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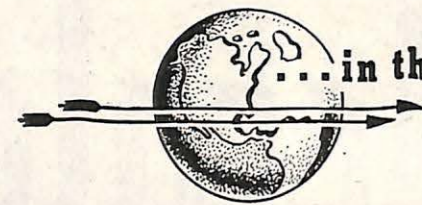


Blossoming Daffodils and Snow-crowned Mt. Rainier, Tacoma, Washington

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**What Jesus Christ Means to Us
Seminary Students**

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...in the course of human events

● At a recent "Council of City Pastors" meeting in Chicago, Ill., it was stated that country folk come to the downtown church, which serves the important role of reception center; later, the downtown church feeds the suburban churches in turn. Dealing with the problems of the people who move from country to downtown to suburbs sometimes takes specialized knowledge of the human mind, as well as knowledge of the things of the Spirit. — Advance

● A young South African pilot, who served with the RAF during the war, in the Berlin airlift of 1948, and was stationed for a time in Khartoum in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, has organized the African branch of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship. With the acquisition of a plane, and the completion of the air strips which are being built all over the South Sudan, the work of transporting missionaries back and forth to the most isolated areas will get under way. — Advance.

● The Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention assists 63 schools and seminaries in providing leadership for the convention. Nearly 100 young men and women receive Baptist scholarships and loan funds. There are more than 33,000 Baptist students upon the campuses of 224 state and independent universities and colleges. Fifteen theological seminaries and training schools are training young men and young women for service at home and abroad. — The Wisconsin Baptist.

● A 41-year-old businessman in San Diego, Calif., has given up the "mad scramble for the almighty dollar" to enter the Christian ministry. Mr. J. Philip Bartlett, a seminary student at the University of Southern California, sold a thriving farm machinery business because "the eternal pressure of the business world was not worth it." "I was forced to follow certain ethics that were not Christian," he explained. "They were not ethics that would put a man in jail, but modern business is cut-throat and dog-eat-dog for the small businessman who is trying to survive." — Chicago Daily News.

● Elmer H. Gillespie, a recovered polio victim, accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior during his slow, painful recovery, which left him nonetheless a cripple. In spite of this handicap, he prepared himself for a

specific Christian ministry at the Moody Bible Institute, the University of Pennsylvania, and the Eastern Baptist Seminary. Today he is known as the wheel-chair evangelist, who ministers to the French-speaking people in Louisiana. He holds Bible classes in Boys' Schools, in jails and Scout camps. In closing his circular letter he added these significant words: "Please excuse a mimiographed signature. I am trying to conserve the waning strength of my only 'good' hand." — The Sunday School Times.

● During the past year a new project involving the textual study of ancient New Testament manuscripts has been launched. This important work will feature the microfilming of the manuscripts in Jerusalem and in the monastery of St. Catherine at Mt. Sinai. According to one newspaper dispatch, about three thousand manuscripts, three-fourth of them in Greek, are occupying the attention of the American scholars who have been assigned to this project. To meet this special need a four-hundred-pound generator was shipped from America to Jerusalem to supply the electrical light. — The Sunday School Times.

● The long-planned-for Festival of Britain, which will bring millions to London this year, is to have a definite religious impact. The World's Evangelical Alliance will take over Central Hall, Westminster for the entire month of September. Approximately 100 evangelical societies will participate in an exhibition during the first half of the month. During the entire period an evangelistic campaign will be in progress in the Great Hall. Rt. Rev. Hugh R. Gough, bishop of Barking, will be responsible for the conduct of the meetings. He will be assisted by Dr. W. E. Sangster, minister of Central Hall; Mr. Thomas B. Rees of Hildenborough Hall; Rev. Alan Redpath of Duke Street Church, Richmond; Mr. A. Lindsay Glegg and Mr. Stephen F. Olford whose experience in evangelism is well-known in England and Wales. — United Evangelical Action.

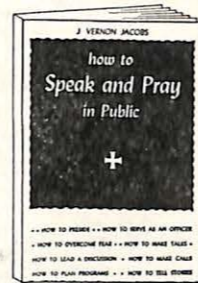
REV. JOHN GRYGO
The editor of the department, "In the Course of Human Events," for this issue has been the Rev. John Grygo, pastor of the Ogden Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

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Editorial

Trekking Among Our Churches

A GREAT DEAL of denominational trekking is going on at present in the interest of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Missionaries and secretaries and pastors are traveling among our churches and, like the early Christians, "rehearsing all that God has done with them" (Acts 14:27). Such services ought to be blessed occasions as they strengthen denominational ties and open the heavenly windows of God's mercies upon his people.

Our Cameroons' missionaries, Miss Ruby Salzman and the Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, are engaged on a visitation trek of four months until the close of May. They are finding the going much more difficult than on trek in Africa, but they are happy in the service of their King and eager to tell the marvelous story of the Gospel among the people of Africa. As this issue goes to press, the Hendersons are preparing themselves for an extended tour of our Southern Conference churches. Miss Salzman is in Alberta, Canada, ministering to the Christian Training Institute and our churches in the Canadian provinces. Every effort is being made at our headquarters to plan for similar "treks" for other missionaries so that all of our churches can receive these blessings over a span of two or three years.

From March 31 to April 11 Mr. Reinhard Neuman, our missionary among the Indians on the Montana Reserve near Ponoka, Alberta, Canada, will tour the Central Conference area, speaking at local churches or at combined rallies concerning the blessings of God on this home mission field of ours. The itinerary, which is published in this issue, was prepared by Miss Ardis Woodrich of Kankakee, Ill., who is the project promoter for the Central Conference Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union. The young people of this area are raising \$2500 for the Indian mission field and remembering this work earnestly in their prayers.

In these days fourteen of our pastors, including several conference workers and one of our denominational evangelists, are beginning an important ministry of visitation evangelism. About forty churches will be visited for one week each, during which personal workers will be enlisted for soul winning, evangelistic services will be held, and the responsibility of witnessing for Christ will be laid upon the soul of every church member. Let us be much in prayer that God will bless these brethren as they trek across many miles to their destination and that he will give them a great harvest of souls and spiritual blessings.

The denominational secretaries are also on trek as usual! Dr. Frank H. Woyke and Dr. George A. Lang were featured on a fine program for the Northern Conference ministers at Edmonton, Alberta, recently. Then Dr. Woyke traveled across thousands of miles to an important church anniversary and association engagement at Kyle, Texas. The Rev. J. C. Gunst and the editor spent almost seven weeks on a busy trek in the Pacific Conference area, visiting churches en route as well, during which they conducted Christian Workers' Conferences and spoke at all kinds of services.

This is the kind of denominational trekking which can awaken interest in God's work, impart important information and leave an abiding spiritual impression. It is missionary trekking accompanied by God's richest gifts of grace and blessing!

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What Jesus Christ Means to Us

Personal testimonies by five members of the Senior Class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with other messages on "God's Call Into the Christian Ministry" by other students to appear in the April 12th issue

CHRIST IS THE CAPTAIN OF MY SOUL

By ADOLPH BRAUN

John in his gospel says that if everything that Jesus did were written down, the world itself could not contain the books. I feel the same way in trying to say in a few words what Christ means to me. For he is my very life. Christ often spoke of himself as the Life. John says, "In him was life." Jesus himself said, "I am the resurrection, and the life . . . I am the way, the truth and the life . . . He that hath the Son hath life."

When I accepted Christ as Savior and Lord of my life, he made me a new creature: old things passed away; behold, all things became new. The image of God within me was awakened and I began a new life, because I accepted the Son of God whom to know is life.

Since Christ has victory over sin and the grave, I too have the same. I thank God that I can say with Job, "I know that my redeemer liveth," and with Paul, "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" Christ's promise holds true for all those who believe in him. I rejoice in the fact that he has promised to come again and to receive me unto himself; that where he is, there I may be also.

Whole-heartedly I agree with Paul, "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Permit me to use William E. Henley's "Invictus" with a few changes.

"It does matter how strait the gate,
How charged with punishment the scroll,
Christ is the master of my fate:
Christ is the captain of my soul."

CHRIST HAS BECOME MORE REAL TO ME

By JACOB EHMAN

Having been born and raised in a Christian home, I learned early in my youth the meaning of a Christian life and why we need Christ as our Savior. Seeing how much my parents depended on Jesus Christ, and how in times of trial and hardship they always found comfort in him, a desire took hold in my heart and life to have this same Jesus as my personal Savior. It was when I yielded my life to him, that there came the

desire that I wanted to serve him in whatever field to which he would call me. I was much concerned about it and prayed that the Lord might lead me. The desire began to grow that he would have me as his servant in the ministry.

One of the special blessings that was mine during these years of preparation was the constant companionship of my wife and our two children. The Lord has provided for our every need and has helped us to grow in grace and in knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Through the days of preparation at the seminary, my life has been enriched and my faith strengthened so that I might have a deeper understanding of the love of God for his children and for those as yet without Christ. I too can say with Paul in Romans 1:16, "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth."

Thus, with that assurance and conviction in my heart and life, Christ has become more real to me and I am willing to give my life as a servant to him. Jesus means more to me than anything else in the world and it is my desire to serve him always.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE JOY OF ALL LIVING

By WILLY R. MULLER

Jesus Christ means more to me today than he did when I first accepted him as my personal Savior. Indeed, he was very precious to me then, but I just did not know him as intimately then as I do now. Having received him as my Savior from sin, I never

realized that I needed anything else. Since walking with him for ten years and studying his Word, I began to realize what so many have experienced in the long years since his coming.

Jesus is the end of all my searching after truth. Having come to reveal the Father to us, I can now go to him for an understanding of the Father's heart and will concerning his creation. Jesus is the end of all my searching after joy and happiness. When beset with the sorrow for sin and its destruction of mankind, I turn to Jesus with confident assurance that he is the solution to this problem. With the song writer I can say, "Jesus is the joy of living."

Jesus brings the joy of forgiveness to every heart that has faith to receive him. Jesus is also the end of all my searching after peace. Whether it be peace for my worried and troubled heart, or whether it be for peace on earth among nations, I find the solution in him. As the great High Priest he gives me peace for my troubled heart and as the coming King he will bring peace among men on earth. To me, Jesus is the Savior of the individual from sin, but he is also the Savior of the world, coming in great power and glory.

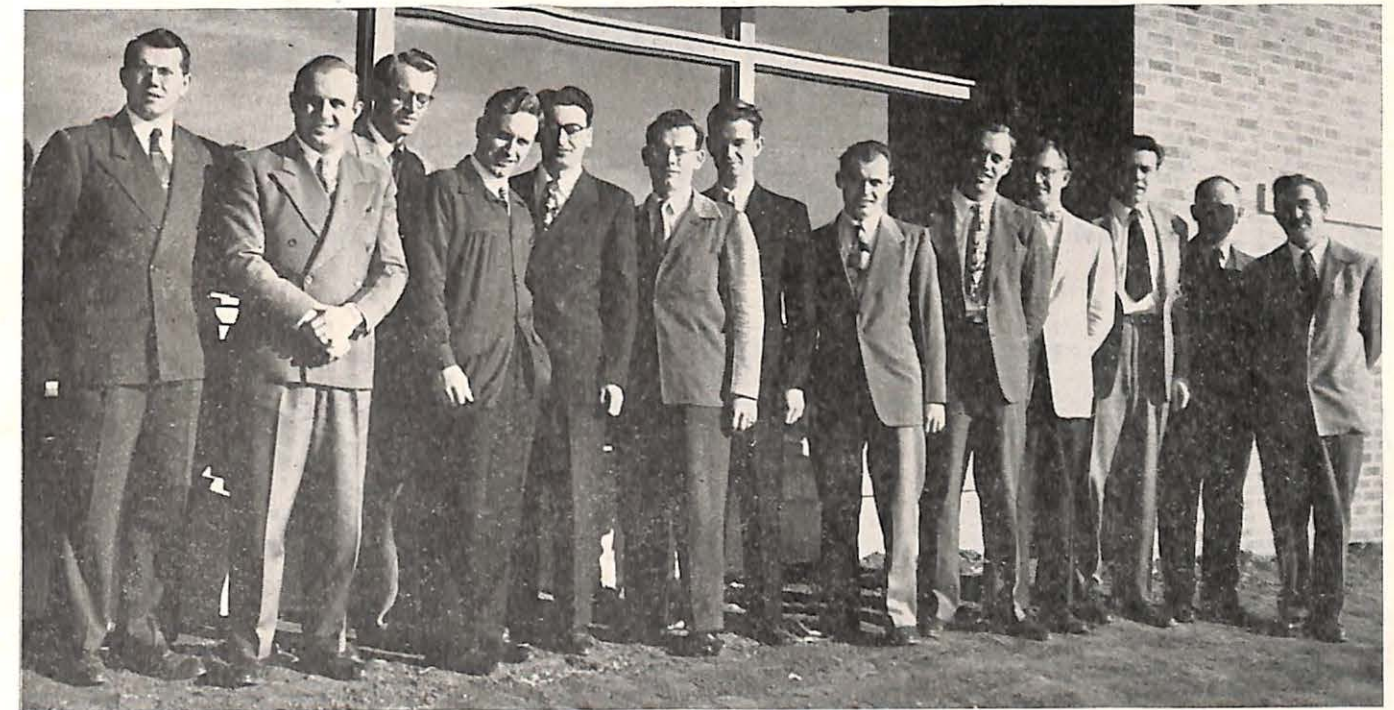
MY ANSWER TO AN IMPORTANT QUESTION CONCERNING CHRIST

By ELDON L. JANZEN

This question of Jesus, addressed to the Pharisees in Matt. 22:42, "What think ye of Christ?" if directed at us would bring forth a variety of answers. Indeed, one person might give different answers at different periods in his life. In answering this question I find that my reply is a combination of many different ideas of Christ that have come to me during the years of my Christian experience.

First of all, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is my personal Savior. It is he who has loved me, forgiven my sins, and saved me from eternal death. But he is more than just my Savior. He is a universal Savior, for through faith in him all men everywhere may be saved.

