a quarter of a century. Threat of crop destruction hangs over vast areas of Africa and southwest Asia, bringing with it the possibility of famine for millions. Already the battle to control the hordes of grasshopper-like insects has begun but the outcome is by no means certain. The locusts began gathering last summer. Their numbers increased as abnormal rains in Saudi Arabia provided favorable conditions for breeding. Unless a sufficient number of insects can be killed before they are big enough to fly, they will spread over millions of miles within a few months. - Moody Monthly.

• On his recent six-month tour of the United States and Canada, Toyohiko Kagawa of Japan made around 400 addresses in some 150 cities, reaching an estimated 300,000 persons, according to the report issued by the Kagawa National Committee. As a result of the tour, \$61,000 was contributed for Dr. Kagawa's work in Japan. The money will be used largely for the erection of chapels in rural areas. An additional \$5,000 is expected from communities which have not yet reported. Emerson O. Bradshaw, who traveled with Dr. Kagawa, reported that the Japanese Christian leader received great ovations wherever he went. The largest single offering came from Charlotte, N. C., where \$3,500 was contributed for the work in Japan. The Kagawa committee will continue its work in this

Recently a 200-seat chapel under country and in Japan. — Christian

• The youngest Christian community in Egypt has built the biggest church in the Middle East. It is the Cairo Evangelical Church, situated on Ismailia Square, cultural and administrative center of the metropolis. The church is so tall that its cross can be seen from many districts and from across the Nile River. Although the stained-glass windows are still to come from Italy and the benches are not complete, services have been held for some months. The auditorium has a capacity of 2,000 and is nearly always full on Sunday. Responsible for the church's success is its pastor, Rev. Ibrahim Sayeed. Although the membership of the church is only 350. most of those who attend Sunday services are Coptic Orthodox and Moslems who come to hear the gospel preached. - Watchman-Examiner.

• In the last issue of the "Prairie Overcomer," a publication of the Prairie Bible Institute, Canada, the following is reported: Dr. William Chisholm, a Korean missionary, evacuated to Japan passed on this account in Tokyo: At the outbreak of the Korean conflict when the American military authorities took charge of the prison at Seoul they felt they should provide the 600 prisoners with some chaplains. In order to ascertain the religious preferences of the men they asked them whether they desired as chaplain a Buddhist, a Confucianist, a Roman-Catholic, or a Protestant. Here is the summary of their choices: Buddhist, 4; Confucianist, 2; Roman-Catholic, none; Protestant, 594. Upon inquiry as to the reason for their overwhelming choice of the Protestant Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio, faith, the authorities received this for additional suggestions for Mother's

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FRONT COVER

The new edifice of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., has been built at a cost of \$225,000. The sanctuary will be used for the first time on Easter Sunday. Dedication Sunday will be on April 29th or May 6th. Later when the educational unit has been completed, the entire cost will be \$300,000. The Rev. Arthur Mc-Ash is the pastor. The church is located at 21001 Moross Road, Detroit, Mich.

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ASTER is the great festival of spiritual power in the Christian calendar. On the first Easter Sunday God's power was revealed "when he raised Christ from the dead" (Ephesians 1:20). Every observance of Easter reminds us that we "may know him, and the power of his resurrection" (Philippians 3:10). It is remarkable that the first words of the risen Lord to his disciples when they met him in Galilee following his resurrection were these recorded in Matthew 28:18 — "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

This power that has its source in God is symbolized by the new budding life of Springtime. The grass of the fields, the new leaves on the trees and the sprouting plants of the garden tell their own story that a resurrection is taking place in nature and also that the power of the great Creator God is behind every living thing. That is the symbolic beauty of Easter Sunday with flowers bedecking the church platforms in great array.

This power is revealed most fully in Christ's resurrection from the dead. The Easter songs declare that the grave could not hold him and death could not remain as conqueror. The grave opened, the stone was rolled away and Christ arose as VICTOR. "And as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

This is the power of authority that resides in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Risen Savior. He is the only One who has power to forgive sin and to give the assurance of life eternal. Because he became obedient unto death on the cross, "God also hath highly exalted him" (as revealed in Christ's resurrection from the dead) and given him a name which is above every name" (Philippians 2:9). The fact of Easter, proclaimed by the Scriptures and acclaimed by history, presents to us the Lord Jesus Christ as the world's Savior clothed with the power to redeem men from their sins.

There is even more to this revelation of power in Christ's resurrection from the dead. His promises were now actualities. His life was a demonstration of the truth he had announced and revealed. By the power of heaven and of earth he could say: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). These words on any other lips would have been a fearful deceit. But as the words of Jesus, against the background of his own resurrection from the dead, they become comfort and peace to troubled souls and eternal life to his disciples.

With this resurrection power Christ sends us forth to go into all the world, everywhere working with his followers and confirming the Word that is preached. That is the abiding glory of Easter Sunday in the hearts and lives of his empowered disciples. Those who share with the Risen Lord the power of his resurrection, have the blessing of Christ's benediction upon them wherever they go: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

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AT EASTER time everyone should nourish his soul with the Bread of Life presented in 1 Corinthians 15, where Paul shared with us his lifechanging experience and the soulanchoring conviction which carried him through every trial and every tribulation to final triumph. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead has been a battleground ever since the soldiers, guarding the sepulchre, were bribed to say that while they slept his disciples came and stole the body! Sleeping men knew what had happened!

THE RESURRECTION BODY

In this chapter ten "ifs" are followed by an emphatic "but" and a tremendous "therefore." Over against the denial of the resurrection, made by some philosophically inclined people in Corinth, Paul set his unequivocal affirmation which has echoed and reechoed down through the centuries: "But now is Christ risen from the dead."

It is idle to speculate how the body of Jesus which left the tomb was changed into the spiritual body that ascended up to heaven. The material substance that is laid into the grave does not make up the resurrection body. We do not wish to carry our deformities into the world to come.

When John D. Rockefeller died, his emaciated body resembled a mummy. When my mother's sweet spirit departed from her overweighted and unshapely body, she was relieved from a great burden. An incubator baby is not going to remain in such confinement through all the ages. A body may be eaten by a tiger, swallowed by a shark or destroyed by fire. "But the body is not the body which is to be, God giveth it a body as it hath future is futile. There is nothing but pleased him!" The resurrection body

THE BAPTIST HERALD **Easter's Great Affirmation**

"Now is Christ risen from the dead." 1 Corinthians 15:20.

By the REV. O. E. KRUEGER, Pastor of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, New York

is raised in glory, in power, in incorruption

Shall we thank God for the Corinthians who denied the resurrection? Without that denial we probably would not have this marvelous chapter. But such a denial was not confined to the Greeks. The Jewish Sadducees made fun of the resurrection and tried to entrap Jesus in their old stock argument about the woman who had married seven brothers in succession. "In the resurrection whose wife will she be?" The answer of Jesus serves us well today. "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God. - God is not the God of the dead, but of the living."

Indeed, the God who brought forth cosmos out of chaos, life out of death, mind out of his own mind (not an automatic byproduct of mud), such a God can continue his creative work and impart to his own a spiritual body, when this physical frame can no longer function.

EASTER'S TRIUMPHAL ARCH

If our great Easter affirmation is branded by some as wishful thinking, we may say as much of some who deny the Easter message. The thought about the resurrection and all its implications may make them uncomfortable. They may not want to reap what they have sown. The man who wants to die like a dog has possibly lived like one. On the other hand, there are many who live a wonderfully fine ethical life, who never expect to wake up in another world. They do not carry out logically the old maxim quoted by Paul: "Let us eat and drink; tomorrow we die."

With the denial of the resurrection several conclusions cannot be escaped. "If there be no resurrection, then Christ is not risen." That means that the best man who ever came into the world, only to receive the dirtiest deal at the hands of man, is blotted out. God does not care what happens to him! "If Christ be not risen, then our preaching is vain." It is empty, meaningless! All the declarations from thousands of pulpits are nothing but wind! Let the Communists take over! "And your faith is also vain." It has no meaning. Your faith in God is anchored in air; your faith in the blackness ahead.

"Yea, and we are found false witnesses." Men who give their lives for truth cannot be trusted; they are liars. What would life in a world like that be worth? "If Christ be not raised up, ye are yet in your sins." If it all ended in a blackout, the cross of Calvary is futile. Our salvation was not completed on a hill, but in a garden. "If Christ is not risen from the dead, then are they also that are fallen asleep in Christ perished." Hope is completely blotted out. "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable."

In our smug easy Christian life, sheltered from all affliction, we may sometimes feel that it would pay to live the Christian life even if the grave would end it all. But Paul throws in the question: "If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage is it to me?" "But now is Christ risen from the dead!" That keystone of the triumphal arch is firmly set, and the arch stands. Without it the arch would collapse.

FAITH IN IMMORTALITY

To confirm our faith in immortality we draw on many sources. The American Indian tells us about "the happy hunting grounds." We attend a Chinese funeral and find preparations of food for the journey of the departed. The Egyptian pyramids, the tombs of the great Pharaohs, fill us with awe. "Hope springs eternal in the human breast."

We may urge the scientist to go a step farther. If matter is indestructible, why should not the soul be? If life pushes upward from the primordial cell to man, why should it stop there and end in a decline and a blackout? Why not go on from there to completion? If the sense of justice is written deep in our soul, why not assume that it must find completion in another world, since it is in such a state of confusion in this world? If the psychiatrist tells us his patients do better in the atmosphere of religion, we would expect him to embrace it himself.

As for our conviction concerning the resurrection of Jesus, we accept the experiences of witnesses whom we trust. Ten times he is reported to

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The Matchless Christ, Our Risen Lord

"Christ is all, and in all." COLOSSIANS 3:11

HE MOST CRUCIAL test of any normal human life is its attitude toward Christ. Jesus spent most of his teaching ministry preparing his disciples for that test. Then he looked almost surprised, yet exceedingly happy, when Peter made that great confession: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matt. 16:16). That recognition became the anchor of Peter when he was later tossed about by the waves of failure.

What we think of Jesus determines to a large degree what we now are and what we shall be. He is the electric touch that brings life and light to us personally, to our homes and families, to our church, to our nation, yea, to our universe. It is in him that we really live and move and have our being, for he is all, and in all. In him all things consist. Outside of him, life becomes aimless and void.

THE CENTER OF CREATION

We are not anxious to pick an argument with science, nor are we trying to refute its findings which have aided us greatly in understanding our universe. It has told us many things about the development of the earth and other planets. But science, when it speaks with an honest voice, declares itself unable to say anything about the origin of the universe and life. Its solutions are merely conjectures. There are only two roads open. Either we take the road of impossible explanations, which results in an endless torment of mind and soul, or we take the road of faith which J. Arthur Thomson describes so well when he says: "If we say, as we have said long ago, 'in the beginning' was Mind' we may be expressing or trying to express a great truth, but we have gone beyond science."

It is by "faith," says the writer of Hebrews, that "we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God . . ." (Heb. 11:3). John tells us that this Word became flesh and tabernacled among us in Jesus Christ.

What holds the planets in their orbits? What makes the bodies of matter cling together? What makes this universe a cosmos? We say it is gravitation, cohesion and natural law. These three factors combine to give us order in the world. Paul, however, tells us that it is the power of Christ which makes all things hang together (Col. 1:15-17).

We have said that the earth is the

But for Paul neither is the real center. The earth, he maintains, was made for Christ. It is the arena where humanity struggled hopelessly against the forces of sin and destruction. Here Jesus came to live, teach, die and rise again with this one aim in mind: to set us free from the bondage of death. That is why he is the center of the universe

indescribable brutality.

Then he reflected upon Jesus. Here was also a man, but more than a man. Here was one who with his pierced hands had lifted empires off their hinges. And what was his driving power? Was it not that all-conquercenter of the universe. We were wrong ing love for sinners? Empires come and found that the sun was its center. and go, but his empire shall stand for-

A Stirring Sermon on a Timeless Text by the REV. JOE SONNENBERG of Camrose, Alberta, Canada



THE CENTER OF HISTORY

Christ is the central figure because even our reckoning of time was changed on account of him. There are miracles in history if we would only stop to see them. These, however, converge toward or radiate from the divine focus, Jesus Christ.

Napoleon, that military genius, did some of his noblest thinking, not on the battlefields, but on the island of St. Helena. It is stated that he here compared his own life with those of another day, who had changed the course of the parade of history. He reviewed the life of Alexander the Great, of Caesar, of Charlemagne and others. These, like himself, had founded great empires. But how? thought he. Upon what did their genius depend? They, like he, had built empires upon savage force and

ever. The great figures of history live and die. In many cases a curse is placed upon the grave where they rest. Jesus, however, lives on, and there are thousands who would die for him, and for his cause. In history, HE has no equal!

