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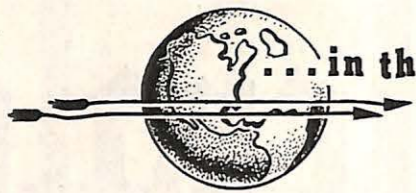
Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, California

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The Winning of Souls

Rev. H. Palfenier

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...in the course of human events

● There is a lay movement in Sumatra among the Simelungen Bar-taks, of whom there are 120,000. In all the major churches brief training classes have been held monthly to prepare "inviters to Christ," who go in groups to pagan villages, singing, giving simple testimonies, and inviting the people to church. At present some 1075 are enrolled in this witness. This has been reflected in a substantial growth in church members. At present it is reported that about 11,000 pagans of the Simelungen race now studying, and preparing themselves for baptism.—The Evangelical Christian.

● "Spiritual values are either non-existent or not important to those in authority in Yugoslavia. The government had its spies attending all church or chapel services, even attending small believing groups who met together solely to study the Word of God. In many cases the spy was a believer. In one town, for example, where I spoke to the believers, there were only believers present. But the next day the security police knew all about it and questions were asked. Most of the churches were destroyed in the war. Believers have not suffered any actual or direct persecution. However, they are not encouraged. They are not allowed to print Bibles, tracts or any Christian literature. The need for Bibles is unbelievable. In one town I spoke to a group of seventy believers. They only had thirteen Bibles to share among them."—Report by a worker of the Evangelistic Crusade in "The Evangelical Christian."

● Norway has had the coldest summer in more than 100 years. The rain has been pouring down in record quantities. In the mountains, new snow was falling in the middle of July. The reason: The gulf stream has vanished. Norwegians depend upon the warm water of the gulf stream for their very existence. Professor Jonas Fjeldstadt, Norway's leading oceanographer, announced that he charted ocean temperatures all the way across the Atlantic, on the Norwegian liner Stvangerfjord, and he couldn't find the gulf stream anywhere. The public became so disturbed that scientists are trying to reassure Norwegians. Professor Fjeldstadt said he believes the gulf stream is only wandering temporarily and has, for some unknown reason, taken a more southerly course this year but will return to its historic course. On the other hand, Professor Hans W.

Ahlmann, Sweden's most famous climatologist, declared that the Arctic is warming up. Ice in the polar sea which averaged 142 inches in thickness 60 years ago, measured only 105 inches in the 1930's, he said. Spitzbergen's harbors, once free of ice only during three months of the year, are now open for several months. Most western Greenland ports now are open the year round. He said the Arctic Passage across the top of Russia and Siberia has become feasible.—From the "Chicago Daily Tribune."

● "Following some conversation with Baptist leaders in the vestry of the single Baptist church in Moscow, we were escorted to the pulpit platform to face a congregation of some 1800 persons. They were assembled for an ordinary weeknight service and were unaware that unusual visitors were to be among them. This church has, we were told, some 4000 members, most of whom attend one or more of the five services held each week. Later in the service one of our delegation, who speaks some Russian, read a portion of the Scriptures. This was followed by the Quaker message of good will to all peoples, pleading for 'the avoidance of words and actions' that foster ill will between peoples, issued by the London Yearly Meeting in 1950. He then explained our purpose in brief and simple terms and asked that we might all stand, Britons and Russians alike, in a moment of silent intercession before God that this peace might come in the world. We shall not soon forget the significance of that silence nor the singing of a hymn of Godspeed and farewell with all the congregation slowly waving their white handkerchiefs. Nor shall we forget the deeply moving friendliness with which hundreds of these simple, peasant like folk clasped our hands as we made our way with difficulty from their midst."—From: "Quakers Meet Russian Christians" by Gerald Bailly in "The Christian Century."

FRONT COVER

The front cover picture shows the worshipful Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., of which the Rev. Arthur Weisser is the pastor. This church, along with all other North American Baptist churches, is cooperating with the denominational program of 32 Conferences on Evangelism for all of our people.

ENGAGEMENTS

- Dr. Frank H. Woyke
Oct. 12-14—Tyndall, S. Dak. (75th Anniversary).
- Oct. 16—Bismarck, N. Dak. (Dedication of Chapel, Home for the Aged).
- Oct. 19-21—Badlands Association, Plevna, Montana.

- Rev. J. C. Gunst
Oct. 14 — Sunday School Rally, Holmes St. Church, Lansing, Michigan.
- Oct. 15-16—"Youth Compass" Editorial Committee Meeting at Forest Park Headquarters.
- Oct. 17 (Wednesday) — Grace Church, Chicago, Illinois.
- Oct. 20-21—Wisconsin Youth Rally, North Freedom, Wisconsin.

- Rev. R. Schilke
Oct. 14—Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas.
- Oct. 15-17—Kansas Association, Strassburg Church, Marion, Kansas.
- Oct. 18—Ebenezer Church, Elmo, Kansas.
- Oct. 19—Mt. Zion Church, Kansas.
- Oct. 21—Lorraine and Stafford, Kansas.

- Rev. M. L. Leuschner
Oct 10—Grace Church, Chicago, Ill.
- Oct. 14—Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa. (40th Anniversary).
- Oct. 19 (Friday)—Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J. (Missionary Conference).
- Oct. 24-28—Washington, Montana and Idaho Association at Missoula, Montana.

- Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist
Oct. 21-Nov. 2—Mercer, N. Dak.
- Dr. John Leypoldt, Interim Evangelist
Oct. 7-19—Hebron, North Dakota.
- Oct. 21-Nov. 2—Venturia, N. Dak.

MISSIONARIES' ENGAGEMENTS

- Rev. Gilbert Schneider
Oct. 14—First Baptist Church and Temple Church, Lodi, Calif.
- Oct. 28 (P.M.)—Elk Grove, Calif.

- Rev. Edwin Michelson
North Dakota, Montana and Manitoba Churches.

- Miss Esther Schultz
Iowa and Central Conference Churches.

CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES

- Oct. 14—40th Anniversary, Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
- Oct. 12-14—75th Anniversary, Tyndall, South Dakota.
- Oct. 31-Nov. 4—90th Anniversary, Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa.
- Nov. 4-5—75th Anniversary, Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa.
- Nov. 18—50th Anniversary, Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash.

Editorial

Put Circles Around These Sundays

THE FIRST TWO SUNDAYS in November will have special significance for our North American Baptist churches. You can put circles around them on your calendar at home so that they can remind you of their importance.

Sunday, November 4th, will be a Day of Prayer for Evangelistic Power in all of our churches. Following the many Conferences on Evangelism with their blessings of inspiration and instruction, we shall want to unite our hearts in prayer that God will endue us with the power of his Spirit by whom alone we can succeed in our evangelistic plans and endeavors in the local churches.

It is hoped that the pastors and leaders of our churches will remember this need in their prayers and messages on this day. We need the spiritual dynamic of God if we are to reach our denominational goal of 7,000 converts to be won for Christ. The manner in which this truth will be emphasized in each church will be entirely in the hands of the pastor. But it deserves the prayerful support of all of our people. This is the first Sunday that ought to have a circle of special importance around it!

On Sunday, November 11, we are suggesting an "Exchange Sunday" for all ministers. Every pastor is to make arrangements with a neighboring minister for an exchange of pulpits. Each servant of God will then speak on an evangelistic subject with the general thought, "Every Baptist Church an Evangelistic Church." It is hoped that these messages by neighboring pastors will help to strengthen the evangelistic fervor and program in every church and thus to prepare the way for a more effective evangelistic program among our people.

The expenses for such exchanges of pulpits will be borne by the local churches. But with the small distances between most of our congregations, these expenses should be at a minimum. The important thing is that the arrangements will have to be made by the pastors themselves.

Less than ten months are ahead of us before the General Conference sessions and the close of the triennium. We are quite far behind in reaching the objective of 7,000 baptisms. Every church will have to make unusually strong efforts in evangelism if we are even to approach our objective. Every church member must be more zealous in witnessing for Christ and striving to win others for him. It can be done, but it will require the determined, consecrated will of every one of us, ready to do the Lord's will!

These Conferences on Evangelism and these two special Sundays will have a two-fold purpose. They are laying the great need of EVANGELISM before all of us with keen vividness. That is the work of the hour! It is God's command to each of us. But they are also uniting us more fervently with the bonds of service and love.

This is our task together. In prayer our hands are clasped together as we seek God's throne for his grace and power to meet the tasks ahead of us. Make the most of the important Sundays of November for the blessing of your church and of our denomination!



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The Winning of Souls

Our churches must be fused together in the spirit of true revival by the Spirit of God, forgetting all else, overcoming all difficulties and joining hearts and hands in the work of winning souls!

A Call to Evangelism by the REV.
HERMAN PALFENIER, Denominational Evangelist

THE WINNING of souls is a divine command! All true Christians realize this. Countless books have been written on the theme of the winning of souls and revival, and the end is not yet in sight. But if we would gain true knowledge concerning the winning of souls we must go to the Bible and, above all, to the New Testament. There the great and abiding principles of soul winning are laid bare to the understanding and heart of the reader.

Let this Word saturate our hearts. Let it become living and motivating in our lives. Let it illumine our understanding and fill us with compassion for the lost. Then we shall go out into the highways and byways and compel them to come in. To compel is to urge irresistibly, which again means power!

As we study the art of winning souls in the New Testament, we are struck with one fact above all others. It was not so much by means and methods but by the power of the Holy Spirit that souls were won to Christ. Methods and other means in the winning of souls are good and necessary, but if the power of God is not in them, they are useless and often harmful. What a lesson that is for all of us to learn and to heed!

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Do we as evangelists and pastors and members of churches seek to win the lost for Christ without the enabling power of the Holy Spirit? There comes to my mind what a Christian lady told me not so long ago as

she spoke concerning evangelistic meetings which had been held: "They were good religious entertainment, but there was no power there." How often this is sadly true! We lose ourselves in means and methods and are indifferent concerning the dynamics of evangelism.

When the writer was still pastor of a church, an evangelist came to his church for special meetings. This man had been highly recommended to me as an effectual worker in the winning of souls. But it developed that all he had was a method and no power; no souls were won. What we need is the power of God in the life and testimony of Christians, in the message and methods of evangelists!

Often we are satisfied with correctness of procedure and doctrine, fearful of becoming emotional or enthusiastic concerning the things of God and the winning of souls. At the same time we bubble over with enthusiasm and emotional fervor at a ball game or some other sport! Paul was not restrained by any fear of psychological or hypnotic effect on his hearers. He was alive, passionate, full of what the Bible calls "the power of the Holy Spirit." So vehement was he that Festus trembled, while Agrippa thought that his learning had made him mad.

The book of Romans, while considered by some as a cold and logical setting forth of the great principles of Christianity, is after all a book of fire! It is truth aflame! He not only dipped his pen in ink, but in the fire of God.

Not only do we need the power of the Holy Spirit, but we need also the power of prayer. Again, books have been written on the place and power of prayer in soul winning, but how much of that has been translated into action and reality? Read again your New Testament and see how large a place prayer had in the lives and practices of the saints of that day. No, you and I are not different from them, only in this respect, that they were totally abandoned to the will and purposes of God in and through them! They fell in line with what God wanted them to do. They obeyed from the heart and counted not their own lives dear for Christ's sake, and they knew how to pray!

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Recently Dr. McGinlay, the well-known preacher and Bible teacher, told this story over the radio. After a meeting a lady came to him and said: "Dr. McGinlay, do you know the difference between you and Peter?" He said: "No, I don't; please tell me." With a sneer in her voice she said: "Peter was a Holy Ghost preacher," and with that she wanted to walk away, but Dr. McGinlay stopped her and asked her: "Do you know the difference between the congregations we preach to and the one Peter preached to?" She didn't know, and then he said: "I'll tell you, when Peter got up to preach his congregation had been praying for ten days and ten nights! If our congregations would do that, we could do what Peter did! By the way, did you ever pray ten days and

ten nights?" The lady had to confess that she had not. "Did you ever pray five days and nights?" Again she had to say "No." "Did you ever pray a day and night?" By then the lady began to feel very uncomfortable and wanted to leave, but he stopped her again and continued: "Did you ever pray an hour a day?" Again she had to say "No." "Did you ever pray ten minutes a day?" But by this time the lady fled away as fast as she could.