The days of Christ's earthly ministry were filled with preaching, teaching and healing. By example of his perfect life and intimate communion



The thirteen members of the Senior Class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Left to right: Olland F. Cole, Reuben C. Stading, Willy R. Muller, Bernard R. Fritzke, Lawrence G. Bienert, Walter Sukut, Eldon L. Janzen, Jacob F. Ehman, Norman A. Berkan, Walter F. Berkan, Adolph Braun, Martin A. Kroeker and Heinz H. Grabia.

with the Father, he has shown us how we as Christians ought to live in relation to God and man.

Christ is our supreme Commander. His great commission is valid for us as it was for his disciples. We are to carry on the work which he started, but in order to do this effectively we must yield ourselves to him as Lord of our life.

Christ is also the one who sustains every Christian. He does not promise us an easy life but he does promise to give the strength needed to face any difficulty and every task.

Much of the development of my conception of Christ has come to me via the seminary classroom where the message and method of Christ have been unfolded. I am deeply grateful for this period of preparation at the seminary for it has increased my faith and brought me a greater realization of the scope and importance of the work of his Kingdom in which we as individuals and denomination have been given a share.

THE JOY OF LIVING CLOSE TO CHRIST

By WALTER SUKUT

It is a wonderful experience to be a Senior at the seminary. The joys that one experiences as you approach the end of the Senior year are similar to the joys that you experience when you are nearing the end of a homeward journey, after having been away for a long time. The nearer you get to the end of that journey the more excited you become, because you are

anxious to see your home, friends and loved ones. You are also bubbling over with things you want to relate to them about your journey.

This little illustration expresses very clearly my feelings as I am approaching the end of my journey here at the seminary. The closer I get to the end the more excited I become, because I am anxiously looking forward to meeting the friends and loved ones of the pastorate, to which God has appointed me. More important yet is the fact that on this journey I have seen, heard and learned to know more intimately the most wonderful Person who ever walked on the face of the earth, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thus, I am anxiously awaiting the time when I can relate to God's people the wonderful things that I have learned about Jesus. For here at our seminary I have learned to know, more intimately, Christ as my Friend, my Companion, my Counsellor, my Shepherd, my Lord, my King and my God. I have tasted of the hope, of the joy and of the assurance of everlasting life in Christ Jesus; and I cannot begin to express what Jesus means to me in these few words.

One cannot live with a friend for five years without discovering many things in that friend that one had never known before. I have found that to be very true in my relationship with Christ. Here at the seminary I have had presented to me the most wonderful opportunity that can be given to anyone, namely, that of living close to Christ, and the discoveries that I have made about my

Lord and Savior Jesus Christ have overwhelmed me again and again. As I take inventory now of what Jesus means to me I cannot help but conclude with the words of the song writer:

"My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine,
For thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

"It is better to have an opportunity than merely a job."

—JAMES A. DE WEERD

WORK

Let me do my work from day to day;
In field or forest, at the desk or loom,
In roaring market place or tranquil room;
Let me but find it in my heart to say
When vagrant wishes beckon me astray,
"This is my work; my blessing, not my doom;
This work can best be done in the right way.

Then shall I see it not too great, nor small,
To suit my spirit and to prove my powers;
Then shall I cheerful greet the laboring hours,
And cheerful turn when the long shadows fall
At eventide to play and love and rest,
Because I know for me my work is best.

—HENRY VAN DYKE

The Unity of Biblical Truth

The revival of Biblical faith seeks to reaffirm the unity of the Bible and gives new insights into a message, old yet new, of the God who loved the whole world and gave his Son so that the world might know and believe and live

By DR. RALPH E. KNUDSEN of Berkeley, California

AS WE ATTEMPT to develop the unity of Biblical truth within our revelation, there are certain movements and ideas which assume new and important considerations. We first discover that the Bible presents a God who was great in creative reality but also great in his love and concern for his creation. Martin Luther had this concept when he wrote:

"A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing."

The God thus set forth came again and again to the highest of his creations and communicated with him. God revealed himself to man and in that revelation he became known by names which have persisted through time. The presentation of God was not the same through every period of his revelation but the direction of that revelation was always consistent with the nature and final revelation of God. This final revelation came in the fullness of time and pulled together all concepts which may have seemed contradictory in the revelation of God.

Not only did this God reveal himself to man but he also spoke to him of the things necessary for the continuing good life of fellowship. This revelation of God for the purpose of helping the one to whom revealed is the point where the past is merged with the present and future into one united whole. This revelation of God to man was not an accomplished reality all at once but a continuous process in history until completed in Jesus Christ.

GOD'S CHOICE OF MAN

A second phase which emphasizes the unity of Scripture is found in God's choice of man. He said to the disciples, "I have called thee," and, much later, as recorded in our New Testament, Jesus said, "Ye did not choose me, but I chose you." This phase of the discussion leads to a consideration of the purpose of this revelation to man. God came to man with a motivated intention for man's good. Since God chose man, the intention finds its beginning and meaning in God. Even faith finds its means, pur-

SECOND ARTICLE IN THE SERIES

This is the second part of the first message by Dr. Knudsen which he delivered in a series of convocation addresses at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., during the dedication festivities. The other addresses will be published in forthcoming issues.

These articles are profound "food for thought." They deserve to be read carefully and repeatedly. Let us know about their spiritual blessings if you have benefitted from the publication of these thought provoking messages. EDITOR.

pose and end in God. The purpose of the Creator gives the basis for all the meaning of human existence. The Bible discloses just what that purpose might be and how it might be realized by man.

History has no meaning without God whose will can be seen in the movement of time. Three great interpretations have been given in an attempt to discover meaning in history. There are, of course, many variations in the field of an attempted philosophy of history. Augustine believed that all history, whether temporal, worldly, spiritual and eternal, is embraced in a divine plan; in a word, history is from above. Hegel believed that the determining factor in history is man and his mental processes, or that history is from within and intellectual. Karl Marx believed that history was to be interpreted in terms of the materialistic or economic; that means that history was from below or physical.

Augustine was more in line with the Biblical concept which may be stated in the words of Paul in Romans 11:36, "For of him, and through him, and unto him, are all things." Thus in the Bible we find a God who chose man with a determined purpose, and not a God who was first chosen by man. The stream of Biblical revelation knows not man who chose God but God who chose man and revealed himself so man might choose HIM.

This choice was not only for a people, a nation, but for a particular person, such as Moses and Paul, you and me.

It is true that the Old Testament does reflect the choice of a nation, but that choice was for a distinct purpose which was to be accomplished through a people and not because the choice of God was in terms of nations rather than individuals. Even in the time when national existence was most strongly emphasized there were those who saw the will of God in terms of individual response and responsibility. This choice of man by God is not for any personal gain but for a specific mission within his purpose. The choice of God is not something relatively conceived but rather absolutely binding in its authority upon man. The mystery of God's choice of man, all men, interpenetrates all the purposes of history and all the possibilities of creation.

MAN'S FREE DECISION

There is a third factor in this unity of revelation which gives meaning to our faith. It is the fact that God does not impose his choice or will upon man but permits this created being to make his own choice. So we find this great word to man, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve," and again, "If Jehovah be God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him" (1 Kings 18:21).

Jesus said to his disciples on numerous occasions, "Follow me." Those to whom Jesus spoke were given a choice to obey or disobey. This choice placed before man is not one which he can lightly discharge as though he need give it no consideration. It is not possible for man to live in neutrality or to act as though he were in a mental vacuum. Since God chose man and has given man the opportunity of free choice, it becomes not a matter of convenience but of exacting responsibility from which he cannot escape. This requires of man not a delayed decision but an immediate decision in response to God's demand that man choose.

Kierkegaard has said that man is both good and evil, but the moment

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Christ's Interview With Nicodemus

The wonders of the Second Birth and the story of the greatest verse in the Bible as found in John 3:1-16

By DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

THE APOSTLE JOHN gives us a remarkable interview which Jesus had with a Pharisee named Nicodemus. His name is mentioned only in this gospel (John 3:1, 7, 50; 19:39). He is also called a "ruler of the Jews." He was undoubtedly a member of the Sanhedrin and a well-known teacher of the law (John 3:10). This man was a believer in "signs" or miracles (John 2:23; 3:2).

Nicodemus was a modest, courteous, open-minded, earnest and orthodox man. He came to Jesus by night because of fear of the Jews. He was a cautious man and wanted to avoid any hostility with his colleagues. He had a fear of God and fear of man.

He approached Jesus in a respectful manner. He said three things that were complimentary. He addressed him as rabbi. He acknowledged that he was a teacher come from God. He said God was with him because of the miracles he could perform.

Jesus undoubtedly read what was in the mind of Nicodemus. Jesus knew that he really wanted to talk to him about the kingdom of God. He knew of the Baptist's preaching and of Jesus' teaching, but he wanted more enlightenment.

THE SECOND BIRTH

Jesus startled Nicodemus by telling him that he, as a Jew, had to be born again. This ruler of the Jews longed for the coming of the kingdom but he expected a political revolution. His ideas were in the realm of the natural and material. He believed that every Jew by right of birth had a place in the kingdom. Now Jesus startled him by speaking of the necessity of a birth from above.

Whenever Jesus says, "Verily, verily," he has something of great importance to say. He told Nicodemus that except one be born anew or from above he could not see the Kingdom of God. The Jews demanded of the Gentiles that they be baptized if they wanted to partake of Jewish privileges. The Gentile who desired to become a Jew had to be symbolically born again. Nicodemus knew this but it staggered him that the Jews must also be born again. He didn't understand what Jesus meant. How could any man undergo a second physical birth?

Then Jesus made it more explicit. One must be born of water and the Spirit to become a real citizen of the Kingdom of God. John the Baptist said that he baptized with water but the Messiah would baptize with the Holy Spirit (John 1:33). The water baptism of John symbolized repentance, confession, pardon. But something more was needed than repentance. The transforming power of the Holy Spirit alone could make a new man. Nicodemus needed to repent from his self-righteousness and submit to the power of God's Spirit.

This teacher of Israel needed to realize that what is born of the flesh is flesh. The natural birth doesn't qualify one to become a citizen of God's Kingdom. As human beings, we are born into the natural world. Only by faith in Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit are we born into the spiritual world, the Kingdom of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). "That which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Nicodemus was bewildered by Jesus' words. So the Master said: "Do not wonder at me telling you that you must be born from above."

It may be that Jesus and Nicodemus during their interview late at night heard the wind as it moaned along the narrow streets of Jerusalem. Jesus pointed out that just as the wind is something mysterious and unseen and one doesn't know its origin

THE EXTENT OF GOD'S LOVE

In F. M. Lehman's song, "The Love of God," which beautifully expresses God's love for us, the last stanza of the song was penciled on the wall of a narrow room of an asylum by a man said to have been insane. The profound lines were discovered after his death:

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill,
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

If a demented man could be so greatly aware of God's strong, deathless love, how much more should we!

nor its goal, so the Spirit is mysterious and unseen in its working power, but it is nevertheless real. As the wind acts, so the Spirit acts freely, secretly, mightily. We cannot understand the Wind in all its actions but we know of its power. So, says Jesus, is the power of the Spirit.

THE BEWILDERED NICODEMUS

This ruler of the Jews was now bewildered. "How is all this possible?" Jesus replied: "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet do you not understand these things? (John 3:10.) You as a well-known rabbi should have known these teachings in the Old Testament that tell of God's Spirit that will renew the hearts of man (Jer. 31:33; Ezek. 11:19-20; 36:26). We, John the Baptist and I, most solemnly tell you of what we know and bear witness of that which we have seen, but you reject our testimony. If I have told you earthly things, things of the flesh and of the work, of the Spirit on earth, and you don't believe them, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things which I have not yet revealed to you? The Son of man is the only One who can tell of heavenly things because he came from heaven. No other one has been in heaven and possesses such a direct and complete knowledge of the mind of God as the incarnate Christ" (see Matt. 11:27). The words, "who is in heaven," are omitted in many ancient manuscripts. That is why some translations omit them. But they are nevertheless true.

Centuries before Christ's birth many Israelites had been bitten by poisonous serpents and had died. Moses by divine command had made a serpent of brass and had put it on a pole, so that anyone who had been bitten could look upon the brazen serpent and live (Numbers 21:6-8). Jesus used this incident to illustrate the necessity of his own death. The Son of man had to be lifted up on the cross for the salvation of all those who trust in him.

We are told that from earliest times, the serpent was regarded as man's most dangerous enemy. But in the very countries where it was recognized as the symbol of death it was also recognized as the symbol of life. It was early discovered that the most

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Preparing for Greater Service

The story of the teaching ministry of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, and of its 108 students during the 1950-1951 school term

By the REV. E. P. WAHL, President of the Christian Training Institute

WHEN the Bible School year began last Fall at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, there were 108 students enrolled. Of these twenty-five were in the High School division, eighty-one in the Bible School department and two following the Bible Commercial Course. The Monday evening classes enrolled another thirty-seven students. All dormitory space was occupied and six students lived outside of the school student quarters.

Nearly fifty percent of our students are young men. The military draft did affect some boys who had in mind to come to the Christian Training Institute from the United States. Since there is no such compulsory military training in Canada, the Canadian boys were still privileged to avail themselves of training for the King of kings at our Christian Training Institute.

With grateful hearts for such a splendid group of Christian young people, the faculty labors diligently to help in developing Christian character, spiritual stature and understanding. God was very good to us in giving us such an efficient group of teachers. The Rev. Karl Korella leads the first year students through the

entire Bible by instructing "Synopsis of the Bible." He also heads a very intensive course in psychology. The Rev. Albert Johnson is a sound teacher of the Word, instructing classes in the New and Old Testament books. His evangelistic spirit fits him very ably to teach personal work and evangelism.

Mr. Robert Neske continues faithfully as voice and chorus instructor and also awakening in the students an understanding of song leadership and an appreciation for good church music. Miss Erna Schwanke has the class in harmony and hymnology to look after besides her piano students and serves efficiently as librarian of the school. Miss Gertrude Nelson is our capable High School teacher. She is a hard worker who takes a deep interest in her work. Miraculously God gave Miss Nelson to us at a time when it appeared we should not be able to find a High School teacher. The Rev. Hugo Lueck, who is trained and endowed with special talents for teaching, heads the church history department and also teaches the life of Christ.

