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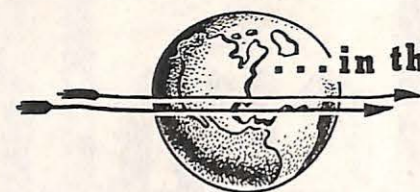
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Rev. Daniel Fuchs

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● The Ten Commandments contain 297 words, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address 266 words, and the Declaration of Independence 300 words. But the OPS order to regulate the price of cabbage alone contains 26,911 words.—United Nations World.

● William Gille received a unique Christmas present—a copy of the Bible written in longhand by his mother. Mrs. William Gille, a Seventh-day Adventist of New York, said that in the project, which took fifteen years, she used eighteen bottles of ink and covered 1,823 pages of paper. She used only one pen.—Signs of the Times.

● King Idris I is the new ruler of now independent Libya. The people are rather poor and uneducated. Only a few years ago, there was a grand total of seventy school teachers in the whole country. Ninety per cent of the populace can neither read nor write, and not more than twenty-five persons are college graduates. There are no "native" doctors or nurses.—The Christian Herald.

● Catholic and Protestant clergymen are being called up in growing numbers for military service in Czechoslovakia, according to information reaching Berlin, Germany. These men are assigned to so-called "technical units," or labor brigades that are working in mines, forests and railroads. They are not allowed to say mass or conduct public prayer. Some of the men are beyond the 32 year age limit that is enforced normally for military service. Others are young men fresh from the state-controlled theological seminaries.—Chicago Daily News.

● Here are some economic reports from Israel: The Kaiser-Fraser assembly plant at Haifa covers eighteen acres and will produce 6,000 cars annually. Under construction is the General Tire and Rubber Company plant which will produce 90,000 tires and tubes each year. The Jerusalem Shoe Company, a million dollar corporation, expects to begin export this year. The Hoffman-Orient Company, Inc., has a plant at Tel Aviv for the manufacture of washing and pressing machines, extractors, tumblers and similar equipment. The Sachs family, which operates six silk mills in Paterson, N. J., operates two Ramat Gan factories which manufacture silk and woolen textiles. They occupy a site equivalent to four New York square blocks.—The Sunday School Times.

● The disappearance of old Jewish communities from the Moslem world of the Near East has been an interesting feature in recent years. The creation of Israel has drawn the great majority to the new state. Before Israel came into being, there were some 125,000 Jews in Iraq, 80,000 in Egypt, 50,000 in Yemen, and smaller groups in Syria, Lebanon, Turkey and Iran. These people show little unity in race, language, or even religion. Racially, the various communities show traces of European, Asiatic and African blood. Most of the Jews have adopted the tongue of their countries and have kept Hebrew only for ritual purposes. Ethiopia has a group called the Falashas, or Black Jews. They are Hamitic people and do not use Hebrew, but a Hamitic dialect. Their scriptures are written in Ethiopic, not in Hebrew. The oldest form of Hebrew writing is preserved not by a Jewish group but by the Samaritans. They preserve their scriptures in the old Hebrew alphabet and language. The old alphabet is almost identical with the Phoenician alphabet, the oldest known in the world.—Chicago Daily Tribune.

● In a book review on "The Communist War on Religion" by Gary Mae Evin, it was brought out that while the Soviets have been oppressing Catholics, both the Roman and the Oriental rites, they courted the Orthodox Church. In 1942 they made a big show of coming to an agreement with that church, and announced the election of Sergius as Patriarch of all the Russians. He was feted by Stalin, given one of Moscow's finest palaces, presented with an American car, and was permitted to publish an official journal. The election in 1945 of his successor, Alexi, to the patriarchate was celebrated with a patriotic-religious concert. Orthodox bishops from all over the Balkans and the Near East were brought to Moscow in Soviet planes. Permission was given to ring the church bells. Ever since then the Orthodox Church has served as an instrument of propaganda and assistance to the government. But there is no guarantee given even the Orthodox Church that persecution will not begin again without notice. Sharing this truce are the Armenian Church and the Baptist churches.—From "United Nation World."

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

30th GENERAL CONFERENCE
August 20-26, 1952
Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.

Plan to visit our oldest organized church, the Fleischmann Memorial Church, in Philadelphia. See article on pages 8 and 9 of this issue.

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. Richard Schilke
May 25 (Sunday)—Carrington, North Dakota.
June 1 (Sunday)—Grand Forks, North Dakota.

SUMMER CONFERENCES

May 29-June 1—British Columbia Association at the Victoria Avenue Church, Chilliwack, B. C. Rev. J. C. Gunst and Miss Ida Forsch, Guest Speakers.

May 29-June 1—Central Conference at White Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. Paul Gebauer (May 30 and June 1), Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, Rev. R. Schilke.

June 2-5—Kansas Scripture Memory Camp at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas. Rev. R. Schilke (June 4-5), Guest Speaker.

June 4-8—Alberta-Saskatchewan Central Association at Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan. Rev. Hugo Lueck, Speaker.

June 5-8—Kansas Young People's Assembly at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas. Rev. R. Schilke, Guest Speaker.

June 12-15—Alberta Association at Wiesenthal Church, Millet, Alberta. Dr. George A. Lang, Guest Speaker.

June 12-15—Northern North Dakota Association at Underwood, North Dakota. Prof. Ralph E. Powell, Guest Speaker.

June 12-15—Manitoba Triunion and Association (Place Uncertain) Prof. Herbert Hiller and Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Guest Speakers.

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Editorial

Voices in Washington

THE CITY OF WASHINGTON, D. C., a citadel of globe shaking decisions, appears like a Babel of voices to the visitor. For three sessions of the Associated Church Press along with eighty other editors and publishing leaders.

We listened to such outstanding interpreters of current events as David Lawrence, editor of "United States News;" George Dugan, religious editor of the "New York Times;" Harold Fey, just returned from a trip to Korea for his paper, "The Christian Century;" and John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary. We met the president of the United States for a special interview. We were briefed by the Pentagon in a session of four hours and heard such political and military leaders as the Honorable Robert A. Lovett, Secretary of Defense; Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg, Assistant Secretary of Defense; Brigadier General A. Robert Ginsburgh; and high ranking chaplains in the United States Armed Forces. We were thrilled by the Baptist Congressman O. K. Armstrong of Missouri in a remarkable address.

Those who spoke critically denounced "the double talk" of present day politicians, the hypocrisy in high circles, the lack of moral earnestness and perception by those in leadership. It was disheartening and honesty of those to whom high offices have been entrusted.

It was even more disillusioning to hear the military leaders in the Pentagon. A gigantic armament program is being thrust upon the American people "to maintain the peace." One of the speakers intimated that in the crazy world of today, you have to act like a crazy man to keep alive. The only voice that receives any attention in these circles is the voice that promises more guns, more planes, more bombs. Mrs. Rosenberg quoted General Marshall that "the only voice that is listened to today is the voice that is backed by steel."

The paganism of these statements shocked the editors of the Associated Church Press. We as Christian people, as editors of religious publications, as evangelists such as Billy Graham in Washington, D. C., must call America and its leaders back to God and to "the still small voice" of his Spirit. We must again build our political structures and organizations of civic life upon the divine principles of righteousness, truth and love. We must be right with God in order to be keenly aware of his will for us.

There is one voice that needs to be heard in Washington, D. C., and that is God's voice, trumpeting his message to those who will hear. Across all political parties, we need Christian leaders with dauntless courage, buoyant faith and high integrity who will be spokesmen for God's voice to this nation and the world at large! Christians of America, pray earnestly for such leaders!

The Associated Church Press with 105 publications, including the "Baptist Herald," and with a combined circulation of 5,428,482 is deeply concerned about the moral and religious fiber of American life. It believes that God's voice must be heard now as never before and that we must "draw upon spiritual resources in meeting the problems of our time." That is a clear call for REVIVAL!



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The Gateway to Blessing

The sequence of spiritual experiences is clearly given to us in Psalm 119:67, "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I have kept thy word."

By the REV. BENJAMIN SCHLIPF of Cleveland, Ohio

THE PSALMS often astound us, and cause us to halt, to think and to wonder, because of the range of spiritual experience which a single verse encompasses. Psalm 119:67 is such a verse. "Before I was afflicted I went astray; but now I have kept thy word," the Psalmist says. We are forced to conclude that the man who wrote this verse here records his personal experience, having been led by the Spirit of God to do so for our instruction. We gain unmeasured blessing if we heed this teaching. Very often the bitter affliction which the Psalmist remembers with sadness and regret will then not fall upon us.

I WENT ASTRAY

"I went astray." Is not this a universal failing? It did not take man long to go astray. The beauty of the Garden of Eden and its fruits were to belong to our first parents for ever. But they were seduced by Satan and went astray. The age of Noah came and God, looking upon the earth, saw that "all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth." Only Noah had been found "a just man and perfect in his generation, and Noah walked with God." The rest of mankind had gone astray.

There are many passages in Scripture that speak of this universal straying of man. 1 Kings 8:46, "There is no man that sinneth not." Isaiah 53:6, "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way." Psalm 130:3, "If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?" Ecclesiastes 7:20, "There is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not." 1 John 1:8-10, "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." Romans 3:23, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

This is the testimony of the Word of God! Yet there are many who are unwilling to admit that they are sinners. They pride themselves upon their righteousness, but they either do not know or are eager to forget that, divinely evaluated, "we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags" (Isaiah 64:6).

They stress the great number of their good works, but again bypass the apostolic teaching, "Therefore, by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight" (Rom. 3:29).

"I was afflicted," the Psalmist says, and with these words he touches upon a law unchanged since it was enunciated by God, and repeatedly pro-

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claimed by his prophets. Whether it be an individual or a nation that goes astray, affliction will surely follow.

The one who goes astray is afflicted in various ways. He suffers the pangs of a violated conscience and the resulting remorse. David experienced this affliction as Psalm 51 clearly indicates. "My sin is ever before me," is the anguished cry of his awakened conscience, and he confesses: "Against thee, thee only have I sinned," and pleads: "Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean, restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."

I WAS AFFLICTED

This experience is not foreign to any of us, if we have passed through the travail of repentance and found that our God is "gracious, and full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great mercy," that the Lord God has no "pleasure at all that the wicked should die," but that he should "return from his ways, and live" (Ezek. 18:23). If their repentance has been real, they will find that the Lord will "have compassion on us; he will subdue our iniquities, and cast all our sins into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19) and "remember them no more" (Jer. 31:34). However, if repentance does not follow, God's utter rejection of the sinner and the sinner's final punishment will surely follow.

Some like to think that since God is love, he should overlook human transgression, that he should "forgive and forget," even though there be no repentance. They argue that affliction as a result of sin is contrary to the Bible teaching of God's love. However, the violation of civil law results in fines or imprisonment if the violation is discovered and justice faithfully administered. The violation of the laws of health eventually brings on sickness and very often is the direct cause of death, long before it normally should have come.

Why should these penalties for the violation of civil, hygienic and economic laws be accepted as a matter of course, but the penalties for the violation of divine law be considered cruel, unjust and unworthy of God, who is love? Would it not be much wiser to accept the teaching of Hebrews 12:5-11, where it is clearly shown, that chastisement, or affliction, is the proof of divine love, and that in the end God wills it to yield "the peaceable fruits of righteousness unto all who are exercised thereby?"

I KEPT THY WORD

Our spiritual experience will have come to a happy fruition when we can say with the Psalmist: "Now have I kept thy word." The 119th Psalm exultantly proclaims the wonders of the divine Word. Carefully weigh the following statements. Are they true?

1. God's basic word for humankind

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The Key to Pentecostal Power

Evangelism is that key! We need to get Christ to the world and the world to Christ. Unless the two are brought together, there is no hope

By the REV. DANIEL FUCHS, Denominational Evangelist

IT IS a common observation with all of us that the world is facing a crisis today such as it has never faced before. Sin and lawlessness are rife the world over. The forces of darkness are leading on at a terrific pace 24 hours a day and 60 minutes every hour. Satan with his cohorts is determined to turn this world into a howling wilderness as quickly as possible. Yet this is our Father's world! "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1).

In spite of the fact that the world is seated on the edge of a rumbling volcano, and the situation has become tremendously grave, there are some of us who believe that this hour is not devoid of all hope. We believe with every fibre of our heart that God has placed one certain hope on the horizon of this sin-sick world. That one hope is Jesus Christ and a real holy ghost revival of practical godliness in our midst.

We know, beyond a shadow of doubt, that the crucified and ever living Son of God is the solution to our problem. In him who said, "Behold, I make all things new," is our salvation. What we need more than anything else in the world today is to get this problem and the solution together. We need to get Christ to the world and the world to Christ. Unless the two are brought together, there is no hope.

In order to bring Christ to the world and the world to Christ, we need Christian cooperation. The forces of sin and unrighteousness are well organized and are working in hearty cooperation. The Devil is not divided against his own house. If that is true on the Devil's side, should it not be true on God's side? If the forces of destruction work with cooperation, should not the forces of construction representing God's program in the world work with cooperation?

In this hour of strife, clash and division, we as God's people are especially called to Christian cooperation in the spirit of unity and the bond of peace. There is nothing that will make infidels and skeptics, scoffers and agnostics sit up and take notice more quickly than for them to see God's people getting together and going about their divinely appointed task in hearty cooperation.

Furthermore, if Christ is to be brought to the world and the world

to Christ, we need evangelization. As a denomination we have set for ourselves a minimum goal of 7000 souls to be won for Christ during this triennium ending August 1952. If we hope by God's grace to reach this goal and go beyond it, we will need an evangelistic program that works in our day. If the work of the Devil is to be broken down and the Name of our Savior gloriously exalted, if souls are to be saved for eternity, we will need an evangelistic program today in which every born-again believer will share with his consecrated witness for Christ. That is the New Testament method of evangelism.

