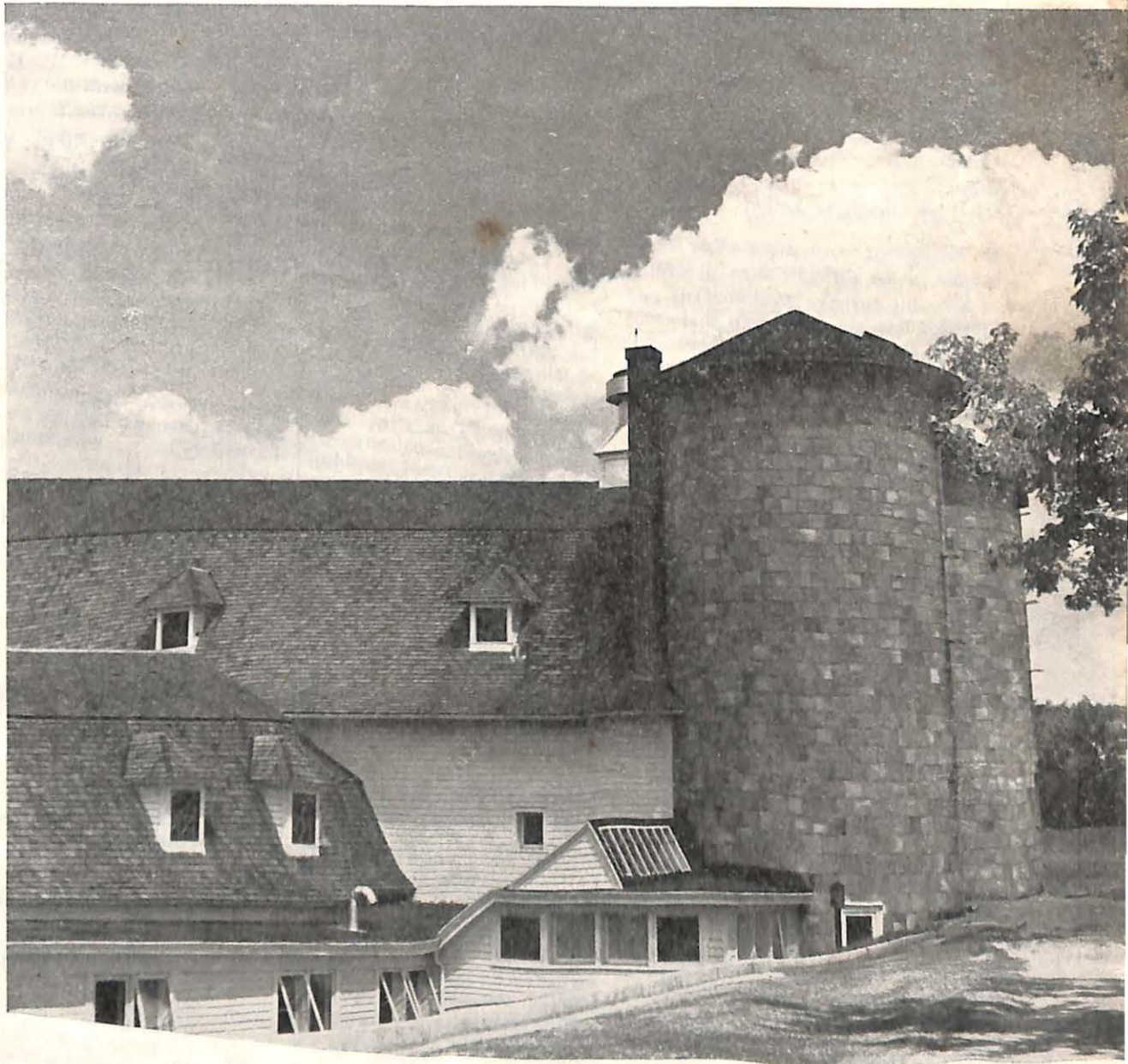


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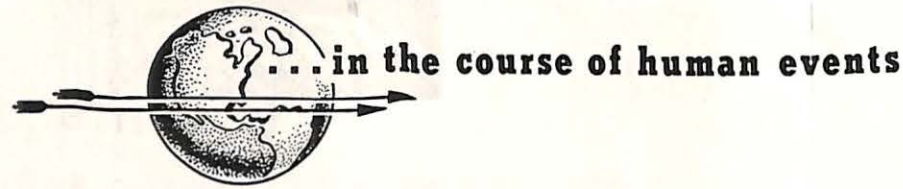
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**"Get Thee Out of Thy Country!"**

Rev. William Sturhahn

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**... in the course of human events**

● It has been announced that the Rev. Armin C. Oldsen, professor of religion at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind., has been named to succeed the late Dr. Walter A. Maier as radio preacher on the International Lutheran Hour. Founded in 1930 by Dr. Walter Maier, the Lutheran Hour program "bringing Christ to the nations" is broadcast every week over 1,150 stations in the United States, Canada, and fifty other countries. Dr. Maier died on Jan. 11, 1950, and the Lutheran Hour has had temporary or supply preachers since that time.—United Evangelical Action.

● Methodists outnumber other Protestants in the United States, according to a recent survey. Presbyterians and Episcopalians tie for second place. Of the ninety-six Senators, there are eighty-five Protestants, ten Roman Catholics, and one Jew. The Protestants include nineteen Methodists, fourteen Presbyterians, fourteen Episcopalians, ten Baptists, eight Congregationalists, six Disciples of Christ, five Lutherans, three Mormons, three Christians Scientists, two Quakers and one Unitarian.—Presbyterian Life.

● Protestant Sunday School enrollment throughout the world has jumped 10½ percent in the past fourteen years, according to figures compiled recently by the World Dominion Press of London and New York. Greatest gains were in Latin America where a 276 percent increase was recorded for Central America and Mexico, and 145 percent for South America. Decreases were reported in Europe—13 percent—and in Australasia—7 percent. In Asia, greatest population area surveyed, there was a 32 percent gain. North America's increase was 15 percent.—Presbyterian Life.

● Late in February a world convention was held in Karachi, India. It lasted twelve days. Delegates came from 40 nations. The convention adopted a constitution, established a permanent secretariat. Headquarters will be in Karachi, capital city of Pakistan. Purpose of this international convention of Islam was to deal with problems confronting Mohammedanism in the world today. The latest development suggests a revival of Mohammedanism which has significance for Christian missions in Moslem lands. Christian evangelistic efforts will probably be made more

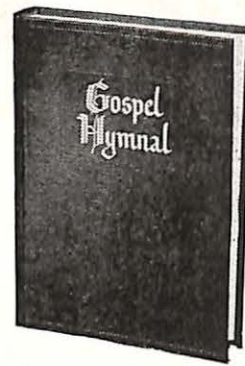
difficult than heretofore.—Dr. William B. Lippard, "Missions."

● A campaign is being waged against Christian activity in Iran by the Fadayam Islam (Crusaders of Islam), a fanatical anti-foreign Moslem group, according to a report received in Cairo, Egypt, by the Near East Christian Council. The Fadayam Islam is the group held responsible for the recent assassination of Premier Ali Razmara of Iran. This group had caused disturbances at recent evangelistic gatherings in provincial towns and brought pressure on the Iranian Foreign Office to protest officially in the United States Embassy in Teheran against the "aggressive" evangelism of American missionaries.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● At least one complete book of the Bible now exists in 1,034 of the world's languages and dialects, according to a report issued by Miss Margaret Hills, librarian of the American Bible Society, New York City. Short Scripture passages or collections of verses have been published in additional languages, she said. In previously published totals, such portions were included in the total number of languages. The whole Bible has now been published in 191 languages, a complete New Testament in 246 additional tongues, and at least one book in 597 other languages or dialects.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● According to Clyde Farnsworth, Scripps-Howard staff writer, the rising time for Chiang Kai Shek of Formosa the year round is with the first light of day. After a cup of hot water and a piece of fruit, his routine starts. On his desk is a well-thumbed Bible printed in Chinese. His first order of business is a half hour of solitary religious devotion, in which he reads portions of both the Old and New Testaments. If he has any favorite passages, they are in the Psalms. After reading the Bible he meditates and then prays. During Chiang's half-hour of sunrise devotions, his household withholds its morning bustle. The servants tiptoe in the corridor. Few persons have ever seen him at this time. His prayers are not for the marketplace.—Sunday School Times.

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**Editorial**

**In Green Pastures at Green Lake**

THERE WILL BE green pastures and delights beyond measure for all those who can attend the Pastors' Conference and the Laymen's Retreat to be held at Green Lake, Wis., from July 21 to 28 is being planned for each conference with emphasis on Bible study that is bound to restore the soul. The Christian fellowship of those days in this close walk with one another and with God will provide unforgettable memories for years to come. The picturesque grounds and beautiful shoreline of Green Lake form an ideal setting for physical recreation and renewal where God can lead you beside the still

The Pastors' Conference will come first—from July 21 to 28. The tentative program for those days is published elsewhere in this issue. The General Council of the denomination is coming to the financial assistance of every minister and urging his church to do likewise as far as circumstances will permit to be present.

Dr. William W. Adams, president of the Central Baptist Seminary, will bring a series of Bible lectures on the book of Revelation, practical discussions and presentations of the minister's task will be in the hands of the preachers themselves. A good deal of time has been reserved for prayer, testimonies and meditation. The evening programs will be uplifting adventures of spiritual inspiration. The paths will be pleasant and the pastures green at the Pastors' Conference in July.

Over the weekend of Sunday, July 29, a young people's retreat will convene with youth leaders under the leadership of the National Union in attendance. They will meet with the preachers on the closing Friday night of their program, hold their own conferences on Saturday and join in the Sunday evening meeting of the Laymen's Conference.

The Laymen's Conference from July 28 to August 4 promises to be a big event this year. The capacity of the Abbey area will probably be taxed. The program is being geared to the needs of families with provision being made for little children. There will be much food for thought from God's Word as Dr. A. J. Harms, former pastor of the Burns Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich., and now minister of the Woodlawn Church of Chicago, Ill., brings a series of studies on the New Testament book of James. A great deal of lay participation will be encouraged in the forums and discussions, in the testimonial meetings and evening singspirations, and in several home talent programs. Lots of time is being reserved for recreation with supervised games and planned afternoons.

The cost for room, board, recreational facilities and access to all Green Lake Assembly privileges is only \$4.25 a day. Special rates for children have also been announced. The colorful six-page leaflets about both conferences have been distributed in your church. If you have not received a copy, write to North American Baptist Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill.

"For His Name's Sake" we shall meet for these two conferences and be led of the Lord into green pastures at beautiful Green Lake. Will you also be there?

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# Christ's Call to Youth

You can serve Christ with the talents and gifts you possess. Jesus is depending on you to do your part!

By the REV. HENRY HIRSCH of Goodrich, North Dakota

God, is in need of Christian soldiers, who with the cross of Jesus are going on to war. Therefore, this call goes to youth in a special sense. The call is not exclusive but universal for all. Youth with its vigor and vitality and with its enthusiasm belongs to Christ. It is to be dedicated to him and to his service and glory.

## CALL UNTO SALVATION

Personal salvation is the first step in following Jesus Christ. All other following is conditional to this. Without salvation there can be no adequate nor acceptable life nor service. In the slogan of our young people, "Saved to Serve," this is presupposed that there is no service without salvation first of all. Young people as well as old people must be saved. All need a Savior from sin, from self, and from selfish habits. Sin is a reproach to any people, to nations as well as to individuals.

Salvation is obtained by personal commitment to Christ, by unconditional surrender without any reservation. When you go on an operating table, for the time you entrust your body to your surgeon without reservation. When you employ a lawyer to take care of your interests in a case, you put yourself into his hands. You have to trust him in order to do business with him, giving him all your secrets and all the facts. In the same manner, when you want to be saved from sin, you must have faith in Jesus Christ. You must trust him, and unconditionally surrender your very being to him. That is the Way, the only way of salvation.

## CALL TO CHRISTIAN LIVING

Salvation means life, a different life, a new life. Salvation means Christian living. This is not always accepted by all. But according to the Apostle Paul, "If any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Life is new, and the entire outlook on life is new. The relationship to God as well as to men is new. Religion, if it is genuine, reaches into the very depths of human life and its relationships.

Christianity has created and therefore is demanding a new standard of living. Life as well as living are

evaluated and measured by that standard. It is God's standard, the Christian standard of living. Life is meaningful to God, and it must be meaningful to us, for it has eternal value. Christian living is no longer motivated by fear, whether that be fear of God or of man, but by love, the love of God shed abroad into our hearts. Our main concern is no longer about what people think or say, but about what the Savior, our Friend, is thinking and saying. We live the Christian life because we love him.

## CALL TO SERVICE

The challenge comes to one and all: "You are my friends, if you do whatsoever I command you. If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love." To the first disciples Jesus said: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." The call to follow Jesus is for a purpose, not only to be saved, but also to serve! This is Christian service on the common plane of human living. That is where Jesus lived and served, and that is where he wants us to serve him. The words, "Follow me," plainly and definitely state that Jesus is the leader. He is going ahead, and we are to follow him and become yokefellow with him, yoked together with him for service.

The nature of services varies. The apostles gave themselves especially to prayer and to the ministry of the word. The deacons, such as Stephen and Philip and others, served at table. All Christians witnessed for Christ. All of them sang and praised God for his wonderful love. And that is what all Christians must do. Each must serve with the talents he has.

Start where you are and with what you have. The boy who followed the crowd and wanted to hear Jesus preach began to serve Jesus with his lunch, two sandwiches of bread and fish. Some fishermen began to serve him by lending him their boat for a pulpit from which he taught the people. The man who stayed at the inn loaned him his beast of burden to ride into Jerusalem. Simon of Cyrene began to serve Jesus by helping him to carry the cross.

Young people, you can serve Jesus with the talents and the gifts you

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# Jesus at the Pool of Bethesda

An Exposition of John 5:1-16 by DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

AFTER JESUS had spent some time in Galilee, visiting places like Cana, Nazareth, Capernaum and other parts of this northern province, he returned to Jerusalem. It was a time when a feast of the Jews was in progress. It is impossible to determine whether it was the Feast of the Tabernacles, the Feast of Purim or Pentecost. The place or time is not of primary importance. The significant thing is the miracle that took place and the discourse that followed.

Within the holy city there was a pool near the sheep gate. In the book of Nehemiah we read repeatedly of a sheep gate in the wall of the ancient city of Jerusalem (Neh. 3:1, 32; 12:39). This gate was undoubtedly not far from the temple, where sheep were sold for sacrifice.

Near the sheep gate was a pool called Bethesda, meaning "House of Mercy." What a beautiful and appropriate name! The natural hospital surrounding the pool consisted of five colonnades or porticoes. These colonnades provided a shelter for the invalids such as blind, lame and paralyzed. The unfortunate people were afflicted beyond the reach of medicine. Physicians were unable to help them. They were at this pool, hoping that at the bubbling of the water the mineral elements in the pool might benefit them.

