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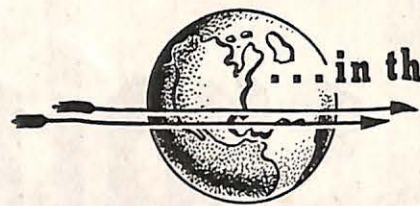
The Baptist Temple of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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Let's Go to the General Conference !

Rev. Robert Schreiber

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...in the course of human events

● A press report stated that the plan for a chapel or prayer room in the General Assembly building of the United Nations in New York City may be dropped. The reason given is lack of room. But there is room for an elaborate cocktail bar.—The Evangelical Christian.

● At a recent English Baptist Conference at Birmingham, England, the Rev. H. R. Williamson described England as a mission field, since no more than one-tenth of its population attended a place of worship. Ignorance of the Word of God and apathy in religious matters have resulted in serious moral decline, and an increase, especially among young people, in the number of broken marriages, in gambling and intemperance.—British Weekly.

● In the China interior a group of Christian soldiers organized themselves into what is known to be the "Back to Jerusalem Band." The idea behind it is that foreigners brought Christianity from Jerusalem to China; now it is the responsibility of the Chinese Christians to take the Gospel from China to Jerusalem. The soldiers are at work in the vast forbidding regions of central Asia, where there is bitter cold in winter and blazing heat in summer.—The Evangelical Christian.

● A Bible and Book stall is maintained at a large public market in the capital of Uruguay, South America, where open air meetings are also held. It is estimated that as many as 50,000 people come every Sunday morning to this place to buy and sell. Portions of Scripture and the New Testament in other languages than Spanish are in great demand, for there are many foreigners in Uruguay: Hebrew, Italian, German, Russian and Hungarian are the languages most in demand.—The Evangelical Christian.

● The famous medical missionary-philosopher - musician, Dr. Albert Schweitzer of Lambarene, Africa, has been elected a member of the French Academy. To be elected to the academy is to attain the summit of fame in France. It is a rule that a new member takes his seat by pronouncing a eulogy on the predecessor whose death created the vacancy which the new "immortal" has been chosen to fill. In this instance Dr. Schweitzer will be expected to bring the customary eulogy in behalf of Marshal Petain whose vacancy he will fill.—The Christian Century.

● F. Heinrich von Brentano, a member of the West German parliament, gave an appalling account of conditions in East-Germany before a United Nations committee in Paris recently. He claimed that the security police force in the Russian zone closely resembles the former Gestapo, or Nazi secret police. He estimated that the number of political prisoners held now in the Russian zone at 40,800. He said that 185,000 persons had been committed to concentration camps in the Russian zone, of whom 96,000 died, 37,000 were deported to Russia, and 14,500 were transferred to prisons. All 18,000,000 citizens have to register at labor offices and may be assigned to jobs, regardless of residence or fitness for the job. A total of 250,000 Germans, including 25,000 women and young girls, are working in uranium mines and related industries. This information was supplied by the 322,254 persons who fled from the Russian zone between Jan. 1, 1950 and Sept. 30, 1951.—Chicago Daily Tribune.

● Leading European exiles claim that more than 8 million people have been forcibly deported from their homes in middle Europe—most of them sent to slave labor camps—under Moscow's orders. Here are the following numbers of people who have been taken from their homes by Communist secret police: Estonia, 60,000; Latvia, 100,000; Lithuania, 2,225,000; Czechoslovakia, 600,000; Hungary, 300,000; Poland, 1,700,000, and Rumania, 3,160,000. Most of the people were seized from their homes in the night, permitted to take along only what they could carry, and herded away in cattle cars. On the trips they are denied food, water, heat and sanitary facilities, it is said. Many of the young and old die before the cattle cars are re-opened. The destination is usually a slave labor camp where tens of thousands have died already.—From "Human Freedom Is Being Crushed."

● Representative Brooks Hays, Democrat, Arkansas, has been named "Layman of the Year" in the nation's capital by the Washington Federation of Churches. It is the first time in the 14-year history of the award that it has been given to a member of Congress. Mr. Hays is a member of the

The editor of this department, "In the Course of Human Events," is the Rev. John E. Grygo of Chicago, Ill., pastor of the Ogden Park Baptist Church.

ENGAGEMENTS

- Rev. Richard Schilke
Feb. 7 (Thursday)—Woman's Missionary Guild, Forest Park, Ill.
- Rev. J. C. Gunst
Feb. 10—Toronto, Ontario, Canada (New Mission Group).
- Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
Feb. 3 (Sunday Evening)—Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Illinois.
- Dr. John Leypoldt, Evangelist
Feb. 6-20—Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- Rev. Herman Palfenier
Feb. 17-29—Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon.
- Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroons Missionary
Feb. 3-19—Visitation Tour to Our Churches in South Dakota.

SPECIAL DAYS

- Jan. 27-Feb. 3—YOUTH WEEK sponsored by the Commissioned Baptist Youth.
- Feb. 3—Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Communion offerings in our churches on this Sunday to go for relief work and for the ministry of the Baptist Alliance. Send offerings to Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.
- Feb. 10—Race Relations Sunday. (30th Observance marking Brotherhood Month.)
- Feb. 29 (Friday)—Worldwide Day of Prayer. (Program material in last issue of "Baptist Herald.")
- March 9—Bible Day in our churches. Offerings for Bible distribution and colportage work.

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House Foreign Affairs Committee. He is known as a strong advocate of international cooperation and of the good neighbor policy. A Baptist, he has been active in church work in the nation's capital during his ten years of residence there, and also has maintained an active interest in his home church in Little Rock, Arkansas. Both he and Mrs. Hays regularly teach Sunday School classes, and Mr. Hays has been in constant demand as a speaker for church men's groups.

Editorial

Rejoice, and Be Glad!

THE MOST JUBILANT person on the globe is the Christian. He owns precious spiritual possessions over which to rejoice. His good cheer has its source in God as the Giver of every good and perfect gift. His joy is multiplied and deepened because it is shared with a great many others in the bonds of Christian fellowship. "Rejoice, and be glad!"

We as North American Baptists have every reason to rejoice and be glad at this significant milestone in our denominational ministry. For the first time in our history the offerings of our churches and people have totalled \$60,000 or more during each of three successive months. We have had fine records for one or two months but never before for a period of three months in succession. In October the missionary contributions amounted to \$69,557.26; in November the offerings totalled \$60,457.67; and in December they reached the high mark of \$81,272.54. Altogether for the three months period our church people contributed \$211,287.47 to the missionary and benevolent ministry of our conference.

We feel that this amazing news will only serve to inspire our people to continued faithfulness in their giving and praying and to instil a desire to do greater things for the Lord. When you share these joys with others in a justified spiritual "pride" and hear the words of the Lord, "Well done, good and faithful servants," you will be determined with divine fervor to go beyond your previous achievements and attainments.

We have even more amazing news to announce. This issue of the BAPTIST HERALD reports the going of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kansas, as our duly appointed missionaries to the Cameroons, Africa, for a term of at least two years. Mr. Hildebrand will serve as a missionary-builder. The editor of the HERALD had the privilege of attending the farewell reception accorded the Hildebrands by the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford on Thursday evening, Dec. 20th, bringing "the send-off message." They sailed from New York City for England on January 4th and hoped to arrive in Africa early in February.

The news to be shouted from the housetops with glad rejoicing is the fact that Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand are the thirtieth and thirty-first missionaries who are now serving under our appointment in the Cameroons, Africa. For the first time in our missionary history we have reached and have gone beyond the THIRTY MARK. We are still advancing in our missionary outreach for the Lord Jesus Christ. That ought to fill our hearts with thankfulness to God and with joy before him.

Several years ago a small band of missionaries in Africa laid before the general missionary secretary and committee their blueprint plans for our future work in the Cameroons. Their fond hopes included a staff of at least thirty missionaries at some future date. There were very few who saw those first plans who believed that we would see this dream realized in our generation. It has now become a glorious fact in less than a decade. That is the wonder of God's guidance and grace. That too makes us say to one another in the Name of Christ as we share this news with one another, "Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad!"

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The Spring Valley Baptist Church of South Dakota as seen from the adjoining "God's Acre." The Rev. Alvin Wetter is pastor of the church.

The Concern of Christ

Jesus Christ is vitally concerned about people, as is evident in his lament over Jerusalem and in his grief over every unrepentant heart that finally led him to Calvary!

A Sermon by the REV. ALVIN WETTER
of the Spring Valley Baptist Church Near Canistota, South Dakota

THE LORD was vitally concerned about people, but he was not given to frequent outbursts of tears. We read only twice that the Lord wept. The first time when he wept, it was over the sorrow that had entered the home of Mary and Martha because of the death of Lazarus (John 11:35). The second time, significantly enough, he wept over an unrepentant city (Luke 19:41).

We read of three times that Christ lamented over the unrepentant city of Jerusalem: (1) early in his career as he journeyed toward Jerusalem from the north (Luke 13:34); (2) at the time of his triumphal entry (Luke 19:41); (3) after lodging a night in Bethany and his return to Jerusalem the next day (Matt. 23:37). This concern for the unrepentant heart finally led him to Calvary.

Why was Christ so vitally concerned over the unrepentant heart? We find the answer very beautifully and succinctly portrayed to us in the last lament, shortly before his crucifixion.

KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR FRUITS

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee."

He was concerned because he saw their fruits, namely, their persecution of God's children. The Lord is mindful of the afflictions of his children and his heart is grieved. Where is God's prophet who has not had to suffer because of unrepentant hearts? Tradition tells us that Isaiah was sawn asunder (Heb. 11:37). Elijah's head was sought by Jezebel (1 Kings 19:2). Elisha was mocked even by the little children (2 Kings 2:23). Micah was hated by Ahab (1 Kings 22:8). Amos was despised by Amaziah (Amos 7:10f). Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, was cast into the mire of an abandoned well (Jer. 38:6). Stephen was stoned to death (Acts 7:58). Paul was left for dead (Acts 14:19).

While there is an unrepentant heart, God's children must needs suffer persecution. Christ said to the seventy, "I send you forth as lambs among

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1952.
February 3rd is Baptist World Alliance Sunday. All of our churches are being asked to designate their communion offerings on this Sunday to the Alliance and to send it to the Forest Park Headquarters. One-half will go to the relief work of the Alliance and the other half to its general expenses. Be sure to designate this offering when sending it to the Forest Park office.

wolves" (Luke 10:3). Christ said to his disciples, "In the world ye shall have tribulation" (John 16:33). Yes, "one sinner destroyeth much good" (Ecc. 9:18). This grieves the heart of the Lord, and therefore he is concerned about the unrepentant heart.

ABUNDANT LABOR FOR THEM

How "often would I have gathered thy children together even as a hen gathered her chickens under her wings, and ye would not."

Nothing is so disheartening as to labor much and then, when you are almost ready to reap the fruit of your labor, to see it snatched from your hand by flood, hail or drought.

Many places Christ only visited once but upon Jerusalem he bestowed abundant labor. In his three or three and a half years of earthly ministry, he made at least seven major trips to Jerusalem where he engaged in labor for their souls even as he has so abundantly labored for the souls of all men. Therefore his heart is grieved to give them up.

This same idea is beautifully expressed in Hosea 11:1-8. Here we read how God labored abundantly for Israel, delivering them from bondage, teaching them to walk, healing them, easing their burdens, and supplying them with food. Still they refused to turn to him. God's justice demanded their punishment, but his abundant labor which he bestowed upon them made it hard to give them up. "How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? How shall I deliver thee, Israel? How shall I make thee as Admah? How shall I set thee as Zeboim?" He was concerned about them because he labored so much for them.

AWARENESS OF THEIR FUTURE

"Behold your house is left unto you desolate."

The Lord sees the latter end of the unrepentant soul and his heart is filled with pity as he sees their future grief, the result of their present sin. The Lord does not need our praises in heaven. We are not essential to his welfare. He already has hosts of heavenly angels praising his name. But he is concerned about the unrepentant heart because he perceives their latter end.

If sinful and human mankind is able to show mercy and pity upon a dumb animal which has broken its leg, how much more does the sinless and divine Lord pity an eternal soul bound for destruction! We again find God's pity over the misery of the unrepentant beautifully given to us in the Old Testament (Judges 10:16). Israel had gone after Baalim; therefore Israel was afflicted by the Ammonites. Israel was reaping her own reward, exactly as she deserved it, and yet God's "soul was grieved for the misery of Israel."

On that infinite ascent to Calvary as Christ is trudging wearily up the steep slope with the weighty cross upon his back, having just undergone all of the mocking and persecution which men could devise, and even now with no alternative save death on Calvary, the crowds around him begin to weep for him. But turning to the crowd Jesus says, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, — —. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us" (Luke 23:28-30). The Lord is concerned about the unrepentant heart because he knows their latter end.

CHRIST'S GREAT LOVE

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem!"

I believe that all the love of the Lord is expressed in those three words. Because he loves the unrepentant heart, he is concerned about it. "For God so loved the world." That's why he gave his Son; that's why he is so concerned over the unrepentant heart.

The Lord's love for his sinful and wayward creation, man, takes us back to David's love for his unrepentant son Absalom. Absalom, by wile and cunning, had usurped the throne from his own father so that his father David had to flee for his life. There in the hills David reorganized his forces and it wasn't long until the armies of father and son were engaged in deadly combat. But David gave specific instructions that no one was to harm his wayward son for he still loved him.

Finally, the battle was over and David's messengers came back to bring him news of the conflict. The first question of David, however, was not as to how the battle had gone and who had won the conflict, as one might have supposed.

But the first question of David was, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" And when the messenger told of Absalom's death, "the king was much moved, and he went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God, I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son" (2 Samuel 18:33).

David was concerned about his wayward son because he still loved him. The Lord is concerned about his sinful creation because he still loves them.

Christ wept only twice in his life, the first time because of domestic sorrow, the second time because of an unrepentant people. Those tears of the Lord are dried only as we give our hearts in faith to him. For we know, "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth" (Luke 15:10).

The Parable of the Talents

An exposition of Matthew 25:14-30 by the REV. J. JORDAN of George, Iowa, who on Oct. 13, 1951 observed his 80th birthday and who is still active in Christ's service in the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa

IN MATTHEW 25:13 and Mark 13:37 the background of the parable of the talents is given by stating: "Watch ye therefore and what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch." The word "all" includes not only Israel but every believer. This parable illustrates the truth that to watch means in this present interim "to work," "to be active in the Lord's vineyard."

