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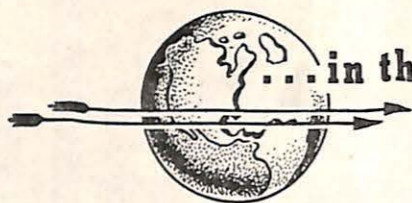
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Rev. R. Schilke

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...in the course of human events

● Recognition of the importance of the life and work of Roger Williams in America and among Baptists will be recognized in many churches in the observance of Roger Williams Day on the first Sunday of November. This observance is being sponsored by the American National Patriotic Society of Pittsfield, Massachusetts.—The Baptist News.

● Priests and clergymen of all religions in Yugoslavia will be entitled to social insurance henceforth, like all other employed citizens of the country, provided the administrative body of their religious community concludes an agreement covering them with the Council for Public Health and Social Welfare. Sickness and old age benefits, family pensions, financial assistance for children etc., are covered in the plan.—The Churchman.

● A Golden Hour service was presented recently at the First Baptist Church of Litchfield, Ill., for the couples who had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Old familiar hymns sung by the couples 50 years ago were used; the offering was received by four of the men; a hymn was sung by the couples as a special number; the choir sang, "The Lily of the Valley;" and the pastor gave a message on "God's Faithful Servants." A corsage was presented to the ladies and a yellow carnation to the men for their coat lapel.—The Baptist News.

● The Rev. Lemuel Peterson, an executive of the recently formed National Council of Churches, became associate executive of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago on Oct. 1. Since Jan. 1, 1951 Mr. Peterson has been associate director of the national council's department of public relations, and is a former director of public relations for the International Council of Religious Education, now merged in the national council. He is a son-in-law of the Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Runtz of the Baptist Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan.

● Protestant and Orthodox theological schools of this country will have a record enrollment this Fall, according to a nation-wide survey made by the Department of Public Relations of the National Council of Churches. One hundred seminaries of different sizes had an all time high registration last year of 21,455 students and indicated a further increase in their student body this Fall. Seminary of-

ficials of numerous denominations commented that a growing number of the nation's youth, including many war veterans, are turning to the ministry.—The Christian Advocate.

● A Belgian evangelist, M. G. Parfait, gives the following impression of a visit he made to Russian Baptists in Germany. "A very unique experience awaited me in one church. After the sermon, the minister announced that the church would meet in the church house after the service to discuss what to do with the sermon. People came together and frankly discussed how to apply what they had heard on Sunday during the next week. It was touching to hear how seriously these good people were taking their faith."—The Watchman-Examiner.

● Saw Ba Htway of Burma, former member of the Rangoon State Police and at present a refugee in a camp set up on the Baptist Mission Compound, is now engaged in translating "Pilgrim's Progress" into his own language, the Sgaw Karen. National assistants have always played a large part in translation work. The year 1950 was one of special achievement in restoring literature destroyed during World War II and in the production of new translations. According to the report of the British and Foreign Bible Society, in Burma alone, translation work is now going on in more than 20 languages.—The Chicago Baptist News.

● The 21st annual Men and Missions Day will be observed in thousands of churches throughout the United States and Canada on Sunday, November 11. The theme, very fitting for a time like this, is "Christ or Chaos." The Laymen's Missionary Movement, with headquarters at 19 S. La Salle Street, Chicago 3, Ill., has made available 100,000 sixteen-page Speaker's Manuals for participating churches, which contain 34 contributions by outstanding Christian laymen and ministers of the present day. These articles provide a wealth of material for those participating in the Men and Missions Day program. The Laymen's Missionary Movement has enjoyed the co-operation of scores of Mission Board executives, many church and ministerial groups, hundreds of local resident chairmen, the press and radio, in its effort to create mission-minded men.—Special Release.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. Frank H. Woyke
Nov. 4 (Sunday)—90th Anniversary, Central Church, Erie, Pa.

Rev. Richard Schilke
Oct. 28 (Sunday)—North Freedom, Wisconsin.

Nov. 4 (Sunday)—Dedication of New Church, Bismarck, N. Dak.

Nov. 11 (Sunday)—Manitowoc and Pound, Wisconsin.

Nov. 12 (Monday)—Men's Brotherhood, Pound, Wisconsin.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
Nov. 1-4—California Association at Anaheim, California.

Nov. 7—Laurelhurst Church, Portland, Oregon.

Nov. 8-11—Oregon Association at the Bethany Church, Portland, Oregon.

Nov. 13-15—Workers' Conference, Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner
Oct. 25-28—Washington, Montana and Idaho Association at Missoula, Montana.

Oct. 29-Nov. 2—Leadership Training Class and Special Meetings, Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash.

Nov. 4 (Sunday)—Tacoma and Startup, Washington.

Nov. 11 (Sunday)—Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dr. John Leypoldt, Interim Evangelist
Oct. 28 (Sunday)—Dedication of New Church, Eureka, S. Dak.
Oct. 30-Nov. 11—Washburn, N. Dak.

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist
Oct. 21-Nov. 2—Mercer, N. Dak.
Nov. 4-18—Grand Forks, N. Dak.

MISSIONARIES' ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. Gilbert Schneider
Nov. 2-4—California Association at Anaheim, California.

Miss Esther Schultz
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Editorial

Persistence, a Christian Virtue

PERSISTENCE is a Christian virtue. There is no let-up in the Christian's witness, in his relentless fight against sin, in his Christ-like ministry toward others. He is everlastingly at his task, in season, out of season. The Christian's faith and love, that blossom in all kinds of adverse weather, reveal the fact that persistence is one of the greatly prized virtues of the Christian life.

"Be weary in well doing!" This was the Apostle Paul's personal challenge to the Christian in 2 Thessalonians 3:13. "Don't get tired of doing the right thing! Because it IS right, we must do it. No matter what the cost, we must keep on. The crown is not for him who starts, but for him who finishes the course."

We become so easily tired in the Lord's work. We cannot see the results or our efforts are not appreciated. Satan uses the tool of discouragement to tempt us to lie down on our job as Christians. Some are heard to say: "Well, what's the use? It doesn't seem to be getting me anywhere."

Every Christian must learn (sometimes as a difficult lesson) that persistence is an acquired virtue that is commanded by God. We can do no other but persistently to do the will of God and to obey his promptings because of his spirit in our hearts. "Watch and pray that ye fall not into temptation." As the flower instinctively turns toward the sun for light and sustenance, so the Christian seeks to be constantly in the center of God's will. This is his new God-given nature. Persistence is a Christian virtue acquired by those who abide in Christ and who love faithfully to keep God's commandments.

Persistence is also the inevitable blessing of all Christian praying. Jesus emphasized this truth in his parable of the widow before the judge, by which he declared that "men ought always to pray, and not to faint" (Luke 18:1-8). This kind of persistent praying is "not overcoming God's reluctance," as Trench wrote. "It is laying hold of his highest willingness." It is finding oneself in the center of God's will and at the heart of God's purposes so that his blessings can be ours more abundantly in answered prayers, in increased strength and spiritual resources, and in overwhelming joy. His grace is sufficient for every petition!

Persistence is also the Christian's strength that comes from firm convictions of faith. If we can say with the Apostle Paul, "I know whom I have believed," then we are persuaded of our conviction of faith and no one can dissuade us from this path of truth upon which we are going. There is a kind of holy persistence about our walk and talk. Winds of doubt cannot sway us. We are not "two-faced" in our utterances. Our faith is genuine to the core as seen in the persistence by which we hold these truths of God to be self-evident and sure.

Persistence belongs to the crowning glory of a Christian's day, as one who has fought a good fight and finished his course triumphantly. It is the story of every disciple of Christ who has carried through victoriously for his Lord to the end with praiseworthy persistence!

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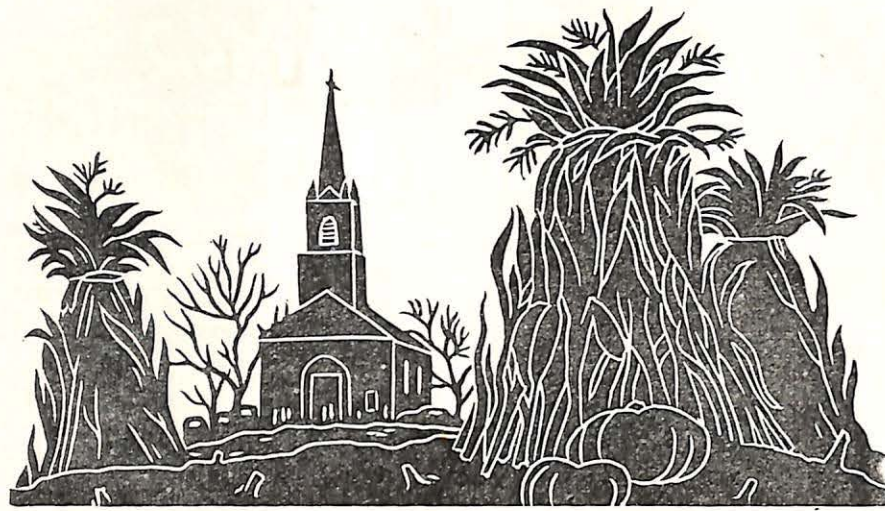
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At harvest time the Church of Jesus Christ stands as a symbol of praise and thanksgiving to God and of firm faith in the Savior.

The Faith That Saves

The faith that saves or justifies is faith based upon knowledge which manifests itself in holy living (James 2:18-26)

By the REV. ERNEST A. HOFFMANN of Millet, Alberta,
Pastor of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church

IT SEEMS TO ME that the word "faith" is very often used by a large percentage of us as Christians without our knowing what it really implies. To clarify it, some make a distinction between "head faith" and "heart faith." This, however, does not clarify matters greatly.

Then again we have some well meaning friends who become confused with the way in which James treats faith, and the way Paul treats it. These people seemingly find a difference of ideas, or say even a contradiction between James and Paul.

Paul states clearly that a man is justified by faith in Christ Jesus (Galatians 2:16). On the other hand, James expresses himself explicitly by saying, "You see that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone" (James 2:24). By taking these verses out of their context and placing them side by side, they would seem to contradict each other, but as we shall see later on the difference may arise in the interpretation of the word "faith" and from which angle one looks at justification.

FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge is the basis of faith. When the Bible speaks of faith it always has a person as its object. We must have knowledge about the per-

son before we can have faith in him. Thus faith is based upon knowledge. By this I do not mean that we must have complete knowledge about God before we can have faith in him.

In the case of electricity, I need not know all about the workings of electricity before I have enough faith to install it into my home and to use it. But I must know that electricity is a power which will prove itself beneficial to me and hence, basing my faith upon this knowledge, I install it and make use of it. In like manner, I need some knowledge about God before I can have faith in him. In Hebrews 6:6 we read: "He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

There is knowledge apart from faith.

Now again we may ask a question. Is there any knowledge apart from faith? I would venture to say "Yes." There can be a certain amount of knowledge, which some of the people in the time of James wrongly called faith, without true or saving faith.

Let us take the example that James uses. "You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe and shudder." The demons, or the devil, know there is a God. This knowledge produces a certain effect on them. They "tremble" or as the Re-

vised Version has it, "they shudder."

Likewise, there are many people who know that Christ lived on earth and died for sinners, but does this knowledge save them? No! In many cases it has the same effect upon them as upon the demons. They tremble. A cold intellectual assent to the doctrines of the Bible, which some people incorrectly call "faith," has no saving value. The faith which saves a man from eternal damnation, although based upon knowledge, goes much deeper.

THE FAITH WHICH SAVES

The faith which saves manifests itself in good works. James wishes to correct an error which was prevalent in the thinking of some of the people in his day. He seems to be fed up with the group of people who talk much and yet in their lives you cannot find the fruits of salvation. This is apparently the same note which we find in Isaiah 29:13. "Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth and with their lips do honor me, but have removed their heart far from me . . ."

Jesus also speaks of this same attitude in the Sermon on the Mount. "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that DOETH the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Then again in that same chapter, verse 24. "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine and DOETH them, I will liken him unto a wise man . . ." Saving faith goes deeper than just saying "Lord, Lord," or knowing what he said. One must act upon this knowledge. We must trust wholeheartedly these sayings of the Lord and act accordingly.

James points out that Abraham had true faith. He had saving faith. James quotes a verse from Genesis 15:6. "And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness." What was it that Abraham believed? It was this — — — "This shall not be thine heir (Eliezer of Damascus), but that shall come forth out of your own bowels (body), shall be thine heir." This was a living faith because, later on, we find that this faith was confirmed in the fact that Abraham was ready to offer up his son Isaac.

I do not believe that James meant to say that Abraham was justified by works without respect to faith, or to deny that in the sight of God the primary ground for his justification was faith. He wishes to prove that Abraham's faith was genuine. His faith led him to sacrifice his beloved son in spirit, and, if need be, in deed.

Abraham rested completely on the promise of God, that he would be a father of a nation. He knew God; he trusted him. Abraham probably did

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Prophecy Shows Israel's Future

The Second of a Series of Prophetic Articles
by the REV. L. H. SMITH of Corn, Oklahoma

THE PRESENT return of the Jews to the land of Palestine will become increasingly more disappointing. God is still to bring his severest judgment upon his people, Israel. Troubles will multiply as the days come and go and the land will not know rest until their Messiah comes. He will then establish them in the land that was promised to them.

COVENANT WITH ABRAHAM

Nearly four thousand years ago God commanded Abraham to look northward, southward, eastward and westward and then promised him that "all the land which thou seest TO THEE WILL I GIVE IT, AND TO THY SEED FOREVER" (Genesis 13:14-18). In this covenant God makes an outright gift of territory to Abraham and to HIS SEED as a permanent inheritance. But the bounds of the territory are not here described. Later God confirms the covenant to Abraham and then describes the bounds of the territory that his seed shall hold (Genesis 15-18). "Unto thy seed have I given this land, FROM THE RIVER OF EGYPT (the Nile) UNTO THE GREAT RIVER, THE RIVER EU-PHRATES."

The land herein described stretches from Egypt, thence across Arabia and Irak to the Euphrates River. Many have said, "God did not give them much when he gave this territory." But even this will be the occasion for the display of God's wisdom, power and grace. At no time has Israel occupied the whole of this territory, but they will in the day of their national conversion under Messiah. From God's Word we may know that this territory will become the focal point of human interest and history in the days that lie ahead. This covenant made to the seed of Abraham is unconditional and will hold good so long as there is a God to keep his Word.

