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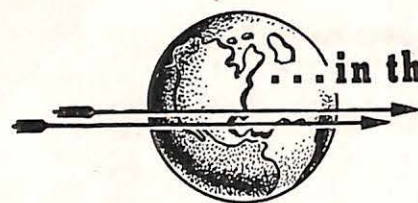
The Newly Enlarged Baptist Chapel at Victoria, Cameroons, Africa

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Dr. Clifton E. Rash

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in the course of human events

● The American Institute of Family Relations came up with the statement recently that a survey has shown that active church members hold first place for successful marriages. Second place goes to those who have attended Sunday School or church into their adult years.—Prophecy Monthly.

● More than a million Jews now living in the Islamic world are facing the gravest crisis in their history as a result of the new upsurge of nationalism through North Africa and the Middle East. Jews in those areas are living in a continuing state of terror and uncertainty and are almost defenseless against more violence. Censorship in Egypt is holding up the true news of what is happening there.—The American Hebrew.

● The importation of liquor to the Cameroons, Africa, in 1950 has been thirteen times that of 1938. The tuberculosis epidemic at Douala, and in nearby New Bell, has reached alarming proportions. In Douala one finds bars everywhere, packed with people who empty bottles of wine and spirits and then brutalize themselves even to the point of cannibalism. These drinkers are of all ages and both sexes.—The Sunday School Times.

● Another Literary event will be the appearance of the first volume of The Library of Christian Classics, a new series in 26 volumes of Christian writings from the first to the 16th centuries. Publication will be done by the Westminster Press in collaboration with the Student Christian Movement Press of Great Britain. The individual volumes are being edited by leading church historians and theologians in America and Great Britain.—The Living Church.

● The First Baptist Church of Villa Grove, Ill., took an active part at the 12th annual community Pancake Festival on October 3rd, attended by approximately 30,000 people. The Baptist float depicted a large open Bible with two large candles, the golden rule and a mother reading a Bible to three children, under the caption, "The Hope of The World." The float won the trophy for first place among the organizations.—The Baptist News.

● Nine Christians were returned to the Jordan Parliament in the general elections held throughout the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, including parts of Palestine. Most of them are Arabs who belong to the Eastern Orthodox Church. The 47-man Chamber

of Deputies has seven Christian representatives, and the 20-member Senate has two. Most of the Christian deputies are from the Christian populated towns of Bethlehem, Beit Jarab and Ramallah, near Jerusalem.—The Protestant World.

● A Roman Catholic priest receives about \$150 per month, plus food and lodging—but there are other sources from which he is able to add to his salary. Practically every time a priest performs a sacrament, a ceremony of marriage or baptism, the offering goes personally to him and he is not obliged to give an account of it to any one. The mass is one of these sources. There are four kinds of masses ranging from \$1.00 up to \$35.00. The average small church brings him about \$50 a Sunday in extra gifts. Catholics order so many masses that many priests are booked up months in advance.—The Convert.

● Ten million refugees fled from Russia after the civil war and more millions of war prisoners and displaced persons did not return to Russia after the German occupation. Many of the latter are still in 800 DP camps in Europe. A total of 220,000 of them came to America. In Los Angeles, Calif., there are 45,000 Russian speaking people—50,000 in San Francisco—25,000 in Seattle—65,000 in Cleveland—tens of thousands more in Chicago, New York and other great cities. Out of millions of Russians in this country, there are only about 2,000 Russian Protestants among them. Most of them are Greek Orthodox, free thinkers and atheists.—Prophecy Monthly.

RECEPTION FOR STUDENTS AT FOREST PARK

The annual reception for all North American Baptist students in the Chicago area will be held at the Headquarters building, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill., on Monday evening, February 18th. Students from our churches attending Bible schools, seminaries, colleges or other educational institutions in or near Chicago are invited to attend. They or their parents are urged to send their names and addresses in advance to the Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. It will be a memorable evening with an informal program, pleasant fellowship and tasty refreshments.

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Rev. Richard Schilke
Jan. 20 (Sunday)—Grace Church,
Chicago, Illinois.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
Jan. 20 (Sunday Morning)—Second
Church, New York, N. Y.

Jan. 20 (Sunday Evening)—Imma-
nuel Church, New York, N. Y.

Jan. 26-27—Seventh St. Church, La
Crosse, Wisconsin. (Youth Week
Observance.)

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
Jan. 15-20—Conner Church, De-
troit, Michigan.

Jan. 27 (Sunday)—Faith Church,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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Rev. Edwin Kraemer
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LITERATURE AVAILABLE DENOMINATIONAL BUDGET

This new six-page leaflet presents the denominational budget and Special Advance Fund amounting to \$450,000 which we are attempting to raise for the work of the Gospel and of God's Kingdom in 1951-1952. It describes the purposes of the Advance Offering on Sunday, Jan. 27, and presents the 1952 Denominational Calendar. Send to Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., for your copy.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS, 1952

This new leaflet with daily Bible readings for 1952, prayer requests, Bible gems and a striking picture of Cameroons missionaries has been sent to our churches. For extra copies write to the Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

EVERY SUNDAY BULLETINS

The Every Sunday Bulletins with a spiritual challenge and with some denominational data on the back page cost 85 cents per hundred. Write to Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio, for your orders or for more information.

PICTURE PACKET OF MISSIONARIES

New pictures have been prepared for the Missionary Packet. These include pictures of Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, Rev. and Mrs. Howard Roth, Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth, Florence Miller, Ardice Ziolkowski and a new picture of Ruby Salzman.

If you have already purchased your packet, ask for these extra pictures and they will be sent to you **without charge**. If you want the entire packet of pictures with the latest photographs, send your request with \$1.00 for each packet to Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

Editorial

God's Hand of Blessing

THE PSALMIST SPEAKS of God "who only doeth wondrous things." This hand of blessing of the Almighty God is leaving its unmistakable stamp upon the denominational and missionary advance of our North American Baptist General Conference. We as churches can well heed the words of Job: "Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God" (Job 37:14).

We ought to pause and reflect on the vision of faith which has caused us to set an objective of \$75,000 for spiritual and missionary advance. All of this is over and above the budget appropriations of \$375,000 for the current needs of our denomination. This is to be a special effort—an extra love offering—a sacrificial gift—an over and above the budget contribution by North American Baptists toward our great advance. Yes, "stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God."

On page five of this issue you can read the various sums of money to be disbursed by this Advance Offering. The objectives will launch us as North American Baptists in our greatest missionary advance. The new leper mission field in the Cameroons, Africa, has already been begun by us. The Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider will soon be on their way to Africa for this ministry. Miss Laura E. Reddig has been appointed as the missionary-nurse for the leper colony. The name given to this field is "The Bamenda New Hope Settlement."

A new mission field in Japan has been opened with the safe arrival of the Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth and their daughter and of Miss Florence Miller. Their station wagon will help them in undertaking this new work in the rural areas. Additional couples have been sent to the Cameroons, Africa, until we have now reached "the high" in our missionary personnel with 31 appointed missionaries for the Cameroons.

Mr. Ernest Hildebrand is our newly appointed missionary builder in the Cameroons. The new Bansa Baptist Hospital must soon be constructed. Chapels and missionary houses will have to be built. All of this advance is made possible by the financial objective of \$75,000. We have faith that God will supply these needs.

The Benke Memorial Chapel on the Indian Bull Reserve will soon be dedicated. The new home mission field in South Edmonton with a church and with promise of better facilities for the Christian Training Institute is showing progress. Other home mission opportunities are beckoning to us. We are on the march, launching out into the deep.

But all of this needs YOU—your prayers, your help, your gifts! Sunday, January 27, has been set aside as **ADVANCE OFFERING SUNDAY**. This will be the **ONLY** day in the entire year when you will be approached by your church and denomination to make a special offering toward this Advance Fund of \$75,000.

Advance Offering envelopes have been distributed to our churches as well as posters and announcements. Your opportunity to give will come on Sunday, January 27. This will be a joy and privilege if you will "stand still and consider the wondrous works of God" in our Advance Program.

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Ancient and Modern Leprosy

There is no more fruitful missionary work in the world today than work in the leprosy colonies and mission fields. Christians should know that this is a work in the heart and plan of God

By DR. CLIFTON E. RASH, Chaplain at the U.S. Government Leprosarium
Carville, Louisiana

THERE has always been a stigma attached to leprosy and to those who are afflicted with it. The very real and deep hurt it gives to patients in this country, with the terrible effects upon the family, caused the change in the name to "Hansen's Disease." The patients are called "Hansenites." A Dr. Hansen isolated the bacillus in Norway about 1872. Knowing these people as I do, and knowing their stories of sorrow, separation, and humiliation, I do not blame them. Personally, I do not believe changing the name will solve the problem, though I am heartily in accord with the efforts to do away with the common and disparaging uses of the "odious word."

Professor Robert Gordis of the Jewish Theological Seminary, quoted in the New York Times (April 6, 1951), may be right in saying that there is no reference in the Bible to leprosy as a form of sin. It has been seen by so many as a type of sin. The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia in its article on leprosy states: "The homiletic use of leprosy as a type of sin is not Biblical. The only Scriptural reference which might approach

this is Psalm 51:7, but this refers to Numbers 19:18 rather than to the

BEHIND THE ARTICLE

Recently the editor of "The Sunday School Times" wrote for information concerning Hansen's disease and leprosy to Dr. Eugene R. Kellersberger, general secretary of the American Leprosy Missions, Inc., 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10. He forwarded the inquiry to Dr. Clifton E. Rash, Protestant chaplain at the Government Leprosarium, the United States Marine Hospital, in Carville, Louisiana. He replied very fully, and this article comprises extracts from his letter. Dr. Kellersberger has also written a monograph entitled "The Social Stigma of Leprosy," first published in the Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences, March, 1951, and now issued in pamphlet form. This article is published with the permission of "The Sunday School Times."

cleansing of the leper. The Fathers regarded leprosy as typical of heresy rather than of moral offences."

Whenever our patients hear a radio sermon or read an article saying that leprosy is a type of sin they feel hurt—some become very angry. They feel the implication that leprosy has been given them as a punishment for sins they themselves have committed. They may not be justified in such feeling, but they do have it.

NOT A PUNISHMENT FOR SINS

There are well-known instances in the Bible where the affliction was given as a punishment for sin, but it is not said of all. Christ said in Luke 4:27, "And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Eliseus the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian" (who was a Gentile not subject to the Law of Moses). No comment was made as to the reason why many had leprosy. The fact is that if Israel had been obedient to God there would have been no leprosy (Exod. 15:26).

Some very fine Christian people are here among our patients. We have had children as young as four years of age. Just the other day a fine little boy of eight years came in as a patient. We know of some in other places of a year or less. They are not being punished for personally committed sins.

Many effects and conditions of leprosy are similar to effects and conditions of sin. These comparisons can be made. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan is quoted in "Peloubet's Notes" on the Sunday School lesson for Sunday, July 1, 1951. It is a very fine presentation, moving and true in so many respects. Yet, it cannot be given to my people here, so deep are the wounds to their spirits. A small quotation will present our limitation. "In the Greek New Testament the word made use of is not merely cleansed, but CLEANSED OUT. That is quite scientific. What became of it who can tell?"

When Jesus did a work it was complete. He cleansed, healed, and made whole! When I look at my people who are maimed, who have sores, who are infected, these terms take on deep meaning. The medicines that science gives now produce great benefits, for which we are very thankful; but the



This leper in the Cameroons, Africa, photographed by Missionary Paul Gebauer, is a graphic picture of physical misery, suffering and hopelessness!

affliction is not put out completely, and this is a scientific fact. Doctors are still searching for a cure.

Leprosy is in some respects like tuberculosis. It is in some cases self-eliminating. This is provided for in the Law of Moses. Sacrifices were given and rites performed after the person had recovered. Sin is not self-eliminating. It requires the precious blood of Jesus, the price of our redemption and God's forgiveness, to be healed and cleansed of sin.

LEPROSY OF THE BIBLE

The question is often asked, Is the leprosy of today the leprosy of the Bible? Is the disease called leprosy (or Hansen's Disease) in modern times the same as the disease called leprosy in antiquity? So many variations enter into this subject that it is not profitable to be dogmatic. Many careful and learned people differ in their opinions on these questions. Some scholars believe the disease of today to be the same as mentioned in the Scriptures and in the histories and literature of other countries of the ancient world.

There is a widespread attitude that the name is applied to different diseases and that much of the stigma and social difficulties result from this misapplication of terms. Many doctors and others, drawing their conclusions from technical descriptions in Leviticus and seeing many things in modern leprosy that are not described, believe the ancient and modern afflictions to be different. There are references in the Bible that show a similarity between the physical and social aspects of Biblical and modern leprosy.

In 1948 Professor W. Hasselmann of Erlangen, Germany, visited Carville, Louisiana. He is a doctor interested in archaeological medicine. He has made studies in Ur in Chaldea, in Egypt, and Palestine. I asked him if he had observed the effects of leprosy in the bones of the people of antiquity and if he had seen the same kind of bone deformities as he observed here on living patients. He said emphatically that he had. Then he said: "But certainly. Why not?"

HEBREW AND GREEK WORDS

A good deal has been written recently about the translations of words from Hebrew and Greek into English and other languages. I am not an authority on these things, but I have thought about them a good deal. The Hebrew words translated "leper," "leprosy," and "leprous" come from a root word meaning "to strike," "to scourge." Ts'ara is the word. Leprosy is Ts'ara. Words used idiomatically to denote the stroke of leprosy were naga and nega, "to strike," "stricken."

This fact caused the translator of Isaiah 53:4, from the Latin of Jerome, to write in the English (Douay) translation, "Surely he hath borne our in-

Our Advance Fund Offering

Special Offering of \$75,000 to Be Received for the Denominational
Advance Fund on Sunday, January 27, 1952

WE AS NORTH AMERICAN Baptists are moving forward in our greatest denominational and missionary advance. This fact can be easily seen in the various important causes to which the Advance Offering Fund of \$75,000 has been allocated, as outlined below. This objective must be reached if our advance is not to be checked or halted.

"The big opportunity" for every North American Baptist to have a share in this important inspirational Advance Program will be on Sunday, January 27, 1952. Every dollar which is given towards this objective and in the special Advance Offering envelopes that have been distributed will be used for this purpose only. You may even designate the particular work or cause in the Advance Program which you would like to support. Informative leaflets and colorful posters with further data about our denominational program have been sent to all of our churches.