A talent is used in God's Word as a paying article. Its weight or money system was of such high value that it could not fully be used by Jesus and his disciples in missionary work.

PLAN OF SALVATION

These five talents are therefore not of earthly material value but represent divine and precious goods, brought to light and to view by Jesus himself.

They are, first, his virgin birth; second, his suffering; third, his death; fourth, his burial; and fifth, his resurrection. These are all fulfilled according to the Old Testament Scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) and they comprehend the entire plan of God's salvation in Jesus Christ. If therefore any one of these is denied, the entire salvation plan is destroyed.

These five talents were delivered by Jesus himself to his own twelve disciples, who represent in this work all his faithful servants. After forty days of this (Acts 1:2), Jesus took his journey into a far country, that is, into his Father's House.

The servant who received five talents went and traded, that is, he preached the Gospel to every creature in all the world (Matt. 24:14; Mark 16:15; Acts 8:4). By his faithful service, this disciple or servant made other five talents.

When God framed the worlds by his Word (2 Peter 3:5; Heb. 11:3), he framed them as they now consist in five continents as they are now: Africa, America, Asia, Australia and Europe. This entire earth or world shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as waters cover the sea (Isaiah 11:9) when the Lord will come. This is done in this dispensation by the preaching of his Word.

At the Lord's reckoning at his coming to judge the world, this servant will receive a fine divine compliment: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:21). His reward is this, "Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord," that is, he will enter into the millenium kingdom, where the Lord's

joy will be expressed by his reign as King of kings (Psalm 72; Revelation 12:14, 19:16). Then the whole earth will be full of the knowledge and glory of the Lord (Habakkuk 2:15).

The second servant received two talents, which refer to baptism and the Lord's Supper. Baptism by immersion (Mark 16:16; Gal. 3:27) is a symbol of Christ's death and burial (Rom. 6:4) and is therefore the entrance-gate into the Church; whereas the Lord's Supper is the law of remembrance of him, until he comes (1 Corinthians 11:24-26). This servant traded or preached in the same territories where the first one had ministered. He with his two talents also gained other two talents.

There are about five different colored races on the earth. These are divided in only two classes, Jews and Gentiles. The servant gained two other talents, that is, he made baptism by immersion after their conversion as the only scriptural condition for entrance into Church, and the Lord's Supper as the only true scriptural norm of observance in the Church.

THE TALENT THAT WAS HIDDEN

The third disciple-servant received one talent. This talent was real silver money (Matt. 25:27). This servant is Judas Iscariot. This disciple had a family (Psalm 109). He carried the bag of alms (John 12:6). John brands him as a thief. He probably stole some money out of the bag to use for himself or to support his family. Jesus said he was a devil (John 6:70).

Instead of trading with his talent, he went and dug it into the earth, that is, he went and made an agreement with the high priest and the captains to betray Jesus (Matt. 26:14; Mark 10:14; Luke 22:3-4). Then he hid his Lord's money (probably referring to the thirty pieces of silver) and purchased with the reward of iniquity a field called "blood field" (Matt. 27:6-8; Acts 1:18-19). After repenting himself and casting down the pieces of silver in the temple (Matt. 27:3, 5) he hung himself.

At the Lord's reckoning with him, he blamed the Lord for his devilish deeds. Therefore in his defense, he lied all the way, and gave false excuses for hiding the Lord's talent in the earth (25:25). After this he tried to make the Lord take his money from him, which was by virtue now only

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The Persecuted Who Never Persecuted

Although Baptists were themselves persecuted, they never turned about to persecute anyone else. May we never lose this heritage!

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

"God created man in his own image; in the image of God he created him; male and female created he them."—
A free being!

"If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you."

"If the Son of man shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

"Stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage."

AFTER SUFFERING three centuries of persecution, the day of freedom dawned for the Christian world. But, lo, and behold: The persecuted become persecutors. The church in unholy wedlock with the state, in twelve centuries, hounded to death fifty million of their fellow-Christians. Today the church must give its approval to those horrible deeds, for the pope is said to be infallible, and the church never makes mistakes! But we try to defend Israel for the slaughter of the Canaanites! We say it was necessary to save Israel from corruption. Saul felt he was doing God a service in hounding to death those who confessed Jesus as the Christ.

After suffering persecution in England, the dissenting Puritans were happy to be free on the shores of a new continent, but they were interested in their own freedom only. Lo and behold, they turned persecutors. Let it be said emphatically that the sons of the Puritans and of the Catholics are not responsible for what happened in centuries gone by.

We have all known and do know wonderfully fine people among the Romanists, and what is said here has no bearing on them as individuals. It is the system that comes in for criticism. There may be wonderful people among the communists as individuals. It is the system of communism that we would like to see wiped out. God hates sin, but he loves the sinner.

PRAY FOR YOUR PERSECUTOR

Let this be said to the honor of the Bible-loyal dissenters: Anabaptists, Mennonites, Brethren, Baptists, or whatever name they carried! Although they were themselves persecuted, they never turned about to persecute anyone else. That is no credit to us, but we may be justly proud of being their

heirs. May we never lose this heritage!

Since we take our standards from the New Testament, we do not need to defend Israel for trying to exterminate the Canaanites. John and James, the sons of thunder, wanted to carry on in that spirit, when the Samaritans refused to give lodging to Jesus and the disciples, and asked permission to call fire from heaven, following the precedent of Elijah, to destroy the Samaritans. Jesus turned on them in sharp rebuke, saying, "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of, for the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them!"

Jesus sets the standard for us. We are to pray for those who persecute us and even to love our enemies. That is his law for us, although we may not succeed well in living up to it. The Catholic is not bound by the Golden Rule of Jesus. He must obey the pope. If he ever orders again an inquisition, it must be carried out.

A TWO-EDGED SWORD

The Word of God is spoken of as such an instrument, a two-edged sword. But when church and state unite, there is formed a two-edged sword which is wielded in persecution of all who refuse to conform. There the Roman Catholic Church does not stand alone.

Take the case of John Smyth in England, who took his stand against superstition and corruption and a lifeless formal worship in the Church of England. He felt it hopeless to reform the Church, and so he became a Separatist and, as such, the father of non-conformity in England. The Scriptures, which he had studied thoroughly, became the basis of the free church founded in Gainsborough on Trent, where a group of people joined the fellowship of the Gospel

CONFERENCE REPORTS

The 1951 CONFERENCE REPORTS are now ready for distribution. They have been ably edited and prepared by Dr. H. von Berge of Dayton, Ohio. The price per copy (after Feb. 1st) is \$1.00. The previous price prevailed for those who have already sent in their orders. Copies can be secured from the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

and agreed to walk in all of God's way, whatever the cost might be.

Realizing the hardships which would come in the train of persecutions under the two-edged sword, he led his congregation to Holland. Other groups followed, among these the Pilgrims who later came to America on the "Mayflower."

The new teaching spread back into England. It seemed safe to return to the homeland with his flock, with whom he formed the First Baptist Church in London, which became the mother of all the General Baptist Churches in England. Smyth seems to have crystallized the Baptist movement into a denomination. He rejected infant baptism, episcopal ordination, the union of church and state. He insisted upon a regenerate membership and has the distinction of being the first Englishman to plead for the freedom of conscience.

The Established Church of England held in prison for twelve years one of the greatest souls who ever walked on earth. The reason for this was that he had preached without a license and had failed to attend the ritualistic service of the Established Church. He would not promise to refrain from preaching, for God had called him and he would preach "in spite of all threats and dangers, in spite of all the devils in hell."

He declared the human right of freedom of speech and freedom of worship. He never complained, nor did he sit in idleness. He studied God's Word until he knew it practically by heart. He cheered his fellow-prisoners and wrote book after book, among these being the book that stands next in circulation to the Bible. Yes, you have guessed it, that was John Bunyan. For this Baptist, walls did not make a prison!

THE HOME OF THE BRAVE

But look where you will, the union of church and state constitutes a two-edged sword wielded in the interest of conformity against the God-given freedom of the soul.

Too often people think that all who came to our shores were in favor of religious freedom—of their own freedom, of course! Three state churches were established in the new world: the

Puritan, the Presbyterian, the Anglican. They proceeded at once to persecute anyone who did not conform to their rules of religion. For preaching the Gospel without permission from the proper authorities, for opposing infant baptism, for refusing to have their own babies baptized, these three state churches on American soil arrested, imprisoned, whipped, fined, pilloried and banished those who were found guilty of these acts. On top of it all, they confiscated their property.

The case of Roger Williams is well known. Banished by the Massachusetts Bay Colony, he went into the bleak loneliness of the New England winter to seek shelter and food for himself and his family. A compass, a sundial, a courageous heart, and a faith in God for the triumph of freedom, these were his assets. Pagan Indians were more hospitable than Puritan Christians. How he founded the city of Providence and became the father of religious freedom is a thrilling story, the details of which every Baptist ought to know.

Another Baptist, less known, shared in this honor of securing religious liberty, freedom of conscience, separation of church and state. His name was John Clarke, a man of outstanding learning and ability, who landed in the neutral area, later called Rhode Island, where he founded the First Baptist Church in Newport.

He and Roger Williams were sent to England to secure a charter for the new colony. After two years Williams returned, but Clarke remained ten years longer, when he did bring back the document procured, as by a miracle, from the bitterest of all persecutors, Charles II. So in 1663 Rhode Island became a legal colony with the privilege of writing its own constitution. By doing so, it produced the constitution which contains the world's first declaration of religious liberty! The colony, now legally recognized, became the refuge for the Quakers and other freedom loving people, as well as for the Baptists.

Just a few years before this, Mary Dryer had been hanged in Boston for no other reason than being a Quakeress. In 1654 Henry Dunster, the first president of Harvard College, was compelled to resign because he had accepted Baptist views. Facing the winter with his family, in desperation he begged the Overseers to permit him to remain in the home which he had himself built as the president's residence, until he could settle his affairs and find shelter elsewhere. The Overseers flatly refused. Not only that, he had to face the court twice for failing to present his baby girl for baptism.

Even before Rhode Island had procured its charter, it served as a place of refuge for the hounded. But now



Abraham Lincoln, president of the United States and great Christian statesman whose birthday is remembered on February 12th.

GOD SEND US MEN

By F. J. GILLMAN

God send us men of steadfast will,
Patient, courageous, strong and true;
With vision clear and mind equipped,
His will to learn, his work to do.

God send us men with hearts ablaze,
All truth to love, all wrong to hate;
These are the patriots nations need,
These are the bulwarks of the State.

it had legal standing and became a real "Land of the Free." Whether Henry Dunster ever got there, I do not know. He died a few years after his dismissal from Harvard.

ELSEWHERE CRUELITIES CONTINUE

In Virginia the Established Church held sway, and it has many records to its discredit. As late as 1765 Samuel Harris was attacked with sticks, whips and clubs, and dragged by the hair for preaching the Gospel without permission from the regular authorities. With the separation of state and church, Rhode Island enjoyed complete freedom of speech, freedom in political action, freedom of conscience, and freedom to worship God to the best of the individual's understanding.

It was not so just across the line in Plymouth Colony. Obadiah Holmes had arrived from England and had selected Salem as a good place in which to live, but he learned in due time that it had acquired the name as "the place where witches are burned." After five years of business prosperity, he was banished, which meant confiscation of his property.

His partner in business had to pay a heavy fine for being a Quaker. The son and daughter, not being able to pay their fine, were to be sold to a sea captain to be taken off to Barbados

into slavery. But the rough sea captain, having more religion and humanity than the court and the clergy, refused to bid.

Holmes had taken refuge in Plymouth, but even there he was soon indicted for holding meetings contrary to court orders. He then fled to Rhode Island and joined Dr. Clarke's rapidly growing Baptist Church, where he enjoyed freedom of conscience in all matters of faith. There was no fear of banishment and burning, of maiming and scourging, or of any other diabolical ingenious methods of cruelty to secure conformity. Lash, pillory, fagot and gallows were unknown there!

WHIPPED FOR HIS FAITH

In the Bay Colony an old blind man by the name of Winter had been arrested for denying the value of infant baptism. Having been excommunicated, he joined Dr. Clarke's church in Newport, but could not attend because of the distance of 75 miles. One summer day Dr. Clarke, Mr. Holmes and Mr. Crandall came to visit the old blind man.

Arriving on Saturday, they planned to enjoy Sunday service in his home with a few neighbors. While Dr. Clarke was speaking, two constables broke in on them, tied their hands and dragged them off to the State Church (Congregational) and forced them to remain for the service. They used the brief time on next day, allowed them for liberty, to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Excitement, indignation and wrath reached the boiling point. The Puritan magistrate sentenced them to prison.

After two weeks they were offered release upon the choice of fine or whipping. They refused to pay the fine, since they probably didn't have the money. When that great learned man of God, Dr. Clarke, stood stripped to the waist, some kind-hearted onlooker paid the \$150.00 fine without his knowledge. The sum of \$25.00 was also paid for Mr. Crandall. Someone offered to pay the \$100.00 for Mr. Holmes which he absolutely refused to accept. His only guilt was "hearing a sermon in a private manner."

The law had to take its course. The flogger received the instruction to use all his strength in applying the three-cord whip thirty times. Unmercifully he carried through these orders. The blood flowed freely down the body and legs of Mr. Holmes until his shoes overflowed with the blood. His body was so cut and gashed that for two weeks Holmes could not lie down to sleep.

That happened in the country about which we now sing as "the land of the free and the home of the brave." We owe this freedom to the Baptist witness. Everybody takes our freedom for granted; even Baptists forget the rock from which they were hewn.

Let's Go to the General Conference!

Advance announcement of the thrilling program at the 30th General Conference to be held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from August 20 to 26, 1952

By the REV. ROBERT SCHREIBER of Chicago, Illinois, Chairman of the Program Committee

SOMEHOW the announcement of the next General Conference to be held in Philadelphia, Pa., from August 20 to 26, 1952 does something to the spirit of our denomination. For those who have attended previous conferences, it stimulates pleasant and joyful memories of an incomparable fellowship. If these same people are making plans to attend the next conference, they greet the announcement with unbounded enthusiasm. However, if they know that they will not be able to attend, they make no effort to hide their regret. But the enthusiasm of regular conference addicts (I use the term in its best sense) is contagious, and with each succeeding conference a new group of supporters is won. So one generation after the other shares the innumerable blessings of the General Conference.

Not too long hence the local Arrangements Committee will announce the type of accommodations available and the cost of each. We sincerely hope that by that time you will have determined that you cannot afford to

miss the conference and that your plans for the summer of 1952 will include attendance at the conference.