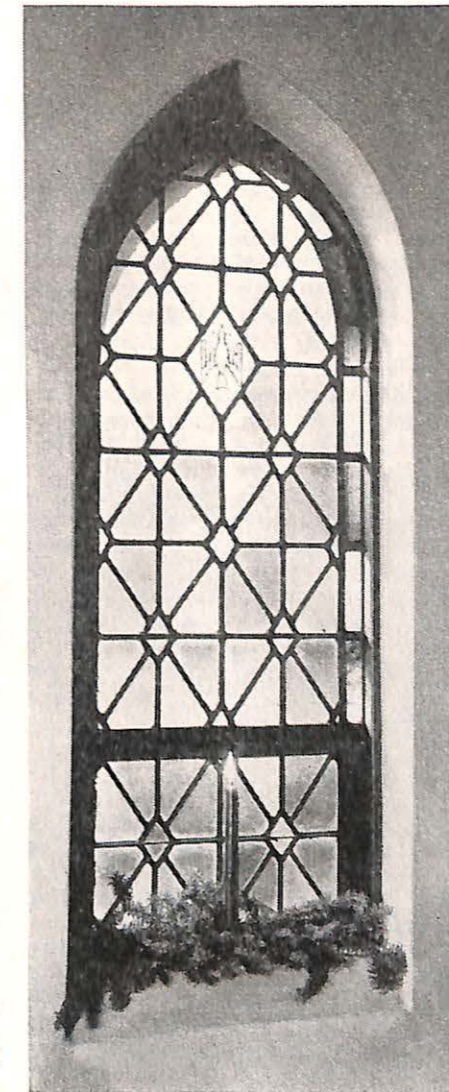
Jesus said: "Behold the harvest is great, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest." The world is ripe for the harvest or for the judgment. The urgency of this hour demands Christ more than ever before.

It was by this urgency that I personally felt myself constrained to yield to the call of the General Mission Committee to go into full-time evangelistic work. It is my humble prayer that I might be of service to the pastors and their people in their God-given task of bringing Christ to the world and the world to Christ through a program of evangelism in their churches. I do not wish to come as a professional evangelist, but rather as a brother in Christ, who shares with pastor and people in an evangelistic effort that under God might have lasting results. Brethren, pray for us!

Finally, what we need so much today in bringing Christ and the world together is consecration. We talk about consecration and we preach about it, but do we spell it out in our everyday life? We talk about our time being consecrated. Here we have the Bible, the message of God's love to our hearts. How much of our time do we devote to the study of God's Word? How much of our time do we give daily to communion with God in prayer?

We talk about our talents being consecrated. The church does not lack in talent. We have some of the finest singers, pianists and musicians. But it is often difficult to get enough music together for a few services in the church. Why is it? Because the talent we have is not consecrated to the Lord and to our divinely appointed task.

Let us remember that thirsty souls never go to dry wells for their water. We need to be filled full in order to fulfill. And that means consecration. Unless our witness be carried by the power of God's Holy Spirit, it will be impotent. The key to pentecostal power is obedience to the will and word of God. That means active yieldedness to Christ. If Christ is to be brought to the world and the world to Christ, and this sinful, scornful and skeptical generation of ours is to be won for Christ, we need to yield all we have to Christ, to be used for redemptive purposes.



—Eva Luoma Photo
A Christian is like a church window that lets the light of God shine through!



A part of the crowd at the closing exercises of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta (left); and some of the faculty members (left to right): Rev. H. Oliver Ohsberg, Mr. Robert Neske, Rev. Hugo Lueck, Miss Gertrude Nelson, Miss Erna Schwanke and Rev. E. P. Wahl, president.

Festive Days at Edmonton's C.T.I.

The story of the closing exercises of the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, from April 6 to 8, 1952

By the REV. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

THE FESTIVE FLAGS of joy flew high over the two imposing buildings of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, for the closing exercises of the school from April 6 to 8. There were moments of joy in the thrilling musical renditions by students that "many would have liked to have held on forever," in the words of the Rev. K. Korella, Bible School teacher. The attendance of more than 1100 persons, the spiritual feast provided in the program and the procession of 22 young people who graduated from the various departments provided a festive climax to another successful school year at the Christian Training Institute under the able leadership of its president, the Rev. E. P. Wahl.

SACRED CONCERT

On Sunday afternoon, April 6, the Alberta College auditorium was crowded with 1100 people to witness a spectacle in song. The Bible School presented three choirs which, under the direction of Mr. Robert Neske, opened the portals of heaven for their attentive listeners. Seventy-five students, all nattily dressed in uniform clothes for the young men and women, opened the sacred concert by singing "Praise the Lord Eternal" by Schaetky. Seventeen selections were rendered during the afternoon with the male chorus of 35 voices rendering such numbers as Handel's "The Trumpet Shall Sound" to a Negro spiritual, and

with a Ladies' Chorus of 40 voices singing among other selections, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." The Rev. William Sturhahn, vice-chairman of the School Board, brought more colorful harmony into the program with his stirring message on "The Song of Creation."

Music that is consecrated to the Lord streams from the Edmonton Bible School in an amazing way. During the closing exercises in addition to the three large choirs, another mixed chorus of 25 voices sang, the men's quartet and girls' trio now touring the United States showed us their musical talents, an orchestra lifted up hearts with thrilling rhythm, and numerous smaller groups of students refreshed our hearts with song. It's a singing school which touches the heartstrings of people by its radiant musical ministry.

FOR GOD AND TRUTH

The motto of the school, "For God and the Truth," was evident also in the provocative addresses of these days. The baccalaureate speaker on Sunday evening was Dr. H. Wyman Malmsten of Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., speaking on the topic, "For What Is Your Life?" He also brought a Bible exposition on "Scriptural Giving" at the Tuesday afternoon service which was greatly appreciated by the responsive audience.

On Tuesday morning Mr. A. L. Marks, an outstanding educator of the

city, thrilled his listeners by giving the blueprint for "Education for Peace" as a basic world curriculum. This address is the basis for a book soon to be published with this title. During the closing days messages on "The Greatest Needs of the Christian Life" were brought by Rev. Albert Stelter of Medicine Hat, Alta.; Rev. Grant Samuelson of Wetaskiwin, Alta.; Rev. E. Faul of Calgary, Alta.; and Rev. J. G. Rott of Carbon, Alberta.

Missionary banners are always unfurled at this school. These young students have a great missionary fervor and passion. The annual school play presented on Monday night, April 7, with a cast of 12 characters was entitled, "The Heroine of Ava" by Helen Wilcox. With profound feeling, with colorful beauty and with meticulous presentation, the story of Ann Judson, missionary's wife in Burma, was unfolded to the large audience. The director, Rev. O. Ohsberg, deserves great commendation for the polished performance by the students.

Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroons missionary, and a former student of the school, depicted the vast needs of Africa. Two mission films on the leper field in the Cameroons and the Indian Reserves of Alberta were presented by the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner.

PERSONAL TESTIMONIES

One of the highlights of these closing exercises was the recital of personal testimonies by the Bible School graduates. They sang their theme

song, "All on the Altar," and then spoke with radiance about consecration for service. Eunice Kern of Leduc, Alta., is eager to follow God's leading, step by step. Estella Mae Schell of Carbon, Alta., is serving the Lord with gladness. Mrs. Wilma Ohsberg of Edmonton, wife of one of the CTI teachers, told about God's answers to prayer. Linda Stober of Winnipeg, Man., pointed out how we can serve God through our riches. Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Olson of Camrose, Alta., hope to continue their training for full-time service. Miss Lillian Graf of Medina, N. Dak., beautifully described God's call to her. Joseph Hufnagel of Valley View, Alta., hopes to go into the foreign mission field. Miss Joyce Miller as class president presided over this inspirational service.

The commencement exercises on Tuesday evening, April 8, were colorfully opened by the academic procession of faculty, guest speakers and graduates up the center aisle in the Alberta College auditorium with flood lights focused on them and motion picture cameras recording the scene. The chairman, Professor Hugo Lueck, introduced the speakers. Miss Ida Forsch of the Cameroons brought a missionary challenge on the words, "Lift up your eyes!" Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., delivered the commencement address, "The Best Is Yet to Be."

AWARDS AND TROPHIES

The Bible School is able to present an array of scholarship awards and trophies. The Albert Gurel trophy was awarded to Max Schatz, the Ethel Ruff trophy to Irma Arndt, the Martha Liebig scholarships to Berthold Tutschek, Edna Gruenich and Ardeth Schmierer, the Schilke Scholarship to Marion Olson who also retained the cup after the second year, and the Alberta Women's Union Scholarship to Wilma Ohsberg. "The best all around students" were announced as Ardith Schmierer and Ida Neher. These awards were made by the Rev. Albert Johnson of the faculty.

Graduation and missionary diplomas were awarded by the Rev. E. P. Wahl, president, to nine Bible School graduates who had finished the four-year course. (Their names have already been given.) The High School Graduation Diploma was given to Joyce Gahr and Daniel Hufnagel. The Christian Workers' Certificates were received by the following: Dolores Lutz, Manette Froehlich, Edward Unger, Albert Gogel, Lorraine Biffert, Hilda Strohschein, Ellfriede Lemke, Roy Weiss, Donald Neibrandt and Ervin Lietz. As the large audience began to leave the auditorium following this festive service, the CTI students were still singing, "Living for Jesus."

The Christian Training Institute has ministered to 97 students during the past school year which opened late in October 1951. Of these ten came from

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is found in the ten commandments. They reveal what he wants us to do, how he wants us to live. God's right to lay down such laws for those whom he created will not be disputed by anyone who believes in the existence of God. The right to enact laws by which we are governed is conceded to other human beings, and that they are fallible is proven by the faulty, even unjust, laws they have written. Why then should the all-wise God be denied the right to say: "This do, and thou shalt live," or "The soul that sinneth, it shall die?"

2. If man would obey the Word of God as found in the Decalogue, and further revealed by the prophets, by his Son, and by other inspired writers of Scripture, this world and every peace loving person in it would be much happier. We would be free of the terrible results of hatred, greed, oppression and of selfishness, the tap-root of all sin. Since no human being or agency is perfect, mistakes would be made but they would soon be corrected.

If we would be Christians, we must firmly determine to keep God's Word in mind and heart, that we may be unerringly directed as to the way upon which we should walk, the words we should speak, and the work he desires us to do. Apart from his direction, our concept of these evidences of Christian living may be wrong. Can you say with Psalm 119:11: "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee"? Then will you find it daily "a lamp unto your feet, a light unto your path," and within you will have "the peace of God that passeth all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).



Miss Joyce Gahr and Mr. Daniel Hufnagel, who received their High School diplomas at the commencement exercises of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton.

the United States from such states as North Dakota, Kansas, Washington, California and Montana. The faculty of ten well qualified teachers includes President E. P. Wahl, Rev. Albert Johnson, Rev. Karl Korella, Rev. Hugo Lueck, Mrs. Marie Muller, Miss Gertrude Nelson, Mr. Robert Neske, Rev. H. Oliver Ohsberg and Rev. Otto R. Schmidt. The 64-page PROMOTER 1952 is an informative and exciting school annual prepared under the direction of Rev. Karl Korella as advisor with Joyce Miller as editor.

The Senior Class gift of a pulpit Bible for the chapel is an indication of the spirit that prompts and guides these young people. "Thank God! He set my feet upon the Solid Rock!" With the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit, with the training received at the school, and with loyalties awakened in the school's fellowship, the graduates of the Christian Training Institute go forth to serve their Lord and denomination with luster!



1952 Graduates of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. (Front row, left to right: Lillian Graf, Joyce Miller, Eunice Kern and Estella Schell. Standing: Joseph Hufnagel, Linda Stober, Mrs. Wilma Ohsberg, Mrs. Marion Olson, Paul Olson.)

The First North American Baptist Church

The history and ministry of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., one of the host churches to the 1952 General Conference, and the oldest church in the denomination

By MRS. JEANETTE McKEEKIN and MR. GUSTAVE STRAUB

opposed to the conviction of Mr. Fleischmann.

One month later eight more were baptized and the opposition grew stronger. Thus we see that the Rev. Konrad Anton Fleischmann's ministry was not without its problems. However, on Easter Sunday, 1843, the church celebrated its first communion service and in May there were fourteen more to be baptized and again a large congregation was present. Mr. Fleischmann, at a later time, stressed the importance of accepting the New Testament as the only true guide for the church.

Up to this time the church had no real name and was not a recognized Baptist church, but in 1848 the church joined the Philadelphia Baptist Association. The Association helped support the work of the church financially. Two years later the church was assisted by the Baptist State Convention in getting possession of the property of the Mt. Tabor Baptist Church on Sixth Street near Poplar. How gloriously the Rev. Konrad Anton Fleischmann's ministry progressed!

In 1851 the church numbered 66 members. During this same year the church entertained the first conference of German Baptists. In the following year the church experienced a revival and 39 persons were brought to the knowledge of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Revival meetings were held nightly for three months in 1858 and 43 members were accepted into the church through baptism that year.

EARLY PASTORATES

After 25 years of faithful service, much prayer and some tribulations, the church had grown to 200 members; was independent financially; and maintained two successful mission Sunday Schools. At this glorious time the Lord saw fit to take the Rev. K. A. Fleischmann, suddenly, to his heavenly home. It was with great sorrow that the church received the news that their pastor had died on October 15, 1867.

Mr. Fleischmann's activities and influences were far reaching, indeed. Besides the work at the church and

mission stations, he made other missionary journeys in this country even as Paul of old. He was the founder of our general denomination and the first editor of "Der Sendbote." What a dynamic man of God he must have been!

Almost one year passed before the new pastor, the Rev. Jacob S. Gubelmann, began his pastorate in September 1868. His ministry in Philadelphia was marked with great spiritual success. After a trip to Switzerland to recover from an illness, he and the church had a very successful year. In 1877 fifty-three persons were baptized.

During his pastorate, in 1880, Mrs. Fleischmann, who had been supported by the church, died. Mr. Gubelmann left the church after 16 years of an abundantly blessed pastorate. The General Conference called him to become a professor at the seminary in Rochester, New York.

