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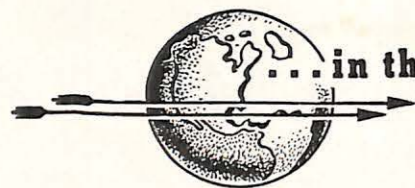
Martin Luther Statue in Washington, D.C.

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An Unknown Road

Rev. Robert Hess

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... in the course of human events

● In California the American Bible Society has established Scripture outlets through the stations of the widely used Greyhound Bus Lines. Plastic containers holding about a hundred Gospel portions are used. More than 12,000 Gospels were distributed in fifty-three centers last year.—Signs of the Times.

● A new attack on a Protestant church in Spain was reported recently. Reports said a mob of young people pillaged the Evangelical Church at Badajoz on a Sunday, assaulted the pastor's mother, destroyed Bibles and stole a small amount of cash. Police intervention halted an attack on the pastor's home.—The Converted Catholic.

● Future wars a decade or more from now will be fought by high-flying automatic machines unmanned by human pilots. Devastating bombs will be chased by intercepting missiles at speeds, heats and altitudes that the human body cannot stand. Machines will be pilots. Men on the ground will merely start things. Those who risk their lives will be the millions at whom the future's superbombs will be aimed.—Science News Letter.

● In speaking before the 4th annual conference of the United National Party, D. Stephen Senanayake, prime minister of Ceylon, stated that he was opposed to making Buddhism the state religion even though it was the religion of the great majority of Ceylon. He said: "To label Buddhism as the state religion, or to label Ceylon as a Buddhist state does not advance the interests either of religion or of the country . . . To reduce the sublime creed of Buddhism to the level of a state activity and to degrade its ministers to the position of minor state officials would be something I could not countenance."—Prophecy Monthly.

● Here is what an Episcopal Bishop, Stephen Neill, said at a church conference in Japan: "Japan has never lacked an intellectual clergy; indeed perhaps, as we have suggested, Japan has positively suffered through too much theology. It is easy for a theological student to master, by purely intellectual processes, a mass of theological material unrelated to everything in his own Christian experience or in that of his people. But in that case he will have little to give, since only what comes out of the heart of a living experience is effective in the pulpit. The training of the clergy in

the past has been weak on the practical and pastoral side."—The International Review of Missions.

● The Russian worker is paid so poorly that he cannot afford to buy all the food on his ration coupons. Most Russians live like animals, and with animals too. Most families have only one room and have to share it with a pig or a few chickens, if they are fortunate to own them. The Russian people are miserable but dare not protest for fear of being arrested and deported to slave labor camps. The lady who reported these conditions is one of those recently returned from Russia. She made this statement: "I am free but cannot forget the tens of thousands still held in Russia and the 18,000,000 living in terror in the Soviet Zone. I just cannot be happy."—Chicago Daily Tribune.

● Michael H. Yashiro, Bishop of the Christian Church in Japan, reported recently the following: "Our evangelistic work has been very successful, but we find that our converts are chiefly from the student group—32 per cent. The second largest group of converts, 26 per cent, is from the white collar section of the community. Missionary work has been greatly neglected in the agricultural field which comprises 70 per cent of Japan's population. Converts from this group total only one per cent. Another interesting side of the statistics concerns the age groups of the converts. These are: from 10 to 19 years of age, 34 per cent; from 20 to 25 years of age, 25 per cent; from 26 to 30 years of age, 10 per cent; from 50 to 60 years of age, 9 per cent.—The International Review of Missions.

● Christiansfeld, Jutland, Denmark, is the center of that country's Church of the Brethren, founded in 1722 as a branch of the Herrnhuters of Germany. In this small town live half of the 360 Brethren now in Denmark. There they operate a print shop, a butcher shop, a bakery famous for its "honey comb" seal, several farms and a hotel. The interior of their church is painted all in white, furnished only with benches and a preaching table covered with a black cloth. There is no altar. On one side of the room sit the men of the congregation, on the other side the women, whose small white bonnets

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

ENGAGEMENTS

- Rev. R. Schilke
- Oct. 22-26—Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif. (50th Anniversary).
- Oct. 29—Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon.
- Oct. 30—Stafford Church, Oregon.
- Oct. 31—Bethany Church, Oregon.
- Nov. 2 (Sunday A.M.)—Glencullen Church, Portland, Oregon.
- Nov. 2 (Sunday P.M.)—Villa Ridge Church, Portland, Oregon.
- Nov. 4—Salem, Oregon.

- Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
- Oct. 26 (Sunday)—Ogden Park Church, Chicago, Illinois (50th Anniversary).
- Nov. 2-5—New Leipzig, N. Dak.
- Nov. 6—McLaughlin, South Dakota.
- Nov. 9 (Sunday)—Avon, S. Dak.

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are adorned with colored ribbons—blue for the married women, pink for the unmarried, white for the widows and red for the young girls.—The Christian Century.

● Every year about 150,000 persons go from Europe, many with their families, to settle in Australia, of whom half go from the British Isles. Among them is a great number of children who go from Children's Homes. They are being taken care by the Fairbridge Society, which settles these children either in private homes, but mostly in so-called farm-schools. They are being trained there for their future vocations. Many become good farmers and settle for good. The Roman Catholic Church is particularly interested in that type of child migration. From 1947 until 1951, 490 went from Roman Catholic Children's Homes; 75 from Methodist Homes and 31 from Presbyterian Homes. Baptists have not undertaken that type of migration.—The British Weekly.

Editorial

Faith and Works!

WE ARE SAVED by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Our salvation is then demonstrated by our works. Faith that does not result in a changed life and in good works is dead. The Christian life must always be the perfect blending of faith AND works.

That is the message of Reformation Sunday that will be observed by Protestantism on October 26. (See front cover.) It is the program of stewardship in an individual disciple's life as well as in our denominational enterprise. We are saved to serve. We are justified by the faith of Christ, that henceforth we might live with Christ and show forth his grace and glory in us. That is the Scriptural truth of faith AND works.

Martin Luther launched the mighty Protestant Reformation by asserting with dramatic fervor that "the just shall live by faith." As "Christian Life" said in a recent editorial: "Luther unearthed the true life of faith that had been buried beneath the dirt of outward observances, graft and form, and brought to fruition the flavor of freedom found in the liberty of the open Bible." As a result Martin Luther lifted the door of human destiny off its hinges and was used of God in ushering in a new epoch in the life of mankind. "The moment in which Luther defied the wrath of the Diet of Worms was the greatest moment in the modern history of man" (Thomas Carlyle).

The Protestant Reformation recaptured the glorious revelation of God in Christ Jesus as depicted with such clarity of thought in the epistles of the Apostle Paul. God's righteousness comes to all and upon all who believe by faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:22). Wherefore we must "conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law" (Romans 3:28). But God forbid that we who are dead to sin should live any longer therein or be unable to show forth fruits of righteousness. Therefore, you need to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). That means that "everyone of us shall give account of himself to God."

This two-fold emphasis is also found in the book of James. Let no one say that James belittled the work of faith in a Christian's life. In the opening verses James said: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God . . . and let him ask in faith, nothing wavering" (James 1:5-6). For James the prayer of faith will enable us to draw nigh to God, to humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord, to receive the fruits of righteousness and to do mighty things in his Name. This again is the story of faith AND works in the life of every true Christian.

What more can we say? Every discourse on Christian truth, on the gifts of God to us as his children, on the unfolding revelation of God's purposes in human history as seen in Martin Luther and the Reformation brings us back to the subject of our accountability unto God in the exercise of faith AND works in our lives. Are you right with God at this point of responsibility?



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The Rowena Loops in the winding Columbia River Highway of Oregon.

An Unknown Road

For us as North American Baptists an unknown road is before us; a great, unfinished task looms ahead of us. Let's prepare ourselves for this work in view of God's visitation!

By the REV. ROBERT HESS

of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey

WHILE VACATIONING in the White Mountains of New Hampshire this year, we climbed Cannon Mountain the modern way via the Aerial Tramway. From this advantage point above the Old Man of the Mountains, we were rewarded with a glorious view of many miles of mountainous country. Winding through the mountains like a gray thread in green cloth was the main auto road. For a short distance it could be followed with the eyes but it soon vanished beyond human sight. What was beyond?

At Philadelphia we as North American Baptists looked back on the past three years since Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with thanksgiving and encouragement, but not with satisfaction. A great task, yet unfinished, is our responsibility during the next three years. It requires the energies and resources of everyone.

For us the road ahead vanishes into the unknown. It is an unbeaten path, known only to our Father. Every day will introduce new experiences, both pleasant and unpleasant. Yet all of us must go this unknown way. In the words of Joshua, "for ye have not passed this way heretofore" (Joshua 3:4). What it will mean to our denomination, the local church, and to the individual depends upon the following.

THE PRESENCE OF GOD, verses

7, 10. It was a time of crisis for Joshua, the new leader (Joshua 3), and a time of decision for Israel. The presence and power of God were indispensable to them. They were hopelessly outcast and outnumbered by their enemies. Left to themselves, they would have perished. That they did not was due entirely to the supernatural presence of God. Israel was assured by God himself.