For many centuries past, Abraham's seed through Ishmael have held sway over the territory that was promised only to Abraham's seed through Isaac. The recent troubles in the land have been stemming from that fact. Ishmael's seed were occupying the land as the seed of Isaac began to return. In olden times, he who was born after the flesh persecuted him who was born by promise. So we read of many riots and much bloodshed between the sons of Ishmael and the sons of Isaac

until the United Nations stepped in and divided the land.

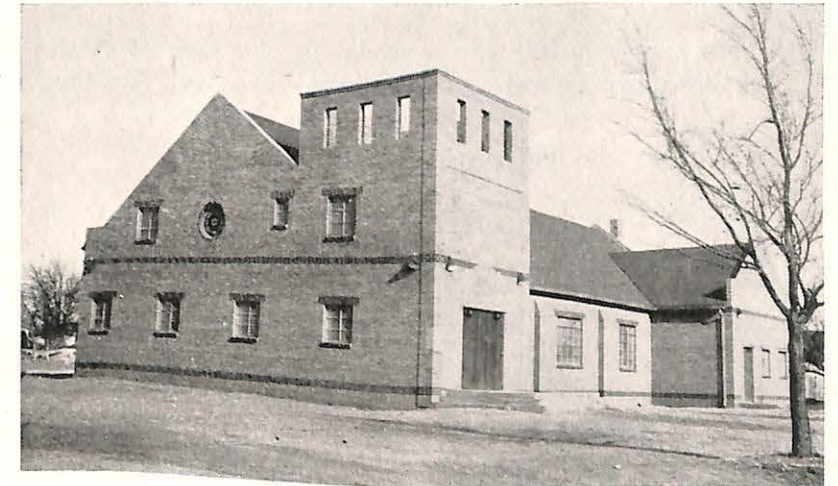
But this division will not hold for "what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman" (Gal. 4:30). The day will come when the seed of Ishmael (the Arabs) will be cast out of the land and the seed of Isaac shall be the sole occupant. Judging from the rapid developments of recent years, that day is probably not too far away.

THE COMING INVASION

The Prophet Ezekiel gives us a graphic description of the impending invasion (Chapters 38 and 39). These chapters indicate that at some future time, Jehova will lead forth a nation, designated as "MAGOG," with "GOG" as the ruling head, and bring them in-

After consulting such authorities, the writer is convinced that Gog is the name given by Ezekiel to the man who is yet to arise and to dominate the federation of nations mentioned above. The principal land mentioned is "Magog" and we believe it to be Russia. If this be true, then Russia with her present day satellites along with other lands that will fall behind the Iron Curtain, as she moves to take the land of Israel, will be led forth of Jehovah for destruction on the mountains of Israel.

God hates Gog, for he is the head and symbol of the anti-God forces who manifest their implacable enmity against God and his Christ. You will note in these verses that God holds Gog in reserve until an appointed time and then leads him forth into his land and destroys his armed hosts on the mountains of Southern Palestine. He



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to the land of Israel and there destroy that nation along with her satellites. The satellite nations are listed as Persia, Ethiopia, Lybia, Gomer and his bands, Togarmah and his bands and many others that are not identified. If you consult Genesis 10:2-3 you will find the names of Gomer, Magog, Meshech and Tubal mentioned as sons of Japheth and Togarmah to be his grandson through Gomer. It is not possible in the confines of an article of this kind to give the modern identification of these names separately. There is abundant and adequate material for the reader who wishes to satisfy his own mind with the detailed facts, available in any good library, or Bible encyclopedia.

will be led against a people gathered from among many nations (Israel) and now dwelling peacefully in their land that has long been desolate. Hordes upon hordes of armed men fill the land of Israel. Some think his "ascending and coming like a storm and like a cloud to cover the land" refers to an invasion by air and paratroop. That is possible but not necessarily demanded by the language.

Gog goes out for the purpose of plundering a defenseless, unarmed people. These people are God's own people, Israel, that he has gathered from among the nations to their own land. Gog is unaware that Jehovah is fitting him as a vessel of wrath for de-

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—Photo by Gilbert Schneider
Mambila drummers beat out a death dirge on their drums for the native chief, Norikam, in accordance with their pagan practises

Light and Darkness!

Pray for our missionaries who work with the sick of Africa. We rejoice in the many victories which have been won for the Great Physician

By MISS LAURA E. REDDIG, Missionary-nurse in the Cameroons

ABRAHAM was one of the new Christians of Mbwi. When word came to the Mission that he was very sick, everyone in the church began to pray for him. Native medicine men came to make "medicine" for him, but he would have none of it. In his fever and sickness he had a dream which was very real to him.

He was not afraid, because Jesus was there to take care of him. All his family thought he would die. But he took the medicine from the dispensary and was soon getting well. The medicine men said he would die. But he got well. He came to the church and thanked them for their prayers. He said he would now work to win his family to Christ.

CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY

His wife soon joined the inquirers' class and came regularly. In a few weeks she was to be baptized. She suddenly became very sick. Her husband was away at the time; so her family refused to let her come to the dispensary. Christians went to talk and pray with her. She became worse. The church teacher, John, found her

very ill one noon and begged the people to bring her to the mission. "She will die anyway," the family said. By the time she was carried up and down a few hills and across some rivers, she was almost unconscious. She didn't respond anymore when she reached the mission.

Crowds of people were swarming around her. "Who has bewitched this girl?" asked an old woman. I tried to quiet them while I gave a stimulant to the sick woman. We carried her into the "sick-hut" and put her on a bed.

Long before she breathed her last, the die-cries were heard all up and down the valley. What a lot of people! What a fine chance for a Gospel message! Evangelist Philip brought out his New Testament. The Christians gathered near the hut and sang a song.

"Don't cry for this girl," said Philip. "She is with Jesus, for she has become his follower. Cry for yourselves if you do not yet know Jesus. Your time to die might come next. Many of you are not ready. Your eyes have been blinded for so long. Instead of helping the sick ones by bringing them here so God can help them, you keep

them away. That is not the kind of help and love which God can show to you. He sees your crying and suffering. He made a way to set you free from this. Jesus is that way. Trusting in him, we can all know that we will meet our loved ones again. But the best part of all is that we will see Jesus. Won't you take him as your Friend today? Remember, your own time may soon be up. Trust him today!"

AN OLD "PAPA"

For many months this old "papa" has suffered. Everything he had was sold to buy goats and chickens with which to pay the medicine men who were trying to "cure" him. Kalabubsi, the mission dispensary boy met him on the road one day. They sat down to talk.

"You should go to our doctor at Banso. He can remove that trouble from your abdomen. If you give even a hundred goats to medicine men, they cannot help you." Though others advised against it, "papa" went to Banso. In a few weeks he was back. The tumor was gone and he was well. No longer would he trust in medicine men now. God had made him well.

SICK ZUVITCHU

Zuvitchu was very sick. Her younger brother, a student in the Bible School, tried his best to persuade the family to take her to the Mission. Medicine men made "medicine" and more "medicine" for her. She only became more ill. The church-teacher came and told her he would take her to the mission. "Then you must carry me," Zuvitchu said. "No," said John, "I will just help you walk."

It took a long time to get there. She was very sick. After medications, stimulants and many prayers, she came through the night just a bit stronger. The next day the missionary nurse was called to come quickly. "There is a medicine man making 'medicine' at the dispensary."

We found an old man with his wooden pot, lots of green branches and leaves, feathers and more "medicines" in a calabash. He was very annoyed, saying the girl would die if he didn't make the medicine for her. We told him that we could not stop him making medicine in other places, but here on the mission compound we let God guide and help us in caring for the sick. He went away, muttering to himself.

The next day the family asked to take her home. We told them that it would be at least four or five days more before she would be out of danger, and if she stayed here, we could watch her and give her the help she needed. She could not be taken away now! The very next day was

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A Living Faith at an African Funeral

A True Story from the Cameroons Mission Field
by MISS BERNEICE WESTERMAN of Soppo, Africa

ON TUESDAY I was told by one of our Christian teachers at Soppo that his mother was dying and so I went down to his home as soon as I could. Even then it was too late to do anything. Usually within twenty-four hours the funeral is held, so on Wednesday at 4:00 P.M. the church bell began to toll for the funeral service.

FUNERAL SERVICE

As Mrs. Ganstrom and I entered the small "bush" church in the village near the Soppo Baptist Mission Station, a group of people was singing a hymn in the Duala language and a smaller group was putting the body into the wooden coffin which had been made. As they were arranging the covers over her body for the last time, the son who had been named after Missionary Bender—Carl Bender by name—knelt beside the coffin and cried, realizing that it would be the last time that he would see his mother's face in this life.

As the regular funeral service began and the first hymn was ended, the son stood before the church. What he said, I should like to share with you. (I shall tell it in the English language but really it was spoken in the Duala and Pidgin English.)

"At this time I have very little to say, but I should like to have you sing with me this song and if the words are 'sweet' (encouraging), we will sing more verses of it."

On that bright and golden morning,
When the Son of Man shall come,
And the radiance of his glory we shall see!
When from every clime and nation he shall call his people home —
What a gathering of the ransomed that will be!

When the blest who sleep in Jesus, at his bidding shall arise
From the silence of the grave, and from the sea;
And with bodies all celestial they shall meet him in the skies —
What a gathering and rejoicing there will be!

When our eyes behold the City, with its many mansions bright,
And its river, calm and restful, flowing free;
When the friends that death has parted shall in bliss again unite —
What a gathering and a greeting there will be!

CHRISTIAN MOTHER

After these three verses the son continued—

"I have been asked to tell you concerning my mother's death because my father was not here and I was the only one in the house when she came home from her farm and passed away.

"I did not see mother come home from the farm and neither did I have an inner urge to be concerned to go and meet her. I was preparing to wash my clothes. When I went to see if the water which I had put on the fire to get hot was ready for use, I saw her lying on the bench (which we use at night to sit on around the fire and enjoy our story-hour) and it looked as if she were asleep. But then on second glance I saw that her arms were hanging limp on the ground. I did not know what to do when she would not speak to me, so I went to call her sister.

produce for her so that she would not have to carry heavy things.

GOD'S GUIDANCE

"My father is not to blame for her death. He was not at home at the time, and if he would have wanted to kill her, he could have done so earlier because they have been married for forty years. You people seem to forget that death will come to everyone of us, regardless who we are. We can not blame it on any one person. I want it understood that neither I nor my family believe that she died an unnatural death and I do not want to



—Photo by Gilbert Schneider
Four Fulani women of the Mambila area, bedecked in their most colorful clothes and headresses.

"I have been hearing many of you people talk about my mother's death, saying that someone had killed her with 'country' medicine or that my father is to blame for her death, or that she was bewitched by someone. Now that is not true! My mother has been sick for over a year and going on two years. She told very few people of this, but did mention it to her family that at times when she was out on her farm she would become very faint and dizzy.

"I often told her that she should not go out to the farm because I was still a single man and I could support her, but she insisted on keeping her farm and going out to work very hard. We always arranged for the small boys who were staying with us to go out to meet her and carry home the farm

hear it said that she did! God gave her to us and has now chosen to take her back to him." (If you were out here at Soppo you would realize that whenever anyone dies, the first thought of the people is to accuse someone of the death or of bewitching the person!)

Then the brother of the deceased spoke, the same son interpreting for him.

"My sister and her husband have been married since they were very young in 1911. That means that they have been married for forty years. To this union ten children were born, two of which have died. I as the brother wish to say that I am not blaming her husband for his death. God has given my sister a full life.

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Our First Missionaries to Japan

Presenting the Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth of Chicago, Illinois, who along with Miss Florence Miller will be our first missionaries to Japan

By the REV. R. SCHILKE, General Missionary Secretary

the Gospel of our Lord. Other mission boards were going into Japan to establish a mission there. For some reason we were not led to do so a year ago.

At the annual sessions of 1951 the question of beginning a mission in Japan was again prayerfully discussed. This time the Lord led us very definitely in that direction and we followed his leading. We pray and trust that during the course of this year our people in our churches in their over and above giving for missions will lay upon the altar of God the sum of ten thousand dollars for Japan in order that we might go ahead under God and begin this new mission venture. Japan at present is the land of opportunity for mission work. We do not want to miss the blessings of God that will come to our people everywhere as a result of this new mission venture.

FIRST MISSIONARIES TO JAPAN

Three of our young people are ready for appointment as our first missionaries to Japan. They will be our spearheads and others, we trust, will follow after some time. The Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth are members of our Foster Avenue Baptist Church in Chicago, Ill., of which the Rev. Robert Schreiber is pastor. The Foster Avenue Baptist Church and the Grace Baptist Church of Sheffield, Iowa, where the Rev. Henry Smuland is the pastor, are sharing together in the support of this splendid missionary couple. We are thankful to God for the missionary vision he has given to these churches. His untold blessings will come to them in manifold ways.

Jay W. Hirth and Esther O. Anderson were married on June 24, 1950. Both of them felt the call of God for missionary service before knowing each other. God's leading in their lives has thus been marvelous. On August 9, 1951 the Lord gave them the joy of a new born babe which they have named Linda Lea.

A NEW MISSION ENTERPRISE

Already during the annual sessions of the General Missionary Committee of 1950 the possibility of beginning a mission in Japan was discussed. Applicants for the field were available. Some of our young people felt burdened of the Lord to go to Japan with

Jay W. Hirth was born in Chicago, Ill., on Nov. 15, 1926. His parents were members of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago. In the winter of 1937 during an evangelistic campaign conducted by the Rev. Wm. Hoover, then pastor of the Connor Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., Jay publicly confessed Christ as his Savior. On March 28, 1937 he was baptized by the Rev. John Pankratz and became a member of the First German Baptist Church. For a short time he had the joy and enthusiasm of a young Christian.

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

However, his own testimony is to the fact that during his high school years he did not lead a victorious Christian life. Not until he was in the armed forces of the United States and on his way to Japan with the occupation forces did he fully yield his life to God. That decision came about mainly through the reading of William Chamberlin's "The Meaning of Repentance."

Esther O. Anderson was born in Chicago, Ill., on May 10, 1931. Through the consistent Christian life of her mother she came to the realization that she was a sinner and needed a Savior. In the summer of 1945 her parents sent her to Camp Michawana, a Christian girls' camp. There during a missionary meeting she yielded her life to God by accepting Christ as her personal Savior. She soon witnessed for the Lord in rescue mission work and Youth for Christ activities.