The church then called the Rev. Lewis Kaiser in 1884. Mr. Kaiser was a son of our church and had just graduated from the seminary. He was pastor of our church for four years and his ministry was marked with visible results. All of the glorious work was continued and a revival took place. The missions, too, continued to grow. In 1888 his ministry at our church came to a close as he accepted a call to the First Church in Rochester, New York.

The next pastor, the Rev. Heinrich Schulz, came to the church in 1889. Though his work was blessed, he remained only two years, having felt that a call from the church in St. Joseph, Mich., was the Lord's will. The Rev. Louis C. Knuth became the pastor of our church in January, 1892. In the following year the church celebrated its fiftieth anniversary.

MISSION FIELDS

Before going on with the ministry of our church, let us digress and look at the home mission work the church was doing through these years. The mission work not only continued upon the death of Mr. Fleischmann, but grew and spread. One of the early missions was located at 34th Street and Lancaster Avenue. The Rev. K. A.

Fleischmann, after walking there, would preach his sermon on Sunday afternoon. Another mission was located at 13th and Oxford Streets; still another at 2nd and Norris Streets. This mission at 2nd and Norris Streets became the Second German Baptist Church in 1874 and today is known as the Pilgrim Baptist Church of this city. Ninety-four members of the mother church were given their letters of dismissal so that they might join and help in the work of the Second Church under the leadership of the Rev. John T. Linker.

Another mission station was located in South Philadelphia at 6th and Dickinson. Through support from the Pennsylvania Baptist General Association, Heinrich Schneider was called to work there in July, 1877. Through self-denial and sacrifice his work at the mission prospered spiritually. It was at this time that Mr. David Kaiser, who had been Sunday School superintendent of the mother church for 24 years, resigned in order that he might work at South Philadelphia Mission. It was his son, Lewis Kaiser, who later became the pastor of the mother church.

Mr. John Schmidt, a layman, took over the work of this South Philadelphia mission after the death of Mr. Schneider. Later, in 1878, he began his work as full-time missionary. His work was marked with great blessings. In 1881 he was ordained as a minister. The mission remained with the church until 1884, when 76 members were given letters of dismissal in order to join with and form the Third German Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

The mission in Pedricktown, N. J., organized as a church in 1888. Thirty-one of our own members again helped organize this church. Another mission in Egg Harbor, N. J., was organized as a church in 1893 with 14 of our members joining this church.

MISS HANNAH SEILS

We must also note at this point the coming of Miss Hannah Seils as missionary to our church. She was a very capable woman and devoted much energy and time to the church and community. Miss Seils made home visits, distributed tracts, helped the needy, ministered to the sick, conducted an industrial or training school on Saturdays, helped in Sunday School, young people's work and in the women's organizations. She was a faithful servant of the Lord in our church for thirty years. She retired in 1915.

In 1900, twenty members of the mother church helped form the First Lettish Baptist Church. These people had belonged to our Lettish mission.

The Rev. Herman Kaaz became pastor of our church in 1903. During his ministry at Sixth and Poplar Streets, many people of various nationalities had filtered into the community and

Our Philadelphia Churches

Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church
(See front cover picture)

Pilgrim Baptist Church
Article about this church is now being prepared by its pastor, Rev. W. C. DAMRAU.

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the church felt it necessary to look for a new location. In 1909 the church decided to offer the property at Sixth and Poplar for sale so that they might look for a new location. After much prayer, the old church building was sold in May 1913, and it was with mixed feelings that they moved from the old church with its untold blessings.

The new sanctuary was to be called after the founder, "Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church." The ground breaking at the new site, Ninth and Lucerne Streets, took place on November 8, 1913, with Mrs. Anna Boeticher, daughter of the Rev. K. A. Fleischmann, participating.

NEW CHURCH

Professor J. S. Gubelmann officiated at the corner stone laying on January 1, 1914. At this occasion, Dr. Russell H. Conwell delivered the main address. The church complete with furnishings cost \$54,600. At the time of the dedication, October 18, 1914, a debt of only \$19,000 remained on the property. There were 334 members at that time. The Rev. Herman Kaaz accepted a call to the church in Oak Park, Ill., in 1920, thus bringing his ministry at the Fleischmann Memorial Church to a close.

The church then called the Rev. F. P. Kruse and on Easter Sunday, 1920, he preached his first sermon at the church. During his ministry the church had the pleasure of burning the mortgage on the new church. In Mr. Kruse's humble, fatherly way he served his church successfully and he and his beloved family will long be remembered. His ministry came to a close in 1927.

The Rev. Martin L. Leuschner accepted the call to come to our church in May, 1928. He served the church during a transition period during which there was a gradual change from the German language to English. For a long time, Mr. Leuschner preached two sermons every Sunday morning, one in German and one in English. By 1934 the church services were entirely in English. He started a church publication during his ministry called "The Friendly Neighbor," which was enjoyed by all the members and friends of the church. In 1934 Mr.

Leuschner accepted the call of the General Conference to become Young People's Secretary. It was with much regret that we saw him leave and yet this was mingled with a certain pride that he had been called to such an important work.

During the summer of 1935, Mr. Milton R. Schroeder served as interim pastor of the church. The church later extended a call to Mr. Schroeder to become our regular pastor following his graduation from the seminary in May, 1936. The Rev. M. R. Schroeder served our church faithfully and successfully for seven years. When he left for his new ministry in Superior, Wis., there were many tears shed for he and his wonderful family had become dear to our hearts and the parsonage had become a "second home" for many.

We must note in passing the marvelous work done by our church missionary through these years. Miss Ruth Doescher was a devoted worker. She especially endeared herself to the children of the church and was instrumental in leading many children to the acceptance of the Lord Jesus as personal Savior.

CENTENARY JUBILEE

The one hundredth anniversary was celebrated in 1943. At the 50th anniversary none of the founders were still living. One of the members at that time wondered if any who were at the 50th anniversary would live to see the Centenary Jubilee. We still have two members living who remember the 50th anniversary. They are Mrs. Otto Mercener and Mrs. Minnie Hauck.

Mr. John Crouthamel was called by the music committee to lead our choir in 1944. He served the church well in this capacity and endeared himself to the church so that a call was extended to him to become our pastor. His ministry began in 1944. His dynamic personality and youthful enthusiasm proved a blessing to our church. The Rev. John F. Crouthamel and his sweet family left us in September, 1951 to serve the Baptist Church in Somerville, New Jersey.

At the present time our church is being very ably served by our interim pastor, the Rev. Victor J. Hammond. We have experienced some wonderful spiritual blessings under his leadership.

If you visit our church this summer you may see pictures of our founder and his wife, of Miss Hannah Seils, and of others of historic interest. There are pamphlets from the anniversaries, a plaque in memoriam to a Sunday School superintendent, and snapshots from our One Hundredth Anniversary.

It is our hope that we may have the faith and courage of our forefathers in carrying on the glorious work of God's church.

"Faith of our fathers, holy faith,
We will be true to thee, till death."



The illuminated sign of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., which was a gift from the Third Baptist Church of the city to "the mother church."

THE REV. Konrad Anton Fleischmann was the first German Baptist preacher in America. Through divine guidance he had come in contact with the Rev. George Muller of Bristol, England, who persuaded him to come to America to bring the Gospel to the German people. In 1839 Mr. Fleischmann arrived in New York. After preaching in Newark, N. J., and in Berks, Lancaster, and Lycoming Counties of Pennsylvania, he came to Philadelphia in 1842. Many believers heard his inspiring preaching and urged him to remain in Philadelphia. At first this group of believers met in a very small hall located on Poplar Street. The Gospel as preached by Mr. Fleischmann proved its power and a number of persons were converted.

MARCH 1843

It seems that Mr. Fleischmann did not at first preach "baptism" as we know it. He just stressed conversion. Later, however, he became convinced through Scripture that "baptism" was the Lord's will. At the first baptismal service in March 1843, five persons were baptized on confession of their faith. Many people were present at this service, including some who were

The Need for Christian Higher Education

A plea for the small Christian college and an urgent appeal to parents and pastors to support these schools by encouraging their young people to choose a Christian college for further training

By the REV. THEO. W. DON'S of Ellinwood, Kansas, Who Is Also Serving as Special Assistant to the President of Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas

EDUCATION is the watchword of today. The need for higher education is acknowledged by young people everywhere. No matter what field of occupation is chosen, training for that vocation is prescribed. The enrollment in most colleges has been encouraging during the past few years, but one can easily foresee what the pending Universal Military Training regulations might do to all colleges and particularly to the Christian college.

ALARMING SECULARISM

The need for Christian higher education is apparent when we consider that "secularism" in education is becoming so prominent in many of our schools and colleges. This element in

educated man cannot believe in God. The truth is that faith in God, faith in the Bible, faith in Christ, the Son of God and the Savior of man is a distinctive of education and definitely compatible with education. Is not man created by God? Did he not make him for fellowship with himself? Did not sin lead him away from God, and did not God provide salvation for man so that he might come back into fellowship with God? Man is restless until he finds rest in God.

Some time ago one of Columbia University's professors made a statement to the effect that to divorce religion from education would be a real calamity to the human family. Secularism robs education of its highest

that education acquired in such an institution is inferior.

Statistics show that this is not the case. Last year six people in a state university received their Ph. D. degree in chemistry and three out of these six were graduates of a Christian college in the state. We could relate many instances to prove that the best trained people in all fields come from these Christian colleges. Such a school may not have the best football team and may not rank too high in sports but in scholarship they pass anywhere. We thank God for these Christian colleges scattered over our fair land.

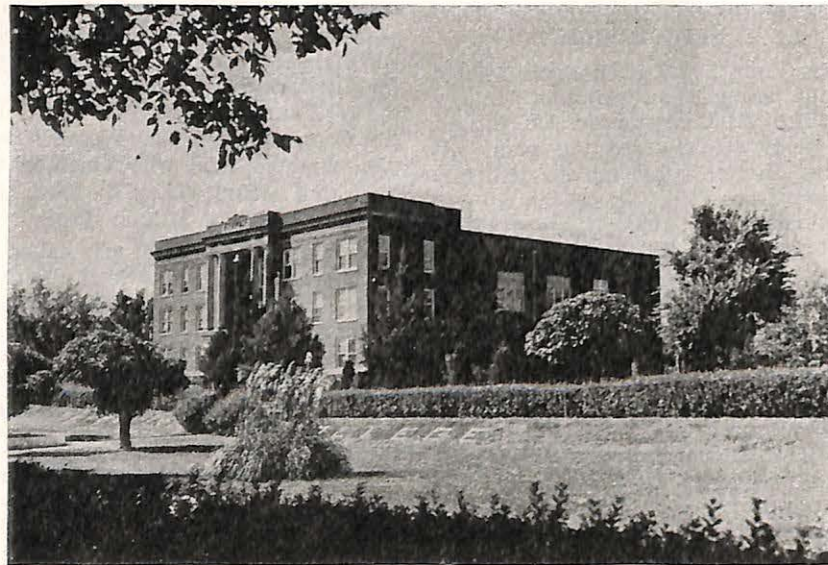
Recently I had the privilege of attending a series of meetings in the Sterling College of Sterling, Kansas, during Spiritual Life Week. Canon Warner of London, Ontario, was the speaker. He is a cultured and a strong spiritual leader. In a clear way he presented the claims of the Gospel and emphasized the fact that we must make the experience of God in our lives. "Ye must be born again." The result was a deep-going revival which is still going on. It was the quiet type but it has brought members of the faculty and students to their feet in testimony of a renewed definite experience of Christ.

I would like to tell you the story of a young Mohammedan, the son of a wealthy family in Teheran, Persia. When he accepted Christ, his family cut him off and he, who had never done any manual work, began to work in oil fields to make ends meet rather than to deny the Christ whom he had come to know as Savior. He will come back to college this fall so that he may finish his medical training and then go back to his native country as medical missionary.

EDUCATION OF THE HEART

Christianity is not on the defensive. Christianity is being put aside and scorned rather than being studied. It is strange that literature and ancient philosophy are studied in some of our schools and the Bible is ruled out. If the Bible would be given the place it deserves in all our schools and taught by Christian educators, it would have a tremendous impact on our national life. Christianity encourages education. It believes in a full rounded education. It believes in the education of the heart as well as the mind. If only the mind

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Spencer Hall, the administration building on the beautiful campus of Sterling College at Sterling, Kansas.

education asserts itself in grade and high schools as well as in schools of higher education. It is a system of education which eliminates the fact of God. It is completely divorced from the axioms of the Christian faith. It does not believe that there is a God and assumes that to believe in God as revealed in Jesus Christ is superstition and thus is incompatible with education.

Such education, in the words of Dr. Buttrick, is "earth-bound and time-bound." God is not in it and at best it can only nurture the savage element in man's nature. It is not true that an

element. This is deplorable the more so when we consider that most all of our institutions of higher education were founded by men of faith.

CHRISTIAN COLLEGES

In view of advanced secularism we do not question the place of the Christian or church related college. There are people who look with disdain upon a school that adheres to the fundamentals of the Christian faith, a school where the Bible is still considered the Word of God and where God's redemption plan is still accepted, a school that is Christ-centered. Somehow they have been made to believe

C.T.I. Chorus on Many Tours

The far reaching ministry of the school chorus of 80 voices of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta

By GERTRUDE SCHATZ and ISABELLE BRESCH, Reporters

THE SCHOOL CHORUS of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, composed of practically the entire student body, delights in serving the Lord with song. Every Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock during the school term over radio station CFRN the chorus and school orchestra have assisted on The Sunday Morning Devotional Program. Special appearances of the choir were made during the winter months at Bonnie Doone Baptist Church of Edmonton, several times at our Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, and at a Saturday evening "Youth for Christ" meeting where our president, the Rev. E. P. Wahl, was the speaker. We rejoiced greatly to see persons come forward to give their hearts to the Lord.