We as North American Baptists have the assurance of Christ himself. He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." If we are to advance, we must have his power. Let us depend upon his willingness and ability to see the task accomplished. Have not the past years been a proof of this? Cultivate his presence and there can be no fear or uncertainty about what tomorrow brings.

THE PREPARATION OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD, verse 5. There are divine and human aspects to salvation and service. Here the Israelites were asked to set themselves apart in anticipation of God's revelation of himself in their behalf. This was done by washing themselves and their garments, and by abstaining from certain things.

We are elected by the Father, justified by the Son, and sanctified by the Spirit for service. Too many believers do not understand their moral duty

to God. It is the responsibility of the branches to draw life from the vine and produce fruit. Without fruit the believing branch is of no value to God and his Kingdom. It may be said there is no life in it. Let's prepare ourselves in view of his visitation.

PROLIFIC FAITH IN GOD, verses 6, 8, 11-13. This crossing was not unlike that which Moses faced with their parents. But in this case more faith was required of the children. Here there was no pressure of an army at their back to urge them on, and their feet first had to touch the water before it parted. Their spiritual inheritance was great and God asked more of them because of the light they possessed. This is equally so today, but often the opposite is more true to fact.

The enemies of Israel, depending upon rational conclusions, thought it impossible for them to cross Jordan. But they failed to take God into their thoughts and the faith of his people. May we face the natural improbables, and "whatsoever he saith unto you, do it!" Faith is a gift of God, but its exercise is our responsibility.

PROGRESSIVE OBEDIENCE, verses 14-17. Step by step God leads his people along. His will is never known in detail at one period of time. As Israel stepped in the water in obedient faith, he parted the water and they crossed Jordan. Obedience is not heresy to the doctrine of grace. The New Testament teaches that believers are to submit to its authority and endeavor to carry out its teachings.

Smug satisfaction, forsaking Christian fellowship, selfishness and indifference to the responsibilities of God's Word and the Christian life give testimony that believers, generally speaking, need law with love. Faith not backed up by obedience is a dead thing. Do we fully realize that we will be judged by Christ according to our service and life? In a nearby city the Baptists number over 1500. Last November on the occasion of the annual Thanksgiving union service of these churches, less than 100 Baptists were present. Something is radically wrong.

If the following statement by Bishop James M. Thoburn was true a generation ago, how much more so today? "The great, glaring denial of faith and duty which stands out before the world today, so clearly that it cannot be concealed, is the refusal of those who bear the Name of Christ to execute the great commission which their Master has given them. Christianity is thus made to testify against herself. A thousand Ingersolls in every country under the sun would not do so much to create disbelief of the truth among men as this spectacle of a Church inheriting promises which she seems unable to believe, and receiving commandments which she seems unwilling to execute." Beloved, God expects better things of us!



George and Alma Henderson (left) with "Grandma Martin" at Victoria, Cameroons, a pioneer Christian and mother of several influential and well educated sons and Baptist Christians, and (right) a trekking scene in the Cameroons of Africa similar to travel in the Kumba Forest belt.

Our New Kumba Mission Field in Africa

A fascinating page out of the busy lives of two of our Cameroons missionaries, REV. and MRS. GEORGE HENDERSON

GREETING from the Cameroons! Many times in these past months, our thoughts have turned homeward, and countless times we have wanted to put these thoughts down in a letter or article. But since the very day we set foot in Africa, our hours have been rationed to very essential tasks, and letters — — — well . . . we always put them off for another day. In spite of our silence, we know you have been praying for us and the work that is so dear to our hearts. We feel God's arm upholding us daily.

A NEW ASSIGNMENT

Since our return to the field, we have been given a new assignment of opening up a new mission station farther in the interior, in a large village called Kumba. The area is very mountainous and rugged, being covered with a very dense jungle, while the climate is perhaps the hottest of any place in the Cameroons.

The remote villages tucked away in the jungles are still very primitive, and even though we have trekked these trails numbers of times in the past six years, we have not had the time to do very much real constructive evangelization in these hidden places. Juju and witchcraft are rampant; fear and darkness binds the lives of the inhabitants; while sin and suffering are on every hand.

A tremendous challenge is before us! As laborers together, let us lay hold on this task and conquer in his Name. We covet your prayers.

The natives of Kumba have given our mission a beautiful twenty acre plot of ground for a mission station. Our present home is a little mud and thatch hut. It is quite comfortable — — when it does not rain! Somehow the water has a way of finding every little crack in the leaf roof.

Since our present furniture consists of drums, crates and barrels, the added moisture does little harm. But when we wake up in the middle of the night and find our camp cots dripping, that is when we have a general rearrangement of the household! When it rains in the Cameroons, one almost wonders if the days of Noah have returned. We had four inches of rain during one night last week.

In spite of the rain, we are thriving. Almost all of the jungle has been cleared for our new station. George has been working very hard gathering

mud and sand and stones for the new buildings. We trust that in a few years we shall have a beautiful mission station that shall be a means of reaching countless thousands for Christ.

Even in these few months we have seen some spiritual growth in our little bush church in Kumba. The first few weeks it was very discouraging, indeed. Each Sunday we see some new faces in the services and the past few weeks our little building has been full to overflowing. Already the Christians are making plans to build a new and larger church building right in the heart of the village. We are so happy about this.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We have been receiving a very hearty welcome from Christians and pagans alike. One of our most ardent admirers is the Housa Chief, who is a Moham-medan. Almost every week he sends us some sort of gift to show his friendship. Recently he asked us to take his eldest daughter and son to our station and to teach them. We thank the Lord for these opportunities.

As is the case so often in Africa, the women are the most faithful followers of Jesus Christ. When we came to Kumba some months ago and announced our first mid-week women's meeting, not one soul appeared. Now we have more than twenty women who attend faithfully. Last week after the service three of the younger women made it known publicly that they wanted to become Christians. We have so much for which to thank the Lord.

There's joy in giving to missions and in having a part in bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people everywhere—like this Kumba Field in the Cameroons, Africa!

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THE THANKSGIVING
AND SACRIFICE WEEK
Sunday, Nov. 23, to Sunday,
Nov. 30

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Our Stewardship

The affairs pertaining to God's Kingdom are entrusted to mortal man. He is the co-worker or co-laborer with God in spiritual and material things. This is STEWARDSHIP.

By the REV. A. W. BIBELHEIMER of Turtle Lake, North Dakota

on earth "to the uttermost parts of the earth."

Scriptural teaching is specifically clear and complete in ALL matters pertaining to the Christian life and the Gospel truths. It is the will of God that every man (person) should be saved and brought into the family and fellowship with God and his people. The affairs pertaining to his Kingdom are entrusted to mortal man. He is the co-worker or co-laborer with God in spiritual and material affairs. God's teaching is complete as indicated by this word: "When he is come, he will tell us ALL things" (John 4:25). This includes stewardship!

STEWARDSHIP OF WHAT?

Having received, we have the privilege to share. Paul writes to the Corinthians: "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God . . ." Paul again informs that: "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4: 1-2). Also we are the stewards "of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10).

Truth is here entrusted to us to be dealt with as would be acceptable to God and as per its own element. The grace of God wants to be spoken of and proven in everyday Christ-like living. To know the right and to live differently is a well known weakness of many Christians. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

Another stewardship privilege and responsibility is the matter of TIME. From the beginning, the Creator wisely divided time into millenia, centuries, decades, years, months, weeks, days, hours, minutes, and seconds. By the same token he divided the molecules into many component parts, unseen yet active, whereby this wonderful world operates and is governed.

In the division of time, it can be said there are 168 hours each week (10,080 minutes), about half of which we spend in rest and relaxation. The other half of this time ought to be utilized for two purposes—for God and man. Certainly, some of this vital element belongs to God, to be used where he directs.

The average waking hours are sixteen for the day. Five minutes in

prayer and devotions is but one-half of one per cent of sixteen hours. Yet how many of us actually know the blessings of a private five-minute season of prayer! Every active Christian will be a joyous fruit-bearing disciple when employing himself to his Master in some kind of service which only he can perform.

By donated time, several church edifices have been erected in the area of our conference. Also many improvements have become a reality, expense free, because of TIME contributed by willing disciples. In a few churches the "Andrew Clubs" are active. The members of this club band themselves together to prepare and to practice the winning of their friends to Christ one by one, thus "buying up the time."

GOD CALLS FOR STEWARDS!

We remember that every Christian is a steward, not an owner of the things of God. It is required that we be faithful in the small things. Proven thus, God has greater things for us to do and to be. We are guardians over health, homes, property and, to some extent, people inasmuch as they need our spiritual assistance. "God is clothed in your fortunes or misfortunes," someone has wisely said. We must do business with God in ALL areas of our life. It remains true that God is the Owner of All.

"In the beginning God created heaven and earth" (Genesis 1:1).

"The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein" (Psalm 24:1).

"The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts" (Haggai 2:8).

"Behold all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4).

The Lord claims the total area of his creation, also the total welfare of man. Even with man's moral choice, God has full right to claim us in the above mentioned areas.

