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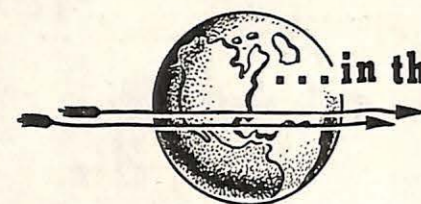


Benjamin Franklin Memorial Museum, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Washington, D.C., for Christ**

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...in the course of human events

● A postage stamp will be issued this year to commemorate the 500th anniversary of printing of the Gutenberg Bible, the first book to be printed from movable type, was published by Johannes Gutenberg at Mainz, Germany, between 1450 and 1455. Post Office spokesman said this will be the first stamp ever issued to mark the anniversary of a Bible.—The Register.

● A 1952 telephone directory published by the Catholic News for the Archdioceses of New York and Newark and the Dioceses of Trenton, Brooklyn, Paterson and Camden lists the following interesting statistics for the area covered: Catholics, 4,275,401; churches, 1,207; schools, 1,106; other institutions, 805; priests, 5,267; sisters, 18,992; and brothers, 1,524.—The Register.

● "Artists failed to depict a Black King in most 1951 Christmas cards showing the Magi, a survey by the Catholic Mission for Good Will disclosed. More than 10 variations of scenes picturing the Magi were checked. The artists' failure to contrast skin color is at variance with tradition, though not with the account of the Magis' visit by St. Matthew, who ignores race, a mission spokesman noted.—The Register.

● A clergyman of Sweden's Lutheran State Church complained to Time's correspondent in Sweden: Our churches are empty. We do not seem able to interest the young. But nobody else seems able to interest them either. A few months ago Stockholm was treated to the spectacle of gangs of prostitutes, homosexuals and assorted hoodlums mixing every Saturday night in Berzelli Park to the delight of onlookers. The divorce rate has jumped from 7.7 percent in 1939 to 14 percent in 1950. Sweden has one of the world's highest illegitimacy rates and one of the highest alcoholism rates.—Our Sunday Observer.

● The Coptic Church in Egypt has initiated a movement organizing 439 societies in order to promote reform, religious education and preaching services. Sunday Schools have been started in villages. The lessons are based on chapters of the Gospel, which are read at the daily church services. A Sunday School magazine has been started, as well as hundreds of thousands of leaflets, photographs and books have been printed. A training institute for teacher training has been

opened. These people are being subjected to all sorts of pressures at the hands of Islamic authorities. The parliament, with its Islamic majority, is constantly curtailing the rights of the Copts.—The Evangelical Christian.

● In Spain thousands of persons are believed to be reading the gospel of salvation through faith in a book written by a former Roman Catholic leader of that country. The author, Dr. Louis Padrosa, was converted early in 1951 after reading the Colportage book, "The Way to God," by D. L. Moody. Following a public testimony on February 18, 1951, Dr. Padrosa was forced to flee to South America. There he wrote his testimony, "Why I left Catholicism," sending several copies to outstanding people in his native Spain. On learning that the book was being read, the bishop of Barcelona banned the book, excommunicating all who read it. Similar notices were published by the bishops in other districts. The result was that a great interest was aroused which increased the sales of the book.—Moody Monthly.

● "The Christian in this dispensation is not under Law to tithe, anymore than he is under many of the Old Testament laws given by God primarily to Israel. The command to tithe is not directly repeated in the New Testament, though giving for the support of preachers of the Gospel and for the relief of needy saints is required and commended . . . Many Christians believe that they ought not to give less than the Jews were required to do, and have found that the soundest and safest basis for all their giving is to set aside one-tenth of their income for the Lord's service. The tithe is based on what one earns, not on what one receives, particularly in these days. Money kept out of pay envelopes for social security and retirement funds is intended to be for the benefit of the individual. The fact that the money is taken out of the pay envelope before the wage-earner receives it does not mean that it was not his at one time. If a man decides before God to tithe his income, he ought to lay aside one-tenth of all that he earns—"on the books." A man is not really tithing his income who gives only a tenth of what he gets in his pay envelope."—The Sunday School Times.

The editor of this department is the Rev. John Grygo of the Ogden Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill.

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. R. Schilke
March 16 (Sunday)—Trenton, Ill. (50th Anniversary).
March 21 (Friday)—Forest Church, Munson, Pennsylvania.
March 23 (Sunday A.M.)—Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
March 23 (Sunday P.M.)—Union Church, Arnold, Pennsylvania.
March 27 (Thursday)—Aplington, Iowa.
March 30 (Sunday)—Toronto, Ont.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
March 17-18—Oklahoma Christian Workers' Conference, Shattuck, Oklahoma.
March 20-21—Kansas Christian Workers' Conference, Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas.
March 23 (Sunday A.M.)—Stafford, Kansas.
March 30 (Sunday)—Kenosha, Wis.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
March 16 (Sunday P.M.)—Cathay, North Dakota.
March 17—Carrington, N. Dak.
March 18—Fessenden, N. Dak. (Germantown Church also present).
March 19—Underwood, N. Dak.
March 20—Goodrich, North Dakota.
March 21—Anamoose, North Dakota.
March 23 (Sunday A.M.)—McClusky, North Dakota.
March 23 (Sunday Afternoon)—Rosenfeld, North Dakota.
March 23 (Sunday P.M.)—Harvey, North Dakota.
March 24—Turtle Lake, N. Dak.
March 25—Washburn, North Dakota.
March 30 (Sunday)—Mound Prairie, Wisconsin.

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist
March 2-14—Calvary Church, Tacoma, Washington.
March 16-28—Stafford Church, Sherwood, Oregon.

Dr. John Leypoldt, Interim Pastor
March 9-21—Minnetrista Church, St. Bonifacius, Minnesota.

Miss Ida Forsch, Missionary
March 12 (Wednesday)—Missoula, Montana.
March 16 (Sunday)—Paul, Idaho.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 14-15—Summer Visitation Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT EDMONTON BIBLE SCHOOL

Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta
March 19-20—Annual Sessions of the CTI Board.
April 6 (Sunday)—Baccalaureate Sermon.
April 7—Mission Day.
April 8—Commencement Exercises.

Editorial

Straight Ahead!

"AND IT CAME TO PASS, when the time was come that Jesus should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem." This word in Luke 9:51 gives us a remarkable picture of Jesus Christ as he faced Jerusalem and the cross with unswerving devotion to God's eternal plan of salvation and with unflinching courage to fulfill his ministry on earth. For the Lord Jesus Christ at this critical moment in his life, there was only one way for him to go. Straight ahead!

In these days before Easter we as Christ's disciples find ourselves on many roads of life and at critical crossroads. Salvation has been wrought out for us in the finished work of Christ on the cross. But the spirit of the Master must energize us, since we too have to make important decisions that will affect the fervency and glow of our Christian witness for years to come.

There's a cross to face for every one of us. In this same chapter (Luke 9), Jesus charged his disciples by saying: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me." The chapter closes with these dramatic words spoken to a wavering follower of his: "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God." In the Christian life, it is always straight ahead!

The cross for you represents the self-denials which must be made for Christ, the persecutions and troubles you must face for your faith, the things in your life that must be crucified for Christ's sake. You cannot evade them if you would be true to your convictions and to your Savior. There is only one way, straight ahead, to bear that cross with Christ-like suffering and love.

In all these things of choice and decision, there is always one way to go and that is God's way, the divine way, straight ahead! God commands, and we must follow! "For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification. For God hath not called us into uncleanness, but unto holiness" (1 Thessalonians 4:2-3, 7). Our faces must be set stedfastly to be about the heavenly Father's business and to make Christ known everywhere.

All of this means that there is a task to be done. We have been saved to serve and to tell others. Everything in life will have to go forth from us in a Christ-like ministry to minister to others, not to turn back upon ourselves in selfish gains. This is the direction of Christian service—straight ahead toward the needs of others.

This is the best spiritual preparation for the true observance of Easter. Our spiritual eyes are set stedfastly toward Christ. The Apostle Paul's words ring strangely in our ears: "Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things." Then too the reading of this issue with its missionary and denominational challenge will have a more personal meaning for you. For you will be going onward and forward with the Risen Lord—straight ahead into adventures of spiritual blessing!

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The Christ of the Emmaus Road

There is no greater message than this: Christ lives! This vital experience sent the Emmaus disciples back to Jerusalem with their hearts deeply stirred. We are confident that to each the Christ of the Emmaus Road will point out "the things concerning himself," even as to your part in the denominational Easter Offering

By the REV. R. SCHILKE, General Missionary Secretary

"Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" Luke 24:32.

PERHAPS NEVER before in their lives were the hearts of those two disciples of the village of Emmaus set so aflame as they were as a result of their conversation with the Christ of the Emmaus Road. But then this was their first conversation with him. They knew the Christ of Nazareth. They knew the Christ of the Galilean shores. They knew the Christ as he walked among the people teaching, preaching, healing, and doing good to all men. In those last days they also came to know, though they could not understand the why and wherefore, the Christ of Gethsemane and of Calvary. But they had not yet seen nor come to know the resurrected Christ as he appeared to them on the road to Emmaus.

We know very little about those two disciples. This is the only story in the gospels about them, and one of them we do not even know by name. They did not belong to the circle of the twelve. Perhaps they belonged to the circle of the seventy, or perhaps they even belonged to a circle beyond the seventy, for Christ had many followers in his day. It is usually taken for granted that they walked from Jerusalem to Emmaus on that memorable day, for Luke tells us: "Two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about three score furlongs," and the phrase in verse 33, "and returned to Jerusalem," would indicate as much.

DISILLUSIONED DISCIPLES

They were thus in Jerusalem with the other disciples sorrowing over the events of the past few days. Without a doubt, the one topic of conversation that first Easter day was Christ their beloved Master in whom they had staked all their hopes for the revival of the kingdom of David. How disappointed and disillusioned they were! "But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, today is the third day since these things were done." Notice the past perfect tense in which

they spoke. The events of the day, the story of the women who had related their visions of angels and of the message which they had received that Christ was alive only added to the confusion of their mind. They knew not what to think nor what to believe.

Thus the day was spent. If they were to go back to their home at Emmaus before night fell, they could not stay in Jerusalem all day. They bade farewell to the disciples and left the city behind them, but they could not bid farewell to their thoughts. And so the conversation of the day continued between the two of them as they walked along the road to Emmaus.

But what a turn that conversation took! A stranger met them, joined them, questioned them, and turned the conversation from disappointment to anticipation, from discouragement to confidence, from despair to elation, from defeat to victory! They knew him not, this stranger; though they should have known him. His words were like the balm of Gilead upon their wounded hearts. Their eyes rested upon his lips and their ears upon every word that proceeded from them. They could not bear the thought of parting when they came to Emmaus. He had brought such unexpected comfort to their soul. And so they invited him in that they might hear more, learn more, and keep the gloomy thoughts dispelled.

AN UNEXPECTED CHANGE

Then suddenly they knew him as he broke bread with them. He had called them fools; and fools they were. They believed him dead when all along he walked with them and talked with them and brought them back to

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Lord."

life, for they had been half dead with sorrow. Before that walk to Emmaus they thought they knew the Christ but they did not really know him, for they knew not that he was "the resurrection and the life," that death could not hold him. On that road to Emmaus they saw him in a new light, the light of Scripture, as this stranger revealed to them the Lamb of God slain for the sins of the world.

Then suddenly they recognized him. It was Christ himself who thus spoke to them! He vanished out of their sight, but faith no longer needs sight. Christ lives! It was no longer merely the story of the women; it had become their own experience. After such an experience it does not surprise us to hear them say: "Did not our heart burn within us . . .?"

Their hearts were aflame with a new message which could not be kept for themselves. In Jerusalem were those who were just as despondent as they had been only a few hours previously. They must hear this wonderful news that Christ is not dead but alive. And so back to Jerusalem they returned that very night. In their hearts they carried with them the Christ of the Emmaus Road: new hope, new faith, new life. Such was their experience. Can we learn any lessons from it? I believe we can.

CHRIST OFFERS THE SOLUTION

Christ makes our problems his problems, our sin his to bear. "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows." "The Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." Because of that fact he could not pass those two by; neither does he pass us by. We sing with Fanny Crosby, "Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry," and we can rest assured that the feeblest cry of our soul does not pass his ear undetected.

In his book, "The Christ of Every Road," E. Stanley Jones tells of a famous Orientalist who made a round-trip of three thousand miles in order that he might fill a gap in his knowledge of Buddhism. In conversation with that man, he was told that he was searching a new religion. Among the things this new religion was to have was that it should "take the

human attitude toward people, really to care for and love people."