In the winter of 1948 through contact with a Christian girl from school, she came to the Foster Avenue Baptist Church. The fellowship with Christian people in that church brought new experience to her and resulted in her Christian life rising to a higher plane. On March 13, 1949 she was baptized by the Rev. Robert Schreiber and became a member of the church. Here in fellowshiping with the young people she came to know Jay with whom she now shares the joys and anticipations of life and of missionary service.

THE CALL OF GOD

After graduation from high school Jay was called to active duty in the Army Air Corps. While in training,

he witnessed for his Lord and persuaded his buddies to attend chapel services. As he witnessed thus for his Lord, he became conscious of his own inconsistencies in his Christian life. The Holy Spirit convicted him and led him to a full surrender of himself to God.

At the close of the war he was transferred from the mechanic and gunnery school to Japan with the occupation forces. In Japan he was made assistant chaplain to a Roman Catholic priest, much against his will. The Lord had his hand in this and provided new opportunities of service for him. He was able to lead other G.I.'s to a saving knowledge of the Lord.

In Japan Jay met Christian young people among the Japanese, among whom was Johnny Fukito, a Japanese pastor. Together they started a Youth for Christ work among the Japanese young people. In several weeks' time they had an attendance of more than two hundred young people in their weekly meetings. A Sunday School was started and also an English-Japanese Bible class.

In August 1946 he received his notice to return home. After his farewell message at a Youth for Christ meeting, the young people asked him to come back to them. The Lord was dealing with him, but he was not yet ready.

Coming home Jay enrolled at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., to prepare himself to become a Christian physical education instructor. However, through chapel talks, missionary addresses and conversations with pastors he felt the hand of God resting heavily upon him. While in prayer, it seemed that he could only pray for the Japanese people whom he had come to know and love. He yielded thus to the call of God.

Esther felt the call of God to missionary service at the time when she accepted the Lord. Through her Christian testimony in rescue mission work, Youth for Christ activities, Sunday School at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, and girl's counselling at Camps she became more and more convinced that God was calling her. In her marriage to Jay she found this conviction further strengthened and so was ready to go where God would lead.

PREPARATION FOR SERVICE

During his senior year at high school Jay attained distinction on the track and in football. The University of Indiana offered him a scholarship so that he might play on its team. The Armed Forces service interrupted the plan. The call of God to missionary service further caused him to lay aside all other plans.

Having yielded himself to God for foreign missionary service, his one aim was to prepare himself for the work.

At Wheaton College he majored in Christian Education and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1950. From there the Lord led him to Columbia Bible College, Columbia, S. C., from where he received his Master of Arts degree in Biblical Education in 1951.

Esther's education was interrupted because of financial difficulties. She found it necessary to seek work, but she continued her education through the help of correspondence courses. While at Columbia College with her husband she took a number of courses.

On September 17, 1951 Jay Hirth appeared before a credential committee for the purpose of ordination. He gave satisfactory statements concerning his Christian experience, call to missionary service, and doctrinal beliefs. On October 12th he was ordained into the Christian ministry in his home church.

WITH GOD TO JAPAN

Jay and Esther Hirth and their child Linda will sail after November 1st from San Francisco, Calif., to Yokohama, Japan. They will be stationed temporarily at Tokyo where they will study the Japanese language and customs. From there they will follow God's guidance to establish a mission field under our North American Baptist banner, most likely in a rural area. Our prayer shall follow them in their expectations. May God bless them abundantly!

A Living Faith

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She has given herself for her family and now God has shosen to take her to work no more."

A LIVING HOPE

Then at the grave as they were covering the coffin with dirt, strains of the hymn, "He Arose," were sung by the Christians who were witnessing the burial.

Friends in America! It is at times like these that a missionary's heart becomes so very full that it must come out in the form of tears! Yes, I could not help but shed tears as I saw the faith of this son. Even as those outside the church began to start a **Die Cry**, much like the professional waiters that you have read about, the son asked them to go into the house so that they could not be heard as plainly and be less disturbing.

It is thrilling to see the evidence in the native Christians that they have a hope in the **life hereafter**. Such times make me say with emphasis, "God has given us missionaries a most urgent and important message for these people." Praise God for the redeemed ones and for the faith in eternal life with our God.



—Ewing Galloway Photo
A little Japanese mother and her baby on the streets of Kobe, Japan.

LIGHT AND DARKNESS

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Sunday. While everyone on the mission station was in church, the family came and carried Zuvitchu off.

Soon we heard that she was much worse. We tried giving her medicines at home. She refused them, saying that she could not get well anyway. If she would take them, she might get well. If she refused, she had little chance of recovery. The brother pleaded with the family. Christians tried to help, but the medicine man who had been told to leave the mission, had filled them with such fears that there was little hope for the girl. Fear kills about as many people around here as diseases do.

Pray for those who work with the sick of Africa. Pray that they may be aware of every opportunity to serve and witness before these people. We count it a privilege to help those who come to us, but many are still kept away through fear, ignorance and the powers of darkness. Pray that patience and love might be given the workers to face the tasks and the many disappointments. We are not discouraged. We rejoice in the many victories which have been won for the Great Physician!

Jesus and His Opponents in the Temple

An exposition of John 8:31-59 in a series of expository messages on the Gospel According to John

By DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Forest Park, Illinois

MANY of the Jews believed on Jesus. But Christ warned them that they must "abide" in his teaching (John 15:7) if they desired to be his true disciples. If their belief was to be genuine and permanent, they had to live a life of obedience. If they lived in the atmosphere of the truth expressed in Christ's words, the truth would set them free.

The Jews were offended at this statement. "We are descendants of Abraham," they replied, "and have never been in slavery to any man. What do you mean by saying: 'You will become free?'" They had been in political slavery in Egypt and Babylon and now were subjects of Rome. Did they in their pride forget this?

SLAVES OF SIN

Jesus however pointed out that everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. According to the Mosaic law, the slave did not remain permanently in the household, whereas the son did. Because of sin, the Jews were slaves in a moral sense. However Christ, the Son of God, could free them from their slavery.

Jesus knew they resented his words. He told them that he knew they were Abraham's descendants. But if they had Abraham's faith, they would not have sought to have killed him. His teaching would have made progress in their lives. He told them truths of which he had personal knowledge through his communion with the Father before coming into this world. But they were children of a different father. They manifested a different spirit.

They answered: "Abraham is our father." Jesus said that if they were Abraham's children, they would perform the deeds of Abraham. They would manifest Abraham's faith and spirit. But they were seeking to kill Jesus, when he was only telling them the divine truth which he had heard from God. Abraham never acted like that. No, their deeds proved that they had another father!

This they deeply resented. "We were not born of adultery," they said. "We have one Father, God." They were not illegitimate children. They didn't worship idols. Baal or any other pagan god was not their father. When Israel worshiped idols she was

represented as committing adultery. But they worshiped the true God.

Jesus, however, told them that if they were truly children of the heavenly Father, they would love his Son because he came forth from God. The Son is like the Father. Both are the same in spirit, message and purpose. Christ was the Sent One from God. But they misunderstood him. They were from two different worlds. They were from beneath; he from above. They thought of material things; he of spiritual things. He had a pure heart; they had an evil heart.

Now he told them directly that their father was the devil. This is implied in John 8:38 and 41. Their desires were prompted by Satan. He was a murderer from the beginning of mankind. He is the father of lying, but God is the Author of truth. The unbelieving Jews were morally the devil's children. Jesus believed in the personal existence of Satan (John 8:44). Jesus must have been deeply grieved because they didn't believe him who spoke the truth.

THE SINLESS CHRIST

Now he confronted them with a startling question: "Which one of you convicts me of sin?" He did not speak of error or of falsehood but of sin. Jesus challenged them to discover the slightest sin in him. But if they couldn't find any sin in him, his teaching must be true. "I am without sin. If I am without sin, I speak only truth and if I speak truth, why do ye not believe me?" If they were really God's children, they would hear and accept God's words. But because of their prejudice and unbelief, they were not spiritually God's children. They had closed their minds to the truth.

The Jews became angry at Jesus' words. They called him a Samaritan, a bitter enemy of the people of God (John 4:9b). They even went so far as to say that he had a demon, that he was controlled by an evil spirit. But how blind, how wrong, how far from the truth they were! Jesus denied their accusation. The statement was absolutely false that he possessed an evil spirit. On the contrary, his words honored the heavenly Father but they dishonored the Son of God. Even though they falsely accused the Master, he was not disturbed (John

7:18). His honor was in God's hands. He was his judge!

Jesus had something of great importance to tell them. "If a man keeps his word or obeys his teaching, he shall never see death." If a man believes on Christ and obeys him, he has already passed from death unto life! (John 5:24.) He is alive spiritually eternally. "Death has been swallowed up of life, and physical death is thought of, in its true sense, as an entering into the highest life."

After Jesus had made this wonderful statement, the Jews felt more than ever that Jesus had an evil spirit. Why, any man who knows Jewish history is aware that Abraham and the prophets have died! The greatest and best men of Israel have passed away. How can Jesus say: "If a man keeps my word, he shall never taste of death?" Is Jesus greater than their father Abraham or any of their prophets? "Who are you making yourself out to be?" Who does he think he is, anyway?

GOD'S REVELATION

Jesus' statement seemed to put him on a level with the Most High. The Jews therefore rebuked such self-exaltation. But Jesus was not glorifying himself. He was only stating the truth and honoring the Father. But the Father also delighted to honor the Son. "You claim this Father to be your God. But you are not acquainted with God as I am. Were I to say, 'I do not know him,' I should be like you, a liar. But I do know him, and I obey his teaching."

The Jews thought they knew God but they didn't realize that Christ was the perfect incarnation of God, the final revelation of God and that he lived in perfect fellowship with God (Matt. 11:27; John 1:18; 5:20). They couldn't understand him because they had an evil spirit (John 8:44).

Now Jesus made another startling statement (John 8:56). The Jews had asked whether Jesus was greater than their father Abraham. The Master clearly indicated that he was greater than Abraham because he said: "Your Father Abraham rejoiced that he should see my day; and he saw it and was glad." To Abraham had been given the promise: "In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3).

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WHO GIVES THE DAY

Not for one single day,
Can I discern the way,
But this I surely know,
Who gives the day
Will show the way,
So I securely go.

—The Sunday School.

"Character is what you are in the dark."
—D. L. Moody.

JOHN WESLEY'S RULE

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.

"One of the smallest packages we ever saw was a man wrapped up wholly in himself."
—Anonymous.

BIBLE STUDY

Oh, not for wealth, nor fame, nor power,
Nor love, nor truest friend,
Would I forego the sacred hour
Which o'er God's Word I spend.
I steal it from the hours of sleep,
If leisure be not given,
For only this the soul can keep
In touch with God and heaven.

"Money is a purchaser of anything except happiness and a passport to any place except heaven."
—Unknown.

SEASONS

By CLARA A. BELL

Springtime;
Promise time;
Resurrection pledge.
Bringing hope and joy to me,
... Greening field and hedge.

Summertime;
Growing time;
Forming fruit and grain
Within the heart and soul of me.
... On hillside and on plain.

Autumn time;
Harvest time;
Waiting, ripe, mature.
Expectant is the heart of me,
... The garnering is sure.

Wintertime;
Resting time;
Sleeping 'neath the sod,
But all that lives and loves of me
Will be at home with God.

"A holy life does not live in the closet, but it cannot live without the closet."
—E. M. Bounds.

THE DAY BEFORE

By MARTHA SNELL NICHOLSON

Sometime some ordinary day will come,
A busy day like this, filled to the brim
With ordinary tasks, perhaps so full
That we have little care or thought
of him.

And there will be no hint from silent skies,
No signs, no clash of cymbals, roll of drums,
And yet that ordinary day will be
The very day before our dear Lord comes!

The day before we lay our burdens down,
And learn instead the strange feel of a crown;
The day before all grieving will be past,
And all tears wiped away at last.

O child of God, awake, and work, and pray!
That ordinary day may be today,
And yet the setting of tomorrow's sun
Will find a billion souls still here,
unwon!

—Evangelical Christian.

"Wake with a gentle thought; work with a happy thought; sleep with a loving thought."

—Home of Rev. and Mrs.

C. Rempel, Hebron, N. Dak.



—Eva Luoma Photo
This farm boy is "mighty proud" of his pet calf in the big barn!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, has extended a call to the Rev. Frank Veninga of Peoria, Ill., to which he has given a favorable reply. He will begin his pastorate in Aplington in Jan. 1952, succeeding the Rev. C. Fred Lehr, now living in Grundy Center, Iowa, where he is recovering from an extended illness. Mr. Veninga has served as pastor of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria since 1945.

● The Baptist Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., has extended a call to the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Klein of Cathay, North Dakota, to serve as superintendent and matron of the Home. Mr. Klein has been the pastor of the Germantown Baptist Church since 1948. They will begin their ministry at the Philadelphia Home on Nov. 1st. Mr. Klein will also carry out the duties of chaplain of the Home.

● The Rev. Alvin L. Wetter, pastor of the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, South Dakota, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Augustana College at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on August 9th. Mr. Wetter is a 1949 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary. During the past summer he and his wife visited with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. G. Wetter, in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

● One of the older readers of our denominational publications, Mr. John Felchle of Goodrich, North Dakota, was deeply moved by the news of the homegoing of Dr. William Kuhn and the tributes to his life and character which were published. He remembered the Seminary quartet of 1896, of which Brother Kuhn was a member, as it sang in Dakota Conference churches. On Dec. 5, 1951, Mr. Felchle will be 85 years of age.

● The offerings of the Baptist Church of Hebron, North Dakota, at its three services on Harvest and Mission Festival Sunday, Sept. 23, amounted to \$3535.00. It was an inspirational Sunday for the pastor, the Rev. C. Rempel, and his people who crowded the church for the services. Speakers were Mrs. Emma Mehlhoff of the Bismarck Home for the Aged, and Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., "Baptist Herald" editor.

● The Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, has extended a call to the Rev. Fred Lower of Kankakee, Ill., to which a favorable response has been given. He will begin his pastorate

DEDICATIONS in Eureka, South Dakota, and Bismarck, North Dakota.

The new edifice of the Baptist Church of Eureka, S. Dak., will be dedicated on Sunday, Oct. 28. The Rev. A. Krombein is the pastor. The guest speaker will be Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Illinois. All friends are cordially invited.