THE CENTER OF REVELATION

Take your Bible to hand and study it carefully. In Genesis he crushes the head of the serpent. In Leviticus he appears prophetically as the Perfect Offering. In Numbers he is the Star and Scepter. In Deuteronomy he is the sure Rock. In Joshua he is the Captain of the victorious host. In Job he is the Great Redeemer whom Job would trust though death overtake him. In the Psalms he leads David as a faithful Shepherd, and protects him as the all-powerful Lord. In Isaiah he is a Wonderful Counselor, a Mighty God, and because he is slain like a dumb lamb, he becomes the Prince of peace. In Zechariah he springs up as the Branch. In Malachi he is the Sun of righteousness, which we can see rising in the eastern sky.

In the gospels he walks and talks with us. In the epistles of Paul he is the supreme quest of the heart and soul. In Revelation he is the Alpha and the Omega, the morning Star which foreshadows a new and better day for God's people. In God's program of revelation, Jesus is the heart. He is the sum and substance of all that which it has pleased the Father to reveal unto us.

THE CENTER OF A SATISFIED LIFE

Our world is sick with unrest. The genius of science and intellect have not brought tranquillity to our souls. A mother's broken heart, broken by the news which relate the death of her son in Korea, cannot be healed by the intellectual and scientific surgery of our day. It requires the touch of the Master's hand which alone can bring healing. That alone can restore the torn and broken shreads. Without that touch life remains a lost chord.

Is it not a fact that every truly satisfied life has enthroned at its center the Lord of glory? It is he alone who can remove the venom of sin, these germs of destruction. No amount of reasoning, no amount of education and legislation can remove the sting of conscience. We cannot forgive ourselves. Only Christ can

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The Revival of Biblical Faith

The first of a series of six interpretive articles, based on the lectures delivered at the North American Baptist Seminary Convocation at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in November 1950

By DR. RALPH E. KNUDSEN, Dean of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley, California

HE BIBLE is the book of faith, and without it and its message life breaks and disintegrates. The contemporary seen and known but also to move be- haustion, such as a de-personalization culture with its assumption that youd the known to the unseen as a of life or the shift from the person to whatever works is true and good is open to serious question. Faith cannot be discounted because it does not produce results which a statistical age can compute with readiness. Baron Von Huegel used to insist that one of the ways by which truth was proved was by a long range, many sided "fruitfulness." Tangibility is no criterion for faith.

A RELIGION OF ABSOLUTES

Biblical faith accepts the possibility and also the reality of absolutes and refuses to interpret life merely by relativism. A religion without some absolute makes God seem weak and faith vapid. Absolute truth is not congenial to many Americans, and the general assumption that one idea is about as good as another idea is not only not true but dangerous. Sincerity alone is not enough, for some people have been sincere for the wrong.

The Apostle Paul was as ardent and sincere when on the way to Damascus as when he preached in Athens. The Communists today are extremely sincere but tragically wrong. A Christian who had a deep concern for a Communist friend went to see him and with his Bible sought to convince him that the Christian way was right. After a few hours to- potent in the leadership of this day.

gether the Christian emerged with a book by Marx under his arm. Faith has the capacity to trust what can be reality as real as any possible to man.

The contemporary life has been most cruel to much theological thinking during the first third of the twentieth century. Many become concerned to square God with the table of the scientists. So God became an imminent world process or something else which did not enhance his personality nor inspire man's faith. Many preferred the religion of Jesus to the religion about Jesus. The superridiculed. The dream of a kingdom of God born out of social progress man has been readily shaken by facts instead of idle dreams.

DOUBT AND SKEPTICISM

Two world wars have crushed much faith which was unduly optimistic and biblically unreal. General world which would not destroy itself must be based on theological or spiritual reality. Contemporary scientists have been telling the church that today it is either Christ or atomic dust. Military men and scientists have issued the call for the religious forces of the world to arise and to become

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY NEWS By DR. GEORGE A. LANG, President

The second semester of our school year began on Tuesday, January 23rd. Six new students enrolled in our theological and pre-theological departments. Thus, with adjustments we have at present 55 students, bringing our enrollment for this year to just about sixty. This is the best enrollment that we have had for many, many years.

We are also receiving many prospects for next Fall. This is most encouraging for it is quite early as yet. Unless something unforeseen should happen, we look forward to about the same enrollment or possibly even larger this Fall.

We are well pleased with the buildings as they stand today. The interior is just beautiful. Every visitor makes favorable comments about the beauty and practical arrangement of the buildings. We can justly be proud and thankful of this wonderful memorial to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to the devotion of our people to him and our denomination.

The world found itself after two wars in "spiritual exhaustion," Certain consequences followed our exthe group. So we thought of group thinking, group action and group salvation. Doubt and skepticism flourished in the troubled waters of religious indecision and exhaustion. Fear crept into men's souls concerning the immediate and also the future. Whenever fear supplants faith, the dread of the unknown hounds man to despair.

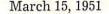
Dr. C. J. Hambro, Norwegian delegate to the League of Nations and a natural in revelation was ignored or president of the Assembly, wrote its epitaph in 1935 when he said, "Here in Geneva we have every fear but supported by faith in the goodness of the fear of God." Lives which are organized about a spiritual vacuum do not stand in times of storm. The world had too long tried to live on a faith in "God as power" instead of the biblical revelation that "God is love." The emptiness which power has brought to our day has driven MacArthur expressed a profound the sober-minded to a new search for truth when he insisted that a new a God worthy of faith and capable of remaking broken life.

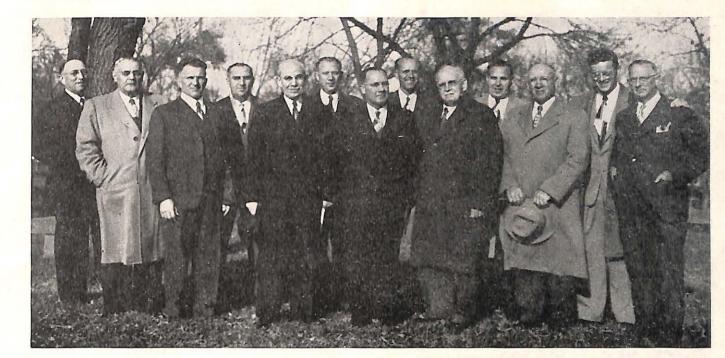
John A. Mackay in "Theology Today" (April, 1945, page 5) said, "Never must the church sponsor a balanced, eviscerated, spineless statement of confessional theology. It must give birth in this revolutionary transition time to a full blooded, loyally biblical, unashamedly, ecumenical, and strongly vertebrate system of Christian belief."

The rise of Barth and the development of the neo-orthodoxy movement indicate the upsurge from a faithdeadness to a revived interest in the Bible and its God. Truly for Barth the Bible opened a new world, the world of God, and his works have opened the Bible and faith for many others. Time will not permit to mention many others who in confusion and determination found a biblical faith for life.

AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE

Biblical faith is not a new discovery but a basic emphasis of a quality life which is the product of faith in God. As a matter of fact, it is as old as man who sought to escape from God. Evangelical Christianity believes that





faith in the validity and authority of scholar to study all its parts minutely in order to arrive at its most exact meaning. Modern interpreters are and present, who gave, and are giving, time and energy to the discovery of new truths in this old book.

high regard for the Bible, but alongside the Bible it placed church tradition as of equal value. During this period there was really no serious attempt made to study the Bible independently and to arrive at any biblical theology. Thomas Aquinas made a synthesis of reason and the Bible but it did not lead him to an independent study of the Bible. The mystics, in an attempt to develop the New Testament books for their own purposes.

With the coming of the reformers and the Reformation, the Bible was given a new place in the study and in the church. Some of the pre-reformers, whose names are not so well remembered, made major contributions to the revival of biblical study. These pre-reformers who dared to break away from a cold and heavy scholasticism, which aimed not at a discovery of more truth but the justification of existing church doctrines by reason, were indeed morning lights of the new day. Much credit must be given to these who called a formal and sterile religious age back to simple biblical fundamentals.

The reformers had a high view of the authority of the Bible. Their use of the Bible was largely exegetical. baptists soon restated some great

the Bible furnishes the basis for faith In their expositions they were seek- truths which had been forgotten and and the direction for practice. Such ing to discover the truth of God amidst their religious decay and conthe Bible has sent the Christian fusion. The profound respect for Scripture did not hinder them from expressing views which today might class them as "higher critics." Martin deeply indebted to the scholars, past Luther said, "Many sweat to reconcile St. Paul and St. James, as does Melanchthon in his apology, but in vain. Faith justifies and faith does not just-In medieval days the church had ify contradict each other flatly. If any one can harmonize them I will give him my doctor's hood and let him call me a fool."

The Loci Communes by Melanchthon was at least a theological beginning. In this work he sought to show the points which were common to all biblical writers. There were others who also wrote during this period with a somewhat similar point of view. The Bible was coming to new devotional life, made studies of some life and making new life among the peoples of Europe.

PROTESTANT BIBLICAL STUDY

Protestant biblical study was for some time largely exegetical. The Catholic attack upon the reformation group forced them into an apologetic response in which the Bible was used in most ingenious ways. This gave rise to the use of the proof text method for doctrinal support, which placed the Bible on a level of interpretation where it could be used to support many and varied doctrines. A group came out of the Catholic Church who became known as Ana-

Dr. Ralph E. Knudsen (center) of Berkeley, Calif., the convocation speaker during the dedication services for our new Seminary buildings at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., surrounded by North American Baptist pastors and Dr. William Kuhn to his left.

baptists. They gained their positive and evangelical convictions from a revived study of the Bible to find truth and not mere support for some cherished church beliefs. The Ana-

discarded some doctrines which were tenaciously taught by the church.

The pietistic movement gave emphasis to the reading and study of the Bible. They preferred the Bible to any system imposed upon the Bible. This was a reaction against a dead orthodoxy. In 1675 "Pia Desederia" was published which set forth sad religious conditions and urged as a remedy the circulation and study of the Scriptures. Bengel was one of the outstanding pietistic theologians. It is interesting to note that the idea of progressive revelation goes back to Bengel.

Since the Reformation many scholars have given themselves to extensive study of the Bible. Rationalism with its cold approach sought to interpret all things according to reason and discard all which they termed superstition. The rise of historical interpretation gave a new thrust to biblical study. This school investigated the Scriptures without any pre-conception as to desired results. The aim of investigation was truth.

In the findings of the early Tubingen school it was thought that there was discovered a conflict between the Old and New Testament. The historical critical school sought to explain the differences in the Bible by influences from the outside and suggested that within the Bible there were certain types of religion found, such as Hebraic, Christian and Pauline.

The 19th century emphasized diversity within the Bible through the critical analysis of materials. The types of religion found in the New (Continued on Page 19)

Christ's First Miracle at Cana

A study of John's Gospel, chapter two, and of Christ's expectations of an inner faith that is based on his unique character as Son of God and on his unique mission as the Savior of the world

By DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

EVERAL DAYS after Jesus had gathered the first disciples around him, he accepted an invitation to a wedding in Cana of Galilee. The guests were intoxicated. The steward mother of Jesus had preceded him. John never mentions Mary's name in his gospel. Probably the bride or bridegroom was a friend or relation of the family of Jesus.

In John's day a wedding sometimes extended over a whole week of feasting. The bride and groom became the village king and queen for an entire week. There was eating and drinking, music and dancing.

When Jesus and his followers arrived, a serious difficulty arose. The mother of Jesus sensed the situation and, turning to her son, said: "They have no wine." "Woman," said Jesus. "what have you to do with me? My time is not yet come." The word "woman" implies no rebuke. Jesus also used it on the cross (John 19:26). There is a slight rebuke in the words: "What have I to do with thee?" Jesus desired no interference. His hour of manifesting his glory as Messiah had not yet come.

HEEDING CHRIST'S COMMAND

Nevertheless, Mary sensed that Jesus would do something. So she said to the servants. "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." What a world of wisdom is wrapped up in those words! If all Christians would give heed to Mary's words, we would have a different world.

At the entrance of the home, where the wedding took place were six stone jars for the Jewish rites of purifica-. tion, each holding about twenty gallons. The water in these jars was used for washing the hands, feet and various utensils in the household. Jesus said to the attendants: "Fill up the jars with water." So they filled them brimful. Then he said: "Draw some out now and carry to the master of the feast."

The servants obeyed. And when the steward tasted the water which had been made wine, not realizing the miracle which had taken place, he called the bridegroom and, undoubtedly somewhat provoked, said: "Everybody serves first the good wine,

the poor wine, but you have kept the no wine, there is no joy." good wine until now." This, of course, does not mean that the wedding ence at other wedding feasts.