The question is still often asked: "What shall I render unto the Lord?" Malachi, the messenger of the covenant, supplies the answer. "Bring ye ALL the tithes into the storehouse" (Mal. 3:10). The claim is made by

Christ's Great Stewardship Commission

By MR. WALTER W. GROSSER of Oak Park, Illinois, the newly-elected moderator of the General Conference

DURING October and November every church within our denominational fellowship will be reminded to consider seriously the responsibility of Christian Stewardship. We will receive from the pulpit, as well as from the printed page, stimulating suggestions on how to use our time, talent and means to better carry out Christ's Great Commission. If this special endeavor is to take hold and succeed, the first ingredient of the success must be to make sure that the Lord is in it. What admonition at this time could do more to assure us of his direction, than to earnestly ask every member to become a prayer helper!

A minister, past seventy, after thirty-five years in one church, confided in a friend by saying, "My church

is slipping, and my men won't do anything about it. My people like me, but they don't love God." Let us reverently plead with God to restore within us a right spirit. If the love for God is rekindled within our hearts, our willingness to give unselfishly of our time and talents will be increased.

Our spiritual eyesight will take on new sharpness. The lost people in our community will feel the glow of a new warmth and radiance. Our presence will be appreciated. Their needs will become ours to which to minister.

May the love of God and the communion and fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ become ours to a fuller extent, so that we will have the willing enablement to carry out the great Stewardship Commission!



—Photo by Herman Siemund
The opened Scriptures on the communion table in the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., confronting the assembled General Conference congregation with Christ's great Commission!

some people that they must have enough to meet with overhead expenses. We have no alibi on this count since God's minimum portion is only ten while we are privileged to keep ninety percent. If ninety percent does not suffice, neither will the one hundred percent.

We are poor stewards of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God can finance his Kingdom at home and in foreign missions with and by those who are faithful stewards. A tithing Christian is usually a happy, successful person in ALL areas of his life. One who denies or withholds the Lord's portion never ceases to evade the real problem or finds the answer to: "What shall I render unto the Lord?"

EXERCISING OUR STEWARDSHIP

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him . . ." (1 Cor. 16:2). We are herewith invited to present our "tithes and offerings" together with the service of worship. Exercising our stewardship each Lord's day is carrying out the mandate of the levitical covenant of the Old Testament which Christ considered and practiced as acceptable to the Kingdom of God. The Israelites of old presented their gifts to the Lord with each worship service in the Temple. It should not simply be the matter of raising money or meeting the budget, but rather paying our vows and worshiping with our tithes.

The percentage of our gross income

which God claims has not changed with the years any more than has the law of gravity or the warmth of the sun. The amount may vary according "as the Lord prospers."

God will use spiritual gifts in the winning of men and women to a knowledge of his Son. He will use your

talents and time as well as your treasure for the purpose of financing his Kingdom. What would be your share in the financial goal set at Philadelphia for the coming triennium? God gave ALL in giving his Son! Will you give what rightfully is HIS of your time, talent and treasure?

AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	August, 1952	August, 1951	August, 1950
Atlantic	\$ 731.35	\$ 830.80	\$ 1,080.93
Eastern	1,523.76	1,891.63	3,191.63
Central	2,331.06	2,723.48	6,031.84
Northwestern	2,785.70	2,837.20	3,443.51
Southwestern	2,029.17	5,890.18	2,537.45
Southern	439.06	918.64	211.99
Pacific	976.17	2,678.77	2,974.56
Northern	2,803.79	1,564.23	4,132.25
Dakota	5,415.32	2,923.50	5,247.76
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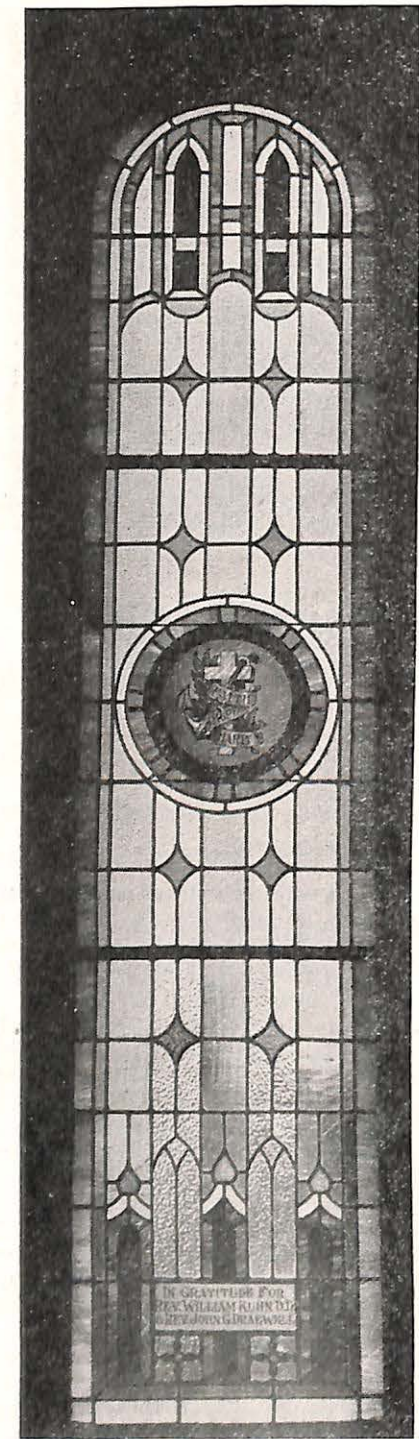
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For the month of August, 1952	\$ 14,661.02	\$ 6,176.89	\$ 20,837.91
For the month of August, 1951	18,098.19	4,301.89	22,400.08
For the month of August, 1950	18,774.77	10,077.15	28,851.92

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1952 to August 31, 1952	147,276.91	34,246.59	181,523.50
April 1, 1951 to August 31, 1951	131,411.14	21,855.13	153,266.27
April 1, 1950 to August 31, 1950	125,329.14	50,933.54	176,262.68

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Same as for the Fiscal Year.



The beautiful Memorial Window in the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., in memory of Dr. William Kuhn and Rev. John G. Draewell, former pastors.

A steward is a person entrusted with the management of estate or of affairs not his own. He is accountable to someone in higher authority.

Stewardship is as old as the earth and as mankind. Wherever and whenever man receives, he is at the same time answerable to God for the gift. This was true in the days of Adam, Abraham, Noah and Moses. It holds true in the days of grace while Christ's Kingdom is being extended



—Photo by Robert M. Wright

General Conference Crowd of North American Baptists at the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pa., following the sunrise service in Burholme Park, basking in the early morning sunshine.

General Conference Reminiscences

Observations of the 30th General Conference held at Philadelphia, Pa., from August 20 to 26, 1952 by several visitors and delegates

BEHIND THE SCENES OF THE PHILADELPHIA GENERAL CONFERENCE

By MR. OTTO DRAEGER of Philadelphia, Pa., Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee

Ever since the official announcement was made that the Philadelphia churches would play host to the 30th General Conference, we have been anticipating the great event.

Our first direct contact with conference problems took place when Mr. Arthur Schwerin, the general chairman of arrangements, visited Philadelphia last November and organized the committees to work on some of the details. During the months that followed, these workers have given of their time and energy in planning and arranging.

The many hours of work were more than compensated for in the thrill of seeing the conference get under way and hearing the sincere expressions of appreciation from delegates. While many of us did not have the opportunity to enjoy in full the many fine messages, we were thrilled to be a part of this great convention.

Of the 830 guests who attended the splendid banquet on Saturday night, very few realized that earlier in the planning it seemed that it would be necessary to eliminate this feature from the program. The obstacles seemed insurmountable. In view of the wonderful support given the banquet by delegates and friends,

this should be a "must" at future conventions.

I feel sure that the Conference went a long way in uniting us to work toward the goals we have set for ourselves. It is only on occasions like this that we are privileged to glimpse the denominational program in its entirety and meet our denominational leaders under whose guidance the Lord's work has prospered and the enviable record of the North American Baptists has continued.

ABIDING IMPRESSIONS OF MY FIRST GENERAL CONFERENCE

By Miss ELEANOR WEISENBURGER of Venturia, North Dakota, Camerons Missionary

Since I had never been privileged to attend a General Conference before, it was with eager anticipation that I looked forward to this, our 30th General Conference, and I was not at all disappointed!

It was, first of all, a meetingplace for Christian friends, old and new. The warm and sincere handshakes of old friends proved that which we have felt so many times, that Christians at home are remembering us and upholding us as missionaries in prayer. Through God's grace we were able to meet again. Then I shall never forget the new friends, many of whom mistook me to be Ida Forsch, our missionary, who is on her way to England, or "the nurse we had at Sioux Falls"—Myrtle Weeldreyer.

Secondly, it was a time of great fellowship. Wherever we went, on

buses, subways, in restaurants, there were always groups of fellow-Baptists whom we learned to recognize even after name tags were no longer used. One of the high points of our conference was the young people's banquet at which over 800 people of all ages, but all young in spirit, met to eat together, to sing together and to feast together on spiritual manna that was given to us in the form of musical numbers and an address by Dr. Clarence Cranford of Washington, D. C.

