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Rev. George Hensel

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...in the course of human events

● Americans are the most divorced people in the world, according to "Changing Times." The year 1950 saw 385,000 marriages broken up in courts. Another 100,000 were broken by desertion. Nobody knows how many more were broken up by separation. —Prophecy Monthly.

● The Christians in Iran are said to be among the most sufferers in the tragic dispute over oil between their country and Great Britain. They are accused of having foreign ties and the missionaries as representatives of foreign governments. Many meetings have been broken up and mobs have attacked Christian homes. —Prophecy Monthly.

● According to reports, there are in Germany 1,750,000 children who have lost their fathers, 270,000 who have lost their mothers, and 95,000 who have lost both parents. More than 5,500,000 young people have lost their homes and in Hamburg alone there are 250,000 such young people living in the cellars of destroyed houses and in sheds. —The Watchman-Examiner.

● According to a paragraph in a recent letter from the Navy chaplaincy headquarters, a baptistry is to be included in future chapels. The letter said: "Standard design criteria for the construction of naval chapels require a baptistry in at least one chapel in each naval installation. These criteria also apply to Army and Air Force chapel construction." —The Watchman-Examiner.

● According to "Christian Life," more Christians have been tortured and slain in the last twelve months than all who had died under the iron boot of Ancient Rome. (During the days of the early Church.) In Seoul 10,000 Christians were reported slain in one day by the Reds. Hundreds of native believers in Colombia and other South American countries have been destroyed by the Roman Catholics. —Prophecy Monthly.

● Recently a modern Noah's Ark arrived in an Israeli port with 600 Moroccan Jews aboard. They brought along 3600 chickens, 150 goats, 350 turkeys, ducks and geese and countless dogs. When the menagerie reached the reception camp, the chickens were on the beds, since they must roost above ground, and the Jews had taken the floor. But, they were ready to start life—and that was all they cared! —Prophecy Monthly.

● From Kenya Colony, Africa, comes a report of a bitter undercurrent, possibly of Communist origin. Propagandists go about calling on the people to offer heathen sacrifices, to hate the white man, and to swear that they have no belief in God. "We want Russia" is another cry, and murders occasionally occur as when an expoliceman designed an arrow and shot the first white man he met, just out of hatred to the whites. —The Sunday School Times.

● For the first time since the Lutheran Church became the Established Church in Sweden in the sixteenth century, a "freedom of religion law" has been enacted. Effective January 1, 1952, the law liberalizes the status of both the Free Churches and the Roman Catholic Church in Sweden. One of the main provisions of the law permits a person to leave the State Church without having to join any other denomination. —United Evangelical Action.

● Roman Catholic businessmen who had Chilean radio stations have been ordered by their archbishop not to rent the facilities of their stations to Protestants. Not all the stations have heeded the archbishop's order, and some have even aided the evangelical cause by renting space to Protestant groups at low rates. At present, fifteen evangelical programs are broadcast every week, and the churches are planning daily broadcasts. Meanwhile, in view of the fact that nearly 500,000 children could not be enrolled in Chile's public schools, evangelicals are opening their own. —United Evangelical Action.

● "Water in the auditorium almost reached the ceiling. The receding Kansas flood left a coating of black mud from three to four feet deep throughout the church. The pipes from the organ were left scattered over the church. The pulpit has fallen apart. The pews are useless. Timbers floating in the water crashed through the windows and came to rest across the backs of the pews. Wading through the mud, the pastor entered his study and noticed a sheet of paper that the water left sticking to a window pane. He peeled off the sheet and through the grime and dirt discovered it was a page of sermon notes. The title of the sermon that he had preached was: "Can You Take It?" —The Watchman-Examiner.

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. R. Schilke
Nov. 21 (Wednesday)—State Park Church, Peoria, Ill.
Nov. 25 (Sunday) — Burlington, Iowa.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
Nov. 27-Dec. 2—Wishek, N. Dak. (Christian Leaders' Conference).

Rev. M. L. Leuschner
Nov. 25 (Sunday)—Grace Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota.
Dec. 2 (Sunday Morning)—Racine, Wisconsin.
Dec. 2 (Sunday Evening)—Kenosha, Wisconsin.
Dec. 9 (Sunday)—Spring Valley Church, Canistota, S. Dak.

Dr. John Leypoldt, Interim Evangelist
Nov. 25 to Dec. 2—Grace Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist
Nov. 21-Dec. 5—Plevna, Montana.

MISSIONARIES ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. Edwin Michelson
Nov. 22-Dec. 2—Central Conference Churches.
Dec. 5-16—South Dakota and North Dakota Churches.

Miss Esther Schultz
Nov. 22-Dec. 9—North Dakota and South Dakota Churches.

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The front cover picture was photographed by Mrs. Edith Riddle of Chicago, Illinois. She is a member of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago. Her hobby is photography to which she gives a great deal of attention and interest.

Her picture of the brook and the mill reminds us of Grace Noll Crowell's poem:

THE BROOK

We have a brook beside our door
That laughs and sings and shines,
And Mother says its silver comes
From far-off mountain mines;
And that its song comes from the rock
And from the pebbles there,
And that it gets its laughter from
The wind and sky and air.

And oh, its song is glad and sweet,
Its laughter is so gay,
And swift as light its slippered feet
Go on their dancing way.
And strange that though the brook
goes on,
It stays forever more
A little laughing happy thing
That plays beside our door.

—Watchman-Examiner.

Editorial

Where Are the Nine?

TRUE THANKSGIVING is more than a day's observance. It is demonstrated by a life-time rather than by a single event. It is a living radiance which shines through a man's character and personality. It is a spirit that abides throughout the year.

This is the truth that receives emphasis in the incident of the cleansing of the ten lepers, as related in Luke 17:11-19. Jesus was merciful to all of the lepers as he imparted God's healing power to them. Only one of them returned to show his gratitude, as he glorified God with a loud voice and fell down on his face at Jesus' feet. There was something sad and plaintive in the question which the Master asked: "But where are the nine?"

The Samaritan had a thankful heart. His gratitude was far more than this isolated event. It was the habit of his life, the set of his sails. Therefore he had the true outlook of faith and the open window in his heart that could receive God's blessing. Therefore, Jesus could say to him: "Arise, go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole." He received a great deal more than he had expected because of his thankful heart and true faith.

This spirit of thanksgiving is the overflow of joy in a Christian's heart. You cannot stop or start this flow of joy like turning on a faucet. It is more like the splashing, tumbling waters of a waterfall that cannot be held back. This Samaritan couldn't do otherwise but to turn back and with a loud voice glorify God. The joy of his heart had to be expressed in thanksgiving to God. That is the abiding gratitude of the Christian that goes far beyond the thanksgiving of one day or the observance of an event.

This spirit of thanksgiving is also the devotion of a Christian's love. Most of us have found joy in singing the familiar song in English and in German: "I Never Will Cease to Love Him." This is the testimony of our thanksgiving to the Lord Jesus Christ because of all that he has done for us. Gratitude must have an object if it is not to be the strange twists of an egotistical mind. Such love that is centered in Christ is the abiding evidence of our undying gratitude to him!

As Jesus asked the question, "Where are the nine?", he was not concerned about receiving the plaudits of thanks from those who had been healed by his ministry. He was far more concerned that they should all know the full blessings of God because of their love to the heavenly Father. The offering of thanks to Christ and the glorifying of God in the life of the one leper who returned were parallel expressions of the spirit that dwelt in his soul.

This issue of the BAPTIST HERALD is dated on Thanksgiving Day. It will probably be read by many after the national holiday. That is fine! For the truest thanksgiving is more than one day out of 365 days in the year. Remember Jesus' words after this holiday: "Where are all the other days?" And remember ALWAYS to be thankful!



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A Christian is one who has experienced the redeeming love of the Cross of Jesus Christ and who lives by its grace and power from day to day.

MANKIND has recently emerged from a terrible siege of intense suffering. The scourge of war was felt in every corner of the world and as a result there has settled down upon all peoples the consciousness of uncertainty and insecurity. It has gripped the hearts of people everywhere without exception. The American people, who ought to feel more secure and certain than any other people because of their manifold privileges and advantages, must confess that they are confused, bewildered with doubt, fear and anxiety. The laboring man is uncertain of his job, the tenant is uncertain of his living quarters, the businessman is uncertain of his profits, and the leaders of our nation are uncertain of the outcome of the international crises.

THE POWER OF THE CROSS

Can we turn to the Cross and expect to find certainty there? It seems like a paradox. How can the Cross which stands as a symbol of shame, cruelty, injustice and suffering bring certainty to the soul of man? "He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief . . . he was despised and we esteemed him not." While it is true that the Cross represents all that is cruel and despicable in man, there is also a divine side to the Cross of Calvary because of the Son of God who died upon it. The hope and security of the world are not to be found in the wisdom and power of sinful man but rather in the power of the Cross by which man can be drawn back again to the Father from whose presence he has strayed.

The Cross and Certainty

The way to certainty and security lies over Calvary. That is the source of our greatest thanksgiving and constant joy. That is the secret of the Christian's victory!

A Radio Message by the REV. GEORGE HENSEL of Bridgeport, Connecticut

There is only one way back to God and certainty and that is through him who died on the Cross and who said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father but by me." Man would gladly choose his own way in returning to God, but man's ways go off on a tangent. "Your ways are not my ways," saith the Lord, "for as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Jesus pointed out that man's way leads away from God and the Father's house. The prodigal son soon came to the conviction that to continue along his own way would ultimately lead to his destruction. Certainty lay for him in a change of heart and mind. He said to himself: "I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight: I am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants." The basis for all certainty and security is the right relationship with God through Jesus Christ. All uncertainty and insecurity begin with shattered divine and human relationships.

THE WAY TO SECURITY

Man has tried retaliation, hatred, oppression and force, yet all to no avail. For three years after the war we ruthlessly destroyed the economy and the industries of the countries with whom we were at war only to discover that now we must rebuild with our own taxes what we have destroyed. The greatest fear and uncertainty are to be found in those countries where the iron fist rules, and where the individual is treated as a means to an end. The Cross represents suffering of self for the good of others. The Church of Jesus Christ is always at its best and on safe and firm ground when it follows its Master in love, forgiveness and service.

The Church World Service sent \$19,000,000 and no less than 48,000 tons of goods valued at \$30,000,000 for overseas relief and reconstruction. This does not include what the many denominations did independently of that organization. Sweden cared for

165,000 and Switzerland for 100,000 refugees. Although 4000 churches in England had been destroyed by 1944, the English Christians asked no help in rebuilding them, but instead raised substantial sums to help the churches of continental Europe. This could never have happened except for millions of men and women who had caught the spirit of Christ in his sacrificial ministry on the Cross of Calvary and who followed his precepts, such as: "When thy enemy hungers, give him to eat; when he thirsts, give him to drink." The world cannot survive on hatred and retaliation. Only in love, forgiveness and compassion can we find certainty and security for the future.

THE CROSS LEADS TO TRUTH

Everywhere man is seeking after truth about the perfect life. Jesus said: "I am the truth and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but by me." There is much skepticism and cynicism in the world today. People are asking themselves: "Can we know anything for certain? Are we not the victims of an evil fate?" When Jesus said to Pilate: "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice," Pilate said rather cynically: "What is truth?" Like the wisest of men in the Old Testament he must have felt, "There is no new thing under the sun; all is vanity."

People are walking and living in darkness because they do not know the truth about life. Jesus told his followers: "He that followeth after me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." Security and certainty come when we walk in the light. But in order to have that light we must follow the Christ and take up his Cross. Too many good people are trying to evade or avoid the Cross. The slogan is: "Do it the easy way."

The way to certainty and security lies over Calvary. The world and all its skepticism has been unable to destroy this hope. The gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

How Should We Give?

The Bible clearly tells us how we should give if our offerings are to be a true expression of our thanksgiving to God for all the blessings of life

By DR. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary

FOR most of us, it is again easy to celebrate Thanksgiving, for God has blessed us in many ways. He has again given us a near-record harvest, so that Americans will remain the best-fed people in the world. There is prosperity in our land.

Some of us have undoubtedly experienced deep sorrow during the past year. We are subject to all of the hazards to which the flesh is heir. But even though we may have had to go through the valley of the shadow of death, we are grateful that we have had a Shepherd who has watched over us, and who will always keep us in his care.

MISSIONARY OPPORTUNITIES

God's goodness to us naturally calls forth an expression of thanksgiving on our part. As North American Baptists, we are again uniting in a Thanksgiving Offering during the week of November 18 to 25. In faith, we have launched a great missionary program this year. In addition to undergirding all of our normal missionary work at home and abroad, we have undertaken to extend our Gospel witness.

In our work among the Indians of Alberta, a new chapel is already under construction on the Bull Reserve. In the Cameroons, the work is being expanded in various ways. New missionaries have been appointed; new chapels and schools are being built; the first units of a new hospital plant at Bansa are to be constructed soon; and preliminary work is beginning on a leper hospital, to minister to 500 lepers. Three new missionaries have already arrived in Japan to begin a new work there.

How grateful we should be for all of these open doors for missionary service! What we need to remember is that it is urgent that we take advantage of every missionary opportunity. Great areas of Asia are already closed to the Gospel, and hundreds of missionaries have become martyrs. As these lines are being written, Egypt is serving notice on Great Britain that it wants control of the Sudan. What of Christian missions there if Mohammedan Egypt takes

control? All of these signs warn us that the time for an aggressive missionary program is now! Let us work while it is yet day, before the night cometh, when we can work no more.

HOW SHALL WE GIVE?

In order to enter through all of these open doors, we shall have to do more than talk, even more than pray—we shall have to give as never before. The Bible clearly tells us how we should give.

We should give cheerfully. In 2 Corinthians 9:7 we read: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." It is a privilege for us to give, for we have received all of the blessings of the Gospel. Our Lord himself said that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

We should give systematically. 1 Corinthians 16:2 tells us: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." This admonition to give regularly on the Lord's Day applies to us today also. Most of us receive our income by the week and systematically we should lay aside the Lord's share. But the important thing is that we give systematically. If a farmer harvests only one main crop every year, that is the time for him to remember God's work. Our annual Thanksgiving Offering is an opportunity

"Let us unite to lay upon God's altar the greatest Thanksgiving Offering in our history!"