There are probably many of our church people who will feel the constraint of God's Spirit to give at least \$100.00 or more towards this Advance Offering. Those who make such contributions of \$100.00 or more as individuals will receive a complimentary copy of "Cameroons Today," a beautifully illustrated Cameroons album of more than 64 pages which is now being prepared and which will be ready for distribution about May 1st. The album will be sent to you without further delay after it has been finished if your contribution is \$100.00 or more and your name and address have been

firmed, and carried our sorrows: and we have thought of him as it were a leper, and as one struck by God and afflicted." This is written to describe prophetically the sufferings and humiliation of Jesus Christ. It is one of the deepest commentaries on the antiquity and awfulness of the stigma of leprosy! He was despised, rejected, and hated "without a cause" (Psalm 35:19), as are those who have this affliction. His sufferings were occasioned by the sins of humanity. He became sin for our sake. The afflictions of humanity are the result of sin. From these facts we who know the Word and the Lord cannot escape.

The Greek word lepra came from a word meaning "to scale." Some writers think this indicates that the disease at the time of Christ was not the same as described by Moses 1,400

forwarded to the Forest Park headquarters.

The purpose of the Advance Offering of \$75,000 are as follows:

New Mission to the Lepers	\$ 5,000
New Mission to Japan	8,000
New Bansa Hospital Building	15,000
Additional Two Couples to	
Africa	14,000
New Buildings in the	
Cameroons	10,000
Benke Memorial Indian Chapel	10,000
New Mission in South	
Edmonton	12,000
New Dakota Conference	
Missionary	3,000
New Home Missions	
Opportunities	3,000
Home Mission Pastors' Salary	
Increases	5,000

Total\$85,000
Less appropriation from
Chapel Building Fund ... 10,000

Net Fund to be Raised\$75,000

The Advance is under way! The missionaries who will assist in this Advance Program in the Cameroons on the Leper Field or at the Hospital are on the high seas or hoping to sail soon. The editorial in this issue of the "Baptist Herald" gives further information concerning them. God has opened the doors of missionary opportunity to us in Japan, in Africa, among the Indians, on the home field! It is our privilege to share in this Advance and to give as the Lord lays the burden upon our hearts toward the Advance Offering on Sunday, January 27. That ought to be a blessed and memorable day in North American Baptist history!

years earlier. However, I believe it was. The Hebrew word came into use, I am sure, because there was observed a condition of the skin that looked like the marks, welts, and scars left by the taskmaster's whip.

The scholars who translated the Septuagint before the time of Christ from Hebrew to Greek had acquaintance with a disease well known to Jews and also well known to Greeks. They used a word that by that time was used by Greeks to describe this well-known affliction—using a part of the manifestations to represent the whole. I believe it was used in the first place because scales were observed on the skin as a not uncommon condition of the affliction. Marks, welts, scales, and scars are seen in modern leprosy. The manifestations

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In Spite of Dungeon, Fire and Sword

How often we as Baptists in our security and complacency sing "Faith of Our Fathers," but we hardly know what is involved when we conclude, "We will be true to thee till death"

The Second of a Series of Articles on "Who Are the Baptists?"
by the REV. O. E. KRUEGER, Rochester, New York

"If a grain of wheat die, it brings forth much fruit."

"For me to live is Christ, to die is gain."

"The death of the martyrs is the seed of the church."

"Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee."

IF WE WOULD look to the rock from which we were hewn, we must go to the New Testament. To say that from the beginning of the apostolic age there has been a continuous line of Baptist churches would be hard to maintain. That there have always been Christians who sought to carry out New Testament standards, is quite evident.

Baptists are not Protestants in the strict sense of the word. They existed long before the great reformers began to protest against the errors of the Roman Church. It would be more to the point to call them dissenters, whatever other names were given them. The word Ana-Baptist has been most commonly used. These Bible-loyalists, refusing to accept infant baptism, demanded baptism upon confession of faith. So they were called Ana-Baptists, that is to say Re-Baptizers.

PERSECUTED BECOME PERSECUTORS

It could only be expected that the Jews and the pagans would persecute the Christians. What a story of inhuman cruelty, on the one hand, and of heroic loyalty, on the other! Then there came a lull in the storm. Toleration became the order of the day. In the beginning of the fourth century, Constantine accepted Christianity and made it the state religion. By that time many errors had crept into the church. Ambitious men had begun to lord it over God's people. The narrow gate had been widened; the straight path has been made crooked.

God's loyal "remnant" gave its fearless witness all over the Empire. It insisted on Christ as the only head of the Church, which was to have only two officers: pastors and deacons. It was to have only two ordinances; baptism and the Lord's Supper. Salvation could come through grace only. The Scriptures are the only guide in life and practice. With Christ as the only priest, king, lord and lawgiver, no



The Apostle Paul in chains because of his Scriptural faith in Christ.

other power has a right to rule the local church. There could be no conformity to the demands of the State Church.

So in and through the State Church "Christians" persecuted Christians, leaving a trail of blood extending through twelve hundred years in which 50,000,000, yes, fifty million were slain! Great numbers of these people were the kindred spirits of the Baptists of today, although they did not hold all the principles all the time which are now held by us.

THE UNHOLY WEDLOCK

After the marriage of church and state, any disobedience to the bishop became disloyalty to the state. The state lost no time in making infant baptism legal, which became a state as well as a church requirement. The churches were soon filled with unconverted people, and were governed by the hands of unregenerated men. When Christians, loyal to the New Testament, refused to have their infants baptized, they were accused of disloyalty to the state and had to suffer the consequences.

As century followed century, error

was added to error, such as: the worship of Mary, of images of saints; the sale of indulgences in which for a consideration the church could transfer merit from a great storehouse of good works performed by good people, who had more than they needed for their own salvation; purgatory; transubstantiation, by which the bread and wine is said to become the actual flesh and blood of the Savior.

People loyal to the New Testament just could not go along with all of this nonsense. And so in 1200 years 50,000,000 people were killed by people who claimed to be the representatives of Christ on earth. They paid the price because they would rather obey God than man.

ARNOLD AND WALDO

God raised up great leaders who called the people back to his Word and the true Christian life. At the beginning of the twelfth century, a lad named Arnold was born in Brescia, who became a champion of liberty. He demanded the divorce of church and state, a return to the Scriptures, a regenerated church, which must give up its pomp and power and return to apostolic simplicity. After wielding profound influence for a number of years, pope and emperor united their efforts to do away with him. Declaring his conscience to be free before God, he refused to recant his "heresies." The officers carried out the decree of the church, hanged his body, burned it, and then scattered his ashes on the Tiber River.

Fifteen years after the birth of Arnold, another chosen of God came to the World in Peter Waldo, who in due time became wealthy as a merchant, complacent as a conforming churchman, and respected as a citizen of Lyons. God spoke to him through the sudden death of a friend. He felt that if death had come to him thus, he would not have been prepared.

In his search of the Scriptures, he came upon the words, "If thou wilt be perfect, sell all thou hast and give to the poor." He followed that literally and began to preach what he found in the Bible. He taught men, who came to him, and sent them out as lay-preachers, who gave their messages not in cathedrals but in God's great out-of-doors.

These "Brethren of Lyons" declared that every redeemed man is a priest of God, that masses, alms and prayers for the dead avail nothing, that prayers in bed or in a barn are just as effective as in a church, that the spiritual element in the life of a Christian cannot be divorced from the moral, that the commands of pope and prelates may be disregarded in obedience to God.

Such declarations were upsetting to the Roman system. The pope thundered against these "heretics" who dared to preach without authority from the bishop. Waldo had hoped to get recognition of his order from the pope. Instead he found himself and the "Brethren" condemned. Waldo died in exile.

NO HALF-WAY MEASURES

Luther, Zwingli and Calvin, regarded as great Reformers, were not consistent. They did not go all the way. They did not permit a divorce from civil powers. They continued to "make" Christians by infant baptism and instruction.

Balthaser Hubmaier, although less known today, was a more thorough reformer. He demanded a church based upon New Testament standards, a church of regenerated souls. He did not regard his baptism as an infant as valid, and so he received baptism upon confession of his faith at the age of 45 at the hands of William Reublin, who had been excommunicated from Zwingli's church. Soon after that on Easter Sunday, Hubmaier baptized three hundred men on the profession of their faith.

Under terrific pressure by the city council and Zwingli, Hubmaier recanted, but immediately recanted his recantation. In prison, suffering from insufficient food, weakened by torture on the rack, he recanted again and was released. How can the persecuted become persecutors? He left Zurich, a broken man, in deep repentance.

Arriving in Moravia, he regained pentecostal power. In one year six thousand souls were added to the churches upon profession of faith and baptism. The movement spread like a forest fire. This was too much for both Roman Catholics and Protestants. They saw eye to eye on this matter and united in hounding Hubmaier. An edict of 1527 called for the arrest and punishment of all who practiced rebaptism and refused the sacraments at the altar. Thrown into prison the following year, torture began on the rack to secure recantation.

At peace with God and ready for the fire, Hubmaier remained firm. On the way to his execution, parts of his body were torn from him with red-hot pincers. At the funeral pile he prayed to God for forgiveness. He asked those whom he had harmed to forgive him, and he forgave those who were torturing him. Committing his spirit into the hands of the Father, his prayer



"It is well to remember the rock from which we were hewn and the faith of our fathers and then to follow in their train."

continued until the smoke choked his voice. Three days later his wife, who held the same convictions and had remained loyal to him, was thrown into the Danube River with a stone tied around her neck.

It is much to be regretted that many of the Anabaptists were crack-brained fanatics, who brought the good name into ill-repute. Level-headed Anabaptists preferred to be called "Brethren." Soon many of these were designated as "Mennonites," for they had come under the influence and training of that noble soul, a former Roman Catholic priest, Menno Simons.

One day Menno witnessed the horrible torture of a humble tailor. He saw his torturers cut his head off, burn his body and place his head upon a stake as a warning to every passer-by. What had the man done? He had denied the value of infant baptism and had himself received believer's baptism and had demanded a church of regenerated people.

In his thorough search of Scriptures Simons found no authority for infant baptism, nor for all the other errors he had been taught. He made a complete break with the Roman Church, standing on the principles laid down in Scriptures. For twenty-five years he stoutly declared these Anabaptist views. Because he carried the Scriptures to their logical conclusions, he was too much of a reformer for the reformers. They denounced him; the

Catholics hated him; the courts hounded him. How he escaped the many traps set for him is a mystery. He seemed to have lived a charmed life. No doubt he lived a charming Christian life!

No less than 50,000 of them sealed their faith with their life-blood, innocent men and women were dragged out of their beds into the fields and decapitated. Their heads were brought back into Amsterdam in herring baskets. In this cruelty priests and civil officers worked together in harmonious cooperation.

CAN IT BE POSSIBLE?

We, who have never witnessed cruelty, can hardly imagine the depth of bestiality to which the human being can sink. A quotation from J. M. Carroll in his book, "The Trail of Blood," makes the heart sick. "It was during that same period (the Dark Ages) that along one single European highway, thirty miles distance, stakes were set up every few feet along the highway, the tops of the stakes were sharpened, and on the top of each stake was placed the head of a martyred Anabaptist."

It is well to remember the rock from which we were hewn, and the faith of our fathers, and to follow in their train. How often we in our security and complacency sing "Faith of Our Fathers," but we hardly know what is involved when we conclude, "We will be true to thee till death."

A Dream Come True!

For years the author had not seen Switzerland since she had left it, as a girl of ten years. Now on her return to the land of her birth she thanked God for this spot of glory in the midst of a continent of death and destruction

By MRS. ALBERTINA MERCNER of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WHEN I WAS a child of ten years, my parents left Switzerland and came to America. Within three weeks of our arrival on these shores, we discovered the humble Second German Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., where at the age of thirteen I gave my heart to the Lord. In young womanhood I married a young man from the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, and for these many years I have been an active member of that congregation.

But all through the years, which brought their due share of sunshine and showers, I cherished a secret longing one day to return to the land of my birth. I had read much of the land of William Tell during the intervening years and had engaged in a rather regular correspondence with a member of the family there.

Finally life's fortunes blew favorably for the realization of my dream. On June 13, 1951, accompanied by my niece, I set sail aboard the "S.S. America"—a veritable palace on water—bound from New York to Le Havre, France. After a favorable and enchanting journey we docked, spent a few days in romantic Paris, and then went on to Switzerland! What a thrill



Mrs. Mercner stands beside the old well at her former Swiss home from where she carried water into the house and nearby the linden tree under which she formerly played.

Lake Zurich. Having left behind the desolation of North Europe, one could not help but thrill to the host of Freedom Flags surrounding the historic



Majestic Mt. Pilatus in enchanting Switzerland rises above the surrounding landscape of serene lakes and pleasant villages.

it was to see the first "white cross on red" upon a railroad attendant's cap! A relative met us and conducted us to our hotel accommodations which he had arranged at a spot overlooking

lake, reminding all that Switzerland had just completed the six-hundredth year of its freedom.

Everywhere everything looked just as it had been pictured in the exciting

tourists' brochures. Here was beauty run riot! Mountains heave up rugged bosoms only to erupt into new heights. Charming houses nestled in picturesque safety within unexpected pockets upon mountainsides. Hotels, luxurious but not distasteful, are crowded with seekers of adventure and lovers of beauty who come from every point of the compass to revel in the delights of this fairyland.

Here was a bit of heavenly peace and calm which could heal the rancors of the most bitter spirit. None but the spiritually bankrupt could withhold a prayer of thanks to God for this spot of glory which he has retained amidst a continent pockmarked by death and pestilence.

TIME OF ROSES

It was the time of roses, and everywhere they were in profusion, accentuated by the occasional planting of geraniums and petunias. Flowers smothered every man-made ugliness and adorned hotels, department stores, banks, railroad stations, gas stations, apartment houses and private homes. Something which Brother Kuhn said in the long ago came floating back to me: "Switzerland is one beauty after another, one grandeur after another. No words can describe it."

Friends took us on a delightful trip up Mt. Klausen—right up to the snow line. Great drifts of snow higher than our car made us forget it was July, and upon passing the tragic spot where a great slide had wiped out many lives last year reminded us that nature's beauties are not unmixed with grim possibilities. We journeyed down the other side to the Vierwaldstaetter See which touched four different Cantons.

We visited Bern and Spiez; travelled from there by boat to Interlaken and Luzern. Everywhere we met with breathtaking beauty, immaculate cleanliness and gratifying courtesy. A ride up the famous Mt. Rigi on cog-wheel cars was thrilling. We breathed a sigh of relief after they made good the boast that the cars have been running for seventy-five years without an accident. Riding back we saw a large crowd of Swiss walking down and up(!), which was in no way considered unusual for them.