The new building of the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., will be dedicated on Sunday, Nov. 4, according to the pastor, the Rev. Edward Kary. The Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, will be the guest speaker. Reports about both new churches and dedication programs will appear in later issues of the HERALD.

in the Steamboat Rock church on Nov. 1st, succeeding the Rev. Howard Johnson. The Rev. Louis Johnson is serving the church as supply pastor. The church also hopes to observe its 75th anniversary in November. Mr. Lower has served the Immanuel Church of Kankakee, Ill., since 1943.

● The faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has been strengthened by Dr. George A. Dunger, who began his teaching ministry and work as librarian towards the close of September. Dr. Dunger was formerly one of our missionaries serving in the Cameroons of Africa. The opening convocation exercises of the Seminary were held on Friday evening, Sept. 14, with Professor Herbert Hiller bringing the convocation address.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Davin, Sask., Canada, has called Mr. Richard Grabke as its pastor, to which he has responded favorably. Mr. Grabke, who has studied at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, spent the past summer serving the mission stations of Telfordville and Calmar, stations of the Temple Church of Leduc, Alberta. Mr. and Mrs. Grabke are already on the Davin field for the beginning of their ministry.

● The recognition service for the Faith Baptist Church of Vernon, British Columbia, near the city of Kelowna, was held on Sunday, Sept.

23. The group of North American Baptist people there has purchased a church building for \$4500, assisted by the denominational Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee. Pastors of our churches in British Columbia, including the Rev. A. Kujath of Kelowna, participated in the program of recognition. Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Ill., interim evangelist, brought the recognition sermon.

● The Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa, will participate in the National Christian Teaching Mission to be held in the city from Nov. 8 to 15. The Rev. Thomas Lutz of North Freedom, Wis., will be the guest speaker and leader of that mission at the Oak Street Baptist Church. From Nov. 26 to Dec. 2, a week of special meetings will be held with Prof. A. P. Jeschke of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as speaker. Mr. Eldon Seibold of the North American Baptist Seminary will serve as leader of music. The Rev. Peter Pfeifer is pastor of the church.

● The Rev. E. Broeckel has bought a residence and is now living in Turtle Lake, North Dakota. He is one of the pioneer pastors of the Dakota Conference. He served the Turtle Lake Baptist Church from 1923 to 1931. For several weeks prior to the coming of the Rev. A. Bibelheimer to the Turtle Lake Church on Oct. 7, Mr. Broeckel supplied the pulpit of the church. He also participated in the 75th anniversary of the Baptist Church of Tyndall, S. Dak., on Oct. 13 and 14, having formerly served as pastor of this church.

● On Oct. 4, the Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson sailed on the "S.S. Britannic" from New York City for the Cameroons, Africa, via England. They are returning to the Cameroons mission field for the beginning of their second term. On Oct. 9 Miss Ida Forsch sailed from Tiko, Africa for England and the United States for her first furlough at home. She hopes to arrive in America about Nov. 15. Early in November our missionaries for Japan, the Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth and Miss Florence Miller, will sail from San Francisco, Calif., for the mission field in Japan.

● The Baptist Church of Beulah, North Dakota, held evangelistic services from Sept. 4 to 15, with the Rev. Fred J. Knalson of Underwood, North Dakota, as evangelist. On Sunday, Sept. 23, the church held its Harvest

and Mission Festival. The Rev. C. Rempel of Hebron, North Dakota, was the speaker for the morning and afternoon services, and the Rev. R. Sigmond for the evening service. The offerings amounted to \$360. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., showed missionary pictures at the Beulah Church on Monday evening, Sept. 24. The Rev. Fred Trautner is the pastor.

● Evangelistic meetings were held in the Erin Avenue Church of Cleveland, Ohio, from Sept. 24 to Oct. 3 with the Rev. Herman Mauch of Bluefield, West Virginia, serving as evangelist. Members of the church, Mr. Harry De Wick and Mr. Aubrey Park, who reside in a 53 suite apartment building of Cleveland, planned for a gospel service in their quarters on Thursday evening, Sept. 13, attended by 105 people from the other apartments and from the Erin Ave. Church. It was such an unusual service that a feature article about it appeared in the "Cleveland Press" on Sept. 17. The Rev. Edwin Miller, pastor, reported that one man from the apartment building raised his hand for prayer with whom the pastor is now dealing regarding his salvation.

JESUS IN THE TEMPLE

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The words, "my day," undoubtedly refer to the earthly ministry of Jesus. Christ taught that the patriarchs were not dead but living. Speaking of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, he made the significant statement: "God is not the God of the dead, but of the living" (Matt. 22:32). Abraham was alive even like Moses and Elijah who appeared to Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. Abraham was witnessing in a higher realm of that which was transpiring on earth. He rejoiced over the earthly ministry of Christ.

The Jews were astonished at Jesus' words: "You are not yet fifty years old and you have seen Abraham?" The Son of God startled them even more by saying: "Verily, verily, I say unto you: Before Abraham was born, I am." The "I am" of Jesus clearly involves the pre-existence of Christ. Before Abraham came into existence, Christ was already on the scene (John 1:1, 17:5).

The unbelieving Jews became very angry because this last declaration of Jesus seemed blasphemous. In their blindness and fury, they picked up some stones in the court of the unfinished temple and were ready to kill him on the spot. But Jesus quietly and quickly disappeared among the crowd.

The enemies of Jesus in his day have died long ago. But the Son of God has millions of followers today and the ever-living Christ will ultimately triumph over the forces of evil.

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

HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

October 28—"More Than One Way" by Rev. William Schoeffel, Chicago, Illinois.
November 4—"Robed in White" by Prof. Herbert Hiller, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

LEADERS' RETREAT

The officers of the Central Conference Union are taking the lead in a vital program for every local CBY and Sunday School. In September a very fine leaders' retreat was held for the local church leaders of the entire Central Conference. The Group met at the conference grounds of Cedar Lake, Indiana. Those present, under the leadership of Mr. Edward Wolff, the president, were introduced into a more aggressive, highly spiritual program.

Besides reviewing the activities, planning a more dynamic program in each church, time was given to the deepening of the spiritual life of each leader. Dr. Dale Ihrie, pastor of the Burns Avenue Church, Detroit, Mich., and the general secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst, were present to guide these fine leaders in their planning and in united prayer. Several other pastors were present, taking part in the discussions and encouraging the church leaders to greater service.



Miss Adeline Zimbelman, director of religious education at the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, and Mr. David Nasgowitz, president of the Wisconsin CBY and SS Union, at the Green Lake Youth Leaders' Retreat last summer.

BAPTIST YOUTH IN JAPAN

A letter from the director of Baptist Youth Work in Japan, Akiko Endo, reached the General Secretary's desk recently. Among other things the letter contained this message:

"Since the war the number of young Baptists in Japan has been growing each year and we believe that the time has come to make advances in youth work here. And in this undertaking we seek the prayers of fellow-Baptists in many countries... It is our privilege to pray God's rich blessings upon your work."

SUNDAY SCHOOL STANDARD

The following was listed in the church bulletin of September 9 for the Randolph, Minn., Church with the Rev. Ben Zimmerman as pastor:

"There was a good attendance at the Workers' Conference on Tuesday evening last week. Materials for the new Sunday School year were ordered. Plans were made for Rally and Promotion Sunday at which time 14 pupils will be promoted. The Standard was reviewed and it was learned that we missed two of the ten goals. We failed to attain the 10 percent increase in enrollment and we did not have quite enough workers' conferences during the year. 'Let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not!' Let's get off to a good start for next year with Rally Day."

CBY SERVICE PROJECT

The members of the CBY, including counsellor and pastor, of our Alpena, Mich., church regularly over a period of a year have carried on a very worthwhile service project. Each Sunday morning after the service a group goes to the hospital to sing the comforting and uplifting Gospel hymns of the church. Patients and workers look forward to this fine ministry of love on the part of these young people.

THE CBY STANDARD

By this time all local CBY's ought to be acquainted with the Standard. If perchance some are not, why delay in introducing it to your group? The goals of the Standard will not only give direction for a more unified and intensified program but should also serve to give greater spiritual impetus to leaders and CBY members. Copies of the Standard are available from the headquarters office.

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THE BAPTIST HERALD

Withering Grass

A Christian Novel by BERNARD PALMER

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"It gets harder to say good-bye every time you come down."

"I know." Those long bleak train rides home were growing increasingly miserable.

She kissed him tenderly on the tip of the nose.

It was difficult for them both to be apart, and yet for Ernest the days were full. He was working at the nearby laundry four evenings a week and serving a small suburban church at the same time.

The work in the places where students helped was seldom easy. Where Ernest was assigned it was doubly difficult. Little more than a Sunday School for underprivileged children, it suffered as much from the blight of indifference as the lack of numbers.

At first he had no young people at all. Then he began a house-to-house visitation. Most of those visited were cold and unresponsive, but Sunday evening three girls and two boys came out at five o'clock. The following Sunday nine showed up, then twelve and finally the group grew to twenty-five and had its own gospel and visitation teams.

"... And last Sunday I had the joy of praying with a lad our gospel team dealt with," he wrote to Karen. "There's nothing quite like working with young people. They're so eager and so responsive..."

Although his church was small, his young people's work attracted the attention of the Dean and he was called in to the office.

"I've been told about your youth work, Ernie," the Dean said. "They say you're doing an excellent job."

"Thank you."

"It's a real gift to be able to challenge youth with the gospel. I know you're going to have a very successful ministry."

Ernest's heart glowed within him.

He learned much of sermonizing during those months. He was learning too that all pastoring was not to be found in books, that the most difficult of tasks had no rules for guidance. There was no standard word of rote for calming an irate choir soprano or assuaging the grief of a father whose only son had died. There were no patterns to follow in leading all men to Christ and he soon discovered that the approach that would bring results with one, might provoke another to

anger and make him more inaccessible and harder to reach than ever before. And through it all, he was beginning to know and understand the minds and hearts of men, the first requisite for an effective, fruitful ministry.

The next summer he stayed in Chicago. It meant further separation from Karen but it permitted him to keep on with his work at the church and, in addition, to take a course in psychology at one of the larger universities.

Burt came to Seminary in the Fall. Ernest was both happy and disturbed about it. He had been longing for the fellowship they had together, and yet—and yet—. He got up and paced determinedly to the window. Here they were going to recognize his ability!

Not long after Burt arrived Ernest talked him into going with him to his little suburban charge.

"How'd you like to speak tonight?" he asked as they rode out to the church.

"I don't know anything about giving a sermon, Ernie. And I've never prepared any talks but those we used to give with the gospel team."

"Give one of those."

"There's not much to them."

"That won't make any difference to my people. They're used to bum messages."

"I'll bet they are."

It was one of those difficult nights, with the crowd spotted and in an unresponsive mood. Strange how one could sense their attitude the moment the meeting opened. But that was only until Burt began to speak. His message was awkward and poorly arranged. Indeed, it was not a message at all, but a disorganized, rambling talk. And yet it compelled attention. Burt used the third chapter of John as a text; "ye must be born again."

He told of the sinfulness of man—how all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, of the need for confessing one's sins before Christ and accepting Him as his personal Savior. It was a simple message, simply given, and yet it touched the heart of the congregation. Ernest had been watching a man with whom he had been dealing and praying for weeks, but without effect. He was squirming uneasily in his seat and when Burt gave

the invitation the man almost leaped to his feet in his haste to come forward and give his heart to the Lord.

In spite of himself a hint of envy tinged Ernest's happiness at seeing the fellow come to Christ as a result of Burt's effort. He had worked so long with him the victory would have seemed more complete had his own message brought about the decision.

"Say, you did all right tonight," Ernest said as they walked to the bus stop. "You had that congregation as I've seldom been able to get them."

"It wasn't a sermon, Ernie. I just talked to them. I don't know anything about sermonizing."

"Just the same, it brought Clint Bradley to Christ. And I've been working with him for weeks."

"We can thank God for that."

The next Sunday morning Ernest was standing at the back of the church shaking hands with his congregation as they filed past after the Morning Worship when an elderly, shriveled, graying spinster stopped before him. Her faded eyes peered sharply into his.

"That was a good sermon, young man," she snapped as though compliments from her were so rare as to merit special attention. "But, for a preacher, that brother of yours has got you beat a country mile."

Twice during the coming week he heard the same statement voiced from different sources. One was passive and without malice but the other, an individual noted as a constant irritant in the church and out, had the temerity to suggest that if Ernest found the work at the church too heavy to carry as it ought to be with his full senior course they would be happy to release him and call Burt in his stead. The man never knew how deeply he cut.

Ernest thought and prayed often about the matter. He doubled the time spent on his messages and took to going through them in his room before the mirror. The extra effort left its imprint upon his work, the mark of painstaking labor and infinite patience. His sermons acquired new depths and his phrases and transitions were smoother and better polished. But the results were not alone in his message. He was gaining confidence in himself and an ease in the pulpit that comes only with experience and the assurance of being fully prepared.

"I've been working a lot on my messages," he wrote to Karen, "and I guess I'm improving a little. There was plenty of room for improvement. But, you know, darling, I've never seen anyone captivate an audience like Burke does. His sermons are still a little on the shallow side, but he's got something that sways crowds... I can speak, honey. Perhaps not as well as Burt, but I can express myself effectively. And what I lack in

charm and personality I can make up by study and hard work. Some day I'm going to be swaying congregations in a big church..."

In the weeks that followed, Burt's reputation mushroomed. He had originality and ability, the freshness of a cool July rain or the clean, soft breeze that followed. His nimble mind was coupled with an eagerness to learn that kept him, notebook poised, on the edge of his seat throughout the lectures. And his questions, explicit and penetrating, had made more than one instructor squirm.

Before the mid-year exams it was obvious that the faculty and student body alike singled him out as the outstanding student of the year. In just a few weeks, Ernest, who had been at the school for more than two years and had been well on the way toward carving himself a very comfortable reputation, suddenly became known as "Burt Henning's brother."

The work at Seminary became even heavier as Christmas crept by and Spring approached. Classes took a conclusive turn and the seniors, faced with completing their formal education, showed new interest in their books. For Ernest, graduation was but one of the twin climaxes of his life because he and Karen were to be married the following week. As the time approached it did not seem real at all, but a beautifully enchanting dream from which he would soon awaken.

Her letters had been filled with little else the past months. She had gone over the plans a dozen times, filling in details, working out a host of minute problems that Ernest would not even have realized existed.

