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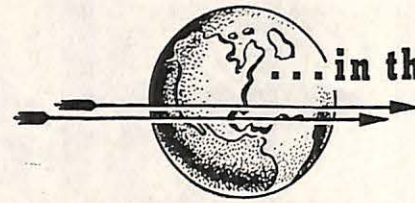
The New Edifice of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.

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Easter's Great Affirmation

REV. O. E. KRUEGER

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...in the course of human events

● Recently a 200-seat chapel under 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

country and in Japan. — *Christian Century*.

● 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 faith, the authorities received this

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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 McAsh is the pastor. The church is located at 21001 Moross Road, Detroit, Mich.

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Editorial

Empowered Disciples of the Risen Lord

EASTER 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 life-changing experience and the soul-anchoring 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 pleased him!" The resurrection body

Easter's Great Affirmation

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

By the REV. O. E. KRUEGER,
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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 future is futile. There is nothing but blackness ahead.

The Matchless Christ, Our Risen Lord

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

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

THE 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 center of the universe. We were wrong and found that the sun was its center.



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.

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 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-conquering love for sinners? Empires come and go, but his empire shall stand for-

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 shreds. 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**,
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THE BIBLE is the book of faith, and without it and its message life breaks and disintegrates. The contemporary culture with its assumption that 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-

gether the Christian emerged with a book by Marx under his arm. Faith has the capacity to trust what can be seen and known but also to move beyond the known to the unseen as a 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 supernatural in revelation was ignored or ridiculed. The dream of a kingdom of God born out of social progress supported by faith in the goodness of 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 MacArthur expressed a profound truth when he insisted that a new 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 potent in the leadership of this day.

The world found itself after two wars in "spiritual exhaustion." Certain consequences followed our exhaustion, such as a de-personalization of life or the shift from the person to the 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 president of the Assembly, wrote its epitaph in 1935 when he said, "Here in Geneva we have every fear but 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 the sober-minded to a new search for 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 faith-deadness 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



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.

the Bible furnishes the basis for faith and the direction for practice. Such faith in the validity and authority of the Bible has sent the Christian scholar to study all its parts minutely in order to arrive at its most exact meaning. Modern interpreters are deeply indebted to the scholars, past and present, who gave, and are giving, time and energy to the discovery of new truths in this old book.

In medieval days the church had 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 devotional life, made studies of some 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.

In their expositions they were seeking to discover the truth of God amidst their religious decay and confusion. The profound respect for Scripture did not hinder them from expressing views which today might class them as "higher critics." Martin Luther said, "Many sweat to reconcile St. Paul and St. James, as does Melancthon in his apology, but in vain. Faith justifies and faith does not justify 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 Melancthon 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 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 Anabaptists. 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 Anabaptists soon restated some great

truths which had been forgotten and 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 Tübingen 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

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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.

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

SEVERAL DAYS after Jesus had gathered the first disciples around him, he accepted an invitation to a wedding in Cana of Galilee. The 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 purification, 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,

and when people have drunk freely, the poor wine, but you have kept the good wine until now." This, of course, does not mean that the wedding guests were intoxicated. The steward expressed what had been his experience 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."

They had a proverb: "Where there is no wine, there is no joy."

Jesus was an Oriental among Orientals. He solved a serious difficulty at an Oriental marriage feast. In Jesus' 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

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

ON 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 for the first time he knows what it 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 Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Sev-

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 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

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 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 among these people!

A Sunday With the Indians

A Missionary Story by MISS LINDA STOBBER

I 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 have a true example of the saying,

"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 handclaps, 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

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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"

"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

FOR 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, fellowshiping 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 our denomination. A constitution was drawn up and adopted, officers were elected (to represent all

our conferences), and the name given to this new organization was "Baptist 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.

interesting and enlightening panel 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 years 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,

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 side —
A daily Calvary.

—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 experience."

—JOHN J. KELLEY.

CHRIST HAS RISEN

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,



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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● 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 BIRTHDAY ON APRIL 13

On April 13, 1951 Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, will 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. Dammrau 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 audio-visual 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.

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 Scriptures be printed and distributed in Japan by the end of 1951. — News Release.

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

HERALD NEWS

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.

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.

CHICAGOLAND C.B.Y. GOSPEL TEAM

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 the leader.