January 17, 1952

What striking figures they were with huge bunches of Alpine roses on their knapsacks!

ZURICH AND BERLIN

On our first Sunday in Zurich we visited the Baptist Church. Unfortunately there was no congregation, for they were off on a conference. Therefore, during the week I sought out Pastor Pfister, whose residence is in the special living quarters of the church.

We were very happy to meet Mrs. Pfister. Pastor Pfister gave me a picture of the church building of the Deaconess and Old People's Homes, as well as one of the Seminary. In 1949 the church celebrated its 100th anniversary. Later we had the privilege of meeting the Church Deaconess who is a sister of Dr. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany.

Plans for this trip also included a visit to Berlin where my late husband's relatives live, to whom we have been sending so many packages since the end of the war.

We had the address of the Rev. Otto Voelkel of Basel whose wife is a sister of our Missionary Paul Gebauer. They met us at the station, and at their home we enjoyed several hours of wonderful fellowship and hospitality. They even accompanied us to the station where we took the 12 o'clock sleeper at midnight for Frankfurt. The next morning we enjoyed our first plane ride to West Berlin, the ride being one and a half hours long.

CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

What a revelation was our reunion with relatives! They swept us off our feet with their gratitude for the things sent from America, and it soon became evident how sorely those relief packages had been needed. I became convinced that the horrors of which we had read were all too true.

How our hearts bled as the scenes of utter ruin on every hand. How we ached to be able to do something to ease the lot of young widows who must raise their families on practically nothing, and have as their only satisfaction the miserable consolation that perhaps it might have been worse! Yet all seem to hold the secret fear that another war will mean the complete end of civilization in Europe.

We visited the Schirrmann-Gebauer family. Mrs. Schirrmann is the youngest of the Gebauer family. He is a teacher and works with the young people of the active church in Spandau. Their daughter, age six, resembles her father, while the boy, age three, is a regular Gebauer! Visits such as these reminded us of the wonderful fellowship of Christians the world over, united by the love of Christ.

While in Berlin a nephew and I visited the Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Meister. They were happy to see us and

entertained us at tea. Mrs. Meister told us of the plight of girls and women who flee East Berlin for the sanctuary in the West. The Meisters take many of them in and provide for them until the government can arrange for their help.

We were very happy to see the lovely facilities at the disposal of the deaconesses and the hospital. It appeared to me that they are two renovated villas, connected by a glass enclosed runway. The hospital is largely sustained by commercial hospitalization, which pays but little. There are few private patients. On every side there is evidence of real Samaritan service.

THE CROWNING REWARD

We were in Berlin during the Universal Church Festival. Thousands attended divine worship, and the theater which housed the meeting that I attended was too small to hold the crowd pressing for admission. This effort lasted a week, and we prayed earnestly that the evident sense of spiritual need, felt by multitudes, would spread like a penetrating leaven among the people and thus counteract the forces of evil.

After two joyous weeks in Berlin we prepared to return to Switzerland. Twenty-one relatives gathered at the airport to bid us farewell. They wanted to say "Auf Wiedersehen," but I assured them that for me, far into the golden sunset of life, it was "Good-bye."

We arrived in Zurich just in time to attend the Baptist Church service at 9:00 A.M. The large auditorium was well filled, and we were blessed by a message brought by Pastor Pfister's substitute. My heart was particularly moved by a solo rendered by a girl whom we could not see (since

the choir is in the back of the church), "Ein Tagwerk für den Heiland ist der Mühe wert" ("One day's work for Jesus is so worthwhile!").

Thus my dream has come true, and with the experiences there in Switzerland have come far greater treasures than memories of haunting beauty and gracious people. For as we slipped into the harbor of New York City and looked once more upon the Statue of Liberty holding aloft the torch of freedom, there flashed through my mind the scenes of want and hopelessness upon which I had looked, as well as the sheltering arms of my America which now stretched out to welcome us back. And then I prayed: "Dear God! Keep our country safe."

To thank God for freedom and for America, understanding fully what I say because of what I have seen, has been the crowning reward of this summer's experience.



The Salem Baptist Church of Zurich, Switzerland, which was visited by Mrs. Mercner on her trip to Europe.

Commissioned - Committed!

Youth Week

January 27, 1952—February 3, 1952

By the REV. J. C. GUNST,
General Secretary of the CBY and SS Workers' Union



COMMISSIONED is a word which gives a familiar ring to all our young people. The name, "Commissioned Baptist Youth," was adopted at our last General Conference. This year in August, at our next General Conference in Philadelphia, the new name with that grand challenge will already have been three years with us. To many of our young people since then, it has become strikingly clear that Christ the Lord has commissioned every saved young person to a special task in the Kingdom work.

YOUTH WEEK

For Youth Week this year it was thought advisable and practical to choose as our theme the two expressive words, "Commissioned—Committed." A full outline of program suggestions, centered around this theme, for day by day activities throughout one week, have been in the hands of the CBY presidents, pastors, and youth counselors for some time.

A program for each local CBY has already been well planned. We sincerely pray that as each youth group presents its many activities in that week, joy and spiritual growth will be evident in the lives of young people participating. At the same time it is our prayer that the programs presented, talents displayed, and the witness given will be an unusual spiritual blessing to the entire church.

Here again during our 1952 Youth Week will be opportunity, as in every youth program throughout the year, to render Christian service in one way or another.

We call upon every young person

to have a definite part in the Youth Week program. A good place to start, where we can all share and share alike, is to realize that we are **commissioned to worship and to study the Word of God.** Let us as Christian youth of America demonstrate in all of our churches that we mean business and will be in our place of worship each Sunday of Youth Week. Furthermore, we should show that we not only attend our Sunday School class, but we come prepared conscientiously to study the Word of God. God requires that we seek him and meditate upon his Word which giveth life. We as believers need to commit ourselves to come, receive, and live a life pleasing unto him. Preparation precedes service.

The leaders, regardless of what office is held, are **commissioned to do a special task.** No one else will fill your office. Perform your duties as well as you possibly can. Christ had a part in your assuming that special responsibility. Have you committed your talents, time and energy to your part in the youth program? Is your life committed as a stewardship life for your Lord and Savior?

MAKE DISCIPLES

Jesus **commissioned** his disciples, or let us say gave them a challenging command, **"Go ye! Make disciples"**—"And, lo I am with you." In our day and age we call it evangelism. "Win Them One by One" through the church services, mass meetings, or more often by personal contact, but "win them" we must. The Lord has commissioned us, called us for that purpose. Is your life conscientiously, deliberately, gladly committed to be a forceful witness for him in your community, through your church? Is your life a channel of blessing to win someone to Christ?

We are **"Commissioned to Serve"** as our triennial Conference Union motto reads. "To serve" means to be of service, to render some good deed gladly to someone in need, without expecting anything in return. Our world is in turmoil and confusion. Young lives are brutally killed by the thousands, because people, including Christians, have lost the service

motive. Words like "give," "love," "service" are being ruled out and the spirit of "take," "hate," "you owe it to me," is the order of the day. Christian youth must pray and prepare for Christlike service. "If any man serve me, let him follow me" (John 12:26).

Is your CBY and YOU particularly, personally committed to visit and pray with the shut-ins in your church and community? Have your young people ever called on those in prison or jails and orphanages in your community? Have your young people ever called on those in prison or jails and orphanages in your community? Read carefully the words of the Master in Matthew 25:35-40. Are you committed to serve?

INTO ALL THE WORLD

Again the Master, "Whose we are and Whom we serve" (Acts 27:23) has **commissioned us to go into all the world** to preach the Gospel, heal the sick, and teach them "all things, whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20). The Christian's responsibility is a world outreach. Not all may go personally, but God in his all-inclusive plan sends some, while others make it possible for those "some" to go. We must all share in the larger missionary enterprise of our denominational missionary responsibility.

Are you as a young Christian **COMMITTED** to share? Have you had a vital part or share in the preaching of the Gospel, healing the sick, teaching God's eternal truths in the Cameroons, in Japan and in our home mission fields? Is your life committed to pray for our missionaries? Have you committed that with which God has prospered you to give God his due portion?

Youth Week is the period of the year when Christian young people in the church can forcefully demonstrate their loyalty to Christ. When their faithfulness in Christian service through the church can make an impact and when they give their much needed Christian witness, the people in the community are brought closer to God.

FAMILY PAGE



Suspicion is often ungrounded
And gossip most often, not true;
So do not pass on any slander
Or folks soon will talk about you.

Be critical only of evil,
For our judgment in error may fall;
Think well and speak well of your neighbors
Or speak not of others at all!

—Contributed by
Mrs. John Borchers, Kearny, Neb.

"If you pray for bread and bring
no basket to carry it, you prove the
doubting spirit which may be the only
hindrance to the boon you ask."

—D. L. Moody.

LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY

By Dr. H. von Berge, Dayton, Ohio

Be it when our secret place
We seek thy mercy-seat,
Or when for worship and for prayer
Within thy house we meet:
Oh, may we ne'er with lips alone
To thee our homage pay,
Nay, but in spirit and in truth,
Lord, teach us how to pray.

Teach us the prayer of simple faith
And childlike trust in thee;
The prayer that sets the troubled heart
From every burden free;
The prayer that all our hopes and fears
Into thy hands would lay;
The prayer that leaves it all to thee,
Lord, teach us how to pray.

Teach us the prayer that changes
things!
Oh, help us to believe
The promise of thy holy word:
"Ask, and ye shall receive."
Help us thy bidding and thy call
To trust and to obey,
To come to thee with all our needs—
Lord, teach us how to pray.

"OUT OF THE . . . HEART"

W. MALLIS

Thou must be true thyself
If thou the truth wouldst teach;
It needs the overflow of heart
To give the lips full speech.

—Moody Monthly.

"A task without a vision is drudgery;
a vision without a task is a dream; a
task with a vision is victory."

—UNKNOWN.

QUESTIONS

ANONYMOUS

"If I really trust him
Shall I ever fret?
If I really do expect him
Can I e'er forget?
If by faith I really see him
Shall I doubt his aid?
If I really, really love him
Can I be afraid?"

—NOW MAGAZINE.

"I looked at God, and he looked at
me, and we were one forever."

—CHARLES HADDON SPURGEON.

GOD'S UNCHANGING WORD

MARTIN LUTHER

Our feelings come and feelings go,
And feelings are deceiving:
My warrant is the Word of God,
Naught else is worth believing.

Though all my heart should feel
condemned
For want of some sweet token,
There is One greater than my heart
Whose Word cannot be broken.

I'll trust in God's unchanging Word
Till soul and body sever:
For though all things shall pass away,
His Word shall stand forever.

—EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN.

"I am profitably engaged in reading
the Bible. Take all of this Book upon
reason that you can and the balance
upon faith, and you will live and die
a better man."

—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

TAKE WHAT THOU HAST

AUTHOR NOT KNOWN

"Take what thou hast
And with that serve thy God,
As Moses with the common rod

Did smite the rock of long ago
And made the crystal water flow;
Don't look around for better
Gifts to give,
Just as you are
Begin today to live
For him. He will accept
With grace exceeding rare
Your humble daily deed
And thought and prayer.
Your humble gift,
More dear to him than gold,
He will return
Increased and hundredfold."

—WATCHMAN-EXAMINER.

"Never lose an opportunity to see
anything beautiful. Beauty is God's
handwriting."

—CHARLES KINGSLEY.

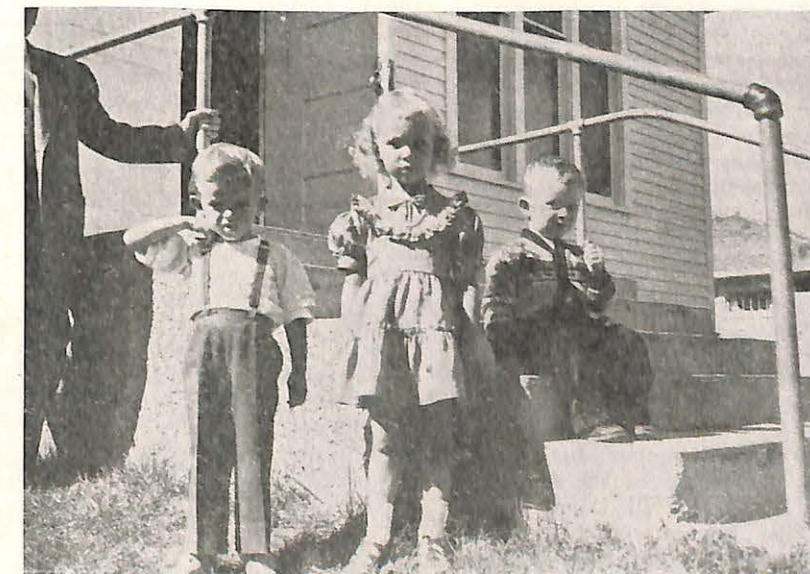
CHARITY

By NONA KEEN DUFFY

None of us know one another
So voice your opinions with care;
Voice only good when you're speaking
And strive to be honest and fair.

Don't look for flaws in your neighbor
You'll find them as sure as you do;
The faults that you see most in others
Are most likely centered in you.

Be not the one to repeat
A slander on neighbor or friend;
Leave always a margin for error
It may prove not true in the end.



The world looks "mighty fine" to these three promising youngsters of the Baptist Sunday School of Turtle Lake, North Dakota.

Left to right: Billy Franke, Claudia Franke and Bobby Bauer.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● On Sunday, Jan. 6th, the Rev. Ben Zimmerman began his pastorate in the Memorial Baptist Church of New Britain, Conn. This was a month later than had been originally planned and announced, but Mr. Zimmerman was in a St. Paul hospital in November because of an eye infection. The New Britain church has purchased a new parsonage, the address of which is announced elsewhere in this issue.

● Evangelistic services were held by the Canaan Baptist Church of Crawford, Texas, during the first part of November. The Rev. H. John Vanderbeck of Kyle, Texas, assisted the Rev. Arthur Schulz, local pastor. The meetings were well attended. One person was saved and a number of Christians came forward for rededication. The spiritual level of the Christians in the church was raised appreciably as a result of the meetings.