"... I'd like to be married in Daddy's church in Iowa," she had written. "We can set the date the week after graduation if that's all right with you. That will make it possible for two or three of my girl friends to stop off for the ceremony on the way home from school."

"The wedding will have to be large. I hope you don't mind, darling. But it simply would not do to slight anyone after they've all been so wonderful to me. They're planning teas and parties and showers until I'm swooning, and already the wedding gifts are beginning to pour in..."

"There are a lot of problems in connection with serving a pastorate and a good many things are disagreeable, but Ernie, honey, you've never really experienced love until you've seen it expressed toward you by a congregation. These dear people have their foibles to be sure, but I almost cry when I think how good they have been to me."

"I guess you know I'm enjoying this immensely. Ever since I can remember I've dreamed of a formal church wedding. And now I'm not to be denied."

Ernest was to select the best man. She knew without asking who his choice would be. Her bridesmaid was a close friend from college and one of the ushers was to be her younger brother. It would have been nice to have her father give her away, and yet she could not think of being married without wanting him to perform the ceremony. It always seemed, as he slowly intoned the sacred words, that the very presence of the Lord descended upon the room with a sort of breathless, holy hush.

From the dim reaches of memory she drew upon all her fanciful imaginings of what a wedding gown should be until she could close her eyes and see it there before her, shimmering white and as soft as an April snow.

For months she had been saving for it, hoarding dollars by halves and quarters until she finally had enough.

Her letters to Ernest were excited and delightfully feminine. She described in great detail how she traipsed from one shop to another, smiling at the snippy remarks of saleswomen and the malevolent stares of department managers as she thumbed through stacks of dresses in search of the gown that was beautiful enough for her wedding day.

"Are these all you have?" she had asked the clerk wearily after they had gone through row upon row of dresses in her size.

"Yes, dearie, those are all we have." There was a tinge of sarcasm in her tone that would have merited a word from the manager had he heard it.

"But none of them will do." There must have been a desperate quality in her voice for the clerk suddenly softened.

"If I were you I wouldn't try to find one, I'd buy the material and have it made." She turned back to the shelf of bolt material and lifted down a bolt of heavy white silk. "I've always thought this would make a beautiful dress."

And there on the counter was the very material of which she had been dreaming.

"But—but it's so terribly expensive," she said, running her fingers lovingly through the soft white folds.

"Dearie, a wedding gown is never expensive, regardless of what it costs."

The dressmaker looked at a crude sketch of what she wanted, took a few measurements, made a practical suggestion or two and in four days of painstaking work transformed her dreams into reality. The cost was frightful. She dare not think of it herself, and yet she would not have been satisfied with less.

Mrs. Syndergaard's interest and excitement was matched only by that of her daughter. She too counted that day wasted that did not produce a new suggestion calculated to make



—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. During Spring vacation Ernest went back to Indiana Christian College to give Karen a diamond ring. Both of them were very, very happy!

CHAPTER FIVE

Ernest had missed Karen before, had dreamed of her at night, had seen her in the trees and stars, and in every woman he met, but the aching in his heart had an impersonal tinge as though he longed desperately for something not actually his. Now that they were engaged, staying at the Seminary alone was harder for him than ever. He found occasion to make many brief week-end trips back to the college to spend a few precious hours with her, hours that were gone in a twinkling; ending before they had really begun.

"I wish you didn't have to go back tonight," she said on one Sunday evening after church while they were waiting for the train that would take him to Chicago.

"So do I."

Karen's wedding the more beautiful. She wrote letters, arranged invitation lists and spent hours bending over Karen's trousseau with needle and thread.

"It isn't as though she was marrying someone we disapproved of," she answered her husband's protest at her working so hard. "We both love Ernest like he was our own boy. And I do so want things nice for them."

"I know—I know," he continued lamely, his very voice signalling defeat.

She came over to the divan and sat down beside him wearily, for she was very tired. "Our wedding day was wonderful wasn't it? I don't think I'll ever see a day so beautiful again. It's been wonderful all the way." She sighed audibly. "That's one of the reasons I want the same sort of start for Ernest and Karen."

"I do too, my dear, but it wouldn't do for you to work yourself sick. I can't help worrying a little about you, you've been working so hard."

"Oh, tosh," she scolded and went into the other room.

In spite of her casual efforts to pass it off he was concerned. All winter he had been vaguely worried about her, an intangible uneasiness with little form or substance. She was not ill enough to be confined to her bed, nor to warrant her seeing a doctor. She had gone along as usual, keeping up her own home and doing the work of three in visitation and sick calls, wherever her help was needed. He had wanted to scold her only the week before for sitting up all night with a sick child.

"But I gave that poor, tired little mother the only real night's rest she's had in two weeks," she had replied. "You wouldn't begrudge her that, now would you? And me? I'm as fit as ever."

Although as often as he mentioned it she scoffed at his worrying, he caught a certain listlessness in her eyes, as though, perhaps, life had lost a portion of its savor. There was an unnatural pallor in her cheeks and she was not eating as heartily as usual, but if she were concerned about her health she masked it carefully. She laughed easily and often and showed interest in everything that went on about her until those who knew her casually said that her white-streaked hair and wrinkling features seemed very much out of place on one so young.

The weeks went on until a scant three remained before Karen and Ernest were to be married. She had not seemed different than usual that morning. She got up a bit earlier and was hurrying with breakfast. Mr. Syndergaard came downstairs, shoes in his hand, and sat on the chair nearest the kitchen table.

"What are you up so early about, Mother?" he asked as he tied the laces.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Day of Prayer for Evangelistic Power in North American Baptist Churches.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11
Exchange Sunday in Our Churches to Consider the General Theme: "Every Baptist Church an Evangelistic Church!"

"It's only six-thirty and here you are up and puttering around in the kitchen."

"Mrs. Watkins called last night to tell me that Mrs. Clinton is in bed with asthma again. I thought I'd run over and clean for her."

"Is it asthma or temperament, my dear?"

"Why Carl!" her voice was stiff with reprimand.

"I'm sorry," he grinned sheepishly. "I think you're the one who ought to be the pastor in this family. I always think the worst of people. But it always has seemed to me that she gets sick every time she wants a new piece of furniture. And Joe was telling me after board meeting Monday night that he had to put his foot down when she wanted a new bedroom suite."

"I'm ashamed of you when you talk that way."

"I'm ashamed of myself, Mother, but you're the only one I can talk that way to and a man's got to tell what he thinks sometimes." Then seriously, "I guess I get a little disgusted because I know that most of those who call on you for help feel better than you do."

This time she did not protest. She poured the coffee and turned back to the stove. "I do wish I didn't have to go today. I feel a little dizzy."

"You don't look like you feel good. You go up and lie down and I'll tell Mrs. Clinton that you're too sick to come over."

"Don't do that, Carl. I'll be all right. I—I—" a strange hurt look came to her eyes and she grasped her chair for support.

"Mother!" he exclaimed, jumping to his feet. "What's the matter? What's wrong?"

"I'm—just—so—dizzy. I—" her voice again trailed away. For an instant it looked as though she was still striving to speak, but could not. Her grasp on the chair relaxed and she slumped to the floor.

The next hours were a daze to Carl Syndergaard. He managed, somehow, to get her into the living room on the divan and called the doctor. By the time he got back to her side her pulse was fluttering and so weak he could scarcely catch it. How long it took Dr. Morris to arrive he did not know. But it did not matter. Nothing mattered any more.

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PROPHECY AND ISRAEL

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struction. The news of the vast wealth and substance of returned Israel, the stores of oil in the Arabian fields, and the vast wealth of the Dead Sea lure him on to take an easy spoil. Jehovah will be sanctified before the eyes of the nations in Gog, his own worst enemy.

God's wrath is manifested as soon as Gog invades the land of Israel. By means of a mighty earth-shaking, he throws the hosts of Gog into panic and each man turns his sword against his own comrade. Jehovah completes the destruction with the use of fire and brimstone, great hail, torrential rains and pestilence. God delivers his people as in days of old, without human assistance. The divine purpose is to magnify and sanctify his great Name among the nations of the world that have forgotten him.

God is bringing a last dread warning of what is to come to the other nations and their armies in the battle of Armageddon under the leadership of the "Beast" (Rev. 16:13-16; 19:11-21). God even sends fire and judgment upon the home land of Gog and his satellites (Verse 6). Israel takes seven years' fuel supply from the litter of the battlefield. It requires seven months for the nation to bury the bodies of the enemy who were slain. The land stinks with the smell of decaying flesh, and the beasts and fowls have a banquet on the enemies of God.

This great judgment from Jehovah against his enemies and the enemies of his people satisfies Israel that Jehovah is truly their God. This great judgment will also make clear to the nations why God scattered his people Israel among them, and they shall know that God is against the wickedness of any people, even his own. In this day it will be proven to the nations that God has not set aside his people Israel forever, and that the prophecies relating to them do not refer to the Church, as the writer once supposed.

We again leave you, dear reader, with 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).

IN HIS KEEPING

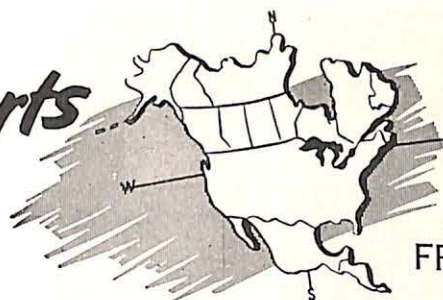
God have you in his keeping
Day and night;
In the deep darkness
And the noonday bright.

In joy's glad morning,
And in sorrow's hour,
May you be shielded
By his mighty power.

When doubts assail,
And when faith's lamp is dim,
Lift up your heart
And put your trust in him.

—The Australian Baptist.

Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Northern Conference

Vacation Bible School With Forty Children at the Baptist Church, Glidden, Saskatchewan

From July 30 until August 10 a Vacation Bible School was conducted in the Baptist Church of Glidden, Sask., Canada. The teachers included three consecrated young ladies from the community and our student pastor, Mr. Laurence R. Prast, and his wife from the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The forty pupils gathered daily for two weeks of instruction in Biblical truths and learned well their lessons and memory verses. They also learned many new songs and choruses.

On Friday evening, August 10, these children presented a program in the church, consisting of some of the stories, choruses and Bible verses which they had learned. It was a real blessing for us to listen to the program and to hear the messages of these pupils. We are happy for the teachers who so willingly gave their time to teach God's Word.

Mrs. Gladys M. Bender, Reporter.

Baptismal Service Held by the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Millet, Alberta

The members of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Millet, Alta., had the joy of witnessing an outdoor baptism on Sunday morning, August 26. The Rev. K. Korella, pastor of the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church, who with his congregation shared in the blessings of the day, brought the morning message on the significance of baptism. Music was supplied by the band of the Wiesenthal Church.

Three young people and four children gave testimony of their new life in Christ as they were baptized by the pastor, the Rev. E. Hoffmann. Some of these converts were the result of evangelistic services, held last Fall with Dr. C. H. Seecamp of Leduc, Alta., as evangelist. Others were led to Christ through the personal work of our pastor.

Following lunch in the church basement these seven candidates, besides three others who came to us by transfer, were received into the fellowship of the church. With grateful hearts we went to the Lord's Table in remembrance of him, who by his grace has washed us from our sins in his own blood.

Verda Scheeler, Reporter.



Pupils and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Baptist Church of Glidden, Saskatchewan.

West Ebenezer Church of Saskatchewan Holds Ordination Service for Rev. Louis Knoll

On the beautiful Sunday afternoon of August 5, we, as a delegation representing eight different Baptist churches of Saskatchewan, Canada, and a host of friends, gathered in the West Ebenezer Baptist Church near Ebenezer, Sask., for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Louis Knoll.

After hearing a timely message by the candidate, we went over to the examination service. The Rev. M. De Boer was elected moderator and the Rev. John Engel as clerk. Following the completion of the organization, the candidate was presented to the council, after which he proceeded to give his testimony concerning his conversion, call to the ministry, and doctrinal views.

Sunday night was dedicated for the ordination service. An inspiring program was rendered. We had the pleasure of having three outside visiting ministers with us. The Rev. W.

ANNUAL BAZAAR at the Chicago Home for the Aged on October 25.

Under the auspices of the Women's Service Union of Chicago and vicinity, the yearly bazaar will be held for the benefit of the Home on Thursday, October 25, 1951, at 2:00 P.M. Donations will be gratefully accepted and may be sent directly to the Western Baptist Home for the Aged, 1851 N. Spaulding Ave., Chicago 37, Ill.

Stein of Tyndall, S. Dak., gave the ordination sermon. The Rev. B. Fritzsche, formerly of West Ebenezer Church, and the Rev. John Kuehn of Ontario were also among the visiting pastors. The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. J. Engel and the charge to the church by the Rev. J. Kuehn. The ordination prayer was offered by the local pastor, the Rev. M. De Boer.

After the program the local church invited all down to the basement for some refreshments. We want to thank all concerned for their kind hospitality and brotherly love shown to us as visiting delegates and friends. We would also like to wish the Rev. and Mrs. Louis Knoll God's richest blessing in their ministry on the foreign mission field.

John Engel, Reporter.

Wedding of Miss Hilda Tobert and Rev. H. Gieseke at Edmonton, Alberta

The Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., was a profusion of autumn blossoms in a glow of soft candlelight for the beautiful bridal setting on the evening of Thursday, September 13, when Miss Hilda Tobert became the bride of the Rev. Harold Gieseke. The Rev. H. Pfeifer officiated.

Sometime ago the door to Africa was closed to our Camerouns missionary, Miss Tobert, on account of health reasons. But the Lord has called her into his service here. The Rev. Harold Gieseke of Dallas, Texas, is especially known to our young people and Sunday School as the president of the Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union of the North American Baptist General Conference. He is the pastor of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas.

We are grateful for their true-hearted testimony and witness in our denomination. We extend our very best wishes to them and pray the Lord will richly bless them as they journey life's pathway together with him!

In honor of Miss Hilda Tobert, bride-elect, the women of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton expressed their good will and joy in sharing with Hilda her happiness by a miscellaneous shower recently. About one hundred ladies were present in the lower auditorium of the church, which was decorated with floral arrangements and lighted tapers. Co-hostesses of this event were Mrs. B. Wilchinski, Mrs. C. Schroeder and Mrs. A. Layetzke.