THE THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE OFFERING

is now being received in the North American Baptist Churches from

Sunday, Nov. 18, 1951

to Sunday, Nov. 25, 1951

"Remember to thank the Lord with your gifts of love!"



"O, give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name . . . Glory ye in his holy name; let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord."—Psalm 105:1 and 3.

to make that special contribution which we owe God. If we do not give regularly, the probabilities are that we shall not give at all.

GIFTS OF SACRIFICE

We should give according to ability. In the verse already quoted, we have noted the words, "as God hath prospered him." This is in harmony with the instructions found in Deuteronomy 16:17: "Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given thee." Recently I heard that one church annually makes an assessment of \$10.00 for each member, rich and poor alike. That is surely not Scriptural. We are to give according to ability. Ten dollars may be too much for a poor widow, but it is far too little for those who have large incomes.

We should give carefully. It is interesting to note with what care the various charitable foundations dispense their funds. Every appeal is carefully investigated in order to ascertain whether it is a worthy cause. The Ford Foundation, recently established, has hired some of the greatest Americans to administer its program. By comparison, how carelessly we as Christians often spread our giving! Let us make sure that we invest our limited funds wisely.

We believe that our own missionary program, administered by our own boards, is deserving of the utmost confidence of every North American Baptist. Let us provide for our own household first. May we unite to lay upon God's altar the greatest Thanksgiving Offering in our history!

Florence J. Miller, Missionary in Japan

Introducing one of our three newly appointed missionaries for the new field in Japan, Miss Florence J. Miller of Benton Harbor, Michigan

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

MISS Florence J. Miller, who has just arrived in Japan as one of our three missionaries on that new mission field for us as North American Baptists, belongs to a fine "ministerial family" in Benton Harbor, Michigan. Her brother, the Rev. Edwin Miller, is pastor of the Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio. Two of her sisters are married to ministers: Mrs. Dale Chaddock, of Arnold, Pa., and Mrs. Edgar Wesner whose husband is a senior student at the Northern Baptist Seminary. Another sister, Sherrill, nine years of age, is at home in Benton Harbor.

While studying at the Moody Bible Institute, three great events occurred in her life which laid God's missionary burden upon her soul. Dr. William Culbertson of the faculty inspired her with his missionary message during a Founder's Week program, and for the first time in her life Florence surrendered her all to the Lord for whatever he would have her do. Then a missionary from China led the students through a study of Romans, chapter 6, with new vistas of truth for her. Finally, the reading of Amy Carmichael's book, "Things As They Are," made a profound missionary impression on her. God was definitely deal-

ing with her life! Dr. Rebecca Price, head of the Bible Department of Wheaton College, taught Florence and other students the inductive method in the study of God's Word. Florence followed her former teacher, who had gone to the Biblical Seminary in New York, New York. After two years of profitable study there, she received the degree of Master of Religious Education. Another year of service followed as church missionary at the Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio, where her brother is the pastor.

But God's call to the mission field was still ringing in her heart. The doors to China had suddenly closed. She applied to the Conservative Baptist Board for an appointment, but no decision was immediately made. Her pastor, the Rev. William Hoover, mentioned the fact that our denomination was considering Japan as a mission field. Her friends, the Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson of Africa, at home on furlough, telephoned her and gave her further information about our missionary plans. Her application for a definite appointment was given the prayerful and favorable consideration by the General Missionary Committee. Her first meeting with the Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth, who are also in Japan as our missionaries, soon found the three knit together in Christ's bonds of service!

Florence Miller has the educational and spiritual qualifications for an influential missionary ministry in Japan. Her whole life has been a victorious pilgrimage to the mission field. Her personality radiates the spirit of triumphant faith as one who has walked much with God and followed the promptings of his Spirit. She is now God's missionary in Japan, in the ministry of her choice, proclaiming the marvelous Gospel of Christ!

THE LOVE OF GOD

By F. M. LEHMAN

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



Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth (right) and Miss Florence Miller, our missionaries to Japan, and the mission station wagon which Mr. Hirth is taking to the field.

Florence has never swerved from her faithful obedience to God's call to go to the Orient as a missionary. There have been detours on the way and some hindrances, but she has always followed "the shining light" of God's will for herself. From 1943 to 1945 she was a student at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Ill., following the completion of grade school studies in Benton Harbor, Michigan. She had been converted at the age of eleven years and had been baptized by the Rev. L. Gassner and received into the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor.

ing with her life!

From 1946 to 1948 Florence was a student at Wheaton College near Chicago from which she was graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in the Spring of 1948. She was a member of the Foreign Missions Fellowship and served with other students in hospital visitation every Sunday at Chicago's Cook County Hospital. One Summer she lived in the college dormitory with a Hawaiian girl, Kimiko Kaneshiro, who is now a missionary in Japan under the Far Eastern Crusade. These two roommates had wonderful times in the Lord's work!

From God's Call to Missionary Service

The Personal Testimony of Miss Florence Miller, Missionary to Japan,
Who Is Now En Route to "the Land of the Rising Sun"

When my own plans had matured, I would probably be working in the field of dietetics rather than preparing to go to the mission field. The summer of 1942 was a crucial one for me, although I was not aware of it then, for it was during this summer that my plans and interests were directed toward food for the soul rather than food for the body.

This desire to know the Word of God brought me to the Moody Bible Institute rather than Michigan State College where I had been accepted as a student for the Fall semester. Thus, God turned my feet to a path, the destination of which was unknown to me. I had no thought of entering Christian service; I only wanted to know the Bible better

MISSIONARY CONVICTIONS

However, during my first term at the Moody Bible Institute, two great facts were indelibly impressed upon my mind: first, that all men without Christ were actually condemned; secondly, that I was personally responsible to bring Christ to the unsaved. These two convictions were so forcibly impressed upon me that I could do nothing less than offer my life for missionary service.

Having made this decision, I experienced real joy and satisfaction in my studies, for I knew then why God had led me to the Institute and what his purpose for my life was. As I heard missionary speakers and attended prayer bands, I became very much interested in China. I felt then that China would be my field of service and that I would go out under the China Inland Mission.

As graduation day drew near, I faced another decision. What was my next step? I felt quite strongly that I was not adequately prepared for the great task of being a missionary. I wanted very much to enter Wheaton College for further study, but I knew that the school was crowded and I might have to wait a year. However, my application was accepted because I was able to live off the campus with my brother and sister-in-law. What seemed like good luck was to me an evident token of God's leading. I graduated from Wheaton in 1948 receiving my B. A. degree in Bible.

Wheaton was quite different from the Moody Bible Institute. As I compared the contributions of both



Miss Florence Miller of Benton Harbor, Michigan, one of our missionaries to Japan.

schools to my life, I concluded that I was indebted to M. B. I. for an evangelistic emphasis in Christian work and a variety of experiences in practicing evangelism. Wheaton taught me that God needs strong Christians in every walk of life.

WHEATON COLLEGE

At Wheaton I also learned that it is essential for a Christian worker to be well rounded with a knowledge of and an interest in many subjects besides his own specialized field of Bible and theology. Wheaton also impressed upon me the fact that the Christian worker must be every bit as scholarly, accurate and thorough in his study and work as one training for a profession.

While I was at Wheaton, I took a course in "Method in Bible Study" using Mark as our study book. The inductive method of study, which was used constantly, proved to be such a help in opening up a book of the Bible that I was eager for more. Through Dr. Price, our instructor, I learned that the Biblical Seminary in New York City used the inductive method which she had been teaching us in all of their Bible study. Consequently, I enrolled as a Christian Education major in the Biblical Seminary.

During my two years at Seminary, I thought much about the mission field. The door of China was no longer open. "Where did the Lord want me to serve now?" That was the question I had to face. I thought of our Cameroons in Africa but I still felt drawn to the Orient rather than to Africa. With the occupation of Japan and Douglas Mac Arthur's call for missionaries and Bibles, this country suddenly became the land of opportunity for the Christian Church. I felt a growing conviction that God was leading me to Japan. However, our denomination had no work there, and so I applied to another board.

CHURCH WORKER

I did not plan to go out for at least a year after graduation, because I felt the need for some experience in fulltime Christian service. The Erin Avenue Baptist Church in Cleveland, of which my brother, the Rev. Edwin Miller, is the pastor, had decided to employ a church worker to assist the pastor. I was asked to be their church missionary. So immediately after graduation, having received my degree of Master of Religious Education, I began my work in the Erin Avenue Church. My year there proved to be rich in experience and a valuable part of my preparation for the mission field.

I was still corresponding with another mission board when I heard that our denomination was going to begin a work in Japan. I desired to remain within the denomination if possible, and so I applied to our board for Japan. I was joyful when I received the news that my application had been accepted for then it seemed that the way was finally clear.

It is now almost eight years since I first felt God calling me to the mission field. During those eight years there have been many discouragements and many struggles. I was often tempted to turn to teaching as a life-work. There were many perplexities regarding the field of missionary service and the choice of a mission board. But through these eight years, God has somehow kept me from getting side-tracked.

Now as the day of departure for Japan draws near, I am deeply grateful to God for his careful guidance of my life until the present moment. I have found it to be true that if we acknowledge him in all our ways, he will direct our paths.

The Time of Jacob's Trouble

The third of a series of timely articles on Scriptural Prophecy, dealing with "the Great Tribulation"

By the REV. L. H. SMITH of Corn, Oklahoma

THE Scriptures make clear that this present age will close with a time of unprecedented trouble both upon peoples and nations. History is filled with the record of great sorrow and trouble that nations and peoples have suffered. I presume that Korea, now almost completely destroyed, could qualify as a nation that has undergone great tribulation. The Israelites also, since before the time of their deportation to Syria and Babylon to this present time, have suffered great tribulations.

But the Bible speaks of all these troubles as being distinct from the great tribulation which is yet future both for Israel and the nations. This time of great tribulation will center in the land of Palestine and will be in a peculiar sense, the time of Jacob's trouble, yet it will fan out to the nations of the earth. Reading the Revised Version of Revelation 7:14, the great tribulation is the precise term used to name this period. Daniel makes clear that there shall come to earth a time of trouble, "such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time" (Dan. 12:1). "That day is great so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble" (Jer. 30:7).

WHEN WILL IT COME?

The Lord Jesus warned the Jews of this same time of trouble, yet future, and confirmed Daniel's prophecy by quoting it (Matt. 24:15-22). "... For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no nor ever shall be." These passages make clear that there is only one such tribulation period. Hence it is a definite, a specific and a unique time of trouble that will never be equalled by any other period of world history. It is called in Revelation 3:10, "The hour of temptation which is to come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon all the earth."

Down through the ages, trials have fallen upon nations, parts of nations, and even groups of nations, as in World War II, but so far no time of trouble has struck all the earth in one common blow, as the great tribulation will do.

THERE IS STILL TIME!
Give your Thanksgiving Offering for God's work in our missionary advance and denominational enterprise!
SUNDAY, NOV. 25, 1951
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We have no Scripture that tells us the year or the day that it will start. But the Lord Jesus in answering the question of his disciples as to when shall these things be?, did say, "When ye therefore, shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place (whoso readeth let him understand) ... for then shall be great tribulation ..." (Matt. 24:15, 21). In other words, Jesus is saying, that the great tribulation will come with the appearance of a man and his movement called "the abomination of desolation." This man will stand in the Holy Place of the Jewish temple that is to be rebuilt by the Jews.

Personally I expect that to happen, once the Jews have gained possession and control of the site of old Jerusalem. Israel is at present spending all its time and available capital developing the land and rehabilitating the great stream of Jews coming from all parts of the world. They have neither time nor capital as yet to build up the needed military strength to drive the Arabs from their land. That will come as the fulfilment of a still future prophecy. Then the Jews will rebuild their temple on the old site of Solomon's Temple. But there is no one who can say just when this will occur, as to year, month or day.

But Jesus does bound the period by giving contemporary events. He says, "When you see the abomination of desolation" that Daniel speaks about, enter the holy place of the Jewish temple, "then shall be great tribulation." That is when it will start, he is saying. Then in the 29th and 30th verses of this same chapter of Matthew 24, Jesus tells us what will occur at the close of the tribulation period. He

says, "immediately after the tribulation of those days, ... shall appear the sign of the son of man in heaven, ... and they shall see the son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." In other words the coming of the Devil's Christ to present himself to be worshipped by the Jews will open the tribulation period, and the coming of the true Messiah to present himself to Israel will close the period.

THE ABOMINATION

Reliable encyclopedias of Bible information tell us that an abomination designates some form of idolatry, obnoxious to Jehovah. When the desolator, spoken of by Daniel and confirmed by Jesus, enters into the holy place of the rebuilt Jewish temple and sets himself up as God, and demands that he be worshipped as God, then will be the abomination that maketh desolate.

The apostle Paul tells us that before "the day of the Lord come," (the day of Christ's rule in the earth in power and great glory), two things must happen. First, there will be a great "falling away," a great apostasy from the "faith once delivered to the saints." Second, "The man of sin ... the son of perdition" must be manifested (2 Thess. 2:1-12). The apostle goes on to say, "The son of perdition: who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God shewing himself that he is God." Here is the abomination or idolatry that will offend God, spoken of by Jesus and Daniel, standing in the holy place.

The apostle Paul points out a further phenomenon in verses 6 to 8. He says this "Desolator," "Man of Sin," will not appear to bring the great tribulation until a restraining one is taken out of the way. "You know what is restraining him (Man of Sin) now so that he may be revealed in his time. For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. And then the lawless one will be revealed." (Revised Standard Version). (2 Thess. 2:6-8).

This restraining one can be no less than God, the Holy Spirit. He through

the Church is restraining the progress of iniquity and lawlessness so that it does not ripen till the time appointed. The Holy Spirit makes the true saints to be as "salt of the earth" preserving society from complete moral putrefaction and disintegration. But one day, very unexpectedly to many, in a moment of time every truly saved believer will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. All false professors and those not in Christ will be left on the earth. But the Holy Spirit, the restraining one, will go with the Church which is his temple.