Because of sin this human attitude to care for and love people is far from perfect even at its best. In Christ we have the divine attitude toward our human ills. God cares. God loves. God is concerned. In his story of the man who fell among the robbers, Christ showed us the human attitude in the actions of the first two who passed the unfortunate one by, but the divine attitude in the action of the good Samaritan who made the problems of others his problems.

Life becomes unbearable for some. Their problems hurl them into the valley of despair where Satan closes all exits except one: death. But that need not be for there is quite another exit: it is life! He who is the Way, the Truth and the Life comes to each of us and with his question, "What manner of communications are these that ye have one to another, as ye walk, and are sad?" he shows us thereby the senselessness of wrestling with them ourselves when he has the solution ready for us.

CHRIST COMFORTS IN SORROW

Already the message of the Old Testament rang forth: "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith God." The New Testament message can be no less. To it



Like his Master on the Emmaus Road, the Christian missionary meets with natives on every road of the world presenting to them the Gospel of the Risen Lord, their Savior.

was added the personal touch of the hand of God, for God was in Christ when he stepped down to dwell among men. One of the greatest services that can be rendered is that of bringing comfort to those in sorrow.

A man had lost his beloved wife through death. Many came to comfort him but their words seemed empty and without meaning. One dear friend

came to him, sat beside him and without saying a word just put his arms about him and wept with him. He left as quietly as he had come. Later when sorrow subsided, this man said that of all the comfort brought him there was none greater than that which this friend brought him.

Christ comforts those in sorrow through his companionship. "Jesus himself drew near, and went with them." We are not told how far he walked with them before he began talking to them, but we are confident that he did not force himself upon them in their sorrow. To know that he is present is the greatest comfort that can come to a heart in loneliness and forsakenness. And he is! "I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

Christ comforts those in sorrow through his complete understanding of their bewildered thoughts. Men and women in sorrow are not always understood, least of all by those who have not gone through similar experiences. They may also not be understood because their reasoning may be faulty. But what broken heart asks for logic when its hopes lie shattered like the pieces of a beautiful vase? It yearns for sympathy and understanding in such hours of distress. How comforting it is to be assured that One understands and cares—Christ, who himself was so misunderstood and who suffered so much!

CHRIST DISPELS CONFUSION

There is nothing that has the power of sobering us as much as does the true Word of God. It is not the philosophy and wisdom of man. That has often been praised as the enlightenment of the age. But it brings enlightenment only in so far as it rests upon the sure foundation of God's Word. Otherwise it brings confusion of thought as to the realities of God and life. Paul warned the Colossians when he wrote: "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

Christ did not quote the philosophers of the world when he began to shed light upon the problem of these Emmaus disciples. Neither did he quote the rabbis of Israel. "He expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself." It is the truth of Scripture which sets our mind straight as to ourself, the world, Christ, God and eternity. It is in Scripture that God has left his record of what truth is. It is to Scripture where he must go and permit the Holy Spirit to shed his light upon our darkened mind and heart. Christ said, "Light is come into the world" and again, "I am the light of the world." It is because of this that Paul wrote to the Romans: "Therefore you have no excuse, whoever you are" (Goodspeed translation).



The Gospel message of John 3:16 in the Japanese language with its strange alphabetical characters.

A missionary was talking to a crowd of people, most of whom did not know Christ. He said, "I am travelling and have reached the place where the road forks and goes into two ways. I look for a guide, and find two men, one dead and the other alive. Which one can guide me and tell me which is the right way to take, the dead or the living one?" "Oh, the living one," cried the people. And so it is the living, resurrected Christ of the Emmaus Road who can guide us from the confusion of death to the glorious realm of life.

CHRIST REVEALS GOD'S WAYS

To the disciples it was folly that Christ should suffer and die. On one occasion when Christ spoke about his coming suffering, Peter began to rebuke him saying, "Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee." We are astounded to hear Christ call Peter "Satan." "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offense unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." Those well meaning words of Peter were of Satan and not of God.

To many men it is folly why Christ should have died, why God should have made him a sacrifice because of sin. Were they in God's place, they would have found a different way to save mankind. The tragedy on Calvary could certainly have been avoided. Such talk may give the air of learnedness and nobility, yet in God's sight it is rancid. "Get thee behind me, Satan."

For Christ the way of suffering was the way to glory; it was the way of God. "Did not the Christ have to suffer thus before entering upon his glory?" (Goodspeed translation.) In Gethsemane he fervently prayed that God's will might be done in his life. This was God's will for him. He fulfilled it and as a result was glorified. In death he conquered death, and

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The Christ on the Japanese Road

Japan's great open door to the Gospel must be entered in force now! This year of the Dragon, the 27th year of Showa, the Christian year of 1952, is another year of crisis in the Orient

By the REV. JAY HIRTH, One of Our Three Missionaries in Japan

ON MARCH 31, 1854, Commodore Perry's treaty was signed and the new era of Japan was begun. After nearly two hundred years of seclusion, the doors of Japan were forced open to the Occidental countries. Many godly people had been praying and working toward this end, and now finally it was realized.

Although missionaries were not permitted actually to enter until 1859, Christians such as Commodore Perry and Townsend Harris tried by various means to make the Gospel of Christ known to the Japanese.

Although the doors were open for foreign residence in 1859, there was still much prejudice to be broken down. The missionaries were in constant danger of their lives. Attacks without any warning or provocation were very common. It was difficult to get a language teacher for mission-

aries, and the government prohibited the sale of Christian literature.

In 1868 the new Meiji Shinto government issued the following edict:

"The evil sect, called Christian, is strictly prohibited. Suspicious persons should be reported to the proper officers and rewards will be given."

During this period Christian meetings were attended with great difficulty, and if a Japanese was caught in such a service, his life was endangered and imprisonment was almost certain. However, in spite of the edicts and opposition, the work of the Gospel progressed slowly.

On February 19, 1873 a new era was ushered in. The Japanese government issued a decree which removed the edicts against Christianity. This was the beginning of a short period of religious toleration. For a while the church grew rapidly. From 1873

to 1888 the churches and the chapels were crowded with interested listeners. The mission schools were filled with eager students.

But then reaction set in. A strong feeling of nationalism began to be stressed. Everything foreign was condemned. Christianity was considered a dangerous foreign force, and soon churches and chapels became nearly empty. The school enrollment was cut in half. But God used this reaction to prune the church and to clear away the dead timber.

As the years passed by, the opposition to Christianity became more blatant and aggressive. As pressure was put against the Christian church, many of the Christians compromised with the Shinto government by putting kamidana (Shinto god-shelves) in their homes and by worshipping the emperor and ancestors. The overflow of patriotic sentiment, the fear built



—Ewing Galloway Photo

A colorful scene in one of the crowded streets of a larger city in Japan where the procession of people reminds the Christian missionary that these are also the ones whom God has loved and for whom he gave his only Begotten Son.

New Year's Day in Japan

The most recent experiences of our missionaries in Japan at Shinto shrines, in fellowship with Japanese Christians, and at the language school.

By MISS FLORENCE MILLER of Tokyo, Japan

NEW YEAR'S celebration is just over in Japan and the people are returning to their jobs and to school again. Since this is the big celebration of the year, we were very eager to observe the customs of the people as practiced on this day, or rather we should say—these days, for the celebration lasts from three to five days. Many of the Christian churches had a New Year's Eve Watchnight service just as in the States.

SHINTO WORSHIP

On New Year's Day, the Hirths and I visited one of the famous shrines (Shinto), with a Christian Japanese couple accompanying us as guides. They explained many things to us concerning the beliefs of the people. At the entrance of every Shinto Shrine is a torii, a simple wooden gateway. This particular shrine had two large stone dogs standing just in front of the torii. They are supposed to guard the shrine from evil spirits. Before coming to the shrine itself there is a huge tank filled with water with wooden dippers all around it. Here the worshippers come to cleanse themselves before coming to God by washing their hands and their mouths out.

In front of the shrine is an offertory box where the worshippers toss their money before offering their prayers. We were impressed with the great amount of money which lay there. We were also impressed with the numbers of people who came to worship. The newspapers said that over 600,000 came to one shrine in one day. There are many more people worshipping at the shrines this year than last, almost 50 percent more, the paper said. The main reason, I believe, is that people do not exist without a faith in something, and if they do not have their faith in the true God, they will put their hopes in something else. In view of this you can see how urgent the missionary task is just now.

In contrast to this is the home of a Christian minister whom we have come to love very much. Jay knew him from his contacts five years ago as a G.I. We visited his church last Sunday. His daughter-in-law sat beside us and interpreted in English all that he said. It was a wonderful sermon indicating far more mature Christian experience than many ministers

in the United States. His wife was at the point of death while he was preaching and out of his experience of waiting upon the Lord in perfect trust during this trying time, he brought a message to the people to put their trust only in the Lord, who was the one unchanging, eternal Helper in every circumstance.

My heart was deeply stirred as I realized how this Japanese Christian minister was helping me through his message. There are few like this man, however, and in general the Christian Church in Japan is very weak, being strongly influenced by liberals and missionaries whose emphasis has been mainly on a social gospel. When you see how few Christians there are in this land of 83,000,000 people, it almost overwhelms you.

LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Yesterday we started to language school. I think I was about as eager to begin as I was the first day I attended school at the age of five. Actually we feel like we are in the kindergarten learning to make the sounds, spelling, reading, writing. Our classes are from 9:00 to 12:00 each morning except Saturday and Sunday. The afternoon and evening are to be given over to study at home.

In the opening lecture by the president of the school, Mr. Naganuma, we were told that he had written to the heads of the mission boards requesting them not to give their missionaries any regular appointments if they expected them to learn the language effectively.

It may seem hard to wait and not enter into some work right now, but in the long run it really pays off, having gained a good foundation in the basic elements of the language. We have been told that Protestant missionaries have the reputation of being the poorest students in the language school because they take on so many other duties. The priests, nuns and army personnel give themselves wholeheartedly to this task of mastering the language. This, therefore, presents a real challenge to us.

As you pray for us, do not fail to rejoice with us and to praise our heavenly Father for his wonderful provision for us from the time we set foot on Japanese soil.

HUNGER FOR THE GOSPEL

Religiously the people seem to be unsatisfied too. On New Year's Day we went to the Yasukuni Shinto Shrine, and there we saw thousands of people performing their rites and paying their respect to the dead. Some went earnestly; others as a matter of

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Along the African Road With Christ

By careful planning in every phase of our work in the British Cameroons, a solid Christian foundation is being laid, a foundation of solid rock—Jesus Christ—which nothing can destroy. That is the astounding story of our Cameroons Mission during the past five years!

By MISS IDA FORSCH of Carbon, Alberta, Now At Home on Furlough

"Behold, a sower went forth to sow; and when he sowed, some seeds fell but other fell into good ground and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold."

(Matt. 13:3, 4 and 8.)

REALIZING THAT our Baptist Mission in the British Cameroons of Africa is still very young, we feel that its growth is astounding. By careful planning in every phase of our work, a solid Christian foundation is being laid, a foundation of solid rock—Jesus Christ—which nothing can destroy.

Our mission work is divided into three main divisions: evangelistic, educational and medical and yet all are so closely linked together that one cannot get along without the other two.

EVANGELISM

Only five years ago the greatest number of our church workers were practically illiterate. A good many had had only afternoon schooling where they had learned to read and write. With the little reading knowledge they had acquired, they tried their best to bring the Gospel to their people. Very often the Scripture interpretations were rather unique. Despite their handicaps, the Gospel of Jesus was spread and many were won for Christ.

As more and more children began to read and write, a friction arose between the semi-illiterate church teachers and the school children. The latter began to criticize the poor reading and some of the interpretations of God's Word. School teachers were no longer satisfied to listen to such church teachers.

In order to meet this problem a two-year course for church teachers in the Kaka area was opened. Within two years a course equivalent to grade six had to be completed. Later special compulsory courses were given to all church workers in the grassland area. Today, all new church workers have to have at least five to six years of schooling and, if possible, complete the elementary course, and all must have one year of Bible School.

Also today, all who intend to become school teachers have to attend Bible

School for one year so that they will be able to teach the Bible courses better in the classrooms to win their pupils for Christ. As school teachers and church workers attend the same schools and have common experiences, there will be a greater unity between the church and the mission school. It is interesting to note that more and more young men who have completed the elementary course are going into full-time Christian work as church teachers.