## AN IMPORTANT EXPLANATION

The last words in verse three and the entire verse four are omitted in the best texts. We dare not forget that our Bible has been translated from ancient manuscripts. Not all of these valuable documents are alike. The conservative Bible scholar, Dr. Alvah Hovey, says: "The words 'waiting for the moving of the water' in verse three and the whole of verse four must, beyond question, be omitted from the text." We find these words in the Authorized Version but in the Revised Version (1901) they are to be found in the margin.

In the explanation of the Bible we must always seek to be honest and include all the facts involved. In Jesus' day and for centuries afterwards, there was no printing press. The New Testament was written by hand. Sometimes a copyist would write some tradition or explanation on the margin of the gospel. Some later copyists, thinking it was accidentally omitted, would insert it in the text. Therefore part of verse three and

verse four are found in many ancient manuscripts but they are missing in many of the earliest and best documents.

Because they are wanting in the oldest manuscripts, we must place them in the margin of our Bibles. This does not eliminate them altogether, but they do not belong in the original text. The fact remains that God healed whether by direct or indirect intervention.

## THE HEALING OF A CRIPPLE

Jesus was always interested in people, especially those who were in dire need. There was one man who attracted his attention because he had been an invalid for 38 years. To be sick for almost 40 years is a very long time. To this helpless cripple Jesus said: "Do you want to get well?" Does this seem to be a foolish question? We know Jesus never asked foolish questions. The Master wanted to arouse this sick man out of his lethargy and despondency.

Listen to the cripple as he speaks: "Sir," he said, "I have no man to put me into the pool whenever the water is troubled, and while I am trying to come, someone else steps down before me." These words indicate that he was without friends and without hope. His last hope was to enter the pool at the right moment. The troubling of the water was of brief duration. The healing virtue of the bubbling water lasted only a short time.

The cripple waited for the gush of water. Apparently it was confined to a small part of the pool. By the time he was able to reach the spot, some-

one else had stepped down before him. This troubling of the water at irregular times accounts for the marginal text in verses three and four.

Because this invalid was poor, friendless and hopeless, Jesus realized his faith needed to be awakened. By saying to him, "Do you want to get well?", Jesus aroused him out of his despondency. The first step to get well was to have faith. Possibly he thought Jesus would help him at the next moving of the water.

But the Master had something much better in store for him. He said: "Rise, take up your mat and walk." The cure was immediate. The cripple manifested faith and obedience. He arose and began walking. He could easily carry his mat with him. But he was like some children who, after receiving a gift, forget to say: "Thank you!" He was like the nine ungrateful lepers (Luke 17:17).

## THE SABBATH QUESTION

Jesus performed this act of mercy in the "House of Mercy" on the Sabbath. The Jews, probably some scribes or priests, seeing the healed man carrying his bed, said to him: "This is the Sabbath! You have no right to be carrying your mat." He was challenged for carrying a bundle on the Sabbath.

But he looked at his critics and replied: "He who cured me, said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" But the Jews in a critical mood would not be silenced. They asked the restored cripple: "Who is it that said to you: 'Take up your mat and walk?'"

The healed man couldn't give them an answer because he didn't know the name of his benefactor. Jesus performed the miracle and then disappeared among the crowd. He feared a false enthusiasm might arise and sweep the people off their feet. So he quietly walked away.

Later in the day Jesus found him in the temple where he had gone to offer thanks to God for his recovery. The Master turned to him and said: "You are now restored to health. Do not sin anymore, or a worse thing may befall you." Jesus knew his past life because of his supernatural knowledge. His 38 years of suffering were the result of some particular kind of sin in early life.

We do not know how old this healed man was. We only know he had been sick for almost 40 years. Jesus warns

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## FOR ENDURANCE

By Ralph Spaulding Cushman.

Since there are those who trust me,

God, help me to endure;

Since there are those who love me,

God, keep me clean and pure;

Since there are those who need me,

Keep thou my faith secure.

The enemy is crafty

The strength of none is sure.

Hold thou my hand Almighty God,

And help me to endure!

From "More Hilltop Verses and Prayers."



—Photograph by Harold M. Lambert

YOUTH is on the march again. Men and women are being called into the service of their country and are being trained for military service. After the experience of two World Wars, we had hoped that this might not again be necessary. But the call is reverberating around the entire world. And youth is responding, though not with enthusiasm, but still duty bound with sense of patriotic responsibility.

Seemingly, nations have not learned that military power is at best only restrictive, and at its worst destructive as it tries to check and, if need be, to destroy the evil doer. Military power is not following Lincoln's method of killing an enemy when he said: "The best way of killing an enemy is to make him your friend." That is Christ's method. He as well as Abraham Lincoln succeeded wonderfully well with it. We should like to see our nation and all other nations try this method more and harder than ever before.

Not only nations but also God has rightful claim to the youth of the world. Youth and age belong to him. Christ, in building the Kingdom of





Tens of thousands of Europeans are eagerly waiting for the open door to emigrate to America!

WHEN ABRAHAM heard God's call, "Go into a land that I will show thee," he started a migratory movement which has continued throughout centuries, varying in degree and causes. Individuals, families, tribes and entire peoples have left their homes in search of land, freedom, security.

Few of us realize today that both Americas were settled solely by immigrants. Somewhere, not too far back, your and my father came to America in search of land, freedom or security. This is basic for the understanding of the greatest movement of people out of Europe across the Seven Seas. Every migratory movement is accompanied by visions and weeping, dreams and tears, both at the point of origin and at the destination.

**A HELPING HAND**

Many Canadians and Americans were equally grateful and puzzled over their personal fortune of being in Canada or the United States during and after World War II. They were grateful for obvious reasons, and puzzled over the question why they were singled out of often great numbers of relatives who had to go through the ravages and horrors of post-war Europe.

During the greatest hour of need in 1946, a man wrote to his good friend in Canada: "In 1927 we could not understand why your family should be taken out of this wonderful church and family life, and why you chose to live by yourselves in Canada. Today we see that God called you in order that you might become his man to save us from hunger and death." Such meditations cannot produce pride or selfishness, but only humble gratitude for the mysterious leading of a divine Hand, even as in the life of Abraham. Moreover, it is one of

# Get Thee Out of Thy Country

Thousands of people are going down the hard road from Jerusalem to Jericho. They are the immigrants of today, to whom the helping hand is being given in the Name of Christ by the Baptist World Alliance Immigration program

The First of a Series of Articles by the REV. WILLIAM STURHAHN of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Immigration Director for the Baptist World Alliance

the chief motives for offering the helping hand to others.

Since the beginning of our present immigration movement, Canada has admitted approximately 400,000 people from Europe. Of these, 20,000 are of ethnic German stock, and 1,200 are Baptists.

Statistics and figures must be broken down into individual personalities, each with a living soul. Each one is a person with the same potentialities and the same basic rights as I wish to have them for myself; each a man, woman or child that feels joy and sorrow. Such would obviously be the approach of Jesus to our present immigration program, and it must be the approach of every Christian in Canada and the United States.

**THE JERICHO ROAD**

The well-known story of "The Good Samaritan" was Jesus' vision of the millions of people who have since gone down from Jerusalem to Jericho. In our generation they went the long road from Russia to Germany. Endless was the line of refugees. Wearily they plodded over crowded highways, rode wagons, bicycles or trains—if they were fortunate. Most of them walked the long miles. Their old and weak ones were left dead from cold, hunger or exhaustion. A terrible fate awaited them if they were overtaken by the pursuing Russian armies.

Those of us who saw the long lines of wanderers on the frozen, snow-covered paths from East to West will not so easily forget the apathy written on their faces. We have long been haunted by the faces of children who stared into—nothing, too weak and hungry to cry. How many thousands of husbands, fathers, brothers and men were snatched away in the stillness of the midnight hour, without a chance for a farewell kiss to their loved ones, never to be heard from again. This line has continued unbroken to this day, nor is the end in sight. Each day an estimated 600 souls walk down this road, returnees from Russian war prisons, escapees from a heartless system of oppression and fear—beaten and bleeding, helpless and hopeless.

When the first ones arrived in the West, we bound up their wounds, poured in oil and wine for healing and cleansing through our relief ministry. Even at that time we realized that our actual work, in the long run, would not be sufficient help. We must proceed to "lift them onto the beast" and carry them to safety and opportunity. This takes effort and sacrifice as only true "love to the neighbor" can produce. Behind it all stands the undeniable, personal order of Jesus: "GO THOU, AND DO LIKEWISE."

**THE IMMIGRATION PROGRAM**

Our immigration program for Canada is not entirely nor only mercenary. Canada needs people. It can and must absorb millions more. The Canadian government is aware of this need and has opened the doors on this general principle: "We take as many as our economy can absorb." There is no limit; only a goal, which thus far has not been reached.

Housing and employment are the two basic conditions for immigration. Both must be found in Canada. The pivot point is Canada. All applications must come from here, and be filled in Europe. Farm labor, bush and mine labor offer the best opportunities. Skilled craftsmen in almost any trade have open doors, provided they are sponsored by a responsible craftsman in Canada.

The National Employment Service fears an acute shortage of laborers for this summer. The province of Ontario alone needs 75,000 more men. Alberta's need for extra laborers is estimated at 50,000. The other prairie provinces have not given official statements, but the need for farm labor is great everywhere.

The Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee, under the leadership of Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Nashville, Tenn., has long ago responded to the order of Christ. A well-organized immigration program for Baptist Displaced Persons is bringing a good number of members of the household of faith into the United States. At the last World Congress in Cleveland, Ohio, in August 1950, Baptists rallied to the aid of their brethren of ethnic

German origin (Volksdeutsche), who are not generally considered D.P.'s, but who are homeless and hopeless, stranded in a country of which they speak the language, but to which they are strangers. An estimated 8,000 of these are Baptists. The Baptist World Alliance immigration program is to help them to come to Canada. The responsibility to this task is only superseded by its magnitude. Not all people want such help, nor do all people deserve it.

**MANY PROBLEMS**

The axiom that we take "only the best" is carried out on government levels and under legal limitations. It may sound un-Christian to leave the weak and the sick, but experience has proven that these are better provided for under social services of Germany. Moreover, we do not care to influence government health inspections, for the naked facts were expressed by a recent immigrant: "Canada is a good land for healthy people who can work at anything."

They talked from experience. Having pressed their relatives to bring them to Canada, they now wish they had never come. In fact, they are looking for a way to get back. The husband is incurably sick, their relatives are not rich, and the social institutions will not take anyone who came on false pretense. Are we heart-

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- Dakota Conference — June 20-24 — Aberdeen, S. Dak.
- Central Conference — June 21-24 — Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.
- Pacific Conference — June 27-July 1 — Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon.
- Northern Conference — July 4-8 — McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
- Southern Conference — July 11-15 — Hurnville Baptist Church, Henrietta, Texas.
- Southwestern Conference — August 8-12 — Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kansas.
- Northwestern Conference — August 15-19—Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.
- Eastern Conference—September 6-9—Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y.
- Atlantic Conference — Sept. 13-16 — Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, N. Y.

Canada who will propagate sin and evil in a new environment. The screening of political miscreants, such as former members of the Nazi party or Waffen S.S., is again the business of government security officers. Here we would advocate less restrictions.

**AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST**

A good number of our people from the East were compelled to join up through economic pressure. The male populations of entire villages and towns in Latvia, Estonia, Poland and other countries were pressed into Waffen S.S. service to defend their homes against Russian armies. These men are having a hard time to pass security examinations. Some of the finest, sincere Christians might have been members of a political party at some time or other, the same as you or I might be a member of the democratic or liberal party in our native land.

On the other hand, we do not forget that we are ambassadors of Christ to a people who for years had no opportunity for spiritual growth, whose young people and children could not attend Sunday School or church services. Baptist churches at home need to make adjustments for this ministry, and accept even the unsaved ones as those who were sent to them through God's providence as sheep without a Shepherd.

less or un-Christian? We do not wish to be; we want to be realistic.

We are concerned about spiritual and moral aspects. Obviously, we cannot and must not help anyone to



The Rev. William Sturhahn, immigration director for the Baptist World Alliance (third from left) and other immigration officials welcome some of the European immigrants to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.





The worshipful Claiborne M. Hill Chapel of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley, Calif., in which a beautiful stained glass window of Warner Sallman's "Christ" was recently dedicated.

WE NOW COME to the end of a path which has opened the treasure store of our faith. The Bible has become a new book because its message has been believed. There are few who would question the facts of faith, the God of faith, or the Redeemer of faith. The crisis of faith is always in the disciples who seek to follow Christ. The basis of validity in our scientific world is the disciple.

The word "disciple" in the Greek means "learner" in contrast to teacher, or one who is identified with a certain leader and adopts a corresponding line of conduct. Jesus said to his followers, "If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples" (John 8:31). The disciple is thus not subject to a creed but rather to a person who requires a quality conduct. The area of discussion does not so much consider the subjective or the withness as the objective or the withoutness. There is an area of "This do" which can never be left outside of action in the life of faith. Said Jesus, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15:14).

At the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus concluded by saying, "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and doeth them . . ." (Matthew 7:24). It takes life in action to break into life. Seeley in "Ecce Homo" wrote, "Perhaps the truth is, that there has scarcely been a town in any Christian country since the time of Christ where a century has passed without exhibiting a character of such elevation that his mere presence has shamed the bad and made the good better, and has been felt at times like the presence of God himself. And if this be so, has Christ failed? Or can Christianity die?"

In the struggle it becomes necessary

to have some help which will lift life above defeat and destruction. Against the prevalent spiritual bankruptcy the Christian faces exacting intellectual tasks which demand straight thinking and positive living. Only in those who have found Christ and honestly and earnestly seek to follow HIM does the true image of the disciple appear.

#### THE BEGINNING WITH CHRIST

There must be a beginning to this life of the disciple. The child does not naturally grow into the Kingdom nor participate without the exercise of will and life determination. A certain type of liberalism gave great emphasis to the idea of growth. In Bushnell's doctrine of religious nurture the idea is central that the child is to be a growing Christian. This idea of progress by gradual growth has influenced much theological thought. Such an approach has little room for entrance into the Kingdom of God by sudden experience. The inevitability of progress has not been of assistance in a frank appraisal of man and society. All the high sounding words used to help man in self-improvement have still left man impoverished and in need of help. Education with all its benefits, science with all its improvements, and mechanism with all its achievements have not lifted man to the place of peace, poise and power.

The disciple needs a point of beginning and that is termed by some the new birth; by others the new creation but by all who look to the biblical record it is an experience with Christ in which life is renewed and remade in the image of God. The disciple begins with Jesus as Savior of the whole life. It is not possible to slide into the Kingdom, nor to drift into the relationship. This is an experience which involves choice and

# Faith and Its Disciples

The fifth and last of a series of Seminary lectures on "The Revival of Biblical Faith"

By DR. RALPH E. KNUDSEN of Berkeley, California

submission of self so that God can do his redemptive work. The idea that since man has within his nature the seeds of divinity, he may grow God-like by the gradual unfolding of his inner nature is not true to the history of man nor of our own lives. This disciple begins with Jesus in an act of faith which brings man into intimate relationship and fellowship with God.