● The Gamma Phi Society of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., presented the pageant, "Seek and Ye Shall Find," at the Youth for Christ meeting in Sioux Falls on Saturday evening, Dec. 15. This is a literary society of our Seminary. The mixed and male quartets of the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls also sang. The Youth for Christ meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church near the Seminary campus.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas, has extended a call to the Rev. Edwin Kraemer to serve as its pastor. He has accepted the call and is already on the field with his family. Mr. Kraemer is "a son" of the Immanuel Church of Kyle, Texas. He has served for quite a number of years as a chaplain in the United States Army. Several of his articles have been published in the "Baptist Herald." At the Gatesville Church he has succeeded the Rev. Kenneth E. Nelson.

● The Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, has extended a call to the Rev. Louis Johnson, who has served with signal success as interim pastor of the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis., and of the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa. He was also pastor of the East Side Church, Chicago, Ill., for several years. He has accepted the call and will begin his pastorate in Waco, Texas, on Jan. 1, 1952, succeeding the Rev. Roy Seibel, now of Emery, South Dakota.

● The Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, has extended a call to Miss LaVerne Mehlhaff of Parkston, S. Dak., a graduate of Sioux Falls College, to serve as the church missionary. She has responded favorably and is already on the field, assisting in the work of the church of which the Rev. Edwin Miller is the pastor. During the summer of 1951 Miss Mehlhaff capably served as Vacation Bible School worker at the West Baltimore Church of Baltimore, Maryland.

● The Sunday School of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., has set an attendance goal of 400. On Dec. 2nd the total attendance was 336. The Men's Class is having an attendance contest between the Red and White Armies. The church publishes a very interesting weekly News Letter with a synopsis of one of the pastor's sermons of the previous Sunday and with important church announcements. On Sunday evening, Dec. 9th, the Rev. Robert Hess preached on "New Heavens and New Earth."

● Evangelistic meetings were held at the Immanuel Church of Beulah, N. Dak., from Nov. 19 to Dec. 2 with the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Harpell of Boston, Mass., bringing the Gospel message in word and song. Sixteen persons professed faith in Christ as Savior during the meetings. The attendance of 91 persons on the opening night increased considerably during the services. Two Christmas programs were presented by the Sunday School and church of the Immanuel Church of Beulah, as reported by the Rev. Fred Trautner, pastor.

● Dr. John Leypoldt served as interim pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., during the month of December. From Jan. 6 to 10 he conducted evangelistic meetings at the Baptist Church of Creston, Neb., of which the Rev. John Broeder is pastor. From Jan. 13 to 19 Dr. Leypoldt is rendering a deeply appreciated spiritual and inspirational ministry at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. He will conduct two weeks of evangelistic services at the Temple Church of Leduc, Alberta, from Jan. 20 to Feb. 1st.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 2nd, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Spring Valley Church near Canistota,

S. Dak., presented the play, "The Challenge of the Cross," with Mrs. Ralph Olles, president, in charge. The offering of \$49.00 was designated for the remaining debt on the parsonage stove and missionary fund. On Sunday, Dec. 9, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker at the morning service and showed missionary and denominational pictures in the evening. The offering for missions totalled \$78.87. The Rev. Alvin Wetter is pastor of the church.

● The First Baptist Church of Wishek, North Dakota, held a Leadership Training Class from November 27 to 30 with classes each evening. The Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., instructed the class on "The Stewardship Life" with about 80 persons attending. On Sunday evening, Dec. 2, Mr. Gunst presented credit cards to 18 people who had completed the course. "The church has been without a pastor since early summer, but nevertheless the members have been carrying on the Lord's work," as reported by Mrs. Vernon Herr.

● The Rev. A. E. Kannwisher, Protestant chaplain at the United States Penitentiary, Lewisburg, Pa., has been transferred by the U. S. Department of Justice to Tallahassee, Florida, where he will serve in a similar capacity at another penal institution. He closed his work at Lewisburg, Pa., on Jan. 5th and hoped to study for about eight weeks at New York University in New York City, finishing certain aspects of his dissertation for the Ph. D. degree before going to Florida. Mr. Kannwisher was formerly pastor of the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Ridgewood, Long Island, N. Y.

● The pageant, "Once Upon a Christmas Time," was the feature of the Christmas Eve program by the Sunday School of the Immanuel Church near Loyal, Oklahoma. The church choir rendered the cantata, "The Light of Christmas," on Sunday evening, Dec. 23rd. The church observed the Week of Prayer from Dec. 26 to 31 closing with the Watch Night Service and conducted by the pastor, the Rev. W. G. Blackburn. On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, a former pastor, the Rev. A. O. Thornton of Somersfield, Missouri, spoke at several services and with his family renewed old acquaintances in the church.

● The First Baptist Church of Dickinson County near Elmo, Kansas, was spiritually blessed during Thanksgiving Week from Nov. 19 to 25 with special "Deeper Christian Life" meetings. Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was guest speaker. He also taught a course on "Old Testament Studies" in the mornings. One of the highlights of the week was Young People's Night when about seventy young people from the local church and five neighboring Baptist churches attended and enjoyed a singspiration and refreshments afterwards. The Rev. Herbert Schauer is the pastor of the Dickinson County Church.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., has called Miss Jane E. Rembes as its home missionary. She served in this capacity prior to leaving for China five years ago. While in China she served under the China Inland Mission supported by Bethel Church. She was the first of the church's young people to enter full time Christian service. From Jan. 6 to 13 evangelistic services were held at Bethel Church with the Rev. Douglas Roe and the Rev. George Edstrom serving as evangelist and song leader. The church is now publishing a fine church paper called, "Bethel Business in the Lord's Leading," and edited by the pastor the Rev. Paul E. Loth.

● The Baptist Mission Circle of Parkston, S. Dak., presented its annual program on Tuesday evening, Dec. 4. After the prelude by Mrs. Harold Sampson and the opening devotions led by Mrs. William Koth, the president, Mrs. Herbert Radel, extended the welcome. Several musical numbers enhanced the fine program. The play entitled, "Collecting for Missions," was given by the group of ten women and girls. Mrs. Alfred Weissner brought a reading and Dr. George A. Dunger, a Seminary professor as well as a former Cameroons missionary, gave a challenging address. The missionary offering amounted to \$52.00. Mrs. Fred Huether is the secretary of the Mission Circle.

● The \$60,000 building project of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., is nearing completion. The annex to the church edifice will provide additional facilities and classrooms for the church school. A more detailed report and pictures about the building project will be published in a forthcoming issue. On Sunday, Dec. 9, the pulpit of the St. Joseph church was occupied by Mrs. Hulda K. Smith, for 30 years a missionary in Burma with her husband, and by the Rev. Thomas Stoeri, a retired minister of the denomination who now makes his home with Mrs. Stoeri in St. Joseph. Mr. Stoeri also preached in the church on

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

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

January 20—"Making Sure You Finish" by Rev. Edgar W. Klatt, St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 27—"So Send I You" by Rev. J. C. Gunst, Forest Park, Illinois. (Topic for Youth Week Program.)

CBY NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS has rendered an unusually fine service in the past. Has your CBY been reaping full benefits from this helpful and inspiring youth magazine? We are delighted to share with you excerpts from a letter by one of our fine pastors who has a live and unique youth program in his church. Dr. A. Dale Ihrle of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, writes:

"Our YOUTH COMPASS order is being tripled beginning with the January-March, 1952 issue. We are using more than ever.

"The Juniors, ages 10 to 12, are having more success with YOUTH COMPASS than others merely because the pastor is their sponsor. The programs are good, too. But the sponsor needs to understand how to use YOUTH COMPASS. Then the CBY appreciates its use.

"I believe our order will be increased again soon. Our newly developed Youth Council is to discuss the possibility of making it our church 'Young People's Official Magazine'—taking orders for it on a subscription basis as we do the 'Baptist Herald.' This would be a magazine for personal Christian use—as a source of inspiration, leisure reading, etc.—plus use in the meetings. We should get at least 50 subscriptions to begin with. This will be a whole new approach to the sale and use of YOUTH COMPASS as far as our church is concerned. But it will pay spiritual dividends and should increase sales.

"If our various churches do not want to use YOUTH COMPASS in their meetings, then they should be sold on its value as a personal Christian 'aid to growth.' Every article is valuable simply from a 'personal reading' viewpoint. There is no Christian young people's magazine that has the noteworthy, practical, interesting subject matter we have in YOUTH COMPASS."

SUNDAY SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Early in September of 1951, questionnaires were sent to all Sunday

School superintendents requesting information about the achievements of the Sunday School during the year 1950-1951. Twenty-five churches reported.

The following Sunday Schools reported having adopted the Sunday School Standard. The churches are listed according to their ratings based on the points in the Sunday School Standard. (The churches with the same amount of asterisks after their names received the same ratings.)

First Baptist, Durham, Kansas.
Riverview Baptist, St. Paul, Minn.*
Ebenezer Baptist, Shattuck, Okla.*
First Baptist, Bessie, Okla.**
Bethel Baptist, Sheboygan, Wis.**
Creston Baptist, Creston, Neb.
Grace Baptist, Sheffield, Iowa.
Bethel Baptist, Buffalo, New York.
Walnut St. Baptist, Cincinnati, Ohio.***

Calvary Baptist, Stafford, Kansas.***
Grace Baptist, Grand Forks, North Dakota.***

First Baptist, Dickinson County, Elmo, Kansas.

Central Baptist, Erie, Pa.
Zion Baptist, Okeene, Okla.
Bethany Baptist, Vesper, Kansas.

Other churches which reported but which have not adopted the Sunday School Standard deserve commendation on the work which they have done during the past year.

Immanuel Baptist, Milwaukee, Wis.
Calvary Baptist, Aberdeen, South Dakota.****

Walnut St. Baptist, Newark, New Jersey.****

Immanuel Baptist, Kankakee, Illinois.****

First Baptist, Presserville, Mont.
Parkersburg Baptist, Parkersburg, Iowa.

Strassburg Baptist, Marion, Kansas.*****

Temple Baptist, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.*****

Evergreen Baptist, Brooklyn, New York.*****

Elm Creek Baptist, Lavernia, Texas.*****

Additional churches which send in their 1950-1951 reports to the Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Ill., will be reported in the future. Sunday School superintendents may secure additional report blanks if needed.

"If there is to be peace and happiness in our homes, then we as a nation must return to God and to the practice of daily family altars."

—J. EDGAR HOOVER.



—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 on "an open house" party the first week of college. How vividly he remembered those days of many years ago at Indiana Christian College! Later Ernest and Karen were married in the seminary chapel with Karen's father officiating. They went to a small Kansas pastorate in the country. Shortly before Easter a letter came from Burt telling about his success in Chicago and his hopes to go as a missionary to French Indo-China. Ernest was terribly jealous of his brother. Then Karen became very sick and had to be taken to the hospital. Ernest waited prayerfully for word from the doctor.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

Back in the hospital Karen's door was still closed to Ernest. He stood outside in the corridor, clumsily leaning against the wall or pacing nervously up the hall and back. It was strange that all was so silent. He had expected to find nurses bustling back and forth with quiet efficiency, to hear the sharp commands of the doctor and the replies of his assistant. But here all was silent, almost ethereal.

After a few minutes a nurse hurried along the hallway, her heels clicking a muffled tattoo, stepped around Ernest and went into Karen's room. A moment later the door opened and she said, "The doctor is about ready for your wife, Mr. Henning. Would you like to talk with her until they come to move her?"

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"Thank you."
Her face was pallid and drawn but she managed a smile for him. "I wondered if I was going to get to see you. I've been waiting and waiting."

"How's it going, honey?"
"Not so—" The muscles in her face began to tighten gradually, her hands clenched and thin beads of sweat stood out on her forehead. It was a minute or more before she could continue. "It's not so bad, darling. Really."

Ernest turned to the nurse, a wordless question on his lips. She smiled reassuringly. A moment later two more nurses came in.

"We're ready for you, Mrs. Henning. The doctor tells us you're going to have a nice healthy girl," one nurse teased.

"It's going to be a boy," Karen countered.

Ernest bent and kissed her before leaving the room. He wanted to speak. He tried to speak. But he could not. Almost immediately the door opened and they wheeled her out into the hall toward an open door at the far end.

Dr. Adams stopped to talk with him on his way to the delivery room.

"I've examined your wife, Pastor, just a few minutes ago and she's doing nicely."

"Can—can you tell so soon?"

"Usually indications of trouble show up weeks ahead. She should have less difficulty than average."

"You've no idea how that makes me feel."

"Don't I? The doctor laughed pleasantly. "I had forty-seven OB cases last year and there were forty-seven men just as concerned as you are."

"I guess that's right. It just seems different to me."

The door of the delivery room closed behind Dr. Adams and Ernest walked restlessly up to the nursery and back. This was nothing like he had expected. There was no feverish excitement. Nurses went about their business of caring for the sick with a calmness that was almost infuriating. A baby started to cry in the nursery, a thin, muted cry that was like no other sound in the world. In a few hours his baby would be crying in the selfsame way, filling his little lungs with air and squalling as

though he was the most abused little fellow alive. His baby. His and Karen's. It was strange music to his ears. He walked slowly down to the nursery and looked in through the long glass window. Another lusty infant had taken up the chorus and was in full voice, his tiny red face twisted and wrinkled indescribably to give the illusion of being all mouth and strange highpitched noises.

"Cute little fella, isn't he?"

Ernest turned to the short, chunky young man who came up beside him.

"I guess he's as cute as most new babies."

"Yeh. They all look sorta funny, don't they? Red and wrinkled and—my wife'd shoot me alive if she heard me say that."

"You must have a baby here."

"That's right," he smiled proudly. "That's him doin' all the yellin. Homeliest little wart in the place."

"I don't believe I'd say that."

"He couldn't be nothin else but homely, havin' me for an old man." They were silent for a space. "You waitin' for an heir, too?"

"I guess you could call it that," he nodded.

"Everything O.K.?"

"As far as I know."

"That's good. Let's go down to the waiting room, and sit down awhile. I don't figure on going home for an hour or so."

He ushered Ernest into the comfortable little waiting room with its easy chairs, its magazine racks and its inevitable ash trays. The stranger took out a cigarette, tapped it on his wrist, then looked at Ernest significantly and put it away.

"You know, Reverend, I feel different about kids now than I did three days ago."

"Is that right?"

"Yes. I was mad when I found out this baby was on the way and I've been mad ever since. I didn't want no kid tyin' us down."

Ernest listened quietly.

"Well, my wife's young. Fact is she ain't more'n a kid. When we came up here three days ago she was scared to death. The doc thought I ought to be in there with her to keep her nerve up, sorta."

"I see."

"It almost took the heart out of me to see what she had to go through."