But the greatest thrill of all was that of sharing in the victories that have been ours as North American Baptists and the challenges that have come to us as we continue to follow the leading of his love. The reports of our various societies and home missionaries proved to us that here at home, even as in the Camerons, God has been blessing our work. The deeply spiritual messages and testimonies of our own pastors and of Dr. Norman W. Paullin of the Baptist Temple left me with a feeling of humility at our own inadequacy and the greatness of the love of Christ that constrains us.

The heart-lifting musical numbers by choirs, quartets and soloists were as rain on a parched ground to one just returned from Africa where we worship together only with the monotony of drums, clapping of hands and singing of the simplest of tunes after in a minor key. It was indeed an unforgettable experience to attend this great conference!

WE ARE ASSURED OF GOD'S GUIDANCE!

By REV. JOHN GRYG0 of Chicago, Illinois

The 30th General Conference has been held. "The City of Brotherly Love" with its famous Baptist Temple and its renowned pastor, Dr. Norman W. Paullin, dispelled at once any strange feeling on the part of the conference people.

Was it the greatest conference in our history? There was a certain tranquility prevalent throughout all business sessions. To some it seemed disquieting, nonetheless. The public meetings were too long. One observer opined that this was the reason why so few soul-stirring moments were experienced. Let us thank God for the few! Many felt a special need for great Bible messages on such momentous gatherings. Have doctrinal messages become a thing of the past?

As in the past, so also at the last conference, music played a vital and beneficial part during the sessions. Surely ones heart was deeply moved by the magnificent performances of the conference choirs.

One thing is sure. We are moving ahead as a denomination! We are still a missionary minded group. Whether at home or abroad, one can be assured of God's leading us in the right direction.

MY IMPRESSIONS OF THE 30th GENERAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS AT PHILADELPHIA

By REV. LAURENCE R. PRAST of Indianapolis, Indiana.

It was with a sense of great joy and wonder that I journeyed to Philadelphia for the great meeting of meetings of the North American Baptists. I had never before been east of Michigan where I was born and raised, and this was a golden opportunity for me to see at least a part of that section of the country. I had never been to a General Conference before, and though I had heard about other General Conferences from others who had attended them, I was happy for the opportunity to go, and anxious to see the conference in session.

From the very beginning of the conference, I felt that I was a part of a great organization of North American Baptists, united in spirit and purpose, for the spreading of the Gospel and the winning of precious souls for Christ and the Kingdom of God. I feel that the aims and goals of the General Conference and the denomination are in accord with the spirit and teachings of Christ, therefore these goals and aims should become mine. As a part of the North American Baptist General Conference, I felt challenged

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Christ, My Guide in Life

The personal testimony given at the great youth rally on Sunday afternoon, August 24, at the General Conference, Philadelphia, Pa.

By MISS VIRGINIA GLEWWE of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

I'M GLAD to be here at this General Conference to say a few words of praise for my Savior. I had the privilege of having Christian parents and I accepted Christ as my Savior when I was eleven years old. I've had the joy of being a Christian ever since.

I consider it a privilege to be a Christian. I feel so grateful for the many things my Lord has done for me—especially, of course, his death on the cross. I am so thankful to him for spiritual and material blessings that I want to do all I can to serve him.

It was several years after I was converted that, as I grew older, I came to a fuller realization and understanding of what being a Christian really means. To me, being a Christian involves my whole life, not just a part of it. It includes the way I think and act about many things. It gives me an attitude, a set of values, a purpose of living, and I have peace and joy in my heart. These are things I'll never lose.

Several years ago a camp experience at one of our Minnesota summer assemblies brought me to a better understanding of yielding my will to God's and following his plan for my life. We had a beautiful lakeside tes-



Miss Virginia Glewwe of St. Paul, Minn., in front of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

timonial service one night. As each person walked to the dock to give his testimony, he picked up a wooden stick, and after giving his testimony threw it on a fire that was burning brightly on a small raft tied to the dock. As we watched the fire brighten up as each stick was added, and saw young people rise quickly to give their testimonies, one right after the other, and listened to their words, we knew the Spirit of God was working in our group that night.

At the close of the service the raft was released from the dock and we watched as the fire burned far out on the lake and we sang choruses softly as we watched. It was a wonderful service and had great meaning to many of us. I knew that night I wanted God to lead in planning my life—how and wherever I can serve him best.

I have a great debt I owe the Lord—a debt I can't begin to repay. But whatever I do for Him—even in the small seemingly insignificant things we so often do—I want it to be my best effort. Christ died giving his life for me. I want to do my best in whatever I do for him.

It was at a voluntary college communion service last winter that the feeling of being part of a great widespread body of Christians became very vivid to me. The church was filled, the sanctuary was very quiet, the whole atmosphere was one of worship. It was wonderful to see more and more young people filing in at that voluntary service when many could easily have found other things to do at that busy time of year. But this came first with them. The message was on Christian living in our normal everyday lives, and it was very inspiring. As the elements were served, I felt as if I were a part of a greater group of Christians as we were gathered in that church. Differences were blotted out. We were young people to whom Christ was important.

As a Christian, I have a firm belief, a goal and a purpose with Christ as my Savior. It's a wonderful joy to serve him and I'm glad I can say that Christ is my Savior and the Guide in my life.

"The life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

Memorable Milestones for Our Churches

Special Reports from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Peoria, Illinois

A MONUMENT TO THE GLORY OF GOD AT PILGRIM CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Sunday, August 17, was a momentous day in the lives of the members of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., for on this day the new church building was dedicated unto the Lord. This day was the climax of the many long months of planning and working by the Pilgrim Church family.

The dedication service was held in the afternoon. The sanctuary was filled with members, friends and well-wishers. Mr. Raymond Yahn, the assistant pastor, led in the invocation, followed by the Rev. John Schmidt of New York City, who read the Scripture. The male quartet of Pilgrim Church then sang "Faith of Our Fathers." The Rev. Walter Damrau, pastor of the church, led the congregation in the dedicatory response and together the congregation sang, "The Church's One Foundation."

The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of Burlington, Iowa, and son of the church, offered the dedicatory prayer. The pastor then told how the church building has been completed through the faithful giving and support of its peo-

ple and through the untiring efforts of its men who, for the most part, completed the interior of the sanctuary. Special tribute was paid by Mr. Oscar Hiebner, on behalf of the church, to Mr. Otto Draeger, chairman of the building committee, who worked so consistently and faithfully until the building had reached completion.

Words of greeting and congratulations were brought by one of its former pastors, the Rev. Herman Palfenier. Mrs. S. A. Kose and Mrs. John G. Draewell, wives of two of its former pastors, gave their congratulations and prayerful wishes for God's continued blessing. Congratulations were brought from the Fleischmann Memorial Church, also of Philadelphia, by Mr. Reinhold Gewiss. Dr. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., spoke a few words of congratulations, and finally, Mrs. Ethel Zabel, church clerk, read several congratulatory letters and telegrams.

After this time of recognition, the Seminary quartet of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., sang, and the dedicatory offering was taken, the entire amount to be applied to the Building Fund. The total indebtedness of the church is presently just under \$10,000.

Jack Schmidt, one of the young men of the church, played an instrumental number preceding the dedicatory address brought by Dr. Frank Woyke, executive secretary of the North American Baptists. At the close of his challenging message, the mixed quartet of Pilgrim Church sang, "Bless This House." Thankful hearts were lifted to God as the benediction brought the service to a close.

After the service, a light supper was served in the lower auditorium, after which an inspiring Vesper Service was held on the church lawn. The program featured special music and a message brought by the Rev. Assaf Husmann of New York City, also a former pastor of the church.

Truly, Pilgrim Baptist Church is a monument to the glory of God. The building is 99 feet long and 38 feet wide. It is erected on a stone foundation and constructed of English type bricks with stained glass windows and solid oak doors throughout. The roof is covered with bangor slate. All floors are reinforced concrete covered with asphalt tile and carpeted in the aisle and platform. The pulpit furniture is of solid oak; the pews are finished in silver oak. The light fixtures are special built of hammered ornamental design. The kitchen of the latest design is finished in white. The sanctuary has a seating capacity for 400, while the lower auditorium will accommodate 250 people. For all this, we give God the glory!

Raymond Yahn, Reporter.

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THE STATE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH, PEORIA, ILLINOIS CELEBRATES ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

Three days of joyous celebration to mark the 100th anniversary of the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., were observed Sept. 12 to 14. The Scripture theme was, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8).

The Rev. August F. Runtz, St. Joseph, Mich., at present superintendent of the Children's Home, and formerly pastor of the church from 1927 to 1943, spoke the opening night on, "Jesus Christ, the Same Yesterday." Bringing greetings congratulating the church on attaining its centennial were the Rev. J. C. Gunst, Forest Park, Ill., young people's secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference; Dr. Russell S. Orr, Springfield, Ill., executive secretary of the Illinois

State Baptist Convention; Rev. Mason Smith, president of Peoria Baptist Executive Council; and Rev. Hubert Entwisle, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Pekin, Ill., a "daughter" church of State Park in that members of the Peoria church were instrumental in its early organization.