PHILADELPHIA'S BAPTIST TEMPLE

Even though you have heard it and read it already, it is always good to be reminded of the place and date. Philadelphia's world famous Baptist Temple will be our meeting-place. Recent improvements in the building have added the assurance of convenience and comfort to the basic beauty of the structure. It will be one of the finest meeting-places which we have had in recent years. (See front cover.)

The dates are August 20 through 26. These dates are unusual in that we are departing from a custom of long standing. The conference will begin Wednesday evening, August 20, and close on Tuesday evening, August 26. This is an experiment suggested by the Committee on Time and Place at Sioux Falls and approved by the General Council.

We urge the delegates and visitors to make the maximum use of the days

preceding and following the conference for sightseeing. Historic Philadelphia and Washington offer many interesting attractions for visitors. Magnetic New York is the point to which an unending stream of visitors flows from all parts of the world. The entire eastern section of the United States, the cradle of democratic America, is an attraction that no one will want to miss.

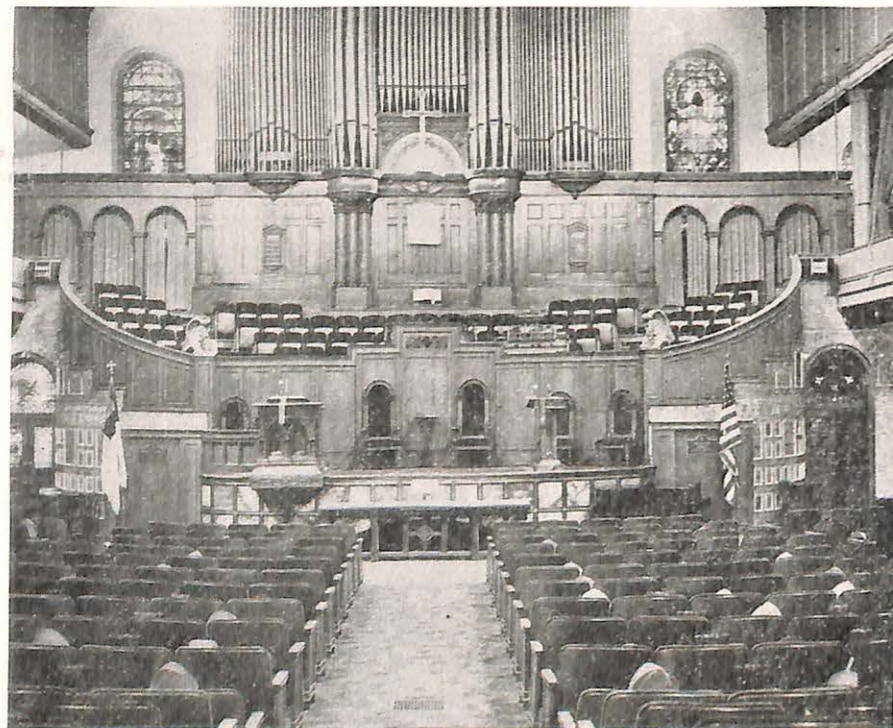
The Program Committee has selected a theme that will be appropriate for several reasons. "LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING" is the theme that will guide us during the conference days. The scriptural texts, John 3:16—"For God so loved the world . . .", and 1 John 4:11—" . . . We ought also to love one another," give a rich Biblical meaning to the theme. In a world of hatred and suspicion and unrighteousness the message of God's love revealed in Jesus Christ and reflected in men's actions and attitudes needs to be shouted from the housetops.

It is true that the rejection of God's love results in judgment. Nevertheless for the Christian there must be a constant reminder of the fact that all of our life in Christ is based squarely on the love of God. Because he has loved us enough to give his only begotten Son for us, therefore we have given the divine imperative that "we ought also to love one another."

The meaning of the name, Philadelphia, is quite well known. "Brotherly love" was the message that God-fearing William Penn wanted to give to posterity in naming the city. It is also interesting to note that the New Testament church in Philadelphia is the only one of the seven that is not condemned for unethical or ungodly deeds. She receives only words of condemnation and encouragement. Such love and devotion to Christ and to one another as demonstrated by the first Philadelphians should challenge us all to become a part of the "church in Philadelphia."

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Our program is arranged so as to feature some aspects of our denominational life and activity each day. The morning devotional sessions are planned to give ample opportunity for



Looking towards the pulpit and choir loft in the impressive and worshipful sanctuary of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., the site of the 1952 General Conference sessions.

public participation in prayer, during which time we will remember especially some agency of our denomination and ask God to guide us in our deliberations and meditations throughout the day. The evening service should be a fitting climax to the busy events of each day. The rousing song service and a brief testimony each evening will help to bring about the informal but spiritual warm atmosphere which has characterized these services in past years.

Sunday morning services will be held in three churches. Many of the conference guests will want to take this opportunity to become acquainted with our own churches in the city. The Fleischmann Memorial Church, with the Rev. Victor J. Hammond as interim pastor, and the Pilgrim Church, with the Rev. W. C. Damrau as pastor, will conduct early morning German services as well as the regular English worship services. Directions will be provided for those who wish to attend the services in the churches. One of our pastors will be bringing the message during the morning service at the Baptist Temple, our regular meeting-place.

The young people are planning a great youth rally on Sunday afternoon, featuring an outstanding speaker. This is always one of the prominent activities of the youth of our conference. In spite of the many and varied activities throughout the week one of the increasingly popular services is the sunrise service. This is being planned for Saturday morning and is under the capable direction of the young people.

GREAT EVANGELISTIC RALLY

The Lord's day will be climaxed with an evangelistic rally with one of our own pastors bringing the message. Our emphasis during the past three years has been on evangelism, and the committee felt that the conference would not be complete without this note being struck positively and actively.

By the time we meet next August a number of our churches will have celebrated their one hundredth anniversaries. The Fleischmann Memorial Church, the oldest in our denomination, has already attained that milestone in its history. Others have followed, and still others are close to the Cross for so many years. Mention must also be made of our German periodical, "Der Sendbote," which will also be joining this select company. A special time of recognition is being set aside for this observance.

The Woman's Missionary Union takes the spotlight on the program on Monday afternoon. Not only is their missionary activity to be commended but they have demonstrated as well that their programs have captivated the interest of conference visitors. They certainly are "winning friends and influencing people" for the missionary cause of the denomination.



Rev. Robert Schreiber of Chicago, Ill., pastor of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, chairman of the Program Committee for the 30th General Conference.

Our newest denomination-wide organization, Baptist Men, is sponsoring a laymen's rally on Monday night. While the organization is of recent origin, laymen's activities in past conferences have been well received.



In Independence Hall, Philadelphia, Pa., the most historic spot in the United States of America, the Declaration of Independence was signed July 4, 1776. Here the old Liberty Bell first proclaimed the nation's freedom.

The grand climax of the entire conference will come on Tuesday evening when a great missionary rally is held. Our senior missionary, Paul Gebauer, will bring a message with a challenge that will ring in our hearts all the way home. Certainly no one will want to leave the conference before this closing night. Missionary work represents the whole thrust of our activity as a denomination both at home and abroad. If we fail to get this challenge, we have lost the one important

thing that holds our work together.

Exhibits will again be an important feature of the conference. In the exhibit room you will be able to see a graphic portrayal of the life of our denomination. Included in the exhibits will be displays of the centenary celebrations of "Der Sendbote" and a number of our churches.

A CONCERT OF PRAYER

The Program Committee rejoices in having secured the pastor of the Baptist Temple, Dr. Norman W. Paullin, as our devotional speaker. These morning hours just before the noon recess have been a challenge and an inspiration to many hearts at past conferences. We are certain that God's voice will be clearly heard through the spiritual warmth and Biblical richness of Dr. Paullin's messages.

These are just a few of the highlights of the conference, and we hope that every spiritual appetite will be whetted so that a great host of our people will be in attendance at Philadelphia to partake of the spiritual feast that awaits us there. "Come; for all things are now ready."

Whether you will be with us or not we are sure that all of you will be praying for the conference. Even now as preparations are rapidly going forward, there should be a concert of prayer rising from hearts across the United States and Canada, asking God's guidance in these final prepara-

tions and praying that his Spirit shall be manifest at every session of the conference. Then we shall come to know more of the fullness of God's love, and our prayer will coincide with that of the writer of our theme song:

"Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling;
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation;
Enter every trembling heart."

The Times of the Gentiles

An exposition of God's revelation in Daniel's vision for these latter times
in the fifth of a series of articles on Scriptural Prophecy

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

"And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the TIMES OF THE GENTILES be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

SINCE THE SCRIPTURES concern themselves with three bodies of people, it is well that we note those divisions in Scripture and "Rightly Divide the word of truth." We have already considered many of the passages that are concerned with the present and future of Israel. In this article we will turn our attention to the prophecies that tell us of the future of the Gentiles. At a later time we will give our attention to the revelation concerning the Church. It is clear as we look into the Word of God, that the Gentiles are the people of earth that are not a part of the Church nor yet are they of the commonwealth of Israel.

ORIGIN OF THE GENTILES

Adam with his intimate knowledge of God lived to tell firsthand the story of redemption and creation to Noah's father who was some fifty years old when he died. He must have told him how he had walked and talked with God in perfect purity in the Garden of Eden. But how he must have wept as he told of his disobedience, his fall and his expulsion from the garden. And then what joy must have lifted up his countenance as he related the promises of Genesis 3:15.

It was good news for that age, that One should come of the "seed of the woman" who would redeem man and bruise the Serpent's head. Noah believed this message and found grace in the sight of God. He also preached righteousness and bore witness of these truths. He gave warning concerning the coming judgment, till the day when he entered the Ark. Following the flood Noah's descendants soon forgot the great lessons of the deluge and they began to depart from the traditional knowledge handed down to them.

As the streams of the nations began to divide, they spread out farther and farther over the face of the earth in every direction. They gave up their knowledge of God and were no longer thankful to God and plunged ever deeper into moral corruption and idolatry. The Holy Spirit gives a

graphic picture of their degeneration in Romans 1:19-25. Thus the Gentiles had their origin and God "divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people" (Deut. 32:8; Gen. 10:5, 25).

Abraham was called aside from this corruption and idolatry and God made an everlasting covenant with him and his seed. Thus was formed the people of Israel that have ever been distinct in the plans and purposes of God. Following their bondage in Egypt, Israel became a great nation under the blessing of God. They became a dominant nation on the earth and reached their zenith in the days of David and Solomon. It was through Israel that God kept alive in the earth a knowledge of himself. Through them also, God gave to the world the Bible and a kinsman Redeemer. Also, "salvation is of the Jews."

But Israel became divided and soon fell into the idolatry of the nations about them. God sent them into captivity which has continued to this present day. God chose Nebuchadnezzar whom he calls, "my servant," to invade the land of Israel and carry them into captivity for chastisement. Jerusalem, the capital of Israel's land, fell under the foot of the Gentiles and the period of time known as THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES began. From that day to this, Jerusalem has been under Gentile rule, and will continue to be until Messiah comes to deliver it from the hand of the Beast.

NEBUCHADNEZZAR'S DREAM

Nebuchadnezzar was given a revelation of the political history of the TIMES OF THE GENTILES in a dream (Daniel 2:31-45). During this period four great successive Gentile world dominions were to rise, namely, Babylonian, Medo-Persian, Graeco-Macedonian, and the Roman. The final history of this period is represented by the feet and toes of the image.

The ten toes represent a dominion consisting of a league of ten nations. The feet and toes are "part of iron and part of clay." The iron seems to represent the strength of monarchy, and the clay representing weakness and that which is easily molded into all kinds of shapes. It is the clay of social democracy combined with the iron of monarchy as we have it form-

ing today under the dictators. The socialistic states under Stalin are, perhaps, a fair example of what it may be like.

Nebuchadnezzar "saw till a STONE * * * smote the image on his feet, * * * and broke them to pieces, * * * and they became like chaff of the summer threshing floors, and the wind carried them away that no place was found for them" (Dan. 2:34-35). This "Stone" represents Christ "that is rejected by the builders" of most nations. "The Stone becomes a great mountain (Kingdom) and filled the whole earth" (Verse 35). This represents Christ extending his rule over the earth after he smites the kings of the final Gentile dominion.

Some have thought this to represent the conquering power of the Gospel in our day. But you will note that it does not occur until IN THE DAYS OF THESE KINGS (represented by the ten toes) "shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed" (Verse 44). So it is not the Kingdom of heaven in its "Mystery" form, or the present aspect of the Kingdom that is in view. The mystery form of the Kingdom was not made known in other ages as it was made known by Christ in Matthew, chapter 13. That is the usage of the word, "mystery"—a truth or fact kept secret or hidden until the appointed time, and then made known, at least in part.

DANIEL'S VISION

We have in this vision the literal aspect of the Kingdom which was revealed by the prophets of Israel throughout the Old Testament. You will also note that "the kingdom will not be left to other people" as it has been during this Gospel age. But the king himself shall come to establish the Kingdom here mentioned. But that will not occur till "it (his Kingdom) shall BREAK IN PIECES AND CONSUME ALL THESE KINGDOMS, and it shall stand forever. Forasmuch as the STONE was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the IRON, the BRASS, the CLAY, the SILVER and the GOLD." This is clearly the coming of Christ in person to "smite the kings of the earth" and to establish his Kingdom in their place.

Daniel is given to see the same

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Toward a Greater Evangelism

The adventures of one of twelve of our pastors who served as leaders and guest speakers at our recent Conferences on Evangelism

By the REV. RICHARD K. MERCER, JR.,
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THE GENERAL" writhed along like a great dragon, with its nostrils spewing bright sparks into the night, breathing heavily, dragging its long fluorescent-segmented body over the mountains. From my compact, comfortable, darkened roomette, I had a good view of what was happening. The Pennsylvania Railroad's crack train was making its way from Altoona to Pittsburgh around the famous horseshoe curve. I had traveled only 300 miles on a journey that was to take me through almost 4000 miles of travel in ten days, with 21 speaking engagements.

The North American Baptists have a goal of 7000 souls for Christ in this triennium, ending in 1952. It was to be a happy experience to have some small part in helping to make this prayer a possibility. The denominational leaders were placing a re-emphasis on a neglected phase of evangelism. It revolved around the fructifying truth that active, successful witnessing to the Resurrected Christ is the imperative of every Christian!

With conferences on this aspect of evangelism, perhaps some of the constituency of 42,000 Baptists would realize their place in God's economy. If so, the 7000 souls would be a minimum and not a maximum goal. This was the commission that was carrying me through the night and across the miles. Ten other pastors were to do similar work, borne by prayer, until all the churches were reached in 32 area-wide conferences before Christmas.