Some would like to stop here and rest in a secluded security as one of the redeemed. It is not possible to accept the gift of God and to enjoy his forgiveness and leave all things there. The acceptance of Jesus as Savior at once imposes upon the man of faith a Master or Lord. Such a statement implies that one has a life ruler and no longer can life be free and conduct determined by the self. Jesus takes all of life or he does not want any of it.

Life must have one center around which it revolves and that center becomes the control of life. Jesus knew this when he said, "Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matt. 6:24). One day someone asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment. In answer Jesus said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matt. 22:37). Nothing was left out of that statement of Jesus.

Professor Anderson Scott in his book, "Footnotes to St. Paul," said, "The victories of the faith which were won by the church in the first century of its existence were won by those who were satisfied to 'confess,' worship, obey, and preach Christ as 'Lord to the glory of God the Father.'" Dr. S. Angus in "Essential Christianity" said, "There is a very real danger of believing too much and being too little and doing too little." Sometimes our actions will be more conclusive

evidence for Christ than our theological statements.

An examination of the life of our Lord who called us to follow him might be constructively directive for a proper perspective for the disciple. A casual glance at his life will verify the word said about him, "He went about doing good." He took much time to touch and heal the physically handicapped. The ministry of healing should not be divorced from the church. There is real therapeutic value in faith. The poorest man and the most diseased were not overlooked by him. He gave much time to help those whose minds had broken under the crushing strain of the time. The demoniac met Jesus and out of that experience he emerged "clothed and in his right mind" (Mark 5:15).

#### CHRIST'S LIFE AND MINISTRY

The moral delinquents found in him a friend. John 8 tells a beautiful story of the compassionate Jesus and his forgiveness for a woman taken in adultery. The law of the day provided stoning for such immoral action. The crowd sought to test Jesus and he did not condemn but forgave. This incident may not be found in the best manuscripts but its tone and beauty are so like Jesus that it fits his life and ministry. He did indeed do good until, whenever he passed by, the sick cried out and the strong brought the sick and needy to him for help. Because he was God, he had to do something for man for that was the purpose of his coming and nature of his inner spirit.

The Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) is a candid description of the quality life he lived. What he taught he was and what he was he did. The reason he has the right to say to us, "This do," is because he lived that way. Christianity is a faith which gives evidence in action of that which is truly believed. In the Old Testament it was the law from the Mount; in the New Testament it is the ethics from the Mount. This message is not for the world at large, but for the Christian who is a member of the Kingdom of God. It must not be imposed upon the community until it has first been obeyed by the Church. The Christian faith presents something to believe, and something to become and something to do. Someone well said, "What keeps us from believing the Sermon on the Mount is not the strain on our credulity but on our characters."

The faith of the disciples produces true and genuine happiness. The Beatitudes reflect that quality in the disciple. The desire for happiness is a fundamental and basic urge in man. Environment alone can never produce happiness, for it becomes necessary to be happy in any environment. Real life comes from within and changes the attitude to life. It is enough to

#### O HOW I LOVE THY LAW

O how I love Thy holy law!  
'Tis daily my delight;  
And thence my meditations draw  
Divine advice by night.

How doth Thy Word my heart engage!

How well employ my tongue,  
And in my tiresome pilgrimage  
Yields me a heavenly song.

When nature sinks, and spirits droop,  
Thy promises of grace  
Are pillars to support my hope,  
And there I write Thy praise.

—ISAAC WATTS.

discern that happiness comes from God and is not gained by our search. True happiness comes from doing his will.

#### JESUS' TEACHING ON RIGHTEOUSNESS

In Matthew 5 a word appears which gives meaning to the message of the chapter. Said Jesus, "Except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 5:20). This meant that the life of the disciple needed to be lived on a high plane of character. What was the righteousness of the Pharisees? These were the separatists, the theorists, the formalists, the inconsistent and the ones who would stoop to violence to gain their point. Jesus took their own law and showed how the disciple must go beyond the letter to the spirit.

Six illustrations were used to enforce this teaching. Those who heard never forgot and those who read today know what he means. It was wrong to kill, but it was also wrong to show contempt or anger to another person for such attitudes were the seed bed of violence and hurt. Purity of life was enjoined upon the followers, not only in the objective act but also in the inner thought, for the thought is father to the act. Truthfulness which was supported by life itself was to be the expression of the disciple. Honesty strikes hard at deception. One must be so honest that the word is as good as the deed. Jesus probed deep as he told them to forgive. "An eye for an eye" is elemental justice. Here is presented the second cheek, second coat and second mile. Retaliation may be law but the disciple is to act on mercy. Evil cannot be destroyed by evil; it will take love in action.

The high point in this righteousness, which must exceed that of the Pharisees, was to love the enemy, bless the curser, do good to the hater and pray for those who persecute you. The modern world wants to care for the enemy by destruction. When love

and prayer become the instrument of the disciple, then the enemy is removed and fellowship ensues. Such is the righteousness of the disciple.

Near the end of the sixth chapter of Matthew this appears, "But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33). The material which precedes this summary statement makes certain demands on the disciple. Giving must be motivated by an inner desire rather than by an urge for recognition. Religion sometimes seems to appeal to the showmanship in the disciple. If such be the motive for giving then all reward has been received. Prayer must be genuine and simple. The repetition of "Ave Marias" will not be enough for the effectiveness which prayer demands.

The disciple was told not to worry. Worry has a low average of accomplishments. It does no good to worry for it does not help. As a matter of fact to worry is irreligious, for God cares for his creation. God knows our needs and God does provide. Those who have no faith spend their time in a desperate concern for food and clothes and kindred things. Thompson in his book on the Sermon on the Mount said, "Worry is unnecessary, unavailing and unbecoming." Faith must trust God in the storm and in the calm. The whole world of giving praying and worry can be properly evaluated when the heart and interest of the disciple put the Kingdom of God first.

Before Jesus ended his message he had a word to say about those who passed time in judging or being censorious concerning others. The statement, "Judge not that ye be not judged" (Matt. 7:1) does not mean moral neutrality but moral encounter. There is always the danger that the Christian who has unlimited possibilities shall drop to low performances. There is a difference between mere fault finding and discernment or discrimination. The fault finder often tries to hide his own faults by attacking others.

#### A HIGH STANDARD OF LIVING

The summary statement to the disciple needs to be quoted correctly. "All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets" (Matt. 7:12). This inclusive statement left nothing out, "All things." The disciple's faith in Jesus makes every area of life and every act in every area measure up to this high standard. This rule is always concerned with two selves: you and I; I must think of every act toward you in the light of what I would want you to do to me.

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# Great Will Be the Company of Preachers

An invitation to the Pastors' Conference at Green Lake, Wis., from July 21 to 28 in the light of the 1948 retreat adventures

By PROFESSOR HERBERT HILLER of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Vice-president of the Baptist Ministers' Fellowship

ONE of the stirring choir anthems rendered by the mass choir at the Congress of the Baptist World Alliance last summer was entitled, "Great Was the Company of Preachers." These words still echo in the hearts of those who heard them sing and furnish a fitting title to these reminiscences of the great ministers' assembly at Green Lake, Wis., in 1948.

Great and wonderful was the company of the preachers there, as in unusually beautiful surroundings they sought daily the enrichment and deepening of their spiritual life as coworkers with God, learning at Jesus' feet helpful lessons from stimulating addresses and heart-searching Bible studies in Paul's letter to the Galatians, so ably presented by Dr. W. W. Adams.

The highly varied program of music, devotions, panel discussions, testimonies, presentations of the denominational enterprise, recreation and relaxation, all worked together for good to them who sought a closer walk with God and a more effective ministry for the Master.

The privilege of another splendid Ministers' Retreat is in prospect for this summer. A well-balanced program has already been arranged by a committee of the Ministers' Fellowship at its meeting in January. Under the general theme, "The Pastor Faces His Task Under God," various phases of the Christian ministry will be considered, offering everyone stimulating suggestions and addresses by Seminary professors and ministers on "The Pastor as Administrator, Educator, Soul-Winner, Shepherd," to be followed by a pastors' clinic, in which

everyone will enjoy the privilege of a happy, helpful exchange of thought and experience.

We shall again be challenged with our denominational goals and enterprises, listen to missionaries home on furlough, and be refreshed by expositions on the book of Revelation by the experienced and competent Bible teacher, Dr. William W. Adams, president of Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kans.

Fellow-pastors, a real spiritual feast awaits you at Green Lake this summer. Plan to attend the Conference from July 21 to 28 for much-needed inspiration and help. Undergird with prayerful interest all preparations for a blessed, ministerial fellowship that was true in the past, and may be even more true in the near future! "Great is the Company of Preachers."

## Official Program for Pastors' Conference

Days of Anticipated Blessing from July 21 to 28, 1951 for the Pastors' Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin

### Saturday, July 21, 1951

8:00 P.M. Opening Service  
Chairman, Rev. Arthur Weisser, Lodi, Calif.  
Song Leader, Rev. E. Mittelstedt, Los Angeles, Calif.  
Testimony, "Facing Our Task Under God," Rev. Edwin Miller, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Address, Rev. Paul Wengel, Ridgewood, New York.  
Get-acquainted Social after the Service in charge of the Recreation Committee.

### Sunday, July 22, 1951

Chairman for Morning Services, Rev. Arthur Weisser, Lodi, Calif. Song Leader for Morning Services, Rev. E. Mittelstedt, Los Angeles, Calif.  
10:00-11:00 A.M. Sunday School Hour Presentation of Lesson, Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.  
11:00-12:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service  
Sermon by Dr. William Kuhn, Forest Park, Ill.  
7:30 P.M. Evening Service

Chairman, Rev. Arthur Weisser, Lodi, Calif.  
Song Leader, Rev. Fred Lower, Kankakee, Ill.  
Testimonies, Rev. Henry Smuland, Sheffield, Iowa; Rev. Russell G. Blank, St. Paul, Minn.  
Address, Dr. William W. Adams, President of the Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kans.

### Monday, July 23, 1951

Chairman for Monday's Services, Prof. Herbert Hiller, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Song Leader for Monday's Services, Rev. Leland Friesen, Sherwood, Ore.  
8:45-9:30 A.M. Devotions, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, Lehr, N. Dak.  
9:30-10:20 A.M. Bible Hour, Dr. William W. Adams  
10:20-10:30 A.M. Intermission  
10:30-11:20 A.M. "Facing Our Denominational Task"  
The General Council, Dr. Frank H. Woyke in charge.  
11:20-11:50 A.M. "The Pastor Facing His Task"  
"The Pastor Facing His God" by

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Winnipeg, Manitoba.  
12:00 M. Noonday Dinner  
1:00-1:10 P.M. Devotions, Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, McIntosh, S. Dak.  
1:10-2:00 P.M. Pastors' Clinic, "The Minister and His Spiritual Life"  
Chairman of Clinic, Rev. L. B. Holzer, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
(1) "Facing His Difficulties and Temptations," Rev. William H. Jeschke, Sumner, Iowa.  
(2) "Remaining True to His Calling," Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, Anaheim, Calif.  
(3) "Contemplating His Rewards," Rev. Frank Friesen, Bethany Church, Ore.  
7:30 P.M. Evening Service  
"Honoring our Elderly Ministers, the Veterans of the Faith."  
Testimonies, Rev. Carl Swyter, Buffalo Center, Iowa; Rev. W. S. Argow, Erie, Pa.  
Message (honoring the older ministers), Rev. Frank Veninga, Peoria, Ill.  
Response, Dr. J. F. Olthoff, Tacoma, Wash. (1901 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary).

### Tuesday, July 24, 1951

Chairman for Tuesday's Services, Rev. E. W. Klatt, St. Paul, Minn. Song Leader for Tuesday's Services, Rev. Herbert Schauer, Elmo, Kans.  
8:45-9:30 A.M. Devotions, Rev. James Brygger, George, Iowa.  
9:30-10:20 A.M. Bible Hour, Dr. W. W. Adams  
10:20-10:30 A.M. Intermission  
10:30-11:20 A.M. "Facing Our Denominational Task"  
North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Dr. George A. Lang, President, in charge.  
11:20-11:50 A.M. "The Pastor Facing His Task"  
"The Pastor As Soul Winner" by Rev. William Hoover, Benton Harbor, Mich.  
12:00 M. Noonday Dinner  
1:00-1:10 P.M. Devotions, Rev. Elmer A. Buening, Holloway, Minn.  
1:10-2:00 P.M. Pastors' Clinic, "Ministerial Ethics"  
Chairman of Clinic, Rev. Henry Hirsch, Goodrich, N. Dak.  
(1) "Plagiarism," Rev. William L. Schoeffel, Chicago, Ill.  
(2) "Relationship With Fellow-Pastors," Rev. Paul Zoschke, Cleveland, Ohio.  
(3) "Personal Etiquette," Prof. Albert Bretschneider, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.  
7:30 P.M. Evening Service  
"Evangelism and Stewardship—Our Denominational Objectives."  
Testimonies, Rev. W. G. Gerthe, Hutchinson, Minn.; Rev. Theodore Place, Detroit, Mich.  
"The Local Church Facing Its Task," Rev. A. Felberg, Forest Park, Ill.  
"The Minister Facing the Denominational Task," Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Forest Park, Ill.  
Motion Picture Film, "The 1952 General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa." by Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Forest Park, Ill.

### Wednesday, July 25, 1951

Chairman for Wednesday's Services, Rev. Roy Seibel, Waco, Texas. Song Leader for Wednesday's Services, Rev. Arthur Schulz, Crawford, Texas.  
8:45-9:30 A.M. Devotions, Rev. Fred Fuchs, Anamoose, N. Dak.  
9:30-10:20 A.M. Bible Hour, Dr. W. W. Adams  
10:20-10:30 A.M. Intermission  
10:30-11:20 A.M. "Facing Our Denominational Task"  
General Missionary Society, Rev. Richard Schilke in charge.  
11:20-11:50 A.M. "The Pastor Facing His Task"  
"The Pastor as Administrator" by Rev. Peter Pfeifer, Burlington, Iowa  
12:00 M. Noonday Dinner  
1:00-1:10 P.M. Devotions, Dr. M. Vanderbeck, Sheboygan, Wis.

1:10-2:00 P.M. Business Meeting with Arthur Weisser, president of the "Ministers' Fellowship" in charge  
7:30 P.M. Evening Service, "Missionary Night"  
Testimonies, Rev. Walter Stein, Tyndall, S. Dak.; Rev. Herman H. Riffel, Lansing, Mich.  
Missionary Messages by Rev. Gilbert Schneider of the Cameroons, Africa.