The second day of the centennial celebration featured two events—a picnic at noon at a park near Peoria, and the Centennial Banquet that night in the dining hall of Arcadia Presbyterian Church. Featured speaker was the Rev. Louis Broeker, St. Joseph, Mich., former member of the State Park church. He spoke on "The Mission, Message and Motive of Christians." The Rev. Roy Wiegand, Bismarck, N. Dak., was toastmaster. He is a former member of State Park church. About 125 attended the banquet.

The final day of the centennial celebration—Sunday—featured special messages at the Sunday School hour with 190 persons attending. Speakers were Mrs. Frank Veninga, Aplington, Iowa; Mr. Wiegand and Mr. Henry P. Donner, Cleveland, Ohio, former superintendent of the State Park Sunday School. Mr. A. W. Parker, present Sunday School superintendent, presided, and Mrs. Fred Smith, assistant superintendent, presented a historical sketch of the Sunday School.

The Rev. Frank Veninga, Aplington, Iowa, pastor at State Park Church from 1945 to 1951, spoke at the morning worship service on "Jesus Christ, the Same Today." The Rev. Bob Smith of Chicago, Ill., former member of State Park Church, spoke at a combined meeting of the young people's societies in the evening.

Concluding speaker at the centennial was the Rev. Arthur M. Ulrich, Olney, Ill., who had served the church as interim pastor. He spoke on, "Jesus Christ, the Same Forever."

The church choir, under the direction of Mrs. Walter Broeker, sang at the centennial worship services.

A unique feature of the Sunday School hour was the introduction which preceded Mr. Henry P. Donner's remarks. This was to have been given by Mr. Henry G. Kuck, member of the church for 70 years. Mr. Kuck suffered a severe back injury in a fall early in September, which confined him to his bed. Unable to be at the church in person to introduce his life-long friend, Mr. Kuck made a recording of his introductory remarks, and this transcription was played just before Mr. Donner spoke.

Distributed during the centennial celebration days were copies of the 100th Anniversary Historical Sketch of State Park Baptist Church, prepared by the Rev. Charles F. Zummach, pastor of East Peoria First Baptist Church, and a member of State Park Baptist Church.

Admiring the sketch of the original building occupied by the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill.

(Seated, left to right): Rev. Edgar B. Wesner, pastor; Rev. J. C. Gunst, Forest Park, Ill., young people's secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference; Rev. August F. Runtz, St. Joseph, Mich., State Park pastor, 1927-1943; (standing): Rev. Mason Smith, president, Peoria Baptist Executive Council; and Dr. Russell S. Orr, Springfield, Ill., executive secretary, Illinois State Baptist Convention.
—Peoria Journal Photo



State Park Baptist Church was founded in 1852, and is presently occupying its third location. Its first location was in a building now occupied by the Volunteers of America, and its second site was in the building now occupied by the Peoria Federation of Musicians. Large sketches of these first two buildings were featured in the pulpit decorations for the anniversary.

Members of the church's 100th Anniversary Committee were Rev. Edgar B. Wesner, pastor, who was chairman; George Axmann, Mrs. Ralph Boirum, Mrs. Walter Broeker, Walter Kohrs, H. G. Kuck, Mrs. H. G. Kuck, Marie Laubach, Alvin Parker, Leroy Radmacher, John Stocksiek and Clarence Warner.
Walter E. Kohrs, Reporter.

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again and again to do my share in realizing those goals—not for the sake of making the work machine-like, but for the glory of God.

I was pleased that the General Conference voted to adopt a program of Stewardship Emphasis for the next triennium. It seems only natural that such an emphasis should follow the Evangelistic Emphasis of the past triennium. It is just as the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, one of our general evangelists, said, "Evangelism is the first purpose of the church." But after souls are won to Christ and the church, they must be taught to give their time, talents and money to the work of the Lord. One phrase which I heard many times was, "When we get people to fall in love with Christ, they will want to give their best to him." That was a real challenge to me, and should be to all preachers and teachers, so to preach and teach that people will find it easy to fall in love with our wonderful Savior.

There was not a meeting during the entire week that did not have challenges and blessings for me. I trust that because of my having at-

tended the General Conference sessions in Philadelphia, I will be a better informed and more useful citizen in the Kingdom of God.

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CHALLENGE OF NEW VENTURES OF FAITH AT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE

By the REV. ERIC KUHN of Alpena, Michigan.

For some time after my preparation for the Gospel ministry, I had the desire to be associated with the North American Baptist General Conference. After having spent three profitable years, rich with varied experiences, in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas, the Lord definitely opened the door for us to minister in North American Baptist churches. We were grateful for the letter of welcome received from Forest Park as we began our ministry in this new field of service.

One of the most enjoyable and valuable experiences thus far in our new ministry was that of being privileged to attend a General Conference for the first time. It has been my firm conviction, and is increasingly so as the days go by, that we as God's redeemed must dwell together in unity

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Ministers who participated in the dedication program of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Left to right: Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Rev. John Schmidt, Rev. A. Husmann, Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor of the Pilgrim Church; Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, Rev. Herman Palfenier, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, and Mr. Raymond Yahn, assistant pastor at Pilgrim Church.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● Recently the Rev. J. J. Lippert presented his resignation as pastor of the Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho, which he has served since 1948. The resignation was accepted, but Mr. Lippert will continue to minister to the church until it has found a successor.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, N. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. Edgar R. Koons who has accepted the call and is already on the field in the pastorate of the church. He has succeeded the Rev. Aaron Buhler, now of Lansing, Mich. Further information about Brother Koons will be given in one of the early reports from the Harvey Church.

● A baptismal service was held by the Baptist Church of Bessie, Oklahoma, on Sunday, August 10, at which the pastor, Rev. Jacob Ehman, baptized four candidates on confession of their faith in Christ. They were Carolyn Balzer, Marilyn Kosanke, Darlene Allen and David Ehman. They were received into the fellowship of the church at the communion service held on that same day.

● The Chancellor Baptist Church of Chancellor, S. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. Arthur Beatty, formerly of Sheffield, Iowa, to which he has responded favorably. He began his pastorate in Chancellor on Sept. 1st. A reception in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Beatty and their family of three boys on Sept. 11th. The church edifice has recently been remodeled and enlarged.

● On Sunday, Aug. 31, the former Presserville Baptist Church of Vida, Montana, chose a new name. From now on it will be known as the Zion Baptist Church of Vida, Montana. The name describes the location well, place the church and parsonage, along with the village and parsonage, along the beautiful rolling plain of Montana. The Rev. A. G. Rietdorf is serving as the interim pastor of the church.

● The Rev. Leland Friesen, pastor of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., received eight new members into the church on Sunday, Aug. 3. Seven of these were baptized by him on the previous Sunday. They were converts of the 1952 Vacation Bible School. Another person was received by letter transfer. A leadership training course was conducted in the church in September.

● About 20 young people from North American Baptist churches are enrolled in the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill., this fall as estimated by the Rev. Bert Milner of Winnipeg, Manitoba, who served our church of Moosehorn, Man., during the past summer. In addition, Mr. Wolfgang Schmidt of Berlin, Germany, a son of the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Schmidt, is continuing his graduate studies at the seminary.

● Dr. Walter Macoskey of Tacoma, Washington, pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city and well known to North American Baptists since his church was the site of the 28th General Conference in 1946, has accepted the call of the Baptist Church of Beloit, Wisconsin. He is already on the new field of service. Dr. Macoskey is a spiritual son of the Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and attended our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., for several years.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 21, the Rev. Robert Penner, pastor of the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, baptized eight persons on confession of their faith in Christ. A Vacation Bible School was held from June 16 to 27 with an enrollment of 170 children. The offerings of \$70.69 were designated for missions. The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Penner announced the birth of a daughter on August 28 who has been named Dianne June. This is their second child.

● The Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht of Golden Prairie, Sask., and Miss Irene MacCornack of Whitehall, Alta., were married on Oct. 11th at Our Savior's Lutheran Church of Whitehall. Mrs. Lamprecht is a graduate of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, and of the Minnesota School of Business, Minneapolis, Minn. More recently she was employed as a secretary at the University Hospital in Minneapolis. Mr. Lamprecht began his ministry at the Golden Prairie Church on Sept. 7.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., observed its 85th anniversary on Friday evening, Oct. 3rd, with members of neighboring churches helping to celebrate this festive occasion. The pastor, Rev. Everett A. Barker, was in charge of the program which featured an address by the Rev. Robert S. Hess of the Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J. Numerous improvements have been

made in the church sanctuary during the past year.

● Our Cameroons missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Ben Lawrence and their son, Kim, and the Misses Tina Schmidt and Minnie Kuhn sailed on Sept. 26 from England for Africa on the "S. S. Tetela." Mr. Lawrence wrote from Liverpool, England: "God has been good to us and we trust he will continue to guide us to our appointed task." The missionaries hoped to have arrived in the Cameroons before the publication date of this number of the "Baptist Herald."

● The McDermot Avenue Church of Winnipeg, Man., Canada, appeals to churches that are no longer using the German hymnals, "Neue Glaubensharfe" and "Evangeliums-Sänger," to let them have the use of their books. The Winnipeg church has grown considerably in numbers due to constant immigration from Europe. Postage on books which are sent will be gladly paid. Please send them to: Dr. C. H. Seecamp, 829 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg, Man., Canada.