The Rev. Miss Ethel Ruff took over the religious education department last Fall. Out of her rich experience

and special work in this particular field she has been well able to give the students much help. The Rev. O. Ohnberg, appointed by the Baptist General Conference to serve on the faculty, comes to us highly trained and with a keen interest for students and student life. He is the special teacher in missions and also leads one of the Christian doctrine classes.

Last Fall Miss Ruby Schindler took over the position as matron of the school. Again we must praise the Lord who has raised up a young woman in our own churches ready to fill such an important position. Miss Schindler has carried on very effectively and has aided greatly in keeping students spiritually minded.

SPIRITUAL LIFE WEEK

A week never to be forgotten by students and faculty was our "Spiritual-Life Examination Week." Soon after the first term examinations were over, a special week was set aside (January 15-20) to pause before the Lord for spiritual examination. The Rev. E. H. Nikkel had been invited to bring special messages during those days and also have consultation hours with students.

The week was opened with the topic for the day, "A Desire for Spiritual Growth," and as the week continued this desire grew in the heart of everyone. On Saturday evening in the prayer meeting a large number of young people rededicated their lives to the Lord and his service. A number of young people as result of that special week in the school year have received a deeper understanding of the Lord's call in their lives.

The Bible School's commencement exercises will begin with the baccalaureate service on Sunday evening, April 1, 1951, and will conclude with commencement night on April 5. The largest group of Bible School students ever graduated in any one year will be graduated this year. We also expect to have no less than eleven High School students graduating in June. Professor Albert Bretschneider of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has been chosen as the commencement speaker this year. The honorable Manning, premier of the province of Alberta, has consented to bring greetings to the graduates on commencement night.



The Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, faces the faculty of the Bible School. Left to right (standing): Rev. Miss Ethel Ruff, Miss Erna Schwanke, Miss Gertrude Nelson and Rev. Albert Johnson. — Seated: Rev. Hugo Lueck, Mr. Robert Neske, Rev. Karl Korella and Rev. O. Ohnberg.

Introducing the New Children's Worker

Presenting Miss Ruth Bathauer of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, who is beginning her service as an appointee of the Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union

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

AT THE ANNUAL meeting of the executive committee for the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union the committee unanimously appointed Miss Ruth Bathauer of Sheboygan, Wis., to be the new Children's Worker in our denomination. Miss Bathauer comes to us well qualified for the position because of her fine training and practical experience in working with children.

MANY RESPONSIBILITIES

Her duties will be manifold in the new work which she is taking over. First, and foremost, she will direct the Scripture Memorization program through the youth and Sunday School department. She will also assist in Junior work, both in the local churches and summer camps. She will assist in working out plans for Vacation Bible School programs and materials, and will make a study of resource materials for the Week Day Church Schools.

From time to time she will be available for Scripture Memorization camps, for Junior and Intermediate work at the summer assemblies. At Workers' Conferences and Sunday School rallies Miss Bathauer will be prepared to promote the children's work and to give guidance in materials for the children's department of the Sunday School. In addition to these many activities on the field, Miss Bathauer will also be required to give some office assistance from time to time, for which she is well qualified, to the general secretary.

Miss Bathauer is a native of Nebraska and has spent some of her younger years in the state of Oklahoma. Later her family moved to Wisconsin where her parents and Ruth became members of our Sheboygan Church, known as the Bethel Baptist Church.

PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY

Early in life Ruth accepted the Lord as her personal Savior and became a member of our Bessie Church in Oklahoma. She has been a member of the Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wis., since 1937. In her church experiences she has been very busy with children's work, Sunday School work as a teacher, youth work and service



Miss Ruth Bathauer of Sheboygan, Wis., the newly appointed Children's Worker of the Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union.

in the choir. For three years she served as secretary of the Wisconsin Young People's Association.

Miss Bathauer has excellent training for this responsible position. Besides being a graduate of high school, she has had a full business training course. In addition to that, she has had two years of training at Northwestern Bible College in Minneapolis, Minn. At the time of her appointment she was a student at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, taking a three-year training, during which time she has majored in Christian Education. She will be receiving her Bachelor of Religious Education degree when she graduates in May. In her experience in practical Christian service, she has rendered a fine ministry as a teacher in child evangelism classes and in Vacation Bible Schools a number of times. She has also been on teams that have gone out from the schools which she attended on deputations work. During her training the last few years, she has been serving in our Ogden Park Baptist Church and also in our Forest Park Baptist Church in the Chicago area.

In addition to her experience in her practical Christian service she has

been employed as a secretary doing secular work for several years in the Cook Home Agent office in the state of Wisconsin. In connection with that, she had experience in working with boys and girls enrolled in the 4-H Club and other rural organizations.

SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION

For many of our people who knew Miss Ann Swain and her fine work in the Scripture memorization work, it might be well to state that Miss Bathauer will continue in that particular service to carry on our Scripture memorization program. We are confident that our people will give Miss Bathauer their wholehearted cooperation and support in carrying on the children's work in our denominational enterprise. Our people will find that Miss Bathauer has been responding to our appointment as a definite call from the Lord. Along with her fine training for Christian service she has a very pleasing disposition and the ability to work with leaders and with people whom she will be serving. Her fine Christian testimony will win the hearts of all of our people once they hear her and see her in action.

Her itinerary and contacts with our churches, and groups in various conference areas, will be worked out in cooperation with the general secretary of the Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union. Anyone requesting her services should write to the general secretary.

CAMPS AND VACATION SCHOOLS

Miss Bathauer began her duties on a part-time basis, beginning April 1st. As soon as she graduates from school the latter part of May, she will take over her duties in full time service. She will be available for special services at Scripture Memory Camps, children's work at summer assemblies, and for Vacation Bible Schools beginning June 1st.

We trust that our leaders in the local churches and our pastors will put the name of Miss Ruth Bathauer on their prayer list and will remember her in their prayers as she carries on this important work with the children in our churches throughout the denomination.

My Testimony as Mission Secretary

A Personal Message of Introduction by the REV. RICHARD SCHILKE,
the Newly Appointed General Missionary Secretary

AS I BEGIN my new task as general missionary secretary of our beloved denomination, I am thinking of the many churches all across the United States and Canada. It will take a long time until I can make my personal appearance in each one of them. And so through the pages of the "Baptist Herald" I desire to bring my personal testimony in order that I might not come as a stranger when I visit you in person.

CONVERSION AND BAPTISM

January 29, 1928 is my spiritual birthday. My spiritual birth came about in the following way. The Evangelical Church at Rhein, Sask., which we attended, had arranged for two weeks of revival meetings. For the first week of that campaign the church had invited the Rev. A. Gaerzen who at the time was pastoring a neighboring Evangelical church but who himself was of the Mennonite Brethren faith. I could not attend those meetings until Friday of that week.

Even on that night Satan kept me from the meeting until almost at the close of it. But the Holy Spirit convicted me with that part of the message which I did hear. The text taken from Daniel 5:27 still rings in my ear: "Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting." I did not yield that night, but I could not forget those heart-searching words. They haunted me all of the following day and all of Sunday.

Sunday night I could not sleep. My heart could bear the burden of sin no longer. I felt that to reject Christ again as I had done on two previous occasions might be forfeiting the salvation of my soul. In anguish of soul I called my beloved parents to help me pray and to point out the way of salvation for me. My heart repenting, my faith looked up, but I could not believe. Then the prayer of the centurion came to my mind and I made it my prayer, "Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief." Instantly the light broke, I was born again, and I knew it. My sins were gone. The peace of forgiveness flooded my soul. I thanked and praised the Lord.

There is nothing better for Christian growth than Christian activity. In that little Evangelical Church I testified for my Lord, worked with the young people, taught in the Sunday

School, conducted the little choir, and on various occasions I was asked to bring a brief message in the prayer meeting. I knew that church membership was my next step, but where to join was my problem. I could not join a church which did not hold to Scriptural baptism, though I agreed with every other tenet of its faith.

I was a Baptist at heart and looked for a Baptist church. To find it I had to go some twenty miles away. But I found it, and on the glorious Sunday afternoon of July 27, 1930 I was baptized by immersion out in an open stream by the Rev. G. P. Schroeder and joined the East Ebenezer Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan.

CALL TO THE MINISTRY

At various times the thought came to me whether the Lord desired to have me for full-time service in his vineyard. There were those who made the suggestion that I should enter the ministry. I remember my father telling me one day that no greater blessing could come to him than to see that God some day would call me into full-time service. Against these suggestions I fought inwardly. The responsibility of a servant of God seemed too great for me to bear.

During the Saskatchewan Association meetings held at my home church in the year 1931 the Rev. G. P. Schroeder, my pastor, brought the missionary message. Every word of his seemed to be directed to me. I could distinctly hear the inner voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to me, but still I would not yield. I left by the side of the tent.

Suddenly I felt a hand upon my shoulder. One of the lay brethren of the church looked into my eyes and said, "Richard, you should become a minister." How did he come by those words? It was God speaking again. He speaks through the humblest of his children. Several weeks later I bowed my knees out in the open field and fully surrendered my all to God. With Isaiah of old I spoke those memorable words, "Here am I; send me."

The five years at our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., from 1934 to 1939 were years of student life. They will ever remain unforgettable. There were weeks of intense study. There were times of grave doubts and fears. There were moments of victory and rejoicing. There were activities of uplifting strength. I shall ever be grateful for the opportunity afforded

me during my senior year to teach the young people's class at the Andrews Street Baptist Church, a class which had usually been taught by one of the professors.

I shall not forget the privilege that became mine during that same year to become the successor in German grammar to Prof. H. G. Dymmel. Was it a coincidence? How good a teacher I made I must leave to the judgment of the class of 1943. How good a student I was I must leave to the judgment of my professors.

The five years passed all too quickly. Should I continue my education? Should I take a church? The problem weighed heavily upon my heart. I had a great desire to continue my education and had made application for enrollment at several institutions of higher learning, but God decided the question for me. Even while pastoring my first church at Minotnas, Manitoba, I could not lose my vision of furthering my education. To do so, however, would have meant to leave my church. I remember talking to Dr. M. L. Leuschner about this very thing. His advice to me was sound. I followed it, and the years since have substantiated its wisdom.

During my pastorate at my second church in Edmonton, Alta., opportunity was afforded me to continue my studies on a part-time basis at the University of Alberta where I finished my undergraduate work and did some post-graduate work as well. To the Central Baptist Church at Edmonton I am deeply grateful for the liberty it granted me to take up this special work. But training years are never over. We learn as long as we live in the practical class of life itself.

MISSION EXPERIENCES

A student's pastorate during the vacation months can give to that student a wealth of experience almost equivalent to a year of study. He goes back to school at the end of his vacation with new determination. He is in less danger of losing himself in a maze of theories that are seldom practical. I had the rare privilege of serving a little mission field during every vacation. Our fields at Esk, Sask., Innisfree, Alta., Lashburn, Sask., and Forestburg, Alta., gave me the practical insights into church work and church administration without which I could not acceptably have served

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ST. RICHARD'S PRAYER

Day by day,
Dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly,
Day by day. Amen.

ST. RICHARD OF CHICHESTER

"Consecration is not giving to God, but taking our hands off of that which belong to God."

—Quoted by N. B. Harrison in "His Power."

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

The fruit of the Spirit — love is the first in the precious cluster. All the other eight can be put in the word love. Joy is love exulting; peace is love in repose; long suffering is love on trial; gentleness is love in society; faith is love on the battlefield; goodness is love in action; meekness is love at school; temperance is love in training. Love at the top, love at the bottom, love all the way up.

—D. L. Moody in "Moody Monthly."

"I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in its relation to the Kingdom of Christ."

—DAVID LIVINGSTONE

THE PEOPLE'S INFLUENCE

By LUCILLE PETTIGREW JOHNSON

It isn't the stately structure,
It isn't the towering steeple
That makes the church inviting —
It's the attitude of the people.

The minister's eloquent sermon
Will fall on a deafened ear,
Unless there is warmth in the building,
And a friendly atmosphere.

—THE ILLINOIS BAPTIST

"People seldom improve when they have no model but themselves to copy."

—GOLDSMITH

HOW TO CLOSE A CHURCH

1. Go to church when it is convenient.
2. Criticize the church freely before the children in the home.
3. Send your children to Sunday School — do not go to the trouble of taking them.
4. Contribute whatever you can easily spare to the support of the church.

GOD'S WAY

By C. C. MILES

He leadeth me;
Not with rope or chain,
As cattle go against their will
Trying in vain to turn aside
To ways they know.

He never prods;
But in the roughest places stands,
And there with hand outstretched
He reaches back and says,
"I've been this way before.
Come, follow me."

— THE CHRISTIAN HERALD

"It is the will of God that each of us should know our riches in Christ. Let us claim our heritage."

—SECRET PLACE

NOW, HOME

By T. MOORE ATKINSON

Now home is a spirit
Where kindness abides,
And home is a friendship
Where thoughtfulness hides.

Home is a resting place
Warm to the heart;
Home is a comradeship
Deeper than art.

Home is beatitude
Where happiness reigns
Just because someone
Shares in your pains.

Home is contentment,
And gladness and — you.
Home — when you find it —
Has God in it, too.

—WATCHMAN-EXAMINER

"Our churches are not here to do the easy things, but to test out their strength and faith and courage on the difficult."

—CHARLES R. OSBORN

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Above all else love God alone,
Bow down to neither wood or stone.
God's name refuse to take in vain,
The Sabbath rest with care maintain.
Respect your parents all your days,
Hold sacred human life always.
Be loyal to your chosen mate,
Steal nothing neither small nor great
Report with truth your neighbor's
deeds

And rid your mind of selfish greeds.

—DR. ELTON TRUEBLOOD

"They who trust HIM wholly find HIM wholly true."

—SUNDAY SCHOOL TIMES



Two who have the same idea of playing with the alphabet blocks!

—Eva Luoma Photo

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Ohlmann of River Hills, Manitoba, have announced the birth of a son on Feb. 15th who has been named Daniel Paul. Mr. Ohlmann is pastor of the White-mouth Baptist Church and of its mission station at Beausejour, Manitoba.