### Thursday, July 26, 1951

Chairman for Thursday's Services, Rev. O. E. Krueger, Rochester, N. Y. Song Leader for Thursday's Services, Rev. Richard K. Mercer, Jr., Newark, New Jersey.  
8:45-9:30 A.M. Devotions, Rev. J. J. Renz, Ashley, N. Dak.  
9:30-10:20 A.M. Bible Hour, Dr. W. W. Adams  
10:20-10:30 A.M. Intermission  
10:30-11:20 A.M. "Facing Our Denominational Task"  
Publication Society, Cleveland, Ohio, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner in charge.  
Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, Can., Rev. E. P. Wahl in charge.  
11:20-11:50 A.M. "The Pastor Facing His Task"  
"The Pastor as Educator" by Rev. A. Dale Ihrie, Detroit, Mich.  
12:00 M. Noonday Dinner  
1:00-1:10 P.M. Devotions, Rev. Walter G. Gummelt, Waco, Texas  
1:10-1:30 P.M. Presentation of the Ministry of the Children's Home, St. Joseph, Mich., by the Rev. A. F. Runtz, superintendent  
1:30-2:20 P.M. Pastors' Clinic "Sermonic Preparation"  
Chairman of Clinic, Rev. Rudolph Woyke, Salem, Ore.  
(1) "Discovering Sermon Ideas," Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, West New York, N. J.  
(2) "Making the Sermon Outline" (Including Expository Sermons), Prof. R. P. Jeschke, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.  
(3) "Illustrative Material," Rev. Alex Elsesser, Dayton, Ohio.  
7:30 P.M. Evening Service, "Our Church Laymen"  
Testimonies, Rev. H. J. Wilcke, Tacoma, Wash.; Rev. Paul Loth, Buffalo, N. Y.  
Address, "Laymen and Pastors Facing Their Task Together," Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, Brooklyn, N. Y.; "Pastors and Laymen Facing Their Task Together," Rev. Otto Patzia, Detroit, Mich.

### Friday, July 27, 1951

Chairman for Friday's Services, Rev. Arthur Weisser, Lodi, Calif. Song Leader for Friday's Services, Rev. J. O. Zillen, Lorena, Texas.  
8:45-9:30 A.M. Devotions, Rev. Wil-

9:30-10:20 A.M. Bible Hour, Dr. W. W. Adams  
10:20-10:30 A.M. Intermission  
10:30-11:20 A.M. "Facing Our Denominational Task"  
Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union, Rev. J. C. Gunst in charge.  
11:20-11:50 A.M. "The Pastor Facing His Task"  
"The Pastor As Shepherd" by Rev. Ruben Kern, Vancouver, British Columbia.  
12:00 M. Noonday Dinner  
1:00-1:10 P.M. Devotions, Rev. Monroe D. Chalfant, Cincinnati, Ohio  
1:10-2:00 P.M. Pastors' Clinic, "Facing Our Task As Spiritual Counselors"  
Chairman of Clinic, Rev. Alfred Weisser, Parkston, S. Dak.  
(1) "Pastoral Calling and Counseling," Rev. Edward Kary, Bismarck, N. Dak.  
(2) "Counseling With Young People," Rev. Robert Zimbelman, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
(3) "Counseling With People Who Have Personality Problems," Rev. Karl Korella, Edmonton, Alta.  
7:30 P.M. Evening Service, "Youth Meeting" (Beginning of a special retreat for denominational youth leaders)  
Testimonies, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Texas; Mr. Eldon Schroeder, Lorraine, Kans.  
Closing Address by Dr. William W. Adams, Kansas City, Kans.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Rev. John F. Crouthamel, Jr., recently presented his resignation as pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. He has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Somerville, New Jersey, a church of the American Baptist Convention. He will bring his ministry to the Fleischmann Memorial Church at a close on June 18. He has served this church as its minister since 1944.

The young people of the First Baptist Church of Golden Prairie, Sask., presented an Easter program on Sunday evening, March 25. On this occasion rendered an impressive program with quartets and duets and numbers as all. The program was a blessing to the pastor, the Rev. Isador Faszer. The report was sent by Miss Shirley Unrath of the youth group.

On Tuesday evening, April 10, the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., observed its 94th anniversary at a church supper, during which the religious film, "The Second Chance," was shown. On Easter Sunday, the pastor, the Rev. John O. Strickland, baptized seven converts on confession of their faith in Christ. On March 14 the Woman's Missionary Society observed its 86th anniversary with a program at the church. Mr. Jerry Dill is the new superintendent of the Sunday School. He has succeeded Mr. George Guhke who served in this capacity for many years.

The Rev. Fred W. Mueller of the Laurelhurst Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., had the joy of baptizing six persons on Easter Sunday evening after the radio service on station KVAN. On the following Sunday 13 persons were received into the church at the communion service. Dr. H. Cameron Angel of Vancouver, Wash., conducted special meetings from April 8 to 13 in the church. From March 27 to 29 Mr. Mueller served as one of the guest speakers at the North Dakota Pastors' Institute held at Bismarck, N. Dak., and North American Baptist conferences.

On Easter Sunday morning the Rev. C. H. Seecamp, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, baptized six converts, all of whom

**CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAMS**  
Special Children's Day Offering envelopes are available without charge at the North American Baptist Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill. You must make your requests known to receive these envelopes. State the number of envelopes desired. The Children's Day Offerings are to be designated for the denomination's Chapel Building Fund.

were of the same family. These included the grandmother, a mother and father, their married daughter and her daughter of ten years of age. The church choir sang the Easter cantata, "Christ Victorious," at the evening service and later rendered this cantata at the Wiesenthal and Pleasant Prairie churches. Recently the young people of the church completed the study course, "The Growing Christian," under the leadership of the pastor.

The Rev. Robert J. Schmidt, a graduate of our Seminary of some years ago, is still teaching as assistant professor of sociology at Evansville College at Evansville, Ind. Even though teaching is a full-time job, Mr. Schmidt reports that he serves as a pulpit supply or interim pastor almost every Sunday of the year. At present he is serving a Methodist Church in that capacity. He has also announced that a son was born to Mrs. Schmidt and himself on March 7th who has been named Richard David. If any readers wish to get in touch with him, they can address him at Evansville College, Evansville 4, Ind.

The Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., received five new members into the church's fellowship by baptism and on confession on Sunday morning, April 1st. From March 31 to April 6 special services at the church were held with one of the denomination's visitation evangelists, the Rev. Roy W. Seibel of Waco, Texas. The church choir rendered the cantata, "Olivet to Calvary" by J. H. Maunder, on Palm Sunday evening. On Easter Sunday evening the male chorus, church choir and soloists brought the resurrection story in song at an impressive service.

On a Sunday evening shortly before Easter, the Rev. G. Beutler of Plevna, Mont., and the Baptist Church arranged for the showing of the religious film, "King of Kings," at the

Plevna Town Hall. It was a very successful and well attended meeting. On Good Friday Mr. Beutler served as guest speaker at the Baptist Church of Miles City, Mont., for a candle-light baptismal and communion service. On Easter Sunday at the fellowship luncheon following the morning service, Mr. Theodore Keesler in behalf of the church presented the Beutler family with a complete set of Steelco kitchenware as a token of appreciation for their services in the church.

The Open Bible Tabernacle of Erie, Pa., has extended a call to the Rev. Richard Mikolon, Buffalo, N. Y., to which a favorable reply has been received. Mr. Mikolon has had 17 years of mission work in New Jersey and eight years in New York state and so comes well prepared to take over the Polish mission work in East Erie, started by the Central Baptist Church. The Open Bible Tabernacle has been recognized by the North American General Conference as a member of the Eastern Conference and as a church in its own right. Mr. Mikolon has succeeded the Rev. Frank Kostanowski and began his pastorate on May 1st.

On Sunday, May 6, the entire chorus of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was at the Ebenezer Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., for three concerts. The chorus was directed by Professor Ralph E. Powell. Its ministry was deeply appreciated by the large audience that taxed the capacity of the church. The Seminary Quartet, the King's Stewards, spent Sunday, May 22, with musical programs at the church. The Woman's Missionary Society held its 16th anniversary program on Sunday evening, April 15, with the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forrest Park, Ill., speaking and showing missionary pictures. The missionary offerings of the day amounted to about \$200. The Rev. O. W. Brenner is pastor of the church.

The Students' Chorus of Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., composed of about 35 voices, made a tour to many Baptist churches from the Twin Cities of Minnesota to Omaha, Neb., from April 21 to 29. Among the members of the chorus are the following young people from North American Baptist churches: Iola Kludt, Wessington Springs, S. Dak.;

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Helen Lohse, McIntosh, S. Dak.; Meraleen Huber, Bison, S. Dak.; Sena Plucker, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Lillian De Boer, Buffalo Center, Iowa; Norman Krombein, Eureka, S. Dak.; Herb Luebeck, Cleveland, Ohio; and four of our Seminary students who are also taking college courses: Wesley Gerber, Herbert Hemmerling, Jerry Huber and Edwin Kern. Dr. Lee Bright is the director of the Sioux Falls College Chorus.

## ENGAGEMENTS

**Dr. Frank H. Woyke**

Sunday, June 3—Beaver Church, Midland, Mich.

**Rev. Richard Schilke**

Sunday, June 3—Watertown, Wis. (A.M.) and Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis. (P.M.).

**Dr. Martin L. Leuschner**

Sunday, May 27—Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, Neb.  
Sunday Morning, June 3—Humboldt Park Church, Chicago, Ill.  
Tuesday, June 5—Men's Brotherhood, Ogden Park Church, Chicago, Ill.

**Dr. A. S. Felberg, Evangelist**

May 20-June 1—McLaughlin, South Dakota.

**Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist**

May 20-June 2—Killaloe, Ont.  
June 3-20—Lyndock and Sebastopol, Ontario.

## FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

May 22-24—Delaware Association at Jamesburg, N. J. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker.

May 25-27—Atlantic Conference Workers' Conference and Youth Rally at the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker.

May 30-June 3—British Columbia Association at Prince George, B. C., Canada. Rev. Hugo Lueck, Guest Speaker.

June 1-3—Eastern Conference Youth Convention at the Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y. Rev. Richard Schilke, Guest Speaker.

June 4-7—Kansas Scripture Memory Camp at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kans. Miss Ruth Bathauer, Guest Speaker.

June 7-11—Kansas Young People's Assembly at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kans. Dr. George A. Lang and Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, Missionaries, Guest Speakers.

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

## HERALD NEWS



A hearty handshake by two presidents, past and present. Mrs. Carol Siegrist of Erie, Pa., and the present president of the Eastern Conference Union, Mr. Paul Appel, Rochester, N. Y., at the annual Spring rally.

## SUMMER CAMPS

Your Summer Assembly or camp is right around the corner for some of the conference unions. Your officers have prepared an excellent program. Consecrated instructors and inspirational speakers have prepared well for your camp or assembly. Make every effort and sacrifice to attend the youth conference in your area. You owe it to your spiritual life. Your witness as a fine young Christian is needed very much these days.

## MORE WORKERS' CONFERENCES

In April two well-planned and successfully carried out Workers' Conferences became history in the Southwestern Conference. Under the leadership of Miss Evelyn Meyer, conference union president, with the cooperation of the conference committee an excellent program could be carried out. One conference was held at the Shell Creek Church, Columbus, Neb., and one at the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Okla.

The attendance was beyond expectation on the part of youth leaders and Sunday School workers. Pastors,

## YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

May 27—CHRIST HAS THE ANSWER, Rev. Wilmer Quiring, Carrington, N. Dak.

June 3—THE CLAIMS OF CHRIST, Dr. E. H. Seecamp, Leduc, Alberta.

Sunday School superintendents and C.B.Y. presidents were well represented. Many of the local pastors were called upon to be leaders in the clinics and forums. The general secretary, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, served as denominational representative presenting and leading discussions on the C.B.Y. Standard. The pastors covered the Sunday School Standard.

All Sunday Schools in the Southwestern Conference have officially adopted the Sunday School Standard issuing a conference award to those Sunday Schools which meet all the goals. We congratulate the special committee of that conference in doing a fine work with the Sunday School Standard. We shall continue to pray for you in your successful efforts.

## ATLANTIC CONFERENCE GATHERINGS

From May 25 to 27 the Atlantic Conference Union leaders are sponsoring a Workers' Conference and also a young people's rally. The meetings will be held at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Milton Orthner is the president. Mr. E. Ralph Kletke is the council representative and C.B.Y. president of the entertaining church. These Workers' Conferences and rallies have been an unusual blessing in the conferences where they have been held. Our aim is that such a Workers' Conference be held once a year in all of our nine conferences.

## BAPTIST YOUTH IN SOUTH AMERICA

Your general secretary received a report from the young people's missionary at Porte Alegre, Brazil, South America. The organization consists of sixteen local societies with a membership of 550 members. A large group of young people turned out for their annual meetings. An aggressive program is carried on by these fine young people. Let us pray for our co-laborers in the Kingdom enterprise in our neighboring Americas.

## SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Let us keep the young people of our local C.B.Y.'s active during the summer months. While some take a vacation, others need to work harder to keep the meetings and interests of your group alive. Our spiritual growth and witness must never lag in our church and community. Turn to **Youth Compass** for helpful suggestions for summer meetings.





Skyscrapers of New York City which rise majestically like towering trees of a forest above Manhattan Island.

## 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. 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. Mr. Richards' wrong entry was discovered. As a result, Lynn Tracy, a stenographer, and Tom Richards, were fired, but not before Tom fixed the blame where it belonged on the boss, Mr. Harper. Tom found another job as a driver's assistant. He also saw more of Lynn and heard from her about her fine pastor, Mr. Haskins.

### CHAPTER ELEVEN

IT WAS a beautiful spring evening when Tom finally turned his footsteps toward the Haskin's parsonage. Haskins promptly answered his knock and the two men shook hands. Encouraged by the clean cut appearance of the young man who did not look like the other ministers Tom knew, he introduced himself. Then the two went into the study.

Haskins radiated friendliness and before five minutes had passed Tom felt as though he had known this man for a long time. He had thought he would be embarrassed, but now he

found himself telling all of the details of his experience with the Jackson Casualty company. Haskins was too keen an analyst to interrupt Tom. Frequently he would nod as Tom attempted to stress some particular incident or conversation. When the story was finished he leaned back in his chair and still did not speak.

Presently he said, "Let me begin by asking you one or two questions which you can answer if you want to. Tell me, were you really serious when you made your surrender to the Lord?"

"Absolutely," stated Tom emphatically.

"Do you still mean business with the Lord, Tom?"

"Yes, I do."

"And you are perfectly willing to do whatever God wants you to do?"

"That's right, I am."

"You are holding nothing back? You are willing to be a missionary or a preacher or a business man, or anything else?"

For an instant Tom hesitated and then he answered clearly. "I meant it when I said I wanted His will. I am willing to be anything that God wants me to be."

"Fine," responded Haskins with enthusiasm. "I have found that very few people really mean that. They talk a great deal about wanting God's will

but they usually have a string of 'ifs'."

"Well, there are no 'buts', 'ifs', or 'ands' attached to my decision."

"Tom you have had two cruel blows lately; at least they seemed cruel. There are no accidents in God's plan and even these blows have been sent for a definite reason. I think we can assume that. In the case of your mother, to put it bluntly, the Lord undoubtedly has seen fit to take her so that you would be alone and dependent upon Him. In the case of the office you were praying to get out of a bad situation. God took you out His way. Perhaps you expected it to happen the way you planned, but remember that God heard your cry and delivered you, even though the deliverance came in a form a bit different from what you had planned for yourself."

"I see it clearly when you put it that way," replied Tom, his eyes shining.

"It would almost seem as though the Lord arranged it this way so that it would be hard for you to continue in the insurance field. In other words, circumstances point to the fact that He had closed the door for you there. Are you willing to permit this door to remain closed?"

"Yes, I am."