We have greatly enjoyed having had Mrs. Gieseke with us this summer. She has freely given her time in speaking to our Ladies' Missionary Society and young people's group. Her radiant Christian personality has been an inspiration to all.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 9th, a challenging message on REVIVAL was given by the Rev. Harold Gieseke, her fiance at the time. We count it a privilege to have them in our midst. We are also happy to report the return of our pastor, the Rev. H. Pfeifer, from his summer tour in Germany for Youth for Christ.

Reporter.

Vacation Bible School and Baptismal Service at First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

From July 20 to August 2 a successful Vacation Bible School was conducted at the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta. In spite of rain and bad roads, there was an enrollment of 66 scholars.

Miss Margaret Benke was director of the school. The school was divided into four classes. The Beginners were taught by Miss Ruth Grabia and Miss Lorraine Lessing; the Primary Department by Miss Phyllis Grunwald and Miss Joyce Hammer; Juniors by Mr. Bernard Fillenberg and Miss Clara Seecamp; and the Intermediates by Mrs. C. H. Seecamp. The project was the Benke Memorial Chapel on the Indian Reserve.

A fine closing program was rendered on Sunday evening, Aug. 5, at which time the pupils and teachers demonstrated their class work. In behalf of the Sunday School the assistant superintendent, Mr. Marvin Grabia, presented the director and teachers with gifts of appreciation for the fine work done.

On Aug. 19 our hearts were overjoyed as our pastor, Dr. C. H. Seecamp, baptized twelve persons. The hand of fellowship was extended to them on the following Sunday, Aug. 26. In addition eight members were received into the church. May we as a church, strengthened in numbers, ever continue to go forward.

Mrs. Martha Ohlmann, Reporter.

Central Conference

Farewell Reception and Men's Brotherhood Activities at Baptist Church, Alpena, Michigan

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Preston and their son Gary of Alpena, Mich., left for Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where Carter enrolled in our North American Baptist Seminary. Two farewells were held for them by the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Alpena. The choir, which Carter directed during the past six months, presented a purse. At a farewell service held on August 26, the church presented them with a purse. Presentation was made by Deacon Ben Kanarr. Mr. Carter Preston is the second son of our church within five years to enter the Christian ministry.

The Men's Brotherhood with Mr. Ed Ratzlaff as president held Open Air Meetings for two months following the regular Sunday evening services at Michekewis Park on the beach of Lake Huron. The last meeting was on Sept. 2nd. Even though there weren't any visible results, still the Word of God was proclaimed in song and the spoken word was brought to many local people and tourists. This Fall the Brotherhood has resumed its services on the last Thursday of the month at the Alpena Men's Camp.

The Rev. Richard A. Grenz is pastor. Pray for the ministry of our church in Alpena!

Mrs. Oramel Burnham, Reporter.



Rev. M. Vanderbeck (left) of the Bethel Church, Sheboygan, Wis., and the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., guest speaker at the church's observance of Youth and Sunday School Week.

Michigan Tri Church Rally for Young People is Held at Alpena, Michigan

The text for the Michigan "Tri-Church Rally" held at Alpena, Mich., was, "The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:17b). This rally attended by young people from the Fourth Ave. Church of Alpena, Mich., Beaver Church of Midland, Mich., and Round Lake Church of Gladwin, Mich., was held on Sept. 15 and 16.

William Smith, president, opened the Saturday meeting with a song service. Herbert Yerke read the Scripture passage. The business session followed with the following officers being elected for the new year: Bert Braun, president; Laura Pahl, vice-president; Ilene Lindenberg, secretary; Gladys Johns, treasurer; Donna Ratz, pianist; and Rev. F. Mashner, dean.

Lillian Timm, Alpena, CBY president, was in charge of the evening service. The Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary and editor of "Youth Compass," was the speaker bringing a heart stirring message on the theme. The Sunday School hour was in charge of Alpena's superintendent, Leonard Schwenke. Lyle Hatfield welcomed the three churches in behalf of the First Baptist Church of Alpena, where the Sunday services were held. Luanna Majeske and the Rev. Victor Prendering of Gladwin gave a ten-minute exposition of the lesson and Mr. Gunst brought instruction in Sunday School work.

The morning worship was in charge of the host pastor, the Rev. Richard Grenz. The Rev. Fred Mashner read the Scripture passage followed by a number by the Tri-Church Choir. Mr. Gunst spoke on Eph. 6:16: "Above all, taking the shield of faith." What a great blessing we received from this message on faith!

The afternoon service led by Bert Braun was especially rich in musical numbers. Installation of new officers was conducted by Mr. Gunst and the charge to the officers by Mr. Wm. Smith. A very inspiring message was brought by Miss Esther Schultz, missionary to Africa.

At the closing service musical numbers were rendered by Mrs. Mashner, piano duets by Joan Wolff and Her-

bert Yerke, the Alpena Men's Quartet and Tri-Church Choir. The message was by Miss Esther Schultz. Three offerings received amounted to \$178.12 for mission and \$30.05 toward a Central Conference camp site.

Mrs. Clarence Zgorski, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference

Sunday School and Youth Week at the Bethel Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin

Sunday School and Youth Week was observed by the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., from September 9 to 12. On Sunday morning, the Sunday School started its sessions with the announcement of a new Sunday School drive, which is to raise the enrollment from 83 to 100. Classes were held in the usual way, and the attendance was 80.

In the morning worship hour, special selections were rendered. Mr. Francis Guenther, superintendent, spoke in behalf of the Sunday School and the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., brought the message on "Suffer Little Children." In the evening, a combined service was held with a men's quartet bringing three selections, and Mr. Eugene Huyck presenting a selection on the musical saw, and also a selection which was whistled. The message was brought by the Rev. J. C. Gunst.

Monday night was Family Night, and while Mr. Don Vasselos led the Sunday evening worship, in the same manner Mr. Francis Guenther took charge of Family Night. The boys and girls played instrumental numbers, sang songs, and a supper was served which was really delicious. Mrs. Raymond Kerber was in charge of the meal.

Dr. M. Vanderbeck brought a brief message on the future program of the church. Mr. Gunst ably spoke on: "It Is Later Than You Think." Mrs. Ralph Ramaker congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Gibson who had been married 25 years.

On Tuesday evening, Visitation Night was observed, and 34 contacts were made by the teachers and officers of the Sunday School. On Wednesday evening, the prayer meeting was held with several of the younger people as well as the older members in attendance. Thus, Youth and Sunday School Week made history in the Bethel Baptist Church.

Elaine Schulze, Reporter.

Farewell Service for Dr. and Mrs. John Leypoldt by the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

On Sunday evening, Aug. 26, the members and friends of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., bade farewell to Dr. and Mrs. John Leypoldt who had served the church since 1946.

The representatives of the various branches of the church expressed their appreciation to the pastor and his wife for their untiring efforts, their faithfulness and their able leadership which marked their ministry at Beth-

any Church. We are grateful to Dr. and Mrs. Leypoldt for their services as teachers in the Sunday School and leaders in the midweek prayer meetings. We greatly benefited by their years of experience and study.

The program also included tributes by the choir, a male quartet, and an organ rendition of "Finlandia," the favorite composition of the pastor. The members and friends of the congregation had an opportunity to wish Dr. and Mrs. Leypoldt "God speed" in the church's dining hall as they enjoyed the refreshments.

As Dr. and Mrs. Leypoldt bring their ministry at Bethany to a close and begin a new and different type of ministry in the denomination, we pray God's richest blessing on them and know that their lives have been enriched through their fellowship with us, even as we have been richly blessed through their ministry.

Mrs. Fred Abitz, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Young People's Programs at the Atlantic Conference in the Ridgewood Baptist Church

The Atlantic Conference held its annual sessions from September 13 to 16 at the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York. We are grateful to the Ridgewood Church for their kind and generous Christian hospitality towards us. The young people's and Sunday School workers' meetings took place on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 15 and 16. The theme of the conference was "I Will Build My Church" (Matt. 16:18).

On Saturday afternoon we had a young people's panel. The question debated was, "Why I will build my church through the young people." Our president, Don Middleton, ably presided over the meeting. The panel consisted of six young people. We all felt the Lord's presence in our midst.

A business meeting followed at 4:30 P.M. We decided that we would have a retreat and summer assembly next year, although the locations and dates have not been decided upon as yet. The May Conference will be held a month or two earlier, and a Workers' Conference will be incorporated into the meetings to be held at that time. The Atlantic Conference churches hope to institute a "letter and picture" visitation so that we will become better acquainted with one another. It has tentatively been decided that our mission project will be the new Leper Mission in the Cameroons.

The young people's banquet in the evening was exceptionally well attended. We had a joyous evening of fellowship and reunion in our Lord. The Rev. Herbert J. Freeman gave us a vivid and inspiring message. He took all the topics that had been discussed and pooled them together by comparing the church to a building, a body and a bride.

The conference came to a close with the mass meeting on Sunday. The total number present was 289. The

church with the greatest representation (outside of the host church) was Evergreen with a group of 55. They were presented with a picture of Christ. The Rev. E. J. Baumgartner closed the meeting by challenging us to build our churches by walking with God every minute of our lives. We were glad to have spent a few days of fellowship together and to know that we are "Commissioned to Serve" our Lord and Savior, no matter what the time nor place may be!

Norma Sobels, Secretary.

Union of the Atlantic Conference, as was also the Willing Workers' Society of the Ridgewood Baptist Church. Mrs. G. Beck, Sr., and Mrs. Koch favored us with an inspiring duet. Of the offering, \$25.00 were given to the Home for Aged in Philadelphia and \$100.00 for our hospital in the Cameroons.

Our esteemed president, Mrs. John Schlinger, who has been ill for many months, resigned because of this condition. Also our treasurer, Miss Marie Hensel, resigned because of ill health.



Dr. and Mrs. John Leypoldt with the Board of Deacons at the farewell service accorded them by the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Left to right: Mr. W. Klempel, Mr. E. Brenner, Miss L. Weihe, Mrs. Leypoldt, Dr. John Leypoldt, Mr. F. Abitz, Mr. W. Erbach.

Sessions of the Atlantic Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Ridgewood, New York

The 44th annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Atlantic Conference took place on Friday afternoon, Sept. 14, at the Ridgewood Church, Brooklyn, New York. Our president, Mrs. John Schlinger, presided, and Mrs. G. Beck, Sr., of the host church gave us a hearty welcome. Mrs. Christian Peters, our vice-president, then read the Scripture portion. Mrs. Herbert Freeman led the devotional period, using as her text, Matt. 5:16.

The reports of our secretary and treasurer were accepted as read. The roll call disclosed that 24 societies sent in their reports and were represented by 86 members. Mrs. Richard Pusch reported that 22 of our members had finished their work here and had gone to be with the Lord whom they loved and served. Mrs. W. G. Damrau then read a fine report on the work of the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. E. Grose, wife of the pastor of the West Baltimore Church that she had been welcomed into the fellowship of the Woman's Missionary

and the distance to travel to attend executive meetings. Our vice-president, Mrs. Peters, presented both of these ladies with a lovely corsage as a token of our esteem and appreciation.

Results of the election were as follows: president, Mrs. Wm. Appel, Jersey City, N. J.; vice-president, Mrs. C. Peters, Elmsmere, Del.; secretary, Mrs. F. Klumpp, Union City, N. J.; treasurer, Mrs. F. Orthner, Brooklyn, New York.

Then we were privileged to listen to a report by our missionary to the Cameroons, Miss Esther Schultz, who is home on furlough. She brought us greetings from the African Christians and thanks for the White Cross supplies for Dr. Chaffee and the hospital and the helpful medicines. They have nothing so send us, but they do ask God to bless us in America. Rev. R. Schilke, our general missionary secretary, spoke to us briefly about the work among the Indians in Alberta, Canada, and touched on the work among the Spanish-Americans. Mrs. Schlinger then greeted all those elected, and Mrs. Paul Wengel asked God's blessing. After singing, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," Rev. Wm. Appel dismissed us with the benediction.

Bessie Klumpp, Secretary.

Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., Holds Farewell Reception for Pastor and Family

On Sunday, Sept. 2, the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church was happy to have the Rev. and Mrs. John F. Crouthamel, Jr., and family as their guests for the day. Mr. Crouthamel had been pastor at Fleischmann for over seven years but has recently accepted the call of a larger church in another section of the country. He had been recuperating from an operation during the month of August and this was to be considered his last official Sunday as pastor at Fleischmann Memorial Church.



The Rev. Carl Weisser (left with Bible) of Killaloe, Ont., and 14 converts whom he recently baptized before moving to his new pastorate at Carrington, North Dakota in November 1951.

Even though the Labor Day holiday had taken some of our members to other churches in various resort sections, the morning service was well attended. This was followed by holy communion at which the presence of God's love was intensified.

The evening service was less formal and Mr. Crouthamel led us while playing his violin in singing many of our and his favorite hymns. His two children, Jeanne and Larry, sang choruses they had learned in Sunday School and while watching and listening to them we realized how much happiness we had shared with the Crouthamels during their ministry in the past years. Brother Crouthamel then delivered his sermon for the evening which was one of hope and instruction for our church in the days to come. He suggested that we surround ourselves with three walls—the wall of faith, the wall of prayer, and the wall of hope. In these three we will find the love of God and our future in his work.

A number of persons representing groups in the church addressed Mr. and Mrs. Crouthamel. Among those were Mr. Reinhold Gewiss, Board of Deacons; Mr. John Hensel, Sunday School; Mr. George Gerstlauer, Youth Fellowship; Mrs. Jeanette MacMeekin, Choir; Mrs. Jeanette Keiser, Missionary Society; and Mr. Edward Goebel, Board of Trustees. A gift of money was then presented to Mr. and Mrs. Crouthamel by Mrs. Edward Goebel as an expression of the love we have and would continue to have for them in the years to come even though our paths would lead us in different directions for Christ.

Mrs. Ruth L. Toner, Clerk.

Eastern Conference

Fourteen Converts are Baptized and Received Into Calvary and First Churches, Killaloe

Many members and friends of the First and Calvary Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ont., gathered on the shores of beautiful Round Lake recently as 14 candidates followed their Lord in baptism. These young people had given their hearts to Christ at the special evangelistic meetings held in our churches early in the summer by the Rev. H. Palfenier. His messages

were such that sinners repented and Christians were awakened to rededicate themselves to the Lord and his service.