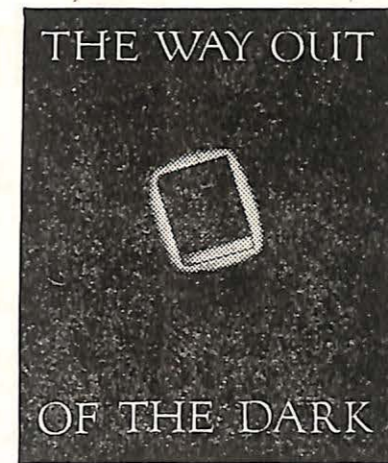
Immediately after the "Restraining One" and the Church are taken out of the way, "then shall that lawless one be revealed." Through a federation with ten kings he exerts his power over the earth. Satan gives him great wisdom, power and a throne. He is wondered at by the inhabitants of the earth, and multitudes of them worship him (Verse 4). Here again we have the "Abomination," the idolatry, that will offend Jehovah to the point that he visits the earth with judgment.

ISRAEL'S FUTURE DISPERSION

The great tribulation will excel all other times of tribulation recorded in history for three reasons. First, all divine restraint against evil and lawlessness through the Church by the Holy Spirit will have been removed. Men will be given a fill of their own lusts. Second, all the world will be turning to worship "the Beast," Satan's imitation of Christ, and those who refuse will not be permitted to buy or sell, and will be martyred. (Rev. 7:13-17; 20:4-5). Third, the day of wrath has come and the awful judgments of God are falling upon men. (Rev. 6:15-17; 14:14-20; 19:17-21). All these combine to make the period following the catching away of the Church a time of unprecedented trouble.

When the Desolator stands in the holy place, Israel will be commanded to flee its homes and fields and take to the mountains for hiding. (Matt. 24:15-21). Of course, many of the Jews will not find it necessary to flee for they will accept the rule and demand of the "Beast" and worship him. This will bring his protection and favor to them. But the orthodox Jew with his faith in the Jehovah of his fathers will refuse to worship the "Beast" and will therefore find it necessary to flee for his life.

This will be a sad experience for mothers, babies, and especially if it is winter time for those who will be ejected from their homes by the cohorts of the "Beast." But when the Lord Jesus returns at the close of the tribulation period to this earth in the "power" and "glory" of his Messianic authority, then will he regather, for the last time, his scattered people. Then will come to pass their national



The poster for the observance of Universal Bible Sunday on Dec. 9, 1951.

WHY I LIKE TO READ MY BIBLE

By REV. J. E. BARTHOLOMEW,
Pastor of the Third Presbyterian
Church, Topeka, Kansas.

I like to read my Bible for the spiritual reaction it has upon me. It is the only book published that satisfies the intense longing of the human soul; that attempts to bring God and man together.

I like to read it for its educational value. No men or women can call themselves educated nowadays and not have a general knowledge of the Bible. It enlarges the background to life. It broadens a man more than any other book ever published, and gives to him a power and a self-control that he cannot gain from any other source.

I like to read my Bible because it is the basis of my religion. It is through this book that most men find God and attain their spiritual power. Confessedly, a man may find God without a knowledge of the Bible, and come in contact with him through personal experience; but usually, where this is brought about it comes through someone else who has a knowledge of the Bible, and who through this same source has found God.

conversion so clearly revealed in his Word. (Ezekiel 36:24-38; Romans 11:26-36).

During "the time of Jacob's trouble," God seals 144,000 from their tribes to be heralds of the Gospel of the kingdom (Rev. 7:2-8). These Jewish witnesses will proclaim during these troublesome times the good news of the soon coming Messiah and his glorious Kingdom. The message of the "Gospel of the kingdom" will be very similar to that of John the Baptist when he called upon Israel to repent and prepare to receive their Messiah at his first advent. Elijah, of whom John the Baptist was a likeness, will

World Wide Bible Reading

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These selections are among the greatest from the Bible.

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23	Psalms 139
24	Psalms 23
Sunday, Nov. 25	Psalms 34
26	Psalms 46
27	Deuteronomy 5:1-24
28	Joshua 1
29	Isaiah 55
30	Micah 6:1-15
Saturday, Dec. 1	Matthew 25
Sunday, Dec. 2	John 1:1-17
3	John 3
4	Matthew 5:1-26
5	Matthew 5:27-48
6	Matthew 6
7	Matthew 7
8	Luke 8:1-21
Universal Bible	
Sunday, Dec. 9 ..	Psalms 119:1-16
10	John 14
11	John 15
12	Luke 15:11-32
13	Ephesians 4
14	II Timothy 2
15	Revelation 22
Sunday, Dec. 16	Romans 12
17	I Corinthians 13
18	I Corinthians 15:1-34
19	I Corinthians 15:35-58
20	Galatians 6
21	Philippians 4:1-13
22	James 1
Sunday, Dec. 23	Luke 2:1-20
24	Matthew 1:18-25
Christmas, Dec. 25	Matthew 2:1-15

If I want to enrich my soul and know of Jesus, I'll turn to my Bible and read concerning him. In those precious years of his teaching and healing, I see God revealed.

return to herald the "Gospel of the kingdom."

In his fiery announcement he will call upon Israel to turn from their worship of Baal (The Beast) to their true Messiah, and prepare to receive him who is soon to come "with power and great glory" as "King of kings and Lord of lords" (Malachi 4:5-6; Rev. 19:11-16). Those who will endure unto death and to the end of the tribulation, refusing to worship the beast, will be saved (Matt. 24:13; Rev. 20:4-5). Those who will endure to the end, will live to enter the earthly kingdom of Christ and thus enjoy his reign of peace on earth.

Critical Questions of the Pharisees

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 May we always have an open mind for the truths that Jesus Christ presents to us in his matchless teaching and in his unique life!
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By DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Forest Park, Illinois

THE Pharisees had questioned the blind man who had been healed by Jesus (John 9:13-17). But they were not satisfied with his statement. So they summoned his parents and questioned them. They answered certain questions but the most important question they left unanswered. They thrust the major responsibility upon their son. Because he was a full grown man, he should be asked. He could tell them what had actually happened.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him: "Give God the praise. We know that this man is a sinner."

When the Jews summoned the healed man for re-examination, they suggested that his former evidence was not true. He should now give glory to God by speaking the truth. They as religious leaders knew that Jesus was a sinner. (How blind they were!)

But the former beggar was equal to the occasion. He was a clearheaded and shrewd man. He is not afraid to give them a straight forward answer. "Whether he is a sinner or not, I do not know. One thing I know, that I was once blind and that now I can see."

But the questioners attempted a further cross-examination. "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" The man who had recovered his sight now lost all patience with questioners and turned on them. He was getting tired of hearing the same questions asked. He answered them, "I have told you already and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you too want to become his disciples?" There was irony in the last question.

Their pride was hurt. They reviled him, saying: "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses." They became angry at him and accused him of being a follower of Jesus while they were loyal to Moses. "We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." They claimed to know about Moses, but professed complete ignorance regarding Jesus' background. They wouldn't admit that they knew or cared what his origin was.

The man was now thoroughly aroused. He put his questioners on the spot. He gave them plenty of food for thought. Undoubtedly they never expected a common man to speak with such clearness, courage and authority. His arguments were clear and scriptural. "Why, this is marvelous! You do not know where he comes from and yet he has opened my eyes! We know that God does not listen to bad people, but that if anyone is a God-fearing man and does his will, he listens to him. From the beginning of the world such a thing was never heard of that anyone should open the eyes of a man blind from his birth. Had that man not come from God, he could have done nothing" (John 9:30-33).

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The Pharisees must have been surprised, yea, stunned at the former beggar's knowledge, wisdom, conviction and courage. He told them that they ought to realize that one who could perform such a miracle must be a man of God. God does not hear the prayers of sinners. The Old Testament taught repeatedly that God does not hear such prayers (Isaiah 1:15; 59:2; Micah 3:4). But he does hear the prayers of the righteous. "The Lord is far from the wicked; but he heareth the prayer of the righteous" (Proverbs 15:29). Jesus worked miracles. Therefore he must be a good man.

There is no healing of the blind in the Old Testament. The healed man must have been well acquainted with the Old Testament Scriptures to have said: "Since the world began it was unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind." If Jesus had not come from God, he could never have performed such a wonderful miracle. Were not the Pharisees beaten? Was not the truth on the side of the man who had been healed?

The Pharisees became angry and said to the former beggar: "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" So in their pride and spiritual blindness they cast him out of their presence or "out of the synagogue." The Pharisees could exclude him but Jesus never would have done such a thing. When the Master heard that they had cast him out, and having

found him, he said: "Do you believe in the Son of God?"

Many ancient authorities read: "the Son of man." That is why some have translated it, "the Son of man." Some of the earliest and best manuscripts read "the Son of man," instead of "the Son of God." Jesus called himself the Son of man much oftener than the Son of God. (See John 1:51). Both however have reference to the Messiah.

The man was on his way to become a disciple. First, Jesus was simply a man (9:11); then a prophet (9:17); then he is "of God" (9:33); and finally "the Son of man" or "the Son of God" (9:35).

"LORD, I BELIEVE"

When Jesus asked him the important question (verse 35), he answered: "And who is he, Sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him: "You have seen him and it is he who speaks to you." He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshipped him. Not only had the man blind from his birth received physical sight but also spiritual sight. He had experienced a twofold salvation. He was delivered from physical and spiritual bondage. Now the man cured from blindness passes out of the story.

In the last verses of this chapter (9:39-41), we have a brief interpretation of the story and the condemnation of the Pharisees. The cure of the blind man was symbolic of giving spiritual vision to those who were conscious of their spiritual blindness and were willing to be healed. But those who refused to accept the truth would remain in a state of spiritual blindness and be judged accordingly. Jesus said: "I came into this world for judgment, that those who do not see may see, and that those who do see may become blind."

Jesus' coming into this world was two-fold. He came, first of all, to save. "For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17). But Jesus also came to judge the individual and the world. "He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he had not believed in the name of

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Dr. George Dunger, Sioux Falls

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 Presenting the new member of the Seminary faculty who is librarian and teacher of missions
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By the REV. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

IT has been like "a happy homecoming" to welcome Dr. George A. Dunger back into the North American Baptist fellowship as a member of the Seminary teaching staff in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. As librarian and teacher of missions, he is well qualified for his responsible task and is already proving himself as a capable man for this position. He began his ministry at the Seminary late in September.

He and his family are living in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, near the Seminary campus. Mr. and Mrs. Dunger have two children, Daphne, age 12; and Amaryllis, age 5. For about a year prior to his coming to Sioux Falls, Dr. Dunger served on the staff of the Providence Bible Institute, Providence, R. I.

As is well known to every reader of the "Baptist Herald," George Dunger served as one of our missionaries in the Cameroons, British West Africa. He occupied the position of station manager, interim superintendent and supervisor of schools for a total of almost ten years. His responsibilities consisted in the operation of extensive church areas, comprising about 6000 adherents and 2000 baptismal candidates, and an educational enterprise with an aggregate of 30 English schools with about 200 teachers and a school population of approximately 2000. The annual budget for this work amounted to about \$25,000. As supervisor of schools he was responsible both to the Mission Society and to the government for curricula, teaching schedules, examinations, teachers' conferences, refresher courses and teachers' training. He expanded the educational enterprise from an insignificant department to an efficient, mission-integrated system of schools which received government aid.

Prior to his ordination and commissioning as a Baptist missionary, he occupied the position as librarian-in-charge of a technical library of an institution of learning which possessed a charter from the New York State Regents. He received his professional training at our North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, New York from 1931 to 1932, the National Bible Institute and the Union Missionary Training Institute of New York City from 1932 to 1935, the School of Education of New York University from 1936 to 1938, and the Kennedy School

of Missions at the Hartford Seminary Foundation, Hartford, Conn., from 1945 to 1946 and again from 1948 to 1950. The latter institution awarded him the degrees of Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy.

From time to time the "Baptist Herald" will present further news items about Dr. Dunger's service at our Seminary as well as occasional articles from his pen. We believe confidently that God will bless his teaching ministry as he makes his contributions to the Kingdom of God through our School of the Prophets at Sioux Falls!



Dr. George A. Dunger, professor of missions and librarian at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

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 Renew your subscriptions to our denominational publications NOW and arrange to send the BAPTIST HERALD as a Christmas gift or as a special subscription for a Service Man or student.
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By the REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER, Business Manager of the Publication Society

EVERY YEAR during the months of November and December, the Publishing House and the Publishing House representative in the local church face a tremendous task. It is time to renew the subscriptions for the "Baptist Herald," "Der Sendbote," and other periodicals. Our representatives in the churches need to solicit every reader and obtain every renewal. They are also on the alert to gain new subscribers.

Their task is primarily a labor of love because the commission allowed them does not fully cover their expenses and time. Their efforts certainly are commendable. They are attempting to bring and keep Christian and denominational literature in the home.

For their task YOUR help is needed. Every reader of the "Baptist Herald" can make this task easier by making a prompt renewal and, if possible, pay for the subscription at the time of renewal. Every step you can save the agent will enable that agent to get the orders to Cleveland more quickly.

At the Publishing House we face

a huge task each year in listing and entering the thousands of subscriptions. If the renewals come in late, it adds to our work here. You can be of great help by getting your subscription to your agent as early as possible. By so doing YOUR help will prove to be a real helping hand at the Publishing House.

Our representatives are ready to receive your subscriptions. Tell your agent you are ready to renew now. Efforts will again be made to improve our periodicals, and we sincerely trust that every reader will renew. Another suggestion by which you can help is to give the "Baptist Herald" or "Der Sendbote" as a Christmas gift to a friend. Let the good Christian influence of our publications serve to bring people nearer to the Christ and the church. A Christmas gift subscription will last an entire year and will do much good.

All you can do to speed the handling of renewals and new subscriptions will be sincerely appreciated by your church agent and the personnel at the Publishing House.