To transport and to accommodate a large chorus of 80 and more members is not an easy task and often the expense connected therewith makes it most prohibitive. But on the Sunday afternoon, March 9, the Chorus was taken to the town of Leduc by two large buses. Leduc is located 20 miles from Edmonton. A sacred concert was rendered in the largest auditorium (theatre) in the town of Leduc. Many

were turned away because the place could only hold about 500 people.

A selected choir of 26 voices has been used to make longer tours and to send out the joyous Gospel news through our beloved Christian Training Institute. Radio rallies were held in Wetaskiwin and Camrose with capacity crowds attending the same. As students we were greatly thrilled to be made aware of the vast radio audience to whom we are privileged to serve every Sunday morning. How it has humbled us to pray earnestly that the Lord Jesus Christ might make us more worthy of such far reaching service.

A special weekend tour was planned for this selected choir. Under the able leadership of Mr. R. Neske, choir director, this promotional tour took us to Trochu, Carbon, Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary and Olds, Alberta. It was a tour of almost 500 miles. The sacred concerts rendered at these various places were received with much enthusiasm by the large attendance. At Calgary the chorus also participated in a special way on the Saturday night "Youth for Christ" program. Approximately 1600 people attended this meeting.

On all our tours we have experienced great hospitality by our

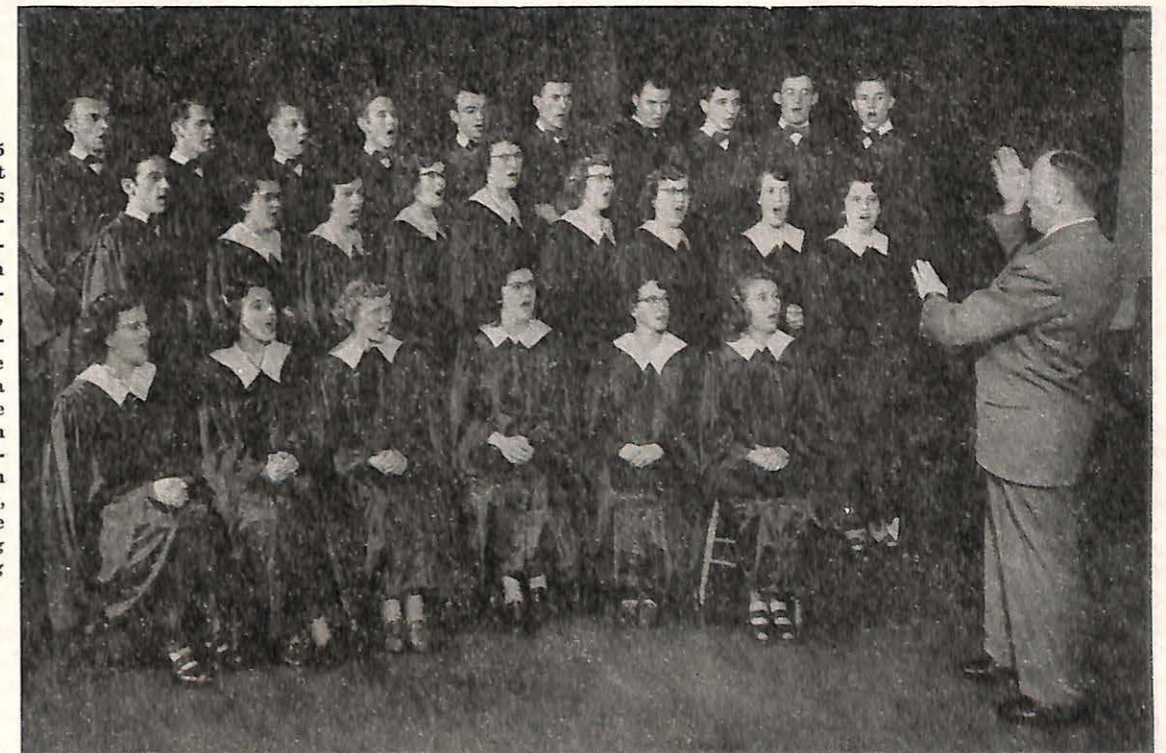
people. They took us into their homes, gave us a place to rest and set the tables for us as if we were part of their own families. We thank everyone for such kindness. The interest our people show in the work of C.T.I. is most gratifying. May we through fully dedicated lives encourage them to continue supporting the Bible School. May the day come when the school will be able to reach out even much further through the ministry of a selected choir.

IN THE COURSE OF EVENTS

● Syria is the latest nation in the Middle East to place heavy restrictions on the operation of mission schools. The decree issued in Damascus late last month prohibits the opening of any new mission schools or the employment of foreign instructors and use of foreign funds. Religious instruction is left to the discretion of each school, but the ministry of education reserves the right to close any school found to be engaged in what it calls "proselytizing."—The Christian Century.

● During a conference of the Church of Norway the following warning was voiced: "We must guard the communion of saints lest organizational egoism spoil it. Organization is only means, not the end. We cannot afford to have different groups working on the same lines toward the same end, but in competition with each other." Concerning evangelism the conference emphasized that the Gospel and nothing but the Gospel be preached, that the preacher must himself be reborn and filled with the holy spirit.—The Christian Century.

A special choir of 25 voices composing part of the 80 voice chorus of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., Canada, with its director, Mr. Robert Neske (right), which rendered sacred concerts in the churches of Alberta toward the close of the school term and which also presented an inspirational program on Sunday afternoon, April 6, to 1100 people in Edmonton during the school's closing exercises.



WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Howard Roth, Cameroons missionaries stationed at Belo in the grassland interior, have announced that a son was born to them on April 17 at the Banso Baptist Hospital. He has been named David. This is their first child. Mr. and Mrs. Roth are members of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon.

● The First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., held evangelistic meetings from March 30 to April 13 with the Rev. D. Itrich serving as evangelist. Recently the church had a new pulpit and pulpit chairs installed as memorials. The pulpit is a memorial to the late Mr. John Hepper and the pulpit chairs are memorials to Mr. and Mrs. August Janke and Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Koenig. The Rev. Fred J. Knalson is pastor of the church.

● The Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church at Startup, Wash., held its annual birthday celebration on March 7 with a dialogue depicting the various types of work in which they are engaged. Organizations in the church remembered the birthdays of the Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Kaiser on Feb. 22 and March 15, respectively. A special offering for the denominational enterprise was received by the church on Easter Sunday, April 13.

● Mrs. Ethel Kruse, formerly the matron of the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., while her husband, the late Rev. F. P. Kruse, served as chaplain, is now a guest in the Philadelphia Home. She wrote to the editor: "I am very happily settled in a fine room on the first floor. With the help of God I hope to continue to keep in the center of Christ's will and to be helpful to others." Her address is 7023 Rising Sun Avenue, Philadelphia 11, Pennsylvania.

● The Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., is experiencing a new upsurge in spiritual interest. More and more visitors are coming to the meetings. The Junior young people are quite loyal under the leadership of Mr. Robert Weiss, student at Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago. Mrs. Perry Smith has organized a Junior Choir which is a delight. On Easter Sunday, April 13, the Rev. John E. Grygo, pastor, baptized a middle-aged couple upon their confession of faith.

● After returning home from conducting a prayer meeting service at

CHILDREN'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 1952.

The Children's Day programs for Sunday, June 8, have been sent to all churches along with recitation material in German and English. If more copies are desired or if the material has not been received, please make your requests known at the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. The Children's Day offerings are designated for the Chapel Building Fund of the denomination.

the Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna, B. C., on April 9th, the Rev. A. J. Kujath, pastor, suffered a heart attack. He was rushed to the hospital. The doctor diagnosed his ailment as coronary thrombosis. He is making good improvement but his condition is still very serious. His immediate family only is permitted to see him and he must remain very quiet. He is desirous of the continued prayers of God's people in our churches.

● The young people of the Baptist Church at Davin, Sask., and several members of the Regina Bible School presented a program in the Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., on Saturday, March 22. The Rev. Richard Grabke of Davin introduced the speakers and musical numbers. A dialogue was presented entitled, "The Unsuccessful Soul Winner." Mr. Grabke also spoke about the mission work being carried on at Indian Reserves. The Rev. Robert Jaster is pastor of the Nokomis church. Mr. Edward Krell is president of the Nokomis CBY.

● The Rev. Henry S. Stinner of Jansen, Sask., pastor of the Jansen and Esk Baptist Churches, has accepted the call extended to him by the newly organized Baptist church group and the Hungarian Baptist Church in Toronto, Ontario. He will serve both churches under a joint arrangement. The Baptist mission was sponsored by the General Missionary Committee and the appointment of Mr. Stinner made definite at the annual meetings of the committee in Forest Park, Ill., on April 29 and 30. Mr. Stinner will begin his work in Toronto in the very near future.

● North Dakota ministers of the North American and of the American Baptist Conventions held their annual conclave in Bismarck, N. Dak., from April

15 to 17. Guest speakers and leaders were the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of Burlington, Iowa; Professor Thorwald W. Bender of Chicago, Ill.; and Dr. Siebe S. Feldmann, former Baptist missionary to the Philippines. At the banquet held on Wednesday evening the Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., served as toastmaster and Mr. Pfeiffer brought the address. It was an inspirational retreat for the many ministers in attendance.

● From April 20 to 23 the Bethel Church of Buffalo, N. Y., held its 10th annual Missionary Conference with the opening messages on Sunday, April 20, by the Rev. Paul Gebauer, superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission. Other speakers were Miss Minnie Lane of Liberia, Africa; Rev. and Mrs. Harold Reiner of Brazil; and Rev. Jay Perry of Mexico. The informative conference program was prepared by the Missionary Committee of Miss Ruth Murray, Mrs. John Capeller, Mrs. Frank Wuest and Mrs. Cecil Hill. The Rev. Paul E. Loth is the pastor.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has called the Rev. Andrew J. Espersen of Fort Wayne, Ind., as its pastor. He is a graduate of Des Moines University, Des Moines, Iowa, and of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York. A reception for Mr. and Mrs. Espersen was held by the church on Sunday evening, April 20, with Mr. Harry E. Wichtel in charge. Mr. Quade of the church board welcomed the new pastor and his wife in behalf of the church. Dr. Frank H. Woyke and Dr. Ezra Roth spoke in behalf of the North American Baptist Conference and American Baptist Convention, respectively.

● The ground breaking exercises for the new sanctuary of the First Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, Calif., was held on Palm Sunday, April 6, with the Rev. P. G. Neumann, pastor, in charge. Introductory remarks were made by Dr. L. McBride, Mr. E. Crain, building fund chairman; Mr. Wm. Kroesch, building superintendent; and others. Greetings were extended by Judge D. Dodge for the city of Costa Mesa; by Mr. Harry Fox for the Bethel Church, Anaheim; and the Rev. C. F. Hand for the Harbor Area churches. The church now has a membership of 465. The new edifice is being constructed on a "pay

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CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION

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is educated or the physical is developed, we may train the animal side of man. Robert Browning in his poem, "Love among the Ruins" says:

"In one year they sent a million
fighters forth
South and North,
And they built their gods a brazen
pillar high
As the sky,
Yet reserved a thousand chariots in
full force —
Gold, of course.
O heart! oh blood that freezes,
blood that burns!
Earth's return
For whole centuries of folly, noise
and sin!
Shut them in
With their triumphs and their
glories and the rest!
Love is best."

Christian colleges have a struggle these days because of the lack of appreciation for the splendid self-sacrificing work of the well educated teachers who have positive Christian convictions. We have succumbed to the ridicule of secularism.

Young people, choose the Christian college which holds a positive Christian position and where the best in higher education is offered. The small Christian college places emphasis on high scholarship and inspires the student to love the truth, for this is the basis in all sound education.

There is no conflict between scholarship and the Christian faith. Higher education that is thoroughly Christian in word as well as in practice is a rare commodity these days, but if a college is dedicated to this task it deserves the prayers and support of all Christian people. Cynicism toward religion is no sign of education but rather the result of unfairness and unbelief. It is the Christian college that will stabilize our young people in an age like ours which believes in the survival of the fittest.

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

HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

May 25, 1952—"Purity Vs. Impurity" by Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Forest Park, Illinois.

June 1, 1952—"The High Cost of Stealing" by Rev. Ben Zimmerman, New Britain, Conn.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Children's Day is always a great event in the Sunday School for the month of June. In many of our churches plans are made for special programs in which the children have a prominent place to display their talents and to give a definite witness. Let us cooperate with the leaders and parents of these children in early training for Christian service.

Program material has been available through our Publishing House in Cleveland for your Children's Day program. We trust that you take advantage of these fine helps.

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"The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand, as in what direction we are moving." —Holmes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The regional union papers are always greatly appreciated in our office at Forest Park. We wish they could be shared with every Sunday School and youth organization. These papers reveal interesting reports and news items regarding achievements in Sunday School and youth work. Note a few of the excerpts:

"We have added a new twist and trimming to the age-old Sunday School contest . . . A large colorful chart shows the progress made in the attendance of each class . . . Although this colorful chart itself catches the eye, that which catches the heart is the result of this contest. We have had for the past two months an average attendance of 90 per cent of all the children enrolled."—Glencullen Church, Portland, Oregon.

"Since the first of the year we have been engaged in an exciting Treasure Hunt. A fleet of some 60 vessels is

YOUTH COMPASS
is chuck full of program ideas and plans. It ought to be used in every church. Write for a sample copy or order it NOW.

sailing across our charted course. Each person in the race moves his ship one mile for having a 100 percent record on our six-point system, and another mile is awarded for each visitor brought."—Villa Ridge Church, Portland, Oregon.

"Prayer, work, and enthusiasm paid off with big results at Trinity in the big National Sunday School Contest sponsored by Christian Life Magazine. Sunday School attendance increased about one hundred and fifty to bring Trinity fourth place in the contest. God has certainly blessed our school through this contest and the \$100 worth of flannelgraph material received as prize has been greatly used already."—Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon.

"One of the projects to raise money for the Cameroons Crusade was presenting the play, 'The Star That Shineth in Darkness' at McIntosh and McLaughlin."—McIntosh, S. Dak.