CHRISTIAN CONFERENCES

The first Christian Conference in the Kaka area was held at Lus in 1948. There were approximately 60 churches in the area but never had all the church workers been able to gather together in a large Christian gathering. By careful planning and much preparation, a most successful conference was held. Each delegate received a paper badge which was in the form of a Lus oil pot. Months later, these badges were still seen being worn by the Christians.

School teachers participated by bringing special messages. School boys served as ushers and brought messages in song. It was such a thrill to all that with joyful hearts they returned to their various villages to spread the good news of the wonderful Christian experiences they had had at the conference. Thereafter such a conference has been held every year. Similar conferences are being held in the Nsungli and Belo areas.

In order to unite the three divisions of our mission workers into a closer working unit and to train leaders, local field councils were begun. Church teachers, evangelists, school teachers, hospital workers and missionaries as representatives in their area meet together to discuss all phases of work within their area.

During the past two years another step of progress has been made by having all evangelists of our work meet with some of the missionaries to discuss and to plan together all the evangelistic programs of our work. With these joint meetings of African workers and missionaries, African Christian leaders are being trained so that eventually they can take over

greater responsibilities in their churches and schools.

Five years ago, out of a group of 21 teachers in the Kaka area, there were only two who had had three years of training. All the rest had begun to teach the year after they had completed "elementary six" (grade eight). The old, bad habits of teaching which they had learned from their untrained teachers were continued. Naturally the standards in our schools were very low.

Today there are no less than four trained teachers in every main school, two of whom have had at least four to five years of training. In 1951 there were six trained teachers in the Kaka area. Qualifications of teachers have been raised considerably in the past few years and naturally the standards in our schools began to rise.

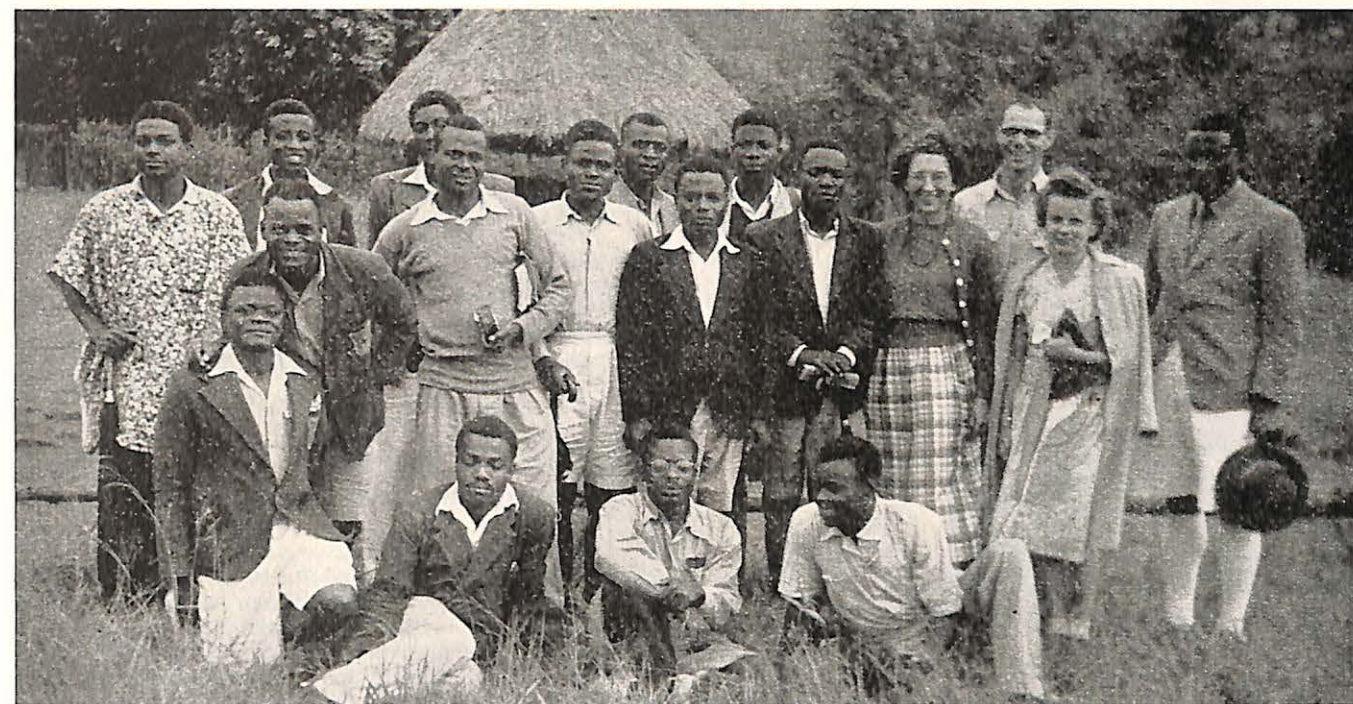
Greater emphasis is placed on Christian education. It is the aim of our mission school that before a boy has completed his course, he is won for Christ. He is not only taught to know the Bible but he learns how to live it today, which is the most important part of our teaching.

MANY QUESTIONS

As the older boys and girls study God's Word, there are many questions that arise in their minds which are definite problems to them. Questions such as the following are asked: "Please, it is a custom among our people that when the father is at his death-bed, he calls the oldest son to his side, gives him a special blessing which makes him the head of the family after his death. To be at the head of the family means that he inherits all of his father's wives and has to take part in all the native medicines that are necessary. What is such a boy to do when he is a Christian?"

Another question may be: "It is the custom of our couple that when a father makes a special feast, the meat is always offered to the pagan gods and then passed around for all to eat. Very often the sons are expected to take part. What shall we do? Our fathers often get very angry when we refuse."

There are many questions concerning marriage. Is it wrong for a Christian to marry a pagan? Usually a



Christian instructors, teachers, lecturers, debaters, and missionaries at the Bamenda Teachers' Conference in the Cameroons, Africa, with Miss Ida Forsch, missionary, fourth from the right (standing).

lengthy discussion follows after such a question, since the dowry has to be taken into consideration. At the present there is no young man, whether he be Christian or pagan, who can get a wife without giving a dowry. "What is a Christian girl to do when she is forced to marry a pagan?"

The questions are discussed at great length but we always turn to God's Word, especially to Paul's letters. Paul preached the Gospel to people who had similar backgrounds as the African has today. The pupils study the background, the culture and customs of the early Christians. How did Paul help these people solve their problems in the Christian church? How can his letters help us today? In this manner the Bible becomes alive and has a real meaning to the boys and girls.

After studying the background and customs of the African, one learns that it is easier to teach the Bible truths in Africa than in America. There is such a great similarity of customs of the African and of the people of Bible times.

For years we have struggled to get more girls to come to our mission schools. Often special attention is paid to those who come. Out of an enrollment of 180 children, only six or seven may be girls.

Five years ago nearly all of our teachers received their training in the Government Teachers' Training Center, and a few were sent to the Southern Baptist College in Nigeria. Today we have our own Preliminary Training Center, a one-year course, but there are dreams that it may soon become a full Teachers' Training Center. Our teachers are begging that we establish our own where they

can get Christian training and Bible instructions.

In the past two years village school committee meetings were organized. The chief with all his big people of the village meet with the school teachers, the church teachers and evangelist. These meetings are to be held monthly or whenever the need arises. All school plans and problems are to be discussed at such meetings. These meetings were organized so that all the people in the community might become well acquainted with the school program and might be trained to become leaders in their community. As the people in the community take more interest in their school, more children will be sent and more can be won for Christ.

MEDICAL PROGRESS

Five years ago we had three dispensaries in the grasslands and one at the coast with a trained nurse in charge of each. After a short training course taught by one of the missionary-nurses, African dispensary helpers were sent to each of the dispensaries. When a doctor's case arose, the nurse did all she could, praying that the patient would pull through or, if possible, the patient was sent to the government hospital at Bamenda where bribery is so rampant that many refuse to go there but rather stay at the dispensary under the care of the mission-nurse.

Today we have our own Mission Hospital and our own doctor. Just before leaving Africa for America, our first two Christian nurses who had just finished a trained nurses' course in a government hospital were on their way to the Bansa Baptist Hos-

pital. In the past we have not been able to train our own nurses at our hospital. Government regulations have to be met and followed.

Today our mission hospital is overcrowded with patients coming in from far and near. The reputation of our hospital and of our good doctor has spread beyond the British Cameroons.

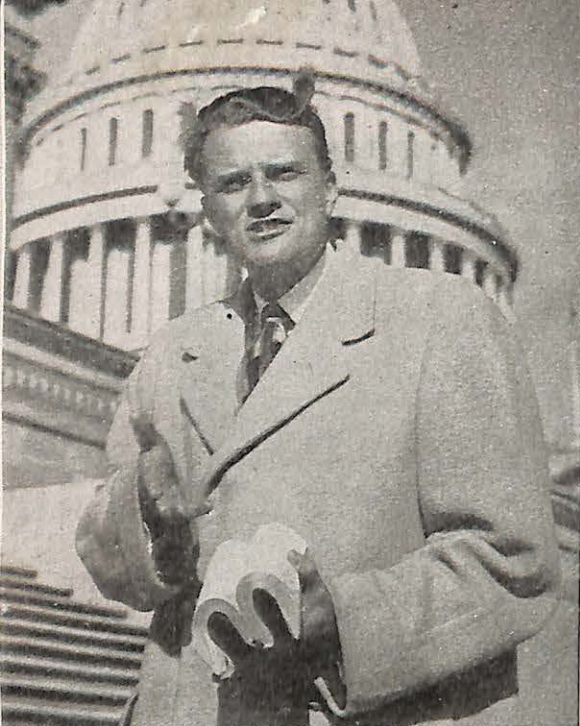
Nearly three years ago one of the Mbem school teachers became seriously ill. It was difficult to get carriers to carry him to the hospital since the natives have various superstitions about carrying sick people and some were afraid that the patient might die on the way. As a last resort, the older school boys volunteered to carry the teacher.

After several weeks of hospitalization, the teacher returned well and ready to go back to his work. Over and over he repeated to us how thankful he was for our hospital and the good doctor. Every day the doctor visited him and everybody at the hospital was so kind. As all the patients leave the hospital with such a testimony, it is easy to see why our hospital is overcrowded and why our doctor is kept so busy.

Every few months clinics are now held at the Mbem and Belo dispensaries. A week before the doctor arrives, the people are notified of his coming. The patients begin to gather early in the morning. A prayer meeting is held and then the patients are taken care of. Medicines are dispensed until late into the night.

Under the doctor's supervision with the help of the managers of schools, first aid kits have now been made available to each outschool. School

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—United Press—Acme Photo
Billy Graham, outside the United States Capitol building in Washington, D. C., speaking to newsmen and, as usual, preaching Christ to them from the open Bible even as he has waged a campaign to awaken the spiritual conscience of national leaders and citizens of the Capital.

ON JANUARY 29th my church sent me to the Billy Graham evangelistic services in Washington, D. C., with a party of some seventy ministers and Christian businessmen from Detroit, Michigan. Our group practically filled the large Strato-cruiser. An hour and a half after leaving Willow Run, we flew up the Potomac River to land at the National Airport in Washington, D. C.

Our purpose was twofold: to interview Billy Graham with reference to his coming to Detroit; and to observe the workings of mass evangelism as led by this youthful preacher. Billy Graham assured us that Detroit was much on his heart and if suitable arrangements could be made by the city, he would conduct a great campaign in the early spring of 1953. Christians interested in such an effort in Detroit should pray to God to lead in making this possible. A suitable auditorium with a capacity of 15,000 will be one of the problems to solve. Mr. Graham has over one thousand city-wide invitations on file.

IMPACT ON THE CAPITAL

I was privileged to attend the services in Washington at the large National Guard Armory for three successive nights in the midst of the campaign, and to observe the activity behind the scenes. Incidentally, a refreshment came to my own soul. I am appreciative of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit for making this trip possible.

Observations of Billy Graham, of his party and of the services left me in full accord with the purpose and methods of the great Washington effort. God's hand was manifestly

Billy Graham Stirs Washington, D.C., for Christ

Observations of the Billy Graham Campaign in Washington, D. C., where the evangelist spoke to 40,000 on the Capitol steps and preached to hundreds of thousands in the Armory and Pentagon.

By the REV. E. ARTHUR McASH, Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

upon it to his own glory.