The pastor, the Rev. Carl Weisser, held special instruction classes for the candidates every Sunday during the summer months. We believe that the seed thus sown will bear fruit in these young lives. We, as older Christians, have heard again the challenge thrown out to us, as these "babes in Christ" were given the hand of fellowship by our pastor.

Dorian Getz, Reporter.

Sessions of the Eastern Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Rochester, New York

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Eastern Conference held its annual meeting on Friday afternoon, Sept. 7, in connection with the conference held in the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, New York. Mrs. John Kuehn of Lyndock, Ont., presided.

The president of the local society, Mrs. E. Kannwischer, opened the meeting with a brief song service, and then extended a hearty welcome to all present. The devotions were led by the writer of this report. In behalf of the Woman's Union of the Eastern Conference, Mrs. Kuehn presented a beautiful flower piece to the Andrews Street Church which had recently celebrated its one hundredth anniversary.

We have only 14 societies in our conference and in answer to the roll call ten of these responded with encouraging reports. This is proof that our women here in the East, although small in numbers, work with zeal and

in faith to further the cause of him, whom we serve.

The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$63.30, which was designated to the Banso Hospital. Our project for the previous three years had been that of raising \$1000 for the furnishing of a room in the new Seminary. The project is completed with \$63.30 over the top. A new project, covering the next three years, was adopted, that of raising \$1200 for the maintenance of the Banso Hospital.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. John Kuehn of Lyndock, Ont., president; Mrs. Walter Schmidt of Arnprior, Ont., vice-president; Mrs. Reuben Houseal of Erie, Pa., secretary; Mrs. A. Growmayer of Buffalo, N. Y., treasurer. We were favored with a song by a group of our women, after which the speaker of the afternoon, Mrs. Thomas Lutz of North Freedom, Wis., was presented to us.

Mrs. Lutz brought a wonderful message on "Our Missions," based upon Mark 16:15. She emphasized the fact that everyone of us has a mission to fulfill. Our mission is to work together in love, to sacrifice, to forgive, to be evangelistic. We had the privilege of having our general mission secretary, the Rev. R. Schilke, with us who led us in the closing prayer. We pray that God may continue to bless the efforts of the women as they labor for him and his cause.

Mrs. Otto Guddat, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Youth Rally for Central Dakota Association Churches at Napoleon, North Dakota

Sunday, August 26th, was an outstanding day for the young people from a group of our churches in the Central Dakota Association, when they held their Youth Rally at Napoleon, North Dakota. The Sunday School superintendent of the host church was in charge of our first meeting. He introduced the Rev. J. J. Renz from Ashley, who taught the Sunday School lesson to a capacity crowd.

In the morning worship which followed, pastors from the different churches took part in Scripture reading and prayer. The Rev. J. C. Gunst, our general young people's secretary, brought a very inspiring message on "Fishers of Men." The service was enhanced by appropriate music rendered by the Ashley Baptist Men's Chorus and by a group of young ladies from the Napoleon CBY. Everyone had a healthy appetite by dinner time; so all the young people gathered at the City Park for a potluck lunch.

Donald Vietz, our assembly president, presided over the afternoon session. The entire program was conducted by young people from the various churches. The song service was led by Jeanne Henne, after which Scripture was read and prayer offered by Clinton Grenz and Coreen Stading, respectively. Each society responded to roll call with an appropriate song or Bible verse. There were three mes-

sages given by young people on our assembly theme, "On to Victory." Dwight Baumann spoke on, "On to Victory Through our Decision." Harry Hass gave a fitting talk on "Battles to Be Fought in a Christian Life," and Ruby Fiecock spoke on the topic, "On to Victory with Christ."

This happy rally was brought to a close with the evening service, which was in charge of our Assembly Dean, the Rev. A. Huber of Linton. After a brief song service, three young women who are attending various colleges, gave their testimonies for Christ. The Mass Choir beautified the service with a selection. The Rev. J. C. Gunst, climaxed the service, with an inspiring message on "Young man, I say unto you, Arise." We are all looking forward to a great year of service in the Lord's vineyard.

Marilyn Renz, Secretary.

Farewell Reception and Harvest Festival With Offering of \$925 at Turtle Lake, North Dakota

On Sunday, July 29, the Turtle Lake Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., gathered for a farewell for Rev. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt. The Rev. E. Broeckel brought a very appropriate farewell address. He stated that "a change through God's guidance is for the enrichment of both the pastor and the church." After the address a representative of each of the different organizations within the church expressed their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt for their work while with us, and also wished them God's richest blessings in their new field. The men's choir, which was organized and directed by Mr. Schmidt, sang a song which they dedicated to him.

After this the church retired to the basement for refreshments. Choruses were sung. Then the Schmidts were presented with gifts from the CBY and the Missionary Society. The church had a love offering for them. In the four and one-half years that the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt have served here, they have won many friends. They will be remembered as cheerful workers who testified of their Savior not only through the work in

the church but through their lives as friends and neighbors.

The Turtle Lake Baptist Church held its annual Harvest Mission Festival on September 16. It was a beautiful day and the services were well attended. The Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Forest Park, Ill., brought the messages bringing in the needs of the Cameroons and other fields. The night before two films were shown dealing with the lepers of the Cameroons and the work on the Indian Reservations of Alberta, Canada. The offerings of \$925.63 were received during the forenoon and afternoon services.

Jacob Schlafmann, Clerk.

Recent Events and Activities at the Baptist Church of Lehr, North Dakota

On Sunday evening, August 12th, the King's Daughters Society of the Baptist Church of Lehr, N. Dak., rendered an impromptu musical program to a fine audience. Just before the program commenced we were pleasantly surprised when the Rev. Arthur Ittermann and family of Elgin, Iowa, stopped in on their way home from a vacation trip in Canada. Mr. Ittermann brought a very interesting sermon which was enjoyed by all.

On Sunday evening, Sept. 9th, the children of the Scripture Memory Course, under the direction of Mrs. John Stolz, assisted by Mrs. Henry Kranzler and Mrs. John Kranzler, gave a very interesting program consisting of group songs, instrumental numbers, a piano solo and Scripture passages and recitations arranged especially for the Scripture Day. The Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Ted Kranzler, reappointed Mrs. Stolz to serve in the same capacity for the coming year.

On Sunday evening, May 13th, the Lehr church together with the Rosenfield Station held the farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Waltereit and children. All presidents of the various societies of the church spoke words of farewell to the Waltereit family who were presented with gifts of money. This was followed by a song by several representatives of the different groups. The choir also

sang several numbers directed once more by Mr. Waltereit.

We have been without a pastor for almost a half year and hope and pray, when our new pastor, the Rev. John Heer, will be with us, that we can work together in the bonds of love for our Lord and Master.

Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.

Recent Activities and Achievements at the Baptist Church of Underwood, North Dakota

The First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., is known as "The Church in the Heart of the City With the City at Heart." We have been active in the Lord's work during the past few months. Our Sunday School enrollment is 155. Although that is not reached very often, we are striving to have our full enrollment present each Sunday as much as possible.

The ladies of our church have not been idle either. We now have 32 members and last year raised over \$1000 for the completion of the new church. Our kitchen in the church basement is now equipped with a new set of American all steel cabinets and a new electric stove. A new American sink has also been installed. To our women goes the credit for making this possible. With such fine equipment to work with, we look forward to entertaining the Northern North Dakota Convention next June.

Recently a men's chorus was started in our church under the direction of our pastor's wife, Mrs. Dorothy Knalson. The men have been working hard on this project and they enjoy the practice sessions, which makes it easy to get together. They have sung at our services on several occasions. All summer we kept up our prayer meetings in spite of many hindrances. At the prayer services we enjoyed a series of studies from the book of Revelation by our pastor. Now we are enjoying a series of studies on personal soul winning.

Three and one-half years ago when our present pastor came to us we had 44 members and were in the midst of building a parsonage. In the Fall of 1949 we started building a new church which is now complete. De-



A part of the large crowd that attended the Harvest and Mission Festival of the Baptist Church at Turtle Lake, N. Dak. (left), and the women of the church who served efficiently as cooks and waitresses (right) for the complimentary dinner and supper.

sides this, sidewalks and a new garage were built. During all this time the church was self-supporting and the church building is paid for except for some minor bills. We thank the Lord for the way he has led us.

Mrs. Emma Blatchford, Reporter.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Konrad Zimmerman of Ashley, North Dakota

Anniversaries are always happy occasions, but a golden wedding anniversary surrounded by loved ones is a memory to cherish. This was the privilege of the children, relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Konrad Zimmerman of Ashley, N. Dak., who gathered in the church parlors on August 30 to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

After the guests were ushered to their places at the festive tables, the honored couple, attended by two sons, entered the dining room to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March and took their place before an altar. Using Psalm 23:4 as a theme, the Rev. J. J. Renz, pastor, gave a timely message to the pair. The bride and groom of fifty years ago renewed their vows to honor and cherish each other until parted by death's angel. After prayer, they seated themselves at the bride's table, which was decorated with a two tiered wedding cake. All decorations bore the golden symbol.

A delicious three-course dinner was enjoyed and interspersed with a program which was presided over by Dr. Mehlhoff, an intimate friend of the family and an able toastmaster in his own right. From the family history which was recounted by Mr. Renz, we learned that Mr. and Mrs. Zimmerman were born in Friedental, Bessarabia, Russia, and were united in marriage in 1901 by Rev. Jacob Miller. They emigrated to America in 1905. Their journey to this country was not without peril due to the unrest in Poland at that time. However, the Lord graciously watched over them and brought them safely to a farm near Ashley, North Dakota.

Mr. Zimmerman was converted at the age of 20 years and baptized by Rev. Karl Fuellbrandt in the following year. Mrs. Zimmerman, who was reared in the Lutheran faith, was converted and baptized in 1915. They were interested in the welfare of the community, but their chief interest was in the service of the church and the fellowship with God's children. The home was blessed with eight children. The remainder of the children live in the vicinity of Lehr, Wishek and Ashley, with the exception of two sons, who are serving as ministers in God's vineyard.

Several of the children relived the past with humorous accounts of bygone days and also rendered several musical selections. Two sons, the Rev. Ben Zimmerman of Randolph, Minn., and the Rev. Gideon Zimmerman of Milwaukee, Wis., gave brief messages. The deacons of the church and other friends spoke worthy praise of the honored couple.

J. J. Renz, Pastor.

Obituary

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

MR. RUDOLPH J. GRAU of Coral Gables, Florida.

Mr. Rudolph J. Grau, a faithful member of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., for 35 years, passed away in Coral Gables, Fla., on Aug. 18, 1951 just two hours before his 78th birthday.

He was born in Württemberg, Germany, in 1873 and came to Illinois in 1894. He was united in marriage with Anna Link in 1905, and from this union there were four children: Edwin, Lydia, Edna and Gertrude. Also surviving are five grandchildren.

Rudolph Grau spent his remaining years in Florida where he was a member of the Flagler Street Baptist Church of Miami, Florida.

Coral Gables, Florida

A FRIEND.

MRS. HELEN PIEDT of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

Mrs. Helen Piedt of Benton Harbor, Mich., was born on August 18, 1892 in the city of Chicago, Illinois. As a young girl she gave her heart to Christ and was baptized by the Rev. Jacob Meyer in the First Church of Chicago. From her youth she led a quiet Christian life. In the year 1914 she came to Benton Harbor and a year later, May 5, 1915, she was married to Jake Piedt who survives.

On August 20 at 1:26 A.M., at the age of 59 years and after an illness of ten months, she passed away to her eternal reward. Besides her husband she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Josephine Skibitzki of Santa Cruz, Calif.; a brother, Herbert Skibitzki of Hollywood, Calif.; and a sister, Mrs. Ruth Stonecypher of Santa Cruz, California.

The funeral services were held in the Clay Street Baptist Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., on August 22. In the absence of the pastor, the Rev. William Hoover, the Rev. Alvin Wetter, a cousin of the deceased, officiated at the services. Mr. Wetter spoke on "The New Jerusalem," the new city of peace, based on the 21st and 22nd chapters of Revelation. Two songs, "Only Glory By and By" and "Lights of Home" were sung, respectively, as a duet number by Mrs. G. Wetter and Rev. Alvin Wetter, and by a quartet of Mr. and Mrs. G. Wetter and Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Wetter, with Mrs. Arthur Wagner at the organ.

Benton Harbor, Michigan
ALWIN WETTER, Officiating Pastor.

MRS. EMMA LEEB of Jersey City, New Jersey.

Mrs. Emma Leeb, nee Kaehler, of Jersey City, New Jersey, was born in Hoboken, New Jersey, January 26, 1884 and died on August 26, 1951 at the Medical Center of Jersey City, N. J., at the age of 67 years and 7 months, after a prolonged illness. At the age of fourteen she made her confession of faith in Christ, her Savior, and was baptized at the Pilgrim Baptist Church by Rev. Henry C. Baum.

On September 3, 1908 she was united in marriage to Edwin Leeb. Three children were born to this union. Her husband and her son preceded her into eternity. Before her marriage she attended the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., and was corresponding secretary of that alumni. She was active in the Girls' Home Society of New York City, being a member of the Board of Directors for about 25 years, holding office as vice-president and president the past five years.

She maintained an active interest in the Sewing Circle and the Woman's Missionary Society of her church, serving as president and vice-president many years. She will be greatly missed by all her fellow-mem-

bers because of her faithfulness through the years. Her home and her church were her primary interest in life. It can truly be said of her: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

She leaves to mourn her departure two daughters: Ruth and Mrs. Grace Cooper; four grandchildren: Janet and Liane Leeb, Barbara Ann and Frederick Cooper. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. William J. Appel,

Pilgrim Baptist Church,
Jersey City, New Jersey

R. L. KLING, Correspondent.

MR. JOHN DOBLER of Anamoose, North Dakota.

Mr. John Dobler of Anamoose, N. Dak., aged 72 years, 6 months and 24 days, was born at Berazin, Russia, on January 28, 1879. He came with his parents to this country in 1885 and they homesteaded in Venturia, North Dakota. On December 12, 1900 he was united in marriage to Sophia Huber at Venturia. One year later he was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Golling and became a member of the Venturia Baptist Church.