● At an important business meeting of the Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon, the decision was made to proceed with plans for the building of the \$160,000 church sanctuary. The cost of the church school building, already constructed, and the value of the lots total \$185,000. The foundations for the new church sanctuary are being laid and the work is progressing with volunteer help under the direction of Mr. Aaron Pfaff as chairman of the building fund committee. It is expected that this will be a two year building program. The Rev. John Wobig is pastor of the church.

● The Rev. William E. Schmitt of Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Rowena L. Hallings were married on Sept. 7 by the Rev. O. E. Krueger of Rochester. Mr. Schmitt is a member of the Andrews Street Church and is serving as the pastor of the Atlantic Avenue Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y. He served formerly as pastor of the Evangel Church, Newark, N. J., and the Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, Mich. Mrs. Hallings was matron of the St. Johns Home for the Aged in Rochester for several years. They are at home at 215 Bidwell Street, Rochester.

● On Sunday morning, Aug. 10, the Rev. Phil. Daum of Prince George,

British Columbia, baptized 12 converts in the nearby Nechako River and received them into the fellowship of the Hager Memorial Baptist Church. A new church edifice is under construction to cost about \$20,000 in addition to contributed lumber and volunteer labor. It will have a seating capacity of 300 persons. It is hoped that the new church can be used by Christmas 1952 with the dedication service to be held early in 1953. The Sunday School is growing with 81 in attendance on Sept. 7th.

● A birthday dinner honoring Dr. Norman W. Paullin, pastor of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pa., and the well remembered speaker at the General Conference devotional services was held on Monday evening, Sept. 15. Dr. Wm. J. Appel of Jersey City, N. J., offered the prayer of blessing and Dr. Clarence W. Cranford of Washington, D. C., was the principal speaker. Many representatives of the church brought greetings and congratulations. An array of musical talent was displayed in the festive program. Even at this late date, North American Baptists want to extend their birthday congratulations to Dr. Paullin as a greatly beloved friend in Christ.

● The Hurnville Baptist Church of Henrietta, Texas, has called the Rev. Harold Ekruat of Oklahoma as its pastor to succeed the Rev. E. J. Ruff. Mr. Ekruat and his family are already on the field. The reception tendered them by the church on Sept. 5th is reported elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Ekruat is a son of the Cottonwood Baptist Church of Lorena, Texas. His father was a North American Baptist minister. For several years he served as minister of the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas. His wife comes from the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas. Mr. Ekruat received his training in the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., and the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

● The Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, held a baptismal service on Sunday evening, Sept. 7, at which Dr. A. S. Felberg, pastor, baptized four converts and received these and five others at the communion service. Beginning with Sept. 21, the church is conducting a morning worship service in the lower auditorium concurrently with the German service in the sanctuary. Mrs. A. S. Felberg is in charge of these English services. The young people's choir renders selections regularly. The Vacation Bible School was held during the last two weeks in July with an enrollment of 141 children and a teaching staff of 12 able leaders. Dr. A. S. Felberg served as the director.

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HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

Oct. 26, 1952—"Why Aren't They Here?" by Rev. Richard A. Grenz, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
Nov. 2, 1952—"Why They Aren't Here" by Mrs. Walter J. Wilzewske, North Freedom, Wisconsin.

GREETINGS FROM SWEDEN!

A message to our Conference Union from the Rev. Joel Sorenson, youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Stockholm, Sweden, has reached your secretary. His greetings are partly as follows:

"I rejoice with you in your accomplishments of thirty years. It has been a matter of great encouragement to find the strong interest among the leaders for the youth work of the Alliance. Undoubtedly the future will be difficult, but with young people facing the cross with its message of sacrifice, power and new life, the prospects for the future are bright."

GREETINGS FROM GERMANY!

Another greeting has come from the director of youth work in Germany, the Rev. Johannes Arndt. Many of you will remember Brother Arndt from two years ago when he visited a number of our churches. He writes, in part:

"With great interest I read regularly in your different magazines about the work and how it is going on.

"We shall never forget the faithful service which the churches of the North American General Conference have rendered to our Union and to our youth work. We are very thankful for those of our young people who have emigrated during the last years to the

For Students in Bible Schools, Colleges, Seminaries and Universities.

We would be most happy to have the name and address of the students, or their parents, of young people who are away from home in training for a life work. Special effort will be made to be of service to these young people. Furthermore, we would like to contact these students for student receptions in various areas. Send student's name and address to Rev. J. C. Gunst, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

United States and have found a good fellowship among your groups. Many letters have come to us expressing their joy about this!"

GREETINGS FROM AFRICA!

Our faithful Cameroons missionaries always thrill our hearts because of their fine services in the Lord's vineyard. This special message from the directress of the youth work, Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, in the Cameroons must be passed on to all our youth. "Dear Friends in the CBY!"

As youth worker of our Cameroons Baptist Mission it is my privilege to extend to you the most hearty greeting from your missionaries in the British Cameroons.

In behalf of all your missionaries, may I express the sincere appreciation for the many letters written to us out here. Truly they are an inspiration to us.

May God bless each conference for the efforts put forth in the special projects in which you have shown your love for the work here.

We thank you for your faithfulness in keeping missions before the growing youth of our churches.

We covet your prayers in behalf of our Cameroons Baptist Youth. Please pray for:

1. The young men attending Bible School upon whom we are depending for future leaders of our work here.

2. The nurses in training at our Bansa Hospital—that they may be living testimonies to the patients with whom they come in contact.

3. The young men attending our Preliminary Training Center for teachers.

4. Our school teachers, who are dealing every day with many young lives.

5. Our Sunday Schools. We are trying to introduce the same Scripture Memory Course which you are using at home.

6. For youth leaders among the young people.

We thank you for your prayers; God is honoring them, for we see how he is working among our black-skinned brothers.

May the Lord's richest blessings rest upon you all!"

"Life is worth-while, dear God,
To those who know
This rich companionship with thee,
Each morning as the day flames forth,
Each evening in a sweet tranquility."



A striking, colorful picture of a native village in the heart of the Cameroons, Africa, photographed by Missionary Gilbert Schneider.

Hidden Valley

An African Mystery Novel by DOUGLAS C. PERCY

HIDDEN VALLEY by Douglas C. Percy is being run in serial form by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

SYNOPSIS

After Peter Dunning had gone to Africa as a missionary, the "Prof," a chemistry teacher at Melbourne College, often found himself lying awake at night, wondering how his former student was and what was really happening. One day after a Teachers' Convention, the "Prof" and Bill McAdams, another student, made plans to travel to Africa and to see Peter's mission for themselves. In the meantime, Peter Dunning in Africa was hearing all kinds of mysterious things. Baru, the evangelist, told the missionary that the natives had reported the return of a black man from the grave. There was trouble ahead as Baru and Audu led the missionary to the sacred grove one dark night where the Fulanis had raided the place some years before. They found a Fulani, almost beaten to death, whom they brought to the mission hut. Then, strangely, his body disappeared. A brother of Audu was also beaten as if by a leopard's claw. He was brought back and put into the storeroom at the back of the room. Peter Dunning got some needed sleep, in the meantime.

CHAPTER EIGHT

PETER awoke and stretched mightily. His lamp was lit and set on the table near to his bed. He sat up, in time to see Audu and Baru coming out of the store-room at the end of the house.

"How is your brother?" asked Baru.

out to mark off the various areas. To have built a full wall would have made any of the rooms a veritable oven. The windows had been designed to take advantage of breeze from all quarters.

The sleeping quarters contained only the camp-cot on which he was lying, and a couple of metal trunks set up on tins to keep the white ants from crawling into them.

At one end of the room was the partition that divided the bathroom, leaving only enough room for the galvanized tub and a wash stand.

Directly in front of the door was the living room, occupied by his deck chairs, a folding straight back chair and a folding table. Several packing cases, placed one on top of the other provided his cupboards, with the lids inserted as shelves. The whole thing was covered with some kind of flowered cloth he had picked up at a Syrian's canteen at the rail-head.

His bedroom looked directly into this main room, and faced the door, enabling Peter to see everything that occurred.

Directly across from the front door was the screened back door, a wise arrangement to insure a through draft of air. To one side of the back door, on the outside, was the lean-to kitchen, and the small store-room where Baru's brother lay.

The small, compact mission house suited the missionary well enough. But as his eye roved the room it fell on the picture of a girl in nurse's uniform where it rested on the top of his cupboard.

"I'll have to start building something a little more livable, thought Peter. If Ruth comes here . . . he folded his hands under his head, and lay back, day-dreaming.

His thoughts ranged to Bill McAdams, and he wondered where and what he was doing now. It was so long since he had received any mail. Both Bill and the Prof were slow correspondents. In fact, they had not answered his letters that told of the first evidence of the leopard men. Peter closed his eyes and slept.

It took another two days to feel fit enough to get up and dress, and in all that time Baru did not leave the house. Over and over again, the missionary and the African reviewed the events of the past weeks, wondering what to do. It was only Baru's repeated warnings that finally brought home to Peter's mind the realization that the position they were in was precarious. Even then it did not worry him a great deal.

They were happy days. Baru's brother was well enough to get out of the store-room, and he took his mat to Garba's hut. The Christians of the village were constantly bringing gifts of fruit and eggs and the inevitable chickens, until Peter was

almost embarrassed by their lavish kindness.