● Two weeks of evangelistic meetings were held by the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon, from Jan. 30 to Feb. 11. The Rev. John Wobig of the Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon, served as the evangelist. The Rev. Emanuel Wolff, local pastor, reported that there were ten conversions as a result of these fine meetings, including several couples.

● The Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has extended a call to the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak., to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Zimmerman will begin his ministry in Milwaukee on April 1st, succeeding the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, now of Burlington, Iowa. He has served the Grand Forks church since 1948.

● A recent candlelight service marked the installation of the new Commissioned Baptist Youth officers at the Mr. Hans Penner, the Group One leader, led the song service, followed by the installation ceremony and a message by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Knauf, on "Requirements for God's Servicemen." The new officers are: president, Willard Littke; vice-president, Ernest Adam; secretary, Mrs. Ruth Nagel; treasurer, Leonard Fandrick; and group leaders, Hans Penner and Henry Sweigert.

● The Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, which was formerly a mission station of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, has extended a call to Mr. Willy R. Muller, a member of the 1951 graduating class of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. He has accepted the call and hopes to begin his first pastorate at Lauderdale church following his graduation on May 13. Mr. Muller's testimony appears with other messages by Seminary students in this issue of the BAPTIST HERALD.

● On Sunday, Dec. 24, the young people of the Henrietta Baptist Church near Hurnville, Texas, presented the pageant, "The Scarlet Ribbon," which

FRONT COVER PICTURE

With Mt. Rainier (or Mt. Tacoma) in all of her regal splendor and with miles of blossoming daffodils in all of their Spring-time glory, the city of Tacoma, Wash., and vicinity celebrates the annual Puyallup Valley Daffodil Festival. This year the festival will be held from April 6 to 8, 1951.

was directed by the Sunday School superintendent. In addition to this dramatic presentation, the children of the Sunday School and visiting friends brought the Christmas story in music, recitations and dialogue. A mixed chorus also presented a number of well known Christmas carols preceding the play. Miss Ruby Irene Graf is the church reporter. The Rev. E. J. Ruff is the pastor.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Bruckmann of Missoula, Montana, celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Nov. 23, 1950. They were married in 1895 by the Rev. C. F. Jensen at the Greenvine Baptist Church near Burton, Texas. The Rev. A. Becker was also present at the service. For 56 years Mr. Bruckmann has been identified with the American Bible Society. In 1895 he helped to establish the Bible Society's work among the seamen at Galveston, Texas. He is now the field secretary for the Bible Society for the area of Montana, Idaho, North and South Dakota.

● Mrs. H. P. Kayser of Roseville, Mich., was called to her heavenly Home after a prolonged illness with great suffering on Feb. 1st. As the wife of the Rev. H. P. Kayser, one of our fine ministers who served a number of our churches, she was used of God in a wonderful way with her witness for Christ to the church women and Sunday School children. Following a memorial service held in the Calvary Church of Roseville, Mich., her body was taken to St. Louis, Mo., where interment was in the Valhalla Cemetery of St. Louis. A complete obituary appears on page 23 of this issue.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California, has extended a call to the Rev. Berthold Jacksteit of Bradford, Penn., who is a son of a former North American Baptist minister and a graduate of our seminary. He has

responded favorably and hopes to begin his pastorate on May 15, succeeding the Rev. Richard Schilke, the newly appointed general missionary secretary. Mr. and Mrs. Jacksteit have a family of four daughters. A farewell reception for Mr. and Mrs. Schilke and their family was held by the Anaheim church on Sunday evening, Feb. 25. Mr. Schilke brought his closing message to the Bethel Church on that Sunday morning.

● The young people of the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., held their annual Lincoln-Washington banquet on Friday evening, Feb. 23, with the Rev. Paul Sweeny of the city as guest speaker. On the Sundays before Easter the Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor, brought a series of messages on the theme, "Christ Is the Answer." On Sunday evening, Feb. 18, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, showed several missionary and denominational films. On Wednesday evening, March 14, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, national youth secretary, and Mr. Leuschner brought brief messages at the close of a seven weeks' trip to the Pacific Coast.

● The pulpit of the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana, is being supplied by the Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif., for a three month period beginning with March 11. Evangelistic meetings are being held in the church by the Rev. A. S. Felberg, denominational evangelist, from March 25 to April 5. The 25th anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society was recently observed at several services. On Thursday evening, Feb. 16 the society held a birthday supper for the church. Afterwards the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, showed missionary pictures to an audience that filled the church. Mrs. Philip Junkert is the president of the society.

● The \$140,000 educational building of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, is rapidly nearing completion. The spacious building will provide wonderful facilities for every department of a well graded Sunday School besides a beautiful meeting place for several hundred people which will be used until the new sanctuary adjoining the educational building can be built. The church worshipped in the old sanctuary at Fourth Ave. and Mill Street on Easter Sunday, March 25. On the first Sun-

day in April the church hopes to begin its services in the new edifice with the Rev. John Wobig, pastor, in charge of this joyous and auspicious event.

● The young people of the Mt. Zion Church near Junction City, Kansas, observed Youth Week from Feb. 4 to 11. Monday was visitation night. On Wednesday the young people took charge of the prayer meeting and Friday was observed as anniversary and missionary night with the Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, Camerons missionaries, as guest speakers. The Rev. J. R. Kruegel, pastor of the Mt. Zion Church, has asked all North American Baptist ministers who have church men taking military training at Fort Riley, Camp Funston, Camp Whiteside or Camp Forsythe, all near Junction City, Kan., to contact him at Rt. 1, Junction City, Kan. The service men in these camps can call the Rev. J. R. Kruegel personally by phone through Woodbine, Kansas.

● On Thursday evening, Feb. 8, the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., held the installation service for its new pastor, the Rev. Robert S. Hess. The address of the evening was brought by the Rev. Richard K. Mercer, Jr., of the Walnut Street Church of Newark. Representatives of the church expressed their joy over the coming of the pastor and his family into their midst. Dr. H. Theodore Sorg presided and introduced the various speakers, who also included representatives of the New Jersey Baptist Convention and other neighboring pastors. A charge to the church was given by Dr. Albert G. Williams of Eastern Baptist Seminary, and a charge to the pastor by Dr. Shields T. Hardin of the North Orange Baptist Church. The musical numbers included a choir number and a solo by Mr. Harry Arnold.

● During Youth Week at the Baptist Church of Startup, Wash., the young people had a prayer meeting on Tuesday evening, Jan. 30. Mr. Louis Kaiser is president of the youth group. On Saturday evening, Feb. 17, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, showed missionary and denominational pictures, and brought the message at the Sunday morning worship service on Feb. 18. From Feb. 20 to March 4 the Rev. R. G. Kaiser, pastor of the Startup church, served as evangelist at Paul, Idaho, assisting the Rev. J. J. Lippert with special meetings. Miss Ruby Salzman, Camerons missionary, addressed the church on Sunday morning, March 18. From April 8th to 14 Mr. and Mrs. Wm. F. Wills, Jr., of Wheaton, Ill., Youth Gospel Crusade missionaries, will conduct special meetings at the Startup Baptist Church to be followed by a week of evangelistic services by the Rev. R. Kern of Vancouver, B. C., one of the denomination's visitation evangelists.

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

HERALD NEWS

WEDDING BELLS AT PORTLAND

At a very impressive ceremony, in a beautiful setting of Oregon's flowers and winter greens, Miss Marjorie Lou Bauman and Ben Lawrence were united in marriage. Both are members of the Trinity Church in Portland, Oregon. Both are students at the Western Baptist Theological Seminary at Portland. The wedding took place on February 24th in the Seminary chapel. The pastor of the Trinity Church, the Rev. John Wobig, officiated. The reception was held in the Seminary parlors. A large group of the couple's many friends attended, among them Dr. M. L. Leuschner and Rev. J. C. Gunst who were in the city at the time in connection with the Christian Workers' Conference for the churches of the Portland area. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence have both felt the Lord's call to full-time mission service and are preparing and praying for open doors to serve him in that field. At present Mrs. Lawrence is secretary for the Oregon Baptist League Union.



—Photo by Harold M. Lambert
The challenge of the Cross of Christ across every land and from sea to sea.

UNION PAPER EDITORS

We congratulate all the editors of the many regional conference union papers. There are some twenty-two of these splendid papers in circulation. We have encouraged the editors of these papers to have an exchange of the papers among themselves as much as possible. A full list of the names and addresses of the editors as well as of the papers has been made available to the editors each year.

OREGON LEAGUE HANDCLASP

In the last issue of the "Oregon League Handclasp" we have an excellent example of good workmanship. A fine editorial by the editor, Fred Moore, and a fine message by the Oregon League president, George Bauder, is a sample of what consecrated youth can do in leadership and in a special witness for our God. Conference Union information and local C.B.Y. news are most interesting and helpful, indeed, in this fine issue. We are most grateful to God for faithful youth leaders who are so devoted to Christ's service.

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

"Whom Are You Fooling?" by Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, Burlington, Iowa.

"The March Begins" by Rev. Rudolf Schade, Elmhurst, Ill. (First in a series of three topics on the theme: I Salute the Church.)

CHRISTIAN WORKERS' CONFERENCES

The latter part of February two very successful Christian Workers' Conferences were held in Oregon, one at the Bethel Church, Salem, Ore., with the Salt Greek Church of Dallas cooperating, and the other conference at the Trinity Church of Portland, Ore., with the Bethel, Glencullen, Immanuel, Laurelhurst, Stafford, and Villa Ridge Churches cooperating. The representation on the part of the pastors was one hundred percent. From all of the churches there was a very good representation of Sunday School officers and teachers. The C.B.Y. officers and leaders were well represented and took an active part. The officers of the Oregon Baptist League were in charge of the program and leadership of the Workers' Conference. Dr. M. L. Leuschner and Rev. J. C. Gunst served as instructors.

REGIONAL UNION PAPERS

In the past little has appeared in the regional Union papers concerning the Sunday School activities in the local church. Would it not be well for the editors to give out news and other information with regard to Sunday School workers and leaders? Remember our organization is endeavoring to promote interest in both the Commissioned Baptist Youth and

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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. Some time later Mr. Sampson of the State Insurance Department came for a customary checkup. In Tom Richards' bottom drawer Lynn Tracy found a file on the All State Trucking risk, not knowing it was the second copy of the file, and turned it over to Mr. Sampson. Something was now terribly wrong. He demanded to know where Mr. Richards was. Lynn answered that he had gone home because of the illness of his mother.

CHAPTER SEVEN

SAMPSON began to laugh ironically, "Isn't that a coincidence?" he exclaimed.

He walked over to Johnson and spoke a few words. Then they both began to laugh. Lynn could not understand, but she suspected that something was very wrong. She did not know that the company had cut the rates on any risk nor that Tom was

involved. Least of all did she know that she had been responsible for uncovering the difficulty.

Lynn watched the investigators carefully. She saw three of them walk toward the manager's office and they had the All State file with them. They were gone about fifteen minutes when Ann Barrett came over to tell Lynn that Mr. Harper wanted to see her.

With some trepidation Lynn approached the office. She was keenly conscious that she had become involved in some kind of trouble, but she could not imagine what was wrong. Lynn knocked at the door and heard Harper tell her to come in.

Sampson, Johnson, two other State Insurance Department men, Reilly and the manager were seated. A brief glance showed that the manager was angry. Mr. Reilly looked as though he had been caught in the act of stealing with all evidence against him.

"Johnson," queried Sampson, "is this the girl who gave you this file?"

"Yes," he answered without hesitation.

"Young lady," continued Sampson, "did you give this file to Mr. Johnson?"

Lynn looked at the file in his hand before replying, "Why, yes, I gave him that file."

Harper was no longer able to contain himself. His face covered with

fury, he spoke excitedly, "How could you have given him that file. That's not the file on the All State Trucking risk."

"Not the file on the All State Trucking risk?" asked Lynn unbelievably.

"Where did you find that file, Miss?" Sampson asked as he intervened to prevent Harper from saying more.

"I found it in Mr. Richards' desk." Sampson turned toward Harper, "Well, I guess that takes care of that. You won't be able to pull out of this very easily, Mr. Harper. It looks like an open and shut case."

Belligerently Harper replied, "We'll see about that." Although it was plain that he was perturbed more than his tone indicated.

"How is it that Richards has disappeared, Mr. Harper?" demanded Sampson.

"I don't know where he is," answered the manager quickly.

Here Reilly intervened. "A neighbor called up and said that his mother had been taken ill. If you want to corroborate that you can check with Jack Dawson out there. He took the call and notified me so that Richards could go home as soon as he returned from lunch."

"Well, it sure looks funny to me," said Sampson, "We'll have to get Richards and see what he has to say."

Lynn did not know what to do since the conversation had turned away from her into other channels. At first they all seemed to forget her; that is all except Mr. Harper who was glaring at her as though she were the person to blame for all the trouble.

Meanwhile the conversation had given Lynn sufficient time to fit the pieces of the puzzle together. Her first thought was that Tom was guilty of doing wrong, even though directed by the manager and Mr. Reilly.

Lynn was conscience-stricken because she was the one who had found the file. She lifted her heart to the Lord and prayed that He would guide her in her words and that He would protect Tom from serious trouble.

She was less concerned with her part in the struggle than she was with Tom's difficulty. Her long experience with the Lord had given her a spiritual depth and faith which could withstand such shocks as these. She feared that Tom might not be strong enough for this test.

Born of her own experience and enforced by her knowledge of the Scriptures, she knew that Tom's mountain-top experience was soon to be a valley experience. Here the truths revealed on the mountain top would be tested and proved and made into reality. She knew that while the mountain top was the place of vision, the valley was the testing ground. Here men failed or succeeded in holding the vision given to them on higher ground.

"If Tom comes through this he will

be spiritually mature, but if he fails . . .!"

Just then Mr. Harper spoke to Lynn. "You may go now, Miss Tracy."

His tone enabled Lynn to guess the rest. She knew that her days with the company were soon to be ended, but she did not care. She had done what was right, and this knowledge buoyed her up against the day of adversity. And if her days were numbered, so were the days of Harper!