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And—and then the nurse held the little tyke up for me to see. I'll tell you I never bawled in my life, but I did then—just thinking about how sweet and helpless he was and what Patty had to go through to bring him here and the—the crummy way I acted." He sighed deeply and his voice was softened. "I'm goin' to have to do a lot of changin' to be worthy of the two of them from here on out."

"The trouble is that we can't do much changing on our own."

"You can bet I'm goin' to."

Ernest smiled. "I've heard a lot of men say that, but actually none of us change our ways very much without the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"I don't think I get you." The stranger was fidgeting uneasily.

"You're talking about trying to change. Have you ever made any resolutions?"

"A few, I guess."

"Have you kept any of them?"

He thought a minute. "Sure. I quit smoking once."

"For how long?"

"I don't know, two or three months. But I quit."

"If your changing, as you call it, is going to last for only two or three months, what good is it to try?"

"That's a funny way for a preacher to talk."

"But I'm not interested in your trying to change by your own efforts. I know that's doomed before you start. There is a way that you can change completely, become a new creature in Christ Jesus. That's what I'm interested in."

For a full minute he looked into the stranger's eyes. There was a struggle there, going on within.

"I—I guess I'd better go."

"Will you read something if I give it to you?"

"Sure."

Ernest handed him a tract. He turned it over in his hands momentarily, then shoved it into his pocket. "Thanks." At the door he turned back. "I sure hope your wife gets along O.K., Reverend."

"Thank you."

When he was gone Ernest picked up a magazine and tried to read, but the print blurred before his eyes and his mind refused to hold the thread of thought together.

He laid down his magazine nervously and walked out into the hall and down to the delivery room. There were sounds of activity now, the click of metal against porcelain, the soft, deliberate voice of the doctor giving commands and the sounds of footsteps on the tile floor.

"Oh, God," he prayed silently, almost inarticulately. "Be with Karen now. Be with them!"

The sounds stopped suddenly, breathlessly, as though caught in mid-air by invisible fingers. Then the hush was shattered by one thin, lusty

cry that crescendoed and died away. The quiet that followed was electric.

"Doctor," one of the nurses said in a hushed voice that was taut and choked with emotion. "Don't you feel close to God at a time like this?"

Ernest went back over to the hospital early the next morning. He walked quickly along the corridor then stopped just short of her door. The night before the other new father had dropped a very excellent bit of advice without realizing it. Better go take a look at the little fellow first. The corridor was empty, but he felt a little self-conscious peering through the glass at the wrinkled bit of humanity sleeping so peacefully, which he could scarcely have recognized as his had it not been for the name bracelet and the note pinned to the basket lining.

Karen had just finished breakfast and was lying on her side looking out the window when he stepped into the doorway.

"How do you do, Mrs. Henning," he said gaily.

"Well, good morning, Mr. Henning," she smiled in return.

He went over and kissed her tenderly. "How are you feeling?"

"I feel wonderful."

"Did you sleep well?"

"Certainly. They took care of that. How about you?"

"Who wants to sleep?"

"Did you stop and see him this morning?" Her eyes were still starry with happiness.

"Yes. He was sleeping, though. Had his little hands clenched and drawn up close to his face. He was snoozing away as though he didn't have a care in the world."

"The little fella must sleep all the time. He was asleep when they brought him in this morning. I had an awful time getting him awake enough to see the color of his eyes. Oh, Ernie, he's so soft and cuddly and sweet." He sat down and took her hand in his own. "Who do you think he looks like?"

He thought a minute. "I don't know. Just like any other little baby, I guess."

"Why, Ernest Henning!" Her voice was indignant. "I don't know how you can say that. He looks just like you: He's got your big nose and everything."

"O.K., darling," he laughed. "He's the sweetest, most adorable little mutt in the world and I could pick him out of a whole hospital full of babies. Now, do you feel better?"

"Definitely, even if I know it isn't so."

"You know, darling, God has certainly been good to us."

Karen sighed contentedly: "I'll say He has, giving us such a fine healthy boy as Billy. I just knew he was going to be a boy."

"That's true, Karen, but I was thinking of something more than that."

I was thinking how wonderfully He has watched over you.

She looked at him queerly. "Yes, He did watch over me, didn't He?"

Karen and Billy were still in the hospital when Ernest first learned that he had an opportunity to take the pulpit of a larger church. A pastor friend had written asking whether or not he would be interested.

"... I know you haven't been in your present pastorate very long," the pastor had written. "But this opportunity is so attractive that I thought perhaps you might be interested. The pulpit committee of the first Church at Prairie Grove, Kansas, wrote asking me to recommend a sincere, talented young man to fill their pulpit. The church isn't a large one, about three hundred and seventy-five members, but it is considerably larger than your present congregation and is known as a steppingstone to better positions. A pastor who makes good there is certain to be in line for one of the larger churches sooner or later... May I hear from you by return mail...?"

Ernest hurried to the hospital with the letter, his heart soaring. Here was his opportunity, the first long step up the ladder of success. Here was what he had been waiting for... but Karen was not so elated.

"You wouldn't consider leaving now, would you?"

"It's tempting, Karen."

"But our work here's hardly begun. Our Sunday School is half again as large as when we came, and still growing, and so many plans are just waiting to be put into effect."

"Another pastor could carry on."

"But there'd be a break in the program and things are moving so well."

"The church's soundly established, Karen. It wouldn't be like leaving a poorly organized work."

"But it isn't fair to them, Ernest. We've only been here a little more than a year. 'We've got to think of them as well as ourselves.'"

"Did your dad ever tell you about the church he turned down under somewhat similar circumstances?"

She shook her head.

"I thought not." He pulled his chair closer to the bed. "He turned down a chance to go into a large church because he felt that his work in the country parish where he served wasn't quite finished. He was just a young man then, only out of school two or three years. His second chance never came."

They were silent for a full minute.

"Ernest," she said softly. "Did you ever hear daddy complain at not going up into the bigger, better paying churches?"

He looked at her a moment, then dropped his gaze.

"Darling, I'll go with you wherever you feel that the Lord wants us. Only, Ernie, be sure that He wants us there before you definitely decide."

(To Be Continued)

World Day of Prayer

Program Material for the Women's Prayer Day to Be Observed on February 29, 1952, Prepared by MISS IDA HOFFMAN of Morris, Manitoba, Canada

Hymn: "How Firm a Foundation."

Responsive Reading: Psalm 97.

Hymn: "My Jesus, As Thou Wilt." Prayer.

Scripture Reading: Titus 2:13-15.

Introduction: The golden thread of prayer, encircling the world, woven by women of more than 90 countries over a period of approximately a quarter of a century, is the only live, pulsating Christian vein that binds the hearts of womanhood of all races, creeds and color into one great sisterhood whose united efforts cannot be stemmed. It knows neither hate nor prejudice. It knows only love—pure, unselfish—God's love which pleads for despairing, sin-sick fellow-beings, yea, for all nations of this seemingly God-forsaken world of ours.

("Lord, purge thou our lips and hearts before we kneel before thee this day in earnest supplication. Let not one of us come before thee unworthy or unclean so that our prayers may go up to thee approved of thy holy will.")

I. PRESENT HOPELESS ERA

With the flash of the atomic bomb over Hiroshima and other cities, man entered into an era of despair. It appeared as if all the brutal forces of man, without God, were unleashed. This "man" was ready ruthlessly to destroy as his moods moved him. He was the sole possessor of a weapon from which all humanity shrank in abject fear as they would from a poisonous reptile.

It was foreseen that the paralysis of the moral sense would let man fall to a level of savagery never before dreamed of as a probability, that our so-called modern civilization would be ruled by the worst people and that fear, distrust and misunderstanding would so blind the minds of men that they would not stop at the most frightful evils in order to bend everything to their insatiable will. Reason, it seemed, would fail because it had no backing. Brute force would take its place.

That does not only sound black but it is stark insanity. It sounds very much like the darkest chapters from Revelations. It sounds very much like the truth. And it is the truth, for the soul without Christ as his hope. But for the Christian, Christ is not merely the symbol of love. He has not abandoned a torn and bleeding world, but he is carefully and lovingly binding up its wounds and easing the fear-

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scourged, war-weary, distraught minds. He sees everything, pervades everything, transcends everything. He is your and my personal Savior.

II. HE CARES! DO YOU?

That Christ is interested in all of us, black or white, rich or poor, good or bad is clearly illustrated in the passage, "Whatsoever ye have done unto one of the least of these, ye have done unto me," and again, "Who-soever believeth in him hath everlasting life." The "least of these" and "whosoever" are not only the saints—but all—ALL.

Now let us check ourselves (as Christians) as to how much we care. In everyday life, how many people have we lifted out of the slums and placed on solid footing? Or have we helped only those who could help us in return? To how many weary, way-side travellers have we given a friendly word or a helping hand? Or has our friendship been extended to those only who stood socially above us? How many times have we "kicked" instead of befriended the "under dog?"

Christ "picked up" the "scum of the earth," healed them and made them into holy vessels in his service. He practiced this truth, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me." Do we do this also, or do we turn our backs, rail at or even harm the life of "one of the least of these" by careless talk or gestures?

If we can realize that all men are our brothers and children of the most High, our vision will become clear and out of chaos will come tranquility. The Scriptures tell us that if we have faith as much as a mustard seed, we can move mountains and again, "Ask and it shall be given you." Christ loved, believed and did! Do we?

III. A PURPOSE IN EVERYTHING

Christ came to bring salvation to a lost world. Sometimes when we look upon the hate and suffering that war

brings with it, we would say: "Definitely that is not of God!" But let us look for a moment at the progress of our planet through the ages. God worked it through earthquakes, fire, ice, storms and volcanoes—and out came his masterpiece—the earth.

It took all the elements of destruction and chaos to make it better. God's golden thread of purpose never once failed to mend the needed parts, to wend its way over and under and through and through, asserting its power over and over again until we are convinced, beyond a shadow of doubt, as to the infinite love and devotion that went into the making of it all.

He has a great, magnificent purpose in our dark TODAY. We do not know what it will be. But suffice it to know that this Spirit moves upon the face of the waters and in all the places of the earth.

IV. HE IS OUR HOPE

Many people complain bitterly when strength or comfort or fond hopes or friendships or loved ones are taken from them. Many have gone into despair, finding life a period of meaningless confusion and torture. But with faith enough to give birth to the conviction that the Lord has a definite purpose in all that happens to us and round about us, even to the individual hairs on our head or the sparrow that falls to the ground, we can look calmly and composedly into the future.

Every new crisis will then become an opportunity. The spirit of Christ abides. His will is unendingly carried out, directing even "the stars in their course to battle evil." That Christ is our Christ, our hope and our salvation.

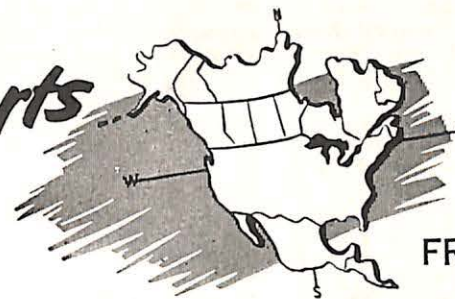
Prayer: We would like to suggest a prayer for those who have not the certainty of salvation in Christ, and for those in darkness and despair.

Offering: Music, "Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer," played softly and reverently.

Period of Prayer. Suggestions for silent prayer:

1. For consecration of our Christian church members.
 2. For a rededication of our Christian women as the ones who weave the destinies of men and women of tomorrow.
 3. For our country and its leaders that they might be led by the spirit of truth and righteousness.
- Closing Prayer and Benediction.

Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Pacific Conference

Young People's Thanksgiving Banquet at the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif.

The CBY of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., held a banquet in the social hall of the church on Friday evening, November 9. The theme of the banquet was, "Be Ye Thankful." The social hall was decorated with autumn leaves and fruits. Above the platform was a poster featuring a horn of plenty and the theme was written above it. The menu listed roast turkey and all the trimmings.

The evening began with the singing of a few choruses. The Rev. W. W. Knauf asked the blessing on the food. The dinner hour was a blessed time of fellowship, after which an interesting program was given consisting of brief playlets and musical numbers. The Rev. W. W. Knauf gave a short talk about the theme and the true meaning of thanksgiving as it can be applied to our lives. The banquet was brought to a close with a chorus and closing prayer. The evening will long be remembered by the members of the CBY.

Ruth Nagel, Reporter.

Fall Rally of the Oregon Baptist League at the Bethany Baptist Church

The Oregon Baptist League held its Fall Rally at the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., on November 10th and 11th. On Saturday evening the meeting was opened with song service led by Wes Dyck of the Laurelhurst Church. Following the song service our new dean, Rev. Leland Friesen, led us in prayer. The reports of the Summer Assembly and of various committee meetings were given by the secretary, Bernietta Wobig. President George Bauder very ably presided during our business meeting of the evening.

A missionary film, "Regions Beyond," was shown to a large and appreciative audience. The touching story portrayed to us the importance of a fully surrendered life to our Lord and Master. Marion Giese of Bethel Church in Salem favored us with a vocal solo. A singspiration and time of fellowship in charge of the host church was enjoyed by all after the program.

On Sunday afternoon the meeting was opened with song service led by Mrs. Harold Schmunk of Immanuel Church. Special numbers were given

by the Bethany choir, vocal duet from the Stafford Church, and a piano duet from Immanuel and Trinity Churches. We were privileged to have the Rev. J. C. Gunst, our National CBY secretary, with us bringing a very challenging message on "The Word of God for Youth In Our Day."

We praise God for the sweet fellowship and rich blessings which we received and pray that we may be more zealous in serving our Master through our own local societies in the future. Bernietta Wobig, Secretary.

Sessions of the Pacific Northwest Woman's Missionary Union at Missoula, Montana

At the annual Pacific Northwest Association convening with the Bethel Baptist Church in Missoula, Mont., our Woman's Missionary Union held its business session on Friday morning, Oct. 26. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. E. Bibelheimer of Tacoma, Washington. Mrs. W. Berkan of Spokane, Wash., led the song service and also the devotions based on John 15:10 followed by prayer. Mrs. E. Bibelheimer welcomed all the women to the society.

The results of the election of officers for the coming year were as follows: president, Mrs. F. E. Klein, Colfax, Wash.; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. W. Berkan, Spokane, Washington. From the reports we learned that all the societies are actively engaged in the Master's work.