The impact upon the capital was everywhere apparent. Everyone seemed to be aware of the Gospel services and throngs numbering upwards of eight thousand attended each evening with greater throngs on Sundays. Senator Kerr was honorary chairman. Congressmen and senators attended the meetings each night. One evening I happened to be seated next to Congressman Cunningham of Iowa. He pointed out fellow-members of the House on the platform. Congressmen ushered regularly. Senator Kerr told Billy Graham the meetings were common conversation among legislators and on different occasions the President of the United States enquired from him concerning their success.

PENTAGON MEETINGS

Services were held daily in the Pentagon with the auditorium crowded. I attended two of these and noticed the "brass" who were listening to the gospel. En route by bus to the Pentagon, a Catholic lawyer seated beside me remarked at the unusual interest he found among his colleagues, both Catholic and Protestant, and that the Billy Graham meetings were constantly in their conversation.

The Washington "Times-Herald" of January 29th printed these remarks in the midst of picture spread: "I came here to Washington with misgivings," admitted Evangelist Billy Graham. When he left his Montreat, North Carolina, home to begin his Capital crusade, he told himself: 'Billy, you are now going to your Waterloo.' And how has he met the challenge? He has been able to persuade the District Commissioners to raise the seating capacity limit of the National Guard Armory; draw to his sermons high-ranking Washington officials and a member of the British parliament; brush off an attack on his 'old-time religion' by two local ministers; but most important to Graham, there have been many hundreds of converts."

The very prominence of a Gospel effort glorifying our Lord in the capital of the United States is a source

of praise and thanksgiving to those who love Christ and his truth. The individual church could not accomplish this impact upon the city and nation. Moreover, I discovered good effects upon the local churches in reviving Christians, reclaiming backsliders and adding new converts to the local churches. In public and private utterances, Billy Graham has emphasized the church as being foremost in his interest. Pastors are invited to continue their Wednesday prayer services. On Sundays the campaign is confined to the afternoon hour.

FOLLOW UP WORK

The question is often asked, "Where are the converts after the campaign is over?" Billy Graham considers this a valid question. I was amazed with the thorough manner of the "follow up" provided. Dawson Trotman, an expert by long experience, leads in this effort. Workers who deal with those coming to the prayer room are carefully selected and trained.

At 6:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. several days a week, Christian Life classes convene in various locations for those who have made decisions. I attended at 6:30 A.M. instruction meeting at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. There were about 250 persons present. This was one of several groups meeting in different localities that day. Under Dawson Trotman's inspiring supervision, the hearers were led into the important avenues of Christian development. Great emphasis was placed on "searching the Scriptures."

Other methods of contact are followed through the campaign office, and pastors are informed of those making decisions. For those converts indicating no church preference, the committee of ministers meets each day to make decisions as to where each person should be advised to go for spiritual fellowship and guidance. Following the campaign, a worker remains in the city to direct the follow-up work for several months. Provision for this is included in the campaign budget.

I have never witnessed a more honest and thorough effort to answer the need of those making decisions for Christ. All the ministers of our group were profoundly impressed and thank God for this foresight.

COOPERATION OF CHURCHES

From Billy Graham's remarks to us, there appears full recognition of the faithful ministry of the local church in the success of his mass evangelism meetings. The churches provide trained workers, the major portion of the finances, and the basis for soul winning. Mr. Graham gives small comfort to the Christian who travels a hundred miles to attend his meetings, but not a mile to be faithful in his local church; or to one who speaks volumes on the spiritual success of the great campaign but refuses to win men for Christ in his neighborhood or church.

I was favorably impressed by the man himself, both in private interview and public utterance. He is evidently a humble man, in the real sense of the word. He is fearful of taking to himself any part of the glory belonging to the Lord. I was won to his evident sincerity and integrity of purpose and method. While possessing an attractive personality, his strength is manifestly of the Spirit of God. His ministry illustrates the Scripture, "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord." Mr. Graham's sermons make much of the Bible. His great themes are sin and righteousness and judgment. He speaks simply but with conviction and power. His invitations are very simple.

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

The Washington services contained no vestige of man-made sensationalism. Cliff Barrows, the song leader, Beverly Shea, the soloist, and Billy Graham, the preacher, made no attempt at vain show either in manner or words.

I was asked, "What reason do you give then for the phenomenal success of the Washington campaign?" I can only answer, "It is the Lord." While fine organization and hard work were everywhere evident, one was particularly conscious of the presence of the Spirit of God.

Following an evening service, a minister from New York City, an old-timer, told me that he had witnessed D. L. Moody's and Billy Sunday's campaigns, and that these in Washington, D. C., were as impressive in every respect.

Undoubtedly there has never been a prominent evangelist who has not received criticism, and some have been deserving of it. Billy Graham has his detractors, but from my observations in Washington I have nothing adverse to say. I praise God for this evidence of his grace in the nation's capital. Let us pray for Billy Graham in the work to which God has most evidently called him.

ON THE JAPANESE ROAD

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tradition and diversion from their usual dull, drab life. When we visited the Meiji Shinto Shrine, we saw young people laughingly clap their hands to draw the attention of the gods, deposit their money, bow and leave. There are empty hearts under the cheerful, smiling faces of the Japanese. The pagan gods do not meet their heart needs; they do not satisfy.

Even during the short time we have been here in Japan, we have witnessed over and over again the earnest desire of the Japanese for the Gospel. While we were at the Meiji Shinto Shrine, we contacted two university students who participated in Shinto worship. Since then, they have been riding the train for two hours to come to our home for Bible study. Minagawa-San even brings his sister, a student in a Roman Catholic school.

One day a young Japanese mother, a university graduate, asked me if my wife and I would teach her and her husband about "the Christian Way of life." They are both influential people. A young Japanese engineer requested me to teach him the "American Religion." He is an earnest seeker. Others have asked us if we would start an English Bible class in connection with Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa's church which is close by. (We will start a Bible class, but not in connection with the church.) On every hand we have seen that today is "God's day of visitation" for Japan.

However, there is also opposition. We have seen hundreds of thousands throng the Shinto and Buddhist shrines, vainly and blindly seeking security and comfort. We have also seen the other forces of darkness such as Communism, Roman Catholicism, liberalism, and secularism trying to capture the minds and lives of the people.

We are now studying three hours a day, five days a week in language school. It is very expensive to go to school and it is tedious work, but we have seen the need of knowing the language so that we can effectively reach the people for Christ.

The fields are white unto harvest in Japan, and there is a definite need for more laborers. There is a need for financial support in order to strengthen the work already started and to expand it as the Lord directs. But "above finances . . . the greatest need is for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit," as Gordon Wolf, acting chairman of the Wesleyan Methodist Mission, recently declared.

J. Tipton Williams, field chairman of the Japan Evangelistic Band, said: "We need missionaries, money, books. But the greatest need is for the church-believers, ministers and missionaries to be set aflame for Christ." Concerning Japan, Don Hoke said: "Men and money are desperately needed in

Japan today, but above all, the imperative need is importunate prayer. And the responsibility for that is yours and mine."

CHRIST OF THE EMMAUS ROAD

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therein brought life to all who would believe in him.

Not only did he reveal God's will for him; he also reveals God's will for us. It may not be the path we mapped out for ourselves, but let us rest assured that it is the best for us. It is the best even though it may mean hardship, suffering, death; the crown of life awaits such.

There is no greater message than this: Christ lives! "The Lord is risen indeed." This vital experience sent the Emmaus disciples back to Jerusalem with their hearts stirred to the very depth. It sent the apostles and disciples to other parts of the country of Palestine, yea, even beyond the border of the Jews to the Gentile people: to Samaria, Syria, Asia Minor, Europe.

Down through the centuries this message of a living Christ has sent God's messengers around the world: Carey to India, Judson to Burma, Taylor to China, Livingstone to Africa. It was ever the driving force behind every missionary movement and every missionary enterprise. It gave to thousands the strength to lay down their lives as martyrs to their faith because beyond that there lay the hope of life everlasting with their living, loving Lord.

As long as this faith persists, we can be confident that Christ's cause will not suffer defeat. There will ever be those who with hearts aflame will go and carry the message of hope and life to those who would otherwise die without hope, and there will ever be those who will make it possible for others to go. We are confident that to each the Christ of the Emmaus Road will point out "the things concerning himself," until the heart will burn within each one.

ALONG THE AFRICAN ROAD

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children at the main station receive first aid treatment at the dispensary. This year we are to begin another big work, the Leper Hospital, among some of Africa's most unfortunates.

Have we made progress in the past few years? May all the praise and thanksgiving be given unto God, the Creator of us all, for only through his Son, Jesus Christ, has all been made possible. Great things can happen through God's messengers as they take the following as their motto, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13).

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. A. Foll has recently resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church of Odessa, Wash., which he has served since 1945. Last fall the church celebrated its 50th anniversary which was reported in our publications. Mr. Foll has not announced his plans for the future. He will bring his pastorate in Odessa, Wash., to a close during the next few months.

● The Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., has extended a call to the Rev. Robert Penner, the associate pastor for the past several years of the Temple Church of Portland. He has accepted the call and began his ministry at the Glencullen Church on Sunday, Feb. 3rd, succeeding the Rev. John Kimmel. Mr. Penner had served at the Trinity Church of Portland since 1947, assisting the pastor, the Rev. John Wobig.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Mont., held evangelistic meetings from Jan. 14 to 24 with the Rev. A. Buhler of Harvey, N. Dak., serving as evangelist. "Mr. Buhler preached the Gospel in a keen and striking way," Little, and as a result "sinners showed an interest in salvation when the invitation was given." The weather was so cold during the last week of meetings that they had to be brought to a close a few days ahead of schedule.

● Evangelistic services were held at the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kans., from Feb. 10 to 17 with the Rev. J. Darrel Handel of the "Back to the Bible Broadcast." Norman Voth, outstanding trumpeter and tenor soloist, assisted the evangelist with the musical program. Cottage prayer meetings were held in various homes during the preceding week. The Rev. A. A. Stackhouse, pastor, spoke on "The Challenge of Personal Work" on Sunday evening, Feb. 3rd.

● A new North American Baptist Church has been organized in the town of Wessington Springs, South Dakota. It is to be known as the Immanuel Baptist Church. A church basement has been built. The first services on Jan. 13. The church was organized on that day with the Rev. Walter Sukut in charge. He is also the pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of the town which is located about 20 miles from Wessington Springs. The



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Funnell of Bamenda, Africa, look with parental pride upon their two-week-old daughter, Joanne Marie. Mrs. Funnell is our former Cameroons missionary, Miss Myrtle Hein.

parsonage is located in town. A more detailed report will be published in a forthcoming issue.

● On the four Sunday afternoons in February, the Immanuel Church of Kenosha, Wis., conducted German preaching services with Mr. Wolfgang Schmidt of Berlin, Germany, a student at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., as speaker. About 60 persons were present for each of the services, according to the pastor, the Rev. Ed McKernan. Some of these are displaced persons and immigrants who have come recently into Kenosha from Europe. These services were deeply appreciated by these German-speaking friends of the church.

● Mrs. C. A. Gruhn of Missoula, Mont., was called to her heavenly home on Sunday, Jan. 27, at the age of 78 years, 2 months and 7 days. The memorial service was held at the Bethel Baptist Church on Jan. 29 with the Rev. G. P. Schroeder, pastor, in charge. Her six sons served as pallbearers. Mrs. Gruhn was the widow of the Rev. C. A. Gruhn who served the denomination as pastor and home missionary for many years. The Missoula church has begun a "Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Gruhn Memorial Fund" as a memorial to this worthy and consecrated couple.

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Man., held evangelistic services from Jan. 21 to Feb. 3 with the Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alberta, the Northern Conference worker, as the evangelist. About 20 persons confessed Christ as their Savior, including several adults. The young people of the church have presented the play, "The Broken Circle," to good sized audiences in the McDermot Ave. Church of Winnipeg and in Whitemouth. The offerings are designated for the leper mission project of the Manitoba Tri Union. The Rev. Otto Ertis is the interim pastor of the Morris church.

● From Feb. 10 to 17 the Reverends Harold Gieseke of the Carroll Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas, and H. John Vanderbeck of Kyle, Texas, visited most of the Southern Conference churches in the interest of the \$3000 mission project of the Southern Conference CBY and SS Union. Mission films of the leper work in the Cameroons, Africa and of a baptism on the Alberta Indian field were shown. The latest reports about our denominational work were given by the leaders. As a result of the interest aroused and the offerings contributed, the visitation tour was described as "very successful."