JUNIOR MISSION MATERIAL

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
Vacation Bible Schools	C.B.Y. Meetings
Week Day Church Schools	Woman's Missionary Society Meetings.
Junior Church	

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.

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.



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

The Thing Appointed

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

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

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SYNOPSIS

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

CHAPTER SIX

"MY 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 attachment for her. He knew that there 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 of reasoning and to do this he would use any pretext or argument. Satan saw

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 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 beside 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 recited 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

your life is hid with Christ in God." 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 flesh 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 meaning of that word is that we are not seeking those things which are 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 treasure 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 empowered 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, understanding completely that all of 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 escape doing that which he had intuitively known was the right thing

to do. He saw that he had been putting success and money before God, but that success and money were of dubious value from the viewpoint of 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 the cost was merely rationalizing one's sin.

"If Christ had counted the cost," thought Tom. "If He had counted the cost as I have counted the cost, He would not have gone to Calvary."

The reality of this awful thought 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 that cost might be. Had he known he might have turned back once more. But unknowing, he yielded all completely to Christ. In Tom's heart there was a song and in his eyes a new light.

While Tom did not hear the remainder of the pastor's sermon, he sang the closing hymn with a determination to walk righteously.

"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."

On the way home Mrs. Richards noticed that her son was silent, but she was thinking of the morning's meditation and did not see Tom's face.

"Righteousness and holiness," he thought. "These are all-important. There is no place for compromise." His joy lessened momentarily when 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.

As far as Ann was concerned the solution was easy. He could stop asking her for dates and the matter would be settled. What to do about 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, appreciate anyone's acting on a moral and ethical plane beyond their own comprehension.

"If I tell them the truth," thought Tom, "they will immediately see that my stand is a criticism and, in fact, a condemnation of what they have

done. That I am condemning myself in the same breath will not help matters because I am not the originator of the 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.

There was an inner joy and peace that Tom had not known for many months. He felt like a drowning man who had been pulled from the water just in time to save his life. In the place of former anxiety and discontent there was now complete rest and assurance.

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 personally."

Mrs. Richards looked up surprised. She had been praying for Tom and it pleased her immensely to hear him say this.

"Oh, Tom," she exclaimed, "I am so glad to hear you say that! It has been the motivating principle in your father's life and in mine. We were so happy together. And all along the way we sought the will of the Lord and were graciously enabled to do whatever we believed He wanted us to do."

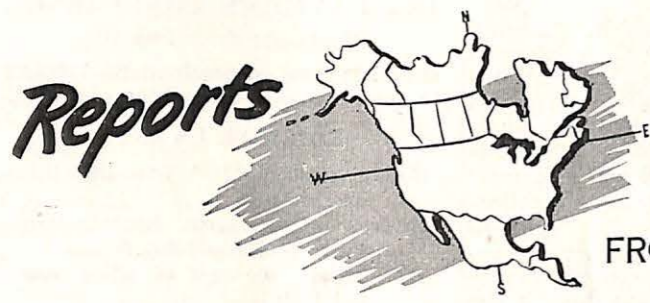
With lowered voice Tom asked his mother, "Mother, did it ever cost you anything?"

Quietly his mother answered, "Yes, Son, it cost us much. One time it cost your father a promotion and fifteen hundred dollars a year — all because 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. I turned down the first proposal because the man was not, and would not become, a Christian. Never once 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 to have too."

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

Just then Mrs. Richards held her



FROM THE FIELD

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 ice-breaker." 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 singsgiving 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.

Anniversary 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 felt 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 costumes 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, Onaway, Alberta

The spirit of cooperation has found its true expression in the Baptist Church at Onaway, 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.



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.

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.

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

Mrs. Paul Krueger, Reporter.

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.



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.

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 mission-
 aries during the summer months.

Sunday, March 25 — Easter Sunday.
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 ary and Benevolent ministry.

WITH THE INDIANS

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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 fore-
 thought on the part of our mission-
 aries 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 Re-
 serve for an afternoon service, these
 memories still linger with us.

On the Bull Reserve we are wel-
 comed 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.

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 al-
 ways 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
 by
 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.

—ALBERT W. PALMER.



—Acme Photo

The Easter Offering

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

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



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

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

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