Yes, YOUR help is needed!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. O. E. Krueger has resigned as pastor of the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y., after a faithful and successful ministry of almost four years. The church accepted his resignation with deep regret on Wednesday, Oct. 17. Mr. and Mrs. Krueger will continue to live in Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Krueger will stay in "active service" by writing for the "Baptist Herald" and by responding to many calls for pulpit supplies and church engagements.

● The newly organized Faith Baptist Church of Vernon, British Columbia, Canada, has called the Rev. G. Schalm as its first pastor. The church was recognized by a council of the British Columbia Association on Sept. 23rd. Mr. Schalm was a Baptist minister in Poland and Germany before coming to Canada with his family as refugees. Reports about the Faith Church of Vernon and its pastor along with a picture of him appear among the "Reports from the Field" in this issue.

● The New Leipzig Baptist Church of New Leipzig, N. Dak., held its Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 7th, with the Rev. Dale Bjork, a former missionary to China, as speaker. The meetings were attended throughout the day. An offering was received of \$860. The speaker gave a great deal of information concerning the social, religious and political conditions as they existed in China at the time left there, somewhat over a year ago. The Rev. Emil Becker is pastor of the church.

● The Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., observed its annual Mission Festival on Sunday, Sept. 30, with the Rev. R. G. Kaiser of Startup, Wash., as guest speaker. Mrs. Kaiser accompanied her husband on this visit to the Odessa Church. The mission offering, including a special contribution from the Woman's Missionary Society, amounted to \$869. On Sunday, Nov. 18, the church celebrated its 50th anniversary with the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. The Rev. A. Foll, pastor, was in charge of the festivities.

● Miss Ida Forsch, one of our Cameroons missionaries, left Africa on Oct. 11 on the "SS Pacuare" for her first furlough at home. After spending several days in England, she sailed from Southampton, England, on Nov.

13 on the "SS Liberte" of the French Lines. She arrived in New York City on Nov. 20th. After visiting the Forest Park headquarters and conferring with the general missionary secretary, she will go to her home at Carbon, Alberta, Canada. She can be reached at that address. Her further plans for promotional work and studies will be announced in a later issue.

● Sergeant Stanley L. Helwig, son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. Helwig of Dallas, Texas, is serving as a finance officer of the 136th Fighting-Bomber Wing of the United States Air Force based in Kukuoka, Japan. He joined the Fifth Air Corps in May 1948 and in May 1951 went with the Air National Guard unit from Hensley Field, Dallas, Texas, to Korea. He served as organist in the Wing Chapel at Langley Field, Hampton, Virginia, for about eight months prior to his going overseas with his unit. His wife is living in Dallas with her mother for the present.

● Miss Lenore Kruse, a daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Kruse, is now taking graduate studies in Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University of New York, N. Y., towards her Master of Arts degree. She is assisting the Rev. Paul Wengel in the Church Family Night services on successive Wednesday evenings at the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., by presenting programs of interest to children. Miss Kruse had served as director of the Christian Center in Pittsfield, Mass., for about ten years prior to her graduate studies in New York City.

● The Clinton Hill Church of Newark, N. J., has called the Rev. Frank Wuest of Buffalo, N. Y., to serve as its Youth and Extension Director. He began his ministry on Sept. 15th. Mr. Wuest is a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y. From 1948 to 1951 he was a missionary of the China Inland Mission in China, leaving that country because of Communist pressure in March 1951. Since returning to the United States he has become married. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wuest are rendering a deeply appreciated ministry in the Clinton Hill Church, assisting the pastor, the Rev. Robert Hess.

● On the Sundays of August the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa.,

broadcast its morning worship services over station WGPA of the city. The pastor, Rev. Robert W. Cook, and the church choir were especially commended by radio listeners for their fine ministry. On Sunday, Oct. 14, the church observed its 40th anniversary and held a special missionary service with the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. The church's remodeling program will soon be completed. Several pictures and a more detailed report about this program appear elsewhere in this issue.

● The Rev. Robert Ambler, pastor of the Fellowship Church of Passaic, New Jersey, baptized 6 young people on confession of their faith in Christ on Sunday evening, Sept. 30. These converts were partly the result of the evangelistic meetings with the Rev. Paul Loth as arranged by the denomination last Spring. Rally Day was observed by the Sunday School on Oct. 4 with the superintendent, Mr. Henry Adels, in charge. The program was under the leadership of Mrs. Robert Ambler. On Thanksgiving Day night, Nov. 22, the young people will present a special thanksgiving program with a bounty of colorful decorations and fruits of the field in the church.

● The First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., held its annual Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Sept. 30, with the Rev. Richard Schilke, general mission secretary, as the guest speaker. Three services were held with a film of our mission work shown in the evening. The Lord provided perfect weather and as a result many visitors from neighboring towns attended. The offering for the day was \$1222.47. The women of the church served a delicious dinner at noon. "After hearing Brother Schilke and seeing the mission film, we want to pray more fervently for our missionaries," Mrs. Emma Blatchford reported.

● Two of our Atlantic Conference pastors were recently ordained into the Gospel ministry. Both of them, Mr. Robert Ambler of the Fellowship Church of Passaic, N. J., and Mr. Everett Barker of the Grace Church of Union City, N. J., met the council of the North American Baptist Churches of the New York City area on Oct. 30. After hearing their fine testimonies and clear doctrinal views,

the council recommended their ordination to their respective churches. The Rev. Robert Ambler was ordained on Thursday evening, Nov. 8, and the Rev. Everett Barker on Friday evening, Nov. 16. Further reports about these services will be published in the forthcoming issues of the BAPTIST HERALD.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, N. Dak., held a reception on Sunday evening, Oct. 7th, for its new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. John Heer, and sons, Harvey and Stanley. The church was filled to overflowing by its own members and friends and visitors from the Berlin Church of Fredonia and from Ashley and Wishek. The Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler of Fredonia, N. Dak., together with their entire congregation responded to the invitation and Mr. Kraenzler was guest speaker. Deacon John A. Miller was in charge of the program. A representative of every organization of the church spoke words of welcome to the new minister's family. Lunch was served in the church and an hour of fellowship was enjoyed by all after the program.

● Miss Katharine Yudt of the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., will leave for Germany in a few days where she will serve as Christian Social Worker in the Boys' Home of the Steglitz Baptist Church of Berlin, Germany. Dr. Peter Dienel is in charge of this home. Miss Yudt will supervise the recreational and religious program of the Home and hopes to open a day nursery for children. She is being supported by the Ridgewood Church, of which the Rev. Paul Wengel is the pastor, and by the relief department of our denomination. She has promised to send several articles for publication in the "Baptist Herald" about her work. Her address will be: c/o Dr. Fritz Peatzel, Drake Strasse 42, Berlin-Lichtefelde, West Germany.

● A missionary conference was held by the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., from Oct. 18 to 21, which had been well planned by the Rev. Robert Hess, pastor, and his church committee. The climax was reached on Sunday, Oct. 21, with the Rev. Paul Gebauer of the Cameroons as principal speaker. This will be his only engagement until early in 1952. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, showed pictures of the Cameroons and Indian mission fields on Oct. 19. Other speakers were the Rev. J. Anderson on Assam-India, Rev. J. Fernandez on South America, Rev. R. Williams on Borneo, Rev. I. Finestone on Jewish Missions, and Rev. and Mrs. F. Wuest on China. A very colorful missionary exhibit was also presented, including the Cameroons field of Africa.

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HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

November 25 and December 2—
"Learning to Worship" by
Rev. B. C. Schreiber, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

BAPTIST YOUTH WORLD CONFERENCE

The fourth Baptist Youth World Conference will be held at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 15-22, 1953 according to the Baptist World Alliance youth secretary, the Rev. Joel Sorenson. Baptist work in Brazil is making good progress under much opposition and difficulties.

EUROPEAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

Our young people will appreciate knowing that the European Baptist Youth Conference was held at Rüschtikon, Switzerland, this past summer. Some 70 delegates representing the Baptist youth from Austria, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Italy, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland enjoyed great fellowship. It is encouraging to know that European youth leaders are hard at work for the Lord.

PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES

On November 6, 1951 our first missionaries for Japan, the Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth, daughter Linda Leah and Miss Florence Miller, left American shores. We are grateful to God for these fine consecrated lives. All our young people and especially the leaders will want to add the names of these missionaries to their prayer list. Your general secretary, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, was privileged to spend several hours with these missionaries at San Francisco, California, before their leaving.

COMPASS EDITORIAL COMMITTEE

The "Youth Compass" editorial committee met from October 22 to 23. It may not be known to our leaders and young people that this committee meets twice a year at our headquarters in Forest Park, Ill. At the last meeting, programs in outline form were set up for each Sunday, including special programs, for the last six months of 1952. A great host of fine people, including our contributors, are engaged in trying to give our young people the best program materials and ideas for the local CBY meetings. Pray for these workers.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

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WORKERS' CONFERENCE, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

The CBY and SSU leaders and workers of the Northwestern Conference gathered at the Dayton Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., from November 9 to 11 for their annual conference-wide Workers' Conference. This was the fourth Workers' Conference for the leaders of the Northwestern Conference and an inspiring and excellent program had been planned. Those who led the discussions were: Miss Martha Leypoldt, Miss Ruth Bathauer, and Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, pastor of the Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Miss Orva Koenigsberg of Sheffield, Iowa, president of the Northwestern Conference Union, presided. Look for a more detailed report.

LEADERSHIP COURSES PLANNED

An intensified leadership training program is being carried on at the Temple Church of Milwaukee, Wis.,

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Withering Grass

A Christian Novel by BERNARD PALMER

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Ernest nodded. "I've been called to a little country church in Kansas."

"That's splendid—splendid. The country is an excellent place to begin your work. The people are friendly and don't expect too much. Perhaps some day you'll have the opportunity to serve in a larger, more influential pastorate."

"We want to serve where God wants us."

"Exactly. Exactly." Then, "Tell me," he said suddenly, as though all else had been unimportant. "What are Burt's plans?"

"I'm not sure, beyond finishing school. I haven't heard him say."

"There's some talk of his going to the far east as a missionary."

"That's news to me."

"I've been wondering whether he's really serious. The instructor lowered his voice. "Do you know I can name three churches right now, the smallest with a membership of more than four hundred, that would snap him up tomorrow if he were out of school. He's got an opportunity to do big things."

The bigger churches would be clamoring for Burt, once he was out of Seminary, something almost unheard of in denominational circles, while Ernest had to content himself with the hope that some day the chance for a larger church might come. Briefly a cloud shadowed his happiness. Before he could answer Karen called to him.

When the breakfast was over and the last lingering guest had departed, Ernest and Karen went up to his room to pack.

"Our first chance to be alone together," she murmured, squeezing his arm.

"That's right, Mrs. Henning." "Mrs. Henning—that sounds so strange to me. I wonder if I'll ever get used to it."

"You'd better." He leaned over and kissed her on the end of the nose. "You're going to be wearing it for a long time."

They sat down together on the edge of the bed.

"Wasn't that a beautiful ceremony, Ernie?"

"I've never heard one like it."

"Daddy usually gives a little talk but I'll always treasure every word

he said today. It was so simple and so true."

"And so very, very much for us."

"Darling, I believe you're as romantic as I am."

"Not romantic, dear. I'm happy. Happier than I've ever been before."

There was a silence for about the space of a minute. He turned to look at her and saw a lone tear glide from beneath an eyelash and go trickling down her cheek. "Why darling," he exclaimed, wiping it away with his forefinger. "What's the matter?"

"N-nothing." Her lower lip was quivering suspiciously and she was biting it until her teeth left a narrow white line.

"I know there is. What is it?" She only shook her head.

"Tell me, darling. Is it something I've said?"

"Of course not. She looked at him queerly, her eyes flooding, then turned and threw herself across the bed. "Oh, Ernie," she sobbed. "I miss her so. I miss her so!"

Driving to their Kansas pastorate in a car Ernest purchased at a used-car lot, they stopped at a picturesque little cabin on the shores of a twinkling Missouri lake. After dinner Ernest built a fire in the fireplace at one end of the long living room and settled down in a big chair to enjoy it. But Karen flopped on the big bear skin rug and pulled him down beside her.

"Come on and lie down beside me," she said. "This's the last time we'll be able to lie here and look into the fire and dream."

"That's right. Tomorrow night we'll be on our way to Kansas."

"And in a couple of days you'll be at work in your new charge. It's been grand here at the lake but it'll be good to be busy again won't it?"

The room was quiet save for the crackling of the burning wood and the gentle slapping of water against the beach. The ruddy glow was etching shadows on the wall.

"You know, Karen, it frightens me to think of taking over a charge. I can't quite imagine myself giving advice and being the spiritual leader of a congregation."

"I don't know why it should. After all, you did much the same thing at school."

"But that was different. There I was constantly supervised and I had

someone I could go to for help if I needed it. From now on I'll be on my own. Suppose something came up I didn't know how to handle."

"That's a silly thing to suppose."

"I'm not sure. The other day at our wedding breakfast Dr. Cooper told me it was nice that I was going to take over a country charge. And he took particular pains to point out that the people are so much more kindly and less demanding. That doesn't sound as though he has very much confidence in me."

Karen was quiet for a minute or more.

"I'm sure he didn't mean anything by it," she said at last, "to reflect on your ability, that is. I've heard several of the professors remark that you should have a splendid career and one of them even wrote daddy that he thought you could become a great force for the Lord."

"Sometimes men speak out of kindness rather than judgment," a tinge of bitterness crept into his voice. "Dr. Cooper also told me that there were at least three large churches that would snatch Burt up in a moment if he were graduating this year."

"How nice."

"Yes, isn't it?" his tongue releasing words that had been long repressed. "Don't you see, Karen? It's always been this way. When we were kids it didn't make any difference what I could do; Burt could do it better. I'd slave for an A in History or English and he'd breeze through his whole schedule with a fistful. I was under his shadow in High School, College, Seminary, and now—" he sucked his breath in quickly, "This!" He got up quite deliberately, selected a stick of wood from the pile and thrust it into the fire. "Some day, Karen," and his voice was almost harsh, "I'm going to make people admit that I have as much ability as he!"