THE SIGNS OF CHRIST

This first miracle of Jesus was never forgotten. It was the first of his "Signs." A sign was a miracle, an extraordinary deed of Christ. The miracles revealed his glory of divine power and compassion. The following significant sentence brings this first miracle to a close: "and his disciples believed in him."

The first disciples believed on Jesus before they came to the wedding. But they had only an initial faith. Their imperfect faith was strengthened by the miracle. They realized now more than ever that Jesus was the Son of God

The story of the wedding at Cana shows us that Jesus was not a hermit. He believed in times of festivity. He rejoiced with them that rejoice. .We must remember that for the Jews wine was the ancient symbol of joy.

A GROWING FAITH

By DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT

Faith is not only an act, it is also a growth. In the first chapter of John's gospel, the earliest disciples had an initial faith. In the second chapter we see a growing faith (2:11, 22). Their faith was not in any signs but in the Person of the Son of God.

Pierre Loti, a French naval officer and literary genius, but an unbeliever, once wrote: "Those who still bow before the feet of Christ, believe me, these are the only happy people on earth. They know nothing of the anguish of passing time, the anguish of loneliness, and the terror of coming extinction. In default of this faith, could we but anchor ourselves to something, some hope, some immortality — but there is nothing! Outside this ever shining personality of Christ everything is terror and darkness."

and when people have drunk freely, They had a proverb: "Where there is

Jesus was an Oriental among Orientals. He solved a serious difficulty at an Oriental marriage feast. In Jeexpressed what had been his experi- sus' day there was no organized liquor traffic that corrupted politics and government. Today we must oppose a traffic that seeks to undermine our homes and society. As Christians we must believe in the glory of doing without and give others a good example.

After their visit to Cana, the Master, his mother, brothers, and Jesus' disciples went down to Capernaum, a city of commerce, located on the northwest shore of Galilee and spent a few days there.

THE TEMPLE'S FIRST CLEANSING

Because 'the Jews' Passover was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. The holy city was elevated above most of the places in Palestine. The center of attraction for every pious Jew was the temple. Jesus was naturally drawn to his Father's house. But what a sight he beheld in the court of the Gentiles! Instead of silence, he found noises made by men and beasts. Instead of worshippers, he found traders. In place of sacredness, he found desecration. The most sacred place of the Jews had become a marketplace. To his astonishment and dismay he found within the sacred enclosure those who were selling oxen, sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers at their business.

During the Passover many Jewish pilgrims came to Jerusalem. The traffic was very great. The Jews needed to purchase sacrificial beasts, incense, salt and oil. Roman coins had to be exchanged for the sacred shekel, in which the temple tax had to be paid.

Jesus was not opposing temple worship, but the misuse of the temple. He was so filled with a holy indignation that he picked up some loose cords on the ground, made a whip out of them and drove men and beasts out of the temple. The small coins of the brokers were poured on the ground, and he overturned their tables. And to those who sold pigeons, he said: "Take these things away. Do not turn my Father's house into a market."

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The Indian Baptist Chapel on the Montana Reserve near Ponoka, Alberta (left)), and the new schoolhouse for the Montana Reserve being moved to its new location (right), with Joe White and his family of the Bull Reserve in front of their tent (center).

God's Victories Among the Indians

UN HIS KNEES in the kitchen of the missionary's home a Cree Indian, named George Nepoose, confessed his sin before God and accepted Jesus as his personal Savior. George belongs to the Samson Band. He was formerly a Roman Catholic, but now means to have his sins really forgiven. George was under conviction for some time, in fact, for a year or more, ever since he began coming to the Baptist Mission Chapel.

At the opening of the Day School on the Montana Reserve he sent his little eight-year-old girl Sylvia to school which kept him closer to the Baptist Mission Station. He visited the missionaries several times, at which occasions spiritual matters were discussed. Soon afterwards, he asked how he could become a Christian. The Way to God through Christ Jesus was made plain to him and several days later he returned to find Jesus

and to accept him for his own. George needs our prayers. Many temptations will come to him. He realizes it and by God's grace he will win the victory. Before he left the mission home that night, he took out his tobacco and threw it into the stove. He has given up drinking and also other things from which God alone could take the desire away.

His prayer was a humble and broken one, thanking God for taking him as he was and making a new man out of him. He asked God always to lead him in the right way and to use him now to win his aged mother and his brothers and sisters to Christ. We know that God does hear and will answer such prayers when delivered in Jesus' Name.

Special services were held on the Montana and Bull Reserve on New

eral Indians experienced a new joy after the cleansing power of Jesus' blood had made them free. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stoney from the Ermine Skin Reserve were gloriously saved on New Year's Day in the little, old church on the Bull Reserve, Today they have a sparkling testimony of for the first time he knows what it the power of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Mr. Stoney told the missionaries that every day is a happier one. Mrs. Stoney told them that when Jesus forgives, you really know it. They are both beaming with the joy of the Lord in their hearts. Mr. and Mrs. Stoney are about forty years of age and have no children. Their home is very clean and tidy, such that you seldom see. We are blessed and comforted after a visit with them. They are hungry among these people!

WISH it could be the privilege of every one of you to be able to spend a Sunday service with the Indians and their missionaries as we find them stationed on their Reserves in Alberta, Canada.

It was early this morning when we as a group of students from the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton started on our way to the Reserves for a day of services. Let us imagine that you are with us as we arrive at the Montana Reserve where the Neumans are diligently carrying on the work of spreading the Gospel.

If you are observant, you will quickly note that in our missionaries we Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Sev- have a true example of the saying,

A Glorious Report from the Indian Mission Field in Alberta, Canada, by MR. REINHARD NEUMAN, Missionary

> for the Bread of Life and are reading and praying often. Mr. Stoney is deeply interested in his brother, who still is a very staunch Roman Catholic, to win him for Christ. We know that God can and will use them to win others.

> The hand of God is moving and his voice is calling the Indians to himself. God has sent the missionaries here for the same reasons that Jeremiah was called to preach. In Jeremiah 1:10 we read that he was put there to root out sin, to pull down and destroy the idols, and then to begin building up those who confessed and to plant them as a witness for God and the Truth. We can see just that being done among these Indians. Pray that the evangelistic fires may burn even brighter

A Sunday With the Indians

A Missionary Story by MISS LINDA STOBER

"Practice what you preach." I am certain that it is not alone the simply worded and heart stirring messages of Mr. Neuman that touch and melt the hearts of our Indian friends but a great deal is contributed by the example of his daily Christian life. The friendly words, hearty handclasps, the untiring readiness to assist when the Indians need help are great factors in winning them to our Lord.

This morning one of our group brought the message with the help of an interpreter and the hindrance of many little interrupters. By this I mean the youngsters who were too young to understand the message. They haven't any Sunday School (Continued on Page 24)

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-Photograph by Herman Siemund

North American Baptist laymen and their families at their first Laymen's Retreat at Green Lake, Wis., line up in front of the large Abbey silos for the "official photograph."

The 1951 Laymen's Conference

By MR. TED HIRSCH of Minneapolis, Minn., President of Our New Laymen's Organization, "Baptist Men"

strong."

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-OR MANY YEARS a group of laymen from our churches felt the need for the men of our denomination getting together and becoming better acquainted and organized. The thought was that in this way we could better serve our Lord and Master in our respective churches as well as in our denomination. As a result of the laymen's activities at our General Conference at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in 1949 the first steps were taken to promote such a plan. A committee was appointed to study and see just how we could best carry out such a program.

LAST SUMMER'S RETREAT

Last summer at Green Lake, Wis., many of our laymen and their families met for their first Laymen's Conference. We had a total attendance of one hundred and seventy-two people from twenty-five of our churches representing six out of our nine conferences. Here for a marvelous week, in one of God's most beautiful locations, we had the privilege of living together, fellowshipping together and worshipping together with those of kindred minds. Here we were vacationing together with one purpose in mind — that of being drawn closer to our Lord so that we could return to our home churches better prepared to serve him in days such as these.

As a result of the many blessings and fine fellowship at this first Retreat, it was decided that we as laymen organize into an active working force in sur denomination. A constitution was drawn up and adopted, officers were elected (to represent all

Men of the North American Baptist General Conference"

LAYMEN'S OBJECTIVES

'As Baptist Men there are two main objectives we would like to accomplish during this coming year.

First, we would like to get as many men in our churches as possible to organize either a Men's Brotherhood or a Men's Bible Class. We feel that an organization such as this is vital to every active church. It attracts and holds the men, challenging' them to loyalty to Christ and their church. We know that a men's organization will be beneficial to the individual man, his church, his pastor and the community in which he lives.

Secondly, we would like to get all our laymen and families interested in attending this year's conference which is to be held again at Green Lake, Wis., from July 28 to August 4. We begin on the Saturday night, following the Ministers' Retreat, and close on Saturday morning. Those who were in attendance last year are all planning on attending again. We hope and pray that many more of our laymen and families will plan their vacation schedules so they can attend this retreat.

We are planning a wonderful program with fine devotional periods,

CONFERENCE DATES Pastors' Conference at Green Lake, Wis., July 21 to 27, 1951. Laymen's Conference at Green Lake, July 28 to August 4, 1951.

"Watch ye, stand fast in the our conferences), and the name given interesting and enlightening panel faith, quit you like men, be to this new organization was "Baptist discussions, Bible study sessions, challenging testimonies and messages, and inspirational music. The afternoons are open for recreational enjoyment. A fine organized recreational program has been planned for the entire family, such as golf, swimming, tennis and shuffle board.

> The spacious Abbey and Long House will house all the families in single rooms with comfortable bunks. The laymen who came without their families will find lodging in fine dormitory facilities. There will be plenty of home style cooking to satisfy the heartiest of eaters. The cost of this wonderful vacation will be about \$4.25 per day for each adult with reduced rates for children under 12 vears of age.

INFORMATIONAL LITERATURE

In the next few weeks we will be sending our pastors pamphlets and bulletins giving further information about our program and details concerning the grounds at Green Lake. Don't forget to mark your calendar so you can get your vacation from July 28 to August 4.

We would appreciate the cooperation of all our pastors in sending the names and addresses of the president of their Men's Brotherhood or one or two men who are interested in men's work to our secretary, Roland E. Ross, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

We are endeavoring to get a complete mailing list of all these men so that in the future we can send them direct all literature concerning our Baptist Men. Let us all work and pray toward that one goal that our Baptist Men will become a great pillar in our

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EASTER

By NELLIE SUMNER BROOKS

"I am the resurrection and the life, He that believeth in me, though he were dead,

Yet shall he live;" Oh, words with promise rife;

What glory light that Easter sunrise shed!

We trace his footsteps in the springing sod,

His finger touches leaf and bud anew, And lo, - the "annual miracle" of God.

And may his life and light illumine you!

"The resurrection of Jesus is the best attested fact in history. It is the Gibraltar of faith and the Waterloo of infidelity."

-WILLIAM AYER.

THE TWO THIEVES

By L. T. NEWLAND, D.D.

They set his cross upon a hill, That all the world might see; While hate filled full its bitter cup Of taunting mockery. They sought to shame the Son of God In ways beyond belief; He died upon a Roman cross, On either side a thief.

I crucified my Lord today, Like those in days of yore; He asked for love, I set a cross Outside my heart's closed door; And there he hung, my Saviour, Friend,

As once again he died, The Son of God between two thieves--My selfishness and pride.

"In his life, Christ is an example, showing us how to live; in his death, he is a sacrifice, satisfying for our sins; in his resurrection, a conqueror; in his ascension, a king; in his intercession, a high priest."

-MARTIN LUTHER.

A DAILY CALVARY

We like to think of Calvary As being far away, And cast on others all the blame Of crucifixion day.

True, our hands did not wield the scourge.

experience."

side -

A daily Calvary.

Tomb, thou shalt hold him no longer; Death is strong, but life is stronger; Stronger than the dark, the light; Stronger than the wrong, the right; Faith and hope triumphant say, Christ will rise on Easter Day.

While the patient earth lies waking, Till the morning shall be breaking, Shivering 'neath the burden dread Of her Master cold and dead,





Nor nail Him to the tree. Nor thrust the spear into His side That day on Calvary.

But our sins wound the loving Christ And place Him on the tree; Our words of scorn still pierce His

-OLIVE WEAVER RIDENOUR.

"We cannot get people to believe in the Resurrection of Jesus by argument, but only by letting them see Jesus living in us. One ounce of Christian living is worth a ton of argument. The love of God is beyond human ken but not beyond human

-JOHN J. KELLEY.

CHRIST HAS RISEN

Hark! she hears the angels say, Christ will rise on Easter Day.

And when sunrise smites the mountains.