"Good. One of the first considerations for a Christian when he has surrendered his life is to ask God whether He wants him in full time service."

"I have thought of that and I am only too glad to go into full-time service. I believe that a man ought to be called into that very definitely so that there can be no mistake about it."

"You are right there, Tom. I want you to go home and read Job 23, Isaiah 6 und Psalms 27, 32, and 37. When you have done all of this, turn to the ninth chapter of Matthew and read the concluding verses of the chapter. All right?"

Tom was puzzled at this advice. He had expected the pastor to tell him what the Lord had in mind. In fact Tom was disappointed although he tried not to show it. The pastor was conscious of the note of disappointment in Tom's face and voice. The preacher's experience had been broad enough to enable him to hold off his own impatience. Haskins knew that giving Tom his own advice concerning the Lord's will was wrong. All he wanted to do was to give God a chance to speak to Tom through the Word. His part was to make sure that Tom really wanted God's will.

"Tom, it is not my business as a servant of the Lord to tell you what to do. I am not even able to tell you what the Lord wants you to do. I can point out obvious principles and when you use them you will find His will yourself. If I were to state what His will is, and I cannot, you would be foolish to follow my advice unless you felt yourself that it was His will. And

if you know what God's will is you would be equally foolish not to do it because I said something different. Do you see my point?"

Tom laughed. "I see your point all right."

Tom read as the pastor had suggested. His heart was moved by the familiar words from Isaiah 6: "... Whom shall I send and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." The Lord God had spoken directly to the heart of His servant Isaiah. But Tom was not Isaiah and he wondered whether the words applied to him.

"Lord," he prayed silently, "is this addressed to me?" Then he was impressed by the thought that these words were addressed to anyone who heard them. He saw that Isaiah had been the one person whose ears were open to the call.

Gripped by the Holy Spirit, he read Psalm 27:14, "Wait on the Lord: be of good courage and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord."

Tom could feel new strength pouring into his heart and soul. Quickly he read through the ninth chapter of Matthew. He could not see the point of that chapter until he approached the closing verses. Then the Holy Spirit spoke to him very clearly.

"... the harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

"What am I waiting for? There are thousands of people to take up every type of secular work. There are few to heed the call of Christ."

Tom dropped to his knees to pray. As he prayed, the Holy Spirit deepened his conviction to serve Christ in full time service.

Later Tom called Mr. Haskins and told him the good news. The pastor was very practical and cautioned Tom to wait to see whether circumstances would confirm this call. He also made it quite plain that Tom would need training if he were to be a minister of the gospel.

Once Tom was certain of his call to the ministry, he wanted to tell Lynn immediately. But the note he wrote was not answered. Tom was puzzled until he remembered her brother's graduation. However, he decided to call at the apartment and make sure. No one answered the bell and the mailbox was filled with letters.

Next day as Tom returned from work he found a catalog from a well-known seminary in his mail box. Tom had not sent for any catalogs and he did not know who could have sent him this one. Eagerly and curiously he looked at the catalog and saw that this seminary offered most of the courses he wished to take. In former days he would never have thought that receiving that catalog was more than an accident. Now he believed that God's

hand was in it and his faith was encouraged.

Tom waited several days after receiving the catalog to see whether any additional information was forthcoming. Then he asked the Lord for guidance. The more he examined the curriculum, the more he felt this was exactly the school for his particular needs. After prayerful consideration, he filled out the application blank and sent it to the registrar's office. Once this bridge was crossed, Tom's doubts and despair disappeared. After this, work became a joy as he looked forward to the Fall months and school.

He visited his own pastor and told him of his decision.

"Are you really sure that this is God's will for your life, Tom? You're not going into this because it's the path of least resistance, are you?"

"No, sir. I am satisfied within my own heart that this is God's will."

"Tom, your mother and father wanted you to enter the ministry. They told me that, but they never wanted to interfere with the power of the Lord in your heart and life. That's why they never urged you to chose the ministry."

"Just a few days before your mother died she was in my study here. She had a feeling that all was not well with you and we prayed together for you. A strange thing happened then. When we were through, she took my hand and said, 'Pastor, I believe that God has heard us here. He has given me a peace of heart about Tom. Everything is going to work out all right.' When you came here I was surprised, but when I think it over I'm not surprised at all. Your mother's faith and foresight were great. Truly God has heard her prayer and answered."

Tired as Lynn was after her two-week visit, Tom's letter acted as a tonic. She sat down immediately and answered it by inviting Tom to her apartment for dinner and to meet her brother. Tom's reply carried an undercurrent of excitement and Lynn wondered what had happened to him.

On the appointed evening, Tom, perfectly groomed for the occasion, rang the doorbell and Lynn came to the door.

"Hello, Tom. I'm glad to see you," exclaimed Lynn.

"Boy, am I glad to see you!"

Lynn wore a blue print dress and a frilled white apron.

"Lynn, you look so domestic!" said Tom noticing her apron and the flour on her nose.

Lynn blushed. "I must go back into the kitchen or your whole dinner will be spoiled. My brother, Bob, will be out in a second to entertain you."

"Shall I join you in the kitchen? Perhaps I can be of help."

"No, thanks," laughed Lynn. "Bob will be out soon."

Tom wanted to make it plain that

he didn't need any brother to entertain him. The sister was more than satisfactory. But he kept his peace.

Bob walked into the living room very soon.

"Howdy, Tom. I'm mighty glad to meet you. Lynn has told me a lot about you and I feel that I've known you for some time."

"I'm glad to meet you, Bob," answered Tom as he surveyed the six-foot young man before him. Bob's eyes were blue, his hair light brown and his bearing gave the impression of sturdiness and manliness. They talked together until Lynn called them to dinner.

During the meal the talk drifted around to Bob and his future.

"What do you plan on doing now that you have finished college?" Tom asked him casually.

"Oh, I majored in physics in college and I have an opportunity in the field for Christian service that seems unique."

Tom's curiosity was aroused. "How can you find an opening in Christian service for physics, Bob?"

"Well, it happens that there is a radio outlet in South America which has been in need of a technician with a physics major. The purpose of this short wave station is to proclaim the gospel of the Lord Jesus. It reaches many places where no other program is ever heard. I believe the opportunity is unparalleled and I've been promised the chance to do some broadcast work myself as soon as I can qualify."

"Say, that sounds good, Bob. How did you happen to hear about it?"

"I didn't 'happen' on it at all. In my sophomore year I surrendered my life to the Lord for full-time service. God opened the door for me without my turning a hand. I'm confident that it is His will!"

While Tom and Bob were talking, Lynn was studying Tom's face, closely watching his reaction. It was evident from his interest and approval that this was not the same Tom of the insurance office.

Bob was thoughtful for a second and then he continued. "There was only one thing that made me hesitate before accepting this opening. Lynn has helped me financially and I wanted to do something for her."

As Bob said this he looked at his older sister with deep affection and admiration. Lynn looked a bit uncomfortable and almost as though she wanted to stop him from saying more, but Bob continued.

"Even there the Lord has made provision in a way I never expected. Because of Lynn's present plans I can do as much for her as she did for me," finished Bob.

Tom wanted to ask what the plans were, but common courtesy made him keep silent. He hoped that Lynn



would say something. She did—but not what he was hoping to hear.

"Well, Tom, how has everything been going with you?" Lynn asked, changing the subject as though it had gotten into deeper waters than she intended.

"Fine," mumbled Tom with keen disappointment.

After dinner was finished, they washed the dishes together.

"If you ever need a recommendation as a cook, Lynn, I'll be glad to let you use my name," Tom commented.

"Don't give me any of that blarney, Tom. Perhaps you have been eating in too many restaurants."

"Maybe so, but this sure tasted swell to me."

When the dishes were finished, Tom suggested that he and Lynn take a walk. He wanted to talk to Lynn alone and he had been wondering if he could manage to be alone with her.

Once on the star-lit streets—more quiet at this time—it did not take Tom long to bring up the subject of God's will. As he recited the details of finding the way in the Scriptures, Lynn's eyes glistened and she smiled as she learned of his decision to go into full-time Christian service. Tom was careful not to tell her that he had written to a seminary about admission. He would wait until his application was accepted.

As they were talking, Tom knew that there was something he wanted to tell Lynn. He felt his love for her so strong that he could scarcely keep silent and wait for the appropriate moment.

Now Tom knew what it was that had been troubling him. He knew why he had been so eagerly awaiting for Lynn to return. He knew that the hours in the insurance company office had helped him to see Lynn as the finest, sweetest Christian girl he had ever met. "I love her," he thought, "but suppose she doesn't love me?"

In vain he searched his memory for something that would assure him that Lynn cared for him. She had been interested in him; she had helped him; but there was nothing to reveal that she loved him.

Even though Tom's heart was filled with the knowledge of his love, he waited for God's leading. A few months ago Tom would have asked Lynn to marry him. Now he waited upon the Lord.

Uttering a silent prayer for divine help to say and do the right thing, Tom carried on the conversation. Never had he enjoyed himself more, nor had he ever seen Lynn so happy and so beautiful. He was sorry when the evening was over.

"Lynn, there is a concert on the mall in Central Park a week from tonight. Will you go with me?" Tom asked.

"I'd love to, Tom. What time?"

"I'll be around for you at seven-thirty. How's that?"

"Good, I'll be ready for you."

"Good night, Lynn. I don't know when I've had such a good time. The dinner was tops and I've enjoyed myself more than I can tell you."

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## CHRIST'S CALL TO YOUTH

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possess. You are richly endowed with life, with enthusiasm, with a voice to sing, with talents to play an instrument, and with the gifts of leadership. Jesus is depending on you to do your part!

The Captain of salvation is calling to follow him and advance. There is still much to do, and much ground to be taken in. The field is not yet harvested, and the battle is not yet won. Therefore arise, the Captain is far ahead, and is calling: "Follow me!" Advance! Do not become static! Do not stay put! The future is yours. Jesus is building his Church. He is adding to the church daily such as believe.

But faith comes by hearing the word, and hearing the word comes by preaching and teaching and witnessing for Christ. You and I must witness. We must do our part that people might come to a saving knowledge of God through Jesus Christ the Lord. Therefore onward, forward to greater heights of achievement.

Advance in experience of salvation! Grow in knowledge and in the grace of our Lord. Advance in Christian

living! So far we have touched only the surface of the Christian life. There are still great depths and heights in Christian living to be attained. Advance in Christian service! The fields are white to be harvested, and the laborers are few. Advance onward and upward, for the victory may depend on you!

"Serve the Lord in the days of youth,  
Learn his law and accept his truth;  
Sing his praise with a ready tongue,  
While the heart is young.

"Serve the Lord in youthful days,  
Do his will and walk his ways,  
Wait not for what the years may bring,  
But serve him, O serve him;  
While life is like the spring,  
O serve our Lord and King."

### CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM Offering for the Chapel Building Fund of the Conference.

The programs feature a picture of the children of our Cameroons missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, and the song, "The Light Will Triumph" by Dr. H. von Berge.

A blessed Children's Day to all churches!

## JESUS AT BETHESDA

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him not to fall back into his old life, his evil habits, whatever they may have been, lest a worse judgment befall him. Let us not forget, however, that not all suffering is due to sin. Jesus taught this very distinctly in John 9:1-3. When the cured cripple found out who his benefactor had been, he told the Jews it was the famous teacher from Galilee. They had reprimanded him for carrying his mat on the Sabbath. Now he was able to tell them who his restorer was and place the responsibility of transgressing one of their laws upon Jesus.

### THE LORD OF LIFE

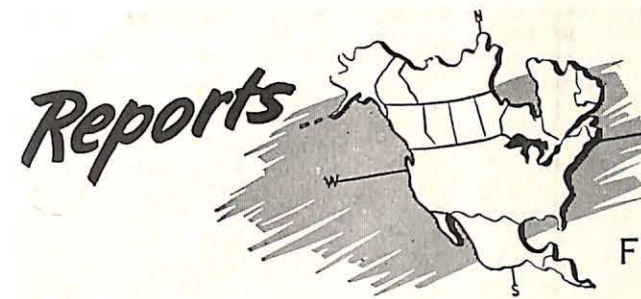
The Jews began persecuting Jesus because he had healed a helpless cripple on the Sabbath. The rabbis prohibited 39 different kinds of labor on the seventh day. The carrying of household goods and even the healing of the sick on the Sabbath was prohibited. The letter of the law was strongly on their side. In Jeremiah 17:21 we read: "Take heed to yourselves, and bear no burden on the Sabbath day; nor bring it on by the gates of Jerusalem." (See Nehemiah 13:15-21.)

It seemed that Jesus was guilty of transgressing the law, but was he not obeying a higher law? Did not the Old Testament teach that one should love his neighbor as himself? (Leviticus 19:18.) This neighborly love was surely not to be confined only to six days of the week. Is not the highest law of all the law of love? Did not Paul say that love is the fulfillment of the law? (Romans 13:10.)

Jesus had compassion on this poor invalid. He sympathized with him in his helpless condition. His love for man prompted him to heal this poor cripple. God did good even on the Sabbath. Why should not his Son do the same? Jesus was not a slave of the Sabbath. He was rather the Lord of the Sabbath. He went about doing good even on the Jewish day of rest.

If the Jews had had a sympathetic heart, they would not have persecuted Jesus. The Jews thought more of keeping their law than of saving a life. Jesus thought more of healing a cripple than observing the letter of the law. The Master was certain that he was following his Father's example. "My Father works unceasingly, and so do I."

Do you want to enrich your own life on the Lord's Day? Then you must not only worship the Lord but also work for the Lord because it is in a special sense "the Lord's Day." You must be willing to serve others in the church or render some unselfish service outside the church by visiting a sick or needy person.



## Northwestern Conference

### Evangelistic Meetings With One of the Denomination's Visitation Evangelists at Victor, Iowa

A week of evangelistic meetings were held in March at the Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa, with the Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, as speaker which brought many blessings and much inspiration to the members and friends of the church. Brother Miller, one of "the visitation preachers" in the evangelism emphasis program of our denomination, shared with us the Spirit-filled sermons which will bear fruit in the lives of believers for weeks and months to come.

During the campaign, one of the friends of the church picked up an itinerant on the highway, took him to his home and led the man to Christ. This new Christian gave his first public acknowledgment of salvation and his testimony at one of the evening meetings.

The younger generation was not forgotten in that Brother Miller brought a distinctive and appealing object lesson each night. These lessons, incidentally, will be remembered by young and old alike. The two special musical numbers provided for each night were enjoyed. The final service was not held due to extreme weather conditions causing drifting snow.

The ministry of Brother Miller was especially effective and appreciated in our midst, since his sister, Evelyn, is the wife of our pastor, Rev. Dale Chaddock.

Mrs. Merwyn Betz, Church Clerk.

### Inspirational Events and Coming of New Pastor at Grace Church, Racine, Wis.

It was our privilege at the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., to hear Dr. Sara Janson of Chicago, Ill., on Sunday morning, April 8. Her message was both interesting and inspirational. Her life is so radiant that you can just see Christ in her. She was the first woman doctor to be graduated from Rush Medical College in Chicago. On Friday, April 6, the Men's Brotherhood sponsored a Men's Fellowship Banquet with 82 present. The Rev. Ogle Chastain, Wisconsin state director of evangelism, was the speaker.