How long could we have said "Yes," if the questions had been asked of us? Yes, indeed, it is very easy to blame the preacher and the evangelist if souls are not won for Christ and there is no manifestation of the power of God. But do we realize that the power of God is released and made effective only in the measure in which we come to him in persevering, agonizing, soul-searching and believing prayer? Search the annals of all great revivals and you will find that it was prayer that wrought them by the grace of God!

ROAD TO REVIVAL

Have we enough concern for the lost to pray for their salvation? Some do not even have enough concern for them to bring them to evangelistic services when they are being held. We know parents who have kept their twelve to fourteen year old children away from the services because they are afraid they would be converted! Yes, and these parents were members of the church! Do parents like that pray for the salvation of their children? I think not. When parents become concerned about their children's souls, they will pray for them with tears and agony of heart, and God will answer their prayers for he has promised it in his Word. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house!"

There is nothing we need so much in our day as a prayed-down, heaven-

sent revival! It is not enough to be correct in our beliefs and doctrines. It is not enough that we decry modernism and unbelief. We must have the power of God unto salvation! Cold-storage, refrigerated conservatism and orthodoxy can be as deadly as outright unbelief and denial of the Word of God. Our hearts must be moved and stirred by the power of the Holy Spirit so that faith and life, mind and heart, soul and spirit be bathed as it were in the Spirit.

As Vance Havner says in his book, "The Road to Revival": Too many of our meetings can be accounted for on purely natural grounds! We meet and sing and talk and pray and nothing happens that can not be explained. We need some meetings that can not be explained, where men must shake their heads and say, "We have seen strange things today." Some may attribute it to new wine, but it was that sort of meeting that added three thousand souls to the church." And it is prayer, and prayer only, that produced that kind of service!

But not only prayer, there must be a great united effort! The church fused together in the spirit of true revival by the Spirit of God! Forgetting all else, overcoming all difficulties and joining hearts and hands in the work of winning souls! Are we willing to pay the price to bring this to pass? Oh, the heart-breaking stories one could tell why many churches are unwilling and unable to do this. Hatred, jealousy, backbiting, gossip and want of love for each other keep the church from uniting in the work of soul winning.

A pastor who has served his church for a number of years with singular devotion and in the spirit of love and sacrifice said this to the writer some time ago: "I could stand it all, so long as love was mixed with it, but now their love for me is gone, and I can no longer stand it. I must go!"

Is it not true that we talk about revival, yes, even pray about it, and we are unwilling to forsake our sins? Many a church has been consumed by its own sins. The price of revival is the forsaking of sin and the putting over to death of self and selfishness!

With tears in her eyes a dear Christian lady said: "We need a revival, and it has to begin with our pastor." Why did she say that? Because all was not well in the life of that pastor. Sin had come into his life and had made his ministry ineffective. Those of us whom the Lord has called into the work of the ministry should read and heed the counsel of Paul in 1 Cor. 9:27, "But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast-away."

UNITED EFFORT

Not only pastors and evangelists, but all Christians are under that rule of life if we would have a true revival in our churches. There is no double standard of living in the Kingdom of God! We sing, "There shall be showers of blessing, precious reviving again," but the Lord is not going to send these showers of blessing unless we start plowing up the fallow ground, that ground so full of the weeds of the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life! First, put in the plough of true repentance to tear up these noxious weeds and let the harrows of the grace of God carry them away. Then the Lord will send the showers of blessing! God has not changed the price of soul winning, nor has he put any of his blessings on the bargain counter at reduced rates!

United effort can only be a reality when there is the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace! Here is the divine command! Let us meet the conditions of fulfillment!

LATEST INFORMATION ON CONFERENCES ON EVANGELISM

CONFERENCE BLESSINGS

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SUNDAY, NOV. 4, will be "Day of Prayer for Evangelistic Power."

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SUNDAY, NOV. 11, will be Pastors' Exchange Sunday.

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"Every Baptist Church an Evangelistic Church."

SCHEDULE CHANGES

OCT. 11 (THURSDAY)

Northern Michigan Area at Beaver Church, Mildand, Michigan.

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OCT. 18—New place for Newark Area Conference—Walnut St. Church, Newark, N. J.

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OCT. 18-19 (THURSDAY and FRIDAY) Montana and Western Dakotas at Plevna, Montana.

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OCT. 26 (FRIDAY)

South Dakota Conference at Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

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OCT. 26-28 (FRIDAY to SUNDAY)

Manitoba Conference at McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba (Evangelistic Rally on Sunday).

CONFERENCE LEADERS

The following ministers are serving as leaders of the evangelistic conferences (Alphabetical order) —

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- Rev. Fred Ferris, Lorraine, Kansas.
- Rev. G. E. Friedenber, Buffalo, N. Y.
- Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Winnipeg, Man.
- Rev. Arthur McAsh, Detroit, Mich.
- Rev. Richard K. Mercer, Newark, New Jersey.
- Rev. P. G. Neumann, Costa Mesa, California.
- Rev. Robert Schreiber, Chicago, Ill.
- Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- Rev. C. H. Seecamp, Leduc, Alberta.
- Rev. John Wobig, Portland, Oregon.



—Photo by Harold M. Lambert
 "Christ for the world we sing;
 The world to Christ we bring, with loving
 zeal;
 The poor and them that mourn, the faint
 and overborne,
 Sinsick and sorrow worn, whom Christ
 doth heal!"

Christ and Our Crisis

Those for whom Jesus Christ is Lord and Master have nothing to fear in the midst of a world crisis. That is the triumphant message of Revelation 5:1-10

A Sermon by the REV. PAUL GALAMBOS of Washburn, North Dakota

as doctors many times only can say—that the crisis will decide it. Does such a personality exist? Yes, he does! We as Christians point to Christ Jesus.

THE LORD OF OUR CRISIS

Of Jesus Christ we read in Revelation 1:8, "I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty." Christ is eternal. He has no past and future, only the present. The past, although it may include millions of years, and so also the future, is always in the present before him.

As the Eternal, for whom time does not exist, he is immutable, has no history, and if he has no history, he has no crisis, since for him a crisis does not exist. Because the past and the future are always before him at the present moment, he is omniscient. He cannot be surprised by what the next moment will bring, and even not by what the next million years will bring. Crisis cannot hurt him. He is above history and beyond crisis!

This Jesus Christ said to his disciples: "In the world ye shall have tribulation; but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." In modern words this would read: "In this world ye shall face a crisis; but be of good cheer; I am the Lord of that crisis." Jesus Christ, who is identical with that Jesus of Nazareth born by Mary, has proved himself as such.

He came into this world, and for a while he shared history with men to make himself known to men. He lived like another human being and in order to prove that he is the eternal God living in flesh, he rose from the dead after he had died a voluntary death on the cross of Calvary for our redemption. God's Word testifies this with these words: "Because he has appointed a day, on which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he has ordained; whereas he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead" (Acts 17:31).

THE MASTER OF OUR CRISIS

Jesus Christ is not only the Lord but also the Master of our crisis. By Master we mean that he is the Maker,

the Creator of our crisis. He directs it. The crisis is in his hands. Everything in the crisis has to obey him. Our text tells us how he, the Lion of Judah, the Lamb which was slain, alone was "worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof." This means that to Christ Jesus has been given the authority to carry into effect all what was written in that book, that is, to cause everything that should happen in the times to come, even our crisis.

When we look at our crisis, we only see evil things everywhere. Christ is not the cause of the evil, but the evil must serve his purpose. Christ, the Almighty, is omnipotent. His will dominates over everything and everybody, including Satan and the evil. What happens in the crisis does not just happen. Christ is not only the supreme Lord of the crisis who cannot be touched by the crisis, an inactive spectator who has to wait for the way in which it will end, but it happens thus because Christ wills it that it should happen exactly in that way. Our crisis for men is like a forest fire which is out of their control, but for Christ our crisis is like a huge furnace in which he regulates the heat. Those for whom Christ is Lord and Master have nothing to fear in the midst of a world crisis.

A MESSAGE IN OUR CRISIS

There are many voices audible in our time which claim to have the right answer to our question regarding the end of our crisis. Naturally most men like to listen to those who cry, "Peace, peace," who say, "Quiet down a little; after a while we shall be through this and everything will again be pleasant for everybody" (Jer. 6:14). Jesus Christ, as the Lord and Master of our crisis, is the only One who is competent to give the right answer. He has a very definite message for our time. His message is delivered to us in the Bible.

Christ has a message to the world and to his Church. To the world, to this diseased world in general he says: "Surely, you will die. Death, judgment, destruction, the tragedy will surely come." I refer to 2 Peter 3:7;

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"I Am the Light of the World"

An Exposition of One of the Greatest Passages of Scripture in John 7:53-8:30

By DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT, Denominational Interim Evangelist

In various translations of John's gospel, one will find John 7:53-8:11 in brackets. In the Revised Standard Version this passage appears in very small print. The reason for this is that these twelve verses are omitted in the most ancient manuscripts. The honesty of the translators therefore prompted them to put this interesting passage in brackets.

Nevertheless, it must be a true incident out of the ministry of Jesus. One Bible scholar calls it "a piece of writing from the apostolic age." This narrative bears the mark of truthfulness.

We are told that after the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:21), they departed each to his own house. This may refer to the members of the Sanhedrin or to the crowds leaving the temple for their own homes. Jesus, however, went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he returned to the temple and, as the crowds were coming, he sat down according to Oriental custom and unfolded the truth to his listeners.

FORGIVING LOVE

While teaching, he was interrupted by some scribes and Pharisees who brought a betrothed woman guilty of adultery. The adulterer had undoubtedly escaped. These religious leaders made her stand in the middle of the court and said to the Master: "Rabbi, this woman has been found in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the Law (Lev. 20:10) Moses has ordered to stone such women to death. But what do you say?"

These shrewd opponents of Jesus had not come because they were primarily interested in purity and holiness. Nor were they highly indignant because of their zeal for righteousness. Their primary purpose was to entangle him. But Jesus escaped the trap they had skillfully laid for him.

He said nothing but stooped down and began to write with his finger on the ground. No one knows exactly what he wrote. Did he write the first part of his statement made in verse 7 to the Pharisees and, after stooping the second time, finish the statement made to them in its entirety?

When his enemies pressed him for an answer, he raised himself and said

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

I. This "I" is the "I" of deity, of authority, of power and of finality.

AM. He is not a "has been." He was the light, is the light and will be the light for ages to come. He is the eternal "I AM."

The Light. Christ is not one of many lights. He is the light, the eternal light.

Of the World. This light knows no geographical or racial boundaries. It includes all continents and all races.

What a tremendous responsibility we have to spread this unique light!

in the darkness, but shall have the light of life." During the Feast of Tabernacles, we are told, large candelabras were lighted in the Women's Court on the evening of the first day of the feast and these flung their light over the whole city. This illumination was symbolic of the pillar of fire, which had led the Israelites through the wilderness (Exodus 13:21).

Now Christ declares that he is the spiritual pillar of fire, not only for Palestine but for the whole world; not only for the Israelites but for all nations. This eternal and universal light is for every believer. No follower of Christ will walk in spiritual darkness. On the contrary, he will have the moral and spiritual light of life. He becomes a source of light himself. Did not Jesus say: "Ye are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:14)?

The Pharisees took exception to his statement. "You are bearing testimony to yourself; your testimony is not true." But Jesus replied that he knew what he was talking about. He knew where he came from and where he was going. They only knew of his earthly parentage but not of his heavenly origin and destination. They judged according to his outward appearance.

However, his mission was not to condemn but to save (John 3:17). If he does judge, his judgment is perfect because it is not only his judgment but also God's judgment. Whatever the Father says, he says. Doesn't their own law state that the testimony of two men is true? (Deut. 19:15.) Why should they question his statement when he bears witness of himself through his words and works, and his Father likewise bears witness of him.