It was a sober Tom who hurried home to his sick mother. He remembered the day before when he had determined to know God's will. Everything had seemed clear and logical then. Today everything was confused and the situation was darker than ever before. Vaguely Tom feared that the investigators would discover the All State risk. He knew that the file in his desk, which contained the rate cuts, was dangerous. And he dully wondered whether it would be discovered or whether Reilly would see that it was not uncovered.

In his impatience to arrive home, Tom almost wanted to get out to push the train along. Tortuously and painfully the train moved on; never had the trip covered such an interminable period of time. Seconds became minutes and the minutes, hours. Every stop seemed unnecessary as the doors of the train were opened and shut a dozen times by stragglers who kept the train waiting in the station.

Finally Tom stepped out of the train at his station and broke into a quick trot which brought him to the street before the other passengers. He doubled his ordinary stride, but this was too slow for him. His mind was dulled by anxiety and he was only dimly conscious of the passing scenery.

Feverishly Tom plunged his key into the lock and opened the apartment door. Mrs. Seaton was in the living room and she motioned for Tom to be quiet.

"What happened, Mrs. Seaton?" he whispered hoarsely.

"Your mother had a heart attack. I heard a thud on the floor and came in to see what had happened. She was on the floor. I put her in bed and called the doctor. He's in there now."

"How's mother?" exclaimed Tom impatiently, interested only in how his mother was feeling.

"I don't know. The doctor hasn't come out to say."

Tom walked to the partially closed bedroom door and as he opened it, he saw the doctor leaning over the bed. As soon as the physician saw Tom, he motioned for him to return to the living room.

Some thirty minutes later Dr. Anderson came out of the bedroom. Tom glanced at his face and knew instantly that his mother's illness was serious.

"How is my mother, doctor?" Doctor Anderson had known Tom

from babyhood and hid nothing from him now. "Tom," he said, "I will keep nothing from you. Your mother had a shock or what most people call a stroke. Right now she is unconscious and may remain in a coma for some time. She is partially paralyzed."

Tom was very quiet. "Just how serious is it, doctor, and what is the probable outcome?"

"That I can't say, Tom. But I can not hold out much hope. In my opinion it is only a matter of time. It may be two hours and it may be two days. I will do everything I can, but it is beyond me now. It is in God's hands."

Only by exercising strong will power was Tom able to control himself. His mother had been so precious to him that the thought of losing her seemed almost unbelievable. It was as though someone had struck him, leaving him dazed and bewildered. His anxiety tore the next question from him.

"Will mother be conscious again?"

"I cannot answer that either, Tom. She may be and then again she may not be. I rather doubt it, although it is possible."

"What shall I do for her?"

"There is nothing you can do except wait and pray. I have already called a nurse who will be here in another thirty minutes. She has been given all the directions and will know exactly what to do. Help her all you can. I will be back again this evening or even earlier if the nurse calls me."

"Thank you, doctor. I can't tell you how much I appreciate all that you have done."

Doctor Anderson left the house and Tom waited for the nurse with Mrs. Seaton. He tiptoed to the door of his mother's room and saw her lying there quietly, as though asleep. Tears filled his eyes as he watched the silent form of his mother, but he was glad that she was not suffering any pain.

The nurse came soon and took complete charge of the sick room and Tom went into his bedroom. He sat on the edge of his bed and ran his hand through his hair, totally unconscious of the motion. Bewilderment clouded his face and his tense lips revealed his inability to comprehend fully what had happened. He wondered how yesterday had seemed to be such a wonderful day. Today had altered yesterday's feeling; instead of peace and joy, it had left stark tragedy.

"Mother may die," kept ringing through his mind. He could not think of life apart from her. She had always been a part of his life and he would be lost without her.

The telephone rang and Tom hurried to answer it before the noise could disturb his mother.

"Yes?" he questioned.

"Mr. Richards?" asked a voice vaguely familiar.

"Yes, this is Richards," Tom said hurriedly.

"This is Reilly, Tom. The investigators have discovered the All State file that was in your desk." Then Reilly broke into an insulting stream of profanity.

"Why didn't you take better care of that file? Now we're all in trouble. If it hadn't been for you everything would have been all right. You had better figure on a way to get us out of this mess!"

This new blow, added to his mother's illness, was crushing for Tom. All that he feared had now come to pass and he could think of nothing to say to Reilly.

Finally Tom answered listlessly, "I'm sorry." For the life of him he couldn't have told anyone what he was sorry about. All he could see before him, as he held the receiver, was the writing, "This is the judgment of God on unrighteousness."

At last Reilly softened the tone of his voice and asked, "How is your mother?"

"My mother is dying," answered Tom steadily.

Reilly was shocked by Tom's words and regretted that he had spoken to Tom so roughly. "I'm sorry to hear that Tom. I hope she gets better. When will you be back? The state insurance men want to talk to you."

"I'll return as soon as it's possible," responded Tom firmly. He realized clearly that his mother came first and that everything else had to wait. It would make little difference now anyway. Decisively Tom put the receiver back on the hook and went to his room. As far as he was concerned it was immaterial whether he ever saw the inside of the Jackson Casualty Insurance Company again. He was revolted by his own part in the affair and was keenly aware of the fact that he was now trapped with these unprincipled men.

This was the moment of greatest despair for Tom. He cast about for something on which to lean; for something on which to lean; for something to which he could cling and in which he would find refuge.

As Tom stared out of the window, his eyes did not see the activity in the street below him. Perspective was gone and distortion was in its place. The street seemed miles away and the people, pygmies; unreal; their actions meant nothing to him. Tom looked toward the cloud-covered sky and watched the sun pass behind the clouds. It was an ominous sign for him; his sun had passed behind the clouds and he was alone in darkness.

Suddenly there flashed across his mind the scripture verse which he had known since early childhood: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills. From whence cometh my help? My help cometh from the Lord."

The meaning of these words sank deep into his troubled heart. "My help cometh from the Lord," thought Tom.

"Yes," he cried half aloud, "my help cometh from the Lord."

Tom reached for his Bible and turned to Psalm 121: "My help cometh from the Lord," he read. Then, not by chance, he turned to the first chapter of the Revelation of John. God was working through the circumstances surrounding Tom. As he read through the chapter, he came to the eighteenth verse: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

Tom stopped. The full import of this verse struck him: "Christ has the keys of death," he murmured. "Glorious thought. That means that death does not come by chance. It can come only when the One who holds the key opens the door and permits it. It is the sense of my own personal sorrow that has me feeling so very low and badly."

Again it was no accident that Tom's thoughts turned to his father. "If mother dies, she will be with him. Yes, and she will be with Him whom she loves more than life itself."

This was a revision of the ideas which Tom had held for years. Even though he had believed in God, he had not been able to think of death as a wonderful experience. Now he saw that death could offer beauty and release. Not the end, but a beginning!

Tom fell to his knees by the bedside and bowed his head before the Mighty God. "O God," he cried, "Thou art all-knowing, and Thou knowest that thy servant's heart is torn by pain. Yet I would not ask Thee to spare my mother in this hour, for Thou art merciful and tender-hearted and in Thee is all goodness and mercy. Thy holy will is best and Thou, who knowest the end from the beginning, art working all things together for good to those who love Thee. Lord God, I pray for Mother, but I pray that Thy will may be done, and that if it please Thee, grant unto me the fullness of Thy peace, and overshadow me with the consolation of Thy divine love."

As Tom prayed, his heart was filled with God's gracious peace and there was assurance within his heart that God had heard and would answer him. He did not know the outcome, but whatever it might be he knew that it would be right and that he would have the necessary strength if it meant giving up his mother.

Tom felt that he could not arise from his knees until he offered prayer for the office too. "O Lord," he pleaded, "accept the confession of sin from Thy servant who knows that he has been displeasing to Thee. Thy Holy Spirit has spoken to my heart and I see my sin. Thou knowest that I would have resigned today, but circumstances intervened. It is too late for me to take that step now and I am ready to pay the price for my sin. In this hour when Thy servant is being tried, O God, grant Thy divine help. Whatever the

conditions, and no matter how hard they may be, may I ever be true to the vision which Thou hast given and may I glorify Thy holy name. I pray in Jesus' name, Amen."

As Tom stood up the twenty-seventh verse of John fourteen came to his mind. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." His face was radiant and victory was his in that moment. Tom did not doubt this victory and peace were to be sorely tested, but he believed that God who has promised is faithful to fulfill all that He promises.

He went to his mother's bedroom to see whether there was any change in her condition. He stopped at the door and beckoned for the nurse to come out.

"Is there any change?"

"No, she's just about the same as when I came," replied the nurse.

"Is there anything that I can do for her?"

"No, we will have to wait."

Waiting was difficult indeed for Tom. Fortunately he was able to keep himself occupied by having to prepare dinner for himself and for the nurse.

The doctor returned about nine o'clock that evening. He entered the sick room and stayed with the patient for some time. Then he came into the living room and sat down on the davenport to talk to Tom.

"Tom, there is no improvement. It is likely that your mother will go tonight. I would stay right here if it were not for the fact that I have so many other calls to make. Actually there is nothing more that can be done. I am doing all that is possible and the nurse can handle the case."

Dry-eyed and tight-lipped, Tom thanked the doctor for telling him truthfully and sincerely just how matters stood.

"I really hope that mother regains consciousness for a time."

"If she does, I have told the nurse to let you in immediately," answered the doctor.

"Thank you," whispered Tom as he opened the door for the doctor.

It was eleven o'clock when the nurse knocked at Tom's door. "Your mother is conscious. Come right away."

Quickly Tom entered the dimly lit bedroom and sat quietly in the chair drawn up to his mother's bed. He saw her pale face and the bluish tinge around her lips. Her arms lay outside the covers but she had no strength with which to lift them although there was a faint glint of recognition in her eyes as they searched Tom's face. On her face was an utterly peaceful look, and Tom needed no doctor to tell him that the angel of death was approaching. Welling up within him was a fountain of emotion that demanded all he had to control it.

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CHRIST'S INTERVIEW

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valuable medicines are poisons and so the serpent was looked upon, not only as the symbol of death, but also of life. The cross of Christ is not only a reminder of death but also of life. Christ was lifted up on the cross because of our sins. Only a look in faith brings spiritual healing and eternal life. "Everyone that believeth!"

THE BIBLE'S GREATEST VERSE

Martin Luther called John 3:16 "a little Bible." An aged Christian once exclaimed: "It's the best text in the Bible." He explained that fifty years earlier it had changed everything for him. We find seven great truths in this familiar verse. It has been said that the number seven is symbolic of perfection or completeness. We wish to enumerate the seven truths as follows:

1. The greatest Giver is "God." The greatest word in any language is "God." This significant word is found thirty-two times in the first chapter of the Bible. Take the word, "God," out of the story of creation and you have nothing left. Take it out of the story of redemption and you have only helplessness and hopelessness left.

2. The greatest motive is "love." God so dearly loved! God is love. Love must express itself. Only God's matchless gift proves his unique love to us.

3. The greatest sphere is "the world." God is not partial. He loves all nations, the whole human race.

4. The greatest sacrifice is this that "he gave his only Son." God gave his choicest of all gifts for us, his unspeakable, inexpressible gift.

5. The greatest invitation is found in the words "that whosoever believeth." No one is barred out. Race or class distinctions do not count. "Him that cometh to me, I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37).

6. The greatest loss — "should not perish." There is one terrible word in this sublime verse that is often overlooked. It is the word "perish." The unbeliever is lost, that is, he is perishing morally and spiritually. He is deteriorating inwardly. To be cut off from God and Christ is hell. The soul can suffer no greater loss. "Cast him out into the outer darkness, there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth" (Matt. 22:13).

7. The greatest gift — "but have eternal life." The phrase, "eternal life," occurs seventeen times in this gospel. Eternal life not only means length but primarily quality of life, the Christlike life, the heavenly life, as a present possession.

Is this highest quality of life, this life of divine truth, love and purity your personal possession? Accept Christ in faith and you shall have it!

MISSION SECRETARY

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the largest church in the Northern Conference with its many and unique problems.

Throughout the years of my pastoral ministry the Lord, indeed, has been very gracious. I know that I have failed him many times and failed my churches many times, but he has blessed my meager efforts for which I give him all the glory. Paul wrote to the Corinthian church: "Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly."

I write in the same spirit in these next few sentences. During my four years and four months at the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba, I had the privilege of extending the hand of fellowship to one hundred and forty new members, of whom one hundred came in by baptism. During my six years and three months at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, I had the privilege of extending the hand of fellowship to two hundred and twenty-six new members of whom ninety-eight came in by baptism. During my thirteen months at the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., I had the privilege of extending the hand of fellowship to forty-two new members of whom thirteen came in by baptism.

Each of these churches are very dear to me and to my wife. They have given us much in love, devotion and experience. How much we gave them, they must tell. To Bethel Baptist of Anaheim we almost owe an apology for leaving so soon, but we can assure the church that our leaving was not our doing; it was the Lord's. A few days after our resignation at Bethel Church, one of the members said to us, "Better to have loved and lost than not to have loved at all." We say likewise of the church.

In my preaching I desire nothing more than to hide behind the Cross and to exalt my blessed Lord and Savior who died for me and who rose again triumphantly. The very inspired Word of God is sufficient authority for me to stand upon; I seek none other. I know that the Father loved me so much that he gave; that the eternal Son of God by his atoning death on Calvary's Cross cleansed me from my sin in his own precious blood and through faith in him I am saved by the grace of God from eternal damnation and made an heir of the glories of heaven; that the Holy Spirit empowers and guides me into all truths.

Because of such a wonderful and matchless experience of salvation through Christ, I am here to proclaim his blessed Gospel that others too might be born into the Kingdom of God. For that very purpose he has called his Church that it carry out his will until the day of his coming

Missionary Neuman in Central Conference

Itinerary for Mr. Reinhard Neuman, missionary among the Indians on the Montana Reserve of Alberta, Canada, to the Central Conference churches

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Prepared by MISS ARDIS WOODRICH,
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Saturday evening, March 31 — Ral-ly (All Chicago Churches) Grace Church, Chicago, Ill.

Sunday morning, April 1 — Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Ill.

Sunday evening, April 1 — Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Ill.