The Woman's Missionary Society met on Thursday afternoon, April 5,



Ambassadors' Group and young people of the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich., who presented the play, "Church Bells," recently.

in the church parlors and had the opportunity to see some of the recent films about the Cameroons. The Rev. Martin Leuschner was guest speaker. The society has been busy doing much White Cross work and has sent another package. Very shortly, our kitchen is going to be remodeled and a double compartment Kohler sink will be installed.

On Easter Sunday, the young people sponsored a sunrise breakfast. There were 30 early risers who had the privilege of hearing a new pastor in town, the Rev. Ten Clay of the First Reformed Church. No doubt you have heard that we have called the Rev. D. Raymond Parry, who began his ministry on May 1st. He will live in the parsonage with his mother and father beginning on June 1st.

Pray for us as our new pastor begins his ministry with us. Pray that the young people may feel their responsibility in living for Christ in these last days. Our group is small, but those we do have are on fire, but we just don't seem to get that fire to spread.

Mrs. Myron H. Dudek, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### The Play, "Church Bells," Presented by Fourth Ave. Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich.

On Friday evening, March 9, the Ambassadors' Group of the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., with the cooperation of the young people, presented a fine play entitled, "Church Bells" by Esther Averill. This play pictured a family which

had time for everything except church on Sundays. Only when trouble came, did they realize their need of the Lord and the church.

A program preceding the play was conducted by our president, Mrs. Arnold Kirschner, with special numbers by Miss Dorothy Thacker and the Boys' Chorus. The offering will be given to the building fund, since the Ambassadors realize their need of a new church edifice.

Pictured standing in the accompanying illustration, left to right, are: Dale Huggler, Glen Timm, Myrtle Voss, Carter Preston and Joan Thomas; seated: Aldon Timm and Lillian Timm. The play was directed by our pastor, the Rev. Richard Grenz. Many requested a repeat performance.

Sally Preston, Secretary.

### Festive Events at the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois

The presence of the risen Lord was manifestly felt during the Easter Sunday services in the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, Ill. The meetings were well attended which was only natural, for we had special guests in the pew and in the pulpit. Mr. Herbert Klingbeil, student at the Moody Bible Institute, addressed the Sunday School. He made our hearts glad when he so ably witnessed for our blessed Savior. He brought also a trombone solo during the worship service that followed. Two young ladies, also students at the Moody Bible Institute, sang an appropriate duet number to the inspiration of all.

The evening service was dedicated to our Juniors and their parents. Miss Ruth Koffinke, our Junior youth leader, was able to present, with a number of boys and girls, the Easter play, "The Bearer of the Cross." It was well received; so much so, that our special guest speaker, Dr. Frank Woyke, found it easy to bring his Easter greetings in the form of a well delivered message on "What Easter Means to Me!"

The following Sunday evening, April 1, was a grand night again! Students (coming from our own conference churches) of the Baptist Missionary Training School gave a fine program of song, music and testimony. Their theme, "Serving Him," challenged us all! May the Lord bless our Minnie Kuhn, Luanna Majeske, Tina Schmidt, Florence Wangner and Adeline Zimbelman!

April 8 was Ladies' Aid Anniversary! A festive spirit descended especially upon the evening service. Mrs. Otto Horn, president of the society, was the genial Madame Chairman. Several musical and vocal selections rendered by Mrs. John E. Grygo, Miss Margaret Thompson and Mr. Berthold Milner prepared our hearts for the message of the evening. Miss Leona Ross, missionary to the Chinese people in China and Chicago, told us enthusiastically about her varied and thrilling experiences in her ministry to these sons and daughters of the "celestial empire."

John E. Grygo, Pastor.



### Church Training Program at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois

The Board of Christian Education of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., recently sponsored a church training program for members and friends of the church. Three courses were offered, each course covering five evenings of study and lecture and each evening divided into two fifty-minute sessions with a twenty-minute intermission period. The Rev. Thorwald Bender of North-

was enjoyed. One evening the Youth Department of the Sunday School, under the direction of Miss Irma Grieger, provided special music and several young boys quoted Scripture passages that had been learned in Sunday School. Another two evenings were devoted to a lively debate with the Training Class teachers taking part. Another evening the Pioneer Girls organization, under the leadership of Miss Ida Mae Nordland, presented an interesting intermission period.

Ethel R. Grupp, Reporter.



Easter Sunday smiles on the faces of the choir members of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Ill., with Mr. and Mrs. Willard Bosham, director of music, at extreme left, and the Rev. F. Y. Lower, pastor, behind Mr. Basham.

ern Baptist Seminary was the instructor of the class on "Training for Efficient Church Membership." Dr. Edgar Boss of Northern Baptist Seminary taught the class on "Training Through Bible Study" and the Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary of the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union, was he instructor of the class on "Training to Teach." Each evening during the second session of the class on "Training to Teach" a different approach was made to the teaching lecture. The first evening Mrs. Frank H. Woyke talked on story telling, suggesting ideas on how to tell a story to children. The next evening, Mrs. Hollis W. Barber demonstrated various projects and activities that could be worked out in the Sunday School. The third evening, Miss Althea Kose of the Baptist Missionary Training School talked to the class on worship experiences. The fourth evening Miss Ruth Bathauer suggested ways and means of using the Bible, and the fifth evening the Rev. D. Raymond Parry of Northern Baptist Seminary spoke to the class on visual aids.

After the first session each evening, the three groups met together in the main auditorium for twenty minutes during which time a special program

### Sunrise Service, Choir Cantata and Baptism on Easter Sunday at Kankakee, Illinois

On Easter Sunday the young people of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., sponsored a Sunrise Service for the youth of the community. The guest speaker was Dr. Alfred Martin of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill. Miss Gaynell Campbell was the organist and Miss Martha Morin, pianist. Weldon Marth sang, "His Sacrifice" and Dennis Marshal and Daniel Benedict played a violin duet. Coffee and doughnuts were served at the close of the service.

At the worship hour the church choir presented the cantata, "Crown Him" by Wilson, following the sermon on "Victory." The accompanying picture of the choir shows Mr. and Mrs. Willard Basham, directors of music, and the pastor, Rev. F. Y. Lower; as well as (left to right): Mrs. Basham, Alma Salzman, Myrtle Woodrich, Audrey Nelson, Ruth Seedorf, Alice Luhrs, Beverly Salzman, Gaynell Campbell. Second row: Mr. Basham, Rev. F. Y. Lower, Mrs. Lower, Ruth Elam, Helen Salzman, Wilma Martin, Edna Stewig, Martha Morin, Arlene Anderson, Ruth Wright. Third row: Fred Milke, Bob Martin, Darrell Milk,

Bernard Wright, Darwynne Pucek. Fourth row: Harold Seedorf, George Salzman, Edwin Cremer, Cecil Martin.

The church was filled again for the evening service. Following the message a baptismal service was held at which time the pastor baptized eight converts. We were also blessed by the evangelistic services held in our church from April 15 to 25 with the Rev. Roy Seibel of Waco, Texas.

F. Y. Lower, Pastor.

### Eastern Conference

#### Farewell Reception for Pastor at Open Bible Tabernacle of Erie, Pa.

Down in the northeastern corner of the city of Erie, Pa., almost on the banks of Lake Erie, stands the little Polish Mission, better known as the Open Bible Tabernacle, in a mixed state of sorrow and joy. It has been sorrow at the leaving of its founder and first pastor, Rev. Frank Kostanowski, and joy at God's answer to prayer in the acceptance of the Rev. Richard Mikolon, Buffalo, N. Y., to be its new leader.

Mr. Kostanowski and his wife came here five years ago at God's call to establish this mission on the "solid rock, Christ Jesus" and recently his congregation with that of Central Baptist Church gathered in the Mission to honor them at a farewell party. Scripture and prayer were given by Mr. W. Bloom and Sunday School superintendent Miss B. Kohut, from the Tabernacle while Richard Duda rendered an accordion solo. Central contributed a vocal duet by Mrs. M. Gibbens and Mrs. W. Meuser and a trombone solo by Robert Eichler. Ted Duda and Mrs. A. Zielinski, members of the Polish church, gave heartfelt testimonies on what the Kostanowskis have meant to them.

Mr. Kostanowski replied with the revelation of God's will that he go on to new fields of labor in the starting of two new churches. One is to be built of families who have been meeting for over 25 years in a public school building on the western suburbs of Erie. Lots have already been purchased and work will soon start on the construction of a basement temporarily to house the congregation. He will serve this new church in conjunction with the Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Albion, Pa., and will live in quarters provided near the first church.

The Rev. Reuben A. Houseal, "Central's" new pastor, on the anniversary of just six weeks in Erie, brought the message, assuring the Open Bible Tabernacle that "Central" was standing by under the Lord. Applying Acts 1:8 to the occasion, as, "this is your Jerusalem and God speaks to us here today as he did in those days in Samaria and Judea." He stressed the fact that the North American Baptist General Conference of less than 300 churches gives us the opportunity to witness in the way we feel God wants us to do for him.

Mrs. R. R. Eichler, Reporter.

### Easter Sunday Services at the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario

The great resurrection story of Christ was again revived in our hearts at the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, during the Easter season. During the Lenten period our pastor, the Rev. C. R. Weisser, brought inspiring messages in connection with the approaching celebration of our Risen Lord. On Good Friday evening the church was filled to capacity for a program presented by the young people of the church which consisted of readings, musical selections by the mixed quartet and youth choir. The principal feature was the Easter film which was shown with music in the background.

At 6:30 A.M. on Easter Sunday morning a sunrise service was held. A very good crowd was presented. Pictures telling the Easter story were shown again, after which the pastor brought a brief message. At the close of the service a fellowship breakfast was served in the basement of the church by the young people.

In the evening Sunday School was held at the usual hour, followed by the evening church service. The church choir and the male quartet supplied the special music for this service. Mr. Weisser brought the message.

Mrs. M. I. Kuehl, Reporter.

### Special Programs and Many Other Activities at the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa.

Amidst warm spring breezes and the cheerful twitter of birds, Palm Sunday dawned clear and beautiful in Erie, Pa., and God's warm love shone clearly and beautifully into the hearts of men, women and children as they sat in the crowded sanctuary and chapel of the Central Baptist Church on that "not soon to be forgotten" Lord's Day. "Glorie," former featured contralto soloist with Phil Spitalny's All Girl Orchestra, was the guest soloist and with her husband, Peter Shelsea, gave personal testimonies at both morning and evening services.

We as a church cooperated in a great city-wide "Christ for Erie" crusade and souls were saved nightly. Central Baptist reaped blessings in seeing many accepting Him as Savior and others re-dedicating their lives. Dr. T. W. Wilson, Billy Graham's aide, held forth the Word of Life faithfully each night in the local Armory and the attendance of 1200 to 1500 was not unusual.

Our Woman's Missionary Society meets regularly each month and are really "missionary" minded, taking a great interest in the making of different articles, bandages, blankets, etc., to be used in the Banso Hospital of Africa. The C.B.Y. of our church with its president, Bill Siegrist, are having a "project night" soon and encouraging everyone to fill "project boxes" with coins to be used for the work in the Banso Hospital. Our pastor, Rev. Reuben A. Houseal, has been with us only a few months but



—Photo by Broadstreet  
Thirty-one new members received into the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kans., by baptism (16 converts) and by letter, experience and rededication (15 persons) by the pastor, the Rev. J. J. Kroeker (center, holding Bible).

the impact of his dynamic personality and his zeal to win souls has been felt by all and the church is feeling a spiritual surge forth to bring others into the saving knowledge of our Lord.

Mrs. Robert R. Eichler, Reporter.

### Southwestern Conference

#### Thirty-one New Members Are Received Into the Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas

The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., has much for which to be thankful for the many blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon us since the first of the year. Our pastor, Rev. J. J. Kroeker, asked that we as God's children should pray for God to send a real spiritual revival into our midst. We were very thankful that he made it possible to bring the Rev. N. A. Wiens from Freeport, Ill., to bring the evangelistic messages to us.

When the Rev. N. A. Wiens came to us as evangelist from Feb. 11 to 23, we were really expecting and praying for a great revival. God answered our prayers beyond expectations.

On Sunday evening, April 1st, our pastor had the joy to baptize 16 converts, who are shown in the accompanying picture. After the baptismal services, we handed the new converts who had followed the Lord in baptism, certificates of baptism and welcomed them into the church. The hand of fellowship was extended to 15 others who joined our church by letter, confession or rededication.

Our Wednesday evening services led by our pastor, Rev. J. J. Kroeker, are enjoyed by all which is proven by the large and regular attendance of our members and friends. We are witnessing a great spiritual movement in our church.

Wm. O. Schroeder, Church Clerk.

### Seven Converts During Evangelistic Meetings at Mt. Zion, Junction City, Kansas

We of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kans., have experienced a real revival blessing from March 14 to 24 with the Rev. Walter Haman as evangelist. Eleven days of cottage prayer meetings preceded these services and for months much prayer was made in the regular prayer meetings for the success of these services. Much visitation was also done. Our prayers were answered. Christians were revived and seven persons accepted Christ as their personal Savior. A husband, wife, and their son of nine years accepted Christ as their Savior before the meetings through home visitation.

A service was held Sunday afternoon, March 18, in the County Jail at Junction City with Evangelist Haman as the speaker. Two colored inmates accepted Christ as Savior. The county jail service is a regular bi-monthly program of Mt. Zion Church, conducted alternately by the C.B.Y. and the adults.

Mr. Haman's evangelistic ministry is greatly enriched by his experiences in the Pennsylvania State Police Department, the secret police, and as personal body guard of the late President Roosevelt and President Truman until he walked out of the White House to take up the evangelistic career. His dealings with crime and juvenile delinquency give him apt illustrations for the Gospel message of salvation. Last but not least, the services are enriched by Mrs. Haman's own electric organ and Mr. Haman's accordion, clarinet and saxophones.

Recently the interior of our church and basement was beautifully re-decorated. The walls are now a pale green, the ceilings a creamy white, and the floors are sanded. We rejoice at this latest accomplishment.

Charlie A. Zoschke, Reporter.





The Youth Choir of the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kans., with Mrs. Louis Trimble as director (extreme right) on Easter Sunday evening.

**Four Converts Baptized and Missionary Service Held at Baptist Church, Shattuck, Okla.**

We of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Okla., are enjoying the Lord's blessings. On Sunday evening, April 15, our pastor, the Rev. Oliver K. Ringering, baptized four persons. These had accepted Christ as Savior during our evangelistic meetings with the Rev. J. J. Kroeker of Marion, Kans. At that time we received one person on her statement of faith and four by letter and reinstatement. Everyone enjoyed Mr. Kroeker's messages and especially his morning messages to our German people each day.

We also enjoyed the visit of our Cameroons missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson. The church invited them for a fellowship supper. In the service they told of their work in Africa and the great need. This was a blessing to us.

Mrs. O. K. Ringering, Reporter.