In the afternoon a fine program was presented at the Bethel Church with Mrs. E. Bibelheimer of Tacoma, Wash., presiding. Mrs. F. E. Klein of Colfax, Wash., led the song service and Mrs. J. C. Edinger of Missoula, Mont., read the Scripture. Mrs. G. P. Schroeder of Missoula led in prayer and also extended a hearty welcome. We were favored with a duet by the Rev. and Mrs. W. Berkan of Spokane, Wash., and a solo by Mrs. F. E. Klein of Colfax, Washington.

An impressive memorial service was conducted by Mrs. A. Foll of Odessa, Wash., in memory of four departed sisters, one of whom, Mrs. Lang of Tacoma, Wash., had reached the high age of nearly 102 years. In conclusion

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Jane Palmer sang a beautiful solo. Mrs. Ed. Stabbert of Tacoma, Wash., gave a very intriguing reading on "Home." Our guest speaker for the afternoon, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, spoke on "Women's Influence and Witness." The message was both a blessing and a challenge to do greater things for God. A violin solo was rendered by Mrs. B. Schmidt of Spokane, Wash., accompanied by Mrs. C. Hess of Missoula, Montana.

The offering of the afternoon which amounted to \$84.00, together with the society dues of \$130.00, were given to our new mission work among the lepers.

Mrs. J. C. Edinger, Reporter.

The Baptist Church of Odessa, Washington, Celebrates Its Fiftieth Anniversary

Sunday, Nov. 18, was an unusual day for the Baptist Church of Odessa, Washington. At this time the church celebrated its 50th birthday. A large gathering of people was there, especially from our neighboring Spokane and Colfax churches.

Appropriate addresses were brought by the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., and also by the Rev. Niels Christensen and the Rev. C. E. Schoenleber, former pastors of this church. The thanksgiving offering in the morning amounted to about \$80.00. Written congratulations sent in by former members and friends of the church were appreciated.

According to the brief history of the church, at the close of 1900, a number of German Baptists emigrated from various parts of the states, especially from Turner, Ore., settling north of Odessa. Even though they were separated from their church, they would not neglect their spiritual duties and gathered their families together to hold Sunday School and devotional services in the homes and in school-houses.

In Sept. 1901, the Rev. J. J. Lucas accepted the call of these people and became their first pastor. Through his able and wise leadership the church was organized into a Baptist church. The recognition service took place on Nov. 2, 1901. Of the 26 charter members, eleven are living of whom five were present at our recent anniversary.

In 1906 the Rev. G. Eichler became the pastor. Under his leadership the church in the country, northwest of Odessa, was built. This edifice was finally sold not so long ago. About this time also a need was felt for a church in the village of Odessa. A few lots were bought and a store building was purchased and moved to the lots and arranged for a church. For a number of years this little chapel served its purpose.

During the Rev. Mr. Jaeger's pastorate from 1909 to 1913 the present church edifice in Odessa was erected, while the little store chapel was converted into the present parsonage. Other ministers who have labored here have been: E. Huber, R. Luchs, N. Christensen, C. E. Schoenleber, J. G. Rott, James Halbert. The present pastor is the Rev. Alfred Foll.

Alfred A. Foll, Minister.

Eastern Conference

Farewell Services for Rev. and Mrs. Carl Weisser by Our Churches at Killaloe, Ontario

On Sunday, Nov. 25, friends from neighboring churches joined with the members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, for the farewell service for our pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Weisser and family. Speaking on the topic, "Keep Refuge in Christ," Brother Weisser brought a period of 9½ years of untiring and faithful service in this church to a close.

Afterwards a farewell reception was held in their honor in the church parlors. Mr. George Krantz, a deacon, spoke words of appreciation of the work that had been done and presented them with a sum of money as a token of love from the church. Mr. and Mrs. Weisser expressed their many thanks and their joy in working with the church. A social hour with refreshments and the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" brought this gathering to a close.

Previous to this meeting the young people of the church presented Mr. and Mrs. Weisser with a purse at their weekly meeting. The Woman's Missionary Society remembered Mrs. Weisser with a hand made leather purse containing a sum of money as a token of love and appreciation of her untiring work in the society.

While we are prayerfully awaiting the arrival of another pastor, services are being carried on with the different organizations of the church in charge.

Mrs. M. I. Kuehl, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Ordination Service for the Rev. Robert Ambler of the Fellowship Church, Passaic, N. J.

The ministry of our churches in the Atlantic Conference was further strengthened when on November 8 twenty-two delegates met at the Fellowship Baptist Church of Passaic, N. J., to ordain the pastor of the church, Mr. Robert Ambler, into the Christian ministry. The council, organized with the Rev. W. J. Appel as moderator, and the Rev. R. Zimbelman as clerk, heard the candidate as he gave his testimony of conversion, call to the ministry, followed by his comprehensive statement on theology. Mr. Ambler dealt adequately with the many questions put to him and it was then voted to instruct the church to proceed with the service of ordination.

The delegates were pleased by the sincerity of Mr. Ambler and by his faith in his Lord, to whom credit was given for the way in which God had given guidance which had brought the candidate to the present moment.

The following churches were represented in the council: Pilgrim, Jersey City; Clinton Hill, Newark; Walnut St., Newark; Grace, Union City; Second, Union City; Faith, West New

York; Evergreen, Brooklyn; Second Church, New York; Immanuel, New York; Calvary, Bethlehem; Fleischmann, Philadelphia; and Pilgrim, Philadelphia.

The evening ordination service was a call to consecration to all those present. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Victor Hammond, the charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. J. Schmidt, the church to the church by the Rev. W. J. Appel, the welcome into the ministry by the Rev. A. Husmann, the ordination prayer by the Rev. G. H. Johnson of the Missionary Training Institute of Nyack, New York. Others sharing in the program were the Reverends E. Barker, W. C. Damrau and R. Zimbelman.

Throughout the service we were reminded that we must do even as Paul did: fight the good fight, finish the course, keep the faith.

Robert Zimbelman, Clerk.

CBY Group at Philadelphia's Fleischmann Memorial Church Discusses Topic, "How Do I Rate?"

At present the CBY group of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa., is conducting a series of discussions around the topic, "How Do I Rate?" These sessions started by having each member of the group take a test. After all had rated themselves, they marked their score on a slip of paper, but they did not sign their name. (Each person kept their own rating sheet to serve as a personal reminder as to where they could improve.) The individual scores were then collected and the group average was determined to be 69 percent.

To develop programming, presentation, and visual aid skills of the CBY group, we organized three teams. Each week a different team will be responsible for the Sunday evening CBY service. In the first group team No. 1 will try to prove "Why You Should Read Your Bible Every Day." Team No. 2 will try to prove "Why You Should Pray Every Day." Team No. 3 will try to prove "Why You Should Say Grace Before Each Meal." Each team will be allowed to present their program as they think best. However, each team will be graded by a group of three to five adults.

When the last topic has been presented, we are going to have each one take another test on "How Do I Rate?" We hope that the result of this test will prove that our group average has been raised because we were conscious of our shortcomings. We anticipate completing this phase of study in time to present the winning team with a prize at the CBY Youth Banquet, which will be one of the highlights of the denomination's Youth Week at the Fleischmann Memorial Church.

August C. Essmann, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Thanksgiving Service Held by the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Kansas

The Mount Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kans., recently

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observed its annual Thanksgiving service preceded by a Thanksgiving dinner. We had the privilege of having Dr. George A. Lang, president of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as the guest speaker. The Rev. Herbert Schauer, pastor of the First Baptist Church Dickinson County, Kans., was contacted for a guest speaker. Since Dr. Lang was serving the First Church as guest speaker for their Thanksgiving week of service, he also consented to be our guest speaker. Dr. Lang's text was Psalm 50:14.

Mr. Schauer directed the singing. He did a fine and efficient job. Dr. Lang's message and Mr. Schauer's services were very much appreciated. A thanksgiving offering was received. A local girls' trio with guitar accompaniment added expression of gratitude to the services. Numerous testimonies of thanksgiving were given.

A real Christian fellowship was enjoyed by all during the service.

Charlie Zoschke, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Walter Weber by the Strassburg Church of Kansas

Upon the recommendation of the Prudential Committee of the Kansas Association, the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kans., called upon the North American Baptist Churches of Kansas to organize a council for the examination of Mr. Walter Weber for ordination. The council convened on November 15 at the Strassburg Church. The Rev. Theo. Dons was elected chairman of the council and the Rev. J. R. Kruegel, clerk.

The candidate gave an account of his conversion and call to the ministry. He also told us that his training included two years at Tabor College at Hillsboro, Kans., two years at Kansas State College at Manhattan, Kans., and three years at the Northwestern Seminary of Minneapolis, Minnesota. His statement of doctrinal views was very complete and the council was highly pleased with the way in which he answered all questions.

At the ordination service, which was held that evening, the candidate's pastor, the Rev. L. B. Hinz, brought the ordination sermon; the Rev. A. A. Stackhouse led in the ordination prayer; the Rev. J. J. Kroeker welcomed him into the ranks of the ministry; the Rev. H. Schauer gave the charge to the candidate; the Rev. H. Baerg gave a commendation to the church, rather than the usual charge because Brother Weber is one of its own sons; and the Rev. J. R. Kruegel presented the certificate to the candidate. The Rev. Walter Weber closed the service with the benediction.

This was a special day of rejoicing for the Strassburg Church because they now have "a son" in the ministry. At the time of his ordination, the Rev. Walter Weber was serving as assistant to Mr. B. Hinz in the Strassburg Church and seeking the Lord's will in a call from some other church for pastoral work.

J. R. Kruegel, Clerk.

Northwestern Conference

Evangelistic Meetings and Farewell Reception at the Baptist Church of Randolph, Minnesota

During the week of Nov. 18 to 25, evangelistic meetings were held at the Baptist Church of Randolph, Minn., with the Rev. W. G. Gerthe of Hutchinson, Minn., as guest speaker. Several persons made public confession of Jesus Christ as their Savior and were recently baptized.

On Sunday, Oct. 28, the pastor, the Rev. Ben Zimmerman, presented his resignation to the Randolph Church in order to accept a new charge at the Memorial Baptist Church, New Britain, Connecticut. He began his ministry on the new field on Jan. 6th.

On Friday evening, Nov. 23, a farewell reception was held for the Rev. and Mrs. Ben Zimmerman and son, Donald. Appropriate words were spoken by representatives of the church, CBY, Woman's Missionary Society and Sunday School. Also tokens of appreciation were presented by these departments.

Truly, it is a time of blessing and thanksgiving when pastor and church can fellowship and recount the many happy experiences they have had together. The Rev. Ben Zimmerman served this church in Randolph during the past 7½ years. This was his first charge.

The Memorial Baptist Church in New Britain, Conn., has recently purchased a new parsonage. Our new address is 43 Francis St., New Britain, Connecticut.

Mrs. Ben Zimmerman, Reporter.

Missionary Programs and Special Events at Grace Church of Racine, Wisconsin

The month of November was designated as "Missionary Month" in the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin. On November 25, a Layman's Conference of the Walworth Association was held in our church, beginning at 2 P.M. and continuing through the evening. The Rev. Donald Crider, missionary appointee to Assam, India, was the speaker in the evening.

On November 18 the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson and daughter showed us pictures of their work in the Cameroons. It is such a joy to meet the missionaries who are laboring in our stead out there in Africa. May God continue to bless them as they anticipate returning to the field!

On November 11 we were privileged to have a group of 30 Chinese men, women, boys and girls from the Chinese Baptist Mission of Milwaukee, Wis., sing for us. Their director, Miss Charlotte Cobb, former missionary to China, told of the work being done with these people.

On Sunday, December 2, the Rev. M. L. Leuschner showed pictures during the Sunday School hour of the leper work in the Cameroons and work being done among the Indians in Canada. The message he brought during the morning service was both inspiring and challenging, being always

instant in prayer. Three babies were dedicated and during the communion service six persons received the right hand of fellowship into the church, three by letter and three by baptism.

Sunday evening, December 9, Mrs. Charles Corbett and the Senior Choir of the St. Paul's Baptist Church sang several numbers, and a 10-year-old girl played two piano duets with Mrs. Corbett. Our pastor, the Rev. D. Raymond Parry, brought a brief meditation on the first Christmas carol.

Truly, God has opened our eyes to broader visions and to the need of the various mission fields. It is our prayer that some young person from our midst may be called of God to go forward to one of the many fields.

Mrs. Myron H. Dudek, Reporter.



Mrs. N. B. Neelen (foreground, seated) of Milwaukee, Wis., is honored by some of the women of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., because of her many Christ-like deeds and long ministry of kindness to others.

Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., Honors Mrs. N. B. Neelen at Festive Program

Over a hundred members and friends of the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., attended a church family dinner on November 29th honoring Mrs. N. B. Neelen. She realized it was a gathering for her when she was surrounded by her family of two sons and a daughter, namely Judge Harvey L. Neelen, wife and daughter; Kenneth and his wife; and a daughter, Ruth Weller, and husband.

Many of Mrs. Neelen's past 80 years have been spent in faithful service for her Master and church. Mrs. Neelen is the wife of the late Judge Neele B. Neelen and the mother of the present Judge Harvey L. Neelen. Her work in the church Woman's Missionary Guild dates back to 1909. She has taught Sunday School off and on for 40 years and has had her present class continuously for 25 years. For 41 years Mrs. Neelen and the Guild have

visited the County Infirmary in November to cheer the women with home-made goodies and religious literature. She missed only one of these visits in all these years. It was a tradition for these women to assemble for dinner and special missionary program in Mrs. Neelen's home afterwards. However, this year the dinner-meeting was held at the church to show appreciation for her years of faithful service. After a delicious dinner, Mrs. Neelen was presented with an orchid corsage by Mrs. Emil Thoms, another faithful long-time class member.

The master of ceremonies, Mr. George Ahlswede, presented an interesting program of poems, readings, testimonials and special music. Letters from former pastors, as well as

one from Alethea Kose representing her father, the late Rev. S. A. Kose, were read. These brought back past memories and important incidents of years ago. Mrs. Neelen gave an interesting story of her early life, giving credit for her Christian training to her God-worshipping parents. Dr. John Knechtel of Chicago, Ill., a former pastor, very fittingly quoted from Psalm 92 verses 12 and 14.

"The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar on Lebanon."

"They shall still bring forth fruit in old age —"

Our own pastor, the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, compared Mrs. Neelen to a great pillar in the church of God, and how she has inspired him with her Christian character. Flowers and a gift were presented, to which she was quoted as saying: "I've just always done what was asked of me and tried to do it well."

Mrs. Walter Nasgowitz, Reporter.