Monday evening, April 2 — First Baptist Church, Trenton, Ill.

Tuesday evening, April 3 — State Park Church, Peoria, Ill.

Wednesday evening, April 4 — Walnut Street Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Thursday evening, April 5 — Fourth Street Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Friday evening, April 6 — Combined service: Erin Ave. and White Ave. Churches, Cleveland Ohio.

Saturday evening, April 7 — Rally (All Detroit Churches) in Detroit, Michigan.

Sunday morning, April 8 — Holmes Street Church, Lansing, Mich.

Sunday evening, April 9 — Beaver Church, Midland, Mich.

Monday evening, April 10 — Fourth Ave. Church, Alpena, Mich.

Tuesday evening, April 11 — First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich.

Wednesday evening, April 12 — Clay Street Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Notice and Invitation!

Mr. Reinhard Neuman, our missionary to the Cree Indians in Alberta, Canada, will tour most of the churches in our Central Conference from March 31 to April 11. He will be sponsored by the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union of the Central Conference for the purpose of promoting the Indian Mission Field which is the project for the current year. Through these services, we hope to exceed our goal of \$2500.00, as well as enable everyone to become acquainted with our consecrated missionary, Mr. Neuman. Young people and Sunday School leaders, please cooperate with your pastors to make these meetings successful!

Ardis Woodrich, Project Promoter.

when we shall either be raised from sleep or changed in the twinkling of an eye in order to be with him and to reign with him in his Kingdom of peace here on earth.

ASPIRATIONS

My visions, both of the foreign and home mission field, can only take on the form of reality to the extent that God's people in all of our churches together with God's divine blessing will make them so. I pledge myself to carry out the will of God as he reveals that will through his people. With greater sacrificial giving on the part of God's people, we shall be able to launch out into ever expanding horizons. To help carry out his will I covet the prayers of God's people. The work is tremendous. The time in which to do it is short. Christ is coming soon. Let us be faithful in our calling and obedient to his commands.

I trust that with this my personal testimony I shall no longer be a stranger to the readers of the "Baptist Herald." Take me in as a friend, and I shall always covet your friendship.

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. J. C. Gunst

April 8 (Sunday Morning) — Ebenezer Church, Elmo, Kan.

April 8 (Sunday Afternoon and Evening) — Dickinson County Church, Elmo, Kan.

April 9 and 10 — Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado Christian Workers' Conference, Shell Creek Church, Columbus, Neb.

April 11 and 12 — Kansas and Oklahoma Christian Workers' Conference, Immanuel Church, Loyal, Okla.

April 15 (Sunday) — Parkersburg, Iowa.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner

April 1 (Sunday) — Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak.

April 5 (Thursday Afternoon) — Grace Church, Racine, Wis. (Woman's Missionary Society).

April 7-9 (Saturday to Monday) — Mt. Sterling, Mo.

April 15 (Sunday) — Ebenezer Church, Wessington Springs, S. Dakota.

Rev. A. Felberg, Evangelist

March 25-April 5 — Missoula, Montana.

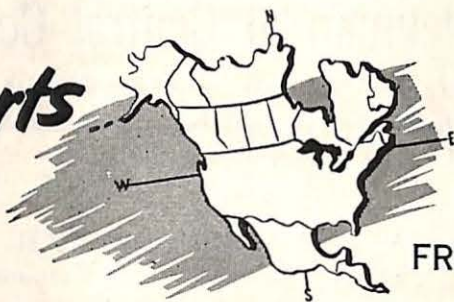
April 8-22 — Corona, S. Dak.

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist

March 29-April 12 — Glencullen Church Near Portland, Ore.

April 15-20 — Wolf Point, Mont.

Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Atlantic Conference

Immanuel Church in New York City Reports a Successful and Fruitful Year

Looking back upon the calendar year of 1950 at the recent congregational business meeting of the Immanuel Church of New York, N. Y., we had reason to testify, "The Lord was good to us!" All who had an active share in the work of our church felt particularly rewarded when seeing the blessed results of recent labor and prayer. The spiritual life of a church cannot be tabulated, its growth not shown in figures; yet its streams made themselves felt in the activities of our Christian fellowship.

Two new trustees were added to the church board, the brethren Eugene Herzog and Gyula Turoczy. Thus our board consists now of 12 men. Mr. Fred Bendig after many years of very faithful service resigned as mission treasurer, his office being taken by Mr. Bruno Meissner. The financial contributions were higher than in previous years; and, again, an annual increase was given to the salary of our good minister, the Rev. Assaf Husmann. This time the increase was \$400.

Looking forward we expect great blessings from our evangelization program to be held from April 2 to April 15. The first week will be in the German language, the second in English. The Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Ill., will be our evangelist. Our current midweek services center around the theme, "Lessons in Soul Winning." Special prayer groups, meeting in private homes, will be arranged and printed material distributed to help to invite those within our metropolitan community. In all we do and plan, may Jesus Christ be praised!

Helmut Schlegel, Church Clerk.

Pacific Conference

Nine Members Received Into Fellowship of the Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, California

In retrospect, we of the fellowship at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., have truly seen and felt the Spirit of God working in hearts and lives during the past few months. In prospect, through the grace of the Lord we want not only

to be found faithful in his service "till he come," but increasing in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is evident that a group which grows spiritually will also grow numerically. On December 3, 1950 five converts were baptized, and since then nine have also been received into fellowship by letter and experience.

Three active youth groups and one adult class meet every Sunday evening before the worship service. The Junior and Senior High C.B.Y. Christian Endeavor has had encouraging results through reliance upon prayer, the Word, and the concerted efforts of the members and officers under the leadership of their president, Miss Mitchell. The young married group is also having a wonderful time in the Lord with Mr. Fred Bixel, their president.

Our hearts have been greatly challenged through the messages in our church brought by guest speakers and missionaries, including Miss Hilda Tober, who speaking last October at the Woman's Missionary program, made us deeply conscious of the medical and spiritual needs of the Cameroons.

Truly, we can say "Ebenezer," hitherto hath the Lord helped us, and we praise the Lord for our consecrated "prayer-dependent" pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hengstler, whose zeal and love for the Lord and his work are bringing forth fruit.

Helena B. Wiebe, Reporter.

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana

The Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Mont., celebrated its 25th anniversary on Dec. 17th with the Rev. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker.

A brief history of the organization of the church is as follows: On Nov. 8, 1925, the members gathered at the home of Mrs. Kassel to organize a church with 12 members that had letters from their former churches and others who were received through their testimonies. On Dec. 5, 1925, a council meeting was held, and the church was recognized as an organization. Members from Polson, Brady and Box Alder, besides the local Baptist church were present, as well as several pastors.

In Jan. 1926, a revival meeting was held by the Rev. S. Dobrovlny and 22 persons found their Savior. In that same year the church grew to 33 members.

In the time of Mr. Dobrovlny's

ministry, from 1925 to 1932, thirty-five members were received by baptism. Others came by testimony and church letters so that the entire membership was 68.

The following ministers served the Missoula church: Rev. Dobrovlny, 1925 to 1932; Rev. C. A. Gruhn, 1932 to 1936; Rev. E. Bibelheimer, 1936 to 1941; Rev. Fred Alf, 1941 to 1947; Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, 1947 to 1950.

On Jan. 27, 1938 the members decided to build a new church to accommodate the increasing number of members and friends who worshipped here regularly. During the time of Mr. Bibelheimer's ministry, the present church building was started and for some time the basement was used for all of the church's activities. The present church building was not completed until the Rev. F. Alf came. On June 7, 1943 an impressive dedication service was held with Dr. Wm. Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker.

In these 25 years 101 converts were baptized. The present membership is 132. A few years ago a modern parsonage was built on the church lot. It is wonderful how the Lord in his great mercy has led throughout all these years. We are ever thankful for his guidance and many blessings.

A. E. Layer, Church Clerk.

Central Conference

Chicagoland C.B.Y. Youth Night Is Held at the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill.

Chicagoland C.B.Y. Youth Night was held at the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., on Friday night, February 16. Ed Wolff, Chicago area C.B.Y. president, presided at the devotional meeting held in the sanctuary from 8 to 9:15 P.M. The lusty singing was followed by a hearty welcome to nationwide C.B.Y. members attending schools in the Chicago vicinity, who were special guests for the evening. Many spontaneous testimonies during the program united and spiritually strengthened Chicago area members as well as visiting students. The Rev. Robert Schreiber, pastor of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, brought a short message which was a direct challenge to everyone present. The Foster Avenue male quartet provided the special music.

After the meditation, the approximately 100 young people present descended to the church basement for games directed by Carl Orth, who started things off by giving a command for specific groups (such as students and Kankakee young people) to exchange seats while a blind-folded person tried to catch some unlucky person who in turn had to be "it." During the game period everyone made new friends.

One purpose of the Chicagoland C.B.Y. Youth Night was to unite North American Baptist students in the Chicago area with the young people of our Chicago churches. By the time our party broke up, this aim had been accomplished.

Shirley Granzow, Reporter.

Youth Week Is Observed at Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Michigan

The young people of the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich., had a blessed time in serving their Lord during Youth Week from January 28 to February 4. On Sunday, January 28, the young people took over the Scripture reading and prayer in the morning and evening services. Our pastor, the Rev. Victor Prendinger, directed his message to the youth of the church.

On Tuesday, January 30, two Christian films were shown, "Choosing Rather" and "His Bequest." The films were of young people who had dedicated themselves to God. Through these pictures we experienced a new need for wholly consecrating ourselves to Christ.

On Wednesday, January 31, the regular prayer meeting was taken over by our youth group. The topic for the evening was, "Revivals in Review." Our social event of the week was held on Thursday, Feb. 1st. The young people from our neighboring churches were invited. The program of musical numbers and a message by Rev. S. Anderson of Skeels Baptist Church was held in the church auditorium.

These meetings finished up our Youth Week. We are only a small group but by participating in the programs each member received a new vision of what God has in plan for him and for her. The prayer for the coming year is that we may not lose this vision but take it forth into the world.

Jeannette Friesen, Reporter.

God's Signal Blessings on the Clay Street Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich.

In recent weeks, we of the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., have been so signally blessed of God that we feel that we want to share those blessings by conveying the good news to the readers of the "Baptist Herald." Some time ago our pastor, Rev. William Hoover, gave a series of messages under the general theme, "World Events as I See Them in the Light of Prophecy." These messages awakened such an interest and received such wide acclaim that great regret was expressed when prematurely they had to be brought to a close, due to holiday festivities. However, the results were most gratifying for 36 persons joined the church through baptism and ten on confession of faith.

By popular request by the many friends of the church as well as the membership, our pastor arranged for a repeat of the series plus an additional number of messages, starting October 1, 1950. The attendance Sunday nights, when the special messages were given, has overtaxed the seating capacity of our two auditoriums. It was most gratifying and inspiring to see people coming long before the service in order to find a good seat. People of all walks of life are in the audience. One night the pastor asked

that all the doctors present stand and there were three, one having come 60 miles to be present. Also a chief of police from a neighboring town, 60 miles away, was present. The local sheriff and City Commissioner, both having been saved in recent weeks, have also been regular attenders.

Preceding the regular evening services, the pastor and his wife meet with two groups of prayer warriors. From 60 to 80 people meet every Sunday night in fervent and intercessory prayer, seeking God's blessings upon the meeting to follow. On one recent Sunday night, fifteen grown-ups con-

for missionary training since Jan. 1st. Others are feeling the call and praying for clearer direction from God.

Approximately fifty people are already waiting for our next baptismal service and reception of members. We trust and pray that many others, who are yet without the ark of safety, will be brought into the fold in the coming weeks. We sincerely pray that we might continue to be a lighthouse for souls in darkness, so that many more might be won before it is too late. We covet for all our churches God's bountiful blessings and a heaven-sent revival.

J. D. Johnson, Reporter.



Dr. John Leypoldt of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., welcomes the Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa, to the Bethany Church which is in many respects their "home church."

fessed salvation. Entire families are being brought into the Kingdom. Backslidden and indifferent Christians are becoming ardent followers of the Lord. The church membership is becoming vitally interested in soul-winning and many are going out during the week on a program of visitation evangelism.

Although we have been enjoying a prayer meeting attendance of an average of 160, it has now risen to 185 and 190 persons. The spirit of prayer is so spontaneous, that the prayer session normally lasts a half hour and that on our knees.

The accelerated interest in the spirited life of our church has also revealed itself in a more sacrificial loyalty to our denominational enterprises. Our last year's missionary giving to our denominational cause reached a new high in the church's history of forty years. Over \$7,000 were given for our mission fields. Our most recent cheque to headquarters for missions was \$4553. It again proves that when hearts are blessed, the pocketbook reveals it. Not only has the missionary giving been very evident, but six young people have left

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Northwestern Conference

Reception for the Hendersons by the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, our missionaries to the Cameroons, Africa, were given a real "welcome home" at a potluck supper in the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., on Sunday evening, January 14.

Our pastor, Dr. John Leypoldt, brought a brief welcome speech, which was answered by the Hendersons. The ladies of the church gave Mrs. Henderson a shower after the supper. At the evening service Mr. Henderson showed movies of their work among the African people, and after the pictures gave us another inspiring sermon that really touched our hearts. Their services in Africa are deeply appreciated by us, as well as by those whom they serve there.

It was good to have had George and Alma Henderson with us, and we believe that when they leave again for Africa our help by prayer and other means will be increased because their work is closer to our hearts. May God bless them abundantly, above all that we can ask or think!

Mrs. Kurt Knebel, Reporter.

Spiritual Progress Is Evidenced in the Baptist Church's Ministry at Parkersburg, Iowa

Since we of the Baptist Church at Parkersburg, Iowa, are now well on our way into another year of service, we pause for a few moments to notice the many blessings which the Lord has recently bestowed on us. On the first Sunday of November 1950 we had the privilege of baptizing ten of our young people, receiving them into the fellowship of the church on the following Sunday. During January 1951 four others have come in by letter and testimony.