HIS HEAVENLY ORIGIN

Probably in a mocking way they ask him: "Where is your Father?" He tells them they know neither him nor his Father. If they really knew Christ as the Revealer of God, they would have known his Father also (See John 14:7-9). These words were spoken in the treasury located in the Women's Court, while he was teaching in the temple. There were thirteen treasure chests in the Court of Women for the reception of money designated for various purposes. The hostile Jews hesitated to arrest Jesus because of

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CHRIST, THE LIGHT

In this eighth chapter we have another one of the great "I Am's" of Jesus. "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk

Israel's Future in Scriptural Prophecy

"We have a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place"

The First of a Series of Articles on Scriptural Prophecy by the
REV. L. H. SMITH of Corn, Oklahoma

IN THE STUDY of the Word of God, it is evident that God reckons with three bodies of people: THE JEWS, THE GENTILES and THE CHURCH OF GOD. The Apostle Paul in admonishing Christians concerning their obligation of love, also reckons with the same three groups. "Give none offence, neither to the JEWS, nor to the GENTILES, nor to the CHURCH OF GOD" (1 Cor. 10:32).

In Christ men lose their racial and national identity, and become one in Christ Jesus. But those who are not in Christ are regarded by God as being either Jews or Gentiles. Therefore, the warnings and the prophecies given to these two groups are still in force, just as the promises and warnings and prophecies given to the Church of God are still in force. We shall now look at some of the prophecies that pertain to the future of Israel.

REBIRTH OF A NATION

We have all read in history of the fall of many nations, including Israel. But the Bible is the only place in which we read of a nation, once fallen, coming back into its own and for a second time reaching world supremacy. That nation is Israel.

Space forbids the treatment of all the prophecies pertaining to the national rebirth of Israel, but a few passages shall be considered. In Romans, chapter 11, we read, "Hath God cast away his people? God forbid . . . GOD HATH NOT CAST AWAY HIS PEOPLE whom he foreknew . . . According as it is written, GOD HATH given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, ears that they should not hear; unto this day. . . I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid; but rather through their fall salvation has come to the Gentiles, FOR TO PROVOKE THEM to jealousy. Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles, HOW MUCH MORE THEIR FULNESS? . . . For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that BLINDNESS IN PART is happened to Israel,

UNTIL THE FULNESS OF THE GENTILES BE COME IN." (Capital letters, the author's.)

This passage calls for little comment other than an enumeration of some of the facts revealed. Paul is telling us that God has not cast away Israel for good, but rather for a time. During that time, Israel, as such, has been blinded. But "even so AT THIS PRESENT TIME THERE IS A REMNANT according to the election of grace" that is being saved and made a part of the church.

As already pointed out, they lose their national identity when they come into the church, and will not partake of the promises made to the fathers, or of the eternal covenants made to Israel. But they do and shall partake of the blessings of the New Covenant, both now and in eternity.

A VALLEY OF DRY BONES

Ezekiel is given to see Israel in her fallen condition and her subsequent rebirth. The prophet sees a valley full of dry bones (Ezek. 37). According to the interpretation given the prophet: "These bones are the whole house of Israel; behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost; we are cut off for our parts" (Verse 11). This pictures the condition that has characterized Israel for nearly three thousand years. They have been disintegrated, scattered and without national life and national hope. Israel and Judah have been buried out of sight, as nations, among the Gentiles for these many centuries.

Our own generation is witnessing the fulfillment of this ancient prophecy as we see the Jews returning and reorganizing in their own land. It is only in recent decades that there is a stir among these dry bones, and the thing, that even political scientists have said could not happen, is taking place before our eyes.

Dry bone is coming together to dry bone, and a nation is being reborn in our day. "Thus saith the Lord God; behold, I WILL take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone and WILL GATHER THEM on every side, and BRING THEM INTO THEIR OWN LAND" (Verse 21). It is everyday news that the people of Israel

are returning to Palestine faster than they can be comfortably rehabilitated.

Israel is not only to be regathered, but they are also to become a corporate entity. They are to become an organized body with coordination and strength. Flesh to give shape and sinews to give strength to the dry bones. Surely, this much of Ezekiel's prophecy is in the process of fulfillment. Israel is again reorganized, and recognized as a nation among the other nations of the world.

She is a self-governing body with her own flag. She is no more two nations, as when first taken into captivity, "but one nation on the mountains of Israel" (Verse 22). The day is yet to come when they will have ONE KING, their long promised Messiah. God will yet have great glory to his Name through his people Israel (Ezek. 36:16-24).

RETURNING IN BLINDNESS

The present return of Israel to their land is in unbelief, and while they once again are an organized body, they have "NO BREATH IN THEM" (Ezek. 37:8-10). The national body is without spiritual life. The returning company is made up of communists, atheists, materialists, and followers of corrupt Judaism. There are few among them who have embraced Christianity and are in the land working among their brethren after the flesh.

The apostasy prevailing among the Gentiles has also its Jewish aspects. Reformed Judaism denies the supernatural and refuses to accept the Bible as the divinely inspired Word of God. Many of these apostate Jews are linked with world revolution and are a curse among the nations, as Jeremiah, centuries ago, predicted they would be. Jeremiah said that they "shall be an astonishment, a curse and a reproach" (Jer. 29:18).

There are also those in the company of returning Jews who are humble believers in the faith of their fathers and the God of their fathers. They dream of restoring their temple worship, a thing which many scriptures predict will come to pass. They are training many Levites in the Mosaic code. They are also praying for the coming of their Messiah. These are

mourning over the sons and daughters of their race who have turned from the faith of their fathers. But it must be kept in mind that even these reject God's Son and are returning in unbelief.

When the coming GREAT TRIBULATION breaks upon Israel in their land, it will be from the ranks of these humble Jews that God will seal 144,000 and preserve them as his witnesses for the tribulation period (Rev. 7:4-8 and 9:4). The rest of Israel will turn to the false Messiah and receive him. Jesus said, "I am come in my Father's name and ye receive me not, if another shall come in HIS OWN NAME HIM YE WILL RECEIVE."

ISRAEL'S FUTURE CONVERSION

Israel is yet to experience national conversion. Ezekiel tells how he was commanded to prophesy to the winds and command them to breathe upon these slain of Israel that they might live. He gives a detailed account of their national conversion in the 36th chapter of his writings, verses 24 to 38. Here Ezekiel tells that their conversion will follow their regathering to their own land. God will then remove their stony heart and put his Spirit in them and cause them to walk in his statutes.

In Romans 11:25-33, we are told that this national conversion will take place when the Lord Jesus, the Jewish Deliverer, shall come out of Zion and turn away ungodliness from Jacob (Israel). The present blindness will grip them until Jesus comes again and "pours upon the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn" (Zech. 12:10).

In that day Israel will again be the spiritual leader among the nations of the earth, and "many people and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the Lord . . . And in those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you; for we have heard that God is with you" (Zechariah 8:21-23).

In those days, after the tribulation judgments have taken from the earth their millions of lives, "it shall come to pass that everyone that is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the Lord of Hosts" (Zechariah 14:16). Thus saith the "sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place" (2 Peter 1:19).

CHRIST AND CRISIS

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2 Thess. 1:7b-9; Matt. 24:35, and to the book of Revelation.

To the unbelievers Christ has an individual message regarding their immortal souls. To them he says: "Repent; believe in Christ and thou shalt recover; thou shalt live." "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent" (Acts 17:30). Repentance and surrender unto Christ are the only remedies for our diseased world, for our crises.

To the believers, to his Church, Christ has a comforting message. "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

All those who believe in Christ, who are saved, are under the obligation to proclaim this message to the world. If we have the understanding of the earnestness of our time, if we have love in our hearts, then we should work day and night to rescue more souls. This world is a burning, sinking ship which cannot be rescued, but we can rescue souls who are on this ship. If they are not saved, they will be drowned together with the ship. "Throw out the life-line across the dark wave" is the command of our Lord and Master in "such a time as this."

The outlook for this diseased world is not bright. Many are afraid of the future. They would like to flee out of this crisis. Some rich people build their houses in the mountains. Others search for a lonely island, and still others wander from one metropolis to the other. There is no place in the whole world where they can flee; there is crisis everywhere.

The only place of refuge is Jesus Christ, the Lord and Master of the crisis. If fears surround us, let us flee to him. "Wherein God, willing more abundantly to show unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil, whither the forerunner is for us entered, ever JESUS. . ." (Hebrews 6:17-20).

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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his popularity. His time had not yet come.

Jesus again tells them that he is leaving them. They will yearn for him in time of danger but in vain. They will die in their sin. The word "sin" is emphatic and is singular, meaning, "the state of sin."

He will go to heaven but they cannot follow him. In a sarcastic way the Jews said to one another: "Is he going to kill himself since he says: 'Where I am going it is impossible for you to come?'"

But Jesus answers them that they have an earthly origin, whereas he has a heavenly one. They are from below; he is from above. He and his hearers live in two different worlds. Because they do not believe in Christ, the great "I Am", they will die in their sins. The only way of escape is through faith in him.

"Who are you?" they asked him. "Why, what I have told you from the very beginning. I am from above, the Son of God, the Light of the world, the Savior of men." He has still many things to tell them and many a judgment to pass upon them but as the Sent One he is only telling the world what he heard from the One Above. But they didn't understand in their unbelief that he meant the heavenly Father.

So he tells them: "When you have lifted up the Son of man, you will know then who I am and that I do nothing of my own accord but speak as the Father has taught me." The Jews would lift up Jesus on the cross (John 3:14; 12:32). The crucifixion was the act of the Jews (Acts 3:13-15): But Jesus would not only be lifted up on the cross but also on the throne, and then they would realize who the Son of man really is. He was the Father's Sent One and the Father's Spokesman.

Because God sent him, he was with him. God never left him alone, because there was absolute harmony between the Father and the Son. Jesus was conscious of doing his Father's will at all times and under all circumstances.

No prophet or apostle could say that. Only the Son of God could make such a statement. "He knew no sin." He was always, obedient. What a Savior! What an example! Is it any wonder that in the light of such a sublime truth, many of the Jews believed in him as the Christ?

SPECIAL SUNDAYS ON EVANGELISM IN NOVEMBER

Sunday, November 4—Sunday of Prayer for Evangelistic Power.
All North American Baptist Churches are to unite in prayer for God's blessings upon our denominational evangelistic effort.
Sunday, November 11—Exchange Sunday
Every pastor will plan for an exchange with a neighboring minister, emphasizing the topic, "Every Baptist Church an Evangelistic Church."



Joy reigns supreme when relief packages arrive from America in Baptist homes of Germany and when good things to eat and to wear are distributed among all!

A Relief Parcel's Ministry

The amazing story of one relief parcel sent to a pastor's wife in Germany from our Relief Headquarters and of the things which were distributed to mothers in that Baptist Church

Packet of Letters Translated by MISS GRETCHEN REMMLER

As a pastor's wife it was a great joy for me to distribute the lovely baby clothes which you sent me recently. I was able to divide the contents among eleven families and keep something for my own use. We all are sending you a short "Trank You" note. May God richly bless you for all you have done for us and for the love you have shown us in our present need.—Your sister in Christ, M. B.

Play Suit

We wish to thank you for the pretty play suit for our little one which we received from the parcel.—Greetings from the Gerber family!

Pretty Clothes

Our two little daughters received some pretty clothes from the box you sent to our pastor's wife. In all our want we daily experience God's love and nearness. May God bless you through whose gifts our faith is strengthened.—The Siebers.

God Supplies

I also wish to thank you for the lovely children's clothes which were handed to us. We have often experienced God's love, and we know that he is a faithful God. We have three little sons and they wear out

quite a few clothes, but God has always supplied their needs. The love of our Christian brethren across the ocean has often provided what was needed. Our hearts are full of gratitude.—The Liersch's greet you all!

Grateful Hearts

With grateful hearts we accepted the pretty baby robe and the flannel diaper which were taken from your parcel and given to us. These things made us very happy. May our faithful heavenly Father bless you for your love.—The Kalbkopf Family.