My first appointment was in the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas. But one must travel for two and one-half days, and stop over in Kansas City for a night before Ellinwood is reached. And the travel wasn't at snail's pace. "The Kansas Cityan" passed the mile markers along the track every forty seconds for many miles. Sometimes one rode alone, other times a garrulous person would make personal witnessing easy.

The very up-to-date and attractive Ellinwood Church, located on typically flat Kansas countryside, and surrounded by small oil-well derricks, was the arena of activity for the first conference. Many churches in the Southwestern Conference had pastors and delegations present for the specific

purpose of discussing the all important subject of winning the lost for Christ. The conference, of which the Rev. Theo. Dons was chairman, extended from noon on Tuesday through the following noontime.

As pastor-evangelist it was my task to speak and lead discussions on such subjects as "Soul-winning in the New Testament," "Christians Praying for Revival," "The Dynamics of Evangelism," "The Use of the Bible in Soul-winning," "Preparing and Enlisting the Local Church in Visitation Evangelism" and "Conserving the Results of Every Evangelistic Effort."

the grade crossing in town. What a Savior one has for comfort in such a tragic hour as that!

A problem of many weeks was solved with the help of the Rev. John Kruegel of Junction City, Kansas. How does one get from Ellinwood to Beatrice, Nebraska? In New York, the only counsel the travel bureau could give was to wait until arriving in Kansas and then to see what would happen! Brother Kruegel drove the speaker over 100 miles to get a bus that would take him into Beatrice. Friends make hurdles disappear!

The conference at Beatrice was a



Some of the North American Baptist people in attendance at the Conference on Evangelism held in the Walnut Street Church, Newark, N. J., of which the Rev. Richard K. Mercer, Jr., is the pastor. The Rev. Arthur McAsh of Detroit, Mich. (center, front row), served as the conference leader and guest speaker.

An experience at Ellinwood etched itself indelibly upon my memory. In the evening meeting after the sermon had ended and the invitation was given, we stood together in prayer. It was just quarter to nine. That very moment something was happening, about which we would not learn until later. About midnight, the barking of the dog, and the knocking at the door of the parsonage awakened the household. A member of the church told his pastor that earlier that evening, his son, his daughter-in-law, and their small son had their lives suddenly stolen from them by a freight train at

smaller conference, although the same warmth and friendliness that existed among the Christians in Kansas was very much in evidence there. The Rev. George Neubert was chairman of the conference which began on a Thursday evening and which closed on the next afternoon. Similar topics of collective and personal evangelism were part of this program.

A disturbance that came in the afternoon session was a welcomed one. Wood for the new building was finally arriving. This church was destroyed by an explosion and the services of

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., has extended a call to the Rev. Herman H. Riffel, pastor of the Holmes Street Church, Lansing, Michigan. He has responded favorably to the call and hopes to begin his pastorate in Kankakee on Feb. 3rd, succeeding the Rev. Fred Lower, now of Steamboat Rock, Iowa. Mr. Riffel has been the minister at the Lansing church since 1944.

● On Dec. 12 the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, B. C., regretfully accepted the resignation of the Rev. A. Kujath who was prompted to retire from the active ministry after serving our churches for 45 years. He has been pastor of the Kelowna church since 1942. His resignation will be effective on May 4, 1952. A more detailed report about his ministry in North American churches appears among the "Reports from the Field" in this issue.

● Pfc. Robert Rand of Humboldt, S. Dak., a member of the Spring Valley Baptist Church of South Dakota, died in action on the Korea war front on Oct. 3, 1951. He had been in service for nine months. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Eilert Rand, who survive him and who have two other sons. Robert was active in the church choir and young people's work. His pastor, the Rev. Alvin Wetter, spoke in highest tribute of him and his Christian testimony.

● The Rev. O. E. Krueger of the Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y., baptized six converts at the White Gift Christmas program of the church held on Christmas Day, Dec. 25. On the last three Sundays of December, Mr. Krueger preached on "The Three White Gifts." On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 23, the choir rendered a Vesper Service of Christmas music with Mrs. Olga Kanwischer as director. The offering went for the piano fund of the church.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, S. Dak., has extended a call to Mr. Chris Weintz, a Senior student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. Weintz has accepted the call and hopes to begin his pastorate there about July 1st soon after graduation. The Aberdeen church has also asked the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf, formerly of Bison, S. Dak., to serve as interim pastor until about July 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Riet-

CHURCH MISSIONARIES

A number of North American Baptist young women will be graduating from colleges and training schools next Spring and will be available to our churches as directors of Christian education and as church missionaries. We would like to see them placed in North American Baptist churches. Their spiritual and educational qualifications are of the very best. For further information and for definite recommendations concerning these young women, please write to North American Baptist Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois and make your requests known.

dorf are already on the field, serving the church. Their address is given elsewhere in this issue.

● On Sunday evening, Dec. 30, the Rev. Robert Zimbelman of the Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., baptized nine persons on profession of their faith in Christ. A Christmas program was given on Sunday evening, Dec. 23, by the church choir, men's chorus and by three soloists: Miss Grace Appel, Miss Marion Campbell and Mrs. Robert Zimbelman. During the Week of Prayer from January 9 to 11 the evangelist and guest speaker was the Rev. W. C. Damrau of Philadelphia, Pa., who spoke on "Opening the Heavens," "Building Palaces or Mudhuts?" and "Playing the Fool?"

● On Nov. 29 the Rev. August G. Lang of Parkersburg, Iowa, died after a lingering illness of several months. He had served a number of North American Baptist churches with great blessing since 1909, when he began his ministry at Gladwin, Michigan. The memorial service was held in the Parkersburg Baptist Church with nine ministers in attendance. The detailed obituary appears on page 23 of this issue. Brother Lang's influential ministry and the Christ-like example of his life will continue to bless many lives in our churches for years to come!

● The Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, has extended a call to the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt of New York, N. Y., minister of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church. He also served the

Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa, from 1938 to 1950. Mr. Bernadt has responded favorably to the call and hopes to begin his pastorate on February 1st. Mr. Walter R. Schmidt, chairman of the board of deacons wrote: "Our people were very much pleased with Brother Bernadt and are looking forward to a fine fellowship with him." In Lorraine he will succeed the Rev. Fred Ferris, now of Muscatine, Iowa.

● The Rev. Edwin Miller of the Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio, was the evangelistic speaker at special services held at the City Mission of Cleveland from Dec. 2 to 9. He was teamed with Dr. John R. Rice of Wheaton, Ill., famous evangelist, who was the speaker on Saturday evening, Dec. 8, in the Youth for Christ meeting, and on Sunday afternoon and evening, Dec. 9, in a Christ for Cleveland Rally held at the First Methodist Church and a final service at the City Mission. The Spiritual Jubilee Singers, a Negro quintet, provided the music. The meetings were very successful with Brother Miller being used of God mightily in the winning of souls.

● On Sunday evening, Nov. 4, the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., held a reception for its new pastor, the Rev. Roy Seibel, and his family. It was a festive occasion to which the church had looked forward with much joy. The Rev. Adolph Braun of the Plum Creek Baptist Church served as guest speaker, bringing a challenging message to the church and pastor. The Rev. L. Hoeffner of Emery brought a brief message of welcome and representatives of church organizations extended their greetings. In their response the Rev. and Mrs. Roy Seibel expressed their desire to serve the Lord at the Emery church with faithfulness and strength. A pleasant social hour brought the memorable evening to a close.

● On Friday evening, Dec. 21, several North American Baptists appeared on the coast to coast television program from New York, N. Y., entitled, "We, the People." The Rev. Walter Klemmel of Lambert, Mont., former pastor of the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., and Mrs. Ladonna Steward, Miss Royena Estes and Mr. Harvey Ahl were interviewed. The program dealt with the thought of "the gift of life" and reviewed the occasion when the church building was destroyed by an explosion and because

"the choir members were late that evening" there was no tragic loss of life. All of the participants were flown to New York City from Omaha, Neb., at the expense of the sponsors of the programs, the Gulf Oil Company.

● The Ogden Park Church of Chicago, Ill., is enjoying the teaching ministry of several students in Chicago schools, as reported by the pastor, the Rev. John Grygo. Mr. Edgar Wesner, a Senior student at the Northern Baptist Seminary, is teaching the adult class in the Sunday School. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Weiss are serving as directors of the Junior Church. Mr. Weiss is a first year student at the Northern Baptist Seminary. Mr. and Mrs. Weiss as well as Mr. and Mrs. Wesner are members of the Clay Street Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan. Mr. Terry Smith, a student at the Moody Bible Institute, is the teacher of the young girls' class and his wife assists in various ways in the Sunday School and in the musical ministry of the church.

● A group of about fifty North American Baptist church members and friends is meeting quite regularly on Sundays in Toronto, Ont., Canada. Most of these are immigrants and refugees who have come in recent months from Germany to Canada. The Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, met with them on Sunday, Dec. 2, and made plans for future visits by our general secretaries and pastors. On Sunday, Jan. 20, the Rev. Otto Patzia of Detroit, Mich., was the guest preacher for the Toronto group. Visits in the near future will be as follows: Sunday, Feb. 10, Rev. J. C. Gunst; Sunday, March 2, Rev. Martin L. Leuschner; and Sunday, March 30, Rev. Richard Schilke. It is hoped that the group in Toronto, Ont., will become a mission field of the denomination in the near future.

● The members of the Awoik Class of the Baptist Church at La Salle, Col., were hostesses to approximately 75 people at a banquet held in the church basement on Thursday evening, Nov. 15. A thanksgiving theme was used in all the decorations. Preceding the meal and program, piano music was provided by Norma Lesser. Miss Irene Croissant, president of Awoik, welcomed the guests on behalf of the class. Miss Joann Oster, vice-president, read a Scripture passage. Grace was offered by the Rev. David Zimmerman. Choruses were sung before the meal and during the meal led by Ruth Zimmerman, song leader with Betty Renke, pianist. During our program hour the story of some of our best loved hymns was given with Mrs. David Zimmerman as reader. These hymns were sung by Mrs. Albert Croissant and Mrs. Walter Schlagel with Betty Renke as pianist.

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HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

February 3, 1952—"Whose We Are and Whom We Serve." By Miss Martha M. Leypoldt, Forest Park, Illinois.

February 10, 1952—"1,000 Mile Check Up." By Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Dallas, Texas.

SUMMER STUDENT WORKERS

A good number of fine students attending schools in preparation for full-time Christian service served under the Summer Student Workers' Plan last year. This year again we shall be able to place a limited number of students. Application blanks for students, churches, or conference area organizations, will be made available upon request. Address your request to: Reverend J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. Your application will have to be in the office by March 10, 1952.

YOUTH COMPASS

Does your CBY group subscribe to YOUTH COMPASS? YOUTH COMPASS is the official youth paper for North American Baptist youth.

The program materials are prepared to give specific nurture and guidance in the much needed spiritual growth of young people in our days. Beside excellent program materials for your regular meeting, YOUTH COMPASS contains emphasis on Christian truths, principles and directives for Christian service which will greatly enrich the spiritual life of every reader.

YOUTH COMPASS is increasingly finding its way into youth groups beyond our own conference. Therefore no CBY group among our North American Baptist conference churches should be without a sufficient supply to allow all young people full benefit from this excellent youth paper. Keep your subscription list in force! Make sure you have enough copies for all your young people.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

In 1951 a total of 133 Vacation Bible Schools were reported in our North American Baptist Churches. The total enrollment was 8,987 with an attendance of 7,538. The missionary offerings were \$2,633.52. There were 907 volunteer teachers. Through these contacts there were 126 conversions and we are thankful for this evident answer to prayer. This has been the best response we have had. A word of ap-

preciation goes to pastors and workers who have made this report possible.

In your church plans should be underway for a bigger and better Vacation Bible School for this year. It is important that Sunday School officers and teachers meet NOW to make arrangements for leaders, teachers and material. As soon as the dates have been chosen, have them announced. Daily Vacation Bible School should be a church project supported by every member of the church. When the staff has been appointed, it would be well to have training classes for the staff so that the workers might become well acquainted with the requirements in their departments.

For efficient and effective Vacation Bible School planning, write to our headquarters office for the free leaflet, "Daily Vacation Bible School Planning Chart." This leaflet will serve as a check list to remind you of things that need to be done.

SOUTHERN WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Many interested leaders of Sunday School and young people's work gathered at Waco, Texas, November 30-December 2 last year to discuss and to plan work in the respective departments. Cooperating in this significant leaders' workshop was the majority of the pastors of the Southern Conference. Practical and helpful hints were given for an effective Sunday School program, emphasizing our North American Baptist Sunday School Standard.

Learning by doing was the approach used in the CBY discussion led by Miss Martha Leypoldt, where the young people planned an ideal youth organization for a local CBY based on the CBY GUIDE FOR LEADERS. Emphasis was given to the local mission project at the Sunday afternoon meeting with the president of the Southern Conference Union, Mr. Herman Balka, presiding.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

In addition to the Sunday School that reported the achievements of their school for the year 1950-1951, listed in the last issue of the CBY and SSU HERALD NEWS, the following Sunday Schools have reported effective work in their ministry:

Carroll Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas;

Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois;

First Baptist Church, Wishek, North Dakota.

January 31, 1952

THE BAPTIST HERALD

Withering Grass

A Christian Novel by BERNARD PALMER

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Time passed quickly at the new charge in Prairie Grove. The congregation had been without a pastor for several months and the work had suffered somewhat from neglect. By reason of consistently bringing in outstanding speakers for the morning worship, attendance had been held quite high but the other departments had dwindled for lack of leadership. The Sunday School was only a token of what it could be and the choir had long since dwindled to half the first two rows in the choir loft. There was much work to be done, and Ernest threw himself into it feverishly. Here was his chance to prove himself, his opportunity to make good.

The people were pleasant enough. A little diffident and reserved, perhaps, and lacking the warm, boisterous friendliness of his former charge but he had expected as much. Somehow living in the confines of a community and constantly rubbing shoulders with others had that effect upon people.

Because of their baby, Karen wasn't able to take as active a part in the church as she would have liked. However, she usually managed to get over for the services, sitting in the back of the auditorium where she could take him out without disturbing everyone.

It seemed to Ernest that the little fellow was not going to remain a baby at all.

"Darling," he told Karen as they stood together looking down into the crib one evening after the baby had gone to sleep. "All the time with Billy I've been half a step behind. Believe me I'm going to catch up on the next one. I'm experienced now."