During the days of Nov. 28 to Dec. 10, our denominational evangelist, Dr. A. Felberg, was with us for a series of meetings. The weather became quite severe through all those days, causing the attendance to be rather small, and definitely hindering efforts in visitation and personal work. But Dr. Felberg's messages and the services definitely became a blessing and a spiritual uplift to the church.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Geigle of Selfridge, N. Dak., and their family of fourteen children, all of whom are members of the Selfridge Baptist Sunday School, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

In looking over the Sunday School records of the past year we find that the attendance had increased an average of eighteen persons per Sunday over last year. The offerings also were much larger than in past years. We feel that God has blessed the efforts, making this the best Sunday School year in the church's history.

The New Year was begun by observing the Prayer Week with well attended services. A leadership Training Class has been organized which meets every week, taking up the topic, "How To Win To Christ." Last but not least, at the annual business meeting of the church the heart of the pastor was gladdened by a salary raise of \$500 per year, and a bonus of another \$500. We now not only look backward but upward, with gratitude and praise, and forward with anticipation and confidence to serving him to whom all praise belongs, who always is worthy of the best service that we can give.

H. Lohr, Pastor.

Farewell Reception by Milwaukee's Temple Church for the Rev. and Mrs. P. Pfeiffer

It was with heavy hearts that we, the members of the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., gathered to worship on Sunday, January 28th, since it was to be the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer's farewell sermon as our pastor. Mr. Pfeiffer has accepted the call of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa. Surely God spoke to us through him as he briefly reviewed his work with us. Then he gave us the challenge of closing that chapter in the history of our church and turning the page to a new chapter; also to look forward with faith believing that God would continue to lead us.

We feel that God definitely has sent the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer and his family to minister to us during the stress of our building program, through which he so capably helped us. In the evening in spite of sub-zero weather, a host of members and

friends came out to enjoy an evening of informal fellowship and to say "Goodbye and God bless you" to the Pfeiffers.

Words cannot express our gratefulness for the faithful service of Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer to us in our Master's Name, and the witness of their consecrated lives will be an inspiration to us always. May God bless them and their continued service for him!

Walter Nagowitz, Reporter.

Youth Week Is Observed by the Seventh Street Church, La Crosse, Wisconsin

The young people of the Seventh Street Baptist Church of La Crosse, Wis., observed "youth week" this year with a splendid beginning and a climatic close, but Mr. Sub-zero Weather took us for a roll during the middle part of the week.

On Monday evening twelve of our number went out calling on prospective people and made 24 calls. By

these contacts and the advertising in the newspaper, radio, bulletin, etc., we had a fine turn-out on Saturday and Sunday nights. Tuesday was stay-at-home night for some of us. Wednesday we had our regular cottage prayer meeting in the home of one of our young couples, and the young people were in complete charge.

On Thursday some committees planned for the events in the latter part of the week. Friday we invited other groups of young people from neighboring churches to see the film, "The African Prince." This meeting was poorly attended due to cold weather. Saturday was the young people's banquet but the whole church was invited to attend. Miss Ellen Lehr was our special speaker for the evening.

Young people assisted in the morning worship service on Sunday and in the evening a special speaker with outstanding musical ability, Rev. Roy Johnson of Houston, Minn., took charge of the evening service.

Fred R. Lemmert, Pastor.

Dakota Conference

Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Geigle of Selfridge, North Dakota

Twenty-five years ago Mr. Henry Geigle and Miss Lydia Kuntz of Selfridge, N. Dak., said, "Yes," before God as the minister asked them: "Wilt thou have this — until separated by death?" Twenty-five years represent a long time when you look ahead, but "they are as a dream," say Mr. Geigle and his wife. Although during the great drought it was not easy for the big family to make ends meet, however, God never forsook them, and now they enjoy the Lord's blessing in great abundance.

The Selfridge Church and the children had planned a surprise for them. On Sunday when they arrived for the evening service, they saw many relatives from far and near who had come for this happy occasion. The oldest son and daughter pinned flowers on father and mother, and then they marched to the front. Their favorite hymns were sung by the congregation. The local pastor stressed God's grace in their life. The fourteen children, from Iery, 23 of age, to their little blond daughter, Darine, four years, with her blue eyes dressed in a sky blue dress joined together forming a family choir. What an appealing sight of a family reunion on such a occasion! Some of their daughters also rendered a song.

Mr. and Mrs. Geigle are among the most faithful members of this little church, which he now serves as a deacon. They have done their utmost to help Christ's cause in this community. Mr. Geigle in his response stressed the infinite mercy of the Lord Jesus Christ in the past twenty-five years, as expressed by the Psalmist: "Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever."

Alex Sootzmann, Pastor.

New Church Bulletin Board and Bible Studies at Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana

The Commissioned Baptist Youth of the Baptist Church at Plevna, Mont., is happy in sharing with others the blessing of service in Christ's Kingdom. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner's visit to our church on Feb. 13 proved to be deeply appreciated by us and was a spiritual hilltop experience for all. In the morning and afternoon he led us in an enlightening Bible study and discussion on the first Epistle of Peter. In the evening with a full house, we witnessed the practical application of God's Word portrayed in the pictures of our home and foreign mission enterprises as shown by Dr. Leuschner.

EDITOR'S NOTE

In a recent visit at Selfridge, N. Dak., with the pastor, the Rev. Alex Sootzmann, the editor learned of the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Geigle with their 14 children and wonderful Christian influence in the entire community. Even though it is the policy of the BAPTIST HERALD not to publish such reports, the editor suggested to the pastor that this report be prepared and the family picture be sent for publication. May God bless the Geigles of Selfridge!

Our young people felt the need of a church bulletin sign board announcing the time of services to the passer-by. The C.B.Y. committee, Rev. G. Beutler, Mr. Ben Seiler, Mr. Wilmer Huber, and Mr. Albert Losing secured the sign which has improved the southeast corner of the church yard. It is a six by four foot over all sign board under glass. The big letters are six and eight inches in height. The painting and lettering were done by Albert Losing.

We started a Bible study which is needed by all. We meet once a week with our pastor, Rev. G. Beutler,



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rust of Mercer, N. Dak., and their twelve children, all of whom are active in the Baptist Church of Mercer, on the festive occasion of their recent golden wedding anniversary.

whose ministry is truly appreciated. At present we are studying the book of Acts.

Our C.B.Y. officers for 1951 are: president, Evangeline Roesler; vice-president, David Sieler; secretary, Frada Lang; treasurer, Albert Losing; pianists, Aneta Beutler and Irene Huber; ushers, Glenn Follmer and Fred Roesler. The C.B.Y. also held a Washington's birthday social in the church basement.

Anna Bechtold, Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rust, Mercer, N. Dak., Celebrate Their Golden Wedding Anniversary

A golden wedding anniversary was held on Wednesday, Feb. 7, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rust of Mercer, N. Dak. A large gathering of their children, relatives and friends

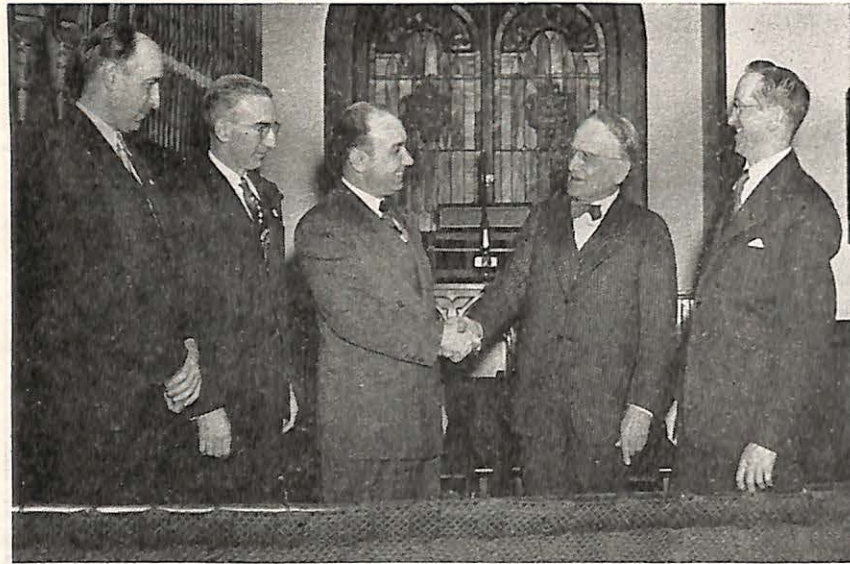
met for this occasion at the Mercer School auditorium. The Rev. Fred Schmidt was in charge of the program, which consisted of various musical selections, and short talks of appreciation. The children presented each of the parents with a gold wrist watch. A delightful fellowship lunch followed the program.

The Rusts were among the early pioneers settling north of Mercer. They took over a homestead in 1902. They were also among the organizers of the Tabor Baptist Church in 1906. Mr. Rust has served as deacon of this church since it was founded forty-four years ago. During such times when the church was without a pastor, he also served as the preacher of the Word.

Their home has always been open for visiting pastors and other guests.



The Rev. G. Beutler of Plevna, Montana, stands alongside the Baptist Church's new bulletin board (left) which was a gift of the young people's society, and (right) a good-sized congregation of church members and friends attend special sessions for a German Bible study conducted on Feb. 13 by the Rev. M. L. Leuschner and the local pastor.



Welcome to Rev. Reuben A. Houseal at Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa.
Left to Right: Mathew Hetzel, church clerk; Merle Gibbens, moderator; Rev. Reuben A. Houseal; John A. Zurn, chairman of Board of Deacons; Henry Schuldt, Emcee of Program.

The welfare of their church has always been close to their hearts. Since the church building has been moved into Mercer and has been enlarged in 1947, the activities and membership have increased most favorably.

Mr. and Mrs. Rust have a family of twelve children, all of whom are active in their church. The parents are still enjoying good health, and likewise are youthful in their outlook and in their activities. May the Lord continue to bless them, their families and their church.

Fred Schmidt, Pastor.

Four Professions of Faith During Evangelistic Services at Isabel, South Dakota

From January 29 to February 9 the Isabel Baptist Church of South Dakota conducted revival and evangelistic services. The Rev. Norman Miller of Hettinger, N. Dak., came to lead in the effort. Our many friends and their pastor of the Congregational Church, as well as others, joined heartily in the work. The Lord was gracious in granting acceptable weather throughout the days. All in all there was an excellent spirit of fellowship and sustained interest in the sincere and easily understood sermons of Mr. Miller. Much appreciated also were his messages in song and musical leadership.

There were four professions of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. No doubt there should have been more but perhaps the Lord gave us as large a blessing as we were able to receive. But the feeling shared by all Christians who attended the meetings was that it was indeed of the Lord. May the good seed sown bring forth its good fruit!

A. G. Rietdorf, Pastor.

Are you planning on attending the Pastors' Conference (July 21-27) or the Laymen's Conference (July 28-August 4) at Green Lake, Wis.? Watch for announcements!

Central Church of Erie, Pa., Welcomes the Rev. and Mrs. Reuben A. Houseal

"God . . . saith to the snow, Be thou on the earth" (Job 37:5-6) and the snow obeyed with alacrity and generosity on the 25th of November when the Rev. Reuben A. Houseal of Detroit, Mich., preached his candidacy sermon in the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa. The old North Wind blustered and blew and the great white feathery flakes of snow fell upon a city that was soon deep in "white frosting" on the February day that the Houseal family at the call of Central Church moved into the parsonage and the wintry winds still rudely blew great gusts of biting snow on the bitter-cold zero day that the welcome and reception were given to the new pastor and his family. Though Jack Frost painted winter's masterpieces and fingers, toes and noses and ears were nipped as gift-laden persons cautiously made their way to the church, the warmth of CHRISTIAN love and the fellowship and the sunshine of God's answer to prayer made it cozy and cheerful inside and the record attendance was well repaid for their efforts in braving the zero blasts.

After an enjoyable supper, Mr. H. Schuldt presided over the reception program. All the presidents of the various organizations gave welcomes to the new pastor on behalf of their groups, and then followed vocal and instrumental selections with Mr. Gibbens, the moderator, presenting to the pastor a large amount of food stuffs as a "pantry gift" and a purse. Mrs. Houseal was given a potted plant by the ladies. Mr. Houseal was overwhelmed by the sentiments and expressions of cooperation that have been given him since his arrival.

The following Sunday evening's service was truly remarkable for it began "Baptist Week" in Erie and all the Baptist ministers and their congregations met in Central Church to extend a welcome from the Baptist Union at a special recognition service.

Mr. Houseal's sincerity and bubbling spirit together with his pleasing personality and his fundamental practical preaching have greatly endeared him to his congregation and inspired them to new zeal for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Truly, we feel God's Hand in all this and know that "Central" is going on to big things in the coming days.

Mrs. Robert R. Eichler, Reporter.

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Eastern Conference

Woman's Missionary Society Meetings at Calvary and First Baptist Churches, Killaloe, Ont.

The February meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, was in the form of a White Cross shower. The work of our mission fields were reviewed, and the large box of supplies showed the missionary zeal of our members. An interesting quiz on "What do you know about your denomination?" was of interest to all.

The amount of \$112 was contributed toward our special project, the Banso Hospital and Seminary Fund. Two of our Home Field projects have been the equipping of our church kitchen with cupboards and a new sink, and the donation of \$200 toward the young people's project of a Round Lake Summer Assembly Camp. The following are the officers for the new year: president, Mrs. Melvin Kuehl; vice-president, Mrs. Lawrence Getz; secretary, Mrs. Walter Kuehl; treasurer, Mrs. Walter Wilkie; and pianist, Mrs. Charles Rhodie.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ont., held its February meeting despite snow drifts and cold weather. We had a fine devotional meeting with eight members present. During the meeting each member gave her ideas as to how our meetings could be made more interesting.

We resolved to contribute toward the sending of a White Cross parcel for the Spanish-American Mission Field. Twenty-five dollars were sent for the Banso Hospital in the Camerons. In anticipation of having soon electricity in the area of our church, the society is having the church wired. Although we have only nine active members, we enjoy serving our Lord.

Eva Weisser, Reporter.

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the Sunday School Union activities.

NEWS FROM COSTA MESA, CALIF.