**Youth Choir and Special Easter Cantata at Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas**

The latest member in our church organization at the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kans., is the

Youth Choir of which Mrs. Louis Trimble is the director. It made its first public appearance on Easter Sunday evening. Unfortunately, not all of the youth group were able to be there that night. However, the accompanying snapshot gives you a good idea of our Youth Choir.

On Sunday evening, April 1, the choir of the Calvary Church, Stafford, Kans., presented the Easter cantata, "The Song of Easter," in our church. These exchanges of neighboring churches does much to promote a fine spirit of neighborliness and goodwill. A similar exchange takes place from time to time with the church at Bison, Kans., of which Rev. Harold Fischer is pastor.

Our church is going forward for the Lord. There is a fine spirit of harmony and cooperation which is always encouraging to the pastor.

Theo W. Dons, Pastor.

**Easter Cantata and Other Special Programs at Shell Creek Church of Nebraska**

We of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., are indeed grateful for the many spiritual blessings that God has again given to us these past months. Prayer Week,

which was observed from January 1 through 5, proved to be a season of spiritual refreshment, and was a time of preparation for the two weeks of special revival meetings which followed from January 7 through 21. These were conducted by the Rev. John Reimer of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Our hearts were greatly stirred as we listened from evening to evening to the deep Bible messages. Many souls were led into deeper consecration and devotion to their Lord.

On February 10 and 11 we were privileged to be host to the C.B.Y. and Sunday School Workers' Institute of the Beatrice, Creston and Shell Creek churches. We are happy to have the Professor R. P. Jeschke of our Seminary in Sioux Falls with us for this gathering. Here with the fellowship of other Christian workers, we sought to learn how that our Sunday Schools and young people's groups might grow into stronger and more fruit bearing branches that the Lord's work might grow in each of our respective communities.

On Easter Sunday evening our young people's work came to a climax when our choir, led by our pastor, the Rev. Paul Hunsicker, presented the beautiful Easter cantata, "The Prince of Life," proclaiming that our Lord truly is risen and lives forever so that we too might have the hope of eternal life.

Our hearts have been thrilled these past months as the Lord has given us another new work—a new mission field entirely our own. Our pastor, the Rev. Paul Hunsicker, now conducts three times a week a fifteen minute German Gospel Hour over our local radio station KJSK. As the great response by the many letters received indicates, this is what many have been waiting for, especially many of the older people who long to hear the precious Word of God expounded to them in the tongue they know and love best, but have no other opportunity to hear.

Gertrude Lange, Reporter.

**Atlantic Conference**

**Bridgeport, Conn., Church Celebrates Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dittrich**

Forty years of wedded life was the occasion for a surprise tendered Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dittrich of the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn., on Wednesday evening, April 11th. About fifty members and friends had gathered at the church for this happy occasion. As the surprised couple entered the church, the bride was first presented with an orchid corsage and then they proceeded to seats of honor while the wedding march was being played.

The pastor, Rev. George Hensel, then took charge of the services. After a devotional period, the pastor brought a brief message and congratulations on behalf of the church and presented the guests of honor with a beautiful lamp and an envelope containing a monetary gift. An opportunity was

then given to those who had known the Dittrichs for many years to do a bit of reminiscing by relating some interesting incidents out of years of fellowship with them.

After the Dittrichs had responded briefly, all the assembled guests came forward to extend their congratulations personally to the bridal couple. This was followed with a musical program and a period of group singing. Refreshments were then served from a beautifully decorated table in the center of which was a large wedding cake flanked by lighted candles.

Mr. and Mrs. Dittrich came from Brooklyn, N. Y., originally but they have been active members of our church throughout the entire period of their wedded life and they are still very active. Mrs. Dittrich serves as church clerk and Mr. Dittrich as treasurer. May God's rich blessing accompany them in the years which still lie before them!

George Hensel, Pastor.

**Dakota Conference**

**Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kludt, Wessington Springs, S. Dak.**

On April 9, 1951 it was 50 years since Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kludt of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. They were honored on their golden wedding anniversary on April 8 at their home with open house from two to four o'clock. Many friends called to offer sincere words of congratulations and best wishes. They received many gifts and a purse of cash.

Under the leadership of the Rev. O. W. Brenner, a program was presented with group singing, poem by Mrs. Leonard Holzworth, duet by Mrs. Herbert Kludt and Mrs. Leonard Holzworth. The pastor congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kludt and gave a short message.

Mr. and Mrs. Kludt were married on April 9, 1901 at Emery, S. Dak. Following their marriage, they moved to Denhoff, N. Dak. In 1916 they moved to Wessington Springs. The Lord has been gracious and good to them on their journey of life together and has blessed them with his great love.

Darlene Kludt, Reporter.

**Twenty-fifth Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Gackle, N. Dak.**

The first Sunday of April proved to be a Red Letter Day for the members and friends of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., for it was on this day that we had the joy of having Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., with us. He gave us an inspiring message on "Faith" at the Gackle church which was greatly enjoyed by all who attended.

On Sunday evening the Woman's Missionary Society presented its 25th anniversary program. Twenty-five years ago the Women's circle was organized under he leadership of the



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kludt of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., get ready to cut the big cake on their golden wedding anniversary day.

Rev. and Mrs. L. Gassner when the present church was still a branch of the Streeter church.

Mrs. Rosina Remboldt was the society's first president. She was on the platform with two other charter members, Mrs. Lydia Ruff, who now lives at West Fargo, N. Dak., and Mrs. David Schlittenhardt, Sr. "Gleaners"



Officers of the Woman's Missionary Society and "Gleaners" of the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, N. Dak., on the occasion of the Society's 25th anniversary. (Left to right: Mrs. E. J. Remboldt, Mrs. Ted Speidel, Mrs. E. K. Remboldt, Mrs. Ed Schlittenhardt, Mrs. Andrew Hehn, Mrs. G. W. Rutsch.)

presented the three charter members with corsages, also Mrs. G. W. Rutsch in appreciation for her services.

In the past 25 years, \$6000 were raised for home and foreign missions, which proved that their efforts have not been in vain. The "Gleaners," a branch of the Ladies' Aid, presented the play, "What It Takes to Build a Church." Readings were given by various members. Special numbers in song were presented by quartets and

trios. The special offering was \$106.35, which will go for foreign missions. After the program Dr. Leuschner showed us pictures of our mission fields in Africa.

We are especially grateful to God that Dr. Leuschner could be with us for the entire day. His message and services in our midst will long be remembered.

Mrs. Ted Speidel, Reporter.

**Northern Conference**

**Wiesenthal Baptist Church near Millet, Alberta, Reports Progress in the Service of Christ**

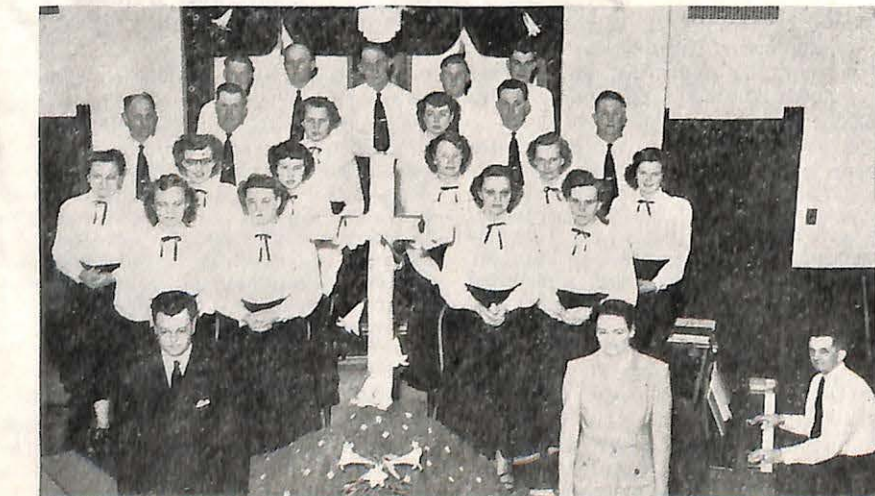
With much joy and gratitude we of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Millet, Alberta, are able to report definite signs of progress in our church. We rejoice greatly in the blessings, both material and spiritual, which we have received from the Lord. We are happy to see our services well attended, both morning and evening.

Last year our parsonage was greatly improved by the installation of electricity and also water and plumbing. Our church, until recently, has been one of the mission-supported churches of our denomination. However, we have long felt that we had outgrown that stage. Thus it was that at the beginning of this year we decided to become a self-supporting church. Already we have experienced God's blessing on our church as a result of

this move.

Our prayer and hope is that we may develop into a missionary church in the real sense of the term, that of praying more, giving more, and going even to the ends of the earth. We are certain that with God's help, which he has promised to give abundantly, and with our earnest endeavor and consecrated lives, we can expect even greater blessings in the future.

Annie Hoffmann, Reporter.



The choir of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., which presented the Easter cantata, "The Prince of Life," under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Paul Hunsicker (front row, left).



### Ministry of Baptist Youth and Women at Whitemouth and Beausejour, Manitoba

The Baptist young people of Whitemouth and Beausejour, Manitoba, Canada, are experiencing great joy in serving the Lord. In Beausejour, a society has recently been organized with 20 members, and together with the Whitemouth young people an orchestra has been started which lifts the hearts to spiritual realms at every meeting.

On April 1st, four cars with twenty-four young people traveled over 90 miles to Kenora, Ontario, to bring a special program in the Swedish Baptist Church. The Lord richly blessed our efforts. On May 13th the Kenora young people brought a return program at Whitemouth.

Our Woman's Missionary Society is faithfully pressing toward the mark of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus. We have been helping immigrant families settling in this community and are supporting a native missionary in Africa. We also give thought to the needy in foreign countries by sending parcels to them. The Lord has been blessing our meager efforts for which we praise his Name.

Mrs. Fred Ohlmann, Reporter.

### Climax of God's Blessings at Prince George, British Columbia, During Easter Season

It is at the Hager Memorial Baptist Church in Prince George, British Columbia, where we as young people who know the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior love to gather to enjoy the fellowship with God and with one another. God has richly blessed our little church and we praise him for it.

Through our regular weekly Bible studies under the leadership of our pastor, the Rev. Phillip Daum, our eyes have been opened to behold ever so many new truths which are concealed in God's precious Word and which have done so much towards enriching our lives and making us more capable of better service. There is something wonderful about getting together with other Christian young people and feeding our souls upon the Living Word.

One feature of our young people's activities, for which our little group is well known around the town, is the one-half hour radio broadcast which is conducted every Sunday night after the evening service. Time and time again we receive reports of how this short period of "Evening Devotions" is bringing comfort, cheer and blessing to shut-ins and to those who are in outlying districts unable to attend church services.

Our young people have their own choir which sings in the Sunday evening services and the radio broadcast, but some of its members also take part in the mixed German choir which renders its numbers in the Sunday morning services. Four of the young people have organized a male quartet and their numbers do much to further brighten our church and radio services.

### Invitation to Central Dakota Convention at Baker, Mont., from June 13 to 17.

The First Baptist Church of Plevna, Mont., extends a hearty invitation to all our friends who plan to visit the Dakota Central Convention from June 13 to 17. The meetings are going to be held in the High School Auditorium of Baker, Mont. Permission for the use of the auditorium was only granted upon the condition that in case of rain all visitors must use rubbers, so as not to spoil the highly polished floor. So kindly bring your rubbers along! Please register in time with Rev. G. Beutler, Plevna, Mont.

Once a month the young people of the church have been taking complete charge of the Sunday evening service. On Easter Sunday they presented the old but ever more glorious Easter story in a somewhat different manner. It was in the form of a play entitled, "The Light of the Cross."

Hilda Kwiatkowski, Reporter.

### Southern Conference

#### Bible Day and Easter Sunday Programs at the Cottonwood Church of Texas

The Cottonwood Baptist Church of Lorena, Texas, has enjoyed many blessings in recent days. The Study Courses taken the last week in February were a source of great inspiration to all who attended. The adults studied "The Bible and Prayer" by Robert G. Lee. The Juniors studied the book, "Jesus Saves" by Hattie Bell Allen.

On Sunday, March 11, we observed Bible Day in our church. Under the direction of Mrs. J. O. Zillen and Mrs. Ted Nehring, various departments of the Sunday School rendered a fine program. The Juniors started with the Lord's Prayer in verses. The Beginners told us about "The Bible" in verse. The Primary children told us what we could find in the Bible. The Cradle Roll told us about how they loved the Bible. Several intermediates put on a short play showing us that the Bible was available to all people regardless of color or creed. The pastor closed with a short message on "The Power of the Word of God."

We played host to the Youth Rally of Falls County on Saturday evening, March 17. Several young people presented a pantomime on "The Old Rugged Cross." Two of our young girls, Tima Tae Lampert and Benedy Ann Guderian, sang a duet. Mr. Milton Du Priest brought the message for the evening. After the message, a social period was enjoyed by 130 people.

The joint Easter sunrise service was held in our own church yard on March 25th. The service opened with organ music from 6:45-7:00 A.M., after which the congregation sang "He Lives on High." Mr. Cooper of Lorena introduced the speaker, the Rev. M. B. Howell, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Waco, Texas. The choir rendered two numbers, "Christ Arose" and "Christ the Lord is Risen Today." Mr. Woolbright brought the benediction.

Our pastor brought the messages for the regular morning and evening services. We were privileged to have the choral club from the Lorena High School with us in our evening service. We are ever thankful for God's guidance and blessings.

Mrs. H. D. Lynn, Reporter.

#### Sessions of the North Texas Association at Bethel Heights Church, Gatesville, Texas

"He That Winneth Souls Is Wise" was the theme of the North Texas Associational sessions which were held at the Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas, from March 14 to 16, where the Rev. Kenneth E. Nelson is the pastor. How we realized the need for a greater evangelistic zeal in our churches as we listened to spirit-filled messages which emphasized the manner and method of evangelism.

The following messages were discussed, respectively: "The Necessity of Separation" by Rev. Arthur Schulz; "Knowledge of the Word" by Rev. J. O. Zillen; "Tact and Contact" by Rev. Harold Gieseke; "Patience and Persistence" by Rev. H. John Vanderbeck; and the "Soul Winner's Crown" by Rev. E. J. Ruff. The Rev. Roy Seibel led a panel discussion on questions pertaining to the problems involved in evangelism.

The Association then faced the task of discovering practical procedures through which the various departments of the church can carry on evangelism. The Woman's Missionary Union was challenged to a greater evangelistic effort by Mrs. J. O. Zillen. The Brotherhood and its opportunities was presented by Mr. O. G. Miller. Rev. Walter G. Gummelt related how the Commissioned Baptist Youth can become more effective as an evangelistic church department and Mr. Herman Balka in his message supported the theory that the Sunday School is perhaps the greatest soul winning agency among the church departments. The devotional periods were conducted very effectively by the laymen, Messrs. H. T. Engelbrecht, Edwin Gummelt, O. G. Miller and Milton Lippert.

We were privileged to have the Rev. Howard Johnson, visitation-evangelist of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, as our guest speaker for the evening services. The Association enjoyed and appreciated his inspiring and challenging messages.

The following are the officers for the ensuing year: moderator, Rev. Harold Gieseke; vice-moderator, Rev. Arthur Schulz; secretary-treasurer, Rev. Kenneth Nelson.