A Week of Inspirational Meetings at the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

The days of November 13 to 18 were an unusual time of blessing for the members and friends of the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minnesota. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., served our church with messages and films pertaining to the various phases of the work of our denomination. Such fine service merits the highest praise.

Dr. Leuschner gave himself unreservedly to render this spiritual service. It brought us nearer to the realization of the will of God as the speaker unfolded the truth of God's Word. The films brought to our attention the fact that we are members of a great denomination which has growing pains, and is headed by splendid leadership, faithful ministers and loyal lay people. We can truly say that we, our constituent workers and organizations, are laborers together with God.

Edgar W. Klatt, Pastor.

in our church balcony in December and 250 new metal folding chairs were purchased for our social hall.

On Thanksgiving evening our Youth Fellowship presented the religious drama, "Where Love Is," to a capacity audience in our social hall. The offering received was for our Bansa Hospital project.

Peter Pfeiffer, Pastor.

65th Anniversary Program of Woman's Missionary Society, Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

On Friday, November 16, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., celebrated its 65th anniversary, having been organized somewhere late in the Fall of 1886.

The main feature of the program consisted of three scenes, one a missionary meeting on June 5, 1902 in the home of Mrs. Herman Miller, another on Nov. 4, 1926 in the home of Mrs. John A. Fratzke, and the last a White Cross meeting in our first unit auditorium on October 4, 1951. The

a table beautifully decorated with a glass centerpiece containing pink and white pompons, two dolls on either side, one dressed in white lace and one in velvet in the gay "90's" fashions. The Woman's Missionary Society members mite boxes forming the "6" by the side of one doll and the "5" by the other doll contained \$59.82 for its Building Fund.

This year our Women's Missionary Society has been divided into four groups for the special purpose of raising money for our building fund, in addition to its regular functions. Thus far \$232.15 has been raised as reported by three groups.

It was also the Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Berndt's and Marilyn's last evening with us before going to Portland, Ore., and with the song "God Be With You Till We Meet Again," we bade them adieu.

Mrs. Fred F. Woyke, Secretary.

Central Conference

Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society of Lansing, Michigan

In looking back over the past 25 years, we, as members of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Holmes St. Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., are thankful for God's faithful guidance and blessing. In April 1926 the society was organized with 15 members under the leadership of Mrs. Henry Sellhorn. Our present membership is 26 women with two honorary members.

We can say with grateful hearts that the Lord has been good to us and through these years we have experienced his rich blessings. It was not possible to have our anniversary program in the Spring, therefore it was decided that we celebrate in the Fall at the time of our birthday festival. All former and all charter members, including their husbands, were invited.

The evening's festivity was begun with a banquet in the church parlors beautifully decorated for the occasion. Our president, Mrs. Val. Lang, introduced Mrs. Herman Riffel as toastmistress. Old favorite choruses in the German language started the program, after which followed our theme song, "Frisch und fröhlich."

After Scripture reading and prayer our secretary, Mrs. Wm. Powell, gave a short report of our activities in past years. Several trios and readings followed. Letters of best wishes from former members were read. Charter members sang a song and Mrs. Henry Sellhorn gave a short address. Although she had to come in a wheelchair, we were thankful for her presence.

A German reading was composed and presented by Mrs. John Pede. Mrs. Henry Hopp, vice-president, led the memorial service in memory of eight deceased members. Our offering went to Erich and Elva Kuhn, our missionaries in St. Paul, Arkansas.

Mrs. R. C. Kwast, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Medina and Streeter Churches Hold Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Alf

The Baptist Church of Medina, N. Dak., combined with the Baptist Church of Streeter, N. Dak., held a farewell reception at the Medina Church on Friday, Nov. 23, for the pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Alf. They served the two churches faithfully for four years and eight months. Mr. Alf stated that a change through God's guidance would be for the betterment both for the pastor and also for the churches.

The representatives of the different organizations and members within the churches expressed their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Alf. They were also presented with a love offering and many lovely gifts. We as members pray for God's richest and most bountiful blessings on them as they labor for God in their new field at Washburn.

The Rev. Paul Galambos has accepted our call and took over the two fields of Medina and Streeter with the beginning of his ministry in December.

Gust Martel, Reporter.

Fall Rally of South Dakota Young People at the Emery Baptist Church

From November 23 to 25, the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Workers of the South Dakota Assembly received some of God's richest blessings at their Fall Rally held in the First Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota.

Dr. Ralph E. Powell, professor of theology at our Seminary, brought inspiring messages from Ephesians on the theme of "The Highest Truth for Today's Youth." Five of the pastors from surrounding churches of our denomination brought us their experiences and suggestions in soul-winning.

We enjoyed meeting and getting acquainted with the six new pastors in our South Dakota group. They all brought messages in word or song.

Other features of the rally included: a Seminary quartet composed of George Breikreuz, Clemence Auch, Reuben Herrmann, and Victor Priebe; marimba music by Marjorie Edzards of Emery; a girl's trio from Trinity, our newly organized church in Sioux Falls, including Roselyn Walth, Sena Plucker and Betty Wiese; and a young people's choir under the direction of Clemence Auch. The highlight of the rally was the banquet, served in the church basement, which was beautifully decorated with the thanksgiving theme. The Rev. Roy Seibel of the host church was toastmaster and Dr. R. E. Powell gave the address.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year: president, Evelyn Lang; vice-president, Iola Kludt; secretary, Lucille Van Gerpen; treasurer, Sena Plucker; camp dean, Rev. Adolph



The \$35,000 edifice of the Baptist Church at Eureka, S. Dak., which was dedicated on Sunday, Oct. 28, 1951.

Braun; choir director, Mrs. Roy Seibel; chairman for our project, Lester Jucht; and reporter for the "Baptist Herald," Betty Wiese.

A goal of raising \$5,000 for the Cameroons Crusade, with special emphasis for the work on the leper field, is our new project. Offerings towards this goal taken at the rally amounted to \$560. At the close of the final service on Sunday afternoon, many expressions of thanks were given to God for his bountiful blessings and also to the host church for its kind hospitality.

Betty Wiese, Reporter.

Impressive Dedication of \$35,000 Baptist Church Building at Eureka, South Dakota

It was a wonderful day for us of the Baptist Church at Eureka, S. Dak., on Sunday, Oct. 28, when our new church edifice could be dedicated. The pastors and members of three neighboring churches had been invited and they came in goodly numbers to share the festivities of the day with us from Venturia, N. Dak., Herreid, S. Dak., and Ashley, North Dakota. Dedication services began at 10:00 A.M. on the front church steps. Following the reading of the Scripture passage and prayer, the foreman of the Building Committee, Mr. Jacob Eiseman, handed the church key to the pastor, the Rev. A. Krombein.

Soon thereafter the dedication services began in the church auditorium. Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., one of our denominational evangelists, was the guest speaker. The German choir rendered several impressive numbers. The Rev. R. Dickau of Venturia, N. Dak., offered the dedication prayer.

About a thousand people attended the morning service, most of whom were served a chicken dinner in the church basement afterwards. The afternoon service featured brief messages by the different organizations of the

church as follows: Mr. Jacob Eiseman for the board of deacons; Mr. Alvin Bertsch, superintendent for the Sunday School; Mrs. Royal Dieder for the CBY; Mrs. A. Krombein for the Woman's Missionary Society. Music for the afternoon service was rendered by the Ladies' Aid Chorus, a trio composed of Messrs. A. Bertsch, I. Bertsch and T. Bertsch, and a solo by Ruby Fiolk. Congratulations from the nearby churches were brought by the pastors and representatives.

The financial report by Mr. Otto Heupel showed that the total cost of the church was \$35,008. The work that had been donated by members of the church was not included in these figures. The offerings on the Sunday of dedication amounted to \$6000 with some other gifts being received in the days that followed. We still have a debt of \$9250 on the church. We are certainly thankful for the loan of \$10,000 which was made from our denominational Church and Parsonage Revolving Loan Fund.

The Young People's Society bought a new piano and thirty choir chairs for the church edifice. The Ladies' Aid furnished the pulpit set with curtains and carpeting in the building. The Sunday School purchased new flags for the sanctuary.

A nine-piece instrumental orchestra under the leadership of Mrs. A. Krombein opened the evening service with spirited numbers. Dr. John Leypoldt brought an English message and the Young People's Choir enhanced the service with another song. The various choirs which rendered their numbers throughout the day were directed by Mrs. Albert Krombein.

This was a day of special blessing for all who attended and will be remembered by us for many years to come. We praise God for his answers to our prayers and for the beautiful church edifice in which we can now worship him.

A. Krombein, Pastor.



Members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Holmes Street Church, Lansing, Mich., at the 25th anniversary program with Mrs. Henry Sellhorn, charter member, in the wheelchair (center).

Inspirational Meetings and Building Improvements at the Oak St. Church, Burlington, Iowa

November was a very busy month at the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa. During the early part of the month a Christian Teaching Mission was conducted in our city. The mission (evangelistic conference) resulted in our church receiving more than 350 names of persons indicating our church as their preference.

On Sunday, November 25, our church had its first opportunity to see and hear our general mission secretary, the Rev. Richard Schilke. During the days from November 26 to December 2, Prof. Reuben P. Jeschke, a member of our Seminary faculty, was with us for a week of inspirational meetings. These meetings did accomplish their purpose because of the pointed and effective messages of Professor Jeschke.

A number of improvements have been made or are contemplated. Fifteen new ten-foot pews were installed

stage properties and customs were in keeping with the years mentioned.

Our president, Mrs. John Adam, made appropriate remarks regarding each scene and also read letters of congratulations from former members, from our Dorcas Club and from the Woman's National Missionary Union president, Mrs. Florence Schoeffel. Everything that was said and done conveyed the fact that is has been the purpose of our consecrated women in the past and still is to live out the motto that was chosen for our anniversary, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:30). The offering amounted to \$40.00.

In our program booklet with the picture "Praying Hands" on the cover, it was interesting to note that during these many years our society had an earned income of about \$7,000 for missions, towards things for church and for our own current needs.

Mrs. Peter Adam and Mrs. Abram Wall served as "pouring hostesses," assisted by the Mary-Martha Club, at

Farewell and Welcome Receptions on Successive Sundays at Washburn, North Dakota

On Sunday evening, Nov. 25, the Rev. Paul Galambos preached his closing sermon in the Baptist Church of Washburn, N. Dak., before leaving for Streeter, N. Dak., where he has accepted a call to become their pastor. After the service, members and friends of the church gathered in the basement for a farewell lunch and fellowship. The Galambos family was presented with a gift from the Sunday School class and Ladies' Aid.

On the following Sunday, December 2, our new pastor, the Rev. Frederick Alf, preached his first sermon in our church. In the evening a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Alf was held in the church with the Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor from the Underwood Church, in charge of the program. The entire Underwood congregation had been invited, and a good number of them came to fellowship with us. Their Male Chorus also presented us with a number, and Mrs. Knalson gave a fitting and inspiring message. Friends from several other neighboring churches also came to rejoice with us.

Words of welcome were spoken by representatives of the various organizations of the Washburn Baptist Church, and special music was sung by a girls' chorus, a ladies' sextet, and a vocal solo by one of our women. Mr. and Mrs. Alf responded by expressing their thanks and their hopes for the future. After the service, we all gathered in the basement dining room for refreshments and fellowship.

Mrs. E. E. Klein, Reporter.

Spiritual and Financial Blessings for the Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, North Dakota

"Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice." Truly, God's people in Harvey have a great deal to be happy about. Sunday, Sept. 30, found a packed church listening in rapt attention to a fine musical program. The occasion was the dedication of a new \$2600 Hammond Organ, a gift to the church by one of our church families; a \$654 amplifying system, complete with Magnavox cabinet, microphone and two 50-watt speakers, a gift by several brethren of the church; Sunday School curtains, gift of a family and a Dickson Bible. The young people purchased a \$150 illuminated out-of-door church sign.

On Oct. 7 the Rev. R. Schilke, general mission secretary, was with us all day for our Harvest Mission Festival. His messages were blessed of God. Total offerings for the day were \$2266. The sum of \$1002 was immediately sent to Forest Park. The remainder was applied to our building loan. We were able to send \$1500 to our headquarters over and above our regular quarterly payments, leaving only \$6000 encumbrances on church and parsonage property, which is valued at \$32,000.

On Oct. 9 and 10 the Conference on Evangelism met in our church, with Rev. C. H. Seecamp as guest speaker. Due to the late season, the day sessions

were small but a full house greeted the speaker in the evening service. The sessions were helpful and blessed of the Lord. On Oct. 27 the Ladies' Missionary Society held its fancy work sale which brought \$1033.

In the absence of the pastor, the Rev. A. Buhler, on Oct. 28, the church met and voted to become self-supporting and at the same time raised the pastor's salary \$600, bringing it up to \$3000. This meant taking on an added total of \$1900. From Nov. 4 to 18 the Rev. and Mrs. D. Harpell, a Baptist couple from Boston, Mass., and old friends of the pastor and wife, held meetings in our church which resulted in over 20 decisions for Christ.

God has graciously blessed us as a church, both financially and spiritually. Financially the blessing has come because most of our people have begun tithing the last couple of years. This naturally results in spiritual blessings so that our present membership stands at almost an even 100. Of these 77 have come into the church during the last three years, most of them through baptism.

A. Buhler, Pastor.

Thirtieth Annual Program of the Woman's Missionary Society at Plevna, Montana

The Woman's Missionary Society of Plevna, Mont., gave its 30th annual program to a large audience on Sunday, Nov. 11, under the leadership of our president, Mrs. Arthur Sieler. Scripture was read by Mrs. John Losing and Mrs. Henry Fuchs led in prayer. As the reports of the secretary and treasurer were read, our hearts were filled with thanks for the blessings which God gave us throughout the year as well as for the opportunities for service in his Kingdom. A total of \$734.73 was given for the support of missions.

Our program consisted of two songs by the society, numbers by a double duet and quartet, a reading by Mrs. Ben Huber and a recitation by Mrs. Minnie Fried. Our dialogues, "The Withered Flowers" and "Tired of Missions," as well as the message by our minister, the Rev. G. Beutler, were a challenge for us to work without ceasing for our Lord. The offering amounted to \$149.50. Our prayer is that our efforts may honor God and bring blessing to others.

Emma Huber, Secretary.

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Weisser at Carrington, North Dakota

The Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, N. Dak., had the joy of welcoming its new pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Carl Weisser, and children Norene and Gary on Sunday evening, Dec. 9. The neighboring churches of Cathay, Germantown and Fessenden were invited along with the Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Weisser and family from Parkstown, South Dakota.