She smiled roguishly at him, but there was an intangible weariness in her eyes.

"How do you feel, Karen?"

"Fine." They turned away from the crib. "I couldn't feel better—or happier. Do you have any meetings that you have to go to tonight?"

"Nope. Not a thing to do but sit around the house and talk to you."

"How nice. It's been ages since we've had an evening alone together."

"And there are those who say that a pastor's work is easy."

"All ministers don't work as hard as you do."

"All ministers don't want to get ahead as badly as I do."

The church was beginning to grow under Ernest's leadership. The weaker departments began to function with renewed interest and strength and even the attendance at morning worship, which had never dropped very far, was increasing.

Karen had said nothing at all to Ernest about the congregation and he had said little to her except in a casual way until one evening when he came home early from board meeting.

"Darling, you look disgusted," she told him as he hung his hat in the closet and dropped wearily into an easy chair.

"I am."

"What's the matter?" There was a good-natured lilt in her voice. "Did they ask you to resign?"

"Oh no, nothing like that," he said. "The Sunday School superintendent had a list of prospective teachers for approval and he had Ben Kugler for a class of Junior boys."

"Anyone knows that Kugler isn't fit to teach Sunday School," he went on. "They have cocktail parties in their home and he owns the building that houses Clint's Tavern. I don't know that I've even heard him make a profession of faith. Those kids aren't deaf, dumb and blind. They know what kind of a man their teacher is whether anyone tells them or not. If I had my way he wouldn't even be a member of the church, let alone teaching Sunday School."

She laid aside her magazine as though waiting for him to continue.

"What did you do about it, Ernie?"

"What could I do? He's one of the biggest contributors in the congregation."

She picked up the magazine, turned the pages restlessly and laid it aside again.

"You're disappointed in me, aren't you, Karen?"

"Not exactly, dear. But I can't help thinking what you would have done in a similar situation two years ago."

"I couldn't do differently. The board runs the church. They voted him in. I didn't."

"I know."

"I don't think you realize how important it is that I make good here, Karen. They'd have overridden me, anyway. They wouldn't want to cross him, regardless of what they thought."

What was the use of stirring up trouble?"

There was a long, heavy silence.

"Which is more important?" Karen asked at last. "The souls of those boys or peace within the church?"

It was Ernest this time who sat quietly, her gentle, probing questions pricking his soul.

Ernest had not noticed the change in Karen until months later when he could look back with the knowledge of what had gone before. It had been so obvious then that he could not understand how he could possibly have missed seeing it. True, it had been a gradual change, so gradual that he had not noted the lines of weariness deepening about her mouth and eyes. He had not seen the listlessness that had come over her, had attached no serious import to her seeming indifference and increasing need of sleep.

Billy was about two years old the day Ernest came home and found Karen ill. Usually she greeted him from somewhere in the house with a cheery call the moment she heard his footsteps in the hall, but on this occasion there was only silence. Ernest had supposed she was away visiting until he found Billy playing peacefully in the middle of the living room floor.

"Hello there, fella. What are you doing?" he said, picking the baby up and lifting him high. "Are you having a lot of fun playing all by yourself?"

He made a few gurgling noises and Ernest laughed heartily.

"Just like your mother, talking all the time."

"Mommy in 'ere."

"Where is your mother, anyway?"

"Mommy sick."

"Ernie," Karen called from the bedroom. Her voice was so weak that it frightened him.

"Why darling, what's the matter?"

"I don't know." She tried to smile, but it was feeble and twisted. "I guess I'm just an old softie."

"But what's the matter, dear? When did you get sick? Why didn't you call me?"

"I tried once or twice but the line was busy."

He felt her forehead. It was burning.

"Have you called the doctor?"

She nodded. "He ought to be here in a few minutes."

"Darling, is there something I can do?"

"I don't think so, Ernie. Just sit here and talk to me."

"How do you feel?"

"I—I don't know. I must have quite a high fever, but outside of that I don't feel so bad."

He leaned over to kiss her. "Why sweetheart, you've been crying!"

"Just a little."

His voice was husky and choked, "But why, dearest?"

"Ernie, I—I've been deceiving you." Her lips were trembling dangerously, but now the words were tumbling over one another in their haste to be out.

"It's been months since I've really felt well."

"I didn't know it, darling. I thought you were getting along so splendidly."

"You were so busy and I didn't want to worry you. Besides there was nothing you could've done."

"Have you been going to the doctor?"

"A—A few times, but—"

The doorbell rang raucously.

"That must be the doctor now."

"Ernie, don't go for a minute." She pulled him down to her and kissed him feverishly, longingly. "I love you, darling. I love you. I love you. I love you."

The doorbell rang again and he freed himself reluctantly from her grasp.

The doctor made a hurried examination and said. "I think you'd better come down to the hospital for a few days."

"But I can't. There's no one to leave the baby with and—"

"You'd better find someone."

"I'm sure Mrs. Lanier would take him, Karen. And if she won't someone else will. If the doctor says you ought to go to the hospital, that's where you're going."

"Yes, I think it wise. We want you where we can take a few tests and give you penicillin."

After the ambulance drove away Ernest turned to the doctor.

"Could this develop into something serious, doctor?"

Dr. Collins set his case in the back of his car and shut the door. "It not only could develop into something serious. It's serious now."

Fear stabbed an icy shaft through his heart.

"I've been treating your wife for some months. I sent for her history from her family doctor and I've made exhaustive tests. You know she has rheumatic fever, of course."

"I knew she had it."

"The disease is in advanced stages right now, and there's already been extensive heart damage."

"But she hasn't complained at home."

"That's quite ordinary with this disease. The symptoms will disappear and the patient will have no pain or apparent ill effects. To outward appearances he is well, but the disease only seems to ameliorate. Actually it's still present, progressing just as surely as though there had been outward evidence all the time."

"I see."

"Apparently that has been so in your wife's case."

Ernest nodded wretchedly.

"Her heart is enlarged considerably. I took a picture of it on her last visit. And the murmur is much more pronounced than when she came to me the first time."

"Is there," he choked up queerly, "Is there anything you can do?"

"This is one of those cases that no doctor likes to have. She's in a serious

condition, perhaps even in a critical condition, but we'll do all we can. You may rest assured of that."

"I have confidence in you, doctor."

"Thank you. Right now we want to give her a blood transfusion immediately to build up her strength. Then I plan to put her on penicillin."

"What would you say her chances are, doctor?"

He hesitated a minute or more. "Not very good," he said bluntly.

The words were harsh and inhuman. It almost made Ernest hate the one who had spoken them so coldly, so unfeelingly, and yet he had only answered a straight question with an equally candid reply.

It is better to face realities, Ernest had heard older pastors say. You cannot run away from life. Accept it. Conquer it with Christ. And when you deal with people use the same frankness. They want to know the truth regardless of how it hurts. He had stood beside the bed of the dying and had seen the anguish on their loved ones' faces as the doctor gave his verdict. And though his heart had gone out to them in their sorrow he had glibly agreed with the pastors' advice.

But now how different it was! It was he who was grasping at straws, who would have welcomed even the slightest ray of hope from the lips of the doctor, and whose heart was leaden and numb within by reason of those few brutally frank words.

Ernest sat by Karen's side while she was given the transfusion, striving to keep cheerful though his very soul was crying. She talked but little, closing her eyes and gasping for breath. About ten-thirty the doctor came in and began giving her oxygen through a slender red tube in her nose. She rested easier after that. Her breath quit coming in long dry gasps and the muscles in her face relaxed. At midnight the doctor came in again.

"You'd just as well go home, Reverend Henning," he said with a kindness that surprised Ernest. "Your wife seem to be resting very well and we'll call you if there's any change." "Does that mean she's better?" he whispered.

The doctor shook his head. "That means only that she is no worse."

She was lying very still and gave no indication of having heard what he said. Ernest thought she was sleeping, but as he arose to go she said softly, "Where are you going, darling?"

"The doctor said I should go home and get some sleep."

She nodded.

"I'll be back to see you the first thing in the morning."

She closed her eyes and Ernest thought that she had dozed off once more. He stooped to kiss her and she opened them, smiling.

"Now you go to sleep like a good girl, sweetheart," he said in a half-



—Eva Luoma Photo

SYNOPSIS

The Rev. Ernest Henning had finally arrived! The greatest opportunity of his career was at hand, that of candidating in the big, influential church of Elba City. Always his illustrious younger brother had soared to heights in the spotlight ahead of him. If only Karen could have known the glory that now had come his way. Suddenly his mind was flooded with memories, meeting Karen at "an open house" party the first week of college. How vividly he remembered those days of many years ago at Indiana Christian College! 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 after their son was born, Ernest Henning received a letter from the pulpit committee to candidate at the First Church of Prairie Grove, Kansas. He was greatly enthused about the prospect. But his wife was more cautious. "We haven't finished our work here," she said. "Ernie, be sure that God wants us there before you definitely decide."

CHAPTER TWELVE

Ernest went to candidate at Prairie Grove the following month and two weeks later the call came through.

He had expected Karen to scold at him a little, to strive once more to persuade him into staying where they were, but she did not. On the contrary she seemed as happy as he at moving. And small wonder. Prairie Grove was a thriving community of eight or ten thousand and the parsonage was comparable to the better homes in town.

"Well, dearest, how do you like it?" he said as they stood together in the living room putting the last piece of furniture in place.

"It's beautiful, Ernie; so much nicer than any other home I've ever lived in."

hearted attempt to joke. "Take your medicine and mind the doctor."

She clung tightly to his hand for a moment.

"Don't worry, dearest. God will take care of me. God will take care of me!"

Ernest went home but he did not even try to go to bed. All the anguish and torment of all the weeks since he first learned of her illness before they were married came flooding back with a rush that was staggering.

He went into his study and took his well-worn Bible from the shelf, but for the first time in his life he could not read. The words swam before his eyes and his mind kept leaping from the page back to the hospital where Karen was hovering between this world and the next.

He should notify her dad at once. He had a right to know. And Burt, and his own folks who loved her as a daughter. He should do a lot of things, but at the moment he dropped to his knees to pray. So great was the anguish within his heart that there were no words to voice it. Instead, a great inarticulate cry went up to the God he had been serving, a cry for help and sustenance and courage. The only Bible verse he could call to mind was from one of the Psalms. Even the place had escaped him. "This poor man cried and the Lord delivered him out of all his troubles."

TIMES OF THE GENTILES

(Continued from Page 10)

period of time in a vision. It is recorded in the seventh chapter of his book. He saw four beasts, ferocious and terrible. These beasts represented the four kingdoms beginning with the Babylonian and ending with the Roman. But "the fourth beast was diverse from all the beasts that were before it, for it had ten horns" (Verse 7). The three preceding dominions were monarchies, but this final one is a league, or federation of ten dominions. In the 24th verse, Daniel tells us that "the ten horns are ten kings."

In Daniel's vision we see something not revealed in Nebuchadnezzar's dream. For "behold, there came up among them (the ten horns) ANOTHER LITTLE HORN" (Verse 8). He arises from among them and subdues three of them, then becomes the spokesman and dictator over all of them for a period of three and one half years (Verses 24-25). Daniel also sees these ten kings overthrown and "THE ANCIENT OF DAY" setting up his throne in their stead.

This Ancient of days is none other than God's eternal Son, as was the Stone in the previous vision. In fiery flame he comes and casts the dictator beast to the burning flame, and the dominion of his associates is taken away. The lives of these ten kings are spared for a time, perhaps, until they are judged. The Ancient of days holds a judgment for the nations,

The silence of the room was shattered ruthlessly by the loud, insistent clatter of the telephone. Ernest leaped to answer it.

"Reverend Henning," a cool, crisp young voice said.

"Yes."

"Dr. Collins thinks you had better come back to the hospital right away."

"Is my wife—" He could not give voice to the words.

"I'm sure I don't know, but he said that it was urgent."

Ernest could not remember dashing out of the house, or the short, mad drive to the hospital. He could not remember hurrying through the lobby and up two flights of stairs. But as he silently pushed the door to her room ajar he saw Dr. Collins place her hand back on her breast and tenderly pull the sheet over her pallid face. The nurse who was standing close by sighed audibly.

Ernest went into the doctor's office and sat down. He was shocked, stunned, until he could feel no pain, excepting a dull aching dread within his heart as though someone had grasped it which icy fingers and squeezed out the life, drop by drop. And yet he was acutely aware of everything, of the low metallic hum of the electric clock, of the fly that was buzzing on the window sill. There on the tall

bookcase along one side of the small office was a large colored picture of the doctor's wife, alive and well and smiling. Life for him was going on as it had before with a gay, joyous future. That day had brought no catastrophic climax in his life. Things would go on much the same as they had before. But not for Ernest. The last hour had marked the end of his life. The world held no joy for him, no happiness, no future. Suddenly life itself was without purpose or meaning. Nothing was important any more.

The doctor came in and closed the door. "I'm terribly sorry Reverend Henning. I know how you must feel." Ernest did not reply.

"These things are always difficult, but there are times when we must say, regardless of how it hurts, that it has been for the best."

"What do you mean?"

"Simply this: the condition her heart was in she could not possibly have lived more than a few months or years at the outside. She would have been a complete invalid, not even permitted to raise her head from the pillow, being fed her meals and waited on like a baby. Usually in such cases the pain becomes almost unbearable. We couldn't wish her back to that, could we?"

"No, of course not."
(To Be Continued)

These nations that are permitted to enter the millennial kingdom following the judgment of the nations will constitute THE NATIONS OF THEM WHICH ARE SAVED and will be brought to the new earth after the thousand year reign is finished and this present earth passes away (Rev. 20:7-11 with chapters 21 and 22). Israel will be regathered at Christ's return and the converted remnant will be one of the nations of THEM WHICH ARE SAVED.

After the thousand year reign of Christ is finished and Satan is loosed a little season, he will deceive some of the people that shared the glory of the Christ's reign (Rev. 20:7-9). Evidently this element is of those born during the thousand years and of those who shared in the blessings of his reign but did not accept him as their Lord. They are of the Gentile nations. Fire from heaven will destroy them as they march against Christ and his saints encamped at Jerusalem (Verse 9).

Following this judgment "the END shall come, when he (Christ) shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, when he shall have put down ALL RULE, ALL AUTHORITY, and POWER, for HE MUST REIGN, TILL HE HATH PUT ALL ENEMIES UNDER HIS FEET. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death" (I Cor. 15:24-26). Death will be destroyed with the casting of the Devil, "who hath the power of death" into the Lake of Fire (Heb. 2:14 with Rev. 20:10).