She waited awhile, a long while, and then said softly, "Ernest dear, you aren't forgetting who we're to serve, are you? You know God must have men in small churches as well as the large. I'm not convinced that you will always be in small churches, because I know the Lord has given you great talent. But if He does want you to serve smaller congregations we ought to be ready to do it willingly. He needs men who can mix with farmers and small town folk, to guide them in the paths of Christ and to challenge their sons and daughters to full-time Christian Service just as much as he needs those in the more spectacular places. Perhaps that's your job, the same as it is Daddy's. And in God's sight it's just as important as filling the biggest pulpit in the country."

"Darling, you make me feel ashamed of myself."

"I don't mean to, dearest."

He pulled her to him and kissed

her. "I don't know what I'd ever do without you."

Ernest and Karen left the little lake in the cool of the morning and drove south toward the Kansas parsonage that was to be their home. By noon they had driven out of the protective blanket of forest and water to where the south wind was letting her hot breath scorch the open countryside with unseasonal fervor. It sent a stifling blast through the open windows and fanned the heat from the motor up through the floor boards like the register of a pipeless furnace.

"Was the house nice?" Karen asked as their car crawled up one of those interminable hills in Northern Missouri.

"What house?"

"Why the one we're going to live in, of course."

"I don't know. I didn't pay much attention to it."

"But you surely know what it's like."

"Well, it's kinda nice on the outside."

"Ernest Henning!" she said in mock exasperation. "You make me so mad."

"Listen, my dear, they showed the parsonage to me during the Sunday School period when little drops of blood were standing out on my forehead and I was trembling like a pile of fresh liver. To tell you the truth all I remember for sure is that they took me into a house. I couldn't swear as to what color it is, whether it's big or little, whether it has no closets or is all closets. I wasn't very interested in houses at the moment."

"But you should've known I'd want to hear all about it."

"I didn't think the parsonage was so important."

"Now I know why my mother used to follow Daddy to the gate and call after him to be sure and take a good look at the parsonage when he went to candidate."

"Darling, there were a hundred and fifty people in that church who meant a great deal to me, people I'd never seen before. My mind went as blank as a loon's and I couldn't even remember my text. How would you expect me to remember what the parsonage was like?"

Their charge was in the country some twelve or fourteen miles from the county seat. For the most part, the land surrounding it was rough and uninviting, prairie land suitable only for cattle grazing.

But the narrow valley that sliced through the towering hills and canyons with its tenacious little creek that always carried water was like a garden, as though to prove that where God touched His hand things flourished.

The church was located in the heart of the valley, across the creek against the southern wall of hills. It had been one of the first permanent buildings erected in the valley by the

God-fearing pioneers who came trickling out of the east to settle on the fertile homesteads.

"Oh, look at the trees!" Karen exclaimed as they crossed the creek and could see the parsonage and church in the midst of the little grove.

For a moment or two they stood there admiring the lush carpet of blue grass, the little flower gardens that had been cared for by the proud church members in the absence of a pastor.

"Oh Ernest! it's lovely."

"Dou you like it, honey?"

"It's more beautiful than I'd ever dreamed it could be in this part of Kansas."

"What about the house you were so interested in?"

"Just give me time, darling," she said excitedly, taking his arm. "I've got to see everything."

Ernest tried the door. "It looks like we'll have to go round up a church member first. The door's locked."

"The key'll be around here some place," Karen said, beginning to look under things and on things. "They never really lock a country parsonage. Guess they figure thieves wouldn't think a country preacher worth the robbing."

"They wouldn't be far wrong about this country preacher."

In a moment or two she found the key over one of the posts on the porch and they let themselves in.

"It's nice!" Karen exclaimed.

"See, I was right about it being old-fashioned."

"I don't know how you could miss it," she laughed.

The mop boards were wide and the floor and door frames, ornately carved, the products of a more elaborate era. The entire house, with quiet dignity, bespoke age, sound lumber and capable carpentering.

"What do you think of it, Karen?"

"It's wonderful. It just couldn't be any nicer—for a parsonage, I mean."

They looked at each other and laughed.

"I can just see the women of the church over here scrubbing and cleaning and waxing," she said, the words tumbling out in excitement.

They poked through all the rooms like a pair of youngsters in a deserted house, trying doors and windows and peeking into the pantry cupboards.

That night they drove into town and stayed in the hotel, a scrawny frame building off the main street, that had been built in the same era, but without the same care as the parsonage. The next morning they went into the used department of the town's only furniture store and bought the things they would have to have.

The trucker obligingly went to the depot and picked up the boxes Karen had had shipped out by freight; all the linen and quilts and dishes her mother had helped her to garner, the



—Eva Luoma Photo

SYNOPSIS

The Rev. Ernest Henning had finally arrived! The greatest opportunity of his career was at hand, that of candidating in the big, influential church of Elba City. Always his illustrious younger brother had soared to heights in the spotlight ahead of him. If only Karen could have known the glory that now had come his way. Suddenly his mind was flooded with memories, meeting Karen at "an open house" party the first week of college. How vividly he remembered those days of many years ago at Indiana Christian College! Ernest's and Karen's friendship blossomed until they knew that they were meant for each other. Ernest went to a seminary in Chicago and Karen finished her schooling at college where Burt, the brilliant younger brother, was studying. Ernest and Karen were married in the seminary chapel with Karen's father officiating. The ceremony was ended and their lips met "in tender recognition."

CHAPTER SEVEN

Mother Prentiss insisted upon serving a wedding breakfast. "It isn't every day I have one of my boys getting married," she said to them by way of explanation, while inwardly she was telling herself, "someone ought to do for that poor girl a few of the things her mother would have done."

There were not many at the breakfast, a few close friends and two or three instructors from the Seminary, but Mother Prentiss had prepared as carefully as though for a hundred. The dining room was beautifully decorated with a small pulpit and an open Bible standing above the table. The old house seemed to blossom with the happiness of the bridal couple.

"Do you have a charge yet, Ernest?" one of the instructors asked as the two of them stood alone together.

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

REMEMBER—WITH THANKS!

This Fall the Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin Schlipf of Cleveland, Ohio, observed their golden wedding anniversary. On that occasion they were presented with a "Golden Memory Book," consisting of 100 pages, written by as many friends and relatives. A blank page had been sent to each with the request that some "memory" connected with their association with the Schlipfs be recorded and the page returned. The result is a book which is a veritable treasure of friendly reminiscences.

As one scans the pages, one is astonished by the many seemingly small, insignificant incidents which are reported. The nickel for an ice cream cone given with a smile to a small girl by the visiting Pastor Schlipf has long been forgotten by him, but it remained a grateful memory to the child, now a young mother. The Christmas dinner served to a deacon and his family years ago, the many other acts of gracious hospitality, so a part of her daily life that they are not remembered by Mrs. Schlipf, left

cooking utensils that were given at a shower held for her at college, and a trunk full of her own clothes.

"It's a good thing you hung onto that stuff," Ernest told her as they heaved it into the back of the truck. "It'll probably be ten years before you get anything new."

"That's what Daddy told me," she replied brightly.

Ernest colored a little and the trucker grinned.

It was afternoon when they followed the truck loaded with furniture, out to the parsonage. The wind had died away until even the leaves in the cottonwoods were silent. It was hot and sultry. A few high scattered clouds were rolling aimlessly about by a wind that walked on a transparent floor far above the earth, leaving all below undisturbed.

"Looks like a storm," Ernest observed.

Karen glanced quickly at the clouds and then back at the loaded truck just behind them. "I hope we can get unloaded before it starts to rain," she worried.

There had been no clouds in the sky when they first got up and scarcely more than that at noon, but now they were gathering fast. They seemed to materialize before one's very eyes; wisps of vapor forming on the back-drop of blue. From the east

their impression and are recorded in grateful remembrance.

Reflecting upon these many memories, one is profoundly impressed by the part the "little things" play in life. The fact that people remember such incidents ought to make us more aware of the influence we exert, often unconsciously. It is true what the poet says:

"Life is a mirror of king and slave;
It is just what we are and do;
Then give to the world the best you have,
And the best will come back to you."

Whether we are in public life, as the minister, or in a comparatively small circle, we all touch other lives and make impressions, either good or bad. There are many who will have memories of us! What will these be?

A beautiful tribute was given by Paul to his Philippian friends in the passage: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." This is a tribute which we might all covet and strive for in our daily life.

and west they came, rolling, twisting spirals with vaporous tentacles reaching out to envelope one another. Rapidly they merged into an unbroken cloud that stretched from sky to sky. Lightning slithered across the horizon and from afar came the distant rumble of thunder.

"We're goin' to have to step on it, Reverend," the trucker exclaimed, slurring the salutation disdainfully as he backed his cumbersome vehicle to the porch.

The two of them carried furniture into the house, piece by piece. They had not finished unloading too soon, for the truck had scarcely pulled away from the house when it began to rain. There were only a few drops at first, spattering on the narrow sidewalk and rattling the leaves on the cottonwoods and elms about the house. But the prelude was brief and fleeting. Momentarily, before the first great rush of wind had reached its climax, the heavens were turned turvy and sheets of water fell, blowing before the wind like snow. Karen and Ernest stood close together and looked out upon the gravel road which was already criss-crossed with tiny rivulets making their way into the ditches on either side.

"My, I'm glad we got everything inside," Karen sighed.

(To Be Continued)

Another thought comes to mind as one observes the deep joy and pleasure the reading and re-reading of the Golden Memory Book brings, a thought best expressed by the poet:

"If you have kind words to say,
Say them now.
Tomorrow may not come your way;
Do a kindness while you may;
Loved ones will not always stay;
Say them now."

No doubt, all of us can think of some person or persons whose lives have been a real blessing to us. Perhaps we have not seen them for years, but stored away in our memories are "kind remembrances" of them. Why wait for their golden wedding anniversary to tell them about these memories. Such an opportunity we may not have. The time to do it is now, and what better season is there than the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. After all, "thanksgiving is remembrance," and "remembrance is the sweetest flower that in a garden grows."

If you can say with the Apostle Paul, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you," as you think of relatives, friends or acquaintances, then do as he did: TELL THEM SO!

CBY AND SSU NEWS

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with the pastor, the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, and Mr. George Nasgowitz, superintendent, in charge. The study course, "You Can Teach," will be taught on five scheduled evenings in October and November. In addition to this a fifty-minute period of the monthly workers' conferences will be devoted to the study course, "New Testament Studies." Both courses will be taught by the pastor.

WISCONSIN YOUTH RALLY

Late in October the CBY of Wisconsin State met at North Freedom for their Fall rally. Under the leadership of the president, Dave Nasgowitz, freshman at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, an unusually fine program was carried out. The Wisconsin young people exceeded their mission project goal of last year by over \$200. An increased mission project was adopted. Every two months a special "prayer project" will be announced in the regional paper for all the Wisconsin young people to pray for unitedly. Plans are under way for a junior and senior youth camp this summer.

The attendance at the rally exceeded any previous attendance. The Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary, was guest speaker. Don Kopf of Kenosha, Wisconsin, was elected president for the coming year. The Rev. J. Benke, the advisor, and three seminary students were also on the program.



Southern Conference

Evangelistic Services and Baptism of Eight Converts at Central Church, Waco, Texas

The month of September was filled with spiritual blessings for our Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas. From Sept. 5 to 16 the evangelistic meetings, for which we had been praying, were held. The Rev. P. G. Neumann of Costa Mesa, Calif., served as evangelist. Here in Waco God again kept his promise to bless every effort put forth in his Name. Visible results of the meetings were eight souls saved and five additions to the church by letters. Our church family was revived in spirit and zeal for the Lord's work.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 7, a baptismal service was held with four adults and four children following the Lord in baptism, giving testimony to the joy of their salvation. The Rev. Roy Seibel's sermon at the morning hour was "The Church Covenant" which was most instructive to the new converts and which again reminded us of our obligations as followers of Christ.

One of our young men, Mr. W. W. Cox, Jr., has felt God's call for special service and has enrolled in Baylor University of Waco preparing for the ministry. On Sunday, Oct. 14, Brother Cox was licensed by the church to preach after which he brought the evenings message. We pray God's guidance and richest blessings for him.

Because of the resignation of our pastor, Brother Seibel, to accept the church at Emery, S. Dak., the Rev. J. E. Roth, executive secretary of Latham Springs Encampment near Waco, has been secured to fill the pulpit until such time as we secure the services of a new pastor. Our church members are praying daily that God will lead us to the man whom he has prepared to take over the work of our church. Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Fourteen Conversions and Large Mission Offering at Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak.

We have many reasons to rejoice as we look back over a six months' ministry with the Ashley Baptist Church of Ashley, North Dakota. Many kindnesses were shown the pastor, the Rev. J. J. Renz, and his family during these

months. Last Spring the church built a new garage and sold the old one which had proven inadequate. Prior to the arrival of the minister's family, the members had unstintingly worked in the parsonage, yet they felt there were still some improvements they would like to accomplish. With this in mind a bathroom was installed on the first floor, although the second floor of the parsonage already had such facilities. Insulating the house and other things were done to cheer the life of the pastor's family.

On Sept. 22, the station Ashley of the Ashley Baptist Church held its Mission Sunday. The people of this particular station laid an offering on the Lord's altar which amounted to \$1823.06. The Rev. A. Felberg, who was with us for evangelistic meetings, was our guest speaker. During the two weeks of meetings, 14 young people gave their hearts to the Lord Jesus and accepted him as their own personal Savior. We are looking forward to the time when these young people will follow the Lord in baptism. We felt the Lord could bless us bountifully, because the people were willing to attend in large numbers. They worked gladly; they prayed believingly; and they gave joyfully.

We are glad that the Lord uses our church to win souls for his Kingdom. We pray that through this mission offering it will be possible for the missionaries to win others for him.