Mrs. Roy W. Seibel, Reporter.

## Obituary

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

#### MRS. AMELIA SALZMAN of Kankakee, Illinois.

Mrs. Amelia Salzman, nee Witt, of Kankakee, Ill., was born in West Prussia on February 14, 1874 and died Saturday morning, March 3, 1951. Mrs. Salzman came to this country with her parents when she was a small child and settled near Medaryville, Ind. She was baptized by Rev. Chaffee at South Bend, Ind., and became a member of the Baptist Church in 1892. She was married to Albert E. Salzman on Oct. 24, 1893 at Medaryville and the couple then moved to Illinois where they resided on a farm in Limestone Township until they moved to Kankakee in 1941. Mr. Salzman passed away in 1947. Mrs. Salzman became a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee at the time she came to Illinois in 1893. She was also a member of the Loyal Ladies' Class and the Missionary Society of the church.

She is survived by three sons: Ernest of Cissna Park, Albert and Arthur of Kankakee; two daughters: Mrs. Mary Russell of Detroit and Miss Ruby Salzman of Kankakee, now on furlough from the British Cameroons, West Africa, where she is a missionary under the North American Baptist Conference.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 6, at the Immanuel Baptist Church with the Rev. Fred Lower officiating. Dr. Frank Woyke and Dr. William Kuhn also took part in the services.

Immanuel Baptist Church,  
Kankakee, Illinois

F. Y. LOWER, Pastor.

#### MR. GORDON MEYERS of Millet, Alberta, Canada.

Mr. Gordon Meyers of Millet, Alberta, was born in Edmonton, Alberta, on September 4, 1917. After his conversion at the age of thirteen years, he was baptized by the Rev. C. B. Thole, and joined the fellowship of the Wisenthal Baptist Church, Millet, Alberta. Throughout the years that followed he took an active part in the various phases of church life. At the time of his death he was still ably and faithfully serving as our church treasurer.

After completing his education at the Normal School at Edmonton, our brother taught school for one year. Upon completion of this year of teaching, he engaged in a period of youth training in Calgary, Alberta, and then joined the Royal Canadian Air Force, serving in Canada and England for a total of five years.

On October 25, 1945 he was united in marriage to Miss Alice Dickau. This union was blessed with one son, Niel. After an illness of several months, our brother passed away in his home on March 27, 1951, having reached the age of 33 years, 6 months and 23 days. He was preceded in death by his father; and one brother and one sister, both of whom died in infancy.

He leaves to mourn his passing his wife, and son; his mother; three sisters: Mrs. Emma Barnett of Bellingham, Wash., Mrs. Arpa Silver, Millet, Mrs. Esther Neuman, Millet; and one brother, Walter of Millet; also a large number of relatives and friends.

Wisenthal Baptist Church,  
Millet, Alberta, Canada

ERNEST A. HOFFMANN, Pastor.

#### MRS. MOLLIE HALE of McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Mrs. Mollie Hale, nee Fissel, of McLaughlin, S. Dak., was born at Normal, Ill., on August 11, 1875. On May 23, 1894 she was united in marriage with Mr. Lindon B. Hale. The Lord blessed this union with ten children, of whom two preceded her in death. On December 15, 1936 her husband was called into eternity. She is survived

by a brother and sister, eight children, twenty-two grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Her children are Mrs. Blance Rasmussen, Harlonten, Mont.; Mrs. Etel Sandeman, Miles City, Mont.; Mrs. Catherine Dangubeck, Paynesville, Minn.; Mrs. Bernadine Meallo, Cedar, Minn.; Mrs. Allene Palmar Matlac, Washington; Mr. George Hale, McIntosh, S. Dak.; Mr. Lorane Hale, Fort Hood, Texas; Mr. Ralph Hale, McLaughlin, S. Dak. Her brother, Fred Fissel, Normal, Ill., and her sister, Edith Hartly of Orlando, Florida, also survive.

Early in her life she accepted Christ while attending a Methodist Church. In 1938 she followed Christ in biblical baptism and later became a member of the First Baptist Church, McLaughlin, S. Dak.

God saw it best that Mrs. Hale was aided with arthritis and for about eighteen years could only move by means of a wheel chair. For the last six months she had been confined to bed, and had frequently been in the hospital. During the last nine years she was living with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hale who in a truly Christian way lovingly cared for her.

On March 14, at 11:40 A.M. in the hospital at McLaughlin, S. Dak., at the age of 75 years, 5 months and three days she went to be with her Savior. Interment was in the cemetery of Morrilstown, S. Dak.

First Baptist Church,  
McLaughlin, South Dakota  
ALEX SOOTZMAN, Pastor.

#### MRS. CHRIST IRION of Kulm, North Dakota.

Mrs. Katherine Irion, nee Rott, of Kulm, N. Dak., was born Dec. 23, 1891 in McIntosh County near Fredonia, N. Dak. Already in early age, she accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, and became a member of the Berlin Baptist Church. She was married to Christ Irion on April 6, 1913. The greater part of their lives was spent on a farm eleven miles southwest of Fredonia, N. Dak. In the Fall of 1948 they retired and made their home in Kulm, N. Dak. This retirement was not enjoyed very long, since she became ill shortly thereafter. Together with her husband they consulted the best medical aid to secure help and possible cure for her illness, which took them to New York City and other famous hospitals. In spite of the fact that she underwent several major operations, the Lord had designed a different pattern for her life. She died March 21, 1951, at the age of 59 years, 2 months and 25 days.

Even though she suffered much during her prolonged illness, she never complained. In her strong faith in her Lord Jesus Christ she was willing to resign herself to the complete will of God. Because of her fine Christian character and willingness to help others, she was beloved by everyone who knew her. She loved the house of the Lord and gave liberally to the support of the church both in time and financially as the Lord had blessed her.

Mrs. Irion is survived by her beloved husband, one daughter, Mrs. Adam Harr; one son, Elledhor Irion (one son preceded her in death); her stepmother; eight brothers and four sisters; seven grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends are saddened by her departure.

Berlin Baptist Church,  
Fredonia, North Dakota

J. C. KRAENZLER, Pastor.

#### MRS. ELIZABETH ENGEL of Avon, South Dakota.

Mrs. Elizabeth Engel, nee Rueb, of Avon, S. Dak., was born September 27, 1868 at Kassel, South Russia, and passed away March 2, 1951 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hubner, where she had been cared for the past several months. She attained the age of 82 years, 5 months and 3 days.

When eight years old she came to America with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rueb. They homesteaded five miles southeast of Avon. Here she grew to womanhood and on January 2, 1889 she was united in marriage to Joseph Engel. This union was blessed with seven children, five sons and two daughters. Her husband preceded her in death in December of 1912.

She was originally a member of the Danzig Baptist Church near Avon where she was baptized on June 23, 1889 by the Rev.

Fred Reichle. Upon moving to Avon, she joined the First Baptist Church in 1917 and has been a faithful member ever since.

She is survived by five sons and two daughters: Rudolph, Fred, John and Pauline (Mrs. E. A. Hubner) of Avon, Charlie of Fremont, Neb.; Harold of Wagner and Ella (Mrs. Clarence Corron) of Los Angeles, Calif.; 23 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three brothers and one sister, Jacob Rueb of Avon, Fred Rueb of Fremont, Neb., Rev. Dan J. Rueb of Ellensburg, Wash., and Mrs. Martha Van Gerpen of Fremont, Neb., and also a large number of other relatives and friends.

Avon, South Dakota

CHESTER J. BETZ, Church Clerk.

#### MR. FRANK BALLIET of Elk Grove, California.

Mr. Frank Balliet of Elk Grove, Calif., was born November 27, 1875 in Ukraine, Russia, and passed away on March 26, 1951 after a comparatively short illness at the age of 75 years and 4 months.

In 1889 he came with his parents to America, making their home in Chicago, Ill., for two years. From there he moved to Dickie County, N. Dak., where he was married to Katherine Rau in 1897. In the year 1919, he came with his wife and family to California where he was a resident until the time of his death. Sorrow entered his home on several occasions—when one daughter died in infancy, when his wife died in 1921 and again when his son John passed away in 1941. In 1921 he was married to Kathrine Forsch, who also preceded him in death in 1929.

In the earlier years of his life he was converted and after coming to California he was baptized in San Jose, Calif., and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif. With the organization of the Franklin Baptist Church he became a charter member of that church.

Those who survive him are his six children: Jake Balliet, Mrs. Louise Selze and Mrs. Katherine Kammerer of Elk Grove; William Balliet of Galt, Calif.; Mrs. Lydia Wolff of Forbes, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Madeline Lamb of N. Sacramento, Calif.; six stepchildren: Mrs. Erna Paul, Galt; Richard Forsch, Herbert Forsch, Joanne Forsch, Ilda Forsch and Mrs. Esther McKeon, all of Sacramento; 35 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

First Baptist Church,  
Elk Grove, California

W. W. KNAUF, Pastor.

#### MRS. KATHERINE GIEDD of Avon, South Dakota.

Mrs. Katherine Giedd, nee Giedd, of Avon, S. Dak., was born on June 14, 1870 at old Danzig, Southern Russia, and died on Jan. 10 in her home in Avon, having attained the age of 80 years, 6 months and 4 days. When seven years of age her parents came to the United States and settled in Bon Homme county where she lived until her death.

In 1882 Mrs. Giedd accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized by the Rev. J. Wendt and became a faithful member of the Danzig Church. On March 5, 1889, she was united in marriage with William F. Giedd. They settled on a homestead on which they resided for 45 years. After her husband passed away, Mrs. Giedd moved to Avon where she lived with her daughter, Rose. In Avon she became a member of the Baptist Church where she remained faithful until her departure.

On Dec. 4, 1950, she fell on the highway and injured her right hip. She was bedridden for a month. Patiently she suffered, having a great faith in her Savior. On Jan. 10th the Lord delivered her from her pains and took her home. Two sons, one daughter and her husband preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her departure, one brother, Sam Giedd, of Carpenter, S. Dak.; three daughters and six sons: Mrs. Francis Fisher, Lakeview, S. Dak.; Ewald and Lillie, Oakland, Calif.; William, Lanark, Ill.; Daniel, Tyndall, S. Dak.; Albert, Lake Andes, S. Dak.; Ethel, Leonard and Rose in Avon, S. Dak.; 23 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Avon, South Dakota

CHESTER J. BETZ, Church Clerk.



## FAITH AND ITS DISCIPLES

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That is a high level of action for the disciple, but it is not too high if Jesus is enthroned in life. The disciple dare not live by the rule, "Treat others as well as they think they deserve." That would be grossly unfair and might be characterized as "the brazen rule." Nor can the disciple say, "I treat others just as well as I think they deserve." Such might be called "the tinsel rule." The Golden Rule as taught by Jesus is right because it is always fair. The only rule which can make life safe is not our rule but his Golden Rule in the heart and life of every disciple.

The disciple whose faith in Christ has helped him move in these high areas of rare spiritual accomplishments must completely surrender all to Christ. Self-giving is a most difficult discipline. Jesus said to Peter and in that question he asks all his disciples, "Lovest thou me more than these?" (John 21:15.) This is our test and also our highest privilege. Self-dedication opens the doors to high endeavor and power in life. William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, was asked how he accounted for what he had accomplished in his life, and replied after a pause, "God had all there was of me." That was the secret and it is still the secret. D. L. Moody once said, "The world has yet to see what God can do for the man who is completely surrendered to him." The great apostle urged the disciple at Rome "to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God" (Romans 12:1).

It is great to die for a cause, but it is even greater to live for one. Men are today giving themselves completely for causes which are less worthy than that to which Paul called. The master word for the disciple is "sacrifice." The whole body must be subservient to God. This is the least we can do but it is also the most. The cross stands etched against the sky as the symbol of the stern reality that life to be gained must be lost and life to be given must bear a cross. "Christ crucified" is the beginning of Christianity but "I am crucified" is the beginning of the disciple's faith in action.

"Though Christ a thousand times in Bethlehem be born,  
But not within thyself, thy soul shall be forlorn.  
And on the cross of Calvary he hangeth up in vain  
Unless within thy heart it be set up again."

### WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

Christianity is a way of life and that life is most convincing in answering all rivals in the practice of faith in the lives of the disciples. It is still proper to ask in any situation, "What would Jesus do?" Faith which is rooted in Jesus Christ must be active



The cross at the entrance to the mission compound at Bamenda in the Cameroons, Africa.

and capable of being seen. Jesus said, "Ye are the salt of the earth . . ." and "Ye are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:13-16). S. Angus in "Essential Christianity" said: "A true man cannot talk the cross and argue about it and deny it in his conduct."

A minister when asked why the church seemed so impotent today answered by saying, "Those of a previous generation surveyed the wondrous cross and then went out and turned their world upside down, while we in our generation spend endless time surveying our communities and leave them about as we found them." A Christian of the second century wrote, on his way to martyrdom, a message to a friend, "It is meant that we should not merely be called Christian but that we be Christian."

There is no part of life which is not changed by the cross experience if the cross gets into life. Such lives would affect business, politics, race tensions and war. Canon Barry in his book, "What Has Christianity to Say," said: "There are enough Christians in the

world now, if we could but stand by our convictions, to banish war from the earth forever." The heresies of today are political, economic and moral rather than theological. To be and to do are essential for the disciple of Jesus.

Christianity may express itself in ritual, philosophy, theology, art and poetry but its supreme expression is in lives which have Christ-likeness. The ultimate apologetic for Christianity will be the unassailable character of those who express Christ-likeness.

"The blessed Master none can doubt  
Seen in his servants' lives."

John Woolman, the Quaker, wrote in his Journal that if we are faithful in following Jesus, "our lives will have an inviting language." Christianity rose in a person and it is most potent in persons who live today. The Apostle Paul put it all in a little phrase, "In Christ." That is it and the secret of it all.

### HERALDS OF FAITH IN LIFE

The command of Jesus to disciple the world must always be the supreme challenge. Every disciple is an evangelist and preaches a Gospel every day. Saint Francis of Assisi once said to a young man, "Let us go and preach." The two walked all day through village and hamlet. Upon their return the young man said, "But I thought we were going to preach," whereupon Saint Francis reminded the young man that as they walked and talked they had been preaching all day.

The truth of that observation cannot be over-emphasized by the Christian. This discipling work is not to be accepted as a responsibility to send someone to some place to preach. This process begins with each one in the geographic area where each lives and then moves out. There will be no adequate missionary program of evangelism unless there is also one at home. A dead home base does not make a live foreign work.

The second part of the commission must not be overlooked. The Master said, "Teach them all things." The teaching ministry must accompany and supplement the evangelistic work. The two are part of the same process. The tragedy in modern Christendom is due to the fact that the church is more concerned often to get names on the roll than to get lives changed. The loss in church membership is often due to a lack of constructive and consistent teaching. A disciple can never feel content until every last one of the children of men has heard the Gospel story and been given a chance to grow "in Christ."

Faith and its disciples bring the Christ in our lives to our world. The task and responsibility stagger the spirit but those who give self receive power to become true sons of God and heralds of faith in word and in life.