"In effort to raise funds for the Cameroons Crusade our CBY plans to present a pantomime entitled, 'America, Come Help Us'. This was given by the young people on New Year's Eve, but since so few could be present we were requested to give it again."—New Leipzig, North Dakota.

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"Do good with what thou hast, or it will do thee no good."—Penn.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June is the month of Vacation Bible Schools. We trust that your school is well planned and organized. If you have not done so, why not secure a supply of attractive post cards from Roger Williams Press to be used as last minute advertisement for your school? Large attractive posters are available at the Publishing House which should be displayed at this time for the final announcement of your Vacation Bible School.

You will receive questionnaire post-cards in the very near future. We, too, would like to share with you the blessings of your school. Therefore, won't you fill out these cards immediately at the close of your Vacation Bible School, and return it to our office? It is important that we have this information for our records.

As leaders, may you find much joy and many rich blessings as you serve in this important ministry. We shall remember you in prayer as you carry on this important work.

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"When you have set yourself a task finish it."—Ovid.

Across Ancient Paths in Bible Lands

A colorful account of a recent trip to Bible lands with the Bible as a guide
by a former teacher of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton,
Alberta, Canada

By MISS ETHEL RUFF of Minneapolis, Minnesota

THE HOLY LAND has been referred to as "The Fifth Gospel." So when a bulletin of the Wheaton Bible Lands Cruise came to hand, under God's express leading, my plans quickly materialized to participate in this six-week trip, in which "the Bible would serve as our best guide."

One cannot report all the experiences that suddenly change a normal way of life into a turmoil of moment-by-moment adventure. Increasingly I am appreciating the term: "Innocents Abroad."

nearly 1,000 passengers and has a crew and staff of 575.

Among our party was Dr. John Strong, son of Dr. Augustus H. Strong, well-known author of the textbook: "Systematic Theology." Our Dr. Strong, a retired pastor, has himself authored "Jesus, a Man of Prayer" and recently, "A Man Can Know God."

On Feb. 27 we made port call at Genoa, birthplace of Columbus. The next day we disembarked at Naples, called the world's most beautiful harbor. The Greeks named this bay "Parthenope," meaning a siren, perhaps



The party of 50 Bible students that went on a tour to the Holy Land with Dr. Joseph P. Free, showing Miss Ethel Ruff, author of this article, behind the letters, "Con," of "Constitution" aboard the "S.S. Constitution" in the Mediterranean Sea.

However, going with this party of fifty efficiently directed by Dr. Joseph P. Free, we have not only been spared the detail inherent in such a junket, but have been provided with Christian fellowship and guided Bible studies in archaeology and prophecy.

BON VOYAGE

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 19, our party attended the Bon Voyage banquet at Hotel Victoria in New York. Dr. Philip E. Howard, Jr., editor of "Sunday School Times," was guest speaker. Then on Wednesday noon we set sail on the new American Liner, the S.S. Constitution which carries

because one's heart is captured by its beauty. But to Bible lovers it holds significance as the place where Paul landed nearly 1,900 years ago on his way to Rome.

POMPEII'S RUINS

March dawned rose and purple
As the sun bathed Naples Bay,
Colors of the rainbow flinging
In a riot of display.
Then began a day so jam-packed
With experiences and lore,
That all language was exhausted
And our hearts could bear no more.

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Our two busses, CTI (Italian Tourist Co.)

With a guide to keep us posted,
Toured the city, set to see;
Ancient landmarks, church and palace,

Modern buildings, some repaired,
From the raids, four hundred fifty,
In the war they badly fared.

Mussolini was a hero,
To these folks an obvious fact,
Hitler had betrayed their nation,
His mistake lay in that pact.
Then we toured the Great Cathedral
Some five hundred years in age;
Statues, columns, altars, chapels,
Treasures of the saint and sage.

Gold and silver in profusion,
Wan faced people prayers intone,
While the priest in mumbled accents
Seeks in ritual to atone.
Meanwhile on the steps the beggars
In their hunger plead and cower;
Rome, unlike Apostle Peter, has her gold
But not his power.

Then to Pompeii with Vesuvius
Holding still its ancient threat
In a death grip, forms of terror,
Even yet a fear beget.
As the mountain fumes and threatens,
At her feet men dare to build;
Near the site another city,
Somewhat by its smokescreen chilled.

Pompeii in its disinterring
Like a resurrection seems,
In volcanic ash tho' buried,
Now the city widely gleams,
And the shops, the homes, the temples,
Testimonies mutely flaunt
In this once a Roman city
Where the dead the dying haunt!

BIBLICAL REMINDERS

Then our guide waxed more dramatic
As we entered through the gates,
Networks of the streets spelled order,
One of many goodly traits.
Time would fail to tell of fountains,
Monument and peristyle,
From Patrician palace sumptuous
To the humble domicile.

Here the imprints of those fleeing,
In convulsions caught by death,

Some two thousand thus were taken
In a moment like a breath,
As I pondered by one figure
Teeth and skull and form of sod
How the phrase held poignant
meaning:

"Prepare now to meet thy God."

Then we sailed the blue green waters
Passing Crete and other isles,
Till we docked at Alexandria,
"Dean of seaports," full of smiles.
Here the world's most ancient
harbor—

Beckoned to the "blessed land"—
So the Arab's name for Egypt
And in parts we understand.

Blessed because the Septuagint
version,
Or the Bible into Greek,
Was translated by the Hebrews —
Of which fame all scholars speak.
Here tradition claims the Gospel
By one Mark was first proclaimed;
Here the first of Egypt's churches,
Forty-four A.D. is claimed.

PAGANISM'S SWAN SONG

On Thursday, March 6, we disembarked at Beirut, Lebanon. "Babel" would best describe the scene that greeted the "Enotria" as we steamed into harbor. This capital city, bridge between East and West, is about 90 miles distant from Damascus. Arabic, French, English, Armenian and Turkish, in that order, are spoken everywhere. Lebanon's population is evenly divided between Christian and Moslem. This is the gateway to the Arab world, the last stronghold of the West.

After clearing customs, the party started out in ten cars over the Lebanon Mountains, traversing wild picturesque gorges and breathtaking sceneries until we arrived in Boalbek, in the heart of the old Amorite country. It was bitterly cold in this ancient City of the Sun. Here are the ruins of Jupiter's Temple.

Dr. Free, in his lectures, called them "The Swan Song of Paganism." To counteract the impact of Christianity this magnificent temple was built in the first century. Mark Twain, it is said, called his horse Boalbek for it (the horse) was such a magnificent ruin.

Soon we were on our way to Damascus, known as the Jewel of the Orient—the oldest continuously inhabited city of the world. Twenty-two hundred feet above sea level and cooled by an invigorating climate, it was most inviting. As the fourth holy city of Islam—after Mecca, Medina and Jerusalem it is a city of mosques and minarets.

So ancient is it that Abraham as recorded in Genesis waged war unto "Hobah which is on the left hand of Damascus." We visited the most famous mosque housing John the Baptist's tomb (reputedly). At the Jesus' Minaret Moslems believe Christ will descend on Doomsday.



The Temple of Jupiter in ruins at Pompeii with the peak of Mount Vesuvius rising in the background.

Shopping in the famous brass factories of Damascus proved all the more adventurous, when the lights went out and we haggled over prices in semi-darkness.

Saturday, March 8, we drove all day through Bashan, Land of King Og (Numbers 21:33). We crossed the border between Syria and Arab Palestine which is now called the Hashemite Kingdom of the Jordan, across the Jabbok River where Jacob wrestled with the angel (Genesis 32:22-24) then stopped at Amman, the capital of former King Abdullah. It's a new city in an ancient setting.

THE JERICHO ROAD

Never will I forget that night drive down the Jericho road to Jerusalem. A very accommodating moon lit up limestone cliffs which rolled undulating before, behind and about us in all directions like the sand dunes of the Sahara. Suddenly the driver cried, "There is Jerusalem." And there was

the Queen of Cities set on her hills in jewelled splendor and "beautiful for situation."

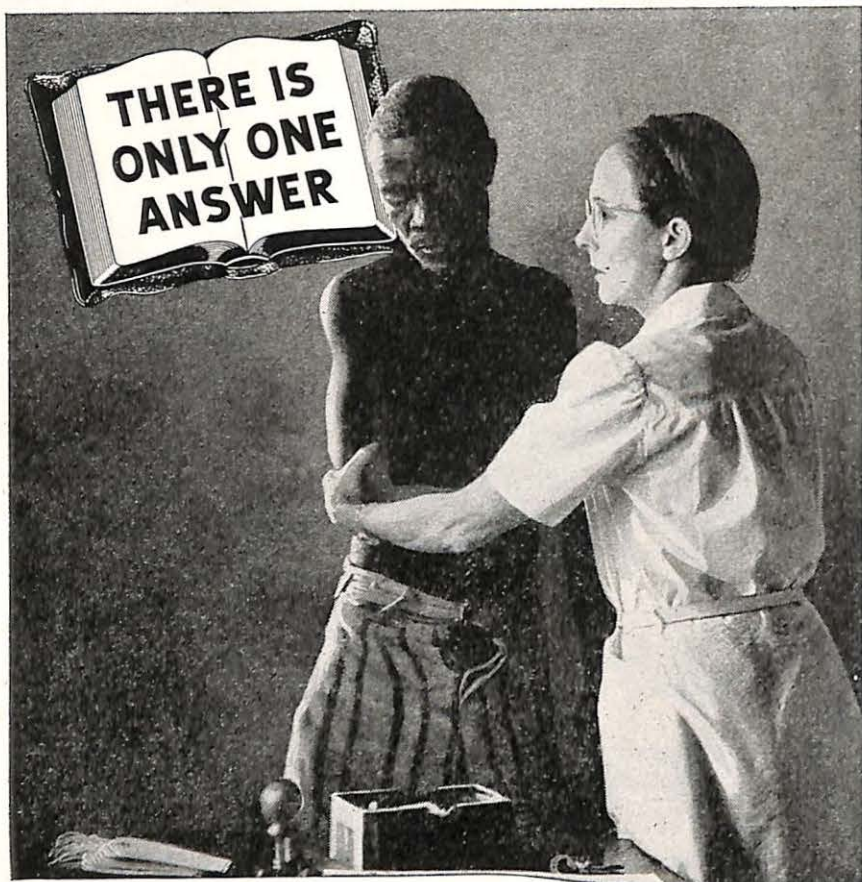
We arrived midnight at the American Colony, where we spent ten days of sightseeing. Founded in 1881 by Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Spafford, it stands as a memorial of seven decades in serving Moslem, Jew and Christian, in the name of Jesus. It was Mr. Spafford who wrote that haunting hymn, "It Is Well With My Soul," after he received word from his wife, bound for France on the ill-fated steamer Ville du Havre that she had been saved alone, their four daughters having drowned.

Sunday, March 9, before the Garden tomb near Gordon's Calvary, we held our own service. As a minister spoke on "Resurrection Realities" the sun was hidden behind somber clouds until the paean of triumph tingled our ears and thrilled our hearts. "O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?"

Visits to the temple area, where the



Damascus is a city of many Mohammedan mosques with their towering minarets rising above them.



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Dome of the Rock ("Mosque of Omar"), reputed to be the second most unusual building in the world, now stands; the pool of Bethesda; Pilate's Judgment Hall and the way of the Cross. As it was raining we made eerie figures in our hooded rain capes, jostling with the natives up the narrow Via Dolorosa.

JERUSALEM'S GLORY

Then we had a view of Jerusalem by day. Here it is 2550 feet above sea level—built upon a natural ridge whose sides look down at ravines. Bounded by three valleys one wonders—what if there had been a fourth valley? Besiegers have been Egyptians, Babylonians, Persians, Greeks, Assyrians, Romans, Turks, the Tartars, Arabs, Crusaders and the British. It was besieged nearly 50 times and partially destroyed 32 times and totally five times. A fourth valley may have meant the peace she has never known.

From my window I could see the walls of soft brown turn to golden with the sun on them. Some are 38 feet high with towers and gates. Here is the Damascus Gate from whence went Paul breathing out threatenings against the Christians.

The principal gates are Jaffa and Damascus. Then there is Stephen's Gate where tradition has it Stephen was stoned. I was thrilled at seeing the Golden Gate (Eastern Gate)—now walled up. Many believe this will be the gate to which our Lord will come as recorded in Ezekiel 44:1-3. In the narrow streets jostle vendors, priests, pilgrims, tourists and beggars, sheep, goats, donkeys, horses and camels.

In the Church of the Holy Sepulchre I was reminded of Evelyn Waugh's article in Life, December issue '51, entitled: "The Plight of Holy Places." Greeks, Latins, Americans, Copts and Syrians all hold services in this church, buttressed by girders because (it is

reported) the nations cannot agree on reconstruction. To some, kneeling at the slab of cracked marble covering the rock 6½ feet long and 6 feet wide, upon which Jesus was placed after the Crucifixion (so some believe) it means the end of a life's dream—a sort of Easter lesson come alive. To others it is a sad commentary on human faults, where everything is inextricably mixed and nothing is assimilated. Different races and creeds have jostled one another for centuries and their diversities become daily more accentuated. Our Lord was born into a fiercely divided civilization and so it has remained.

MANY HOLY PLACES

Our all day trip to Samaria on Tuesday, March 11, was dampened by intermittent downpourings. Nonetheless we saw Jacob's well where Christ talked to the Samaritan woman and beheld the field—not yet ripe unto harvest that skirted ancient Sychar. We saw also the Samaritans and the site where Ahab had his capital and his ivory house (1 Kings 22:39) and on to Dothan where Joseph was sold by his brothers (Gen. 37:17 ff.).