A senior, Mr. Charley Seibold, led the service with the Rev. Vernon Link of Fessenden reading Scripture. A duet, "God Leads Us Along," was sung by Mrs. Arnold Leppke and Mrs. Wil-

fred Meyer. The Rev. L. Bienert of Cathay led in prayer. The choir rendered the number, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus."

The chairman then called on the different organizations of the church for words of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Weisser. The deacons were represented by Mr. Charley Seibold; trustees by Mr. Walter Larson; Sunday School by the superintendent, Mr. Perry Pepple; the choir by Mr. Freddie Pepple, Jr.; Woman's Missionary Society by Mrs. Arnold Leppke; and the CBY by Mrs. Lowell Leppke. There was an accorded duet, "The Love of God," by Luann Fandrick and Tommy Larson with Mrs. Larson accompanying them on the piano. Then the Rev. R. C. Schmidt of Jamestown, our interim pastor, gave the charge to our new minister. Mrs. Schmidt sang the solo, "Let Christ Be Seen in Me."

Then the Rev. Alfred Weisser of Parkstown, S. Dak., former pastor and brother of the Rev. Carl Weisser, gave the charge to the church after which Mr. and Mrs. Carl Weisser brought their response of thanks. After the service all were invited to the church parlors for a time of fellowship.

On Friday evening, Dec. 7th, the church members together with Mr. and Mrs. Weisser gathered in the church parlors for an informal "Get acquainted party." The Missionary Society was in charge of the program. The Weissers were presented with food of all kinds to fill their pantry.

The Senior CBY during the past months has shown the film, "Dust or Destiny," to surrounding churches. We also gave the play, "Soup, Sand and Sagebrush." The offering for these two projects went for missionary purposes.

Mrs. Lowell Leppke, Reporter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Sunday morning, Dec. 2nd. The Rev. L. H. Broeker is the pastor.

● Professor Reuben P. Jeschke of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has been granted the degree of doctor of philosophy by Columbia University, New York City. He is professor of religious education and applied theology and registrar at the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls. He completed his residence work at Columbia University in 1948. His dissertation was written under the faculty of philosophy on the subject: "Reverence for Life as an Ethical Ideal, With Special References to Albert Schweitzer." Other institutions that Dr. Jeschke has attended are the North American Baptist Seminary, of which he is a graduate; Wesleyan University from which he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts; and Hartford Theological Seminary, from which he holds the degrees of Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Sacred Theology. He has also studied at the University of Rochester and Union Theological Seminary in New York. Congratulations, Dr. Jeschke!

Obituary

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

MRS. ENGELENA KOEHLER of Saunders County, Nebraska.

Mrs. Engelena Koehler vacated "the earthly house of this tabernacle" on November 30 at the age of 95 years, 8 months and 5 days. Engelena van Santen was born in Iren, East Frigia, on March 26, 1856, where she lost her mother at the age of 14 years. She took over motherly responsibilities for the seven younger brothers and sisters and carried on for 14 years in that capacity. Then she came to this country with other relatives.

After spending some time in Platt County, Neb., she moved to Saunders County and joined the Pohocco Baptist Church, then German. The writer of these lines spent four years of his childhood under the influence of this church. He remembers when she was united with Julius Koehler in sacred matrimony 65 years ago. Mr. Koehler was his beloved Sunday School teacher. They made their home on a farm not far from Fremont, Nebraska. Mr. Koehler died in 1931. For the past 16 years her son Henry and wife gave her a comfortable home and loving care.

She is survived by three children: Henry, Mrs. Lydia Engel of Saunders County and Julius of Sheridan, Wyo.; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and many relatives and friends. Her pastor, the Rev. R. M. Bailey, pays her this tribute: "To know her was to love her. She saw only the good in others. She was a woman of sterling character, a kind and loving friend. She was a wonderful wife and mother, a devoted Christian and a generous supporter of the Lord's work. Her life was filled with the praise of the Lord, whom she loved deeply. Her life was a blessing to many and will remain a precious memory and an inspiration to those who knew her."

Sent Upon Request

OTTO E. KRUEGER, Correspondent,
Rochester, New York.

MRS. MARTHA FENSKE of Ebenezer, Sask., Canada.

Mrs. Martha Fenske of Ebenezer, Sask., Canada, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Helm, was born on March 2, 1902 at Ebenezer, Sask., where she also resided until her death. In the year 1908 she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior and followed her Lord in the waters of baptism on Sept. 1st of the same year, and was united to the East Ebenezer Baptist Church. As long as her health permitted, she was active in the various branches of the church, and remained a true believer until the Lord called her to a higher service.

In the year 1921 she was united in holy wedlock to Mr. Henry Fenske of Ebenezer, Sask. This union was blessed by the Lord with three sons and one daughter. Together they were permitted to enjoy this union through bright, as well as trying days for 29 years and 354 days.

Mrs. Fenske had been ailing for some years with heart troubles and on Oct. 9, 1951, she received a stroke which left her partly paralyzed and totally speechless, so that she was unable to converse with her family for the last three weeks of her earthly stay. On Tuesday morning, Oct. 30, 1951, she passed on to her eternal abode.

She leaves to mourn her sudden and too early death, her husband, Mr. Henry Fenske of Ebenezer, Sask.; three sons: Earl and Herbert of Ebenezer, Charles of Vauzhall, Alberta; and one daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Fiege of Yorkton, Sask.; three sisters: Mrs. Andrew Yanke and Mrs. Mayeske of Yorkton, Sask.; and Mrs. E. Schindel of Springdale, Sask.; two brothers: Mr. John Helm of Ebenezer, and Mr. Adolf Helm of Bernaby, British Columbia; a host of friends and relatives.

What will be your part in the
ADVANCE FUND OFFERING
on Sunday, January 27?
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Funeral services were held at the East Ebenezer Baptist Church and the body was then laid to rest in the Yorkton Cemetery. The local pastor was in charge of the service and used 2 Kings 20:1 as his text. May the God of all peace comfort those that mourn!

East Ebenezer Baptist Church,
Ebenezer, Sask., Canada
JOHN ENGEL, Pastor.

MR. CONRAD WYSS of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Conrad Wyss of Portland, Ore., was born in Isenfluh, Switzerland, on Jan. 25, 1873 and died at his home in Portland after a long illness on Nov. 24, 1951 at the age of 78 years, 9 months and 29 days. He came to America in April of 1883, first settling for two years in Illinois. From there he moved to St. Paul, Minn., where he spent four years and in October of 1889 he came to Oregon, living in and near Portland the rest of his life.

Mr. Wyss was converted as a young man under the ministry of the Rev. C. H. Schmidt and upon the confession of his faith was baptized by the Rev. Mr. Gordon, becoming a lifelong member of Trinity Baptist Church. He was the last remaining charter member of the church. He was deeply devoted to his Lord and served him most faithfully.

On August 12, 1893 he was united in marriage to Ida Schulz to which union five children were born, three daughters and two sons. Besides his now sorrowing widow and these five children, he leaves to mourn his departure two sisters, two brothers, 13 grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and a host of relatives and friends. A large audience attended the memorial services and his body now rests in Riverview Cemetery where it awaits the final resurrection.

May God comfort the sorrowing with his love and sympathy!

Trinity Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

MR. CHARLES NEUMAN of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Charles Neuman of Portland, Ore., was born in Graudenz, West Prussia, Germany, on Aug. 4, 1859 and died at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland, Ore., on Nov. 27, 1951 at the age of 92 years, 3 months and 23 days. He came to America with his parents at the age of 15 and settled with them in Buffalo, New York. He came to the west coast with one of his daughters in 1937. The last seven years were spent at the Baptist Home for the Aged.

Mr. Neuman was converted and baptized under the ministry of the Rev. Conrad Bodenbender in the First German Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York. Later he became a member of the Bethel Baptist Church in that city. While in Portland he held membership in the Laurelhurst and Trinity Baptist Churches. He was always keenly interested and active in the work of the church and his Lord. His only grandson, Raymond N. Stumpf, is a missionary in Hiroshima, Japan.

In 1881 he was married to Emilie E. Schmidt who preceded him in death in 1944. This union was blessed with seven daughters, two of whom have preceded the father in death. Those who sorrow his death are five daughters: Mrs. Emily E. Allin of Redlands, Calif.; Mrs. Charlotte G. Stumpf of Williamsville, N. Y.; Miss Harriet I. Neuman of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Verna E. Rule of Hobbs, N. Mex.; and Mrs. Burnette R. Zellman of Harbor Beach, Mich.; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and other relatives and friends. May God console the sorrowing with his eternal hope!

Trinity Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

MRS. LYDIA HEITZMAN of Emery, South Dakota.

Mrs. Lydia Heitzman, nee Schulz, of Emery, S. Dak., was born on April 13, 1868 in South Russia and passed to her heavenly Home on November 21, 1951, at the age of 83 years, 7 months and 8 days.

Mrs. Heitzman came with her parents to the United States in 1876 and settled near Tripp, South Dakota. On March 6, 1886, she was united in marriage with John Heitzman. The young couple made their home on a farm southwest of Emery, S. Dak., where they lived for 36 years. Fourteen children came to bless their home. In 1922 they retired from the farm and moved to Emery.

Mrs. Heitzman was converted in 1895 and baptized by the Rev. Mr. Liebig. She then became a member of the Plum Creek Baptist Church, in which she remained a faithful member until 1945 when she united with the First Baptist Church of Emery. She was an active member of the Woman's Missionary Society in the Plum Creek Church and also of the First Baptist Church of Emery. She served her Lord whenever she had the opportunity.

The husband and three children preceded Mrs. Heitzman to the heavenly Home. She is survived by four daughters: Mrs. Carl Liedtke of Wessington, S. Dak.; Mrs. Jacob Heuter of Wessington Springs, S. Dak.; Mrs. John Weber and Mrs. Ed Weber of Emery, S. Dak.; seven sons: John of Emery; Albert of Alexandria; Dan of Wessington; Christ of Parkston; Emanuel of Emery; Harry of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; and Walter of Emery; 35 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and three brothers and six sisters.

All of the children and grandchildren are living testimonies of the witness which Mrs. Heitzman bore for her Lord and Savior. "Blessed are those who die in the Lord."

First Baptist Church,
Emery, South Dakota

ROY W. SEIBEL, Pastor.

REV. HERMAN RENKEMA of Baileyville, Illinois.

The Rev. Herman Renkema, former pastor of the Baileyville Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., passed away suddenly at his home near Lanark, Ill., on November 10th, at about 6:45 A.M. He had been suffering for several years from a heart ailment which caused his death at the age of 44 years.

He was born in Ellsworth, Mich., on December 3, 1906. He was converted at an early age, felt the call of God to full-time Christian service, and graduated from the Moody Bible Institute and the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Illinois. He was ordained into the ministry at the Moody Memorial Church, the late Dr. Harry Ironside being pastor of the church at that time.

He served two churches during his ministry: the Cass Community Church at Hinsdale, Ill., for five years, and the Baileyville Baptist Church for 9½ years. He also was director of the Youth for Christ in Freeport and supervised the radio program, "The Village Chapel," for several years in the Baileyville Church.

After resigning his pastorate at Baileyville, he traveled extensively through the States for our denominational Publishing House with his "Book-mobile," contacting as many of our churches as possible in the interest of promoting the reading of good Christian literature.

He was married to Elizabeth Hensel on Sept. 14, 1927 who survives as do two daughters: Gene and Patricia; three sisters, two brothers, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held in the Baileyville Church with the Rev. N. A. Wiens officiating, taking as his topic for the sermon, "A Minister's Farewell." Dr. Frank Woyke and Mr. Roland Ross from our Denominational Offices in Forest Park attended the services. Dr. Woyke spoke briefly about Brother Renkema's loyal work in the denomination. Interment took place at Crane's Grove Cemetery north of Baileyville.

Baileyville, Illinois
HERMAN L. ZIMMERMAN, Correspondent.

ANCIENT LEPROSY

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on the skin differ very widely in different persons.

Then, when Christ spoke of the many lepers in Israel in the days of Eliseus the prophet and said that none was cleansed saving Naaman the Syrian, his word was lepra, the Greek, as given by Luke. In speaking he might have used Aramaic. He referred to an Old Testament time and to a disease when the word was Ts'ara, in Hebrew. If the disease had been another it would not have had the same relation and value to God's purposes. Christ would not have used this circumstance to illustrate the lack of faith in Israel.

It is repellent to many who are concerned with this problem that a continuing human affliction can be used by God either as a punishment or as an illustration. But leprosy and the other diseases, afflictions, and imperfections of mankind are so used throughout the Scripture. The Lord Jesus is the one who does something about it. He commissioned his disciples, when the Twelve were sent forth, among other things, to cleanse the leper (Matt. 10:8).

Their cleansing was given to John the Baptist as one of the proofs that Christ was the one who was to come (Matt. 11:5), whom John had announced and had pointed out as the Lamb of God who taketh away the

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sin of the world. It was sin that ushered in all the afflictions of the race, so it is hardly right to single out one, though it be fascinatingly terrible, as the type of sin that was responsible for the condition we are in.

There are certain things that Christian people should remember. Persons with leprosy are people like all others. Christ lived, died, and rose again for them as well as for others. He showed them sorely needed compassion. Christians should do the same. There is a tendency on the part of many believers to "declass" people with leprosy. They do not realize that such people have sensibilities, hopes deferred, broken friendships, and a very sensitive feeling toward the de-

basing stigma of which they are reminded every day. They need friendship, love, prayer, and the hope of salvation.

There is no more fruitful missionary work in the world than work in the leprosy colonies over the world. People of the church who want to share in soul-saving work should apportion their offerings so that the Gospel of Christ may be sent to afflicted and outcast men, women, and children all over the world, and that they may learn the deep, strange joy of having fellowship with Christ in his sufferings. Toward this end leper colonies have been established in foreign lands.

The terrible fear many have of this disease is unwarranted. It is "mildly contagious and infectious"—not highly so, as so many feel. When a person is found to be afflicted with leprosy, he should be cared for in a friendly, kindly way, with no publicity, and his case should be handled according to his condition and circumstances. It is time the public, the health authorities, and the people of the churches were instructed and educated in these serious matters which bring injury and offense to many.

We have seen many become "negative," "arrested cases," and able to go home or back to work. We have seen some come to Christ and others grow in grace and in a knowledge of him.

Christians should know that this is a work in the heart and plan of God.

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