Pouring light from heavenly fountains,

Then the earth blooms out to greet Once again the blessed feet; And the countless voices say, Christ has risen on Easter Day.

-PHILLIPS BROOKS, reprinted from "Moody Monthly."

"To become Christlike is the only thing in the whole world worth caring for; the only thing before which every ambition of man is folly and all lower achievement vain.'

-HENRY DRUMMOND.

HE IS RISEN

He is risen! Earth awakes And her prison house forsakes. Hear the glad bird-voices sing -"Where, O Death, is now thy sting?" Winds their silver trumpets blow -"He hath conquered every foe." Soft the murmuring waters say ----"Lo, the stone is rolled away." He is risen, he is risen, Christ the Lord is risen today.

He is risen! Heart, rejoice, Hear you not the angel's voice? Though you wait beside the tomb, There is light within its gloom: Grave, where is thy victory? He hath set thy captives free, He hath robbed thee of thy prey, They with him shall live alway. He is risen, he is risen, Christ the Lord is risen today. -ANNIE JOHNSON FLINT.

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-Ewing Galloway Photo Easter Sunday proclaims the message that Christ is the Risen and Triumphant Lord, the One who "is all and in all," the fairest "Lily of the Valley," the Source of life and power.



• The Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., has extended a call to the Rev. Robert W. Cook of the Pilgrim Church of Jersey City, New Jersey. He has responded favorably to the call. On Easter Sunday he will begin his pastorate in Bethlehem, succeeding the Rev. Robert Hess, now of the Clinton Hill Church, Newark, New Jersey.

 German choir books of various kinds for mixed choirs and male voices are available at the West Baltimore Baptist Church of Baltimore, Maryland. Most of them are in fair condition. Those who are interested in the books concerning cost and postage should correspond with the Rev. John Kemnitz, 2533 E. Monument Blvd., Baltimore 5, Maryland.

 The Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, observed Youth Week with the Rev. Dale Chaddock of Victor, Iowa, bringing a message on Friday evening, Feb. 2nd. The young people of the church presented the play, "The Lost Church," on Sunday evening, Feb. 11. From March 12 to 16 the Rev. William H. Jeschke, pastor of the Sumner church, conducted evangelistic meetings at the First Baptist Church of Plainfield, Iowa.

A great youth rally was held in the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Sunday evening, Feb. 4, with the church's Gospel Hour combined with the young people's C.B.Y. Fellowship Hour. The missionary play, "Better Than Gold," about the Gospel of Christ among the Gypsies of Bulgaria was presented by the young people as a feature of Youth Week. The Rev. Daniel Fuchs is pastor of the church.

From March 7 to 11 the ninth annual Missionary Conference was held by the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., on the theme, "Redeeming the Time." The Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson and Miss Ruby Salzman of our Cameroons mission field in Africa were among the ten guest speakers of the program. The mission needs of the world were presented dramatically and forcefully by the stirring messages, missionary pictures, exhibits and literature. Dr. A. Dale Ihrie, pastor, was in charge of the services.

• Dr. Arthur A. Schade of Huron, S. Dak., has resigned as the executive secretary of the South Dakota Council of Churches, effective March 1st. He is now serving as the executive

EASTER OFFERINGS

The Easter Offering will be received in North American Baptist churches from Palm Sunday, March 18, to Easter Sunday, March 25.

Colorful posters have announced that the offering will be designated for our missionary and benevolent ministry.

Easter offering envelopes have been sent to all churches for use by our church members.

LET US GIVE AS UNTO THE **RISEN LORD!**

director of the South Dakota Hospital and Home Association. He is in charge of the administration for the new \$250,000 Faulk County Memorial Hospital at Faulkton, S. Dak. A Convalescent Home in the old hospital buildings is also a possibility. Dr. and Mrs. Schade will continue to live in Huron for the present. They are members of the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak.

• The West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., has extended a call to the Rev. George Neubert of Bessie, Okla., to which he has responded favorably. He read his resignation to the Bessie congregation on Sunday, Jan. 28. Mrs. G. L. Meier, clerk of the Bessie church, expressed the regret of that church in losing its pastor who has served them since 1944: "Brother Neubert has been a faithful servant of God. We have had many wonderful hours in fellowship together with him and his family. Our

MR. DONNER'S 90th BIRTH-DAY ON APRIL 13

On April 13, 1951 Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, observe his 90th birthday. For more than 30 years he was the business manager of our Publication Society. He is still enjoying good health and a radiant Christian faith. The Publication Board will honor Brother Donner at its annual session to be held later in April. Those who want to remember his birthday with cards or letters may address him at 3172 Warrington Rd., Shaker Heights 20, Ohio.

prayer is that the Lord will bless them in their new church."

• A Leadership Training Class for members of the Fleischmann Memorial and Pilgrim Baptist Churches of Philadelphia, Pa., was held at the Fleischmann Memorial Church from Feb. 5 to 9 with a large attendance of leaders. Dr. Robert G. Torbet of the Eastern Baptist Seminary faculty conducted the course on an "Historical Survey of American Baptist Missions." The Rev. Walter C. Damrau of the Pilgrim Church taught the course, "Developing a Youth Program in the Local Church." "What Baptists Believe" was taught by the Rev. John Crouthamel of the local church. Miss Eva Yung was in charge of the audiovisual presentation each evening.

• The 65th anniversary of the Immanuel Church of Kyle, Texas, was held from Feb. 14 to 18 in connection with the sessions of the North Texas Association. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, was one of the guest speakers. An anniversary booklet was compiled by the Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, pastor, and widely distributed. In the February and March editions of "The Immanuel," a monthly mimeographed church paper, articles appeared by Luther W. Youngdahl, governor of Minnesota, on "Obstacles Faced by a Christian in Politics," and by Harold E. Stassen, president of the University of Pennsylvania on "Christianity and Plans for World Peace."

• At the 6th annual Lenten series held by the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., many guest speakers took part, among them being the Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson of the Cameroons (Feb. 22); Rev. Rudolph Laidolt of Bloomington, Ill.; Rev. John H. Hansen of Springfield, Ill., who also conducted evangelistic services from Feb. 11 to 18; Rev. Willis A. Reed of Canton, Ill.; and Dr. F. W. Bender of Chicago, Ill. A religious sound picture, "Reaching from Heaven," was shown on March 8. A candlelight communion service with the sermon by the pastor, Rev. Frank Veninga, on Thursday evening, March 22, will bring this series of meetings to a close

• The Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., has taken action at a recent business meeting to secure some of the necessary building materials for the completion of its church edifice by the probable date of 1952.

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The congregation is now meeting in its spacious and very comfortable basement church. On Sunday, Feb. 4, the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, was the guest speaker, showing pictures of the Cameroons mission field, the Baptist World Congress, the dedication of the North American Baptist Seminary buildings, and the 1950 Laymen's Retreat at the evening service. The Sunday School attendance on that day was 141. The Rev. L. B. Berndt is pastor of the church.

• On Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 3 and 4, the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, S. Dak., enjoyed the ministry of our Seminary quartet, "The King's Stewards." The young men also sang at the Aberdeen Youth for Christ meeting in the First Baptist Church, and on the radio program conducted by the Rev. R. A. Klein of the Calvary Church. For two weeks from Feb. 12 to 23 Miss McCall, the Child Evangelism Director for South Dakota, conducted a study course and leadership training class for a good sized group of leaders in the Calvary Church. From Feb. 27 to March 4 the Rev. and Mrs. S. Jaque held Bible Studies for the church. On Saturday evening, Feb. 10, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, showed missionary and denominational pictures. He was also the guest speaker at the Sunday morning service on Feb. 11

IN THE COURSE OF EVENTS

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amazing answer: "We want the religion with the Jesus' song." - The Evangelical Christian.

• The Good Will book, prepared by the American Bible Society, representing a token of friendship from America to the people of Japan, has been presented to the Japan Bible Society in a formal ceremony in Tokyo, according to word just received by Dr. Robert Taylor, secretary of the American Bible Society. The two books, beautifully bound in blue, contain signatures of President Truman, governors of 41 states and official representatives of 31 leading denominations, as well as more than 33,000 individual signatures. In Japan, General Douglas MacArthur, officers of the U. S. Army and members of their families signed the book. The total funds, raised through this program, are being used by the American Bible Society to provide the Japan Bible Society with paper, printing and binding materials that printing of Japanese Scriptures may be done in Tokyo. General MacArthur has asked that 10,000,000 Sriptures be printed and distributed in Japan by the end of 1951. - News Release.



YOUTH WEEK - 1951

In many conference areas Youth Week was a great success this year. The theme was, "Christ Calls - In Faith We Serve." We trust the witness of our young people will continue to be a spiritual blessing throughout the year. Watch for Youth Week reports in the "Baptist Herald."

DETROIT SEVEN CHURCH YOUTH RALLY

We congratulate the youth leaders of our Detroit churches for a highly successful seven church youth rally at the Burns Avenue Church on Friday evening, Jan 26. Dave Penner, president of the Central Conference Union, and Mildred Wolfe, council representative, both of Detroit, deserve real credit for a fine program. Mrs. George Henderson, Cameroons missionary, brought greetings. Dr. M. L. Leuschner presented missionary pictures, and Rev. J. C. Gunst brought the message.

TEAM

the leader.

We have a fine supply of excellent mission materials on hand for Junior age use. This material comes in a large variety of stories in a multilith folder, which can be used in: Junior Society meetings Sunday School Mission Stories C.B.Y. Meetings Vacation Bible Schools Woman's Missionary Society Week Day Church Schools Junior Church Meetings. These will be mailed to our leaders for the nominal sum of five cents per copy. Also in booklet form for 35 cents per copy. Order from: Sunday School Union, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois,



Topics for Youth Compass

March 18 - "Crown Him Lord of All" by Mrs. Emma B. Meier, Portland, Ore.

March 25 --- "Easter in Picture, Word and Song" by Mrs. Louise Zoch, Chicago, Ill.

CHICAGOLAND C.B.Y. GOSPEL

The young people of several of our Chicago churches have organized a Gospel Team. This team has visited many of the Chicago area churches including our church at Kenosha, Wis. The team is composed of a song leader, a speaker, a male quartet, a girls' trio and their own pianist. Bill Reich of the Foster Ave. Church is

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION AWARDS

Two additional Scripture memorizers were awarded the Conference Union grand award: Marlene Pepple and Louella Albus of our Calvary Church in Carrington, N. Dak. Mrs. Wilmer Quiring is the Scripture Memory sponsor.

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The C.B.Y. group of the Baptist Church in Underwood, N. Dak., has just undertaken a fine service project. The young people will be in charge of a community library for the towns of Underwood and Riverdale, a population of 1200 and 2500, respectively. This will be a real service to the community. We congratulate our Underwood C.B.Y.

THE NEW C.B.Y. MEMBERSHIP CARD

Something unique, practical and valuable for your C.B.Y .: a new membership card you have been waiting for. Order your supply immediately. The cost is two cents per card. Stamps will be accepted. Order from Commissioned Baptist Youth, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

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A PRAYER FOR THE BEGINNING OF EACH DAY

"O Thou great Companion of our souls, do Thou go with us today and comfort us by the sense of Thy presence in the hours of spiritual isolation. Give us a single eye for duty. Guide us by the voice within. May we take heed of all the judgments of men and gather patiently whatever truth they hold, but teach us still to test them by the words and the spirit of the One who alone is our Master. Amen."

-WALTER RAUSCHENBUSCH.

JUNIOR MISSION MATERIAL



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 everysince her husband had passed away. But Tom got along splendidly with every-body 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. Later Tom saw the error of his ways. He knew that he had to do something about the All State risk and about Ann Barrett. He would quit his job. But the devil be-gan to tempt him by saying: "Remember, Tom, that you have your mother. You wouldn't want her to suffer."

CHAPTER SIX

Y MOTHER!" thought Tom. "Yes, my mother. She counts for something. I've got to think of her!"

Satan must have smiled to himself now. The flame he had lighted was burning bright. The last faggot about Tom's mother helped a lot.

Tom's thoughts turned to Ann. He could not disregard his growing was something about Ann that in-

trigued him; something that made him love her intensely! This love was stronger than the certain knowledge that she was not the kind of a girl that he ought to marry. He closed his eyes and could see her — beautiful and desirable.

Satan followed Tom's thoughts carefully; he was waiting for the best line of attack. Once certain, he began again, "Tom, you have never met a girl like this before. You will never meet one like her again. Forget this foolishness about differences of attitude and enjoy youth and love together."

Now Tom followed this line of reasoning carefully and hopefully. "There's something to that," he thought. "Ann should be a Christian. She's heard the story of salvation, she knows the way, it's only a matter of time and she'll come around - she'll change."