J. J. Renz, Pastor.

Northwestern Conference

Busy Fall Program at the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin

The month of September began a busy Fall program for us at the Grace Baptist Church in Racine, Wisconsin. Every Sunday evening we have three youth meetings for Juniors, Junior High and Seniors with their respective leaders. A newly formed Junior Choir is in its white robes and bows every Sunday morning, singing during some part of the service. Our pastor, Rev. D. Raymond Parry, is conducting classes for young people and adults who will soon be ready for baptism. We pray the Lord will bless our young people as they endeavor to live for him during these trying days. We have three boys in the service of our country, all overseas, and six young people at college.

The King's Daughters Society celebrated its 25th anniversary on Tuesday evening, September 18. It was

our privilege to have the founder of the society, Miss Lydia Dankert, now matron at a Children's Home in Waterloo, Ont., Canada, as speaker. This was her first visit to Racine in 24 years, and those who knew her were happy to see her again.

Our Sunday School is striving for the "A" (Achievement) Award of the American Baptist Convention. In connection with the requirements, a teachers' training course began on September 26, running for six weeks. Miss Rosa Pope, former Racine High School teacher, is in charge of the class "How to Teach," and our pastor, Rev. D. Raymond Parry, is conducting the course "Baptist Doctrine and History."

Mrs. Myron Dudek, Reporter.

Sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Minnesota Association at Hutchinson

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Minnesota Association met at Hutchinson, Minn., on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 29, in connection with the association's sessions. The president, Mrs. E. W. Klatt of the Riverview Church, St. Paul, presided at the business meeting and the program. The meeting was opened with devotions led by Mrs. R. B. Glewwe of St. Paul.

The secretary, Mrs. Karl Krueger of Hutchinson, gave an account of the year's activities and projects accomplished. A request from the Indian Mission Field in Alberta was granted and a new project of fulfilling some need at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was considered. The newly elected officers are as follows: president, Mrs. E. W. Klatt, Riverview Church, St. Paul; vice-president, Mrs. Henry Fluth, Faith Church, Minneapolis; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Harvey Stanke, Daytons Bluff Church, St. Paul.

The business meeting then adjourned to the main auditorium for the program. Mrs. Harvey Stanke led the congregation in the singing of three hymns. The responsive reading was led by Mrs. A. Odens of Jeffers after which Mrs. E. Bueining of Holloway offered the opening prayer. A welcome from the host society's president, Mrs. Arnold Krueger, and a response by Mrs. E. W. Klatt were given. Mrs. Karl Krueger called the membership roll and six out of ten societies responded with Bible verses.

The Randolph society presented the play entitled, "Tapestry of Missions," and Mrs. Alfred Krueger of Hutchinson sang a solo. The main speaker for the afternoon was one of our Camerons missionaries, Mrs. Edwin Michelson, on the subject, "The African Mother." Many were the comparisons that she made between the saved and the unsaved among the native women of Africa and of the love that shines forth when Christ comes into their lives. The Union presented Mrs. Michelson with a personal gift, and the afternoon program was closed with benediction by the Rev. Edwin Michelson. Those of us who had the privilege of attending were blessed.

Mrs. R. B. Glewwe, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, New York

To the music of the wedding march, the Rev. and Mrs. Otto E. Krueger marched down the aisle of the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., at a surprise celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday evening, October 14. The church was filled with beautiful flowers sent by their former churches, their family and friends. The Rev. Peter Geissler opened the service with Scripture reading and prayer. Each society and department in the church was represented on the program either in song or recitation. Some appropriate verses were read both in the English and German languages.



The Rev. and Mrs. O. E. Krueger on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary are seated comfortably in front of the communion table and pulpit of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Krueger's record of service to the denomination is long and distinguished. Each of the churches where they have served, the North American Baptist Seminary, and denominational headquarters sent a loving letter of tribute. These were read during the evening program. The pastorates served included the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa; Second Church, Rochester, N. Y.; White Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio; and Temple Church, Pittsburg, Pa. In addition of these churches Mr. Krueger served in Queensland, Australia from 1901-1908; in Texas as denominational evangelist from 1900-1901; in the capacity of associate editor of the "Baptist Herald," 1922-1925; and on the faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary, 1935-1947.

A wonderful feeling of warm fellowship pervaded the proceedings. Fifty years of wedded happiness, and

fifty-one years of service to God is the unusual record of Pastor and Mrs. Krueger.

The Andrews Street Baptist Church presented the happy couple with a television set. Mr. Krueger expressed their gratitude graciously, saying that now he knew what he would do when he retired. At the close of the service, an hour of fellowship with refreshments, including a beautiful wedding cake, was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. E. A. Kanwischer Reporter.

Northern Conference

Blessings of the Vacation Bible School at Temple Church, Leduc, Alberta

The Vacation Bible School held at the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc,

Farewell Service for Missionaries at the East Ebenezer Church of Saskatchewan

On Aug. 19 the East Ebenezer Baptist Church of Saskatchewan held a farewell service for the Rev. and Mrs. Louis Knoll. Many friends and guests gathered to witness the occasion. Mrs. Knoll is a member of this church. All branches of the church joined in wishing them God's richest blessings on their new field. In the absence of the local pastor, the Rev. G. Batke, an uncle of Mrs. Knoll, gave the farewell message. He based his address on Joshua 1:5.

An opportunity was given to the congregation to show its love and willingness to help. An offering of \$1031.62 was handed to the Knolls with the best wishes of the church. Finally, the Knolls were given their turn to express their appreciation, who also thanked for all the love shown to them. To put on the finishing touches a lunch was served in the basement of the church.

The Rev. and Mrs. Louis Knoll left for their mission field in India. They went out under the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. They will be working at Madras, India. Our prayer is that the Lord may truly bless their efforts as they labor for him.

John Engel, Reporter.

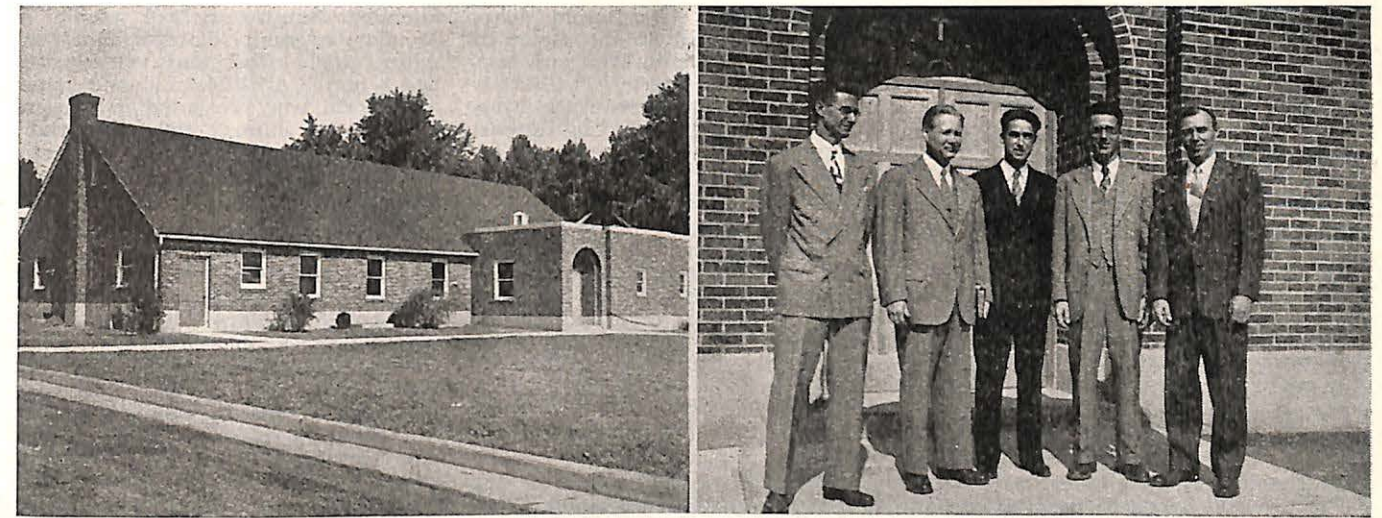
A Visit to the Indians by Rev. Hugo Lueck, Northern Conference Worker

On my many travels during the summer months as Northern Conference worker, I also have had the opportunity of visiting our Indian Mission Stations. I have preached to many different races in my life, but never before to Indians. It was a new experience to talk to these strange, dark faces and to think that they too love our Lord and desire to serve him.

Their singing was a little weak. The younger generation sang in English, while the old men looked into Cree song books, but just a few moved their lips faintly. But they listened all the more attentively to the message. With even greater eagerness they seemed to enjoy addressing the congregation themselves. Though I was the guest speaker, three Indians came forward to deliver their speeches. The first of these was Chief John Bear, one-eyed, with long but thin pigtailed. He came forward to welcome me, but delivered a lengthy talk, which was partly interpreted into English.

I was greatly impressed with the work that is being done by our mission. The Rev. R. Neuman and his wife are really the right persons at the right place. After the service, several Indians told me how great changes have taken place among them through the work of the church and also through the school, which the government built and in which Faye Strohschein, one of our Baptist girls, is teaching.

I also visited the Bull Reserve where Mr. Harsch and his wife are working as our missionaries and Miss Berniece Stober as school teacher.



The enlarged edifice of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa. (left), and some of the church leaders (right): David Stangl, Ernest Zentgraf, Rev. Robert W. Cook, pastor; Helmuth Schreiber, Rev. Bruno Schreiber, former pastor of the New Leipzig Baptist Church of North Dakota.

Here I could see the Benke Memorial Chapel as it is being erected by our two missionaries and Indian volunteers, mainly under the direction of Mr. Jake Dermann of Edmonton. On that Reserve I noticed a Catholic Church. I was told that the priest is intending to move his chapel away since he has no longer any congregation. The Indians prefer to come to the meetings of those who are "the friends of Fred Benke," their beloved friend.

These fine day schools which the Canadian government is putting up on the Indian Reserves are a new opportunity to do something for Christ for young school teachers. These primitive Indians are open to the Gospel. Truly God has given us a wonderful work for which we are thankful!

Hugo Lueck, Reporter.

Baptism, Reports from Germany and Sunday School Week at Edmonton's Central Church

On Sunday evening, September 30, a blessed baptismal service was held at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta. With clear ringing testimonies from five converts, we stepped into the baptismal waters before an appreciative audience. In an impressive service we felt the Presence of the Lord. On Sunday morning, October 7, we extended to them and the thirteen others, who came to us by letter, the hand of fellowship as we observed the Lord's Supper together.

The Alberta Conference on Evangelism was held on October 12 and God's richest blessings were ours. Recently before a church packed to capacity Mr. Sam Yeske showed the pictures from Germany taken during our recent trip to Europe. "Youth for Christ" in Edmonton eagerly awaited our personal report and responded in great numbers when on Saturday, September 29, we were privileged to give that report. "Youth for Christ" in Westskiwin has also invited me to speak and to report of what we had seen and heard while in Germany. We are grateful to God for the triple North

American Baptist testimony in Edmonton radiating from Central Church, from the Lauderdale Baptist Church with Rev. Willy R. Muller's leadership, and from the splendid group on the south side of Edmonton under the leadership of Rev. R. Schmidt.

The first Sunday in October gave our church an opportunity to emphasize the importance of Sunday School since that was the first Sunday of the new Sunday School year. Two nights of the previous week had been set aside for the observance of Sunday School week. Monday and Wednesday evening were profitably spent together for that phase of our work, and on Sunday morning all officers and teachers and workers were fittingly introduced. The church indicated by a standing vote fully to support and assist in making the Sunday School of utmost concern and prayer.

Henry Pfeifer, Pastor.

Atlantic Conference

Fortieth Anniversary and Building Plans of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

We of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pa., celebrated our 40th anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 14, with Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as our guest speaker. He gave an inspiring message in the morning, and in the evening service he showed films on the proposed leper work in the Cameroons and the Indian Reservation in Alberta, Canada.

These are some highlights of our church's history. In 1908 Paul Alexy, Sr., came to Bethlehem from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As a young man with a strong desire to serve Christ, he began to testify among the German-speaking people, and invited them to his home where he preached the Gospel. In 1909 the South Bethlehem Mission group was formed with 15 charter members. Mr. Alexy was the director. As the members of the group signed their names, Secretary

John Kepl added these words, "May this list be kept as a remembrance of the work of the Lord Jesus Christ in us."

It is believed that Dr. William Kuhn was the first evangelist secured by this group. He advised the organization of the members as a church body. On Aug. 7, 1911 they were reorganized as a church. Their full obligations as a church began on Jan. 1, 1912. The first pastor was the Rev. E. J. Kliese.

Mr. Kliese began his ministry on Dec. 1, 1911. A chapel was erected at 444 Birch St. and on Feb. 14, 1915 this chapel was dedicated. God rewarded the faith of this small group and they continued to grow. Ten years later the chapel was enlarged during the ministry of the late Rev. Henry Schnuit. The name of this church was the Second German Baptist Church, until the ministry of the Rev. R. E. Reschke when the name was changed to Calvary Baptist Church.

For 35 years the members served the Lord and many converts were won at the church on Birch Street. At the time of Rev. Philip Potzner's ministry we realized the work seemed ended at this location and believed the Lord was leading us to a larger field. As God provided the children of Israel with a leader, so he sent Mr. Potzner to secure the location of our present church at Broad and Dellwood Streets. It was on Feb. 24, 1946 that our new church was dedicated.

During the ministry of the Rev. Robert Hess we realized our building was inadequate to take care of the Sunday School work. So once again in 1951 we began to remodel, an have now a large lower auditorium to be used principally as a Sunday School room. The work on this is not yet completed but we believe it will be ready by Thanksgiving Day.

We believe that with our present pastor, the Rev. Robert Cook, the Lord will continue to bless us. We are grateful to the early pioneers for their zeal and thank God for the many blessings throughout the years.

Mrs. Harold Masteller, Reporter.