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

"WHAT THEY SAY"—about the PROGRAM PACKETS

In January 1950 the first Program Packet was put out by our Missionary Education Committee. A supplement followed in September of that year, and another in January, 1951. So many favorable comments were received, that we thought we would share some of them with you. Here are a few selected paragraphs from letters ordering the first or second supplement:

"In October our society gave its annual program, using two dialogues of the Program packet: 'The Other Woman,' and also the playlet which portrays the goals of the chart. Both plays were very well presented and were very favorable received by the audience. The offering of more than \$70 was designated for the Cameroons Hospital Fund. Our women especially were stirred by the message they had given and the result was that we started to pack a big White Cross box for Forest Park."—Mrs. Anna Sootzmann, McLaughlin, South Dakota.

"I wish to acknowledge and express my appreciation of the Packet. Mine has been torn asunder, loaned, divided and some filed for future use. Yes, we need it, we use it and we do appreciate it."—Mrs. T. Lutz, North Freedom, Wisconsin.

"Thank you for mailing it out so promptly, and I find much material which can be used to good advantage to our society."—Mrs. H. V. Huisinga, Parkersburg, Iowa.

"We surely wish to thank you for the fine material and ideas you have made available to our Woman's Missionary Unions. We have found them very helpful and appreciate them so much."—Mrs. A. K. Schulz, Crawford, Texas.

"We have used much of the material in the Packet and have found it both enjoyable and a blessing. May God bless our every effort as a Woman's Union to serve him better."—Mrs. Eva Weisser, Killaloe, Ont., Canada.

"I have benefited from the Packet more than I can tell. It should be a big help to any society. I have used it right along in our programs."—Mrs. A. A. Losli, Portland, Oregon.

The latest Packet was made available in November 1951. Orders for

this also brought many comments about the previous packet and the supplements. Here are a few samples:

"We have received much benefit from previous packets."—Mrs. Leslie Kauffeldt, Arnprior, Ont., Canada.

"Thank you for your work and time you are putting into these packets."—Mrs. Marvin Behler, Platte Center, Nebraska.

"I enjoyed last year's Packet, and it surely was a big help. Thank you very much."—Mrs. John W. Brautigam, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Here is one of the letters received by the chairman, Mrs. W. Grosser, acknowledging the receipt of the new Packet:

"May we, the women of the Loyal, Okla., Woman's Missionary Union, take this opportunity to thank you and all others who had a part in planning the programs for the past year. We realize that only by prayerful consideration on your part are you able to compile the contents of each packet. We all praise God for women who are willing to give of their time to prepare these splendid programs . . ."

—Mrs. Howard Lorenz, Hitchcock, Oklahoma.

The Committee wishes to thank all of you who have expressed these and similar sentiments. We are very glad that the material is meeting a need. We trust that the new packet will be of even greater service and blessing.

If you have not ordered your copy of the new Program Packet for 1951-1952, be sure to do soon. Send 75 cents (a dollar bill is easier, and it's worth that!) with your order to: WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

HOME FOR ME!

AUTHOR UNKNOWN.

Think of stepping on shore
And finding it Heaven.
Of taking hold of a hand
And finding it God's hand.
Of breathing a new air
And finding it celestial air.
Of feeling invigorated
And finding it immortality.
Of passing from storm and tempest
To perfect calm.
Of waking and knowing
I am home.

—CHRISTIAN HERALD.

"My soul is like a mirror in which the glory of God is reflected, but sin, however insignificant, covers the mirror with smoke." —TERESA.

"O God, help me to understand that you ain't guine to let nothin' come my way that you and me together can't handle!" —Negro Christian.

NOVEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conferences	CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES		
	Nov. 1951	Nov. 1950	Nov. 1949
Atlantic	\$ 2,137.36	\$ 2,160.61	\$ 1,247.63
Eastern	558.76	1,562.68	675.52
Central	7,940.39	5,216.18	6,004.17
Northwestern	9,843.36	7,147.85	5,763.08
Southwestern	4,684.73	5,468.31	11,746.91
Southern	2,551.79	1,844.66	1,382.53
Pacific	6,308.53	7,656.88	4,353.33
Northern	12,478.34	6,810.82	5,437.69
Dakota	13,954.41	12,783.05	7,243.25
Inter-Conference Contributions		254.80*	
Total Contributions	\$60,457.67	\$50,905.74	\$43,854.11

	CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED		
	Budget Contrib.	Other Purposes	Total Contrib.
For the month of November, 1951	\$ 49,460.10	\$ 10,997.57	\$ 60,457.67
For the month of November, 1950	42,194.75	8,710.99	50,905.74
For the month of November, 1949	43,195.57	658.54	43,854.11

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR			
April 1, 1951 to November 30, 1951	\$ 272,643.31	\$ 46,080.60	318,723.91
April 1, 1950 to November 30, 1950	217,941.97	74,908.82	292,850.79
April 1, 1949 to November 30, 1949	261,391.72	10,129.24	271,520.96

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium			
August 1, 1949 to November 30, 1951	\$ 904,277.23	\$301,585.07	\$1,205,862.30
August 1, 1948 to November 30, 1950	921,759.88	244,182.32	1,165,942.20
August 1, 1947 to November 30, 1949	1,040,518.95	65,646.40	1,106,165.35

* These contributions cannot be allocated to specific conferences.

Good News from the Seminary

Latest reports about the North American Baptist Seminary in
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

By DR. GEORGE A. LANG, Seminary President

A BRIEF REPORT regarding the activities of and progress in our North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will no doubt be of interest to every reader of our denominational papers. This school year which began with September 18, 1951, has thus far been a happy one and one of advance in all phases of our work.

Thirty-five students are enrolled in the theological department of our Seminary, twenty-one of whom are college graduates. This is the best educational standing of Seminary students in the entire history of our Seminary. Twenty more students are enrolled in our pre-theological department, all of whom are taking work either at Sioux Falls College or at Augustana College. Thus, our entire enrollment for the first semester is fifty-five.

With the coming of Dr. George A. Dunger to the chair of missions and the library, the faculty has been increased to six members. Thus, we are able to offer more theological courses and are more adequately equipped to meet the increasing demands of our churches. Both faculty and students are engaged over the weekends in services in various churches in and about Sioux Falls. They are busy preaching the Word, teaching in the Sunday School and in Christian Education classes, and in singing the Gospel.

Our churches are very appreciative of this service and constantly call upon us for special occasions. We are delighted to have this close relationship with our churches, for we believe that the more immediate purpose of our Seminary is thus fulfilled. We seek to develop this close connection with our churches and thus serve them actively in the winning of souls for



Faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
Left to right: Professors Ralph E. Powell, Albert Bretschneider, Herbert Hiller, Reuben P. Jeschke, George A. Lang and George A. Dunger.

A Memorial to Dr. William Kuhn

The story of a beautiful tribute prepared by the North American Baptist Pastors' Fellowship which can now be seen in the William Kuhn Conference Room at the Headquarters' Building, Forest Park, Illinois

AT ITS LAST annual session, the General Council voted to prepare a beautiful scroll as a tribute to Dr. William Kuhn which might be framed and hung on the wall of the William Kuhn Conference Room at the denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Illinois. During the sessions of the Pastors' Conference held at Green Lake, Wis., in July 1951, following the news of Brother Kuhn's homegoing, an offering was received by the ministers to be used for missionary purposes and also partly for a memorial to one of our outstanding ministers,

Dr. William Kuhn of Forest Park, Ill. The tribute to Dr. Kuhn has now been finished and beautifully enhances the room that bears his name at headquarters. It represents the labor of love of a man who was trained in this art of illuminated writing in Germany. It will be of interest for every North American Baptist to see this tribute which is now in an artistic frame on the wall of the Conference Room.

The tribute to Dr. Kuhn in this memorial for which the funds were contributed by the Pastors' Fellowship is as follows:

Christ and in the building up of God's children in the Christian life.

We have a splendid Senior class of nine members. In the near future we plan to present them to the denomination in picture. Most of them will be ready to serve our churches. Two of them already have pastorates. Any church which may desire to call one of our men is encouraged to write to the President, North American Baptist Seminary, 1605 S. Euclid Avenue, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Any person who may wish to prepare himself or herself for the Gospel ministry or missionary service is invited to write for information about the Seminary to the President. A catalog of the Seminary will gladly be sent on request. We are at the service of our beloved denomination and all people.

In Appreciation of
DR. WILLIAM KUHN

By The
North American Baptist General
Conference

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Pastor—1897-1913
Youth Secretary—1914-1916
General Missionary Secretary
1916-1946
Executive Secretary—1934-1946
Executive Secretary Emeritus
* * *

"A preacher of the Gospel whom everybody heard gladly; an administrator who set the course for North American Baptist history; a servant of Christ who gave himself unstintingly to the service of his Lord and denomination."
* * *

"For he is a chosen vessel unto me."
(Acts 9:15.)

Presented by Pastors' Fellowship
Assembled at Green Lake, Wisconsin,
1951.



FROM THE FIELD

Pacific Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Matz of Startup, Washington

As the wedding march was played Mr. and Mrs. Edward Matz marched down the aisle of the Startup Baptist Church of Startup, Wash., on Friday evening, December 7th, to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Under the leadership of the pastor, the Rev. R. G. Kaiser, a fitting program was rendered. It was indeed touching to listen to the various numbers in music, readings and talks by the children, members and friends. The Rev. J. R. Matz of Bismarck, N. Dak., gave the history of the couple, followed by congratulations and remarks by friends and relatives.

At the close of the service, refreshments, including a beautiful gold-trimmed wedding cake, were served in the annex of the church to a great host of relatives and friends. Many lovely gifts were received. It was a joy to have all their children present for this gay occasion. Many friends also came as far away as the Dakotas.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Matz are sincere Christians and are known for their loyal service to God and man. May the rich blessing of God abide with them in the coming years.

R. G. Kaiser, Pastor.

Resignation of Rev. A. Kujath as Pastor of the Grace Church, Kelowna, British Columbia

At the annual business meeting of the Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, B. C., our pastor, the Rev. A. Kujath, handed his resignation to the church, due to his health, and asked us kindly to accept it, which we did. His resignation becomes effective on Sunday, May 4, 1952, after 45 years of active service in ministerial work, Mr. and Mrs. Kujath are retiring from active service and plan to make their home here in Kelowna, British Columbia.

During his 45 years of service, Brother Kujath has served the following churches: 1907-1914, mission colporteur for the Northern Conference; 1914-1925, the three churches, Freudental (Carbon), Knee Hill Creek (Torrington) and Trochu, Alberta; 1925-1938, Calgary, Alta., and also district missionary for the Northern Conference; 1938-1942, Regina, Sask.; and since 1942 he has served the Grace Baptist Church in Kelowna, British Columbia.



—Thurman Studio, Monroe, Wash.
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Matz of Startup, Wash., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration on Dec. 7th.

The Lord has used our pastor and his wife in a marvelous way throughout all these years. Many are the souls who have been shown the way of salvation under their ministry. We thank God for their faithful and untiring service to the church. May the Lord continue to bless them and may they be a blessing to everyone with whom they come in contact. We wish them God's richest blessing in their retired life!

Mary Bredin, Reporter.

Sunday School and Youth Week at the Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia

The observance of Sunday School and Youth Week at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., was presented neither at the time nor in the manner scheduled by our denominational calendar. We were concerned to have our new pastor, Dr. A. F. Felberg, with us so that together we might present the work of the Sunday School and the work of our Commissioned Baptist Youth Association, as well as the work of our Junior Young People to our congregation and friends of the church.

Sunday night, Nov. 11, was Sunday

School night in our church home. The Sunday School teachers, their assistants and officers were presented to the congregation. Dr. Felberg reminded the church how important this corps of workers was to the church and community and then presented the charge to the workers. Teachers from the different departments gave their testimony and told of the type of teaching their department was receiving.

The average attendance at our church school is 260, with fourteen teachers, assistants for six classes and four officers. Wilfred Fandry is our superintendent, and Helmut Konnert the vice-superintendent. Mr. Konnert also teaches our very fine "Home Builders Class." Our Sunday School facilities are not adequate for our needs and we are working to capacity. So we are trusting God to give us direction for a better and larger work which will result from a more spacious Sunday School auditorium and more classrooms.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights we met with the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., for a period of instruction, challenge and inspiration. He presented to us the vital requirements of the Sunday School Standard. Our Bethany Church was invited to meet with us as was also the Victoria Ave. Church from Chilliwack, British Columbia.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 18th, the young people who have the leadership in the work of our Commissioned Baptist Youth Association and the Junior Association were presented to the church. There too, Dr. Felberg called upon the church understandingly to appreciate the work of youth in the church and so to pray for them, and dared the officers and the young people to develop their talents that they might serve Christ acceptably. Leona Miller is president of the senior group and Leona Eggert of the Junior group. Ruth Miller and Hilbert Fritzke are senior advisors to the Juniors.

We are happy to have Dr. and Mrs. Felberg with us and are already realizing the value of their work.

Dorothea Fritzke, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Two Weeks of Evangelistic Services at the Baptist Church, Mercer, North Dakota

We of the First Baptist Church of Mercer, N. Dak., enjoyed two weeks of inspired evangelistic services by the Rev. Herman Palfenier beginning on Sunday evening, Oct. 21, and continuing through Nov. 1, 1951. Wonderful choruses were sung, especially the one which Brother Palfenier wrote, "The Rose of Sharon." During the two weeks of services two persons found their Savior, Jesus Christ.

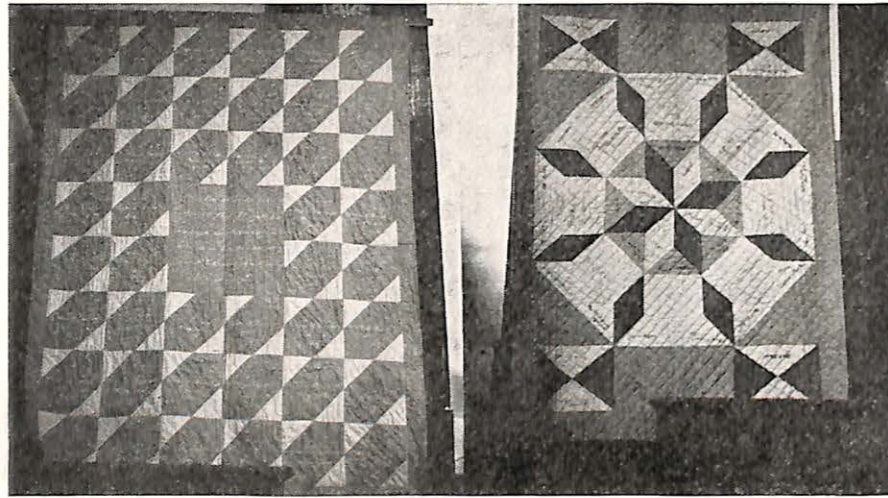
We are also thankful to our Mission Society for the wonderful work they are doing to help us with a pastor every second Sunday in the month since our pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Schmidt, left us for Madison, S. Dak., some time ago.