As soon as the devil realized that the argument was practically won, he merely reinforced Tom's own thinking. "Yes, you can be sure that she will be what you expect after you are married."

Slowly the power of Satan exerted itself. The fact that his reasoning was fallacious did not matter. The telling point was that Tom began to believe him. Satan had not respected the truth. He wished to persuade Tom to his way attachment for her. He knew that there of reasoning and to do this he would use any pretext or argument. Satan saw

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himself victorious at this moment mortals could be easily confused over issues which had some truth in them, but were really secondary. Tom had eagerly grasped at the straw of supporting his mother. The primary issue was Tom's righteousness in the matter of the All State risk, but Satan had led him to believe that his mother's support was foremost. And Tom went to bed with his mind almost at peace. He would forget the All State affair and go ahead in developing his friendship with Ann.

Sunday morning Tom and his mother went to church. It was a beautiful sunny day with white clouds and a brisk breeze. It felt good to be alive that morning and Tom was almost happy.

Reverently Tom listened to the music of the organ as it pealed forth its mellow notes and filled the church auditorium. Although the church was not large, the pastor had inculcated in his congregation a sense of reverence for the House of God. The sun streamed through the stained glass windows. The high arched roof, the beautiful interior of the church, the stained glass windows and the vibrant notes of the organ overwhelmed Tom. He felt his own insignificance as though he were suddenly dwarfed. Over and above the appeal to his physical senses was the deep spiritual feeling that God was present.

Tom gladly joined in singing the Doxology. The pastor announced the first hymn, and the familiar strains of "Holy, Holy, Holy," sounded. During the singing of the third verse the Spirit of God spoke to Tom's heart through the hymn:

"Holy, holy, holy! Tho' the darkness hide Thee, Tho, the eye of sinful man Thy glory

may not see: Only Thou art holy; there is none be-

side Thee, Perfect in power, in love, and purity."

Suddenly Tom was aware of the transcendent presence of the Mighty God. Suddenly he caught a vision of His holiness as he had never seen it before.

The congregation receited the Apostle's Creed and then the pastor led his congregation in prayer. The service was no different from a hundred other services that Tom had attended. It was the same pastor; there was the same congregation; he was sitting beside his own mother, but it was not the same.

After the anthem the pastor arose to preach his sermon. He opened the Bible to the third chapter of Paul's epistle to the Colossians and began to read:

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and

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Then in clear, simple terms he began his exposition of the Word. Mr. Bridges was not an eloquent man. He was beloved by his people for his sympathetic spirit, his ability to understand their problems and for his humility.

The first portion of the sermon was all that Tom needed. In fact that was all that Tom heard. It was enough.

"We are in the flesh," said the pastor, "and while we are in the fiesh we are in the world. Yet we are not of the world in the sense that we are to conform to the world. Rather the plain teaching of God's Word is that we are to conform to the spiritual world. 'Flesh' means that we are human and have bodies. But the other not seeking those things which are sin. spiritual; we are delighting more in the things which pertain to the world."

"It is as simple as the idea Jesus expressed when He said, 'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.' If your treasure is on earth, then your heart is also on earth; but if your tearsure is in heaven where it ought to be, then shall your heart be there also."

These words were not inspired by lofty rhetoric, nor were they delivered with fiery oratory or high-powered declamation. There was nothing unusual about them and they had been said many times by the same preacher. Tom himself had read them before: he had heard them from the pulpit; he had mused on them as his parents talked over surrender with him. But now the words had taken on new meaning for they had been impowered by the Holy Spirit.

To Tom it was as blinding an experience as that of Saul on the Damascus road. He was almost blinded by the incomparable holiness and majesty of Almighty God. He was experiencing' what Isaiah had known when he entered the temple and saw the majesty of God compared with his own sinfulness. It was in the light of the holiness of God that Tom Richards saw his own soul. Although this picture of himself flashed across his consciousness in a moment of time it was engraved by the fire of light on his heart forever — forever as a testimony that from that instant his life was transformed.

To say that Tom was ashamed of himself would be an understatement. He was abased beyond anything he had known or understood in previous experiences. He saw his craven attitude in previous experiences. He saw his craven attitude toward sin, his arguments had been pious frauds. In that moment he saw that he had been hiding behind the excuse of supporting his mother. He tried to Tom, "they will immediately see that escape doing that which he had in- my stand is a criticism and, in fact, a tuitively known was the right thing condemnation of what they have

heavenly treasure.

His meditation would have been incomplete if it had not included something about Ann. A pretty face, good manners and beautiful clothes had led him away from God. It was not the outward appearance that counted before God, but the heart attitude. He did not condemn Ann, but he realized that unless she conformed to the same spiritual world, they had nothing in common.

Every doubt that had clouded his heart now vanished. It was not a question of counting the cost! Righteousness was righteousness. Counting meaning of that word is that we are the cost was merely rationalizing one's

There was an inner joy and peace that Tom had not known for many months. He felt like a drowning man "If Christ had counted the cost," who had been pulled from the water thought Tom. "If He had counted the just in time to save his life. In the cost as I have counted the cost, He place of former anxiety and disconwould not have gone to Calvary." tent there was now complete rest and The reality of this awful thought assurance.

gripped his heart and he felt fresh adoration for the Savior of his soul. In the light of holiness, the darkening shadows of cost had faded into oblivion. Tom was seeing Jesus only.

In that hour Tom had no idea what sonally." that cost might be. Had he known he might have turned back once more. Mrs. Richards looked up surprised. But unknowing, he yielded all com-She had been praying for Tom and it pleased her immensely to hear him pletely to Christ. In Tom's heart there was a song and in his eyes a say this. new light.

"Oh, Tom," she exclaimed, "I am so While Tom did not hear the reglad to hear you say that! It has been mainder of the pastor's sermon, he the motivating principle in your sang the closing hymn with a defather's life and in mine. We were so termination to walk righteously. happy together. And all along the "All for Jesus, all for Jesus, All my being's ransomed powers, All my thoughts and words and doings, All my days and all my hours." way we sought the will of the Lord and were graciously enabled to do whatever we believed He wanted us to do."

On the way home Mrs. Richards With lowered voice Tom asked his mother, "Mother, did it ever cost you anything?" Quietly his mother answered, "Yes, "Righteousness and holiness," he Son, it cost us much. One time it cost thought. "These are all-important. your father a promotion and fifteen hundred dollars a year - all because His joy lessened momentarily when he held to principles. I married Dad in spite of the fact that he was poor, because I loved him. We believed that it was God's will. I had another opportunity to marry which would have meant money and social prestige. As far as Ann was concerned the I turned down the first proposal besolution was easy. He could step cause the man was not, and would asking her for dates and the matter not become, a Christian. Never once would be settled. What to do about have I regretted the decision I made and the Lord has been precious in blessing your dad and me in other ways to make up for anything we may have thought we missed." "I see," answered Tom softly, "and that is the very kind of life I want and ethical plane beyond their own comprehension. to have too."

noticed that her son was silent, but she was thinking of the morning's meditation and did not see Tom's face. There is no place for compromise." he realized that this new stand meant giving up Ann. Tom wanted to believe that she was a Christian, but he knew that she was not - she had said that she had never accepted the Lord. the company was another thing. Whereas Ann might understand his attitude to some extent, his boss and the manager knew nothing of Christianity and they could not, therefore, understanding completely that all of appreciate anyone's acting on a moral

dubious value from the viewpoint of

"If I tell them the truth," thought

your life is hid with Christ in God." to do. He saw that he had been put- done. That I am condemning myself ting success and money before God, in the same breath will not help matbut that success and money were of ters because I am not the originator oft he scheme in the first place." Then Tom miserably concluded, "They will never give me a decent recommendation after that so I'm finished in the insurance business.

> While he was thinking of the glorious thing which had happened to him, Lynn's face flashed before him. He was overwhelmed with the realization that what had happened to him was the same experience which had come to her. Her actions were based on an experience such as his. Her advice, too, was influenced by this experience. Morals and reason and ethics were useless unless the Holy Spirit worked through them.

> During the evening he talked with his mother. "You know, Mother, I love the Lord Jesus and want to do His will, whatever that will may be and whatever the cost is to me per-

"Tom, have it by all means. The cost means nothing in the light of eternity."

Just then Mrs. Richards held her

right."

to gasp a bit for breath.

inquired Tom anxiously.

whatever the cost to him!

came through the door.

follow it."

"Is there anything wrong, Mother?"

"No. Nothing, Tom, I just had a

Bible reading and prayer were a

pleasure to Tom that night. He finally

slipped into bed with utter content-

It was a different Tom who entered

looked happy and all traces of irrita-

tion were gone. He felt completely

He almost bumped into Lynn as he

"Lynn, you gave me some advice

one day that I didn't heed. I want

you to know that I now agree with

you whole-heartedly and I'm going to

Lynn's eyes showed an appreciative

gleam. "That's wonderful, Tom. I

have been praying for you since you

Tom was quiet for a second and

then he said, "That's mighty fine of

you, Lynn. I met the Lord Jesus in

a real experience yesterday and I

have to tell someone. It is strange

how simple it seems today to talk of

something that I would never have

"That's the way it is, Tom. When

the Lord Jesus does something to you

it becomes a simple matter to talk to

people about it: just tell them what

undo some things, Lynn, but even

Then Tom went over to his desk

Harper entered the office. He greeted

Tom and Jack Dawson as he passed

this morning," commented Jack.

quite so happy after I've seen him."

"What do you mean by that?"

"Looks as though the boss is happy

"Yes, he is. Perhaps he will not be

Here was a chance to witness to

"Nothing new. It involves the All

State Trucking risk. The company

should not have cut the rates and I

have no business fooling around with

really saw how wrong it is for me to

help the company along with this

fault. You're not to blame, you know."

should never have had anything to

do with it in the first place. It would

"I am to blame in the sense that I

it. I'm a Christian and yesterday I

"I'm going to resign my position."

"Why? What's happened now?"

"Well, it means that I'm going to

first mentioned your problem."

mentioned last week."

the Lord has done for you."

that seems easy today!"

Jack and Tom took it.

them.

scheme."

satisfied with his new purpose.

sudden pain in my left side. I'm all

hand over her left side and appeared another thing to give my time and

ability to furthering it." "Well, I don't see it that way and I think you'd be crazy to quit a good job. Man, think of the cost to you! They'll never give you a recommendation and you'll be finished in the insurance business!"

"I have taken account of that, Jack, and I'm prepared to pay the cost."

ment and satisfaction. His decision With a puzzled look on his face, had been made: he would carry it out Jack repeated, "I think you're crazy, Richards!"

"Maybe I am, but I don't think so and my conscience won't bother me the office on Monday morning. He any more."

> "I hate to see you go. You've been a mighty fine worker here and we have gotten along swell together."

> "Thanks, Jack, but I guess this is it," and Tom walked over to Ann's desk.

"May I speak to Mr. Harper, Ann?" "Just a moment, Tom, and I'll see." Ann lifted the phone and spoke to the manager. "Mr. Harper will see you right now. Just knock on the Tom. door, before you go in, Tom."

The manager called, "Come in," and Tom bravely approached the executive's desk.

"Good morning, Richards, anything ill." I can do for you?"

with you for a few minutes."

"Sit down," Harper said cordially as he lighted a cigar. "What's on your mind, Tom?"

The decisive moment had arrived and although Tom was excited, he remained cool.

"Mr. Harper, I find that I must leave the company."

Harper, with characteristic abruptness asked, "What's the trouble? Isn't picture. The men who entered the the salary large enough?"

"It has nothing to do with my to begin work. About ten o'clock Mr. salary," answered Tom. "What then?"

Tom faced the manager and with determination said, "It concerns the All State Trucking risk,"

"What about the All State risk?" inquired Harper as he glared at Tom. telephone rang. Harper lifted the re- to call him at the office. Then he receiver and listened intently for sev- membered his mother pressing her eral seconds. Tom was watching his side as though in pain. This had hapface closely and saw a rapid transformation. At first he frowned and then his face showed anxiety and fear. He room. slammed the receiver in place and swore violently. Then he remembered Richards

"Never mind that now, Richards," he said roughly. "I can't be bothered with this small stuff for the moment. volved in this investigation and was Come back and see me again when "Oh, come now, Tom, it isn't your I have more time."

Tom could see that something was wrong, but what? Harper rose and, can't pull out until this is over!" going to the door of his office, motioned for Tom to leave. As Tom left,

est emotion nor any sign of what was happening.

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At noon the door of the manager's office was still closed. No one had interrupted the conference. Reilly had gone out earlier and had not returned. There was a tingling sense of unrest in the office. Then, just before lunch. the door opened and Harper, accompanied by the four men, went into the file department.