"Camp Lookout Week-end Advance" Sponsored by the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held a week-end "Advance" at nearby Camp Lookout on September 29 and 30. Our theme for this conference was "Extending the Hand of Christian Friendship and Fellowship in the Community." For discussion and recreational purposes the entire church body was divided into three "tribes": Seminoles (Adult); Shawnee (Young Adult); and the Sioux (CBY), with the Sioux tribe acting as host and directing the program. Guest speakers were Rev. John W. Thomas of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary and our pastor, Rev. V. J. Hammond. The messages of these servants of the Lord were deeply inspiring as we worshiped in the tabernacle of nature and enjoyed Christian fellowship beneath the glory of the heavens.

Highlights of the week-end included an earnest discussion and study of the theme, culminating in each tribe contributing its recommendations for the coming year's program and activities in the community. This was followed by a period of organized recreation. The Vesper Service in the evening was followed by an Outdoor Camp Fire program and devotional meeting beneath a canopy of stars. The nearness of God was apparent.

The Lord's Day found us attending a sunrise communion service administered by our guest, Mr. Thomas, former Navy Chaplain. Our morning worship service, held on the hilltop overlooking the Brandywine Valley, instilled within the hearts of many the desire to serve our Lord with consecrated vigor and with a determination that none should perish. Before leaving our Camp Lookout "reservation," the tribes were sent on a Biblical Treasure Hunt through the valley, finding as their reward a Bible Marker to remind them of the many moments of sweet Christian fellowship that were theirs at the Fleischmann Camp Lookout "Advance."

Donald E. Middleton, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Anniversary Program by the Dorcas Society of the Baptist Church, Creston, Neb.

The Dorcas Society of the Creston Baptist Church of Creston, Neb., presented its anniversary program on Sunday evening, September 30, to a capacity audience, having invited the Shell Creek Church as guests. The program was opened with a song service followed by words of welcome by the president, Mrs. John Broeder. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read.

The theme of the program was "Homebuilders," which was carried out by the following numbers: a violin solo, "Moment by Moment," by Ilene Hamburger; a reading, "The Sanctity

of the Home," by Mrs. Darold Mohrman; a duet, "Near to the Heart of God" by Mrs. Kenneth Paul and Mrs. Hilmer Settje; a playlette, "The Family Altar" designed to encourage worship in the home presented by Herbert Husmann, Mrs. Milton Scheffler, Linda and Terry Scheffler, Marilyn and Keith Broeder.

Mrs. Walter Stein of Tyndall, S. Dak., vice-president of our National Woman's Missionary Union, was the guest speaker. She spoke on the topic, "Christian Homes," reviewing briefly in a picturesque way the homes of the women in the Bible. We were challenged by her message to build Christian homes. The hymn, "Face to Face," was sung by the members of the society.

Prayer services were led by the Rev. John Broeder, Mrs. John Broeder, Mrs. Walter Stein and the Rev. Paul Hunsicker. The offering received was \$106.45 which was given for the Camerons Medical Hospital, the Leper Hospital and the Japan Mission.

Mrs. Hilmer Settje, Reporter.

Sunday School Activities and Programs at the Zion Church, Okeene, Oklahoma

With its annual observance of Rally and Promotion Day the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., closed a profitable year of educational activities. The special successes in the Vacation Bible School, the Scripture memory program and Sunday School Week are a source of satisfaction and an encouragement for the Sunday School year just begun.

Fifty-five boys and girls enrolled in a two-week Vacation Bible School held in the Zion Church with the cooperation of the Mennonite Brethren Church of Okeene. The use of a course entitled, "Bible Stories with a Heavenly Meaning," in which teaching and handwork were well coordinated helped to make this the most successful Bible School in recent years. The school consisting of four age groups was in charge of eight teachers. Mrs. O. G. Graalman, Mrs. Elmer Fisher, Mrs. Alex Priebe and Mrs. Ray Hockett represented the Zion Church. When the classes were concluded on July 13 with a program by the pupils and an exhibition of their work, about 85 per cent of the pupils had had perfect attendance and all wished that the school might have continued another two weeks.

On Sept. 23 Mrs. Elmer Fisher, Scripture memory director, and Mrs. Pete Ediger, Scripture reading sponsor, gave reports of their work and made a presentation of the pins which the pupils had earned. Gifts also were presented to the pupils who had been unable to attend the Scripture Memory Camp. The year's work resulted in decisions for Christ and was also the means of bringing a knowledge of the Scripture to boys and girls in a number of non-Christian homes.

Sunday, Sept. 23, was also the beginning of the observance of denominational Sunday School Week. Sunday School teachers and officers were presented at the morning worship service. The week continued with a well-

attended Sunday School picnic on Monday evening at Arapaho Park. After ample food and refreshments and a period of fellowship and games, a program was presented in recognition of the Sunday School workers. Mr. Harry H. Geis, vice-moderator, and interim pastor John R. Siems spoke in behalf of the church.

The prayer service on Wednesday evening was another well-attended event of the week. Each class had its separate meeting for prayer. The week also included home visitation and a parent-teacher meeting led by the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Elmer Fisher who directed the group in a review of the Sunday School Standard and a discussion of leadership training and other matters pertaining to the progress of the school.

On Rally Day, Sept. 30, an inspiring service including the promotion of pupils and the installation of teachers and officers climaxed the week. The Sunday School attendance on this day was the largest in several months. The church and Sunday School appreciate the suggestion of this observance on the part of denominational leaders.

John R. Siems, Interim Pastor.

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Norman Berkan at Ebenezer Church, Elmo, Kansas

We of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Elmo, Kans., are glad to report that the Rev. and Mrs. Norman Berkan are with us and are already busily engaged in the work here. They were married on Aug. 4 and after a two weeks' honeymoon they came to Ebenezer Church on Friday, Aug. 17. A reception committee was at the parsonage to meet them and had supper prepared in the church basement.

On Sunday, Aug. 19, after the morning service, a basket dinner was served in the church basement in honor of our new pastor and his wife. Following the meal, welcome addresses were given by Mr. Arthur Sandow, deacon of our church; Rev. Herbert Schauer, pastor of our neighboring First Church of Dickinson County; and Rev. Homer Engle of the Church of the Brethren who served us while we were without a pastor. Then Mr. and Mrs. Berkan gave their response thanking the church for the kindness shown them and expressing their desire to serve our Lord and Master.

Prior to their coming, the interior of the parsonage was completely redecorated. A new electric range and a refrigerator were purchased by the church and placed in the kitchen of the parsonage. The refrigerator was well stocked with "ready to eat foods." The shelves of the pantry were also bountifully loaded with a variety of food and canned goods for which the Berkans graciously expressed their hearty thanks.

On October 18 Mr. Berkan was ordained here at the Ebenezer Church. We have already been blessed by his ministry and are anticipating even greater blessings as we work together striving to do God's will who gave his all for us.

Harold Fick, Church Clerk.

Sessions of the Nebraska - Colorado Association Held at Baptist Church, La Salle

The Nebraska-Colorado Association convened with the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Col., from Sept. 20 to 23. The theme of the association was, "Evangelism in Our Day." The opening message was brought by Rev. P. T. Hunsicker of Columbus, Neb., on "What is Evangelism?" Rev. George W. Neubert of Beatrice, Neb., spoke on "Personal Evangelism." Rev. John Broeder of Creston, Neb., spoke on "Mass Evangelism."

Prof. Reuben P. Jeschke of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the guest speaker. He brought inspirational messages on, "The Christian's Personal Life in Soul Winning." The Rev. David Zimmerman of the First Baptist Church of La Salle as moderator led the business sessions. Officers for the coming year are: Rev. David Zimmerman, La Salle, Col., moderator; Rev. George W. Neubert, Beatrice, Neb., clerk; and Mr. Fred Meyer, La Salle, Col., treasurer.

On Saturday evening the young people attended the "Youth for Christ" meeting in nearby Greeley, Colorado. Then on Sunday afternoon they had charge of the services. Special numbers were given by the young people of the churches. Prof. Jeschke spoke to the young people on "A Willingness to Serve Christ." There was a good attendance at all the meetings. We take this opportunity to thank the host church and its pastor and all who had part in making these meetings the blessing that they were to those who could attend.

Reporter.

Central Conference

Dedication Festivities Held by the Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio

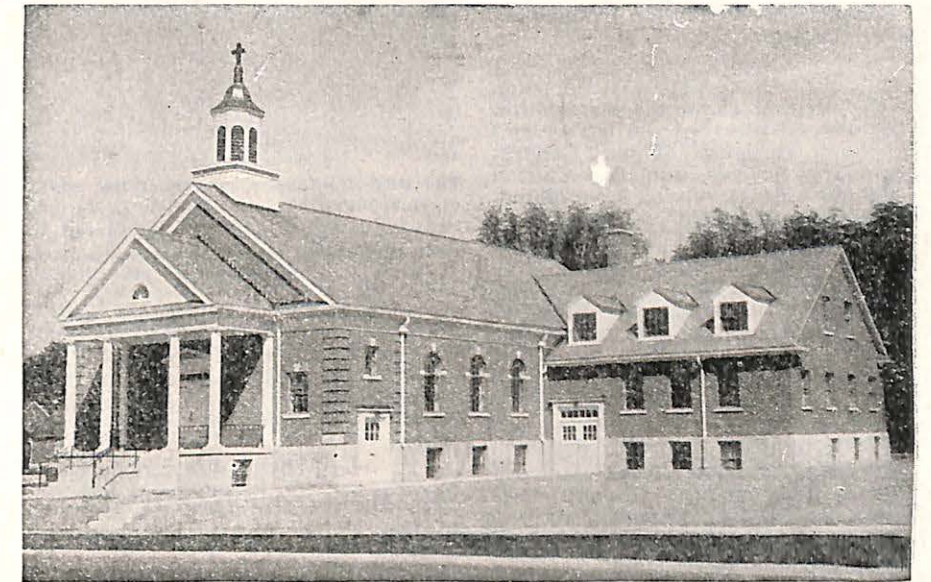
The Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, has finally been dedicated! It was a long, hard struggle attaining this goal, but with cooperation and physical labor from members and friends, the big celebration was held from October 5 to 7.

The church was organized as the Second German Baptist Church of Dayton on August 9, 1882 by a group of 30 people. In 1883 they purchased the church building at 1420 East Fourth Street for the sum of \$8,000. As far back as the First World War, relocation of the church was considered. In 1918 the name was changed to the Fourth Street Baptist Church. A Building Fund of several thousand dollars was collected, but when times became more difficult, the project was abandoned and the money was used to pay current expenses.

Then in 1944, the proposal to move the church once more arose to challenge our people. That vision grew to reality, and lots were purchased, plans drawn up, and on October 30, 1949, ground-breaking services were held. The cornerstone was laid on May 7, 1950. On the last day of 1950

a fire partially destroyed our building on Fourth Street, and for three months we met in a school building, our homes, and sister churches. On Easter Sunday, March 25, 1951, the first service was held in our new church.

The new building was erected at a total cost of approximately \$110,000, including some of the furnishings. Additional work and furnishings will cost at least another \$10,000. Our new sanctuary seats 300 worshipers; our educational wing has nine classrooms; and our downstairs auditorium provides facilities for Sunday School and social activities accommodating up to 250 people.



The \$110,000 edifice of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, of which the Rev. Alex Elsesser is the pastor, which was recently dedicated with inspirational festivities.

The festivities were opened on Friday, Oct. 5, with a Community Night. We were all welcomed by our pastor, the Rev. Alex H. Elsesser, who in turn introduced representatives from the city of Dayton and guest preachers

APPRECIATION OF REV. and MRS. O. E. KRUEGER, Rochester, N. Y.

Mrs. Krueger and I were remembered with about 200 greetings, letters, telegrams and many fine gifts on the occasion of our recent golden wedding anniversary. The church put on a celebration in a big way. They did something to answer the question, "What shall I do in retirement?" by presenting us with a TV set. The program and social hour following will remain long in our memory. Someone will probably report on the celebration. (See "Reports from the Field" in this issue. Editor.) We want to express our sincere thanks for those messages of congratulation. It will be physically impossible to respond to them all.

from other neighborhood churches. This program was followed by an informal reception in the social room, served by the Fellowship Service Guild, the young women of the church. There was a large three-layer cake to help Prof. Herman von Berge celebrate his 80th birthday.

Saturday, Oct. 6, was Banquet Night. This function was put on by the young people of the church and stressed their importance in religious work. The Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., gave the main address after Mrs. Verne Davis, the toastmistress, had introduced important visitors. Twenty-one people who have been active members for fifty or more

years were honored and presented with corsages or boutonnières. All this was followed by a clever program of "living pictures" presented by the young people.

Dr. Paul Judson Morris, who was able to be with us for the Sunday morning worship service, led the prayer. The Rev. Paul Zoschke preached the sermon, "The Significance of the Church." Our Church School heard an address by the Rev. Otto Roth, and more informal greetings from guests.

The highlight of the week-end was the formal dedication service held in the afternoon. Prof. Reuben P. Jeschke, our former pastor who had helped launch us on our building project, preached the sermon, "The Work of Our Hands Establish Thou It." The sanctuary was beautiful with its colonial furnishings and lovely flowers given in honor of the occasion.

On Sunday evening there was a communion service. The Rev. Elmer J. Baumgartner delivered the message, and Prof. Herman von Berge led the communion ceremony.

We are all indebted to Harold Schultze and his Building Committee, and to John Tapper and his Finance Committee. We are grateful to God for the manifestations of his blessings to us during these days of building.

Mrs. John Bersuder, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Recognition of the Faith Church Vernon, B. C., and Dedication of Its Chapel

On Sunday, Sept. 23, a large delegation from the churches of the British Columbia Association with many visitors gathered at Vernon, B. C., for the recognition service of the newly organized Faith Baptist Church. At the same time their neat and appropriate chapel was dedicated. The building is only about six years old of stucco exterior with a full basement, and it seats about 150 people. It was purchased from the Evangelical United Brethren Church for the sum of \$4500.

This project was first undertaken by the British Columbia Association churches and received the hearty and immediate response of our General Missionary Society and the Church and Parsonage Revolving Loan Fund. The newly organized church was a former station of the Kelowna Church. We are deeply indebted to the tireless efforts of the Rev. A. Kujath and to the keen interest the Kelowna church has shown in this missionary enterprise. The organized 34 members are being shepherded by Rev. G. Schalm, who has immigrated with his family from Germany to Vernon, British Columbia.