Sam Rust, Jr., Church Clerk.

Two Quilts Bring \$800 for Missions by the Tyndall Woman's Missionary Society

The Woman's Missionary Society of Tyndall, S. Dak., is happy to report that the two quilts that we have been making have been completed with a total sum of \$680 raised for our leper mission in Africa. (See accompanying picture.) The climax of this quilt making project was held on Friday evening, Dec. 7.

A special meeting was held in the



Two quilts made by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Tyndall Baptist Church, Tyndall, S. Dak., for the Leper Mission Field in the Cameroons and which helped the Society to raise \$800 for missions.

town auditorium with a large number of our friends attending this service. At this time both quilts were displayed and were especially pleased to have Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., with us to show us the latest pictures of our denominational missionary work. The offering which was taken at this meeting helped to raise our sum of money to \$800. This amount, together with the two quilts, will be sent for the new work in the leper mission in Africa.

On Nov. 25 our women and the Danzig Woman's Missionary Society presented a combined program in the Danzig church. We gave the song-ologue, "The Story of the Pink Rose." The offering received at this program was designated for our missions.

During the year 1951, our women have raised a total income of \$1535. Our new officers for 1952 have already held a meeting and have set up a program for the new year with special projects for each month.

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Secretary.

Missionary Activities and Special Programs by the Baptist Ladies' Aid, Presserville, Montana

The Baptist Ladies' Aid of Presserville, Mont., held its annual Fall chicken supper and fancy work sale on Oct. 6. About 175 people attended the supper. We received \$407 for the supper and fancy work sale combined.

Of this money we gave \$25 to each of the following places: Old People's Home at Bismarck, N. Dak., the Bansa Mission Hospital in Africa, our missions in Japan, and to our Publication House at Cleveland, Ohio. We also

decided to finish paying for the storm windows for the parsonage towards which the CBY had started a fund of \$20. The rest amounted to \$59. We also bought 50 new song books for our church.

We held our election of officers for 1952 which resulted as follows: president, Mrs. Henry Lang; vice-president, Mrs. Art Remmich; treasurer, Mrs. Gary Buechler; and secretary, Mrs. Rudy Buechler.

We are now having our meetings on the second Sunday afternoon of

each month with a program held in connection with our afternoon service. Our business is usually transacted during the noon hour since we bring our dinner every Sunday because quite a few people live as far as 35 miles away. We pray for God's blessing on our work.

Mrs. Rudy Buechler, Reporter.

Birthday Party and Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Carrington, North Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, N. Dak., recently held its annual birthday party with a large number in attendance. Our president welcomed the guests and led the song service. There were several musical numbers.

Two films were shown entitled, "Higher Flights" and "The Rapture," which were very impressive and enjoyed by all. The offering of the evening was designated for the Bansa Baptist Hospital.

In the past year we have sent gifts of clothing for European Relief and White Cross work. We remembered the Home for the Aged at Bismarck, N. Dak., the Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., the Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta.

In addition, we have redecorated our church basement and installed an electric stove, which was donated by Mrs. Henry Edinger. We look forward to God's continued guidance in his work and pray that we may do his will in all things and at all times.

Mrs. Fred Pepple, Jr., Reporter.

Recent Festive Events at the Baptist Church of Corona, South Dakota

The annual Thanksgiving service at the Corona Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., was observed on Thursday, Nov. 22nd. The offering was the largest in the church's history and amounted to \$1109.54. At the close of the meeting the pastor, the Rev. E. Gutsche, called Mr. and Mrs. Leonard De Boer, parents of Mrs. B. Fritzke of McLaughlin, S. Dak., to the front pew of the church to congratulate them in the name of the church on the celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary. Mr. De Boer is the senior deacon of the church. Mr. Harry Schulte, a deacon of the church, presented to them a monetary gift from the congregation. In appreciation of this token and as a benevolent gesture, Mr. and Mrs. De Boer donated to the church a new vacuum cleaner.

On Dec. 17th a delegation of church members visited Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Van Diest, grandparents of our missionary Berneice Westerman, to congratulate the aged couple on their 60th wedding anniversary. The pastor led in a brief devotion; a ladies' quartet sang several appropriate songs; Mr. L. De Boer presented to the couple a German Bible in the name of the Corona congregation; and Mr. E. Block, a former deacon of the church and also a former Bible colporter of our denomination, related a few interesting experiences in Bible selling during the "horse and buggy" age.

The annual Christmas program of the Corona Sunday School was observed on Sunday night, Dec. 23rd, before an overcrowded church. An offering for our Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., was taken.

E. Gutsche, Pastor.

Southwestern Conference

Rev. Alfred Bernadt is the New Pastor of Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas

The Rev. Alfred Bernadt of New York, N. Y., has accepted a call extended him by the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas. He will take over the new pastorate about February 1st. The Rev. Fred Ferris, former pastor of the Lorraine Church, is now minister of the First Baptist Church of Muscatine, Iowa.

In the absence of a pastor, the Lorraine church has been carrying on under the leadership of the Board of Deacons. A week of revival meetings was held with Dr. Pieter Smit as guest minister. The traditional Thanksgiving and Christmas services were held. An evening of inspirational Christmas music planned by the church music committee was offered on Sunday evening, Dec. 23, and the annual Sunday School pageant was presented to a capacity congregation on Christmas Eve.

The church is looking forward with joy and prayers to the coming of its new under-shepherd.

Mrs. Clarence Peters, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. L. B. Berndt by Minneapolis' Faith Church

On Sunday evening, Nov. 18, the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., gathered to say farewell to our pastor, the Rev. Lewis Berndt, and his wife, and daughter, Marilyn, who served us faithfully for almost ten years.

A representative from each of the various organizations of the church and the Sunday School spoke in appreciation of the work which they have done and of the many blessings we have received during their many years of service. Mrs. Henry Fluth presented Mrs. Berndt and Marilyn with beautiful corsages on behalf of the deaconesses. Mr. Albert Boettcher presented Mr. and Mrs. Berndt with a gift of money from the church.

A women's trio consisting of Mrs. Peter Adam, Mrs. Albert Anderson and Mrs. Ed Adam favored us with a selection, and Mrs. Robert Biesanz sang a solo. After the service, everyone enjoyed a time of social fellowship as refreshments were served by women of the church.

We as a church pray that God may continue to bless the Berndt's on their new field of service in Portland, Ore., at the Laurelhurst Church.

Eleanor Taubensee, Reporter.

Festive December Events at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

December proved to be quite an eventful month for the congregation of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On Sunday, December 2nd, we observed the 96th anniversary of the church. Dr. T. W. Bender, former pastor and now professor at Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, Ill., was guest preacher for the day. In the evening, we had a supper meeting followed by congregation singing and a brief message by Dr. Bender.

We had planned also to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Loehr, members of the church, at the evening meeting, but they were in Florida, and therefore, this was not possible. However, on Sunday morning, December 9th, Mr. Ken Black, church moderator, presented the Loehrs with a gift from the church.

Also on December 9th, a Christmas Vesper Concert was presented by the choir under the capable direction of Mr. William Penzek. In addition to the singing of Christmas anthems by the choir, we were favored with cello numbers by Mrs. E. Zilinski, guest soloist, and organ selections by Mr. Anthony La Porte, our organist. The concert was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who attended.

May the Lord continue to bless us as we try to carry on his work in our church.

Betty Freigang, Church Reporter.

Southern Conference

Ground Breaking Exercises for the New Edifice of the Mowata Church of Louisiana

Thanksgiving Day was a great day of rejoicing for the members of the Mowata Baptist Church near Branch, Louisiana. A special Thanksgiving service was held for the many blessings which God had bestowed upon us, and for the religious freedom we enjoy in America. Concurrently we also gave thanks to God who has made it possible for us to start a new church, after which we will remodel the old church into educational units, Sunday School rooms, etc. After the church service, the groundbreaking ceremonies took place. Our women had prepared coffee and cake for the happy occasion. Praying and rejoicing, we are now looking forward to our new church edifice while the work progresses according to plan.



Ground breaking exercises for the new edifice of the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana, with the Rev. Alex Sootzmann, pastor, at right with the shovel surrounded by members and friends of the church.

PARABLE OF TALENTS

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a symbolic form of a mortgage bond hidden and deposited in the potter's field.

Thus, the Lord reprimanded him as a wicked, slothful, unprofitable servant. He had his angels take the talent from him (Matt. 13:41) and cast him into outer darkness. His talent was given by his angels to him who had ten talents.

This talent would have had the same reward as the others had it been administered effectively by this man. The reward, which was connected with this talent and which was now in the hand of one who had the ten talents, could have been applied as a reward to the service of that newly chosen disciple servant, Matthias, who was numbered with the eleven apostles (Acts 1:26).

This new disciple, Matthias, did not take part in the promise of Jesus, when the Lord appointed the future kingdom to his twelve disciples (Luke 22:28-30) but now since he was filling the vacancy of Judas, he was also legally entitled to the talent reward of Judas.

December 9th was another day of rejoicing as five young people were baptized upon confession of their faith by the pastor, the Rev. Alex Sootzmann. The communion service was observed and the five young people received the hand of fellowship.

Alex Sootzmann, Pastor.

Central Conference

Farewell Reception by the Kankakee, Illinois, Church for Rev. and Mrs. Fred Lower

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Ill., honored the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Lower and their family at a farewell service on Wednesday night, Dec. 12. Mrs. Bertilda Klaiss, chairman of the program committee, presided at the service and others on her committee included Mrs. W. E. Stewig and Mrs. W. T. Edwards. Decorating of the church in the holiday motif was done by Mrs. J. Burton Hertz and Miss Germaine Wasser.

Hymns were sung by the congregation and four selections were presented

BIBLE DAY
Watch for announcements about and programs for BIBLE DAY to be observed on Sunday, March 9, 1952!

Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand, Missionaries

Report About the Farewell Service Held by the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand, Cameroons Missionaries

The appointment of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand as our Cameroons missionaries and the farewell reception tendered them by the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kans., on Thursday evening, Dec. 20th, could have been termed "something very special." Mr. Hildebrand was appointed by the General Missionary Committee as missionary-builder. The appointment is only for a two-year period. It was made in spite of the fact that they are over the age limit for missionaries beginning their work. But with the need of an experienced builder and contractor on the Cameroons mission field and with their eagerness to return to Africa after their brief service of several months last year at their own expense on the field, this special appointment was made with the assurance of God's blessing upon their forthcoming ministry.

Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand spent most of the day on December 31st in the Forest Park headquarters conferring with Missionary Paul Gebauer, the Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, and the other denominational secretaries. They sailed on January 4th from New York City bound for England. They hoped to board a freighter for Africa about January 15th and are expecting to arrive in the Cameroons early in February. They are our 30th and 31st missionaries under appointment serving on the Cameroons mission field. (See editorial in this issue.)

Many things of special significance featured the farewell service of the Stafford Church for Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand on the evening of Dec. 20th. In spite of two degree temperature in the area at the time, a good crowd of members and visitors attended. The colorful Christmas decorations, especially the lighted tree, laid the setting for this joyous occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand have lived their entire lives in the Stafford community and church. They are known as "Uncle Ernest" and "Aunt Augusta" to almost everybody. This was a special event for the church as two of their number, a farmer and builder and beloved church leader,

and his wife, were set apart for this missionary service in the Cameroons.

The pastor, the Rev. A. A. Stackhouse, was in charge of the impressive program and expressed for the church and personally the deep joy that everyone in Stafford felt over this appointment. In various ways, the music of the evening conveyed our praise to God. Miss Donna Stalcup led the congregational singing. A quartet composed of Messrs. Ben Fritzemeyer, Harvey Fritzemeyer, Clarence and August Hildebrand, with Mrs. Harvey Fritzemeyer at the piano, and a duet of Mrs. Sam Stalcup and Mr. Harvey Fritzemeyer sang appropriate numbers. The pastor of the neighboring Bison church, Mr. Jack Block, read the Scripture passage of Romans 10:1-15 and Mr. Leon Bill, a student at the Chicago's Northern Baptist Seminary, offered prayer. Mrs. Gilbert Flandermeyer served as pianist for the service.

The message was brought by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., on 1 Chronicles 19:13: "Be of good courage—and let the Lord do that which is Good in his sight." The presentation of gifts in behalf of the church was made with very fitting words by the Rev. C. B. Thole, a member of the church. They were given shock-proof wrist watches which are guaranteed to withstand "the heat and tear" of the tropics. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand responded graciously and humbly, expressing their great joy in going to the Cameroons. A time for fellowship and refreshments afterwards brought this festive occasion to a close.

God moves in mysterious ways, his wonders to perform. This is true in the lives of our missionaries, as well as in the advancing program of our denomination. It has been the experience of Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand. Their church friends in Stafford, Kans., are eyewitnesses of that fact. All of us are convinced of it as we include Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand with the other missionaries in our intercessory prayers before the Eternal Throne of our heavenly Father.

Martin L. Leuschner, Reporter.

GRACE

By P. Doddridge

Grace! 'tis a charming sound,
Harmonious to the ear;
Heaven with the echo shall resound,
And all the earth shall hear.

"Twas grace that wrote my name
In life's eternal book;
'Twas grace that gave me to the
Lamb,

Who all my sorrows took.

Grace taught my soul to pray,
And made mine eyes o'erflow;
'Twas grace which kept me to this
day,
And will not let me go.

Saved by grace alone! this is all
my plea:
Jesus died for all mankind, and
Jesus died for me.

—EVANGELICAL CHRISTIAN.

"By grace are ye saved."

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.)

MISS MARIE L. GROENIG of Cambria, California.

Miss Marie L. Groenig of Cambria, Calif., was born on Feb. 23, 1885 near Holloway, Minn., and passed away on Nov. 21, 1951 in a hospital in San Luis Obispo, California. Miss Groenig grew to young womanhood in Holloway. She was converted at an early age, baptized and was a member of the Holloway Baptist Church until she went to live in Los Angeles, California.