As he passed Tom's desk, the manager seemed to be trying to warn Tom with an almost pleading look. Tom was at a loss to understand the trouble, but he decided to see Harper later to give him his resignation.

After finishing his lunch, Tom walked down to the Fulton St. fish market. It was a bustling scene of activity and Tom enjoyed watching the dock workers unload the cargoes of fish. It was a full hour before he returned to the office.

When he opened the door he immediately sensed that something' was wrong. Jack Dawson walked over to

"Tom, one of your neighbors called. a Mrs. Seaton. She said for you to come home immediately. Your mother has had a heart attack and is very

This news startled Tom. Anxiously "Yes, Mr. Harper, I want to talk he asked, "Did she say anything further?"

"No, she just said for you to hurry home. I spoke to Mr. Reilly and he said for you to go. But that's not all, Tom. The Insurance Department officials came in this morning and they're going over the place with a fine tooth comb! Heaven knows what is going to happen!"

Immediately Tom saw the whole manager's office had been from the Insurance Department. Intuition seemed to tell him that the All State Trucking risk would be a matter for their attention. His concern was secondary, however, to the anxiety he had for his mother. He had never been called home before and he realized that something was vitally No sooner had he spoken that the wrong if his mother permitted anyone pened several times when they had been talking together in the living

Within five minutes Tom was out of the office. His parting glance revealed that there were a number of strangers in the file department. Bitterly he sensed that he might be inangry with himself for not having made his decision earlier.

"It's too late now," he reflected, "I * * *

Before Tom left the office, Harper be one thing to be here and have four men entered. He glanced at Ann had approached the head of the file nothing to do with it, but it is quite but her face did not betray the slight- department and said, "Miss Jones,

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this is Mr. Sampson of the State Insurance Department. I want you to give him all possible help and do whatever he tells you to do."

Mr. Sampson worked with quiet efficiency and within an hour his men were scrutinizing the index of the risks written by the company during the previous year. Time after time they would call for files to check, but apparently nothing was amiss.

About three o'clock that afternoon one of the investigators came across the All State Trucking risk. He called to his superior, Mr. Sampson, and inquired whether they ought to check that one since is was well known to them

"Yes, Johnson, we had better look at that risk. Get one of the file girls to pull out the application. It's a big fellow."

Johnson looked over toward Lynn Tracy, "Will you get me the file on the All State Trucking Risk?"

"Surely," she responded. "What is the policy number?"

"A. P. 1754063."

Lynn went to the files. In a moment she was back to Johnson.

"I'm sorry, but that application is out of file "

"Well, try to locate it for us if you will, please."

Lynn went first to the claim department where this file could often be found. For thirty minutes she searched and inquired but the file was not to be found. As was her habit when she failed to locate the file here, she went to the underwriting department. Lynn stopped at Tom's desk to look for the file. It was not on the top of the desk. Since it was important, she opened the drawers and began to look through them. Ordinarily she did not look here because Tom had always been in the office when she was locating files. But Tom was not there and she knew that the investigaters were eager to have the file.

In the bottom drawer Lynn found a file on the All State Trucking' risk. She had handled the file many times. As she looked at it now it did not look like the one she had seen before: the cover was too new. Then she decided that the policy writing department had undoubtedly put on a new cover. It was the correct policy number and she was certain that this was the lost file.

Lynn did not know that this was the second copy of the file - the copy which contained all of the figures relating to the cut premium - a file familiar only to the manager, Reilly and Richards.

So Lynn innocently carried the file back to Johnson. "Here is the application you wanted."

"Thank you," answered the investigator.

He handed the file over to Mr. Sampson saying, "Here she is, boss." (Continued on Page 19)



The setting of the familiar Easter story is in a beautiful garden. This is very appropriate, for most of the great crises in God's dealing with man took place in some garden.

When God created man he placed him in a garden. There man first committed sin. The greatest struggle in the world was fought in a garden; the most fervent prayer was prayed there. The greatest sorrow the world experienced was in a garden. But that garden also became the scene of the

greatest victory. Eden is the cradle of man and the Garden of sin. Gethsemane is the Garden of prayer and suffering. The garden where Jesus was buried is the Garden of sorrow and the Garden of victory. It is God's Victory Garden.

The victory was over sin and all the forces of evil, and over death itself. It is on this last thought that we want to fasten our attention - victory over

death. Death is a dreaded enemy. No one really wants to die. Most of us have hidden within ourselves a great fear of this last adversary. This is a natural, human reaction to the unknown. But when we think of death in the light of the Easter story, even that dark, secret fear will vanish, and in its place will blossom a triumphant faith.

The garden itself brings us a clear picture of death and life, had we but the eyes to see. What happens to the little seed that is sown in the ground? It disintegrates, "dies" - but it is not really- dead. For mysteriously, marvelously, a little blade of green pushes its way up out of the ground. Fresh, alive, it reaches up into the sunlight, into a new world.

What an ugly thing is the plain brown bulb, looking like a dried onion. Plant it in the garden, and see what happens! The bulb disintegrates, "dies," but out of it grows a new life, a beautiful, fragrant, pure Easter lily.

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"So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: ... It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body" (1 Cor. 15: 42, 44).

Isn't that a comforting way to look at death — the body, worn out, dying -that the soul might blossom into a fuller, richer, more glorious life? Joyfully we can say with Paul, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? ... But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Lift your voices in triumph high,

- For Jesus has risen, and man shall not die:
- Vain were the terrors that gathered around him.
- And short the dominion of death and the grave.

Glory to God, in full anthems of joy; The being he gave us death cannot destroy;

Sad were the life we may part with tomorrow.

If tears were our birthright, and death were our end:

- But Jesus hath cheered the dark valley of sorrow,
- And bade us, immortal, to heaven ascend;
- Lift then your voices in triumph on high.
- For Jesus has risen, and man shall not die.

-Henry Ware, Jr.

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THE MATCHLESS CHRIST (Continued from Page 5)

forgive, and there is no peace or satisfaction where there is no forgiveness. Paul knew this very well. Therefore "Christ is all, and in all" is not abstract reasoning. It is not sheer folly nor glib talk. It is the voice of experience which all those know who have been apprehended by Christ.

In conclusion, may we place before us a number of questions. Do we possess the necessary composure which you need to face the grim day? Are we satisfied with the spiritual circumference of our lives? Do our light-rays really penetrate beyond our homes? Do they chase the darkness into hiding beyond the confines of our church? Do men know our discipleship? Or do we face the sharpened teeth and pointed fangs of our day in despair? Is our circumference small and self-centered? If it is, then let us think honestly and bravely.

The circumference of a circle is inseparable from its center. The center is the focal point when we go to measure the outside reaches. This is certainly true in the spiritual sense. It is the center which makes for power or weakness. It is the center which makes for unrest or satisfaction

universe, the center of history, the center of revelation, becomes the cen-

HOW TO READ THE BIBLE

Read the Bible, not as a newspaper, but as a home letter.

If a cluster of heavenly fruit hangs within reach, gather it.

If a promise lies upon the page as a blank check, cash it. If a prayer is recorded, appropriate it, and launch it as a feathered arrow from the bow of your desire.

If an example of holiness gleams before you, ask God to do as much for you.

If the truth is revealed in all its intrinsic splendor, entreat that its brilliance may ever irradiate the hemisphere of your life. -F. B. Meyer.

ter of life - when "Christ is all" to you, "and in all" of you, then your life will be a great light in a dark world, and your own heart and soul will find rest and true satisfaction, which are ours through our matchless Christ.

CHRIST'S FIRST MIRACLE (Continued from Page 8)

The zeal, the righteous indignation and the authority exercised by Christ filled the disciples with such astonish-If Jesus, who is the center of the ment that the words of the Psalmist came to their minds: "Zeal for thy house shall eat me up" (Psalm 69:9).

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Jesus' wrath at the misuse of the temple was so intense that his indignation overflowed and his holy wrath seemed to consume even his physical strength.

Some of the religious leaders were astonished at Jesus' actions and said: "What sign have you to show us for doing this?" The Jews demanded signs repeatedly from Jesus. There was only one sign he would offer them — his resurrection. "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up."

But Jesus was misunderstood. The Jews thought that he referred to the temple in Jerusalem. It had taken forty-six years to build the third temple. The first was built by Solomon; the second by Serubbabel; and the third by Herod the Great. How could Jesus rebuild Herod's temple in three days? John explains that Christ referred to the temple of his body and that even his disciples did not understand the Master's words until after his resurrection.

Christ's return from the dead strengthened their faith in Scripture (Psalm 16:10) and in the prophecies of Jesus concerning his resurrection. The risen Christ is the true Temple, even as he is the true Vine. In him and through him we worship the Father.

During the Passover feast in Jerusalem Jesus wrought various miracles. These signs led many to believe that Jesus was the promised Messiah. But the Master did not trust them, because theirs was only a superficial belief. Jesus didn't trust these who said they trusted him because when the miracles or signs ceased, their faith would undoubtedly also cease. Their faith was rooted in signs, not in Christ.

Christ knew what was in men. He possessed supernatural knowledge. We have such instances in the cases of Peter, Nathanael, the Samaritan woman, Judas and others. Jesus saw beneath the surface and knew that they had only a superficial faith, that did not result in a radical change of character.

John tells us in the second chapter of his glorious gospel of Christ's first miracle through which the disciples' faith was strengthened in Jesus as the Son of God (1:11). He narrates the cleansing of the temple and Jesus' words regarding the temple of his body to show us how the faith of the disciples was more firmly rooted in the risen Christ, the Son of God (2:22)

Christ does not want a faith that is merely dependent upon miracles or some external evidence. "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed" (John 20:29). Jesus desires an inner faith that is based on his unique character as Son of God and on his unique mission as Savior of the world.

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EASTER'S AFFIRMATION

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have appeared to groups or individuals in such a convincing way that the careful historian, Luke, calls these appearances "infallible proofs." We might wish to have such evidences personally. Some people claim to be in such close touch with the unobstructed universe that their dealing with the departed is just as real as with persons living in the body.

The risen Christ came to Paul in such a real way that he never doubted the actuality of that life-changing experience. "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep my deposit against that day." His life would not end in gloomy futility, but in a glorious finale. "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

A great conviction should produce a corresponding conversion. But that does not always happen. To watch the Savior's tomb, sixteen guards were relayed in groups of four. All had been quiet, when suddenly there was a great earthquake and the Angel of the Lord came and rolled the stone back from the door. He became like lightning and his garment was white as snow. The keepers did shake and became like dead men. They were convinced but not converted.

Millions have been convinced and converted and have accepted the great conclusion with which Paul ends this chapter: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Without the resurrection every effort is futile. Given the resurrection, every effort for God is fruitful.

THE REVIVAL OF FAITH

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Testament were set forth without attempting to indicate relationship or unity within the writings. In this century there was a movement which may be characterized by its psychological approach to the Bible. Through these efforts the student was brought face to face with the background which helped make the Bible an interesting and intelligent book.

The newer trends in the field of Bible study do not discredit the value nor contribution of the critical study which has given an inestimable amount of necessary information for biblical faith. Many of the critical conclusions are accepted by the newer study of the Bible. There is an attempt to indicate the unity found within the diversity which has at times been greatly over-emphasized. The Bible is not a jig-saw puzzle

so difficult to put together that mortal

man can never achieve that feat. 1951 LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE. Rather it is a book which is a unity (Continued from Page 10) which does fit together and gives a churches and denomination, helping concept of oneness and an integrated to further God's work here on earth. whole. In a word, the new approach is one of synthesis rather than anal-**GOD GIVE US MEN!** vsis. Dr. A. H. MacNeile in his "In-God give us men! A time like this troduction to the New Testament" demands says, "The New Testament is a collec-Strong minds, great hearts, true tion of masterpieces of spiritual faith, and ready hands: music." There are a number of mu-Men whom the lust of office does sicians who make a contribution to the music but throughout there is one not kill: Men whom the spoils of office canpiece of music being played.

It is not the purpose of this paper to support the thesis that the Bible gives a systematic presentation of our great Christian doctrines for Christian faith. Anyone who goes to the Bible with such a pre-conception will find disappointment in his study. It is the contention of this paper that in the Bible can be found a central core about which the great truths of revelation find their relevancy and significance. The place and meaning of Christ in history and for history cannot be fully discovered until all the material in all the Bible has been studied and put together in a unity of purpose which gives meaning to all the diversity.

Dr. Cecil John Cadoux, in his book, "The Historic Mission of Jesus," in discussing the need for interpreting the message of the New Testament as a whole says, "No doubt such a unification would be very timely and valuable; for there is unquestionably a great oneness pervading all parts of the New Testament, and the right understanding of any individual part depends therefore in no small measure upon the right understanding of the whole."