"Don't bother, Mai gida," said Baru on one occasion at hearing Dunning protest another gift, "they like doing it for you. You have done so much for them, and this is the first time they have been able to express their gratitude. Take the gifts and thank God that He has put new love into their hearts."

Even the chief came to salute the missionary, but he was so surely and short that Peter was glad to see him leave.

Despite the number of visitors, not once did word of what they were all thinking come out in the open. Everything seemed to have been set aside for the time, and the missionary was wise in not pressing for information regarding the leopard men.

At last the siege of malaria was over, and he was up and around once more. He was glad of his horse those first few days, and he soon worked off the restiveness that the days of idleness and weakness had brought.

Traveling through the town and into the quiet of the bush, Peter took up again the threads of his mission: preaching the Gospel to these people in their dire need, healing the sick, helping where he could. No one made reference to the sudden stirring of the tribe through the return of the witch doctor, and Peter felt that it was all a dream of his feverish delirium during the past few days—until something occurred that shook him to the core and stark tragedy came close.

That night he looked at his thermometer as he slowly undressed in the almost stifling heat: one hundred and ten degrees. He slipped on the pajama shorts, and climbed onto his cot. Surely, he thought, the heat must break soon.

And it did! The missionary had scarcely slipped into a fitful doze, when a great grinding, crashing break startled him awake. The world seemed shaken to its foundations. He heard the ominous, whistling, shrieking wind, echoing like a host of demons on the pan roof of his house and sucking through the windows. He raced to slam the heavy mahogany shutters, working with the frantic speed that bespoke experience with tropical storms. But no experience could cope with that night of terror. With the wind came water, roaring like a machine gun as it whipped its liquid bullets through every crack and cranny. The close fitting boards of the shutters had pin point cracks; the window frames provided infinitesimal openings; the rain sought them all out with meticulous care and poured through as though the windows were wide open. The floor soon was covered with water and Peter had to pile trunks and boxes on the table to protect his home-going clothes.

Peter walked from window to window, vainly stuffing towels into cracks, discarding them sopping wet as soon as they were placed. Still the ghoulish fiend of a wind jabbered and yowled, whistled and roared at the house, as though seeking the one inside, and ready to rend with taloned fingers.

He knew that the tropical wind was being funneled through the great hills surrounding him, and would act like a horizontal tornado, whose boring apex lifted everything movable from its path.

It wasn't until the heavy darkness gave way to the soft grey of dawn that the storm eased. Then there was only a gentle patter of rain as the finale to the rugged furor of the storm symphony.

Peter pulled on his shirt and trousers and went out to inspect the damage. The storm had spent itself well. Into its insatiable maw went the combined church and school that had been so laboriously built. The sick line huts were down like nine pins. Some huts nearer his own house had miraculously escaped any great damage.

He looked down toward the town. From its heart came a great wailing as though the angel of death had touched the firstborn of each house. He could see the first section of the village, now resembling a midget match-stick town. Corn stalks, used so liberally for roofing, were piled everywhere. Grass had been ripped from the roofs. Mats lay helter-skelter, their long-stalked straw torn and broken. The village seemed a mass of broken rubble, and the death dirge came from despairing hearts. The tropics had again asked toll of the hapless people. They had paid and now must rebuild. Peter's heart yearned over them again as he returned to his own house to catch a few hours rest before the day's activity should engulf him.

Peter had shunned the sacred grove in the hidden valley as some pestilent thing, but an urgent call to attend a sick man in the section of the village near there overcame his repugnance.

When he arrived at the sick man's hut, Peter saw that his visit was useless as far as being of any physical help to the man was concerned. What he saw within the hut made him realize something of the reason for Africa's name, "The open sore of the world."

The emaciated form of a man was lying on a smooth sleeping board near the door of the hut. Lying across his chest was an arm, a great mass of ulcer. The flesh looked as though it had been parboiled, and it was definitely gangrenous. The patient was in utter agony. The few sedatives that the missionary had did little or nothing to alleviate the pain.

The stench and the sight were almost too much for the recently ill missionary, and more than once he had to seek the air outside as churning stomach and tightening jaw made him fight for control of himself.

In the meantime Peter sought to tell the man of the Lord Jesus Christ who died for white and black alike.

Into the pain-racked mind of the man, something of what he said must have penetrated, for he seemed to forget his agony for a moment.

"Our fathers used to say that something white would come to this country and bring us good news. Could this be the white man, and this the news?" he asked wonderingly.

Peter assured him that this was the best news that men could have. God had promised eternal life, and that life was for all who believed on His Son as Savior.

"Oh," said the black man, "if I had only heard sooner. Too late, too late," and he lapsed back into his moaning.

Utterly exhausted by the strain and the stench, Peter gave a last impulsive cry to his Lord, and placing his lips close to the ears of the dying man, he quoted the verse that had brought so many safely to the feet of the Savior: "For God so loved the world," he said clearly in the Hausa language, "he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The moaning stopped. With complete lucidity, the man turned his face toward the missionary.

"You mean God loved me? You mean He will give life, life forever?" and the man's one good hand reached over and grabbed Peter's bare arm. "But I have not loved God!"

"But He loves you!"

"Oh, He cannot. I have been a great sinner. I have committed murder. I have eaten the flesh of man. I have committed adultery. I have stolen many things. He cannot. He cannot!"

Once more the missionary put his lips close to the dying African. "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin. All sin," and he emphasized the words.

"All sin? Everyone?" The pathetic eagerness of the man almost made the missionary weep.

"Yes," he replied, "if your sins were as black as the soot on this cooking pot," and he scraped some of the oily soot from the pot resting on the cooking stones, "He will make you as white as the cotton boll that has newly burst open."

"Yes, yes, this is sweet news," the man mumbled as though to himself. "Come again and tell me about it," and again he slipped into the moaning mumble that gave expression to his agony.

The women in the hut gathered around his mud bed. They neither looked at the missionary, nor spoke.

With averted eyes they fanned the thick cloud of flies from the putrifying flesh of the man who tossed and groaned.

Feeling he could be of no more help to the man in his condition, Peter laid his hand on the man's chest, and leaning over him, said that he would soon return with more medicines.

As the sick man felt the pressure, his good arm came up and gripped Dunning's elbow. The eyes opened slowly and peered intently at the white face above him. It was a face that showed only compassion and love. The African's eyes lighted as though with new understanding. He looked as though he had seen farther than the missionary imagined.

"Mai gida," for the first time he used the name that had been given to the missionary years before. "Mai gida," he said, "walk carefully. I have heard many things in the night," the women at his side suddenly got up and hurriedly left the hut. He neither looked at them nor heeded their movement. "I have heard things in the night. There are those who do not love you and would do you harm. Walk carefully, for as I look at you I see many things will befall you. Come again—" and he released the arm, his eyes closed and he fell back. Peter turned to the doorway, as he went through it, he heard a muttering behind.

"Jesus, Jesus! God loves me!" Over and over again rolled the phrase.

As Peter turned away from the hut, he realized the man's time on earth was short. A great burden had suddenly come upon him, that this man might go out into the night knowing Christ as Savior.

"I'll fetch Baru," he muttered to himself as he mounted his horse. "He can be of more help to this man than I can now," and he pressed the animal into a swift canter.

Even as he rode, swiftly the tropical night fell. A faint sliver of moon appeared in the darkening sky, and one by one a myriad host of stars put forth their feeble light. But their light was enough to reflect the sandy path, and the sure-footed horse sped homeward.

As the last lights of the village fires flickered past, Peter turned to look with troubled eyes at the mass of trees that made up the distant sacred grove. A fire flickered through the trees, and weird chanting was borne down on the light evening breeze.

The missionary pressed on and turned into the compound. As he did so, someone came from the house bearing a lantern. It was Audu, coming at Baru's behest to light his master home.

Turning the horse over to his boy, Peter stepped into the house. Baru sat cross-legged on the floor, reading,

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

IN the challenging new adventure of being the president of our Woman's Union I am filled with a sense of sincere humility whenever I think of our former president, Mrs. William L. Schoeffel. Surely, she has had the Lord's "Well done" as he put his blessing upon her six years of unselfish service to our North American Baptist Woman's Missionary Union. Whenever she was complimented for the progress the Woman's Union had made during her two trienniums of service, she graciously referred to the foundation which her predecessor, Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, had laid.

So each new leader builds upon past achievements. At the same time she lays out plans, sets goals, and offers her assistance in attaining new spiritual heights for our Woman's Union.

In a true Christian sense, your president is not your new leader. Together each one of us is a follower. We should all be true followers of the only leader we need, our Savior Jesus Christ. As followers we learn of him through his divine Word. As followers we will live up to the words of the song we sang so heartily at our Woman's Union afternoon meeting during the General Conference at Philadelphia,

A REMINDER FROM OUR TREASURER.

At our Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., our National Woman's Union dues were raised from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per year. This will enable us to continue our projects such as the "Broadcast," Scholarship Fund, executive board expense to annual sessions in Forest Park, magazine subscription to our missionaries, and the additional expense of our representative to the annual General Missionary Committee sessions, plus numerous incidental expenses.