● On Christmas Eve Mr. and Mrs. Herman Streuber arrived in Winnipeg, Man., after having been away in Germany for 15 months. Mr. Streuber served as relief representative for the Baptist World Alliance in Germany and was instrumental in bringing over to America more than 700 people representing 270 families with financial assistance from the Baptist World Alliance amounting to more than \$90,000. Several articles by Mr. Streuber will later appear in the BAPTIST HERALD. The Streubers sailed from Rotterdam on the "S.S. Rotterdam" of the Holland-America Line. They are members of the McDermot Ave. Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 24, a sacred concert was presented by the choir of the Bethel Church of Missoula, Mont., to a large appreciative audience. Gerhard Schroeder, son of the Rev. and Mrs. G. P. Schroeder, visited with his parents recently. He served 14 months with the U.S. Navy in the Pacific and has been transferred as instructor in a Navy Printing Office at Bethesda, Maryland. Alvin

Heinle with the U.S. Navy in Japan has also visited his Missoula home recently. From March 24 to April 6 evangelistic meetings will be held at the Missoula church by the Rev. Robert Penner, pastor of the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

● On February 6th fire completely destroyed the house in Tokyo, Japan, in which our missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth and Miss Florence Miller had been living. Fortunately the fire broke out in the house during the day while our missionaries were at "the language school." Everything possible is being done to help our missionaries in this loss of their personal belongings. Their relatives and home churches are providing for their needs, and other churches are being requested to continue supporting the mission work in Japan. In this way you can also best help our missionaries. Their new address in Tokyo will be published as soon as it is available.

● The days of Jan. 15 to 27 were of special significance and blessing to the Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia. The Rev. C. H. Seecamp of Leduc, Alta., led in the evangelistic efforts. The meetings, although in German, were widely publicized and attracted large attendances. The young people called for a number of immigrants from the Immigration Buildings and returned them every evening. The choirs and orchestra helped to enhance the meetings. There was a good response to the clear cut and powerful messages by Dr. Seecamp. A total of 16 conversions or decisions for Christ and four rededications resulted. The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, pastor of the church, wrote: "With our enlarged edifice nearing completion, we are looking forward to greater efforts and achievements for God's Kingdom."

● The Rev. C. Fred Lehr died suddenly as the result of a stroke which he suffered on Sunday, Feb. 10, at his home in Grundy Center, Iowa. He had been ill for some time, but he had improved remarkably so that he and Mrs. Lehr could make the trip to the Chicago area after the Christmas celebration to visit with relatives and many friends. Mr. Lehr was pastor of our churches at Pound, Wis., from 1918 to 1921; the East Side Church of Chicago, Ill., from 1921 to 1925; the Shaker Square Church of Cleveland, Ohio, from 1925 to 1934; and the church at Aplington, Iowa, from 1935 to 1951. The memorial service was held on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Aplington Baptist Church with the local pastor, the Rev. Frank Veninga, the Rev. Howard Johnson of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., taking part in the service besides other ministers and with a great sorrowing congregation in attendance.

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HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

March 16 — "Oncken Lives Again" by Rev. Walter C. Damrau, Philadelphia, Pa.

March 23 — "Great is Thy Faithfulness" by Mrs. Fred Lower, Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

MORE WORKERS' CONFERENCES

From March 17-20 two more Workers' Conferences will be held, both of these in the Southwestern Conference. The one is to be at Shattuck, Oklahoma. To this conference all of our CBY and SSU workers in our churches in Oklahoma, Colorado, and part of Kansas will be invited. The second conference will be at Vesper, Kans., to which all of our church workers from the most of our churches in Kansas will be asked to attend.

For several years now the Southwestern Conference Union leaders have arranged for these Workers' Conferences annually. Since last year the planning of the program and place of meeting have been so arranged that it was possible for all churches to be represented. This year the leaders and instructors will be Miss Martha Leyboldt and the general secretary of the Conference Union, Rev. J. C. Gunst. Watch for a full report after the conference.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STANDARD

Another Sunday School has reported having adopted the Sunday School Standard. The Mt. Zion Baptist Church Sunday School of Junction City, Kans., has come through with the

highest rating in the Sunday School Standard so far. Those Sunday Schools which have reported have greatly rejoiced, and they have every reason to, at the excellent progress the Sunday School has made since the standard has been adopted. We are confident that a great many Sunday Schools, where the Standard has been adopted, have not reported. Why not give us your record? May we encourage all other Sunday School superintendents where the Standard has not been given consideration to do so. Your entire Sunday School will be richer in spiritual experiences and in many other ways.

GENERAL CONFERENCE IN PHILADELPHIA

We sincerely hope that you have already read in our periodicals about the General Conference to be held August 20-26 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. An excellent program for all CBYers and Sunday School workers is being arranged for all of you. All indications are that in every way this year's General Conference will be the greatest yet. Plan to go now. It's an ideal way to spend your vacation! In addition to grand Christian fellowship and spiritual enrichment, you will see the beautiful historic East. Philadelphia offers many fascinating historical sights. Washington, D. C., and New York City are easy to reach and inexpensive once you are in Philadelphia. If you have time and care to see more, there is a real treat for you. We earnestly pray that a great many of our leaders and young people plan to be at Philadelphia.

SALUTE!

All Sunday School superintendents and pastors have been recently contacted with regard to the Sunday School paper, "Salute." Every church would profit by ordering from 15 to 25 copies for the children in the Junior Department of the church. An additional 10 to 15 copies should be ordered for the leaders of the church. The trip around the world is an interesting feature for the children in addition to stories, puzzles, cartoons and information. Order your yearly subscriptions from the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio, immediately.

AUSTRALIAN BAPTIST YOUTH

The reporter from Australia, G. P. Giles, gives us the following interesting information:

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Withering Grass

A Christian Novel by BERNARD PALMER

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like a vagrant breeze rustles the placid countenance of a mirroring lake and dies away, leaving it as somber as before. "But God won't use our neighboring laborers as a yardstick for our effectiveness. We're going to be measured by our opportunities." He took another long draught of coffee. "And when I see what little I've accomplished as compared to the opportunities God has given me to witness and lead souls to the Kingdom I realize how miserably I've failed."

"You shouldn't talk that way, Nels. You have a fine church, an effective program, and you're doing a splendid job."

"Two months ago I might have agreed with you. A week ago I might have agreed with you. But not today." He took out his watch nervously, looked at it without noting the time and put it back in his pocket. "Oh, I've been dissatisfied with my preaching the last few months, but it wasn't until this morning that I really had it brought home to me in sharp relief. You know Rexford Johnson, don't you?"

Ernest nodded. Everyone in town had heard of Rex Johnson the past few days. In a drunken stupor he had run down and killed a six year old neighbor girl and was even now under arraignment for manslaughter.

"Mrs. Johnson came over to me when they arrested him and had me help arrange for bail. The poor woman's probably going to use every cent she has saved trying to keep him from the penitentiary. I talked with him about his soul and a few minutes ago was privileged to lead him to the Lord."

"Why that's wonderful."

"Things aren't always as they seem. After I had led him to Christ he said to me, 'I've been going to church the past few Sundays, Reverend Wilcox, just to hear something like this.' Don't you see, Ernie?" His voice was suddenly taut with emotion. "He was already under conviction through his mother's efforts. He was ready for the gospel, anxious to hear of the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. And I, his pastor, failed him. I—I've been afraid to preach as forcefully as believe."

"You shouldn't condemn yourself for that. After all we've got to be tactful."

"That's the way I've been deceiving myself. The truth is that I've become so tactful that I'm impotent. Don't you see? I had it within my hands to save that child's life. I had the power, through Christ, to have kept that boy sober on that particular night. It's my fault, Ernest, because I've been more intent on pleasing man than God! We must consider the things that count most. Is our preaching to have eternity in view or are we concerned only with temporal values? The prophet Isaiah says: 'What shall I cry? All flesh is as grass.'"

Ernest writhed uncomfortably as the convictions of his friend's words gripped his soul, as they stabbed their bitter teeth into his ministry.

"Tell me," Nels' voice was choked and almost whispering. "Tell me, when did you last present salvation from your pulpit?"

"Well, I—a—I try to work up to it indirectly in most of my messages."

"When did you last tell your congregation frankly that 'all have sinned and come short of the glory of God' that church membership has nothing to do with it, that it's a personal matter between each man and his Lord? that the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and only the Blood can bring salvation to the lost?"

"I—I—I—" Ernest's voice trailed off miserably.

Nels was silent a moment waiting for his words to have their effect in splitting Ernest's opposition, even as a stone cutter waits for the effect of his blows to split a granite block. "Think what we could do to this community if we both determined, before God, to go into our pulpits and preach Christ and Christ crucified just as we both believe—without any reservations!"

"There would be opposition."

"Of course there'd be opposition. But if God be with us who can stand against us?"

Something of Nels' fervor caught him up. "That's right."

"We can bring a new revival to our churches."

"But I'm coming to lean more and more on a teaching ministry."

"Paul tells us to use all means that some might be saved. I believe in teaching too, stronger than ever. Our people need to know definitely and with conviction born of understanding

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as well as faith. But we can't rule evangelism out so easily. We ought to teach as fervently as though it all depended upon teaching and to preach as forcibly as though it all depended upon evangelism."

Ernest got to his feet and drew a drink of water. He went back to the table and sat down.

"What do you want me to do?"

"Let's pledge our lives to God once more in this great service, Ernest. Let's pledge to preach as we believe without regard to opposition. Let's pledge to go forward as ministers ought to go forward in their service for Christ."

Together they got to their knees.

It seemed to Ernest that the pledge which he and Nels took gave him new heart, new courage. He went about his work with an eager anticipation that he had not known since his days in the struggling little Chicago church, an anticipation that he had supposed died with Karen. His message on that first Sunday morning was powerful and challenging, a message that drove straight to the hearts of his listeners. And when the service was over a new reverence seemed to hove over them as they filed outside, subdued—thoughtful.

After most of the people had gone a fine old saint came limping up to him, leaning heavily on his cane. "I've been waiting twenty years to hear that kind of preaching in our pulpit again."

"Thank you, Mr. Grant."

"If the truth steps on our toes, step hard. That's what we need."

For answer Ernest smiled warmly and pressed his hand.

Ernest's fervor reflected itself in the congregation those first few weeks. It seemed as though the fire of the Spirit that was blazing anew within him, had kindled in the hearts of his hearers as well. There was talk around town about it. Several members of the board mentioned the healthy growth and one or two said privately that he ought to be in line for a substantial increase in salary before long.

"Of course, that's only secondary," Ernest said to Nels, and meant it. "But it does show how they're reacting."

"My own congregation is picking up, too, but I'm not sure just what it means."

"You don't show much enthusiasm."

"I don't know just how much there is to be enthused about yet."

"Sometimes I can't understand you, Nels."

"I hope I'm not cynical. I don't want to be. But I say, wait and see."

Ernest had seen the pretty dark-haired organist several times, but it was almost two weeks after he had spoken at Nels' church that he saw her talk to her. She was standing in line at the cashier's counter, her arms loaded with groceries, when he came behind her.

"Hello, there."

"Why, hello, Reverend Henning."

"I've been curious." He set his groceries on the counter. "Did you scalp them? The Sunday School class, I mean."

She laughed, coloring a little. "I'm afraid I bark worse than I bite."

"You've got quite an arm load of groceries. Would you like a ride home?"

"Oh! I'd be grateful."

He paid for his groceries and they walked out to his car together.

"How's the little boy?"

"I wish I knew." He sighed wearily. "The poor little guy seems lost and he's absolutely unmanageable."

"But he's so little. I don't think his prankishness means anything."

"Probably not, but you know that old adage about bending the twig the way one wants the tree to grow. There's a lot of truth in that."

"I know, but I like to see a little boy with pep. At least you know he's normal."

"If orneriness means anything I'd say he is more than normal."

She laughed pleasantly.

It was several weeks later that Ernest reaped the first full fruits of his new consecration and uncompromising ministry. He and Nels had been meeting regularly to pray for their work and the unsaved souls among their congregations. They had seen the results of their efforts in increased attendance and greater interest in spiritual things and yet Ernest had been mildly surprised when the first souls were saved.

He had not intended to give an altar call. That was something that just was not done in the Prairie Grove Church. He had chosen his words carefully in speaking of accepting Christ.

"If God has laid conviction upon your heart," he had concluded, "if He has revealed His salvation to you through a pastor, the printed word or what not, if He has gripped your heart with it, then He has gone just as far as the limits which He has imposed upon Himself. The choice is up to you. The final decision is yours—and yours alone! Don't wait until it is too late. Do something about it—now."

He paused significantly while his words drove home. In the hush that followed two young people—a wayward, worldly young couple he was told later—got slowly to their feet and came down to kneel at the altar. The very atmosphere of the church was charged.