Good news from our youngest, very aggressive, and fast growing First Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, Calif.! The church is only a little over two years old. Already the Sunday School enrollment exceeds the 500 mark with an average attendance of over 400 scholars. Besides the lovely and very practical departmentalized Sunday School facilities, every effort is made by the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Crain and the pastor, Rev. P. G. Neumann, to have an adequately trained staff of teachers and officers. The first Workers' Conference was held early in March this year with Dr. M. L. Leuschner and Rev. J. C. Gunst serving as guest instructors and inspirational messages. The two brethren also served in the Bethel Church at Anaheim and the Fifteenth Street Church and Ebenezer Churches in Los Angeles, Calif.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Not many weeks hence the officers, teachers and other leaders will be actively engaged in Vacation Bible School activities. Have you made all your plans? Are your leaders and your teachers prepared to take over? Let us check now and double check for an efficient program with a well prepared staff for this important work with our children in our communities.

Obituary

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

MR. FRED E. SCHMERTMAN of Aplington, Iowa.

Mr. Fred E. Schmertman of Aplington, Iowa, was born March 20, 1883 and passed away very suddenly on Sunday morning, February 4, 1951 at his home on a farm near Aplington, at the age of 67 years, 10 months and 16 days. The departed was born in Illinois but came to Iowa in early childhood. In 1905 he was united in marriage with Miss Anna Stukenberg, who preceded him to that better land in December 1944.

He leaves to mourn his death his two daughters, Fanny and Minnie, both at home; two sisters, Mrs. A. Ontjes and Miss Eva Schmertman, both of Aplington; a number of other relatives and many friends. In 1903 our brother was baptized upon the confession of his faith by the Rev. L. Wiesley and received into the fellowship of our church. Funeral services were in charge of the Rev. John R. Siems, supply pastor of the Aplington Church. The undersigned brought the message at the church service. May God himself comfort the bereaved!

Aplington, Iowa
C. FRED LEHR, Pastor.

MR. GEORGE WAGEMANN of Elk Grove, California.

Mr. George Wagemann of Elk Grove, Calif., was born September 27, 1881 at Neudorf, Russia, and went to his eternal home on January 16, when heart failure led to his sudden and unexpected departure.

As a young man he came with his parents to the United States, and made his home with them in McPherson County, S. Dak. In 1904 he was united in holy marriage with Maria Ellenbusch, with whom he shared life's joy and sorrows for 47 years. After their marriage, he moved with his wife to McIntosh County, N. Dak., and about 30 years ago he came with his family to the Elk Grove community where he had been a resident ever since. Of the five children born to this union, one preceded the father in death.

Soon after his coming to Elk Grove, he became conscious of his need of Christ, whom he acknowledged as his Savior. On the confession of his faith he was baptized and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif. In 1924 when this local church was organized at Franklin, he was one of the charter members. As such, he showed his devotion and loyalty to Christ and his Kingdom in an active way. That he had the confidence of the members is seen in the fact that he was church treasurer and deacon for many years.

Those whom he leaves to mourn are his wife, Mrs. Maria Wagemann; three sons, Julius of Los Angeles, Jake and John of Elk Grove; one daughter, Mrs. Rosine Newth of Sacramento and four grandchildren; one brother, John Wagemann of Ashley, N. Dak.; one sister, Mrs. Lydia Wacker of Elk Grove; one half-brother, Jacob Kammerer of Lodi, and many friends.

A large number of mourners attended funeral services conducted at the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove. The undersigned spoke words of comfort and salvation.

Elk Grove, California

W. W. KNAUF, Pastor.

MRS. ELIZABETH BISCHKE of Billings, Montana.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bischke, nee Weisert, of Billings, Montana, was born in South Russia on July 26, 1889 and died on Jan. 17, 1951 as a consequence of a paralyzing stroke at the age of 61 years.

In 1906 she was married to John Bischke with whom she shared life's joys and hardships for 45 years until death. The Lord blessed this union with five sons and eight daughters. Four of the sons preceded the mother in death in their early infancy.

They came to America in the year 1914 and settled in the vicinity of Medina, N. Dak., where they operated a farm until 1932 when they removed to Pompey's Pillar region and later in 1940 they came to the city of Billings where Mrs. Bischke spent the rest of her days.

The peace of God and the joy of everlasting life came to her in her home country in 1912 and in 1914 she was baptized in the death and life of Christ her Savior by the Rev. H. Schried and joined the Baptist Church of Medina, N. Dak., where she became an active member in both the church and the woman's missionary society. After coming to Billings, she removed her membership to the Calvary Baptist Church, where she was one of the charter members.

In 1940 she suffered a severe stroke from which she partly recovered only to suffer another one in 1942, upon which followed a number of them, the last one paralyzing her so severely that she was unable to give any utterance or take nourishment so that the end was only a matter of time. In all her suffering, every possible means was administered and the most loving care rendered by her husband and children until the Lord received his wondering, sick and weary child unto himself.

Her passing leaves to mourn her husband, one son, eight daughters, 23 grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends. May the hope of God in Christ Jesus be their consolation. The undersigned spoke words of comfort to a large congregation.

Calvary Baptist Church,
Billings, Montana

DAVID LITKE, Pastor.

MRS. H. P. KAYSER of Roseville, Michigan.

On Thursday evening, Feb. 1st, it pleased the Father in heaven to call his child, Mrs. H. P. Kayser of Detroit, Mich., to the Home above after prolonged suffering. For two months she was a patient at a hospital in Mt. Clemens, Mich. Though the doctors were anxious to bring relief, yet in the face of the various infirmities, they realized their helplessness. The last night was, no doubt, the most painful to her. After she had been already deprived of almost everything that makes up a mere human existence, she was suddenly seized by a stroke which paralyzed her entire right side.

Now she was deprived of both speech and sight, and she was in great pain. But then she fell into a state of unconsciousness and remained therein until evening when suddenly she took her last breath and departed. For a long time we prayed to God that he should grant her recovery but finally we prayed that he should take her and deliver her from all evil. Now she is delivered and is at home with the Lord, enjoying the kind of life which her Savior had prepared for her.

The funeral service was held on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 4, at the Calvary Baptist Church, Roseville, Mich. The Rev. D. Partridge, pastor, and Dr. A. Dale Ihrig, pastor of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, brought the messages of comfort at the occasion. Members of our churches here as well as relatives and many friends were in attendance to pay their last respects to the departed. The splendid display of flowers showed that she had left many friends behind her. After a short memorial service in St. Louis, Mo., conducted by the local pastor, her mortal body was laid to rest at the Valhalla Cemetery in St. Louis, Mo., in the midst of a group of relatives and friends. Thus, her last wish to be buried beside her dear mother was fulfilled.

Mrs. Kayser was saved in her childhood, and was baptized by Prof. Otto Koenig when he was pastor of the St. Louis church. Early in life she showed an interest in church work, especially under the guidance of the former missionary of the church, Mrs. Bergemann Kose. In 1909 she entered as a student in our Chicago Training School and was graduated in 1911. After her graduation she was engaged by the Woman's American Baptist Mission Society as a general missionary in the state of Idaho. Then in order to prepare herself still more for her future task, she entered training as a nurse at the M.B.S. in St. Louis, Mo.

In May 1917 she was graduated as a registered nurse and on June 20, 1917, she was married to the Rev. H. P. Kayser by the Rev. F. P. Kruse. She was truly a life's companion received from God by prayer. She was an exemplary minister's wife, endowed with many gifts. Whatever she undertook upon the various fields during our ministry was carried out successfully. She was a splendid teacher for the little ones. She showed a fine understanding in training the young people. She was especially successful in the work among the women in our churches.

Her one grand subject was missions to awaken the interest of missions in women's unions. While in North Dakota, she was privileged to organize the Woman's Missionary Union of the Northern Dakota Association. It was Mrs. Kayser who first saw the vision of an Old People's Home in the Dakota Conference. The very first meeting regarding such a home was held in the Goodrich parsonage in North Dakota. A poor, sick and neglected woman of this neighborhood made such a deep impression upon Mrs. Kayser that there and then she realized that it was the task of the Dakota Conference to found a Home for the poor and aged folk.

The Lord had gifted her especially with a clear and strong voice, which she always used to the glory of God in the meetings, especially out in the West, where sometimes singing would be weak and often without musical accompaniment. What a help it was to the preacher, and what a blessing to the worshippers!

The departed is being deeply mourned by her husband, H. P. Kayser; by her children: Alma and Albert; by her daughter-in-law, Erna; and the grandchild, Janice; also by her sister, Mrs. F. Wittneben, St. Louis; and by friends everywhere.

THE BEREAVED FAMILY.

THE UNITY OF BIBLICAL TRUTH

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of decision confronts him with the impossibility of becoming both good and evil. This dilemma cannot be shifted in time nor to other persons. God says, "Choose," and a decision is inescapable. As a matter of fact, an attempted neutrality is a decision, for man is either for or against God.

This presentation of God in relation to man sets before us the origin of the stream of revelation and the unity thereof which moves through the whole Old Testament and finds added emphasis and fulfillment in the New. The core of Old Testament unity then is a God who created man and revealed himself to man, who chose man and who has imposed upon his creation the responsibility also to make a choice. Within the framework of these ideas there is a unification within the diversification found in the Old Testament. To discover these directive and all-embracing truths, it will be necessary to come to the Bible not with "Babylonian or Egyptian or Canaanite glasses" (Rowley) but with devotion and faith.

MESSAGE OF SALVATION

The truths which have been suggested from the Old Testament as the unifying core of the whole find an expanding core in the New Testament in the message of Christ in salvation. Jesus was at the heart of the whole New Testament message. The old Scottish mother said to her son who was ordained to the ministry, "My son, speak a good word for Jesus."

This message of salvation is called in the New Testament *KERYGMA*. This word is of great interest as found in the New Testament. "Kerygma" is derived from "keryssein" and is found 61 times in the New Testament. It is the verb which Jesus used to describe his mission (Mark 1:38), and it also describes the function of the earliest Christian missionaries (Romans 10:14). The word means to perform the office of a herald, to proclaim to all a message with which one has been entrusted.

So in our New Testament this is a message which proclaims an event, and that event the coming of God in redemptive reality in Jesus Christ. This is the apex of the message wherein God revealed himself and made it as simple as possible so man might understand and choose God's way of life. The noun may refer to the act of proclaiming or the things proclaimed. In the New Testament the second meaning is more often used. The content then of this core in the New Testament is Jesus Christ and the salvation which he brought and proclaimed to man.

A review of early Christian preaching, which antedates any of the

gospels or Paul's epistles, reveals certain truths which are stated again and again. The direction of such preaching might well be grouped under three heads, as Dr. Archibald Hunter has suggested.

First, the message was the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. The writings refer to: "This is that which hath been spoken by the prophets" (Acts 2:16); "To him bear all the prophets witness" (Acts 10:43); or "According to the scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3-4). The message which these preachers brought did not in their minds contradict that which had gone before but rather carried to completion that which they had longed to see and know and now knew in Jesus.

Second, Jesus was set forth in his life, death, resurrection and exaltation. The early preachers spent a minimum of time discussing the life of Jesus. They said he was born of David's line (Romans 1:3), that he went about doing good and performing mighty works. The crucifixion of Jesus was the heart of a great evangelical message. Peter could cry out on Pentecost, "Ye by the hand of lawless men did crucify" (Acts 2:23). The greatest preacher of the apostolic era said, "We preach Christ crucified" (1 Cor. 1:23). Again and again the cross is heralded as the heart of the Gospel and the only hope for sinful man.

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

Even such a vibrant message needed the thrill and reality of the resurrection to make it living and vital. The resurrection became the other part of a great doctrine of redemption through a crucified and risen Christ. Paul goes even so far as to say that the resurrection makes preaching and faith both vital and alive. It was the resurrection which gave life to the cross, for it proclaimed the living Christ of the cross. This was a new note of triumphant faith for despairing and sinful man. The exaltation of Christ to the right hand of God was another part of this message (Acts 2:33; Romans 8:34). This was not exaltation to inactivity but to be our intercessor before God. It was rather the completion of the divine drama which ushered in the new day of fulfilled salvation and the promise of consummation which God had begun. One reads such sermons with a strange sense of reality and finality in their message of God being in Christ reconciling the world unto himself in all time and in every age.

Third, there was a call to repent and accept the forgiveness of Jesus. The listeners were always given the privilege of making a choice which

would change their inner lives and make them new creations in Christ Jesus. It is this reality which has been moving through the whole Bible. Man can choose God and thus become the recipient of a new and abundant life. Such was the message of the early preachers which constitutes the central core of the New Testament revelation and faith.

The revival of Biblical faith today grows out of the conviction that the Bible has something to say which it says not in contradictions but in a great harmony of purpose. The new synthesis must avoid the dangers inherent in such an approach which would systematize all Christian doctrines and make the Bible merely a book of designed theology. The Bible can never be pressed into being just a book of theology. It is a Book of religion and that includes more than theology.

A GREAT SPIRITUAL CORE

The Bible does more than develop right views of God and man and other doctrines. It also presents the Way whereby man may begin and nurture right relations with God and man. The Bible presents a great core about which revelation and religious experience find meaning and new significance. This unity found in the Hebrew-Christian tradition must be given emphasis in Bible teaching.

H. H. Rowley in "The Relevance of the Bible" has expressed the idea of this unity of the entire Bible. "The two testaments are one," he says, "not in the sense that they duplicate a single message. Were that the case either could be dispensed without serious loss. They are one in the sense in which the parts of a musical cadence are one. Without the final chord it is incomplete, a process that does not reach its goal. On the other hand, the final chord, however beautiful it may be as a chord, is robbed of its full significance without the chord that should precede it."

The revival of Biblical faith seeks to reaffirm the unity of the Bible and asserts the validity of the material as presented in a basic core message. This does not mean that other normative notes of the Biblical message cannot be discerned, but when found they are related to the core teaching.

The Bible and its truth thus emerge as satisfying, living and contemporary. The revival of Biblical faith gives promise of a new day for Bible study and new insights into a message, old yet new, in the God who loved the whole world and gave his Son so that the world might know and believe and live. Then this becomes not only our message but our own experience, the Bible with its central truth has found new life, and new ways to make alive and vibrant the greatest Book, the greatest message, and the strongest faith in the world.