In the Bible there is a characteristic his other men to examine. Inside of of both testaments unique to our five minutes they were all chuckling revelation. The religion of the Bible as though something was funny. was born in history. Not only was it Sampson came over to Lynn and born in history as event or events but said to her quietly, "Miss, where did also mediated through historical peryou get this file?" sons in time. The great all-encom-Innocently Lynn replied, "From Mr. passing personality was Jesus Christ Richards' desk." in whom historical processes found a "Who is Mr. Richards?" consummation and historical personalities found their accomplished inte-"He is one of our auto underwritgration. It is this unique historical ers, sir." person who becomes the center of "Will you ask him to come here, biblical history and the core of biblical please?" "Surely." faith

Lynn approached Tom's desk but We are thus brought face to face with the necessity of a biblical perdid not see him. She looked around spective. This assumes concentration and then spoke to Jack Dawson. upon the center of reference, rather "Have you seen Mr. Richards?" than upon the details within that ref-"Why he went home. His mother is erence. So our Bible presents not a ill." "Thank you," answered Lynn and group of opinions of individual perturned back toward the file departsons about religion but the concern of ment where Mr. Sampson was waiting a great God who in time was making himself known to man through Jesus with the file in his hand. "I am sorry, Mr. Sampson, but Mr. Christ as the Giver of redemption. The Bible can best be understood when Richards has gone home. His mother such truth grips the spirit and mind has been taken ill suddenly." (To Be Continued) of the Christian.

THE CORE OF FAITH

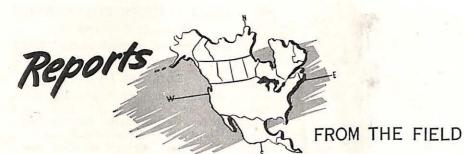
- not buy;
- Men who possess opinions and a will
- Men who have honor men who will not lie.
- Men who can stand before a demagogue
- And damn his treacherous flatteries without winking;
- Tall men, sun-crowned, who live above the fog
- In public duty and in private thinking;
- For while the rabble, with their thumb-worn creeds,
- Their large professions and their little deeds.
- Mingle in selfish strife, lo! Freedom weeps.
- Wrong rules the land, and waiting Justice sleeps.
 - -Josiah Gilbert Holland.

THE THING APPOINTED

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"Thanks, Johnson, we'll have a look into this one right away."

It was not fifteen minutes before it was plain to Lynn that something was wrong. She saw Mr. Sampson pick up the application on the All State Trucking risk and bring it over to



Eastern Conference

Plans for 1951 Are Considered at Annual Meeting, Neustadt, Ontario, Canada

The Neustadt Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ontario, Can., held its annual meeting on Thursday evening, January 25, with an unusually large attendance of members. The reports from all organizations revealed progress along all lines. Six converts were baptized during the year and there were two losses by death, making an increase of four and a membership of 113.

During the year over \$7,500 were expended by all organizations for all purposes, of which \$1,350 were for missions, an increase in giving for missions of 25 percent over last year. Nearly \$4,000 of this sum went for renovation and improvement to the church building. Further improvements are being considered for this year.

Important among other plans for the future was the suggestion for a Preaching Mission for the church during October, 1951. It was unanimously decided to increase the minister's salary by \$200 per annum. The meeting was closed with a prayer of thanksgiving and for divine guidance in the coming year by Mr. J. E. Schnurr, chairman of the deacons' board.

Reuben Hahn, Church Clerk.

Central Conference

Five Church Youth Rally at Burns Avenue Baptist Church,

Detroit, Michigan The Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., played host to the

Five Church Youth Rally on Friday evening, Jan. 26. In the city of Detroit, Mich., we

have five churches and two missions that belong to the Central Conference. In past years we have enjoyed the fellowship of getting together at rallies such as this. Since World War II we have tried to revive the rally, and on this Friday night we had "the icebreaker." We trust this will not be the last one but that there will be many more.

We were glad for the 200 people who gathered in the lower auditorium for the time of singspiration and fun. David Draewell from Ebenezer Church led the time of singing with Eleanor Raese of Burns Ave. Church at the piano. Each church participated in the program by contributing a special number. We also heard from our mission churches. The Ambassador mission favored us with a piano solo and Center Line Mission brought their men's vocal trio to sing for us.

After a trip to "the wishing well," everyone was invited to go into the main auditorium. David Penner led this meeting. After some singing and a special number from the Moon sisters' trio, he introduced the guest speaker of the evening, Rev. J. C. Gunst, who gave us a few words of inspiration regarding our young people and their part in God's service.

We were also honored to have the Rev. M. L. Leuschner with us and he showed a film of the work in the Cameroons. This was one of the latest films of the Cameroons. Mrs. George Henderson, a missionary now at home on furlough, was also in our midst and it was our privilege to hear from her a brief message.

One treat was followed by another, but the treat of all treats was when the young people were invited into the lower auditorium again for some refreshments.

Dolores Wolfe, Reporter.

Anniversay Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Clay St. Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Clay Street Baptist Church celebrated its anniversary program on Wednesday evening, Dec. 13. We feit highly honored, since our speakers for that evening were George and Alma Henderson, missionaries from the Cameroons of Africa. Alma Henderson is a former member of our church. George spoke on the Africans' way of living and showed us various customes they wear. At the latter part of his talk he showed colored slides of his work there.

Another year of service has come to a close for our Missionary Society. Our president, Mrs. William Hoover, has served faithfully with the help of our group leaders. Our meetings were very well attended and well pre-

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pared by each group leader in charge. One of our projects, as it has been in the past years, was to remember the children at the Baptist Children's Home in St. Joseph, at Easter and also Thanksgiving. We also helped can 240 quarts of peaches for the Children's Home. Two baskets of fruit were given to members of our church. who are invalids and cannot attend our services. Our flower committee was also faithful in sending flowers to the sick of our own congregation. We also remembered our Old People's Home in Chicago with a donation of \$25.00. White Cross work was also accomplished by our Society in February, with Mrs. Ella Goltz in charge.

Truly, we were richly blessed as we think back to our prayer day meeting in which many took part in prayer. We are happy to report that we were able to send \$200,00 to Forest Park for the General Mission Fund. At our Mother's Day program, each mother 70 years or over was given a corsage. This completes some of the highlights and activities of our society.

Refreshments were served in the dining room of the church at our anniversary program, after which we presented George and Alma (as they are known to us) with a projector, which they will be able to use to good advantage in their work.

Mrs. Ernest Barsuhn, Secretary.

Northern Conference

Wonderful New Year's Eve Service at the Baptist Church, Onoway, Alberta

The spirit of cooperation has found its true expression in the Baptist Church at Onoway, Alberta, Canada, especially during the New Year's Eve service. Despite severe weather conditions a capacity crowd assembled in the church auditorium to await the New Year in prayer and fellowship. Although no detailed program had been prepared, it turned out to be a night of inspirational blessing. The pastor, the Rev. John Wahl, requested the entire congregation to participate in the program by rendering a testimony in word or in song.

The response was tremendous. Brief accounts of portions of Scripture presented by our deacons, followed by a throng of testimonies, songs, special numbers and recitations gave rise to a general spirit of participation. Even the smallest ones realized their significant task by reiterating the Golden text for the week. As time progressed, heart-rending testimonies were given.

As the midnight hour drew near, Mr. Wahl gave us words of encouragement. Then he urged us to go on our knees in prayer. While souls were pleading, interceding and entreating with Christ, the New Year arrived. As the people of the congregation arose from their knees, a beam of happiness could be observed on every face. We could truly say: "It was good to have been in the House of the Lord!"

Gunther Wahl, Reporter.

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Holiday Events and Evangelistic Meetings at East Ebenezer Baptist Church of Saskatchewan

On the evening of Dec. 23 the Sunday School of the East Ebenezer Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask., Canada, under the able leadership of Beny Dreger and Mrs. Engel, delivered its Christmas program. Old and young alike enjoyed themselves immensely. On Christmas Eve the young people of the church rendered a Christmas pageant entitled, "The Forgotten Gift." In spite of the bad roads and the severe cold weather, the church was filled to capacity both times. May the Lord bless the seed sown by the children and the young people.

To round off the activities of the year we were privileged, together with the Yorkton, Springside, Ebenezer West and Fenwood young people's groups to deliver a one-hour radio program over the local radio station on New Year's night, 11:05 to 12:05 P.M., thus being able to begin the New Year by sending the glad Gospel news over the air.

As a church we have again arranged all our business matters for another year. The church can report signs of progress in souls saved, baptisms, financial standing and spiritual determination to do still greater things in 1951. We are contemplating on starting the New Year off with two weeks of evangelistic services to be held from Feb. 18 to March 4. Our prayers are that the Lord may bless us and give us many souls in the months ahead of us.

John Engel, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Evangelistic Meetings and Baptism of 18 Converts at Colfax, Washington

The series of evangelistic meetings held from January 10 to 21 at the First Baptist Church of Colfax, Wash., were a source of great blessing to all who attended. Record crowds came, the attendance being larger than for any similar campaign in recent years.

The Rev. Doug. Winn, dynamic young evangelist from Martinsville, Va., was the speaker. His passion for lost souls and his fearless manner of preaching the Word brought many to

a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. More than forty decisions and rededications were made. A number of these were people from churches of other denominations in the vicinity.

On January 28, a beautifully impressive baptismal service was held. The accompanying picture shows these baptismal candidates, ranging in age from eight to seventy-four years. The Rev. F. E. Klein, pastor, who conducted the service, is shown seated, at the left, in the second row. Following the baptism, a communion service was held, after which the hand of fellowship was extended to these eighteen people, in addition to a little girl who had been previously baptized.

As a fitting close to this most memorable evening, a farewell gathering was held for three young men baptized at this time, who were leaving during the week to join the Armed Forces. (These three are shown in the picture standing at the left of the back row.) Special prayers for their spiritual and physical welfare, appropriate gifts, and refreshments brought to a close this day that will long live in the memory of everyone who was privileged to attend.

who was privileged to attend. We praise the Lord for his goodness to us. May his Spirit continue in our midst.

Mrs. Paul Krueger, Reporter.



Eighteen converts who were baptized at Colfax, Wash., by the Rev. F. E. Klein (left, second row) and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church.

The Sunday School of the East Ebenezer Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan, (left picture) with Mrs. Alfred Engel, pastor's wife, at the extreme left; and the church choir in the picture at the right with Mr. Fred Batke (extreme right) as the director.

Dakota Conference

Week of Prayer and Evangelistic Meetings at Immanuel Church, Beulah, North Dakota

We of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak., have travelled on Highway 51 and have experienced his wonderful guidance. We observed the Week of Prayer and what glorious refreshings came to us around the Mercy Seat after so many blessings during the Christmas season. With our two programs in Zap and Beulah, the young people did well and proved a great help to the church. By faith we launched out to redeem the time in the month of February in a special effort to reach the unsaved. The Rev. O. W. Dirks was again our evangelist. God used him in a wonderful way and we rejoice with him in the reaping of the harvest of souls that should be saved.

By the grace of God we will make this a banner year for the church that has suffered so much. The night cometh when no man can work. For us NOW is the accepted time, the day of salvation and now or never we must surrender to the blessed will of God.

Fred Trautner, Pastor.



Sixteen Converts Baptized by Pastors of Fessenden, Harvey and Mitten Tree Project and Cathay Baptist Churches

When those who have made a profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior, and desire to follow the Lord in baptism. there is much reason for rejoicing.

The pastors of the Fessenden, Harvey and Cathay Baptist Churches of North Dakota are happy to report a joint baptismal service at the Fessenden church on Sunday afternoon, January 7th. Sixteen candidates were obedient to the Lord's command. Rev. Vernon Link, pastor of the Fessenden church, baptized nine, Rev. A. Buhler of Harvey baptized five, and Rev. Walter Schmidt of Cathay baptized two candidates.

The baptismal message was delivered by the Rev. Daniel Klein, pastor of the Germantown church. He presented the reasons for baptism clearly and fervently to a full church of attentive listeners. His message was taken from Romans 6:1-10.

Following the baptismal service the pastors welcomed those who had been baptized into the fellowship of their respective churches and then administered the ordinance of holy communion.

may have been presented at this service that will bring others to realize their need for Jesus and, upon acceptance of the Lord, to follow him in baptism.

Walter Schmidt, Reporter.

Sixteen candidates for baptism of the Fessenden, Harvey and Cathay Baptist Churches of North Dakota with the Reverends Daniel Klein, Aaron Buhler, Vernon Link and Walter Schmidt in back row.

Farewell Service for Missionaries at Emery, South Dakota

We of the Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., were glad to have the Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, Cameroons missionaries, with us a number of times during their furlough, and each time they proved a blessing and inspiration to us. They came to us on December 12 for their last visit before leaving for London, England.