Many Surprises

It is always a great surprise to us when we see and experience the untiring and sacrificial love of our brethren across the ocean in the clothing you are sending for our little ones. We received a little vest and a kimono and thank you for them with grateful hearts. We will never be able to make good what you have done for us, but our Father in heaven will reward.—The Dietz's.

Five Children

Thank you, dear sisters in Christ, for the pretty clothes I received for the youngest of my five children. Our heavenly Father knows our daily needs and is taking care of us. Our

desire is that our life may be wholly consecrated to show our gratitude to him.—Irmgard L.

God's Blessings

Today I had the great joy and privilege to receive some darling and useful clothes for our smallest children. May I take this opportunity to thank you with all my heart, and may God reward your love and bless you with the richest blessings of His grace. How great must your love be that you remember us so faithfully again and again! Thanking you again, I am,—Elfriede F.

Great Love

Thank you so much, you dear Christian friends, for your great love which you have shown to me repeatedly. I received a piece of soft material from which I can make some undergarments for my little boy. God bless you!—Your sister in Christ, Ruth Richter!

Sympathetic Hearts

With great joy I accepted those useful things and it is my heart's desire to express to you my most sincere appreciation. It is a wonderful feeling to know that across the ocean there are Christian friends whom one has never seen and who have such sympathetic hearts. This strengthens our faith in a special way. May God bless and reward you!—Your sister in Christ, Hildegard L.

Birthday Gift

We are glad for this opportunity to thank you for your brotherly love which you exercise in the service of our Lord toward us. It was a birthday gift for my five-month old child which we received from you. We are thankful to God for all these good things and for his grace. Our prayer is that he may increase our love to him and our love to one another. Thanking you again. We are sending you our greetings as your brethren in Christ.—Frieda Flade.

God's Reward

We wish to thank you very much, dear Christian brethren in far distant America, for your sacrificial love through which we were supplied with a pretty baby kimono and a piece of soap. May God richly reward you as our prayer to God!—The Pflugbeils.

RELIEF STILL NEEDED

During the years, since the end of the Second World War, we as North American Baptists have spent a million dollars for relief for our poor brethren in Germany, Austria, Poland and other European countries. Since January 1, 1951 we have sent two large shipments consisting of 114 bales of clothing and 20 large cases of shoes. It has come to our attention that an unfounded rumor has been circulated, stating that we have discontinued this

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WHEN I GROW UP

By PAUL DAMRAU of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Damrau).

When I grow up I'd like to be
A missionary across the sea,
And teach the Africans, who have
not heard,
All about God's Holy Word.

"The great use of life is to spend it
for something that outlasts it."
—William James.

IF NOBODY CARED

By MR. JUSTIN E. PATTERSON
of Costa Mesa, California.

If nobody cared and nobody shared
In the joys and sorrows we know;
If nobody lifted a hand to help
In the pathway of life we go;

To live alone in the journey of life,
We would not be living at all;
For the beauty of life is best set forth,
If we live for a brother's call.

Broaden your vision for others to see,
In happiness or in distress;
You will find a joy that creeps into life,
When serving, your living is best.

"The test of a preacher is that his
congregation goes away saying, not,
'What a lovely sermon,' but, 'I will do
something!'" —Francis of Sales.

YOU CAN SEE HIM

By REV. HENRY SCHUMACHER
of Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

You can see him in the morning
When the sun doth rise,
His glory then is painted
O'er the eastern skies.

You can see him at noon day
When the day is fair,
In the shadow and the sunshine
And most anywhere.

You can see him in the evening
At the setting of the sun;
Radiant colors pay their tribute
To the great Eternal One.

You can see him in nature,
Just everywhere you go;
Even birds and trees and flowers
Their praise to him bestow.

But you can see him, my dear friend,
Still plainer far, I say,
In the face of a dear saint of God,
Who walks with him each day.

"Not what you possess but what
you do with what you have, deter-
mines your true worth."
—Thomas Carlyle.

HOLY SPIRIT, COME UPON US

By DR. HERMAN VON BERGE
of Dayton, Ohio.

Holy Spirit, come upon us
With thy quick'ning pow'r,
Fill anew thy waiting people
In this holy hour;
Come to change our human weakness
Into strength through thee;
Strong for true and valiant service
Help us be.

Holy Spirit, come upon us
With thy truth divine;
Let thy light's revealing power
In our darkness shine.
Guide us in our understanding
Of God's holy will,
That we his demands upon us
May fulfill.

Holy Spirit, come upon us
With thy purging flame,
That we may in holy living
Glorify God's name;
Come, oh come, and o'er our being
Have thou full control;
Come to fill with all thy fulness
Every soul.

"A Christian man is the most free
Lord of all, and subject to none. A
Christian man is the most dutiful
servant of all, and subject to every-
one."
—Martin Luther.

CONSECRATION

By MRS. G. E. SCHROEDER
of Tucson, Arizona.

Make room for the Lord in thy heart
today,
O child of his loving care;
He longs to give thee his peace and joy
Will you not enthrone him there?

Make room for the Lord in thy
thoughts today,
Thoughts of him drive all care away;
He'll bring the calm, tho' the storms
of life,
Are lined up in battle array.

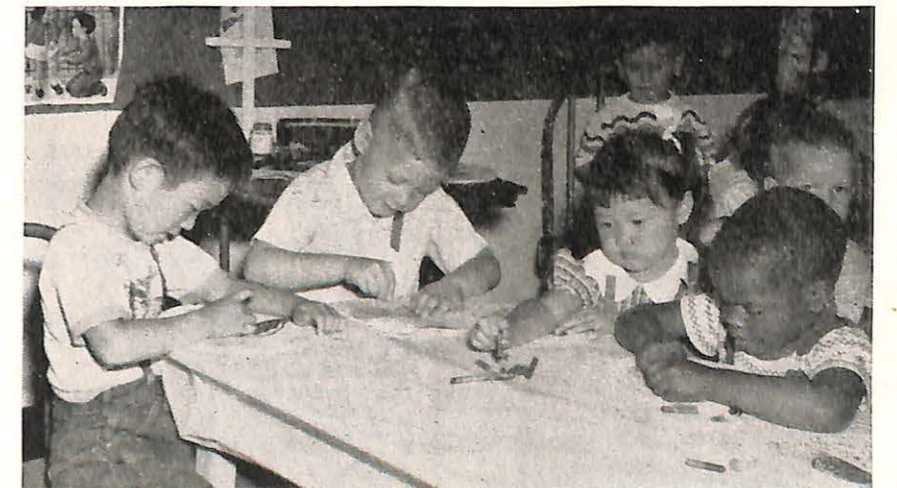
Make room for the Lord in thy love
today
For thy Savior in love complete;
Will you not give him the love he
desires?
O lay thy best love at his feet.

Make room for thy Lord in thy
pleasure today,
No pleasure without him joy can
bring;
Let his Presence fill thee, and surely
wilt thou
In sunshine and shadows be able to
sing.

Make room for thy Lord in thy life
today,
As he pleads for it, longs for it, too;
He'll fill it, enrich it, anoint it and
then
What a sacred trust will life be to you.

O Lord, take thou my life today,
Heart, thoughts, pleasure, time and
love, too;
I would be all thine, thy will to be
mine;
Lord, take me, use me, help me to be
true!

"I thank God for my handicaps, for
through them I have found myself,
my work, and my God."
—Helen Keller.



Four nationalities represented at the Vacation Bible School recently held at the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Left to right: Bruce Sakura, Japanese; John Abitz, American; Sunny Toy, Chinese; and Michael Reese, Negro.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Baptist Church of Lehr, N. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. John Heer of Cherokee, Okla., where he has been pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla., since 1946. Mr. Heer has responded favorably to the call and hopes to begin his ministry in Lehr on Oct. 7th. He will succeed the Rev. H. J. Waltereit, now of Grand Forks, North Dakota.

● The interim pastor at the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., is the Rev. D. S. Wipf, formerly of Emery, South Dakota. He has served the St. Paul church in this interim capacity since Sept. 2nd. He will serve on the faculty of Northwestern School at Minneapolis, Minn., beginning with the Fall semester of 1951.

● Miss Esther Kaiser is serving as a teacher in a Christian Day School of the First Baptist Church of Compton, California. She is teaching grades five and six. She is a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Kaiser of Startup, Wash., and formerly served as librarian and on the faculty of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. Her present address is 417 S. Tamarind St., Compton, California.

● The Rev. R. C. Schmidt, formerly pastor of the Rosenfield Baptist Church near Drake, N. Dak., and for the past year a student at the seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has received an appointment to the faculty and as a staff member of the Crippled Children's School at Jamestown, North Dakota. His duties began on Sept. 1st and include correlating the religious activities and conducting the staff chapel services.

● Miss Adelaide Klatt has resumed her ministry as missionary of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., beginning with Sept. 1st. She had been on leave of absence for six months in order to return to her home at Camrose, Alberta, and to be near her mother who has been ill. She is now serving in the ministry of the church with the Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor, who was a former minister of hers at the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta.

● The Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has called Mr. Harold E. Weiss, a Senior student at the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, as its pastor. He has

responded favorably to the call and is already serving as pastor of the church, succeeding the Rev. B. F. Taylor, now of Gotebo, Okla. Mr. and Mrs. Weiss are living in the parsonage of the church. He is also finishing his studies at the Seminary during this year.

● The Fenwood Baptist Church of Fenwood, Sask., held a reception on Sunday evening, Aug. 12, for its new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Thiessen. The church was filled to capacity by members of the church and visitors from the Springside, Ebenezer, Yorkton and other churches. The Rev. Alfred Lueck of Yorkton and the Rev. Martin De Boer of Springside brought brief messages. A time of fellowship was enjoyed in the church basement afterwards, as reported by Mr. Lloyd Taylor.

● The Baptist Church of Unityville, S. Dak., has extended a call to Dr. J. F. Olthoff of Tacoma, Wash., to become its pastor to which he has responded favorably. Dr. Olthoff hopes to begin his pastorate in Unityville towards the close of October. The church will modernize the parsonage. He has served the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., as its associate pastor since 1946, where he was in charge of the Portland Ave. Chapel mission. He and Mrs. Olthoff are now in Tacoma where they are selling their lovely home and some of their household goods.

● On Sunday, Aug. 12, the Rev. C. H. Seecamp of Leduc, Alberta, had

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY AT ODESSA, WASH.,

on Sunday, November 18, 1951.

The Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., was founded on Nov. 2, 1901. On Sunday, Nov. 18, 1951 the church plans to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

We hope to see many old friends and former members or at least to hear from them if they cannot come to the festivities. Inform the pastor, the Rev. A. Foll, early if you can come. Greetings should be sent to Mr. Nathaniel Koth, our church clerk, at the address, Odessa, Washington.

the joy of baptizing twelve converts on confession of their faith in Christ as Savior. Later they were received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Leduc. On Sunday, Sept. 2, the church observed Homecoming Sunday as has been the custom of the church for several years. That day also marked the beginning of the sixth year of service of Mr. Seecamp as pastor. He has received 97 new members into the church during the past five years. The church's membership now is 318.

● On Sept. 6 fifteen pastors and their families from the vicinity of Edmonton, Alta., met at one of the parks for a picnic which had been arranged by the Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute. Seven of these pastors who had come to the Edmonton district during the past year were welcomed into the fellowship. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer who recently returned from a summer's trip to Germany told about some of his experiences. A bountiful lunch prepared by the pastors' wives, was appreciated by all present and brought the picnic to a happy ending, as reported by the Rev. Hugo Lueck.

● The Rev. Fred Ferris resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, on Sunday, Sept. 9. His resignation was accepted by the church at its business meeting on Wednesday evening, Sept. 12. Mr. Ferris also announced that he had accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Muscatine, Iowa, a church of the American Baptist Convention. He will begin his pastorate in Muscatine on Oct. 15. Mr. Ferris has served the Lorraine Baptist Church since 1944. He has served on the General Missionary Committee and General Council for several years, representing the Southwestern Conference.