In the Fall of 1905, Mr. and Mrs. Dobler moved to Anamoose, N. Dak., where Mr. Dobler became engaged in a number of business enterprises. Because of illness he retired five years ago. Mr. Dobler had been a member of the Anamoose Baptist Church for many years. He had been in failing health for several years, and passed away on Wednesday, August 22nd, in Minot where he had gone with his wife for a medical check-up.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife; six children: Mrs. Edmund Wehr, and Waldemar of Anamoose; Arthur of Stockton, Calif.; Mrs. Earl Peterson of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. M. M. Woody of Hicksville, N. Y.; and Mrs. Ralph Shearns of Albuquerque, N. M.; two brothers: Gottfried of Ashley, N. Dak.; and George of West Fargo, N. Dak.; and two sisters: Mrs. G. Bendenwald of Ashley, N. Dak.; and Mrs. A. Sayeler of Venturia, N. Dak.; also eleven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

Anamoose, North Dakota

FREDERICK H. FUCHS, Pastor.

MARVIN KENNETH FRICK of Durham, Kansas.

Marvin Kenneth Frick of Durham, Kans., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Frick, was born Feb. 10, 1932 and was called to his heavenly reward May 29, 1951, having reached the age of 19 years, 3 months, and 19 days.

Marvin was converted to the Lord in June, 1943 in Vacation Bible School. His genuine Christian experience was soon followed by baptism and entering into the fellowship of the believers of the First Baptist Church of Durham. His favorite verse, Rom. 1:16, was substantiated by his life. The secret for his devoted Christian life was that he was a faithful Bible student. The Book was always by his bedside. He was consequently also an active member in his church having served in the offices of usher, S.S. secretary, and CBY president. He frequently led congregational singing and inspired the hearts of others by his song. Marvin's life had been dedicated to Christian service, and it was hoped by many that in due time he would enter the ministry.

Marvin graduated from Durham High School as valedictorian in 1950. In Sept. 1950 he enrolled in Tabor College where he endeared himself to the hearts of students and professors.

Many prayers had gone up for Marvin during his illness of the past three months. His ailment necessitated numerous blood transfusions. Various diagnoses and analyses, however, failed to determine the cause of his illness. The providential will of God was to call him to himself.

His untimely passing is being mourned by his parents; his grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. John Frick; two sisters: Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Unruh, Hillsboro, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Hanaman, Peabody, Kans.; a number of uncles, aunts and cousins; two nieces, one nephew, and a host of friends.

Durham, Kansas

HENRY R. BAERG, Pastor.

MR. MATTHEW WEISSER of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Matthew Weisser of Portland, Ore., was born at Tyndall, S. Dak., on Nov. 27, 1876 and died at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland, Ore., on July 5, 1951 at the age of 74 years, 7 months and 8 days. In his early youth he came with his parents to Turner, Oregon. Then in 1904 he settled on a farm at Camrose, Alta., returning again to Portland in 1924.

It was while living at Turner that he was converted under the ministry of the Rev. John Hager and baptized by the Rev. Fred Reiche, Sr., in July of 1897, becoming a member of the Baptist Church. Since 1924 he was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. He was faithful until the end and served his Lord wherever opportunity offered itself. He is held in loving memory by his loved ones and friends.

He was married on March 13, 1921 to Caroline Martzloff who now mourns his departure. Others who sorrow over his death are two daughters from a former marriage; five brothers; two grandchildren, besides a large host of relatives and friends. He now rests from his sufferings and dwells in the presence of the Friend of friends. May the bereaved find comfort in Jesus Christ, the great Comforter of all those who mourn.

Trinity Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

MISS RUTH LOHR of Portland, Oregon.

Miss Ruth Lohr of Portland, Ore., was born at Winnipeg, Man., Canada, on June 29, 1910 and died at Portland on Sept. 6, 1951 at the age of 41 years, 2 months and 7 days. In 1920 she came with her parents to Portland. Here she was converted and baptized under the ministry of the Rev. Frederick Hoffmann in April of 1922, becoming a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church. She was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church since 1935.

Ruth suffered from a lingering illness over a year but bore it all cheerfully and with much patience. She was always grateful for the blessings of life and generous in her service for others. She has now gone to behold that for which she lived in faith and exchanged her sufferings for the glories in the presence of him whom she loved.

She leaves to mourn her departure, her now sorrowing mother, Mrs. Olga Lohr; three sisters: Lillian Lohr, Mrs. Naomi Buckmeyer, Mrs. Bertha Janik, of Portland; three brothers: Ralph of Portland, Herman of Ipsilanti, Mich., and Albert of Seattle, Wash.; one niece and five nephews. Her father preceded her in death a year and a half ago. May the Lord comfort the bereaved ones with his eternal hope!

Trinity Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

MR. FRED F. ALTMAN of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Fred F. Altman of Portland, Ore., was born in Vladivostok, Russia, on Aug. 20, 1873 and died at Portland, Ore., on Sept. 8, 1951 at the age of 78 years and 18 days. Mr. Altman came to America in 1904, settling first in Texas. After a year he moved to Canada and homesteaded near Edmonton, Alberta. In 1916 he came to Portland where he lived until his death.

In August of 1923 he was converted and baptized upon confession of his faith in Jesus Christ. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church of Portland since July 1945. He had a great hunger for God's Word and could quote many long passages by memory. These he often used as his testimony in prayer meetings.

Those who sorrow his departure are his wife, Ephrasina Netsch Sichau Altman; two daughters; three sons; three grandchildren; two brothers and one sister in Germany; besides many relatives and friends. May the comfort of God in Christ Jesus console all who mourn his passing.

Trinity Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

MRS. R. H. KLEIN of Marion, Kansas.

Mrs. Amelia Klein of Marion, Kans., was born August 25, 1883 at Alexandertal, Russia, to Frederick and Maria Stair, and passed away August 20, 1951 at the age of 67 years, 11 months and 26 days. In the year 1897, she and her parents came to America and settled near Wilson, Kansas. From Wilson they moved to Marion where she was united in marriage to Mr. R. H. Klein on Sept. 11, 1901. In 1902 they moved to Oklahoma and made their home on a farm near Shattuck. To this union ten children were born: eight sons and two daughters. One son preceded her in death.

Mrs. Klein accepted Christ Jesus as her personal Savior while in her maiden years and was baptized and joined to the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion in 1899 by the Rev. Jacob Ehrlich.

About a year ago ailments beset her body which proved to be cancer. She underwent two serious operations but to no avail. Her health failed rapidly the last six months. She became bedfast the last six weeks and departed from this life at the Salem Hospital in Hillsboro. Mrs. Klein has been steadfast in her faith and zealous and faithful to the cause of Christ and the church. She was an ardent mother to her family and never failed to admonish and nurture her family in the knowledge of the Lord.

She leaves to mourn her departure: her husband; seven sons: Solomon of Abilene, Kans.; Leopold of Marion, Kans.; Rolond of Chesapeake, Ohio; Edward of Tampa, Kans.; August of Wichita, Kans.; Alvin of San Bernardino, Calif.; and Arthur of Wichita, Kans.; two daughters: Mrs. Fred Mehlinger, Jr., of Marion, Kans.; and Mrs. Ural Davis of Wichita, Kans.; 21 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, and many relatives and friends.

Emmanuel Baptist Church,
Marion, Kansas

JOHN J. KROEKER, Pastor.

MRS. CATHERINE VOGT of Okeene, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Catherine Vogt of Okeene, Okla., the daughter of Johann and Beta S. Ahrens, was born May 12, 1862 in Hasbergen, Oldenburg, Germany, and died August 17, 1951 in Okeene at the age of 89 years, 3 months and 5 days.

She was married to Louis Vogt at Bremen, Germany, in 1882. In that same year she came with her husband to the United States. For several years they resided in Rochester, N. Y., where Mr. Vogt was a teacher in the German Baptist Theological Seminary. Ordained to the ministry in 1886, Mr. Vogt served as pastor of a number of Baptist churches before coming to Oklahoma as a missionary. In the last years of his life he served North American Baptist Churches at Bessie and Kingfisher, Oklahoma. He died May 25, 1922.

Mrs. Vogt was converted in Bremen, Germany, and baptized there May 14, 1882. She assisted her husband in his labors in various churches, uniting with the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene in 1922, where she remained a faithful member until the time of her death.

Into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vogt were born twelve children. Two children died in infancy. One son, Louis Vogt, died in 1941. Surviving are five sons: Paul of Fairview, Edwin of Cordell, Okla.; Oscar of Guthrie, Okla.; Alfred of Natchez, Miss.; Eugene of Ferriday, La.; and four daughters: Mrs. Mona Sheets of Okeene; Mrs. Mrs. Irma Glyckherr of Fresno, Calif.; Mrs. Irma Kirkham and Mrs. Beatrice Harwick. Also surviving are 28 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, August 19, 1951 in the Zion Baptist Church. Rev. John Siems and Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn officiated. Burial was in the Roselawn Cemetery.

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MRS. KATHRINE E. LORENZ of Okeene, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Kathrine Elizabeth Lorenz, nee Laubach, of Okeene, Okla., was born in Russia on February 15, 1868 and died on Septem-

ber 11, 1951 at the age of 83 years, 6 months, and 26 days. In 1876 she came to this country and resided in Kansas. On Christmas Day 1888, she was united in marriage to Mr. Fred E. Lorenz. Several years thereafter she moved with her husband to Oklahoma. When he retired in 1930, they moved to Okeene, Oklahoma.

Having been converted and baptized in her early youth, Mrs. Lorenz was a life-long Baptist. Since moving to Okeene, she had been a member of the Zion Baptist Church. In her church she was a loyal member, attending the services regularly and working actively in the Woman's Missionary Union so long as she was physically able. In her home she was a loving mother, diligent and yet patient in leading her family in the Christian way.

About eight years ago she suffered a stroke. She had not been well since that time but was confined to her home where she received the faithful care of her daughters, Pearl and Margaret. On Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 11, quietly falling asleep, she passed on to her eternal home.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz were born eight children. Surviving are William H. of Eads, Col.; Harry of Parsons, Kans.; Alex of Geary, Okla.; and Margaret and Pearl of Okeene, Oklahoma. Mrs. Lorenz was preceded in death by her husband who died June 15, 1946; two sons, Charley, who died August 11, 1951—exactly one month before her death, and Frank; and one daughter, Mrs. Soloma Weber. Besides the five living children, 21 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren survive.

May the thought of her gain as she is in the presence of her Lord be a comfort to the many for whom her homegoing has been a great loss. Services were conducted on Friday, Sept. 14th, from the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Okla., by the Rev. John Siems.

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Okeene, Oklahoma

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MR. WILL GEORGE HILL of Kyle, Texas.

Mr. Will George Hill of Kyle, Texas, was born in Paige, Texas, on July 22, 1879, and passed to his heavenly home on September 11, 1951. The Lord had blessed him with the joy of living to the age of 72 years, 1 month and 19 days. Interment was made in the Umland Cemetery near Kyle, Texas.

Mr. Hill was converted and baptized at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas in 1906 during the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Brunner. Two years later he was united in another union when he was married to Ida Heidenreich. This union was blessed with children who have been a joy and inspiration to their parents since they too have all accepted the Lord Jesus Christ by faith.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, pastor of the family. He was assisted by Rev. Edwin Kraemer and Dr. Reed. The words of comfort and inspiration from God's Holy Word were of real blessing to the bereaved family.

Brother Hill is survived by his wife, Mrs. Will Hill of Kyle; three sons: Adolph Hill, Leroy Hill and Marvin Hill, all of Kyle; three daughters: Mrs. Edward Bieber of Mamou, La.; Mrs. W. E. Petty of Albuquerque, N. M.; and Mrs. Lonnie Goodman of Pasadena, Texas; six grandchildren; four brothers: Ed Hill, Ernest Hill and Walter Hill; all of Kyle; and Otto Hill of Austin, Texas; five sisters: Mrs. Bertha Kraemer of Pearsall, Texas; Mrs. Emil Heidenreich of Kyle, Texas; Mrs. Adolph Wiegand of Umland, Texas; Mrs. Henry Schmeltekopf of Kyle, Texas; and Mrs. Carl Wiegand of San Marcos, Texas; and a host of relatives and friends.

Brother Hill had been a spiritual inspiration to his relatives and friends during his lifetime and it is our prayer that his testimony might live in the memory of all who knew him and be continued in the lives of all of us. We take comfort from the words of Scripture: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15).

Immanuel Baptist Church,
Kyle, Texas

H. JOHN VANDERBECK, Pastor.

THE FAITH THAT SAVES

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not know how God would do this, would raise up a family for him, after he offered up his own son, but he trusted in God's all sufficient power. Thus because of his staunch faith, he could make the three-day journey and climb the mountain with his son to offer him there to God. "Thus," says James, "was our Father Abraham justified by his works." His works proved that his faith was the faith which saves.

Does your faith urge you on to live a holy and, if need be, a sacrificial life for your Savior and Lord? Does it cause you, not only to give something up, but to do something for your Master?

Both Paul and James speak of faith, justification and works. How can we reconcile the seemingly contradictory teachings of these two great men? Let us remember that they were both inspired by the Spirit of God to write and to preach as they did. On the surface it would almost appear as though they directly contradicted each other.

Paul says: "Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight . . ." (Romans 3:20). "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1).

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James on the other hand explicitly states that a man is not justified by faith alone, but that works play an important role. "Was not Abraham justified by works?"

It is interesting that both James and Paul use Abraham as an example. The one to show that works justified him and not faith alone, while Paul in Romans 4:2 says, "For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God."

As I understand Paul and James, Paul seems to say that no human merit, no keeping of the law, "works of the law" will add to the finished work of Christ in our salvation. Albert Barnes in his commentary, in trying to reconcile these two men, says that the discussion revolves around the question of justification. "They, James and Paul, contemplate the subject of

justification from different points of view, and with reference to different inquiries. Paul looks at it **before** a man is converted, with reference to the question how a man may be justified before God: James **after** a man is converted, with reference to the question how he may show that he has the genuine faith which justifies."

Now what are we to say if a man asks us how can a person be justified or saved? We have to say with Paul, by faith and not through any good works that we might try to do to gain God's favor. On the other hand, if someone should ask us as to whether this sister or brother is really saved, what shall we say? Of course we cannot judge, but with Jesus we can say, "Ye shall know them by their fruits," or with James, "His faith has proven itself by his works."

We find that there is no contradiction between Paul and James. Both uphold genuine active faith. It is active faith which saves us, faith based upon knowledge which manifests itself in good works.

Friend, does your faith make itself known by a Christ-like life? Do your neighbors realize that you live according to what you say that you believe? I hope that your friends and enemies can say this about you. James says: "For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead" (James 2:26).



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