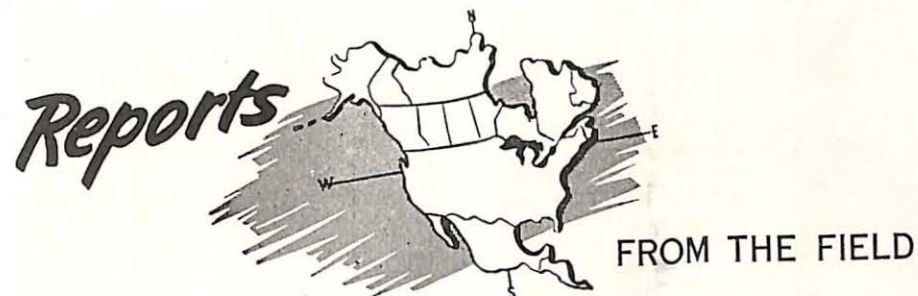
On Wednesday we went to Bethlehem and saw the Church of the Nativity which stands over the cave pointed out as the place where Christ was born.

At Hebron we saw the Cave of Machpelah where Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were buried. That day also we visited Dr. T. A. Lambie's mission and hospital at Hebron and were reminded of the great need especially since a camp of refugees are on their very doorsteps so they can "hear their cries at night." Tuberculosis is the worst curse and they have 50,000 cases in Jordan alone.

Longing for Jesus' return, Dr. Lambie cried: "Why speak ye not a word to bring back the King?" That day we were entertained by the Mayor of Hebron. After coffee he spoke on the refugee situation. That evening we heard another at the Shepherd's Hotel in Jerusalem, the refrain of which was "Justice for the Arabs." The needs are overwhelming!

Everyone agreed the trip through the Judean Wilderness where Christ was tempted of Satan (Matthew 4:1), around the walls of ancient Jericho, and down to the Dead Sea, was under ideal conditions. The hillsides were covered with lilies of the field and other gorgeous flowers—the air was redolent with the perfume of growing things. At the Dead Sea, it was like a hot summer's day.

It is indeed a land of contrasts where the ancient and modern, the East and the West, the liberals and conservatives, the rich and the poor intermingle to form a polyglot, multiracial and interconfessional community which few can understand—though all can marvel.



Southern Conference

Central Church, Waco, Texas, Hears Miss Bertha Lang, Former Missionary to China

How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the Gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things. More and more we realize the truth of this quotation from Paul's letter to the Roman Christians as we are made aware of the sacrifices of our missionaries and of the hardships they endure for the sake of the Gospel and for their love and devotion to their God-given task.

We at the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, have recently had the privilege of becoming personally acquainted with Miss Bertha Lang, returned missionary from China, during her visit with her friends, the Rev. and Mrs. Louis Johnson. She spoke on Sunday evening, April 6th, and again on Wednesday evening when the Woman's Missionary Society had charge of the service with the president, Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz, presiding.

Miss Lang related her experiences as the Communists invaded her headquarters and as she was obliged to give up her work in China. As she told of leaving her unfinished task, of bidding farewell to her Chinese friends and fellow workers, and of the difficulties which she encountered on her journey home, there was no note of complaint or self-pity but only praise and a glowing testimony to the great faithfulness of God as he brought her safely to her homeland. Her concern now is for the Chinese Christians who are at the mercy of the Communists. Her greatest desire is that Christians pray earnestly and unceasingly for these people that the seed which has been sown may live, even through persecution, to bear its fruit to the glory and honor of Him whose suffering bought our redemption.

Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Wahl at Wishek, North Dakota

Members of the First Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., held a reception on Tuesday evening March 11th, honoring their new pastor, the Rev. L. O. Wahl, and his family. A devotional service of a formal nature was held in the church sanctuary at 7:30 P.M. consisting of hymns and prayer, and a

welcome address by Mr. Ernest Herr. The Rev. J. J. Renz of Ashley, N. Dak., and the Rev. John Heer of Lehr, N. Dak., were to be guest speakers, but because of blizzard conditions blocking the road to Ashley, Mr. Heer presented both the challenge to the church and the challenge to the pastor.

A fellowship hour followed in the church auditorium at which time organizations as well as individual officers were introduced and joined in words of welcome to the new pastor. A variety of musical numbers was also given. The hour closed with remarks by the Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Wahl and benediction by the Rev. John Heer. Dr. W. H. Mehlhaff acted as toastmaster. Table appointments in spring colors were carried out in candles, napkins, plants and a basket of cut flowers.

The Rev. L. O. Wahl was born at McClusky, North Dakota. He attended the Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Ore., where he received his Bachelor of Science degree. He received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Western Baptist Theological Seminary at Portland, Oregon. He was ordained in his home church of McClusky. He was pastor of the Baptist Churches at Scappose, Ore., and Cherry Grove, Oregon. Mrs. Wahl is originally from Lincoln Valley, North Dakota. The Wahls have three children: Larry, age 8; Lauralee, 6; and Lyle, 5.

We as a church are now looking forward to a real time of blessing as we work together with Mr. and Mrs. Wahl to advance the Kingdom of our Lord.

Mr. Vernon Herr, Reporter.



The Rev. L. O. Wahl, pastor of the Wishek Baptist Church, Wishek, North Dakota.

Northern North Dakota Ministers and Wives Gather for Fellowship Luncheon at Fessenden

The ministers of the Northern North Dakota Association are so situated that it is not difficult to have times of fellowship several times a year. On the last occasion when we met on Tuesday, March 18, most of the ministers and their wives were present. The Rev. Vernon Link, our president, arranged for a dinner at the Fessenden Hotel March 23rd. Following the dinner each one was called upon in turn to tell us about some notable event of their ministry. This was indeed a blessing as we listened to these testimonies of God's grace and guidance in the lives of these his servants.

It was our privilege to have as our guest, Dr. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois. His enthusiastic report to us about our missionary progress filled us with more zeal for our mission work, while his resume of the General Conference program in Philadelphia, Pa., made all of us anxious to be there. Truly, it was a time of refreshing and blessing in the midst of a busy life for Christ.

Mrs. A. Buhler, Reporter.

Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota, Burns Its Mortgage Papers

The Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak., experienced a very momentous occasion on a recent Sunday in March. After many months of careful planning, sacrificial giving and ardent prayers which were offered by members and Christian friends, we were able to have our first mortgage burning ceremony.

A brief history was given by our treasurer, Mr. John Kranzler, which told us that in one year less than we had anticipated our first mortgage was paid. It was with great joy that our pastor, the Rev. H. J. Waltereit; our moderator, Dr. Gerald Holstien; the deacons, Mr. Dougal Munro and Mr. Godfred Kurzweg; and the congregation rose and sang, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Mrs. Norris Gulson, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings Are Conducted by Rev. Paul Galambos at Medina, North Dakota

The First Baptist Church of Medina, N. Dak., conducted an evangelistic campaign for two weeks from March 31 to April 11 with the Rev. Paul Galambos, our pastor, as evangelist. He brought heart stirring messages, the first week in German and the second week in English. Brother Galambos is truly a man of God whose greatest desire is that others may come to know the Lord Jesus Christ, who died on Calvary's cross for our sins.

These meetings were well attended and some came from a distance of 30 miles. God's spirit was felt, although we cannot speak of actual conversions. We can say that God blessed us in a wonderful way. May God bless the seed which was sown during this campaign so that it may bear much fruit in time to come.

Gust Martel, Reporter.



Young people of the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, who presented the play, "Treasures," in three neighboring churches and thereby raised \$100 toward the Leper Mission Field in the Cameroons, Africa.

Twenty-five Converts Baptized and 28 Members Received at Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak.

The First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., joins hearts with the Psalmist as he exclaimed, "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name." It was a thrill and an inspiration to the members and friends of the church as they witnessed the testimony that twenty-five converts gave in baptism on Sunday night, March 9. It seemed as if the very windows of heaven were opened in the outpouring of God's blessings upon the 375 who were present at the service.

These twenty-five persons were the results of prayer and personal evangelistic efforts before and during our evangelistic meetings. Twenty-six made a confession of faith in Christ during our evangelistic meetings which were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Roy Seibel, in the month of January.

We as a church were again reminded of our God-given responsibilities in ministering to the needs of these twenty-five baptized believers and of

three who came by letter as they were welcomed into our church fellowship. It is our earnest prayer that this may only be the beginning of a perennial evangelistic effort to help unsaved souls become acquainted with the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Roy W. Seibel, Pastor.

Activities and Blessings of the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

We of the Northside Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., are happy to be able to report of blessings received in recent months. We join with the Psalmist when he said: "I will give thee thanks in the great congregation; I will praise thee among much people."

Ever since the fall of last year when we began our service at the Northside Church, the members and friends of the church have shown kindness and love to us in many ways. Besides having helped us to furnish the parsonage, they have given us two pantry showers and various other expressions of love.

Even though we are only a small group of 43 members, our people have nobly supported the work of our church



Twenty-five converts who were recently baptized and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., by its pastor, the Rev. R. W. Seibel (right, rear row).

and denomination. The ladies of the church have sent clothing, etc., to the Indian reserves in Canada and contributed to our work of the Cameroons Mission. Our enthusiastic young people under the capable leadership of two Seminary students, John Zeigler and Wesley Gerber, have adopted a well planned program. They presented the play entitled, "Treasures," in three of our churches and were able to send \$100 to headquarters toward the Leper Colony project. They also wrote and presented an Easter Shadow Drama which was a blessing to all. Our choir of over twenty voices brought the Easter message in song on Easter Sunday evening, April 13.

We wish also to mention our special meetings that we had with the Rev. J. Reimer serving as evangelist. Even though we had no definite decisions during these meetings, we were reminded as a church what our responsibilities are toward Christ and our fellow-men.

Improvements are being made on the church structure which will make our edifice more beautiful and attractive for worship. We enjoyed a "Family Night" to which 100 guests were invited. At that time the needs of the church were presented and an encouraging response was made on the part of our people.

It may also be of interest to the readers of the "Baptist Herald" that six of our families had to leave their homes because of the flood which affected certain areas of our city. Relatives and friends of the church helped these families in every way possible.

Harold E. Weiss, Pastor.

Annual Program of the Baptist Ladies' Mission Circle of Aberdeen, South Dakota

On Sunday afternoon, March 30, the Ladies' Mission Circle of the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, S. Dak., held its annual missionary program. Before the service Miss Florela Heupel played a few numbers on the piano. The program was opened by our president, Mrs. Carl Schauer. Mrs. Alma Bender led in prayer.

The program consisted of poems, solo, trio, Ladies' Choir consisting of some of the daughters of the members, also a double duet and two numbers by the society. We were also fortunate to have a missionary, Miss Geneva Kosher, with us from Africa, who told us about the African people. After the program a supper was served by the Ladies' Circle where a free will offering was taken which amounted to \$48.00.

During the past year we have sent gifts for White Cross; noodles, candy and cookies to the Old People's Home in Bismarck, N. Dak., and to the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Michigan. Money donations were sent to the denominational budget and to our own church treasury. Each member has a missionary box and at the end of the year the boxes are opened. The women have been blessed during the past year and are looking forward to another blessed year in doing more for the Lord.

Mrs. Milton Schrenk, Secretary.

Reception at Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for New Pastor and Family

On Wednesday, April 9, members and friends of the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., met in the Seminary chapel to extend a welcome to their pastor, the Rev. Richard Grenz and family, formerly of Alpena, Michigan. The program, at which Dr. George Lang presided, consisted of expressions of welcome from the different boards and societies. Mr. Harold Weiss, pastor of the Northside Baptist Church, spoke for that group. Several special numbers were rendered.

After the program in the chapel, refreshments were served in the Seminary dining hall by the Woman's Missionary Society of Trinity Church. The evening was concluded by having the King's Stewards Quartet favor us with several numbers. The Trinity Church is looking forward to great progress under the leadership of Mr. Grenz.

Dorothy Zimbelman, Church Clerk.

CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAMS
Sunday, June 8, 1952
Offering for the Chapel Building Fund

Atlantic Conference

Evangelistic Meeting Conducted by the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia

The Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., held a series of evangelistic services during the month of March. The special services started on Sunday night, March 16th, and continued each evening through March 23rd with the exception of March 22nd.

The Rev. William J. McIlhenny of the same city conducted the meetings, and it was felt that his messages were timely and inspired. His background of Bible references each evening helped us more clearly understand the position and hope of the Christian in the world today, and the rich blessings which Christ offers to those who believe.

At the end of the week of meetings, it was felt that through the inspiration of God's Word as brought to us by Mr. McIlhenny, we as a church could more effectively minister in the work that lies ahead.

Mrs. Ruth L. Toner, Church Clerk.

Southwestern Conference

Christian Workers' Conferences at Shattuck, Oklahoma and Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas

Two workers' conferences were held in the Southwestern Conference area in March of this year. Under the leadership of the Rev. J. C. Gunst and Miss Martha Leyboldt the conferences were of great benefit to all attending. One hundred and twenty-five peo-



The corner stone of the new edifice for the Calvary Baptist Church, Stafford, Kansas, with the Rev. Aaron Stackhouse, pastor, at the microphone.

(See May 8, 1952 issue for the report about these exercises. Editor.)

ple were registered at the first conference which was held on March 17 and 18 at the Ebenezer Church of Shattuck, Oklahoma. The Rev. Oliver K. Ringering was the host pastor. One hundred and sixteen people were registered at the second conference held on March 20 and 21 at the Bethany Church of Vesper, Kansas. The Rev. John Wood was the host pastor. The second evening service was not held because of a severe snowstorm. The pastors were one hundred per cent in attendance at both conferences.

At both conferences Miss Leyboldt was the speaker on the first evening, with "Wonders on the Morrow" as her theme. This message thoroughly prepared all to expect great blessings and an interesting time of study on the "Morrow," not only at the conferences but also the "Morrow" of every day's

Christian life. On the second day, Mr. Gunst and Miss Leyboldt held four clinics, and together they conducted a forum and question box period. The clinics, forum and question box were interspersed with devotions and musical numbers by the local pastors and laymen.