"That only proves to me," Nels said elatedly when Ernest told him, "that God still blesses fervent, consecrated ministering."

"In all the time I've been in the ministry I've never had such a thrill."

"My boy, when we serve the Lord, fully yielded, there are no bounds to His blessings."

Fully yielded. Ernest turned quickly away so that Nels could not look into his eyes. Fully yielded. Could anyone ever be yielded completely and wholly to Him? Yielded to the point where nothing else mattered excepting to serve the Lord? Yielded to a point where the size of the salary and the church, yes and the attending prestige would not color his motives and actions?

"I think our people are about ready for concerted action, Ernie," Nels went on eagerly.

"What about getting a good evangelist to come in for a joint campaign to crystallize the work we've done?"

"Do you think that's really necessary?" Ernest asked.

"I'm convinced of it."

"I'm not sure that my people would be in favor of such a program."

"Pray, my boy! God has already opened doors for us that we didn't know were there!"

Nels wrote at once to several evangelists whom he knew and trusted but was disappointed when they could not come for six or eight months. However, Ernest took the news with a certain degree of satisfaction.

"At least it means that I won't have to confront my people with the proposition for some months," he told himself.

"Oh ye of little faith," Nels laughed.

It was Nels who urged Ernest to start a little missionary work in the country schoolhouse in the hills north of town.

"There's wonderful opportunity. Not one of those families attend church."

"I'd like to," Ernest agreed, "but what'd I do for a pianist and a song leader? I can't get anyone from my church. I've tried."

"You can lead the singing yourself and I think Sue Bailey would play the piano."

"Your organist?"

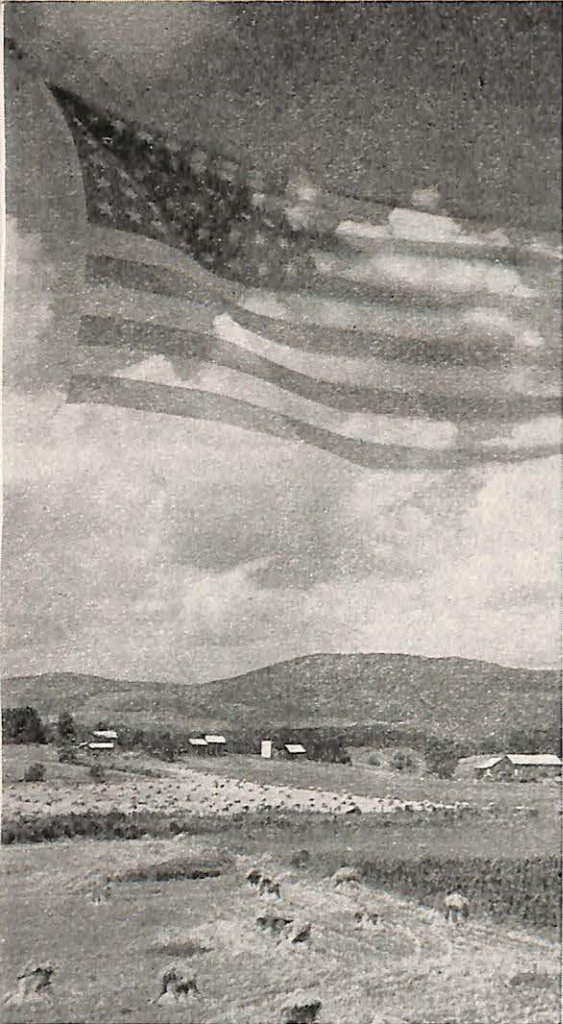
"Why not? She's always willing to help with any kind of Christian service."

As Nels had predicted, Sue assented readily to help him.

The work at the schoolhouse was hard, much harder even than his first charge had been. The people had not been going to church for years and it was difficult to get them out. However one family began coming and then another, until they were having a fair-sized crowd at every meeting.

On Tuesday evenings Ernest and Sue drove the fifteen miles to the schoolhouse. He began looking forward to being with her to ease the dreadful loneliness that seized his heart, the very crying of his soul for companionship. He had never seriously considered her in a romantic way, had never thought of her as anything more than a fine friend who knew and understood him, who could tolerate his shortcomings and lend strength to his courage.

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—Eva Luoma Photo

SYNOPSIS

The Rev. Ernest Henning had finally arrived! The greatest opportunity of his career was at hand, that of candidating in the big, influential church of Elba City. 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 and went to their first pastorate in Kansas. A son came to bring joy to their family life, and also a call from a big church at Prairie Grove. Then with tragic suddenness Karen died. Everyone tried to comfort Ernest, but he felt bitter toward life until Pastor Wilcox, a neighboring minister, helped him with his wise counsels. Months later he invited Ernest to speak at the fellowship dinner in his church. Then the Rev. Nels Wilcox came to Ernest with his problems. They sat over their coffee cups for a long time of silence.

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

"What's troubling you, Nels?" Ernest asked at last. He had been studying human nature long enough to recognize the symptoms of distress.

Nels took a long sip of coffee. "Ernie, I'm a defeated man."

"I don't believe I follow you."

"I'm a defeated man. I don't have the courage to preach the gospel any more."

The deep earnestness of the older man's voice, the conviction in his eyes drove an icy wedge into Ernest's own complacency. "You don't realize what you're saying. Why you're doing the finest job of any minister in town."

"Perhaps. Perhaps not." The smile was there again, fleeting across his lips

Make Your Plans Now for Philadelphia

Announcement about hotel, dormitory and home accommodations for those attending the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., from August 20 to 26, 1952

By MR. ARTHUR SCHWERIN,
Chairman of the Local General Arrangements Committee

ONE OF THE ADVANTAGES of holding a General Conference in a city the size of Philadelphia is the wonderful opportunity for taking care of a large number of visitors. The housing arrangements will be adequate to accommodate any and all who will attend. And the cost will range from \$1.25 to \$5.00 per person per day, depending upon the place you stay.

HOTEL SYLVANIA

First of all, we have the headquarters hotel—the Sylvania—located on Locust Street near Broad, just a short distance south of Broad and Market, the business center of the city. This hotel of 400 rooms has been completely refurbished and redecorated since the war. The rooms are large, all with private bath, comfortably furnished, with good sized closets and comfortable beds, either a large double or twin beds at the same price.

The hotel has a large dining room, serving all meals. Within a radius of two blocks there are numerous restaurants serving meals at popular prices. You can leave your car in a large parking lot right across the street at a nominal charge. The hotel is just half a block from the Broad Street subway station which provides direct service without change to the Baptist Temple, where all of the conference sessions will be held. Although the church is several miles from the hotel, the subway will get you there in about ten minutes. The hotel management has set aside 250 rooms for our exclusive use during the conference.

Right next door to the headquarters hotel, is the John Bartram Hotel, under the same management as the Hotel Sylvania. Like the headquarters hotel, it has been entirely refurbished since the war at a cost of more than a million dollars. The rooms are large, comfortably furnished, and the rates are cheaper than those at the Sylvania. They have set aside 150 rooms for our use. The two hotels being close together will enable guests to visit each other and spend their spare time in a social way. Both of these hotels are within walking distance of Washington Square, Independence Hall and all of the great department stores, including the John Wanamaker Store.

OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS

The Philadelphia Bible Institute has agreed to provide us with accommodations for 250 people. They will have separate floors for men, women and married couples. The lodgings will consist of single beds in their regular dormitory rooms with elevator service. They will furnish sheets and pillow case for each bed. But everybody will have to make their own bed and keep their own room in order as they do not furnish maid service. Ample toilet and bath facilities are provided on each floor. The price will be \$1.25 per person per night. The Bible Institute is on Arch Street, three blocks west of Broad. You can either walk or take a street car and transfer to the subway on Broad Street.

Since the conference will be held during the vacation season, Temple University has been kind enough to

offer us the use of some of the rooms in private homes which they make use of during the school year for their students. These rooms have all been approved by the university authorities and measure up to their standard of requirements. As Temple University is located right by the Baptist Temple, most of these rooms will be within walking distance of the conference church.

I would like to suggest that as far as possible these rooms be allotted to elderly people who do not have cars and who might have difficulty in getting around on the subway or busses. There will be rooms for only 95 persons. The price will be \$2.00 per person per night, but a suitable reduction will be made if the rooms are occupied for not less than seven nights. In that case, the weekly rental, as established by the rent control board, will prevail.

Now just a word in regard to motels and auto courts. These are available. But they are all out in the suburbs and along the main highways, 15 to 30 miles from the Baptist Temple. The good ones charge about the same as the hotels, and the committee felt that in view of the fact that staying there would involve a long drive through heavy traffic at least twice a day, that there would not be much of a demand. However, for the benefit of those who might wish to stay at one, we will publish in a coming issue of the "Baptist Herald" a list of approved motels and auto courts. Those desiring to stay there, can then go ahead and make their own arrangements.

ALL RESERVATIONS

All room reservations will be in charge of Miss Eva Yung, 543 Disston Street, Philadelphia 11, Pennsylvania. Your pastor has received and has on hand a supply of reservation blanks. As soon as you know definitely that you are going to attend, get one of these blanks, fill it out, enclose the proper fee and mail it to Miss Eva Yung. She will acknowledge receipt promptly and mail you two forms, one to be presented at the place where you are to stay, and the other at the registration desk at the church.

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COST OF LODGING FOR THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

Headquarters Hotel (Sylvania)		
Single room with bath	\$ 5.00	per day
Room for two with double or twin beds, bath	\$ 8.00—9.00	per day
Room for three with twin beds, bath	\$10.50	per day
Headquarters Hotel, Annex		
Single room, no bath	\$ 3.00—4.00	per day
Room for two, no bath	\$ 5.00	per day
Single room with bath	\$ 4.00—5.00	per day
Room for two with bath	\$ 7.00—8.00	per day
Bible Institute Dormitory		
Single bed	\$ 1.25	per day
Rooms in Homes Available to Temple University Students		
Single beds	\$ 2.00	per day

Benjamin Franklin in Philadelphia

Historical shrines to see and things to remember about Benjamin Franklin for those who will attend the 30th General Conference at Philadelphia, Pa., from August 20 to 26, 1952

BENJAMIN FANKLIN (1706-1790) was one of the greatest and most fascinating men America has produced.

His "Autobiography" is the story of the boy who walked the streets of Philadelphia in search of shelter and work, of the humble printer who became America's first ambassador to the courts of Europe. Here, in his own words, Franklin left us a priceless picture of life in early America and of his own part in the building of the country he loved.

In the course of a very busy life, Franklin found time to invent the coal stove, the lamp, and the lightning rod. He organized the first public library in America and founded the University of Pennsylvania, and what has since become the American Philosophical Society.

A GREAT AMERICAN

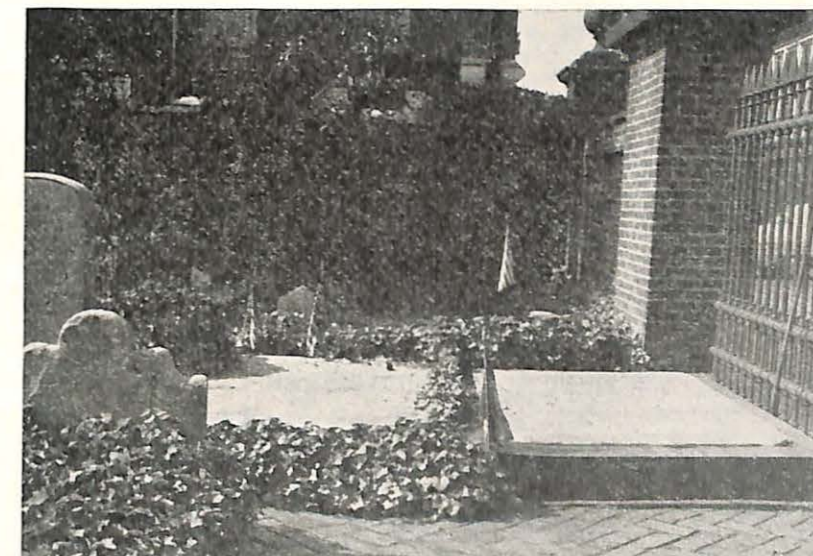
Franklin's was a vital and vigorous personality; his judgment was keen and his mind alert to new ideas. Long before the fact, he dreamed of a union of the colonies and later helped to write both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States. Always a man of the people, his life and achievements have a permanent place of honor in the history of his country.