● The Willow Ave. Baptist Church of Hoboken, N. J., has redecorated the Sunday School room with three men giving their vacation time to help the pastor, the Rev. Herman G. Kuhl, in doing the work. The church is also holding street meetings in front of the church every Thursday evening. A sister church has loaned the Willow Avenue group a loud speaking equipment so that the top floors of neighboring apartments may be reached. Tracts and gospels are being given out by the laymen. As Mr. Kuhl re-

ported: "Every member of our church is a witness to the saving and keeping power of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is aggressive evangelism."

● Evangelistic services were conducted from Sept. 5 to 16 by the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, with the Rev. P. G. Neumann of Costa Mesa, Calif., serving as evangelist. The church was crowded with people in attendance and the spiritual results were most encouraging. A more complete report will be published later. The Rev. Roy Seibel is pastor of the church. Immediately thereafter on Sept. 18 and 19 Mr. Neumann served at the first denominational Conference on Evangelism which was held at the Bethel Church of Ingersoll, Okla., and from Sept. 20 to 25 conducted two Conferences on Evangelism in the Southern Conference area.

A RELIEF PARCEL

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relief work on a large scale. That statement is not based on facts.

It will be most sincerely appreciated by our relief department and even more by our needy brethren in Europe if our churches and especially the women's societies will continue to send to Forest Park anything that they can spare. During the past years, because of our intimate relationship, we have been able to build up a most reliable list including the church missionaries, the wives of ministers and the members of the Baptist Women's Union as well as the heads of established orphanages, deaconess homes and other social homes. Through the medium of these, our relief is distributed to the most needy and thereby reaching the shut-ins, the aged and the mothers of small children.

Baby clothing is always accepted as a gift from heaven. Since 1946 we have sent more than 50,000 individual relief parcels to definite addresses, and during the past year more than 2000 parcels, most of them containing clothing, have left our relief room.

DON'T FORGET

Many bombed-out families, some yet living in hovels amid the ruins, and millions of refugees without adequate housing, and unemployed and unnumbered widows with children urgently need bedding,—clothing for men, women, boys and girls. Remember baby clothing and those indispensable articles—diapers. If you will cooperate you will hear the Lord Jesus Christ say to you: "I was naked, and ye clothed me; I was a stranger, and ye took me in."

Send all you can and as soon as possible to

Relief Department,
North American Baptist Headquarters,
7308 Madison Street,
Forest Park, Ill.

C.B.Y. and S.S.U. HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

Oct. 21—"Ten Ways to Be Popular" by Rev. Arthur Schulz, Crawford, Texas.

October 28—"What's Wrong Here?" by Rev. William Schoeffel, Chicago, Illinois.

A CALL TO ALL LEADERS

In many conference areas Christian Workers' Conferences will be held in the next few months. We think it most important that as many CBY and Sunday School leaders and teachers attend these conferences as possible. Inspiration and intellectual stimulation received at these conferences will be most helpful in your work.

FOR ALL STUDENTS

Students attending colleges, Bible schools or seminaries are invited to notify your General Secretary, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., where you are attending school. A postal card with your full name and address, plus the name of your school can bring you a lot of enjoyment during your school year. It is our aim to keep in touch with our students both by our prayers and an occasional message from a representative of the executive committee.

YOUTH MAKES HISTORY

The Rev. J. Arndt, director of young people's work in Germany, has recent-

ly reported that an estimated 15,000 young people in Germany attended their several summer camps. Many of these were unsaved and possibly heard the Word of God for the first time. A strong spiritual program to win young people to Christ is under way in Europe.

We thank God for consecrated and untiring Christian leaders in the far away lands. Let us remember the millions still without Christ in America. What are we doing to reach young people in our communities?

FALL YOUTH RALLY

The young people from some fifteen churches in the Central Dakotas gathered for a large and highly inspirational rally at Napoleon, North Dakota. Meetings were held in the city hall. The general secretary, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, spoke to a large group both at the Sunday morning and Sunday evening services. The president, Norman Vietz of Hebron, N. Dak., and the dean, Rev. A. Huber, Linton, N. Dak., were in charge.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY WORK

Many boys and girls are already busy at work learning the prescribed verses in the Scripture memory course again this Fall. Enrollment cards should be given to the boys and girls at once, if this has not been done, so that they may be properly filled out, signed by parents and returned to the local sponsor. As soon as the enrollment cards are returned, the first assignment card should be issued.

Have you ordered all supplies needed for the Scripture memory work this year? If not, please do so at once. Send your order to the Headquarters office, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Memorization should not be attempted until the passage has become meaningful to the pupil, therefore we urge sponsors and leaders to interpret the passage by relating it to its setting in the Bible and to the meaning the passage has in the life of the pupil. In this way the child not only learns the passage by heart but also with the heart.

We encourage the memorizer to learn the verses systematically as outlined in the course. It is so much easier to learn a verse or two a week than to learn them all in May! Are we doing all we can to encourage our young people to become "... workmen that needeth not to be ashamed"?



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Withering Grass

A Christian Novel by BERNARD PALMER

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tes! What on earth are you doing here?"

"Can't I come and see you?"

"Sure, but I didn't expect you to come so soon. I mean, I thought you'd let me know—it—" His voice trailed away into perplexity. Then, suddenly becoming aware of Mrs. Prentiss who was standing behind him drying her wrinkled hands on one corner of her apron, he said, "I want you to meet Mother Prentiss, Burt. She's our landlady, our personal advisor, and occasionally our pocketbook."

"I'm awfully glad to know you." His fascinating smile captured the corner of her tremendous heart at once. "And this is my brother, Mother Prentiss."

"You're Burton, aren't you? She said pleasantly, with motherly disregard for his nickname. "I knew you were some relative of Ernest's the minute I laid eyes on you. That was the first thing I said to him. 'There's someone to see you,' I says, 'and I think it must be a relative.'"

"I guess we do look a little alike." "Why you're as alike as two peas in a pod. Only you," indicating Burt, "are the best looking."

"Now Mother Prentiss!" "Well, it's the truth. And the truth never hurt nobody." And then she smiled again. "Now you just make yourself right at home. I'll fix you a room after supper."

With that she went out in the kitchen and Ernest knew from the bustling that there would be pie for supper. Whenever anyone came to visit she invariably came forward with her most popular delicacy, apple pie.

She was something of a tradition at the Seminary, like the ivy at Indiana Christian. She had been around longer than anyone could remember, out-living two generations of faculty and four presidents. The students were all 'her boys' and each Fall she gathered the entering class into her heart like a mother hen gathers her brood.

"Well, how's things going back at school?" Ernest asked when they were left alone.

"Oh, just about the same!"

The conversation drifted on—about their friends, the folks back home, the school—inconsequential 'little' talk that only served to heighten the tension between them.

Presently there was a lull, a painful void in the easy flow of conversation. Ernest waited significantly, but Burt said nothing. He seemed to be striving for words and finding none.

"I saw Karen yesterday just before I left."

"You did?" He strove to be casual, but in spite of it he could feel the color stealing into his cheeks. It was strange how much a few simple words could reveal of things unspoken.

"She asked me to give you her regards. And all along I thought you two were past the 'regards' stage."

"You think a lot of things."

There was a moment or two of silence.

"How is she?"

"She says she's fine."

The inflection in Burt's voice was disturbing. "What do you mean, 'she says'? Isn't she?"

"She seems to be."

"What's the matter with her?"

"I don't know that there's anything."

"Burt," Ernest's voice was soft and tense, "tell me the truth."

"I am telling' you the truth, Ernie. The only thing I've noticed is that she looks tired so much of the time. It's made me wonder, that's all."

Ernest twisted a chewing gum wrapper into a tight little ball. "She's never written me about it," he said more to himself than to Burt.

"I don't think it amounts to anything. And really it's no wonder she looks worn out from the scholastic load she's carrying."

Mother Prentiss called them in to eat with the rest of her boys, one of those elaborate, old-fashioned meals that measured calories by the pound and kept her busy letting out waist lines in Sunday trousers when she was not planning menus or listening to some tale of troubled love.

"That was some meal," Burt said when they were back in Ernest's room. "I'd be as fat as 'Barrel' Walker if I roomed here."

"Don't worry. They take pounds off at school running us from one assignment to another. We don't have time to get fat."

"I'll bet you weigh five or ten pounds more than you did last spring."

"I'm not fat. I just rounded out a little."

Burt let the conversation die. He was struggling vainly for words, trying to say what he had come to say. Ernest waited while Burt got up nervously and crossed to the other side of the room, half sitting on the edge of the window sill.

"I was surprised to get your telegram," he blurted suddenly.

"I thought you would be." The clock in the living room below them began to strike with solemn, measured dignity.

"It was like a slap in the face."

"I meant it to be."

Their eyes met, unwavering.

"I want to apologize for that letter I wrote, Ernie. I was sorry about it as soon as it was out of my hands."

"I understand, and I'm sorry if I hurt you."

"I deserved it. You set me to thinking."

There was a long, tense pause.

"I'm curious about that letter, Burt." His voice was soft but the words rasped harshly against the silence of the room. "Why did you write it?"

His younger brother's gaze dropped to stare at the threadbare rug.

"It sounded to me as though you were striving to convince yourself of something."

He did not answer.

"Are you, Burt?" A full minute passed. "Are you?"

"I—I don't know." He spoke slowly, reluctantly, the words being jerked from him one by one.

"Are you trying to run away from God?"

"I feel—I mean sometimes I think God would have me in the ministry, but I'd never make a minister," he added savagely. "Civil Engineering's my line. You know I've planned on it all through high school. I chose my college subjects with it in view. And only last week I got an offer of a fellowship for further study. I wouldn't make a preacher."

"You wouldn't make a preacher," Ernest replied, carefully choosing his words. "You wouldn't make a preacher. God doesn't expect you to. All He asks is that we yield ourselves to Him and let Him do the making."

"But I'm not convinced that He wants me in the ministry. I'm not satisfied that I have actually been called and if I haven't I'll have given up my career for nothing."

"There's one sure, infallible test, Burt. Tell me, are you happy?"

A somber smile crinkled Burt's mouth and for a time he was silent. "I can't say that I've thought of it before."

"Do you feel like you're going as close to the Lord as you ought to be?"

There was no answer.

"Have you been able to pray freely? Have you felt that God was really hearing your prayers?"

Burt looked at him queerly. "How did you know?"

"Because I was miserable from the moment the Lord began to call until I heard and yielded. I didn't want to be a minister. There are times yet, I guess, when I rebel at the thought." He could have said that ambition burned within him, ambition to become something in the world, to be as successful as he knew Burt would be, but such things had a way of sounding foolish when put into words. "But I know now that I'll never be happy in any other job, regardless of the money I might make or the prestige I might gain."

"I—I—" Words were inadequate.

"You'll never be happy either, Burt. You'll never be at peace with the Lord until you submit to His calling." Quietly he moved to his brother's side and placed an arm on his shoulder. "Why don't you yield to Him now?"

Together they knelt beside the bed.

The months passed with measured dignity, and during spring vacation Ernest journeyed back to Indiana Christian. The day before he was to leave he stopped at the little side street jewelry store and picked up the diamond ring he had been scrimping for so long to buy.

As he was seated alone in the last coach of the local that would take him to the college town he took the ring from its box for the fourth time and held it between his thumb and forefinger. He had decided already where he would take her to place the ring on her finger. Weeks ago he had chosen it—the granite boulder atop Signal Hill, canopied by stars and apart from the world. Here they had built marvelous castles of vapor upon the twin clouds of hope and desire, and set in the sky of the future. Here they had talked and planned and wished while affection blossomed into love.

They left the dormitory after dinner and walked about the campus sauntering from one familiar haunt to another.

"Well, the old campus hasn't changed much, has it?"

"Now that you're back it's just the same."

"Have you missed me?"

"Of course, darling."

"I'm glad."

"Why? Because you like to see me feel bad?"

"If it's feeling bad because I'm not with you, yes."

She squeezed his arm significantly. It seemed so good to be walking along, side by side, just being near one another.

"How are things looking on Signal Hill?"