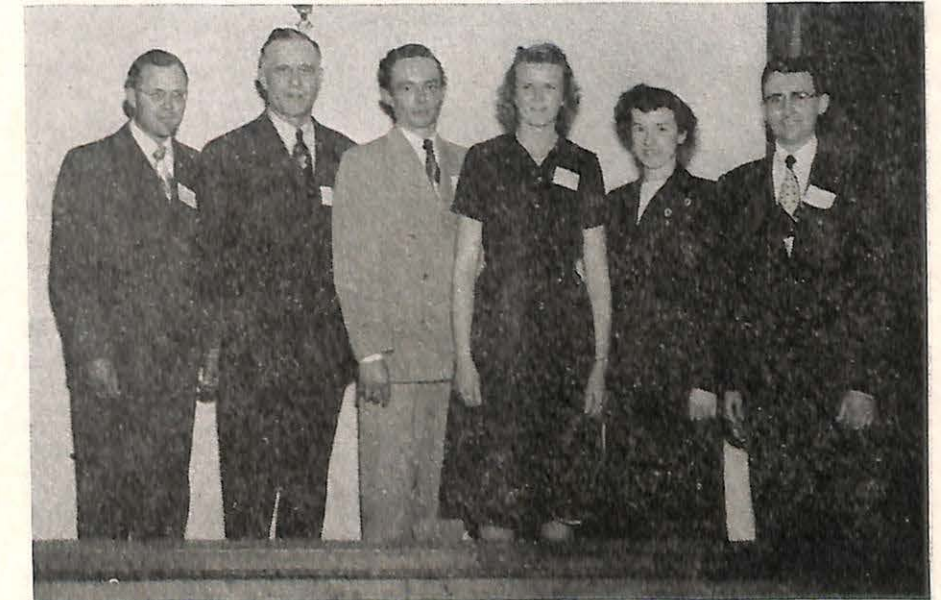
The clinics which Mr. Gunst conducted on Church School problems were: "This Is the Answer," "Win Them," "Reaching Our Children" and "The Printed Word." Much valuable information was gained in these clinics and new desires were aroused to make better Church Schools in the home churches. Miss Leyboldt conducted the CBY clinics and with the aid of a flannelgraph and bulletin board showed how CBY officers and commissions are to function.

"Christ—Our Concern" was the message that Mr. Gunst gave during the closing evening service at the Shattuck church. The message brought very forcefully to all that Christ's concern for the lost is the concern of every Christian, a concern that all pray more, give more and work together more, with unity between all the churches of our denomination.

After this message the conference was privileged to be the first to see some new slides of the missionary work in the Cameroons and also to hear some of the very latest news from the Cameroons field. Other attractions of the conferences were a display of material to be used in the Sunday School and CBY work brought by Mr. Gunst and Miss Leyboldt. A book display from the Roger William Press also provided the conference with many useful books.

The meals, the music as well as the hospitality of the host churches was enjoyed very much. After the instruction and fellowship of the Christian Workers' Conferences, a new desire was present to follow the conference theme, "Do Your Best to Win God's Approval" (2 Tim. 2:15).

Evelyn Meyer, President.



Officers of the Southwestern Conference CBY and SS Union. (Left to right: Rev. John Wood, advisor; Rev. David Zimmerman, counsellor; Mr. Alfred Shippy, vice-president; Miss Evelyn Meyer, president; Mrs. Herbert Schauer, secretary; Rev. Herbert Schauer, editor.)

Baptist Men's Organization Started at the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Oklahoma

The month of March, 1952, marked the beginning of an increased emphasis on men's work in the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla. Early in the month a group of officers of the Sunday School and of the Sunday School classes which are attended by men of the church discussed the possibility of forming a men's organization. The group decided to sponsor a special meeting to which all men of the church would be invited.

This men's meeting, held on March 13 in the Zion Church, began with a period of singing followed by a devotional service. The interim pastor, the Rev. John R. Siems, then spoke on the topic, "Act Like Men" (1 Cor. 16:3, American Translation). After this Mr. Harry Geis, Southwestern Conference representative of Baptist Men and a member of Zion Church, presented the program and objectives of Baptist Men. Time was given for questions and discussion and several men spoke enthusiastically in favor of organizing.

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activities, Elmer Fisher; Membership, Jake Geis; and Nominations, William Geis. There is every indication that with God's blessing this organization will grow and provide for the men of the church a greatly increased opportunity for Christian fellowship and service.

John R. Siems, Interim Pastor.



Some of the 130 members of the special choir from seven Kansas churches who presented a music festival at the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., as the local pastor, the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt, pronounced the benediction at the close of the inspirational program.

The decision was then made to organize as Baptist Men and to affiliate with the denominational men's organization. The following officers were elected: president, Weldon Leisher; vice-president, Weldon Geis; secretary, Herman Dumler; and treasurer, Robert Graalman. After making plans to meet once each month, the men adjourned to the church basement for refreshments and informal fellowship.

Twenty men became charter members of Zion Baptist Men and each has been asked to serve on a committee. Already these committees have begun to function. Committee chairmen are: Program, Weldon Geis; Ac-

Music Festival Presented by 130 Voice Choir from Seven Churches at Lorraine, Kansas

A large congregation of 555 persons attended the first music festival presented by the united choirs of seven Kansas churches that was held at Lorraine, Kansas, on Sunday evening, March 30th.

Under the able direction of Dr. Robert Taylor, director of the Music Department at Emporia State Teachers College, the choirs began rehearsing in the afternoon and in the evening the 130-voice choir rendered a musical

program that will long be remembered by those who heard and were inspired by this mass chorus. The singing group completely filled the choir loft, the church platform and the main floor in the front of the church. The large congregation filled the church to capacity and overflowed into the annex. The local church was host to 160 persons who shared in the evening meal that was served in the fellowship hall. Included in this large group of visitors and singers were persons from Bison, Dickinson, Durham, Ellinwood, Lorraine, Marion and Stafford.

The project was begun by the Music Committee of the Lorraine Church that is headed by Mrs. E. Staeber, and a vote of thanks was extended to this committee and the various church groups that helped entertain the visitors. The cooperation of the pastors and people from the neighboring churches was also greatly appreciated. It is hoped that this will become an annual presentation, for the inspiration and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Alfred R. Bernadt, Pastor.

Eastern Conference

Interesting Activities and Programs at the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania

The Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., was recently privileged to have as guest speaker for a series of pre-Easter meetings, Bishop C. F. Derstine, author and lecturer from Kitchener, Ontario.

Several months ago a "CBY Juniors" group, aged 12 to 16 years, was organized under the leadership of Joyce Bartlett and Mrs. Robert Eichler. We were deeply thrilled to have a young boy of 14 accept the Lord as his personal Savior at our very first meeting. These "Juniors" meet each Sunday evening at 6:30 P.M. in the downstairs Sunday School rooms while the "Seniors" are meeting upstairs. Easter Sunday evening the two groups combined under the leadership of the Senior group's president, Betty Keiper, for a program of music and Easter hymn singing and ended with a chalk drawing of the resurrection entitled, "God's Promise."

The Fidelis Class which is composed of the young married couples recently realized one of its long talked of activities when their recently organized Sunday School class became a reality. It is very interesting and ably taught by Lincoln S. Love. The Fidelis class is also in the process of organizing a nursery in the church parlors to care of infants and small children during the Sunday morning services. This same class also sponsored a "Family Night" to become better acquainted with the parents of the Sunday School scholars. A Christian film was shown with a time of fellowship following.

Our prayer at Central Church is that God will indeed have his way in our individual lives and in our church from the greatest to the least and that Central will become a blessing to those about us and be greatly used of the Spirit.

Mrs. K. Louise Eichler, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Musical Ministry by the Bethel Baptist Church Orchestra at Missoula, Montana

The Lord has truly been good to us at the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana. More and more of our young people and older ones, too, are using their time and talents to glorify God. Last summer an orchestra with a few guitars, violins and accordions was started in our church. Later, several other young people bought mandolins. The Rev. G. P. Schroeder gave them special instructions until they were able to play quite well. Then they too joined our orchestra. Recently two more violins and a viola were added. We practice once a week and play at the Sunday evening services and on special occasions. The Rev. G. P. Schroeder, our pastor, is our director.

In January a five member committee was appointed to plan a musical program. The result was a two-hour Sacred Concert which was given at 7:30 P.M. on the 24th of February. It consisted of numbers by the choir of about 30 voices, the male chorus, the orchestra, girls' sextet, girls' trio, solos, duets, mixed quartet and male quartet. Almost all of our young people and some of the older ones too participated in the program. The church was crowded to capacity and we all had a wonderful time. A special offering was taken which went toward the purchase of a new electric organ for our church.

We certainly thank God for the many talents and for our many willing workers.

Mrs. Bennie Oelke, Reporter.

Renovated Edifice Dedicated and Six Converts Baptized at Arthur Street Church, Spokane, Wash.

We of the Arthur St. Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash., have reason to testify: "Sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things" (Psalm 98:1), for on Sunday morning, March 23, the dedication service was held for our renovated church.

Our pastor, the Rev. Walter F. Berkan, offered the dedicatory prayer and spoke on "God's Appointed Time." Mr. Julius Roloff, a trustee, acknowledged the time, effort and money given by the members and friends of the church. The choir presented the anthem, "Morn of Gladness." Gordon Erickson sang "Bless This House," and a trumpet solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple," was given by Bob Roloff. The Christian and American flags, purchased for this occasion by the Sunday School, were presented to the church. At the close of the service, five persons were accepted into our fellowship.

The auditorium was modernized by the lowering of the ceiling, the installation of acoustical tile and recessed lighting fixtures. The Sunday School classrooms and the auditorium were repainted, the floor was sanded and re-

varnished, as were the pews. This work, begun Feb. 25, 1952, was done through volunteer labor by members and friends of the church. The redecoration of the basement was done several years ago, including the kitchen, which has now been wired for electrical equipment. At that time, the exterior of our church was also painted.

On Easter Sunday, April 13, six converts were baptized. These, along with three others, were given the hand of fellowship following the morning service. The choir presented the Easter cantata, "The First Easter," at the evening service. Truly God has blessed us, and our prayers are that his Spirit may live and work through us that many others will learn to know and to follow him.

Barbara Schauwecker, Clerk.

This was followed by a solo by Mrs. Janzen and another recitation, "Our Plea," by Mrs. Ruth Lehman. Then the Rev. Eldon Janzen brought a message and encouraged us as women to continue our good work for the Lord. In closing, the Ladies' Aid group sang another song, "There's a Place for Everyone." The offering taken is to be used for the Leper Mission in Africa and for repainting our church. Our prayer is that God will help each one of us to do our best for him.

Mrs. Ruth Lehman, Reporter.

Anniversary Program of the Temple Baptist Missionary Society, Swan River, Manitoba, Canada

On Sunday evening, March 16, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Temple Baptist Church of Swan River,



The combined orchestra and choir of the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana, directed by the Rev. G. P. Schroeder, pastor, at a recent Sunday evening service.

Northern Conference

Woman's Society of Valley View, Alberta, Is Reorganized and Holds First Program

We as the Ladies' Aid of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Valley View, Alta., can say with thankful hearts, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." It has only been since September 1951 that we reorganized our Missionary Society. Our group numbers only 11 members. We also praise the Lord for sending the Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Janzen to us to help in the great work for our Lord in this field.

On Sunday evening, March 30, our Ladies' Aid presented its first program under the leadership of Mrs. Eldon Janzen, our president. We opened our program with singing, Scripture reading, prayer and words of welcome to all visitors. Then our Ladies' Aid group sang the song, "It Pays to Serve Jesus," after which there was a recitation by Emma Lehman. Then the dialogue was given, "The Crowns of Life," in the German language, which stirred us all to be more faithful and do our best for our Master.

Manitoba, observed its annual program under the direction of Mrs. L. Nehring, our president. Mrs. A. Jeskie read the Scripture passage and Mrs. David Taubensee led in prayer.

The musical part of the program included three songs by the society, a ladies' quartet, a women's trio, a double trio and a vocal solo by Mrs. Walter Gienow. Several recitations and a dialogue contributed to the evening's blessing. Guest speaker for this evening was Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski of Minitonas, Manitoba. The offering at this occasion was \$51.20 which is to go into the building fund for a new parsonage.

As a society we met 12 times during the past year with an average attendance of eleven members. There were 118 sick calls made by the members. We were able to help support the Indian Mission of Alberta, the Haven of Rest Home at Medicine Hat and the foreign mission fields. We now have 21 active members.

We are thankful to God that he has answered our prayers and has sent us a shepherd again in the Rev. E. H. Nikkel, and our prayer is that the Lord may give us strength and courage to go onward and work together to the glory of his Name.

Mrs. John Iseli, Secretary.



Twelve young people and adults who were baptized by the Rev. H. Schatz (fifth from left) and received into the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., on March 23rd.

Twelve Converts Are Baptized at the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

On Sunday evening, March 23, we of the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., had the joy of receiving twelve people into the fellowship of our church through baptism. We were glad to have had Dr. John Leyboldt of Chicago, Ill., as our evangelist with us from Jan. 20th to Feb. 3rd and rejoiced over the seven persons won for Christ.

Previous to this time for four successive Sundays, nine persons came out for the Lord and were saved. We as a church and as the Lord's servants were richly blessed and inspired to do more for Christ who gave his all for us. The Rev. H. Schatz is the pastor of the church. May God give us more wisdom, faith and a greater passion for lost souls. That is our sincere prayer for the future.

Mrs. H. Schatz, Reporter.

homes of our members. A Bible study was chosen, continuing from Genesis 36 to Exodus 10. Questions were asked on these chapters. Then two sword drills were held which helped us to know our Bibles better. A total of 170 sick visitations were made and many others were remembered with flowers, fruit baskets and "get well" cards. Six gifts to new arrivals were also sent to members and friends of our circle.

The dues and special donations of our members and friends were used as follows: \$472 for the rug in our new church; \$50 for the support of Missionary Ida Forsch in Africa; Bible School training for two Africans with \$54.75 for each; \$25 for Miss Erica Kruger in Africa; clothing, nightgowns, pillow cases and vegetables for the Baptist Indian mission school at Whitehorse, Yukon.