The fellowship dinner was scheduled for Wednesday evening, Dec. 13, at which time a very large group gathered for the occasion. After the dinner, a farewell service was held to which the public had been invited. The program consisted mostly of musical numbers, as well as messages from Mr. and Mrs. Ganstrom. An opportunity was given for expressions of love in words of appreciation for what the Ganstroms mean to us as a church and our denominational mission. In the name of the church, the pastor after reading Acts 27:21-25, called attention to the fact that the angel of God, whose we are and whom we serve, will do for us and the Ganstroms what he did for Paul. The meeting was climaxed with a mission offering of over \$1,500.

The church feels fortunate to have part in the support of such a fine It is our prayer that a testimony missionary family. May the Lord continue to use them to his glory and to the salvation of many!

> Another item of interest for us as a church was our "Mitten Tree" proj-About two Sundays before ect Christmas the pastor told the children,



Twenty-one young converts whom the Rev. E. S. Fenske (left) of Herreid, S. Dak., recently baptized on confession of their faith in Christ as Savior.

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during the children's service, the story about the mitten tree. Our King's Daughters, quick to catch hints, took on this mitten tree project.

They furnished a tree on which mittens and gloves would be the decorations. Anyone wishing to hang mittens on the mitten tree was invited to do so. The mittens would be forwarded to children who would be in need of mittens. As a result 95 pairs of mittens could be forwarded to needy children. These mittens were sent to our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., to the Spanish children in Colorado, and to our Indian children in Canada. From all reports they are serving a very much needed purpose. We are hoping that this might become an annual event at Christmas. It seemed to bring much joy to the children as well as to adults.

D. S. Wipf, Pastor.



"The Mitten Tree" at the Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., a Christmas tree decorated with colorful mittens which were later sent to various Homes and mission fields.

Twenty-one Converts Are Baptized at Herreid, S. Dak., Following Wonderful Revival Services

The Herreid Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., has enjoyed many blessings in recent days. The greatest of these were experienced last Fall during the evangelistic campaign of six weeks. From October 16 to 27 we conducted revival services at our Gnadenfeld station where the Rev. G. W. Rutsch from Emery, S. Dak., served as evangelist. Sixteen persons were saved in Gnadenfeld. The Rev. Albert Ittermann from Yankton, S. Dak., was our evangelist in Artas. The stirring messages which he preached resulted in the conversion of five persons

From November 12 to 24 the Rev. J. J. Renz from George, Iowa, served as evangelist in Herreid. With his timely messages he won the hearts of our people so that every evening our church was filled to capacity. Twentythree souls were saved in Herreid. In all, there were forty-five persons saved during our six weeks campaign.

During the Watchnight service, twenty-one of the new converts were baptized. With four others, these were received into the fellowship of our church at the communion service

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which followed the baptism. Because of ill health, not all the new converts were able to be baptized. We shall therefore have another baptismal service on Sunday, May 13th.

E. S. Fenske, Pastor.

Atlantic Conference

Vouth Week Banquet and New Pastor Called to Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

The officers of the Commissioned Baptist Youth of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., held a banquet during "Youth Week." A call has been extended to the Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. Cook of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City, N. J. Mr. Cook has accepted our call to become our pastor and will begin serving the church on Easter Sunday. He will succeed the Rev. Robert S. Hess.

Our supply pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Dieter of Allentown, Pa., also attended. A wonderful fellowship was enjoyed by all. Mr. Cook spoke of his eagerness to be with us, and of the fellowship we will have in the future. Mr. Dieter also spoke. He has truly been an inspiring supply pastor. We thank God for guiding Mr. Cook to us in our time of need, and our prayer is that our church will surge ahead to new heights under his leadership.

Mrs. Harold Masteller, Reporter.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Somewhere in our denominational group there is a couple who would like to render a Christian service. We are seeking that couple, to serve as the superintendent and matron of our old folks home in Chicago, now known as the Central Baptist Home for the Aged. If you would like to consider this opportunity please write for the further particulars to our president

Roland E. Ross. P. O. Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

BOOKS

"Books are keys to wisdom's treasure; Books are gates to lands of pleasure; Books are paths that upward lead; Books are friends. Come, let

us read."

Mrs. Fredericke Krueger of Watertown, Wis., was born in Germany on March 31, 1864 and came to the United States with friends in 1880. She settled in Indiana and in 1882 moved to Milwaukee, Wis. In 1885 she married John Oetkin, who passed away in 1917. In 1927 she was married to Albert Krueger, who preceded her in death in 1946.

She accepted the Lord as her personal Savior in 1878, was baptized by Rev. J. Shieck, and had been a follower of Christ ever since. She united with the Water-town Church in 1927.

She passed away on January 23rd at the age of 86 years. Two weeks prior to her death she was taken to the hospital, suffering from a broken shoulder bone. Funeral services were held on January 27th, the pastor speaking on the text: Phil 3:20.

Surviving are three step-children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. First Baptist Church. Watertown, Wisconsin J. G. BENKE, Pastor.

MR. EDWARD HAL PIERCE of Parkersburg, Iowa.

Mr. Edward Hal Pierce of Parkersburg, Iowa, was born on Oct. 15, 1896, at New Providence, Iowa, and died on Jan. 22 at the age of 54 years, 3 months and 7 days. He was graduated from the New Provi-dence High School, later attending the State Teachers' College at Cedar Falls for several years. During World War No. I he served in the American Air Forces.

On Jan. 31, 1923 he was married to Ruth Shelden of Eldora, Iowa. To this union there was born one son, Jack, now residing at the home in Parkersburg. The family had lived in Parkersburg for 23 years, and for several years has been occupied in the hardware business.

Our departed brother accepted the Lord Our departed brother accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, and became a member of the Parkersburg Bap-tist Church, serving faithfully and con-scientiously as superintendent of the Sun-day School for several years, and as a deacon of the church up to the time of his death.

On Dec. 11th he was stricken with a serious heart ailment and was taken to the Mercy Hospital at Waverly, Iowa. After four weeks he was brought home, and it was hoped that he would recover. How-ever, the Lord ruled otherwise, and it again became necessary to take him back to the hospital where after three days the Lord called him to his heavenly home. We shall miss him, but we know that the Lord makes no mistakes.

He leaves to mourn his early departure, his sorrowing wife; his son, Jack; and daughter-in-law, Jeanette; also a number of other relatives, and a host of friends. We now look forward to a reunion in the Father's House above. Parkersburg, Iowa

MISS LENA VOIGHT of Peoria, Illinois.

Miss Lena Voight was born October 5. 1872 in Peoria, Ill., and died Wednesday, January 24, 1951 at the Forest Park Home in Peoria. Ill health made a long period of hospitalization necessary.

Home, church and school occupied much of her interest throughout her life. Before entering convalescent Homes and later be-coming a bed-ridden patient at St. Francis Hospital, she resided in her cozy home on



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

MRS. FREDERICKE KRUEGER of Watertown, Wisconsin.

H. LOHR, Pastor.

Wilcox Avenue. On March 31, 1889 she was baptized and welcomed into fellowship of the State Park Baptist Church where she held continuous membership. Many happy hours were spent in work, fellowship, and worship; of particular interest to her was the teaching ministry of the church. The ministry rendered to her Lord and church will always be kindly and favorably re-membered. Miss Voight chose the teach-ing profession and rendered a significant service during 29 years of teaching. As teacher and instructor, both in the school and church, she was instrumental in influ-encing the lives of her pupils. Through these agencies she gained many life-long friends. Retirement from the teaching profession came in 1920.

Miss Voight held the North American Miss Voight held the North American Baptist Conference in high esteem. De-nominational missions occupied much of her interest. Several years ago she asked her pastor to assist in the writing of her will in which she designated a portion of her estate to her church and to several denominational organizations. Thus be-coming a cheerful giver in death even as she had been in life.

Funeral services were conducted by the runeral services were conducted by the undersigned on Saturday, January 27, 1951 with burial at the Springdale Cemetery. It is not at all amiss to apply the words of the Master Teacher — "Well done, thou good and faithful servant ... enter thou into the joy of thy Lord '

State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois

FRANK VENINGA, Pastor.

REV. PAUL BLOSCHE of Lodi, California.

The Rev. Paul Blosche of Lodi, Calif., The Rev. Paul Blosche of Lodi, Calif., was born on December 18, 1870 in Ger-many. On September 30, 1894, he was mar-ried to Anna Liebenoff, his now bereaved wife. This union was blessed with four children, two sons and two daughters. One daughter, Paula (Mrs. Huber), preceded her father in death. On September 30, 1944, they had the joy of celebrating their golden wedding anniversary. The Lord gave grace so that for 56 years they could share the joys and sorrows of life with each other.

Our brother was converted in 1900 and Schilling and united with the Baptist Church of Charlottenburg, Germany. As a young man he felt the call of God for the Gospel ministry and prepared himself for work by attending the Bible School in Neuwork by attending the Bible School in Neu-ruppin, Germany, and later serving as a missionary from 1902 to 1909 in Grunberg and Stargard. In 1909 he received the call from Dr. Jacob Kratt of Portland, Ore., to come to America and continue his min-istry among the German-speaking people here. here.

Upon his arrival in America, he became pastor of the church at Colfax, Wash., and later served the churches of American Falls and Minidoka, Idaho. He retired from the full-time Gospel ministry in 1926 and came to Lodi, Calif., and united with the First Baptist Church. Here he served very faithfully as deacon, teacher of the large Bible Class, and pulpit supply in the absence of the minister. Even in the month of October, 1950, during the absence of the pastor he supplied the pulpit for the German services. He was always going about doing good — visiting the sick and about doing good — visiting the sick and the shut-ins. The house of the Lord was his favorite place and the fellowship of God's people his unspeakable joy. Our beloved brother passed away Friday night, January 19, 1951, after a brief illness in the firm faith of his precious Savior whom he loved and served. He reached the age of 80 years, one month, and one day.

Mr. Blosche is survived by his beloved Mr. Blosche is survived by his beloved wife, Mrs. Anna Blosche; one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Bechthold of Niles, Calif.; two sons, Fred and Herman Blosche of San Jose, Calif.; and eight grandchildren. He will be missed by his pastor, his church, and many friends.

His Lord said unto him — "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. A. S. Felberg, Evangelist March 11-21 — Bethany Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist March 11-25 - North Freedom, Wisconsin.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, March 18 - Palm Sunday. Monday, March 19 - Reception for North American Baptist students in Chicago and Vicinity at the Forest Park Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

Friday, March 23 - Good Friday.

- March 23 and 24 Session of the Summer Visitation Committee at Forest Park, Ill., planning the itineraries for all denominational workers, secretaries and missionaries during the summer months.
- Sunday, March 25 Easter Sunday. Easter Offering for our Missionary and Benevolent ministry.

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rooms to which to take them so that their crying is done in their respective pews. Here again we notice the forethought on the part of our missionaries as they slip some candy to the youngsters and in return receive a big smile of gratitude.

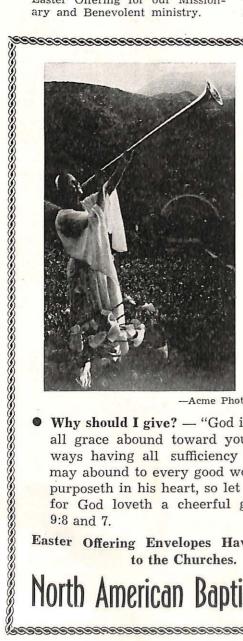
It has been a blessing to sing to and to worship with these friends of ours. As we go on our way to the Bull Reserve for an afternoon service, these memories still linger with us.

On the Bull Reserve we are welcomed by the mission worker, Bernice Kern, and the school teacher, Bernice Stober, who live right on the Reserve, following their daily tasks of teaching and preaching. Even though the log chapel here is old and can no longer keep the warmth of the roaring heater within its walls, we can still feel the warmth of Christian fellowship as we worship together. It has indeed been a day of blessing for us.

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ON PSALM 23

- In pastures green? Not always; sometimes he
- Who knoweth best in kindness :leadeth me
- In weary ways where heavy shadows be.
- And by still waters? No, not always so;
- Oft times the heavy tempests round me blow
- And o'er my soul the waves and billows go.
- But when the storm beats loudest and I cry
- Aloud for help, the Master standeth bv
- And whispers to my soul, "Lo! It is I!"
- So where he leads me I can safely go, And in the blest hereafter I shall know
- Why in his wisdom he hath led me so.



The Easter Offering _ ** _

- 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.

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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.

Easter Offering Envelopes Have Been Sent to the Churches.

⁻ALBERT W. PALMER.