"I don't know, Ernie. I haven't been up there since you left. It didn't seem right somehow."

They walked on a few paces.

"Do you think the climb would bother you?"

"Of course not. I've been longing to go back up there with you ever since you left."

"You must feel the same way about Signal Hill that I do."

"It's got a little niche all its own in my heart." Her face was radiant in the moonlight. ". . . And that big rock where we used to sit and watch the world go by. Whenever I get lonesome or blue I wish we could go up there and stay forever—just the two of us."

"I'll tell you what. When I make my million we'll buy Signal Hill and build a house with a big picture window overlooking our granite boulder."

"Darling, you were going to be a minister, not a bank robber, remember?"

They walked on, not too rapidly, past the twin oaks and the spring to the spot where the path forked, one leading around the hill to the tiny lake on the other side and the other wandering carelessly among the trees to the hill's crest.

As they reached the fork Karen gently placed her hand upon his arm. "Remember when we used to stop here and toast marshmallows?"

"Yes, I always burned them for you."

"And I'd knock off the black crust with a stick when you weren't looking. Sometimes, if they were too bad, I'd stuff them down behind the log."

"And me thinking you liked them crisp."

Finally they reached the summit of Signal Hill.

"Well, here's our old rock, just like we left it."

". . . moss and everything."

"You know I don't believe anyone has used it. It isn't worn off a bit."

"Ernie!" she exclaimed, laughing happily. "You talk as though we haven't been up here for years and years."

"Darling, it's seemed as though ages have passed since we last came up here together. They sat down and she rested her blond head on his shoulder.

"Do you suppose anyone else ever sat here?" she ventured softly, as though loud speaking might break the enchantment.

"Let's pretend they haven't."

"All right."

He thought she shivered a little.

"Cold?"

"No, just happy."

"What do you want most in the world?"

"You."

"But you already have me."

"Then that's enough."

"Is it?" he fished the ring from his pocket and with his free hand drew her fingers close. "Wouldn't you like to have this too?" He was trembling

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—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. Burt wrote letters to Ernest in which he seemed to ridicule the ministry and to suggest that Ernest would never really succeed in this profession. After struggling with these questions in his own soul, Ernest sent the following strange telegram to his brother: "Eph. 5:6 and I Cor. 1:26-27."

CHAPTER FOUR

TWO DAYS later Ernest had a visitor. Mother Prentiss, his portly white-haired landlady, informed him the moment he stepped into the long hallway on the first floor.

"It's a gentleman," she added with quick appraisal. "I think he must be a relative."

"I don't know who it could be. I don't have any relatives close enough to visit me."

"Just the same he's the spittin' image of you."

Ernest set down his brief case and went into the living room.

"Hi, Ernie, remember me?"

It was Burt, sprawling comfortably in the well-worn easy chair. "Socra-

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union
By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

COMING SOON — — —
1951-1952 PROGRAM PACKET

"Where did you get all that wonderful material?" asked a committee member of the chairman, as she leafed through the assortment of mimeographed program material on the table before them.

"That is put out by our own Missionary Education Committee of our Woman's Union," proudly replied the one questioned (who happens to be the writer of this page).

Many of you have been just as surprised and pleased at the very splendid program helps made available at such a nominal sum by our committee. It was at the General Conference in Sioux Falls, in August 1949, that the Missionary Education Committee was appointed, with Mrs. W. W. Grosser as chairman. The other members of the committee are: Mrs. R. Ross, Mrs. F. Woyke, Mrs. T. W. Dons, Mrs. H. G. Dymmel and Mrs. W. Schoeffel, ex officio.

The chairman had the happy thought of gathering program material into a packet and making it available to women's groups at cost.

The committee enthusiastically entered into the carrying out of this project. The original packet put out in January, 1950, and the two supplements that followed have sold in such numbers that our belief in the need for such a packet has been more than justified.

NEW PACKET

For the remaining year of this triennium, 1951-1952, there will be one complete packet, no supplements. We are pleased to announce that it will be available about November 15, 1951, for the sum of 75 cents. (Packet can be obtained either in English or in German.)

This new packet will include material designed for every month of the year, as well as other suggestions and helps. There will be seasonal programs, such as a Thanksgiving service, Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day programs. There will even be program suggestions for your picnics or outings during the summer months.

Since we are a Missionary Union, the emphasis will be on missionary material. At least one missionary play

will be included. A program on Japan will introduce us to the country to which our latest missionary appointments have been made. A list of missionary books for your reading program should prove of help in selecting books for your library.

Of special interest will be a program entitled, "Our Headquarters Family," which will make you better acquainted with our denominational leaders. An installation service, a page of poems and quotations, a revision of the "Information Please" program bringing it up to date—all this and more will be yours to read and to use, if you order the packet.

We hope that this new packet will be a great help and blessing to all women's groups who use it. The prayer of our chairman at the planning session of the committee was that "God's name may be glorified and his Kingdom be advanced" through the use of this program material.

Order your copy now, so that you may receive the packet as soon as it is ready, after November 15. (State whether English or German.) Send 75 cents with your order to: Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

WITHERING GRASS

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a little as he slipped it on her finger. "What on earth are you doing?" she asked, not realizing what he was about until she felt the weight of the slender band.

"Oh, Ernie!" she gasped, suddenly stricken of words.

"It's—it's been a long time coming," he said huskily. "And it isn't so very big, but I guess you know what it means."

"Darling—" She was holding her finger before her, twisting and turning it to catch the play of light on the stone. "Darling, it's the most beautiful ring I ever saw. I—I—" She turned to him and pressed her hand into his as their lips met.

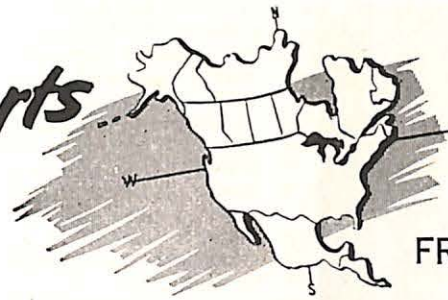
There was something about the golden circlet with its diamond solitaire that forged bonds of steel between them. Their love for one another took on new meaning, for now it was but the prelude to a mighty symphony of life together. It gave them new hope, new interest in the future.

Later, much later, she said softly, "I've never been so happy in my life."

"Were you surprised?" She only smiled in return. How could she tell him she had squandered a portion of her meager weekly allowance on her first professional manicure—just in case.

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Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Dakota Conference

Baptismal Service, Honor Student and Farewell Reception at Northside Church, Sioux Falls

On Sunday evening, July 22, after a brief song service, members and friends of the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., motored to Wall Lake and witnessed a beautiful scene when six young people professed their faith in Christ, and were baptized by the Rev. B. F. Taylor.

This event terminated a blessed summer for 10-year-old Dale Danielson. Dale attended a Child Evangelism Class, known as Good News Club, taught by Louise Westerman. He entered an essay contest, writing on "What the Bible Meant to Me." Dale won local, state and national honors. Part of the national prize enabled him to take a trip to Toronto, Ontario, Canada, where he attended the International Child Evangelism Fellowship Conference. He also had expenses paid for a week at a camp which he attended at our own camp at Madison, South Dakota.

On Tuesday evening, August 14, we as a church held a farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Taylor and their family who have gone to Gotebo, Oklahoma. The Rev. John Reimer of George, Iowa, officiated and gave a brief message on "Stars to Shine, and Voices to Speak."

Louise Westerman, Reporter.

Annual Program of the Felicity Society of Venturia, North Dakota

On Sunday evening, Aug. 19, the Felicity Missionary Society of the Venturia Baptist Church of Venturia, N. Dak., held its annual program. Our president welcomed the guests and Miss Thelma Hoff led in devotions. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read. Besides the group singing we were favored with numbers by a trio, octet and duets and a play entitled, "The Light Will Triumph," in addition to a musical reading. Our pastor, the Rev. Raymond Dickau, brought a very inspiring message.

The Camerons Mission Field and what we could do to help the Lord's work there were laid upon our hearts. White Cross work was sent, the Bansa Baptist Hospital was remembered with a financial gift, and our own missionary, Miss Eleanore Weisenburger, was remembered with packages. We also remembered the

Home for the Aged at Bismarck, the Children's Home at St. Joseph, the Seminary at Sioux Falls and the denominational budget as a whole. The sick were remembered with flowers and the pastor's family with gifts.

We look forward to God's continued guidance in his work and pray that we may do his will in all things and at all times.

Mrs. Art Tesky, Reporter.

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut at Wessington Springs, South Dakota

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., had the joy of welcoming its new pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut on Sunday, Aug. 5th. Many friends came to share the blessings of the evening. Among them were Mr. Sukut's parents from Napoleon, North Dakota. Others came from Huron, S. Dak., and several families traveled from our mother church at Plum Creek, near Emery, South Dakota. Their pastor, Rev. Adolph Braun, with his wife, came as the guest speaker for the occasion. He and Mr. Sukut were Seminary classmates.

Arthur Tiede had charge of the evening service. A deacon, Mr. Fastnacht, led in Scripture and prayer. Words of welcome were spoken by representatives from the church, Ladies' Aid, CBY, and Sunday School. Music was furnished by various groups. Mr. Braun gave a short message with a lasting meaning—including a charge and challenge to the church as well as to the pastor. Following his message Mr. and Mrs. Sukut responded. After the benediction a social evening was spent in the church parlors with refreshments served by the women.

However, this reception was not the only welcome given to the Sukuts. A

CHAPEL DEDICATION BISMARCK, N. DAK., on Oct. 16.

Members and friends of the Baptist Home for the Aged at Bismarck, N. Dak., are invited to attend the annual business meeting and chapel dedication on October 16, 1951. Dr. F. H. Woyke will be the guest speaker. Meetings are scheduled as follows: annual business meeting, 10:00 A.M.; chapel dedication, 2:00 P.M.; board meeting, 7:00 P.M.

A. Huber, Secretary.

week later the ladies, at their monthly meeting, surprised them with a pantry shower. A few days later the young people's choir had a housewarming at their home with a linen shower.

At a recent church meeting plans were begun for a Sunday School and CBY week, mission festival, series of revival meetings, and a missionary meeting with Esther Schultz.

On Aug. 26 the Commissioned Baptist Youth with the help of the men's chorus and young people's choir, presented a shadow drama entitled, "A Day on the Mission Field with Dr. Chaffee." The presentation was written by Mr. Sukut and gave a glimpse of the endless work and untiring efforts of our missionaries and the need on the mission fields. A mission offering of \$117 was received after the drama.

Iola Kludt, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Five Special Sundays With Wonderful Programs at the East Ebenezer Church, Sask.

It gives us great joy to be able to report that all the branches of the East Ebenezer Baptist Church in Ebenezer, Sask., are still active. We were able to conduct a series of programs which lasted for five consecutive Sundays in June.

First, the young people's society, with Arlan Fandrey as its president, rendered its annual program, which proved a blessing to all. The Ladies' Aid, under the leadership of Mrs. E. Eahn, followed with its annual program, also filling the church to its capacity. A missionary dialogue was presented at both programs.

The Sunday following we had a Sunday School and Young People's Rally Day. Approximately 600 people gathered together to praise the Lord. The conference tent was put up for this occasion. Societies from the following churches were represented: Yorkton, Fenwood, Spring-side, West Ebenezer, and East Ebenezer.

On the fourth Sunday we had a baptismal service in which 13 candidates followed the Lord in the waters of baptism. For this occasion we had the privilege of having Dr. A. Felberg and Rev. M. DeBoer as visiting speakers. All felt the presence of the Lord. The fifth Sunday was Children's Day, in which the Sunday School, under the Superintendency of Beny Dreger, brought us a splendid program. It is always inspiring to hear the Gospel coming from the hearts and lips of God's little ones. So came to a close a series of programs which were the highlights of the activities of the various groups of the church.

We, as a church, have also taken on a radio program of which a more detailed report will follow later. The Lord is blessing the program in a special way and our prayer is that through it many may come to know the Lord Jesus as Savior.

John Engel, Pastor.

AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Aug., 1951	Aug., 1950	Aug., 1949
Atlantic	\$ 830.80	\$ 1,080.93	\$ 989.66
Eastern	1,891.63	3,191.63	2,320.86
Central	2,723.48	6,031.84	3,642.10
Northwestern	2,837.20	3,443.51	1,221.43
Southwestern	5,890.18	2,537.45	1,821.97
Southern	918.64	211.99	200.72
Pacific	2,678.77	2,974.56	1,970.52
Northern	1,564.23	4,132.26	987.49
Dakota	2,923.50	5,247.76	2,898.10
General Conference	—	—	6,523.25
Inter-Conference	141.65	—	—
Totals for all purposes	\$22,400.08	\$28,851.92	\$22,576.10
Less non-budget items	4,301.89	10,077.15	927.74
Denominational budget	\$18,098.19	\$18,774.77	\$21,648.36

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

For the month of August, 1951	\$18,098.19
For the month of August, 1950	18,774.77
For the month of August, 1949	21,648.36

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1951 to August 31, 1951	\$131,411.14
April 1, 1950 to August 31, 1950	125,329.14
April 1, 1949 to August 31, 1949	163,612.15

BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

August 1, 1949 to August 31, 1951	\$763,045.06
August 1, 1948 to August 31, 1950	829,147.05
August 1, 1947 to August 31, 1949	942,694.38



The Vacation Bible School group of the Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta, with the Rev. and Mrs. D. Berg at the extreme right.

Vacation Bible School for One Week at Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta

The words, "We are the Savior's boys and girls," floated through the Baptist Church of Trochu, Alberta, and out onto the streets of Trochu each day from August 6 to 10 to remind those round about us that our Vacation Bible School was in session. What a blessed time we had, as boys and girls came together from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. each day for a week to study the Bible, learn new choruses, hear stories, play games and enjoy surprises!

The fifty or more students were divided into four departments: Beginners, taught by Mrs. D. Berg, assisted by Darlene Schimke, on "How Bible Children Lived;" Primary Department, instructed by Manetta Frohlich and Alice Cirankewitch, on "Bible Boats;" Juniors, taught by Thelma Heer and Ardath Schmierer, on "The Christian's Walk and Talk;" Intermediates, instructed by Rev. D. Berg, assisted by Ellen Frohlich, on "Parables of Jesus." Our hearts were overjoyed to lead eleven boys and girls to the Lord. Thus we were reminded again of the power of the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday evening, Aug. 12, a delightful program of singing and memory work was presented, demonstrating to the church how much they had learned during the week. A display of handwork was also given. On that evening, an offering of \$34.50 was re-



Children at the closing exercises of the Vacation Bible School conducted by the Carbon Baptist Church, Carbon, Alberta.

ceived for the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Indian field so that Indian boys and girls also can hear God's Word.
Ardath Schmierer, Reporter.

Community Vacation Bible School With 100 Children at Carbon, Alberta, Canada

From July 30 to August 12 we of the Carbon Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta, and neighboring town churches held our Vacation Bible School while every evening evangelistic services were conducted in the Baptist Church. We had as our evangelist the Rev. Ethel Ruff, a recent instructor at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, who also served as our director of the school. As in previous years our Bible School was combined with the United and Anglican churches. This year our enrollment reached 104 with an average of 92 children attending daily.

The teachers and courses were: Mrs. J. G. Rott and Mrs. Hotchkiss, Beginners, "How Bible Children Lived and What They Learned;" Miss Dorothy Brown, Primary, "Bible Boats;" Miss Ethel Ruff and Mrs. V. Ohlhauser, Juniors, "The Christian's Walk and Talk;" and Miss Estella Schell, Intermediates, "Parables of Jesus." In every class, winning souls to Christ was our main goal and together with the evening evangelistic services we saw 25 persons come to the Lord, the majority of these being children from the Bible School.

No Bible School could be complete without a picnic. On August 9 teach-

ers and children with flags flying high paraded through the main street en route to our park picnic grounds. The parade was led by the town policeman. It was a very impressive sight to see these children at the street corner, standing at attention and giving the salutes to the Canadian and Christian flags as well as to the Bible. Friday evening saw our Bible School come to a final close with a very fine demonstration program presented by the children.

Estella Schell, Reporter.

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Janzen and Vacation School at Valleyview, Alberta

It was a great privilege for us at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Valleyview, Alberta, to welcome our new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Janzen, on August 1st when they began their pastorate with us. Although the Janzens have been with us only a short time, we have already grown to love them and pray that we may all work together to further God's Kingdom.

We have made good use of our pastor and his wife in the Vacation Bible School classes, which were held from August 13 to 24 and which were under our pastor's capable leadership. We had an enrollment of 64 children in our school with an average attendance of 47. There were four teachers in charge. Mr. Janzen had the Intermediates, Mrs. Janzen the Juniors, Daniel Hufnagel the Primary Department and Christina Hufnagel the Beginners. Worship, study, singing and handwork filled the three hours of school time daily.

A demonstration program was rendered on Monday evening, August 24, to which the parents and friends were invited. The program consisted of demonstrations of the work accomplished during the two weeks as well as an exhibit of the handwork and workbooks.

Christina Hufnagel, Reporter.

Annual Program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Hilda, Alberta, Canada

The annual program of the Woman's Missionary Society of Hilda, Alberta, was held on Sunday evening, August 5th. Two interesting dialogues were presented; one, a German dialogue entitled, "Nimm Zeit dir zur Andacht," and the other, a splendid English dialogue taken from the program packet of the Woman's Union, "The Other Woman or a Study in Sacrifice." Mrs. A. Seeman, Mrs. R. Kannwischer, Mrs. H. Croissant, and Mrs. E. Darr ably presented the need for closer fellowship with the Lord in the play. As the appeal of the evening was for a greater missionary enterprise, the English play presented by Mrs. Pahl and Myrna Schatz assisted toward that end.

In addition to the musicals presented by the Hilda Ladies' Aid, we were blessed by special numbers from the women of our outpost station, Surprise, Saskatchewan.

The goodly number in attendance responded generously for the cause

of the Benke Memorial Chapel offering. As a Woman's Society we thank the Lord that through our talents we were able to do our part for missions abroad and at the same time reach the people in our mission district through a spiritual program.

Mrs. F. Pahl, Reporter.

Young People's Camp of the Alberta Tri Union at Sylvan Lake, Alberta

The Young People's Assembly of the Alberta Tri Union held at our camp at Sylvan Lake from July 22 to 29 proved to be all that had been anticipated. They were days of spiritual feasting, of splendid Christian fellowship and of wholesome recreation. It was a special privilege to have as guests the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson from the Camerons. Eighty-five young people from 15 churches were present to partake of the blessings of the week.

We are indebted to the teachers of the morning classes for the clear instruction they gave us from the Word of God. The Rev. J. Sonnenberg taught the course, "The Growing Christian;" the Rev. E. Faul taught on "Christian Stewardship;" and the Rev. Edwin Michelson gave us a very vivid picture of mission work in the Camerons.

The highlight of each day was the evening service at which time challenging messages were brought by the Rev. Henry Schumacher, the Rev. E. Faul and the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, respectively. The fireside gatherings, whether indoors with a spiritual flame for warmth or out on the beautiful lake shore around a fire, were informal moments of sharing Christian experiences. They were climaxed on Saturday evening by an impressive consecration service.

At the Saturday morning business session the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: president, Rev. J. Sonnenberg; vice-president, Rev. H. Pfeiffer; dean, Rev. C. H. Seecamp; camp host, Rev. H. Schumacher; young people's director, Rev. E. Faul; Sunday School director, Mr. Willy Muller; musical director, Mr. R. Neske; secretary, Verda Scheeler; treasurer, Marvin Kern; pianists, Gorgene Kern, Clara Seecamp and Ardeth Schmierer.

Verda Scheeler, Reporter.

Young Women's Society of German Immigrants at McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

In January of this year there was organized in the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, a society for our German Baptist immigrant girls coming into our midst from these devastated European countries. This group of 20 to 25 girls is meeting regularly every week for fellowship, instruction and service.

Their varied program of activities includes Bible study, guest speakers, "sewing bees" for European relief, theme and testimony evenings, special programs and social times. Officers

were elected and a treasury is being kept, and thus the girls are receiving training in stewardship of time, talent and means.

The people of our church have taken great interest in our doings and during the long winter season invited the club to have its weekly meetings in their homes, providing us with rich refreshments. In turn, the "Mädchenverein" (Young Women's Society) put on special programs for the church and visiting friends. Two sound films were shown, one on "Life in Palestine Two Thousand Years Ago," coinciding with our Bible study; another on "Canada, Its People, Economy and Culture," educating our present and prospective Canadian citizens. On Mother's Day an all-German program, with the exception of a message in English by Rev. Daniel Fuchs, was given. Approximately six hundred people came out to this program.



Some of the young immigrant women from Europe who compose the Young Women's Society of the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, who play and sing at church services under the direction of Miss Edith Streichert (second from left).

In the summer two meetings were held in our City Park, one of which was a supper meeting to which our immigrant young men were invited. A crowd of 52 young people assembled and a wonderful spirit of Christian fellowship prevailed throughout the evening. For a number in this group it was their first meeting in this foreign land, and a hearty welcome was given them in particular.

Several of our girls play the guitar and sing, and as a group sing songs of the faith to enthusiastic audiences. They served at the recent Northern Conference in Winnipeg and also at the conference of the English Baptist Union of Western Canada. At the latter gathering the guitar group, together with the rest of the immigrant young people present, were introduced by the Rev. R. Paul Caudill of the Baptist World Alliance Immigration as those "coming from the land of bleeding hearts."

This Young Women's Society is resolved to use its talents as the faithful servants of their Lord Jesus Christ, as we find it recorded in Matthew 25.

We would be occupied with Christ and for him until he returns!

Edith Streichert, President.

Pacific Conference

Vacation Bible School and Eight New Members at Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., was the destination of about thirty-two children with faculty and staff during our Vacation Bible School held from July 9 to 20. Although the school was smaller than in previous years, it is attested to have been "the best ever." The program presented for the parents and friends on Friday, July 20th, was truly refreshing and encouraging as each

department briefly reviewed its two weeks' instruction musically, in Scripture memorization, through visual aid material and handicrafts. Miss Adelle Crowell, the superintendent of the school, also brought a short message. She is to be commended for her faithful, ardent work in connection with our school.

The King's Stewards Quartet from the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., visited us on Friday evening, August 24th, when as the musical and verbal messages blended into that one great theme of redemption through Jesus Christ, hearts were knit together in that tie of Christian fellowship experienced only by those who know Christ in a personal way.

Again the Lord has richly blessed us as eight persons were welcomed into our fellowship on Sunday morning, Sept. 2, four of whom had followed their Lord in baptism on Sunday afternoon, August 19th, at a very impressive baptismal service. "God is faithful, by whom we were called unto the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord" (1 Cor. 1:9).

Helena B. Wiebe, Reporter.



Young people, leaders and pastors at the Pacific Northwest Youth Assembly held at Ross Point Camp, Post Falls, Idaho.

Pacific Northwest Youth Assembly at Ross Point Camp of Idaho

On Monday, July 9th, registrations began for the Pacific North West Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Summer Assembly at Ross Point Baptist Camp at Post Falls, Idaho. We were happy to have eight societies represented, and an enrollment of 91 persons. The assembly motto was "Christ Challenges Youth."

What a joy and privilege to meet old friends and make new acquaintances! Our dean, the Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Tacoma, Wash., kept things running smoothly. It was our privilege to have the Rev. J. C. Gunst, our general secretary, and Missionary Gilbert Schneider, on furlough from the Cameroons, Africa, as our special speakers. These men of God conducted forum sessions on "Guideposts for Youth" and "My Mission and Yours."

Adult and Young People's courses were taught by the Rev. F. E. Klein, of Colfax, Wash., and the Rev. F. W. Bartel of Chilliwack, B. C. The Intermediates were taught by Miss Rose Leschert, youth worker of Kelowna, B. C., Canada, and Mrs. F. W. Bartel of Chilliwack, B. C., taught the Juniors. Certificates were mailed to those completing the courses as required,

but neither words nor certificates can measure the inspiration and value received from these sessions of study and discussion.