Dr. John Leyboldt represented our denomination and the General Missionary Society at this occasion. His timely and stirring messages were well received. The visiting pastors, Rev. A. Kujath, Rev. F. W. Bartel, Rev. P. Daum and Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, took part in the services. The Vernon Church choir and its string orchestra together with the visiting male choirs of the Bethany Church of Vancouver and of the Kelowna church contributed much to the beauty and blessings of this occasion.



The Rev. G. Schalm, pastor of the newly organized Faith Baptist Church of Vernon, British Columbia, who is introduced to "Baptist Herald" readers in the accompanying report.

We wish the Faith Church of Vernon God's richest blessings. May we as God's people be ever alert for new missionary opportunities so that these joyous experiences may often be repeated.

J. C. Schweitzer, Reporter.

Introducing the Rev. G. Schalm of the Faith Church, Vernon, British Columbia

With the accompanying likeness we take pleasure in presenting to our constituent members and friends the Rev. G. Schalm, pastor of the newly organized Faith Baptist Church of Vernon, British Columbia. Born, converted and ordained to the Gospel ministry in Poland, he was driven, with many others, from his home by



The chapel of the Faith Baptist Church of Vernon, British Columbia, which was recently dedicated by the newly organized church of 34 members and by sister churches of the British Columbia Association.

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the marching armies of the second World war.

It was in a DP camp in Germany that he found temporary shelter and new opportunities to witness for his Savior. He was privileged to present the sweet consolation of the Gospel of the grace of God to many discouraged, hopeless and helpless ones. Souls were led to Christ, and with God's blessing he was enabled to gather a group of baptized believers from among the DPs and to organize a Baptist Church at Stadtlagen, near Hanover, Germany. In the three years Brother Schalm served them as pastor the membership of the church increased from 21 to 150.

In 1949 he grasped the opportunity to emigrate to Canada, where he was led to settle down at Vernon, British Columbia. Here he soon came into contact with a group of German Baptists, who had been gathered and spiritually nurtured by the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, only 32 miles away, under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. A. Kujath. Strengthened by an increasing number of DPs from Germany, this group has now recently been organized as the Faith Baptist Church of Vernon, B. C., with 33 charter members.

We are happy to greet and to welcome both, this newly organized church and its beloved pastor, the Rev. G. Schalm, into our North American Baptist fellowship. May the grace and blessing of our Lord continue upon both the new church and its pastor!

F. W. Bartel, Reporter.

Woman's Missionary Society, Elk Grove, Calif., Observes Its Twenty-fifth Anniversary

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., observed its 25th anniversary on Friday evening, September 14. The church was beautifully decorated with baskets of mixed flowers. A table on the rostrum was draped in white, in front of which was a silver "25" on a background of wine colored velvet. On the table were eight candles, one for each of the members who had passed away in the past 25 years. During the memorial service a candle was lighted for each one.

The group was organized on September 12, 1926 as the "Schwestern Missions-Verein" of the Zion Baptist Church of Franklin. The Rev. L. Ross was the pastor at that time. We have grown from a group of 20 in 1926 to one of 54 at the present time. Of the original 20 members, seven are still members of the society; five have passed on to their heavenly Home, and the remainder are living elsewhere.

A very interesting program was given composed of song service, Scripture reading, prayer by Rev. L. Ross, welcome by the president, Mrs. W. W. Knauf, secretary's report, vocal solos, readings, organ and piano duet, ladies' sextet, ladies' trio, memorial service, vocal selections by the Men's Chorus, message by Miss Mary Crone, missionary from the Lincoln Christian Center in Sacramento, offering and closing prayer by Rev. W. W. Knauf.

There were nine charter members

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present and each was presented with a corsage. The societies of the two Lodi churches presented beautiful baskets of flowers to our society. Refreshments were served at the close of the program in the beautifully decorated dining room. The women have had a blessed twenty-five years and we pray that God's blessings may continue for us.

Mrs. Rex Gigax, Secretary.

WANTED, A NURSE at Bismarck Home for the Aged.

A nurse is wanted at the Baptist Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak. She should be able to speak German. Board and Room furnished. A wonderful opportunity for Christian service. Address correspondence to the Superintendent, Rev. R. Sigmund, 1100 Boulevard, Bismarck, N. Dak. State age, qualifications and experience.

Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, Celebrates Its Sixtieth Anniversary

The Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., originally founded as the First German Baptist Church, was organized on Sunday, January 4, 1891. There were 17 charter members, one of whom, Mr. Conrad Wyss, is still living and a member. The Rev. F. Reichle was the first pastor.

In July of 1896, the Rev. Jacob Kratt began his ministry of 40 years in the church. During his long and memorable ministry the church membership grew to over 600. The church observed its Golden Anniversary during the ministry of Dr. John Leyboldt who served the church as pastor from 1938-1945. The present pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, began his ministry in September 1946.

The year 1951 is very significant to the Trinity Baptist Church. It is the year of its 60th anniversary, the year of establishing its Glencullen Mission as an independent Baptist Church of 82 members with Rev. John R. Kimmel as pastor. Also it is the year of relocating itself in a new area in the southeast district surrounding 67th and Clinton Streets.

In the Fall of 1950, work was begun on the new educational unit at our present location. The first services were conducted here on April 15, 1951, and dedicated on April 29, 1951. The new sanctuary awaits construction. Mrs. Clara K. Gebauer still serves as our missionary to the Cameroons of Africa, and the Rev. Robert Penner is our associate pastor.

We have now been at our new location half a year and the work has been very encouraging. Many visitors are attending our services and the attendance has been most gratifying. Our Vacation Bible School was one of the outstanding events of these first months in the new area. Over 200 pupils were enrolled in the school and the new educational unit with its departmentalized rooms have proven

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. EMANUEL BUCHHOLZ of Tyndall, South Dakota.

Mrs. Ida Buchholz, nee Schmidt, of Tyndall, So. Dak., was born on Sept. 15, 1883 in Dunlap, Ill., and died on Sept. 25, 1951 of a heart attack at the age of 68 years and 10 days. At the age of 22, our sister gave her heart to the Lord and was baptized by the Rev. J. Jaeger and became a member of the Danzig Baptist Church of which she remained a faithful member until her death. On Feb. 10, 1903 she was united in marriage to Emanuel Buchholz with whom she shared joys and sorrows until 1945 when her husband preceded her in death. Her marriage was blessed with 13 children of whom one preceded the mother in death. Twelve children are living, and all are members of the Baptist Church.

She leaves to mourn her departure five sons: Harry and Leonard of Avon, S. Dak., Ruben and Ewin of Mitchell, S. Dak., Nathan of Avon, S. Dak.; 7 daughters: Mrs. D. Christians, Mrs. H. Saylor, Mrs. B. Hubner and Mrs. H. Walkes of Avon, S. Dak., Mrs. A. Fischer of Redfield, S. Dak., Miss Cornelia Buchholz of Wagner, S. Dak., and Miss Fern Buchholz of Avon, S. Dak.; two brothers, five sisters, 17 grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Danzig Baptist Church, the local pastor bringing words of comfort from Phil 1:23. May the God of all peace comfort the hearts of those who mourn!

Tyndall Baptist Church, Tyndall, South Dakota

W. STEIN, Pastor.

MRS. SYLVIA A. DANIELSON of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Mrs. Sylvia Danielson of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., died at her home on Saturday morning, Sept. 29, at the early age of 44, after a five-month illness. Mrs. Danielson, a resident of Sioux Falls since 1930, was born at Canton, S. Dak., May 24, 1907, and married Carl Danielson there on March 19, 1932. Before moving to Sioux Falls, she lived for short periods at Dell Rapids and Harrisburg.

Mrs. Danielson accepted the Lord Jesus as her Savior as a young girl and joined the Northside Baptist Church on May 27, 1945 where she had been a very faithful and active worker until the time of her illness. Her cheerful testimony in the church and in her home was a blessing to all who knew her. Even though our hearts were saddened to lose her, we knew that the Lord was pleased to call her home to her reward which she so well deserved in that she spent herself working for her Lord, especially in the work of the Sunday School.

In addition to her beloved husband, she leaves to mourn her departure her five

children, all of Sioux Falls, her parents, four brothers, a sister, her church and a host of friends who learned to love and appreciate her.

An impressive funeral service was held in the beautiful chapel of the Miller's Funeral Home in Sioux Falls, with the undersigned officiating; Prof. H. Hiller of the North American Baptist Seminary bringing a message of comfort based on the words of the Apostle Paul in 1 Thess. 4: 13-18; and with Mrs. Bud Nelson adding a further note of comfort and cheer by singing two of Mrs. Danielson's favorite hymns: "He the Pearly Gates Will Open" and "Does Jesus Care?" Our beloved sister served her Master nobly and well.

Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

HAROLD E. WEISS, Pastor.

PFC. LEO LEROY KASSELMAN of Ellinwood, Kansas.

Pfc. Leo Leroy Kasselmann was born near Ellinwood, Kans., on Nov. 28, 1922 and departed to be with the Lord on May 18, 1951, killed in action on the battlefield of Korea. On Dec. 10, 1939 Leo was received into the membership of the First Baptist Church and baptized upon confession of faith in the Lord Jesus-Christ as his personal Savior. Leo enlisted in his country's armed forces on January 29, 1943. He was in the Rhineland Campaign, called the "Battle of the Bulge," and saw hard fighting. He received the following citations and decorations: W.W.2 Victory Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal, American Theatre Ribbon, E.A.M.E. Theatre Ribbon, and three bronze service stars. On January 25, 1946 he was honorably discharged with the rank of corporal.

Not long after, Dec. 28, 1947, he gave heart and hand in marriage to Bessie Davis and ideal was their brief married life. The event that made their happiness complete was the arrival of Linda Lee on Jan. 18, 1950. Together they praised God and served him, giving him a prominent place in their home. But, alas, for the second time Leo responded to his government's call and on April 5, 1951 he was shipped with others to that far away country of Korea. It was indeed a hard departure for he seemed to have had a premonition that he would not return alive.

Stunned with grief were his loved ones when the telegram arrived saying that Leo had been killed in action. How tender and warm were his letters and with what concern he thought of his little family! But in all his letters there was a distinct spiritual note pledging his all to the Lord Jesus Christ. From the reports we gather that he fought valiantly until his death. He was convinced that we are in a struggle with the most ruthless foe of Christianity, that we are fighting a totalitarianism that would make slaves of the people. The decoration of the "Purple Heart" was conferred on him post mortem.

The mourners are: his beloved wife, Bessie, and Linda Lee; his grief-stricken parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kasselmann; one sister, Irene Metzger; four brothers: Leonard, Richard, Edward, and George (George is serving in the US Navy); other relatives, a sorrowing church and many friends.

Ellinwood, Kansas

THEO W. DONNS, Pastor.

their worth in accommodating the many boys and girls. We are grateful to consecrated teachers and workers who so willingly volunteered to help with the instruction of these pupils.

The days of celebration for the 60th anniversary were from Sept. 16 to 19. Dr. John Leyboldt was the guest speaker during this auspicious occasion. The anniversary sermon on Sunday morning was "Christ, the Divine Builder," and in the evening Dr. Leyboldt spoke on "The Ideal Church." Monday evening was Men and Ladies' Night with an anniversary dinner held out-of-doors and a service following. Tuesday evening was Sunday School and Youth Night consisting of a musi-

cal program with church history in pictures by Mrs. Eric Pohl. Wednesday evening was Consecration and Denominational Night. Greetings were brought from the Oregon North American Baptist Churches and other guests. Dr. Leyboldt brought the closing message on "Unconditional Surrender."

We are indeed thankful to God for sixty years of blessings, fellowship and service. May our continued interests and prayers be for our beloved church. The evidences of God's presence in our midst during these past years are numerous, but our glory also lies in the unfolding future before us.

Martha Kepl, Reporter.

QUESTIONS OF PHARISEES

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the only Son of God" (John 3:18).

Jesus came to give sight to the physically and spiritually blind. Those who believed on him received their spiritual sight, but those who rejected the light became more and more spiritually blind. Their moral vision was darkened. They lost their moral power to see the truth. Therefore God's judgment would fall upon them.

The Pharisees could not see, because they would not, and so the judgment of blindness fell upon them. Jesus' words were heard by those of the Pharisees who were present and they asked him: "Are we also blind?" Jesus answered: "If you were blind you would have no sin; but as a matter of fact you boast that you see. So your sin remains!"

The Pharisees expected that Jesus would say that they were blind as religious leaders (Matt. 23:16). But instead he said: "No, you are not wholly blind, that is the worst feature of your case." They had some knowledge; they boasted of it. But their pride, self-righteousness and unbelief prevented them from accepting Christ as the Light of the world. It prevented them from seeing what they ought to have seen in him: the Son of God and the Savior of the world. Therefore their sin remained. They were in danger of committing the sin against

the Holy Spirit. There is a sin, or rather a state of mind and will, that has eternal consequences (Mark 3:29).

May we always have an open mind for the truths that Jesus presents to us in his matchless teaching and in his unique life. Did he not say: "The words, which I have been speaking to you, are spirit and are life" (John 6:63). However, if we close our minds for him who said, "I am the truth," our souls pass out into moral and spiritual darkness. That is the terrible penalty which we pay for unbelief!

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TAKE THOU MY HAND

By MR. JOHN C. LOTZ
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Translated from the German, "So nimm denn meine Hände."

Take thou my hand, dear Jesus,
And lead me on,
Till earthly journey's ended
And ever more.
I cannot go without thee
Not one right step;
So take my hand and lead me
In all my days.

May thy rich grace uphold me
When evil sways,
Still thou my heart that calls thee
In those sad days.
Thy strength may be my power
In tempter's snare,
Thy love may like a shower
Refresh my soul.

Thy blood is my redemption;
Glory to thy Name!
Thy life is my protection
In joy and fame;
So take my hand, dear Jesus,
And lead me on
Till earthly journey's ended
And evermore.

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"Have courage for the great sorrows of life, and patience for the small ones. And when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake."

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