During the past three years she made her home in Cambria, California. She leaves to mourn her departure two brothers and six sisters. We look forward to a blessed reunion in the Home above.

Milan, Minnesota

MRS. MARTHA H. FRIEDRICH, Correspondent.

MRS. EDWARD REISER of Washburn, North Dakota.

Mrs. Lydia Mittleider Reiser of Washburn, N. Dak., was born on August 13, 1895 at Cathay, N. Dak., and went to be with the Lord on December 8, 1951 at the age of 56 years.

In 1912 she was baptized by the Rev. G. Freigang. She was united in marriage with Edward Reiser in January 1915 and leaves to mourn her sorrowing husband, four sons and four daughters, two sisters and four brothers, and 13 grandchildren.

At the funeral service held in the Washburn Baptist Church, the undersigned spoke in English and German about that great word of Paul, "Sure." "I know whom I have believed" (2 Tim. 1:12). Mrs. Alf and Mrs. Emmanuel Klein sang duets and Mrs. Schaefer rendered a solo. Many flowers and sympathy cards were presented.

Washburn, North Dakota

FREDERICK ALF, Pastor.

MRS. PETER KNOLL of Lehr, North Dakota.

Mrs. Rosa Knoll, nee Schaeffer, of Lehr, N. Dak., was born September 28, 1904 at Glückstal, South Russia. In the year 1907 she came to America with her parents, who made their home south of Wishek, North Dakota. On December 21, 1922 she was united in holy matrimony to Mr. Peter Knoll at Wishek, after which they made their home on a farm northwest of Venturia, North Dakota. In 1927 they moved to a farm eleven miles north of Lehr, North Dakota. Here she spent the greater part of her life, until the Fall of 1948. Then they moved to Lehr, where she made her home until her untimely death.

As a young girl of 15 years of age, she accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior, and in 1931 also followed him in baptism. She was baptized by the Rev. J. J. Abel, and became a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church at Lehr. She loved her Savior and her church and remained a true and faithful member. She was a true follower of Christ until her departure from this life. She was ready and prepared to meet her God. She was a loving mother and will be greatly missed by those left behind.

Her illness was of several weeks' duration. As her condition became steadily worse, her family consulted the best medical skill to secure help and a possible cure for her illness. She underwent a major operation on Monday, November 5, in the University Hospital at Minneapolis, Minn., from which she never recovered. On Thursday evening, November 8, 1951, she was relieved of her suffering to be with the Lord. She reached the age of 47 years, one month and 11 days.

She leaves to mourn her untimely death, her husband; one son, Vernon; and one

daughter, Mrs. Lena Schauer, all of Lehr; her father, John Schaeffer of Wishek, N. Dak.; four sisters: Frieda Rohrbach, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Martha Schaible, Long Lake, S. Dak.; Viola Iszler, Cleveland, N. Dak.; and Emma Wanner of Wishek, N. Dak.; three brothers: John of Buchanan, N. Dak.; Arthur of Montpelier, N. Dak.; and Reinhold of Wishek, N. Dak.; two grandchildren, as well as a host of relatives and friends.

Her spirit of friendliness and Christian testimony will never be forgotten. Funeral services were held from the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr with the Rev. John Heer, pastor of the church and the Rev. W. D. Elmer, pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren Church of Lehr taking charge. Mr. Heer brought the message on the text, "... and they that were ready, went in with him..." (Matt. 25:10).

Lehr, North Dakota

JOHN HEER, Pastor.

MR. JOHN E. JOHNSON of Lenox, South Dakota.

Mr. John E. Johnson of Lennox, S. Dak., was born on September 2, 1892 to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Johnson on a farm near Lennox, S. Dak., and went to be with the Lord on Dec. 14, 1951 at the age of 53 years, 3 months and 11 days.

Early in life he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, following him in baptism and united with the Baptist Church of Parker, S. Dak., and later with the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, South Dakota. His devotion to his church was ever manifested in his faithful attendance and he rendered a faithful and loving ministry in that his home was always opened to pastors and friends of the church.

On Feb. 24, 1927, he was united in marriage to Margaret Burfeindt of Avon, South Dakota. This union was blessed with one daughter, Mar Jean Marie.

In his untimely death he leaves to mourn his beloved wife, Margaret; and daughter, Mar Jean; two sisters and one brother; Bertha Garvin of Castlewood, S. Dak.; Etta Rust of Hartford, S. Dak.; Mr. August Johnson of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; and a great host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 17, in the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, conducted by Rev. Hugh Bronstad of Lennox, and assisted by Rev. William Schoder of Worthing.

Lennox, South Dakota

MRS. JOHN E. JOHNSON, Correspondent.

MRS. EMILY JANSSEN of Lorraine, Kansas.

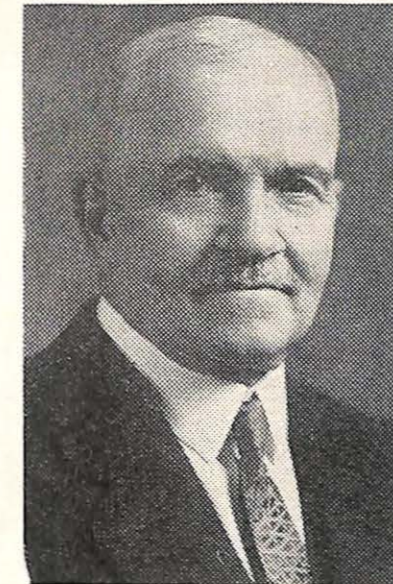
Mrs. Emily Janssen Steinberg of Lorraine, Kans., was born Feb. 3, 1880 in Lincoln Township, Kans., the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Heye Janssen. She passed away early on Tuesday morning, Dec. 11, 1951, at the age of 71 years, 10 months and 8 days.

She accepted Christ as her personal Savior and upon confession of her faith was baptized by the Rev. Robert Stracke and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas. On May 5, 1901 she was united in marriage to Walter Steinberg, to which union five daughters were born, two of whom preceded her to her heavenly home: Alva Steinberg Janzen and an infant daughter, Virgie.

While her health permitted she enjoyed teaching in the Sunday School and taking an active part in the Woman's Missionary Society. Sister Steinberg was a woman of rare quality. She was courteous and kind, sympathetic and loving, ever ready to help when possible, never sparing with her strength and energy when needed. She was a wonderful wife and mother. Her family was always uppermost in her mind.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her husband; three daughters: Bernice of the home, Mrs. Walter Kohrs of Geneseo, Kansas and Mrs. Joe Truhlar of Lorraine, Kansas; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; also one brother, Alfred Janssen of Lorraine; and three sisters: Mrs. Augusta Schmidt of Lorraine, Mrs. Walter Schacht of Downey, Calif.; and Miss Nellie Janssen of Kansas City, Mo., besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church in Lorraine, Kans., on Dec.



Rev. August G. Lang of Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

14 with Dr. Pieter Smit of Marshalltown, Iowa, and the Rev. Walter Schmidt of Lorraine officiating.

Lorraine, Kansas

BERNICE STEINBERG, Correspondent.

REV. AUGUST G. LANG of Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

The Rev. August Gottfried Lang of Parkersburg, Iowa, was born June 13, 1867, at Linkenheim, Baden, Germany, and died Nov. 29th at the age of 84 years, 5 months and 16 days.

He came to this country as a young man in 1886, settling first at Detroit, Mich., where he worked at various jobs, finally beginning working in the medical laboratory of Park Davis Medical Co., where after some time he was made a foreman in his department. After ten years of service with that firm, he took service with the Paris Medicine Co., located at that time at Ashville, North Carolina. Later when an enlarged business required it, he moved to St. Louis, Mo., and later back again to Detroit, Michigan.

He had learned to know the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior while still a young man in Germany. However, it was not until 1897 while living in Detroit that he was baptized in the Wabash River, becoming a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Detroit. It was while living at Ashville, N. C., that he began to preach to the poor mountain whites there. Later, in Detroit, and after having taken Bible Studies under W. R. Newell, he began preaching in the city missions, helping out in various churches. It was then that he felt definitely called to the active pastorate, beginning the work of a pastor with the church at Gladwin, Mich., where also he was ordained as a pastor.

He was married in 1893 to Miss Bertha Reuter. To this union there were born nine children, of whom five have preceded the father into eternity: four as infants and Evelyn, who died at the age of 17 years. In 1910 the marriage union also was dissolved by the death of the wife and mother of the children. 1911 he again entered into marriage union with Bertha Zimmerman, who became a faithful mother to the motherless children and a dear helpmeet to him. In 1921, however, this second union was dissolved by death. The Lord here again provided for his need, and he again entered into marriage with Miss Gezena Wilhelms, his now sorrowing wife, who has been a faithful helpmeet to him, sharing in a wonderful way the work of the minister in the various churches which he served.

In 1937 our brother resigned from his work in the Parkersburg Baptist Church, intending to retire. The Lord, however, still had work for him, so he was called to serve first as interim pastor at Emery,

S. Dak., which church however soon called him as their pastor, where he served for two years when he again resigned. He continued to serve as interim pastor at Chancellor, S. Dak., at Avon, S. Dak., and at Buffalo Center, Iowa, after which he retired from the active ministry. He lived for a time at Britt, Iowa, and in Nov. 1948 moved back to Parkersburg, Iowa, which had since been his home.

Brother Lang was a true man of God, a man of prayer, and faithful in his ministry, highly honored and greatly beloved by all who knew him. May he hear from the Lord: "Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

He leaves to mourn his departure his now sorrowing wife: one son, Arthur, of Victor, Iowa; three daughters: Alma, Mrs. Fredrick of Steamboat Rock; Bertha, who has served 28 years as a missionary in China; Kathryn, wife of Rev. Arthur Vinz, now of Dixon, Ill.; also six grandchildren as well as many other relatives, and a host of friends.

As a pastor he served the following churches: Gladwin, Mich., 1909-1912; Muscatine, Iowa, 1912-1916; Steamboat Rock, Iowa, 1916-1922; Baileyville, Ill., 1922-1923; Buffalo Center, Iowa, 1924-1930; Parkersburg, Iowa, 1930-1937; and Emery, S. Dak., 1938-1940.

Pastors present at the funeral service were: Dr. George Lang, G. Ehrhorn, C. Swyter, C. F. Lehr, Howard Johnson, Lewis Johnson, C. Sentman and L. Lindgren. The undersigned spoke on the passage which Mr. Lang had chosen for himself, 2 Cor. 5:20, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."

Steamboat Rock, Iowa

H. LOHR, Pastor.

APPRECIATION

We want to express our sincere thanks for the many cards, letters, gifts, telegrams and other tokens of love which were received during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father.

MRS. A. G. LANG
and the Family.

MR. ADAM GOHRING of Napoleon, North Dakota.

Mr. Adam Gohring of Napoleon, N. Dak., was born as the son of Adam and Magdaline Gohring, May 5, 1890, in the Berlin Settlement south of Fredonia, N. Dak., and unexpectedly departed this life October 19, 1951, at the age of 61 years, 5 months and 4 days. At an early age Mr. Gohring accepted Christ as his personal Savior and Lord, being baptized upon the confession of his faith into the fellowship of the Berlin Baptist Church by Rev. S. Fuxa.

Brother Gohring has held membership in the following Baptist Churches: Berlin and Bismarck, N. Dak.; Salem and McMinnville, Ore.; and since 1946 in Napoleon, N. Dak., proving himself a faithful follower of the Lord Jesus. At two different times he was financial secretary of our church, proving himself faithful and capable in this office.

On February 8, 1912 he was married to Miss Eva Schweigert and to this union were born one son, Henry, and one daughter, Ida, Mrs. Edwen Grenz. Sorrow came to Mr. Gohring and his two children by the homegoing of the wife and mother on April 4, 1929. On October 13, 1929 he was married to Miss Hulda Grenz, who took up the duties of the motherless home, and to this union two sons, Cletus and Milton, and one daughter, Maxine, were born. Mr. Gohring was preceded in death by his first wife, his parents, one brother and two sisters.

There remain to mourn his sudden passing his wife, Mrs. Hulda Gohring; three sons: Henry of John Day, Ore.; Cletus and Milton at home; two daughters: Ida, Mrs. Edwen Grenz, Napoleon, N. Dak.; and Maxine at home; five grandchildren; one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Henry Gohring, John Day, Ore.; two brothers and one sister, and many other relatives and a sorrowing church.

Napoleon Baptist Church,
Napoleon, North Dakota

THEODORE FREY, Pastor.

TOWARD EVANGELISM

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worship were being conducted in an old Methodist Church in the next lot. There is much evidence of the working of the Holy Spirit and prayer at Beatrice. The Rev. David Zimmerman and his delegation drove from Colorado to the conference—over 500 miles! Easterners think one-fifth of that is too far to travel for a meeting.

Another problem like unto the first. How does one get into central Iowa from Beatrice? With the aid of the Rev. John Broeder, we hastened to Lincoln and took two trains to Des Moines via Omaha. The "slow boat to China" is a speedboat compared to these two trains. With no diner aboard, one has to take advantage of an unpremeditated period of fasting. Leaving Des Moines next noon, I took a comfortable "Rocket" to Iowa Falls. The one person whose address I had in Aplington could not be reached. I remained in Iowa Falls for the night.

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in Newark, 110 churches, and less than 20 white churches open on Sunday nights, this was indeed a God-given blessing. Then there was another pleasure, that of spending a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson at Steamboat.

The Conference on Evangelism at Sheffield, Iowa, composed of the churches of the Iowa area, was under the able direction of the Rev. Henry Smuland. The same spirit and Christian friendliness was present here. Another tragedy occurred in the shooting and suicide of two townspeople

known by many. It impressed all there with the necessity of the human heart to be changed by the power of God in Christ Jesus.

An added feature of this assembly was the very able presentations of laymen Richard Mulder and Harry Luiken. Attending the conference was an interested American Baptist pastor, the Rev. Arthur Beatty. It was my privilege to preach at his church in Sheffield, before boarding the Illinois Central for the overnight trip into Chicago.

The long ride to Newark from Chicago was filled with thanksgiving, study, reminiscence and sleep. Time will not easily erase the experiences of these thrill-packed days in the ministry of our Lord. Included is the memory of visiting Moody Bible Institute to see a young man studying for the foreign field, after receiving his call under the present ministry.

Did "The General" writhe along like a great dragon with its nostrils spewing bright sparks into the night, breathing heavily, dragging its long fluorescent-segmented body down the mountainside, outside of Altoona? I rather presume it did. But isn't it true that necessary sleep often inoculates one from seeing sights?

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