We now have 31 active members on the roll and six members on the honor roll. The average attendance for each



The Ladies' Mission Circle of the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, Canada.

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Circle, Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta.

On Thursday evening, March 13, the Woman's Mission Circle of the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., presented its annual program. This was opened by our president, Mrs. J. Adam, and Mrs. J. Brown led in prayer. The program consisted of musical numbers, a monologue and two dialogues which were greatly enjoyed by all present. The secretary's report was also read.

There were ten regular meetings held, meeting once a month in the

meeting was 17 members and we had 27 visitors attending our meetings. The offering of \$155 at our annual program will be used in mission work such as White Cross supplies, sheets for the new hospital in Africa and the Children's Home at Wetaskiwin.

Mrs. John Brown, Secretary.

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Nikkel by Baptist Church, Southey, Sask.

On Sunday, March 30, the Rev. E. H. Nikkel brought his prayerful five-year ministry in the Baptist Church of

Southey, Sask., Canada, to a close. His morning message was in keeping with the Lenten season.

In the evening the church held a warm farewell reception for this devout Christian couple who have labored so faithfully and cheerfully in our midst. Words of appreciation were spoken by representatives of the various organizations within the church and friends from nearby Regina. Special musical numbers made the occasion more festive.

Before Mr. and Mrs. Nikkel responded to the kind words of recognition, the presiding deacon, Mr. John Lang, presented them with a fine gift on behalf of the church. This memorable evening closed with a period of pleasant fellowship in the church basement where the women served lunch.

May God bless Mr. and Mrs. Nikkel and the Swan River Church bountifully to which they have gone to hold high the banner of his abounding love.

Mrs. Philip Herz, Clerk.

New Baptist Church Edifice Under Construction in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, Canada

It was with deep regret that some of the older members of the Baptist Church of Yorkton, Sask., Canada, had to leave their old church building after 40 years (which was too small) to enter into a new and larger edifice. The building is not yet completed, but we are holding our services in the basement of the new building which has been tastefully decorated and a new heating and air conditioning system with an oil furnace and forced air has been installed. We hope to have the new building completed sometime in June. The Rev. Alfred Lueck is our minister.

The special guest at our morning service on Sunday, March 9, was the Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alta., the Conference worker and missionary. Our evening service opened with the Mixed Choir of Yorkton singing "Arise, My Soul and Sing," which was followed by a song service. Scripture was read by the Rev. M. De Boer of Springside while the Rev. E. L. Thiesen of Fenwood led in the opening prayer. Mr. Lueck welcomed the guests which included the architect, Mr. Jordan.

Special numbers heard were the male quartet of Ebenezer, Sask., singing "Great Is Jehovah the Lord." The Mixed Choir of Springside, Sask., rendered a German number. The Ladies' Choir of Yorkton sang "Just Keep On Praying," and the Mixed Choir rendered several numbers.

Timely messages were brought by Mr. De Boer of Springside on Psalm 26:8 and Mr. Thiessen on Rev. 3:7-13 as well as Mr. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat. We were favored with a solo entitled "Precious Lord, Take My Hand." The offering amounted to \$654. The women of the church had the privilege of serving lunch to those present. This brought to a close a day that will be long remembered.

Mrs. A. Eckert, Reporter.

Obituary

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

MRS. ELIZABETH KLEIN of Ashley, North Dakota.

Mrs. Elizabeth Klein, nee Hettich, of Ashley, N. Dak., was born at Bergdorf, South Russia, on June 26, 1879. She migrated to this country in 1901 and made her home in Ashley, North Dakota. The bond of holy matrimony was sealed with Fred Klein in 1902. Eight of the eleven children born to this union preceded the mother in death. Mr. and Mrs. Klein resided on a farm southeast of Ashley until they retired to town in 1939.

Mrs. Klein was converted and later was immersed on May 5, 1921 by the Rev. F. Dobrovoly. She became a faithful member of the Jewell Station of the Ashley Baptist Church.

She had enjoyed the usual measure of good health until last fall when she began to ail, and last March in spite of medical attention and loving care her condition became critical. She was taken to the Bismarck Hospital and passed away on March 27, 1952. Those who mourn her departure are: her beloved husband, Fred Klein; three children: Edward of Ashley; Emma, Mrs. W. Walz, of McLaughlin, S. Dak.; Martha, Mrs. George Obenauer of Ashley; 14 grandchildren and many friends. The funeral service was held on April 1st in the Baptist Church of Ashley. The pastor spoke on Genesis 22:1. She was laid to rest in the Ashley Cemetery.

Ashley, North Dakota

J. J. RENZ, Pastor.

MRS. TILLIE REMMICH of Wolf Point, Montana.

Mrs. Tillie Remmich, nee Huber, of Wolf Point, Mont., was born in Mannheim, N. Dak., on July 24, 1904 and passed away at the Holy Rosary Hospital at Miles City, Mont., on March 23rd at 8:30 P.M. at the age of 48 years, 7 months and 28 days. The cause of her death was the result of several strokes. Mrs. Remmich had been ailing in health for a number of years. She suffered much in the last days in which she had been deprived of her speech. In the twilight hour of March 23 God called his servant to her heavenly home where there is no sighing, sorrow or pain.

Mrs. Remmich formerly lived at Terry, Mont., with her first husband, Alexander Braun, where her family was reared. On December 14, 1946 she was joined in wedlock to William Remmich of Wolf Point, Montana. She became a member of the Presserville Baptist Church of which she remained a member to her end.

Mrs. Remmich leaves to mourn her passing her bereaved husband, William Remmich; her children: Walter and Archie Braun of Miles City, Mrs. Alice Jorgenson and Eleanor Braun of Terry; her stepchildren: Mrs. Ted Bialouroki of Wolf Point, Arthur Remmich of Vida, Aaron Remmich and Mrs. John Schumacher of Billings, and George Remmich in the Korean theatre of war; nine grandchildren; 16 step-grandchildren; two brothers: Reinhold Huber of Bismarck, N. Dak., and Ted Huber of Sidney, Mont., and a host of other relatives and friends.

Undersigned spoke words of comfort from John 14:1-6: "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Presserville Baptist Church, Presserville, Montana

HENRY LANG, Pastor.

MR. JOHN WILLIAM SCHMIDT of La Salle, Colorado.

Mr. John William Schmidt of La Salle, Colo., was born March 15, 1914 at La Salle, Colo., and died March 25, 1952 in the Weld County Hospital of Greeley, Colorado. He attained the age of 38 years and 10 days.

He was a graduate of College High and attended CSCE in Greeley for one year and was engaged in farming southwest of La Salle. His health had failed him during the past two years and he was hospitalized for three weeks preceding his death.

He accepted Christ as his personal Savior in November 1942 and was baptized on December 13, 1942 by Rev. A. E. Reeh and received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church here, where he was a member at the time of his death.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt; and the following brothers and sisters: Elmer, Melvin, Clarence, Roy and Mrs. Marjorie McNeil, all of La Salle; Mrs. Marian Billings of Greeley; and Mrs. Mildred Schlagel of Wiggins, Colo.; as well as by four nieces and five nephews. These, the members of the First Baptist congregation and a host of friends mourn his early departure from this life.

The service was held at Macy's in Greeley and was attended by a host of relatives and friends. The many floral tokens were proof of his esteem in the community. The undersigned spoke on the sixty-four dollar question: "What is your life?" (James 4:14a). May the gracious heavenly Father comfort those who mourn his early passing and may he help all to walk worthy of the Lord. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Rev. 21:4a).

First Baptist Church, La Salle, Colorado

DAVID ZIMMERMAN, Pastor.

MRS. JOHANNA HEILSBURG of Colfax, Washington.

Mrs. Johanna Heilsberg, nee Schalkau, of Colfax, Wash., was born on Sept. 23, 1860, at Rapnet, East Prussia, Germany and went to be with the Lord on April 5, 1952. At six years of age her family moved to Volhynia, Russia, where she grew to maturity. On Jan. 30, 1883, she was united in the bonds of sacred matrimony with Gustav Heilsberg, who passed away on July 24, 1926. Born to their union were nine children, five of whom died in childhood. Two sons passed away at their home near Colfax. The family came to the United States in 1893 and settled at Orleans, Nebraska. From there they moved to Colfax, Wash., in 1904 and our sister had lived here until her death.

As a young woman she accepted the Lord as her Savior and was baptized on confession of her faith by pastor S. Lehmann, and united with the Baptist Church at Neudorf, West Russia. In 1906, when the Wilcox Baptist Church near Colfax was started, she became a charter member. In all these

years she was a loyal member, a faithful follower of her Lord and a true Christian mother. She was always greatly interested in the progress and growth of the work of the Lord. Her strong, abiding faith in Christ and in the Word of God was the anchor of her soul. For many years she was not able to hear and deeply regretted that she could not hear the message from the Word of God. But she bore this burden with a cheerful and optimistic spirit.

Over a year ago she suffered a severe injury and had been an invalid ever since. In all the extended time of her illness, she had the best kind of care and consideration in the home of her son John and his wife. For many years she stayed with them and had a beautiful and comfortable home. The Lord will reward them for all the kindness they have shown to mother.

Our sister is survived by two sons, Ewald and John of Colfax, six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, many friends and neighbors. May her memory linger in peace and may the God of all comfort bless the bereaved ones! There will be a happy reunion in the morning. Zach. 14:7 served as text at her funeral service.

Wilcox Baptist Church, Colfax, Washington

F. E. KLEIN, Pastor.

MRS. HARVEY E. ERNST of Clearwater, Florida.

"Dead is she? No, rather let us call ourselves dead. Who tire so soon in the service of him whom she has gone to serve forever."

Mrs. Augusta Ruth Ernst, nee Wolfe, of Clearwater, Fla., was born November 11, 1905 in Clearfield County, Pa., and passed away October 4, 1951 in Clearwater, Florida.

At an early age she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized by the Rev. H. G. Braun and united with the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Michigan. In 1922 the family moved to Detroit where she became a member of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church. On November 21, 1925, she was united in marriage to Harvey E. Ernst. This union was blessed by a daughter, Marian Edith.

We never knew a sweeter, nobler Christian wife and mother than Mrs. Ernst. She took her place in Calvary Baptist Church soon after they arrived in Clearwater in 1944, and she numbered her friends by the hundreds. In the choir, Training Union, and Sunday School, she made the investment of her gloriously beautiful Christian life and talents as long as health and strength permitted her to do so.

For more than 180 days she lingered in

MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES			
Conferences	March, 1952	March, 1951	March, 1950
Atlantic	\$ 2,702.62	\$ 1,169.56	\$ 5,316.54
Eastern	1,048.88	1,275.68	2,204.82
Central	5,948.59	6,255.17	11,476.78
Northwestern	3,196.82	6,969.48	12,887.93
Southwestern	1,231.76	4,168.42	4,018.88
Southern	1,649.33	2,003.43	2,827.55
Pacific	2,758.01	7,802.56	9,508.98
Northern	3,178.12	2,755.31	7,731.46
Dakota	3,465.70	4,401.47	13,227.08
Total Contributions	\$25,179.83	\$36,801.08	\$69,200.02

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED			
	Budget Contrib.	Other Purposes	Total Contrib.
For the month of March, 1952	\$19,041.01	\$ 6,138.82	\$25,179.83
For the month of March, 1951	33,241.68	3,559.40	36,801.08
For the month of March, 1950	24,455.22	44,744.80	69,200.02

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April 1, 1951 to March 31, 1952	\$429,728.10	\$ 98,386.99	\$528,115.09
April 1, 1950 to March 31, 1951	372,649.30	117,004.41	489,653.71
April 1, 1949 to March 31, 1950	400,948.41	155,852.35	556,800.76

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August 1, 1949 to March 31, 1952	\$1,061,362.02	\$353,891.46	\$1,415,253.48
August 1, 1948 to March 31, 1951	1,076,467.21	276,277.91	1,352,745.12
August 1, 1947 to March 31, 1950	1,180,075.64	211,369.51	1,391,445.15

Morton Plant Hospital, and during all those dreary months we never heard a word of complaint from her lips. We prayed by her bedside and spoke words to cheer and encourage her as God gave them to us, but all the time we could feel that Mrs. Ernst knew she was on her way home, and it was all right with her soul. Her beautiful, humble, sweet Christian spirit of submission to the will of God was sublime to behold, and when the messenger of death came to bear her spirit away, she died with Heaven in view. Like some proud river, winding toward the sea, calmly and grandly, silently and deep, her life joined eternity.

Her funeral was not the mourning of defeat, but the celebration of a victory. The writer spoke words of eulogy, basing his remarks upon Paul's words in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, words that assure us of the state of our blessed dead and of the Second Coming of the Lord in resurrection power and glory, when we shall meet again and be with the Lord, and be like him forever.

She leaves to mourn her passing: her devoted husband, Harvey; a daughter, Mrs. Alden Lee Seaton of West Palm Beach, Fla.; and five brothers: Samuel of Flint, Adolf of Gladwin, Ernest, John, and Norman of Detroit, Michigan.

Calvary Baptist Church,
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WALTER B. FEAGINS, Pastor.

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- Women's meeting and laymen's rally on Monday, Aug. 25.
- Missionary rally on Aug. 26 with Rev. Paul Gebauer, missionary, as speaker.

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEWS

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As You Go" self-help plan, using voluntary help wherever possible and materials given by members such as loads of concrete at \$20 a load.

● The First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., has extended a call to the Rev. John H. Watson of Melbourne, Australia, who at present is studying toward his Doctor's Degree at Princeton Theological Seminary. He has served the church since March 2, 1952. In April he and his family were favorably welcomed by the Jamesburg congregation. Mr. Watson was graduated from Perth University, the Victoria Baptist Seminary and the Melbourne College of Divinity in Australia. He was ordained in 1933. He served as Baptist pastor for several years and in 1940 became a chaplain on active duty, serving in Egypt, Africa, Syria, India, Ceylon and Northern Australia.

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