There was the usual program of recreation including swimming, boating, horseshoes, volleyball, etc., also a camp news sheet. Several of our evening vesper services were conducted on a point of land looking across the water into the gorgeous western sunset, which silhouetted a rustic cross, serving to quiet the worshiper and draw each one closer to Christ. Two decisions for full-time service were made known at a testimonial service on the closing evening, and one camper surrendered her life to Christ as Savior.

Mrs. E. Junkert, Reporter.

Fourteen New Members Received Into Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana

As we reflect upon recent happenings at the Bethel Church of Missoula, Mont., our hearts rejoice. Our Vacation Bible School had an enrollment of 72. A fine program was presented by the scholars on July 17th.

A "Christ for Missoula" campaign opened on July 8, and extended through July 29 with nightly meetings. Nine churches participated, and we were privileged to have Dr. John

Zoller of Detroit, Mich., as speaker, with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wells as musicians and singers. Dr. Zoller is known to many as the originator and speaker of the "America Back To God" radio program. A Children's Jamboree was conducted daily by local children's workers in connection with these meetings.

The hand of fellowship was extended to 14 new members on Sunday, Aug. 5. Ten persons came by letter, three by personal testimony, and one by baptism. They were received into our church by our pastor, the Rev. G. P. Schroeder.

Mrs. E. Junkert, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Record Enrollment at Vacation Bible School of the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

The Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held its Vacation Bible School from July 9 to 20. We had a banner attendance and enrollment record. The total enrollment was 124 children and 20 teachers, and the average daily attendance was 95 children besides 19 teachers.

Under the leadership of our pastor, Dr. John Leypoldt, our staff of teachers and workers gave of their time and talent to work with these boys and girls. Our Vacation School offering brought by the boys and girls amounted to \$70.36 and will be used for missions and our church building fund. During the second week of our school eleven of our Juniors attended the Riverside Bible Camp, which was their reward for completing their Scripture Memory Course.

Each department reviewed its work at a closing program held on Friday, July 20. The handwork was exhibited in the church's dining hall and refreshments were served by the Mary and Martha Class of our Sunday School. We pray that the seed of truth which was sown in the hearts and minds of these boys and girls might bear fruit to the glory and honor of God.

Mrs. Fred Abitz, Reporter.



The record breaking group of 124 children enrolled and 20 teachers at the Vacation Bible School held by the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Northwestern Conference Sessions at the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Northwestern Conference met with the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., from August 15 to 19. The messages centered around the theme, "Lift Up Your Eyes, and Look" (John 4:35).

The following messages were given to develop the theme: "Look on the Multitudes," "Look to the Time," "Look Unto Prayer," "Look Into the Word," "Look to the Lord," "Look to the Fruit," "Look to the Laborers" and "Look for the Power." The inspiring messages were given by Rev. J. G. Benke, Watertown, Wis.; Dr. R. E. Powell, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Forest Park, Ill.; Rev. Ben Zimmerman, Randolph, Minn.; and Rev. Edwin Michelson, Cameroons, Africa.

We also had case studies in soul winning which were led by Rev. Arthur Ittermann of Elgin, Iowa, and Rev. J. A. Brygger of George, Iowa. The devotions before the forenoon and afternoon sessions were very helpful, at which time we prepared our hearts for the messages and prayed for the meetings. On Saturday evening the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union held its annual banquet with Dr. R. E. Powell as guest speaker. There were about 160 people on hand to enjoy the festivities. The Rev. Dale Chaddock showed the film entitled, "Regions Beyond."

On Sunday afternoon, the CBY and SS Union held its annual rally. The Rev. J. A. Brygger of George, Iowa, and Mr. Jay Hirth, the newly appointed missionary to Japan, were the speakers. It was a fine inspirational meeting. On Sunday evening Dr. Leuschner showed pictures of the Leper Mission in Africa that has been opened to us.

The unusual fine spirit of fellowship, the splendid program and the wonderful hospitality of the host church and its pastor, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, all deserve our heartiest thanks for the many blessings that proceeded from the throne of God.

Edward A. Kopf, Reporter.

Youth Banquet and Rally of the Northwestern Conference Held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The annual banquet of the CBY and SS Union of the Northwestern Conference was held in the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., on Saturday evening, August 18. A wonderful banquet dinner was prepared and served by the ladies of the Temple Church and enjoyed by approximately 200 guests.

Following the meal Dave Nasgowitz of Milwaukee led the song service. A hearty greeting was extended by Mr. Henry Elsesser, local CBY president. Miss Orva Koenigsberg, Conference CBY and SS Union president, responded to the greeting. Mrs. Louise Erbach of Milwaukee sang "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." The ten points of the Sunday School Standard were reviewed by the Rev. J. Benke of Watertown, Wisconsin.

Miss Viola Wall, Minnesota CBY president; Mr. Dave Nasgowitz, Wisconsin CBY president, and Rev. Dale Chaddock of Victor, Iowa, brought brief reports of the work being done in their states. Miss Lena Bartel of St. Paul read the Scripture and Roger Norman, former Conference president, of Watertown, Wis., led in prayer. Miss Irene Tippner of the Temple Baptist Church sang the beautiful song, "The Holy City."

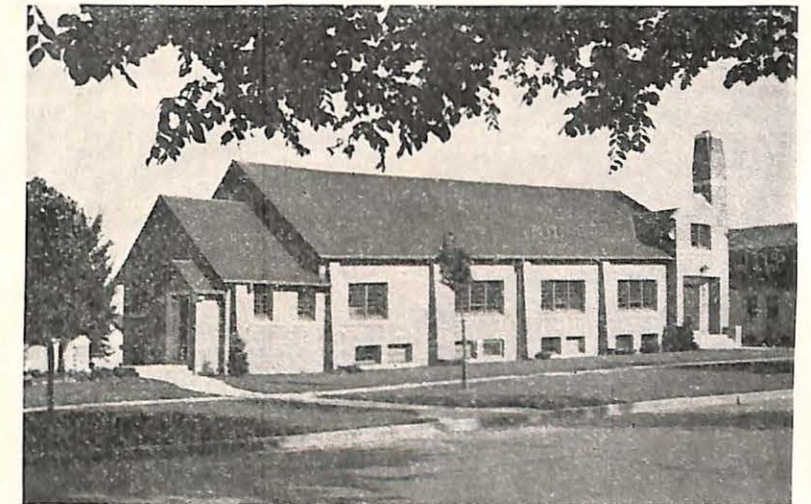
The speaker for the evening was Prof. Ralph E. Powell of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He spoke on "Use Or Lose." He impressed his listeners with the importance of using the gifts which God has given. He emphasized the importance of developing our spiritual lives or we shall lose contact with God.

The results of the election of officers were as follows: president, Orva Koe-

Sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Northwestern Conference at Milwaukee, Wis.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Northwestern Conference met for its annual meeting on Aug. 17 in connection with the Northwestern Conference held at the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Union convened for its business session on Friday morning, August 17, in the Bethany Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. G. Benke of Watertown, Wis., and Mrs. H. Nowak, former missionary of China led the devotions based on 1 Cor. 13, and spoke on LOVE as the answer to all of our problems. A total number of twenty-eight societies responded to the roll call.

The results of the election of officers for the coming year are as fol-



The Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., site of the 1951 sessions of the Northwestern Conference and of which the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman is the pastor.

nigsberg, Sheffield, Iowa; vice-president, Viola Wall, Minneapolis, Minn.; secretary, Betty Lang, Victor, Iowa; treasurer, Glenn Rabenhorst, Watertown, Wisconsin. The annual Youth Rally of the Northwestern Conference was held in the Temple Church on Sunday afternoon, August 19. The service was opened with some rousing singing led by Dave Nasgowitz. Orva Koenigsberg extended a greeting to all those present. After Glenn Rabenhorst, newly elected treasurer, had read the Scripture, Viola Wall, newly elected vice-president, led in prayer.

We were most fortunate in having Jay Hirth, our newly appointed missionary to Japan, with us to give us his testimony and to bring a message. Sharon and Lorna Lee Buehler of Temple Church, Milwaukee, very beautifully sang, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand."

The afternoon message was brought by the Rev. James Brygger of George, Iowa. The theme of his message was "Spreading the News of Effective Evangelism." The offering on Sunday afternoon was designated to be given to the new Japanese mission project. The offering totaled \$102.00.

Adeline Zimbelman, Reporter.

lows: president, Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer, Burlington, Iowa; vice-president, Mrs. Fred Lemmert, La Crosse, Wis.; secretary, Mrs. Gideon Zimmerman, Milwaukee, Wis.; treasurer, Miss Lena Bartel, St. Paul, Minnesota.

From the reports we learned that all the societies are actively engaged in the Master's work. Various business items were discussed. Among other things it was decided to remember the ill, aged and bereaved in some special way.

The Union has a membership of approximately 1200 women who have raised the sum of \$123.00 in dues during the past year. The gifts of the individual societies totaled \$5301.54 for missions and \$4229.51 for local purposes. The offering of the afternoon which amounted to \$86.44 together with the balance of the treasury with the exception of \$20.00 was given to the Bansa Hospital, the new work among the lepers and the Seminary kitchen, each receiving an equal portion.

In the afternoon a fine program was presented at the Temple Church with Mrs. J. G. Benke presiding. Mrs. Edgar W. Klatt of St. Paul, Minn., led the song service, and Mrs. Ben Zim-

Christian Life Conference for Young People from Chicago and Vicinity and Wisconsin

The annual Christian Life Conference for the young people in CBY's of Chicago and vicinity and of Wisconsin was held from August 19 to 26 at Camp Shagbark, Center Lake, Wisconsin. This is a new camp to us and is a very beautiful place.

Our theme was, "That He Might Be Glorified." The schedule was arranged so that we had our class in the morning, chapel after lunch, followed by organized recreation consisting of volleyball and softball, from 2 until 4 o'clock. As is our custom, we were divided into four teams: Cameroons, Mexicans, Indians, and Japanese, representing our various missionary fields.

Our chapel speaker was Miss Esther Schultz, one of our missionaries from Africa. She talked to us every day about her experiences, ending each day with a Bible story in "Pidgin English." Several nights during our fellowship she showed us pictures of the African coast where she is stationed. During chapel and campfire we were favored with many special numbers from our choir, a men's quartet, a ladies' trio and duet, and many solos.

The four classes taught were as follows: "Young People's Problems" by Rev. J. G. Benke; "New Testament (Life of Christ)" by Rev. John Grygo; "Old Testament (Prophets)" by Rev. Ed McKernan; and "Christian Home"

by Rev. Thomas Lutz. Our classes were lengthened, so that we will receive credit from the Evangelical Teacher Training Association. A class on leading group singing was held during a free period by our music director, Herb Pankratz. Morning devotions were led by Mrs. F. Y. Lower, Mrs. John Grygo, Miss Esther Schultz, Mrs. Wilbur Reich, Mrs. George Salzman, and Mrs. Herb Pankratz.

The Rev. E. McKernan was in charge of camp fire services. On Sunday night the Rev. Thomas Lutz brought an inspiring message on Romans 12:1 and 2. Monday night we sang around the fireplace in the lodge. The Rev. F. Y. Lower told us one of his fine stories. Tuesday night we gathered around the campfire, formed a line, two by two, and marched to a cabin where we saw magic fire acts and sang Negro spirituals, after which Mr. Lower led in a short devotional. On Thursday night each team put on a skit. We then had a testimony meeting started off by Rev. Ed McKernan. On Friday after a delicious banquet supper, some of the campers put on a skit of a business meeting in a church of the 1890's.

Our president, Ed Wolff, announced our program for the coming year. We then went to the campfire. Our camp pastor, Rev. John Grygo, gave the message. Five accepted Christ as Savior at this meeting. Another decision was made after the closing message of camp on "Real Christianity" by Rev. F. Y. Lower on Saturday morning.

Arlene Anderson, Secretary.

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