He lived, worked, felt and thought in a way so vital and so full of concern about his fellow-man that at forty-two he had become one of the outstanding colonial figures. As he built up his printing business, he started a reading club and founded the first public library in the New World. At twenty-three he was publishing the "Pennsylvania Gazette" and in the year 1732 began to issue "Poor Richard's Almanac," full of verses, humorous maxims, and homely wisdom, which was enormously popular in the thirteen colonies for twenty-five years. Franklin was made Postmaster of Philadelphia in 1737 and Postmaster General of the Colonies in 1753. He was clerk of the General Assembly from 1736 to 1751, then was elected a member of the Assembly.

What stirred the man's interest most deeply was the mysterious force already known as electricity. He had read reports about the experiments of European scientists — experiments which were events then, but which high school boys of today would consider childish. As soon as he had leisure, he began his own research.

His articles on the behavior of lightning were published in England and in France. King Louis XV had all Franklin's experiments tried out in his presence. Then in 1752 came the famous incident of the kite which he flew during a thunderstorm, proving beyond a doubt that electricity and lightning were one and the same force.

Franklin was probably the greatest and most successful diplomat this country has ever known. For many years he served in London, England, as the general representative of the colonies. He was in Canada as a commissioner of the Continental Congress. At the age of 71 in 1776 he went to Paris, France, and served for nine years as chief representative of the new American nation. His life touched fame at every turn of the road.



The plain slab of stone (right) marking the grave of one of the most renowned men in the history of the United States, Benjamin Franklin, which can be seen on Arch Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

MAKE YOUR PLANS NOW

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This year to make a reservation and to be assured of the type of lodging you desire, it will be necessary to enclose a dollar for each adult, 16 years or older, with your reservation request. No reservation will be made unless accompanied by the required fee. In case you cannot attend and notify Miss Yung to that effect before August 1st, your fee will be returned. After that date, cancellations will still be accepted, but no fee returned.

When you get to Philadelphia, present your lodging receipt to whatever

The Benjamin Franklin Memorial Museum (see front cover) located near the downtown area of Philadelphia has been called "The Wonderland of Science." The enormous building covers four acres, containing many mechanical exhibits which may be "worked" by the visitor. You can push buttons, pull levers, perform experiments and test to your own satisfaction some of the great scientific theories. You can see a miniature cracking plant convert crude oil into gasoline, pilot a plane or operate the controls of a 350-ton locomotive or see paper made from wood pulp and type being set. It's a fascinating place for young and old alike!

On April 17, 1790 when Benjamin Franklin breathed his last, the whole nation grieved. He was buried in the cemetery at Fifth and Arch Streets in Philadelphia where his grave can be seen in all its plain simplicity—a slab of stone with his name and dates of birth and death inscribed on it. The magnificent life pilgrimage of Benjamin Franklin can be easily visualized by those who attend the General Conference sessions in Philadelphia from August 20 to 26 and who visit these shrines and places associated with Franklin's fame.

place you have been assigned. Present your registration blank at the registration desk at Baptist Temple, where you will pay the balance of your registration fee amounting to twenty-five cents and receive your badge and conference envelope.

Also please note that no lodging assignments will be made at Philadelphia. If you have not made an advance reservation, come anyhow since there will be plenty of places to sleep. Miss Yung will have a list of suitable lodgings to give you, but you will have to select the one you want and make your own arrangements.

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

ANNUAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

"Let nothing be done through strife or vain glory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem the other better than themselves; Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Phil. 11:3-4).

These words were part of the Scripture passage read at the opening session of the Woman's Missionary Union Executive Board Meeting, held in Forest Park on February 7 and 8. Each one present must have made them the prayer and resolution of her heart, for truly a wonderful spirit of harmony and unity prevailed throughout the two days.

Not that there were no differences of opinion! On the contrary, almost every issue brought out several different viewpoints. These were all carefully discussed, until finally we came to a decision on which all could wholeheartedly agree. This was possible because we tried to keep an open mind, and face the problems objectively. Once again the value of having women from different sections of the country on the Board was proved. We who live in large cities have a different outlook from those who are in rural areas. By having this wide representation we were able to keep the

needs of our whole fellowship before us.

GENERAL CONFERENCE PLANS.

Receiving priority on the agenda were plans for the General Conference to be held in August. The "Women's Day" will be Monday, August 25. It will begin early in the morning with a Breakfast Business Meeting. Four hundred women got up early in Sioux Falls in 1949 to attend the first "Business Breakfast" ever held by the Woman's Union. We hope that just as many will participate this time in Philadelphia, for there will be many important matters to discuss.

The Program Chairman, Miss Eva Yung, presented some exciting plans for a unique and interesting program on Monday afternoon. An unusual devotional service, special music, and an outstanding speaker will highlight this meeting. Watch for further detailed announcements of this program.

Many of you will remember the Fellowship Tea following the women's program in Sioux Falls, at which we served over 700 guests. This year we will again have light refreshments following the afternoon program. We will make it an occasion to meet all our missionaries home on furlough. This "Reception for Missionaries"

should be a happy occasion for all conference guests.

GOAL CHART. The Woman's Union Goals for 1952-1955 were carefully discussed. Only a few changes were made in the present set-up, since it has proved very helpful during this triennium. One new goal, "Christian Friendliness," has been added. A new Missionary Project was chosen which we feel has tremendous appeal, and which the women will want to support wholeheartedly. Of course, the Board can only suggest these changes. The women will have the final vote on the Goal Chart at the Breakfast Business Meeting in Philadelphia next August.

"BROADCAST." Another important decision made at our meeting has reference to the "Broadcast." In order to keep a better record of the mailing list, it was decided to set up a new system of control, and to mail the paper from Forest Park, Illinois. In the March issue of the "Broadcast" an Official Address Blank appeared. The new mailing list will be compiled entirely from these blanks. Each woman's society is entitled to three copies of the paper, and they will be sent to one address, that of the president. We expect her to distribute these, to the minister's wife, program chairman, or in any other way which will best serve her group.

Please Note: If your society is not now receiving the "Broadcast," write to: Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill., for a copy of the Official Address Blank. Fill it out, and return to the address above. Your group will then be added to the new mailing list.

These are some of the highlights of our discussions during these two days. We all felt that much had been accomplished through the frank exchange of ideas. We trust that the Lord will give strength and wisdom to all of us in the carrying out of plans made.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Please send a copy of your 1951-1952 YEARBOOK for exhibit at the General Conference to: Mr. Wm. L. Schoeffel, 1725 N. Burling St., Chicago 14, Illinois.

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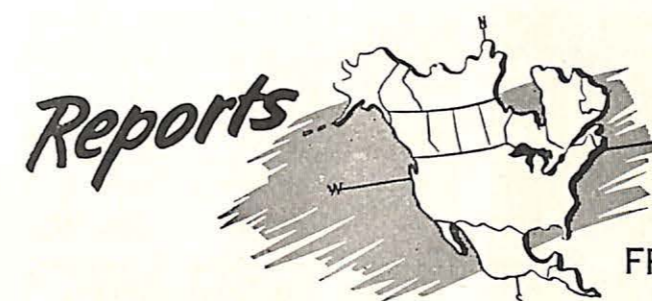
"We now have: — — —"

1. "Training programs for Sunday School teachers and youth leaders through camps, conferences, classes, and correspondence tuition.

2. "Established the Baptist Youth Fellowship in Australia.

"This aims to link all Baptist youth through existing organizations and to win youth to Jesus Christ.

"Camps are a strong feature of our work. The spiritual side is predominant. Never a camp goes by without conversions and generally baptisms resulting.



Dakota Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration for Dr. and Mrs. John Olthoff at Emery, S. Dak.

On Saturday, January 19, the brothers and sister of Dr. and Mrs. John Olthoff of Unityville, S. Dak., honored the couple on their golden wedding anniversary. Open house was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Terveen, in Emery, S. Dak., in the afternoon. In the evening about 65 relatives gathered at the Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., for a family dinner. The couple's bridesmaid, Mrs. Harm Bleeker, assisted in cutting the wedding cake. Their best man at the wedding, Henry Olthoff, was unable to be present, but enjoyed the program via a loudspeaker connected from the church to his home. The Rev. Roy Seibel showed on the screen a few pictures of the wedding as it occurred fifty years ago.

A musical program with words of congratulations by the nieces and nephews followed. Mr. Seibel spoke on how this marriage was a demonstration of the expression of growing more beautiful with the years through service for the Lord. A gift from all the relatives was presented by Mrs. Laura Bleeker and words of thanks were expressed by Dr. and Mrs. Olthoff.

Dr. Olthoff has served the churches of Avon, S. Dak., Cleveland, Ohio, Madison, S. Dak., Salem, Oregon; and Tacoma, Washington. At present he is the pastor of the Unityville, South Dakota church. He said that Psalm 26 expressed his feelings, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Mrs. Herman Bleeker, Reporter.

Christmas Youth Choir Program and Candlelight Installation Service at Herreid, South Dakota

The CBY of the Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., is grateful for the many blessings that have come to us in recent months. We have had many mountain top experiences. Our programs were well planned. We are very happy to report that our gain of new members has steadily been growing. Our society has had several mission programs. The offerings received at the same have gone towards our project for African missions.

In November we organized a girls' "Sunshine Club" of high school age, of which Darleen Fenske is president;

Bonnie Martin, secretary; Pearl Huber, treasurer; and Mrs. E. S. Fenske, advisor.

The CBY choir was also organized in November with 25 members. This choir presented a singing Christmas tree program of Christmas carols which was enjoyed by all attending. We are now singing every Sunday evening in the church services. Together with our pastor, the Rev. E. S. Fenske, we are bringing the Gospel messages.

On Sunday evening, January 20, a very impressive candlelight installation service was presented. The theme was "We Will Follow." May God bless our officers and may the new year be one of diligent service for the Lord!

Lila Lee Huber, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Reception Held for the Rev. Edwin Kraemer and Family at Gatesville, Texas

A reception was given by the Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas, for its new pastor, the Rev. Edwin Kraemer, and his family on New Year's Eve. The church called Mr. Kraemer to succeed the Rev. Kenneth E. Nelson who recently resigned to go to a church at North Royalton, Ohio. Mr. Kraemer responded favorably to the church's



The Christmas choir of the Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., with Mrs. R. H. Ackerman, pianist, to the right of "the human tree" and Mr. Gordon Fenske, director, to the left.

call, with his work beginning on Jan. 1, 1952.

Mr. Kraemer had been doing mission work sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Gatesville. He is also teaching school at Masheim, Texas, and is taking a night course at Baylor University working toward a Ph. D. degree.

Mr. Fred Koch presided over the reception program. In keeping with the weather, it was the warmest New Year's day that Texas has experienced in several years. A warm welcome was extended our new pastor by the representatives of organizations of the church. Mr. Martin Mack, Mr. Reinhold Schaub and Mr. Charles Lengefeld spoke in behalf of the deacons, Mr. Albert Koch for the Sunday School, Mrs. Albert Koch for the Woman's Missionary Union and Mr. Roy Kippen for the Baptist Training Union.

Albert N. Koch, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Jeschke at Daytons Bluff Church, St. Paul

On Friday, January 18, the Daytons Bluff Church of St. Paul, Minn., held a reception and welcome service for its new pastor, the Rev. William Jeschke, and his family. There were flowers and friends on hand to gladden the occasion. The church was full of happy and expectant people. We were delighted by the note of praise which was struck in the opening hymn, "Crown Him With Many Crowns," and continued in the choir anthem, "Let Mount Zion Rejoice."

Greetings were brought by our sister churches, Riverview Church of St. Paul and Faith Church of Minneapolis, also by our community churches and, lastly, by the St. Paul Evangelical Ministers' Association. Everyone present was charmed by the skillful dexterity of Valry Sax who played several numbers on the marimba and added much to the success of the program. A pleasant surprise was presented when a women's trio, consisting of Mrs. Caroline Venarchick, Mrs. Betty Campbell and Miss Doris Patet rejoiced our hearts with their beautifully blended voices.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeschke responded in a serious and thought provoking mood concerning the opportunities, abilities and talents evident in the church and the great responsibilities devolving upon us as a result. "To whom much is given, of him much shall be required. Refreshments were served by the young women of the church.

Everyone is happy at the spirit of unity and the desire to go forward which seems to be present everywhere in our church. The new ministry was fittingly begun with the Week of Prayer, in which prayer meetings were held every evening and a large number of prayers were offered to the Lord for the success of this venture. We pray that this may be a real step forward in the history of the Daytons Bluff Church.

Mrs. Arthur Stahnke, Reporter.

JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Jan., 1952	Jan., 1951	Jan., 1950
Atlantic	\$ 3,181.41	\$ 3,201.87	\$ 6,077.39
Eastern	2,696.60	3,233.22	1,879.23
Central	12,483.04	19,077.21	11,412.66
Northwestern	8,131.10	6,437.49	10,211.03
Southwestern	9,058.69	5,925.57	8,014.09
Southern	1,956.53	2,108.80	6,690.54
Pacific	12,764.46	6,321.37	15,543.78
Northern	4,167.58	3,020.35	2,359.68
Dakota	9,908.92	8,964.66	19,106.12
Inter Conference Contributions*	301.61	—	235.00
Total Contributions	\$64,649.94	\$58,290.54	\$81,529.52

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contrib.	Other Purposes	Total Contrib.
For the month of January, 1952	\$52,459.28	\$12,190.66	\$64,649.94
For the month of January, 1951	48,800.46	9,490.08	58,290.54
For the month of January, 1950	31,765.58	49,763.94	81,529.52

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1951 to January 31, 1952	\$394,629.41	\$70,016.98	\$464,646.39
April 1, 1950 to January 31, 1951	321,913.83	96,741.22	418,655.05
April 1, 1949 to January 31, 1950	361,947.75	62,262.51	424,210.26

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

August 1, 1949 to January 31, 1952	\$1,026,263.33	\$325,521.45	\$1,351,784.78
August 1, 1948 to January 31, 1951	1,025,731.74	266,014.72	1,291,746.46
August 1, 1947 to January 31, 1950	1,141,074.93	117,779.67	1,258,854.65

* These contributions cannot be allocated to specific conferences.

Fourth Anniversary of the Minnetrista Woman's Missionary Society at St. Bonifacius, Minn.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Minnetrista Baptist Church at St. Bonifacius, Minn., celebrated its fourth anniversary on a recent Sunday evening. The celebration took place in the church and consisted of a program in which a number was sung by the Ladies' chorus and a play was given entitled, "Stars for Ever and Ever."

A special offering was received to be used for the church interior improvement fund. The church basement was beautifully decorated for the occasion and a delicious lunch was served by the younger girls of the church. Much credit for the evening's success should go to our president, Mrs. Ted Wallin, for her leadership in this event.

Mrs. Art Mattson, Secretary.

Youth Week Observed at Sunday Evening Program at North Freedom, Wisconsin

As workers for Christ, the CBY of North Freedom, Wis., has organized its group for what, we pray, will be a rich and blessed year. Although we are small in number, our hearts are willing to work and to accomplish God's will. The following young people were chosen to guide our CBY for the coming year: president, Delbert Kaney; vice-president, Clarence Koch; secretary, Joyce Kopf; treasurer, Dorothy Koch; reporter, Gaynold Kaney; and advisor, Rev. Thomas Lutz.

Installation services were recently held for the new officers. The Rev. Thomas Lutz was in charge of the service and spoke to the young people in his message that evening. It was a very simple but meaningful ceremony.

Youth Week was observed by our group in a Sunday evening program. This program was presented by the officers of the society, with the assistance of some members. The service began with an instrumental prelude after which several hymns were sung by the congregation led by Deyhle Pawlisch. Our Scripture passage, 1 Samuel 3:1-18, was read by Thomas Lutz, followed in prayer by the Rev. Thomas Lutz.

Four of the young people had prepared special messages for the occasion and in turn spoke. Joyce Kopf chose, "So Send I You," as the topic for her message and Dorothy Koch continued with the same topic in the form of a skit. Mrs. Thomas Lutz assisted her with the skit. At the close of this fine message, Dorothy rendered a solo with Mrs. Lutz at the piano. Next in the series was Clarence Koch speaking on, "Whose We Are and Whom We Serve." In the last message, our president, Delbert Kaney, gave a very opportune message, "Come, Build for Youth."

It was a real blessing to see and hear these young people come forth with this special service and give others a chance to see their talents as they work for the Lord. We are very proud of our young people and pray that others may be shown the way.

Mrs. D. K. Kaney, Reporter.



The Woman's Missionary Society of the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., at its 4th anniversary celebration.

Missionary Gebauer Addresses Union Rally at the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The foresight of a North American Baptist pastor in Milwaukee, Wis., resulted in a Union Missionary Rally at the Immanuel Baptist Church on the afternoon and evening of January 25th. The Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of the Temple Baptist Church was aware of the Rev. Paul Gebauer's crowded speaking schedule and felt that all neighboring North American Baptist churches would like to hear of his 16 years of Christian experiences in the British Cameroons. After discussing this idea with the Rev. Wilmer Quiring of the Bethany Baptist Church and much prayerful planning, this Union Missionary Rally became the occasion of great blessings and renewed missionary enthusiasm.

Mr. Gebauer spoke at the Temple Church at the 10:45 A.M. worship service. The Rev. J. G. Benke of the First Baptist Church of Watertown led in the singing at the afternoon union service and the Rev. T. McKernan of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha read the Scriptures. Special music from these churches also inspired us. A mass choir of the three Milwaukee churches rendered two numbers directed by Mr. Penzek of the Immanuel Church. James Baumann assisted at the organ.

The Rev. W. Quiring and Dr. T. Bender of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago also had a part in making us aware of the importance of our support in the missionary work of the Cameroons. An offering amounting to \$415 was taken for the support of this work.

The Rev. Paul Gebauer stirred us with the story of the spiritual growth of this mission field over a period of 60 years. He reminded us of the need of our prayers and spiritual help. He told us of how six missionaries of several years back have grown to 41 as of today. He assured us that the natives of Africa are quick to grasp the need for Christ and are ready and willing to reform and build a new life for their people. It was pointed out that another few years will find the newly organized mission schools and churches self-supporting. Mr. Ge-

bauer made us realize that Africa is rich in mineral exports and that it helps this country in many important ways to develop scientifically. However, we in turn must make the natives aware of Christ and his help for them and their need for dispelling superstitions and turning to a real salvation in Christ.

Mrs. Walter Nasgowitz, Reporter.

Central Conference

Annual Program of Woman's Missionary Guild of Holmes St. Church, Lansing, Michigan

Singing "Love the World Through Me," the Woman's Missionary Guild of the Holmes St. Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., opened the evening worship service on Jan. 27th. With their motto, "Fervent in spirit; serving the Lord," posted; and their colors of green for growth, and white for purity, in decorations; they gave their sixth annual program.

As the different reports were given we realized how important women's missionary groups are. They bring in women for Christian fellowship, which is such a great help in spiritual growth. This group has had the privilege of again having this year Mrs. Harold Hess of Williamston, Mich., to bring God's Word to them. One highlight of the year was having a regular meeting held in the home of Mrs. Fred George, an invalid, on her birthday. She enjoyed it immensely and the Guild really loved having her with them in fellowship and learning of God's precious Word.

Many gifts of money and also material things were given to the missionaries whom the organization is helping. Recipients of these gifts were Miss Hilda Riffel, now home from China; and the Rev. and Mrs. Erick Kuhn of St. Paul, Ark.; the Rev. and Mrs. Kurt Marquardt of St. Paul, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Keep of El Salvador, Central America; Mrs. Eva Mills of Brazil; and the North American Baptist missions. We were especially privileged this past year to have had the Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson from the British Cameroons with us.

Our missionaries to the Ozarks, the Rev. and Mrs. Erick Kuhn and little Rhoda, were able to be with us this night. Erick and Elva Kuhn, both young people raised in our church, have made our hearts exceedingly glad because of the work they are doing in the Ozarks. It was deemed a privilege to have had him ordained recently in our church and to give due recognition of God's servants.

Installation of new officers and recognition of the last year's officers was handled very graciously by our church missionary, Miss Bonnie Morgan. She has been with us, working faithfully, calling on new people and working with all the membership of the church now for over three years. The Guild is looking forward to a year of more work and service to our heavenly Father through the guidance of its new president, Mrs. James Longhurst.

Mrs. Rudolph Kwast, Reporter.

Baptism of Twelve Converts and Leadership Training Course at Alpena, Michigan

A baptism in connection with the Watch Night service at the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich., was witnessed by a capacity attendance. Twelve people followed the Lord in baptism, among them the pastor's son and a man 84 years of age. The names of the candidates are: John DeBeck, Emil Behnke, Mrs. Harriet Lay, Lyle Grenz, Eric and Daniel Kanarr, Judith Pikel, Harry Paad, Jr., Wayne and Beverly Johnson, Fred Johnston and Alden Kirschner. The Baptist Church of Hillman, Mich., joined in this service with one candidate. The Rev. William Jones, pastor of the Hillman church, led the closing half hour of the Watch Night service.

The hand of fellowship was extended on Sunday, January 6, to these twelve and to one other, Mrs. Virla Johnston, who joined on confession of faith. What glorious moments for the church!

A Leadership Training Course, "Looking at Learning" by J. L. Corzine, was taught to a group of 28 persons by Miss Ruth Bathauer of our headquarters office from January 14 to 18. Certificates were presented to sixteen of them. On Sunday, January 13, Miss Bathauer presented the Scripture Memory Course which was adopted by the Sunday School on the following Sunday. The Rev. Richard A. Grenz is pastor.

Mrs. Clarence Zgorski, Reporter.

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. H. Riffel by the Holmes St. Church, Lansing, Mich.

On Sunday, Jan. 20th, the Holmes Street Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., held a farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Herman Riffel and children Elaine, David, and Edward. We greatly regret their leaving us and are asking the Lord's guidance in sending a man of his choice to us.

The Men's Chorus opened the service and rendered several numbers. During the service the Rev. E. A. Roloff, retired minister of Lansing, and the Rev. Harold Reese of Williamston, Mich., offered prayer and gave short addresses. The Rev. Erick Kuhn of St. Paul, Ark., recently ordained in our church, also participated in the program. All organizations of the church gave speeches of appreciation and encouragement. The Holmes St. Harmonizers sang several numbers.

The Rev. and Mrs. Riffel thanked the people. He spoke of his appreciation of all working together and commented on his very happy ministry here in Lansing. In appreciation of his work here, the congregation showed their love by giving the family a console radio-phonograph combination. This was presented to them by way of a recording played on their phonograph, which they will be able to keep as a remembrance of our church.

All members spoke personally to them, after which refreshments were served in the church parlors. Our prayers and good wishes follow them to their new field in Kankakee, Illinois.

Mrs. Rudolph Kwast, Reporter.

Arrival of 29 Displaced Persons at the Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

The members of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, have had the joy of welcoming 29 "New Americans" to Cleveland whom church members have sponsored. Eight of these have already united with our church. Approximately 80 more displaced persons are expected to come in 1952 and most of these will be sponsored by the church.

pastor, the Rev. Edwin Miller, had the joy of baptizing five converts upon confession of their faith in their Lord and Savior.

On Jan. 4 a reception was given in honor of our new church missionary, Miss La Verna Mehlhoff from Tripp, South Dakota. She was welcomed by the different organizations of the church and several musical selections were rendered. Refreshments and a social time in the church basement concluded the evening. We are grateful that God has led such a fine person as Miss Mehlhoff to us.



Rev. Richard Grenz (left) of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich., and twelve converts whom he recently baptized on confession of their faith in Christ.

Since the beginning of 1952 German services have been conducted in the church basement simultaneously with the English services upstairs. These German services have been well attended and are steadily growing. The present attendance is between 35 and 40. They are being conducted by the Rev. W. J. Luebeck, editor of "Der Sendbote." German revival meetings were held from February 25 to 29 by the Rev. William Hoover from Benton Harbor, Michigan. They were well attended and many were blessed and found their Savior at the services.

We praise the Lord for the 34 new members whom we have received into our church's fellowship during 1951. We have set a goal of 52 new members for this year which will be "one new member a week." On Sunday evening, Jan. 27, we held our first baptismal service for this year. Our

The Week of Prayer was observed and well attended. From January 7 to 11 our pastor, the Rev. Edwin Miller, conducted a course on soul winning. Many were deeply impressed by these messages. Eleven soul winning books are being read by our members. Thirty-nine evenings or afternoons have been set aside by members of the church for visitation of prospects for whom we have been praying.

On Sunday evening, Jan. 13, it was our privilege to have the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner from Forest Park, Ill., with us to bring a challenging and heart searching message from God's Word. At this missionary rally a special offering was taken. One man accepted Christ as his personal Savior at the service and each one present received a blessing.

Delores Ziemann, Reporter.



Some of the displaced persons from Europe or "New Americans" who are attending the services of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, with the pastor, Rev. Edwin Miller, at the right.

Ruth Schmidt, Reporter.

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