Dues may be paid any time during the year to our National treasurer, Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz, North Freedom, Wisconsin.

by the light of a small native lamp, a mere wick floating in a dish of peanut oil.

He looked up at the missionary.

As the latter lit the pressure lamp, he recited the events of his visit to the sick man, and Baru nodded.

"Work for the night is coming,
When man's work is done."

The Sunday following the General Conference, I was forcibly struck by the cover on our North American Baptist Church bulletin, used by my church in Forest Park. It pictured a laborer in his shop working at his anvil. Underneath the picture were these words: "This is My Work, My Blessing, Not My Doom." Those were comforting words to my soul.

Certain apprehensions concerning my election to office subsided. Then I saw the pronoun, "My" change to "Our." I read the caption as follows: "This is **Our** Work, **Our** Blessing, Not **Our** Doom." It included every North American Baptist woman. Again the pronoun changed and "My" and "Our" gave way to "His." "This is **HIS** work." God's work will be our blessing only so long as we go in his direction. We will be happiest when we can say with the Apostle Paul, "It is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me."

There can be no spiritual doom in any work when he is the Master. When God directs our paths, we dare triple our missionary giving in this triennium, and our goals will not be too high to attain. Again we may say with Paul, "I count not myself yet to have laid hold; but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

As your president my prayer is that together, we as women, may do three things as our special effort in the stewardship program of our General Conference.

1. That we may use more of our twenty-four hours daily in service for God.

2. That we may more than attain the new **tripled** missionary goal of giving indicated on our 1952-1955 chart.

3. That in order to achieve anything for God, we will first of all dedicate our lives anew to him through Bible reading and prayer.

God grant all of us wisdom, strength, courage and joy in service so that we fail not our fellow men nor him!

"That must be the ancient one whom I heard was dying. I'll go and see him at once."

"An ancient one?" questioned Peter. "Does he belong to that group in the grove?"

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FROM THE FIELD

Dakota Conference

Bethel Church of Harvey, North Dakota, Welcomes the Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Koons

Members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church, Harvey, N. Dak., gathered at the church on June 2nd for a farewell service for the Rev. and Mrs. A. Buhler and family who are now stationed at Lansing, Michigan. During Mr. Buhler's ministry here, the church took great strides forward, a new church structure was built and a new parsonage, but, greater than all, many souls were added to the church for which we shall give God the praise and glory.

The Rev. Edgar R. Koons arrived here on September 5th, and gave his first sermon on September 7th. We had a large attendance on that day.

On the following Wednesday evening a reception was given for the pastor and his family. Mr. Henry Fuhrman, moderator, presided over the meeting as the representatives of the different organizations of the church expressed their welcome. The choir rendered a song and the male chorus of the Martin Baptist Church also presented a number. The Rev. John Engel of the Martin Baptist Church gave a brief welcome message.

We are indeed happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Koons, their son, Robert, and daughter, Ruthy. May God richly bless us, as we labor together for him!

Mrs. Olga Wahl, Reporter.

Northern North Dakota Young People Hold Their Fall Rally at Turtle Lake

The annual fall rally of the Northern North Dakota CBY Union was held in Turtle Lake, N. Dak., on Sunday, September 7. The beautiful weather enabled many people to attend, and hence the well attended services both afternoon and evening. The theme of this rally was "Stewardship," and the song was "Give of Your Best to the Master." Scripture was taken from 1 Peter 4:10.

Registration began at 2:00 P.M. The afternoon service was under the capable leadership of our president, Miss Edna Neuharth. Song service was led by the Underwood Society and devotions by the Mercer Society. We were favored by special numbers from the Harvey and Cathay societies. Guest speaker for both services was the Rev. A. J. Gernenz, Minot, N. Dak., director of Christian Education, Evangelism

and Stewardship for North Dakota Baptists.

After the executive committee meeting, all in attendance enjoyed a delicious ham dinner served by the ladies of the Turtle Lake Church. The roll call was held in the city hall with each society responding with a special number.

The evening service was led by the dean of the assembly, the Rev. L. Biernert of Cathay. The Carrington society led the song service and the Washburn society read scripture and led in prayer. Special musical numbers were brought by the Goodrich, McClusky and the Turtle Lake societies. With a challenging message by Mr. Gernenz on "The Stewardship of the Mind," this fine rally was brought to a close, ending with an altar call and prayer.

Dorothy Bibelheimer, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Abbreviated Session of the Atlantic Conference Held at the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia

The 55th session of the Atlantic Conference was held in the Memorial Chapel of the Baptist Temple in Philadelphia, Pa., on August 20, 1952. The Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, our moderator, presided. The Rev. Everett Barker led in devotions, speaking on 1 John 1:1-3, "The Purifying Hope."

Sixteen churches were represented by 14 pastors and 46 delegates. By action of the conference all officers and members of committees whose term of office expired in 1952, shall be regarded as re-elected for another year (until 1953). Mr. Oscar Hiebner's report on the General Council was read by the secretary.

Our mission secretary, the Rev. John Schmidt, submitted the report of our Mission Committee. The church in Elsmere, Del. (formerly Wilmington), became self-supporting. Two church pulpits are vacant: the Fleischmann Memorial Church in Philadelphia, Pa., and the church in Jamesburg, New Jersey. The First Church in Harlem, New York City, has been dissolved after 77 years of fruitful service in a great city. The churches of our conference contributed \$26,452 for our denominational mission purpose.

The Rev. Robert S. Hess called attention to the necessity of our Baptist witness in new areas around New York City and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A spirited discussion followed. A motion was passed to regard the Committee of the Delaware Association, consisting of the brethren Robert W.

Cook, Walter C. Damrau and Earl H. Grosse, as our Conference Committee. This committee was asked to extend its surveying interests to other areas of our conference.

The Rev. Robert Zimbelman, our statistician, presented his report. The present total membership is 4,371, a net gain of 21; baptisms 127; deaths 50. The number of Sunday School members is 3,291. Contributions for all local and missionary purposes were \$229,485.

The Rev. Julius Kaaz spoke briefly on some problems and affairs of the Harlem Church, New York City. The Rev. William J. Appel read the report of the Resolutions Committee in which sincere thanks were expressed to Dr. Norman W. Paullin and the members of Baptist Temple for the privilege of meeting in their church for this one session of our conference.

Frank Orthner, Recording Secretary.

Southern Conference

Sessions of the Southern Conference at the Carroll Avenue Church, Dallas, Texas

July 23 to 27 were days of great blessing and spiritual refreshing while the Southern Conference was in session. The Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, with its friendly pastor, Rev. Harold Gieseke, made delegates and visitors feel very pleasantly at home.

The theme of the conference was "REVIVE US AGAIN." At the opening service on Wednesday evening the choir of the Carroll Avenue Church rendered two beautiful songs. Rev. Louis Johnson, pastor of the Central Church at Waco, brought the message. On Thursday evening we had the privilege of hearing Dr. W. A. Griswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. He brought an arousing message, "REVIVE OUR PASSION FOR SOULS." An invitation for consecration of pastors, deacons and Sunday School workers was given. The response was great. This service will long be remembered by those present.

It was our privilege to have Professor R. Jeschke of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as one of the guest speakers. Dr. Jeschke warmed our hearts with messages at the noon devotions and the message on Friday evening and Sunday afternoon to the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. Another one of our general workers who brought us spiritual blessing was Mrs. Thomas Lutz of Freedom, Wis., who represented our greater Woman's Union. Mrs. Lutz had charge of the devotion on Thursday morning and also the Sunday School lesson discussion on Sunday morning.

Two students from our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Edwin Kern and Clemence Auch, were a blessing to us with special songs and also in leading devotions. Others of our pastors on the program were Walter Gummelt, Alex Sootzmann, Frank Armbruster and Philip Potzner. The Lord willing, we shall meet next year with our church at Greenvine, Texas.

Philip Potzner, Reporter.

Hurnville Baptist Church, Henrietta, Texas, Welcomes the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Ekrut

The members of the Hurnville Baptist Church of Henrietta, Texas, extended a welcome to its new pastor and family, the Rev. and Mrs. Harold Ekrut, and their son, Charles, at the church on Friday evening, Sept. 6th.

The Rev. Paul Hintze, a retired minister and now a member of our church, read the Scripture passage and introduced the representatives of the



Vacation Bible School group at the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta.

church's organizations. Mr. Willie Hoeffner gave the official welcome for the church, Reuben Schaffner for the Sunday School, Ed Wiest for the CBY, and Mrs. Alfred Bachman for the Woman's Missionary Union. Mr. and Mrs. Ekrut responded to the welcome after which the choir sang, "Conquering Now and Still to Conquer" as a prelude to the message of the evening. Mr. Alvin Moser sang, "I Know a Name."

We were privileged to have the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, pastor of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, as guest speaker for this special occasion. He chose as his text, John 4:35. It is our prayer that the Lord will richly bless our labors together for the salvation of many souls.

Mrs. Reuben Schaffner, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Conducts Vacation Bible School

A very successful Vacation Bible School was held at the Grace Baptist Church in Medicine Hat, Alberta, from July 21 to August 1 with an average attendance of 55 eager boys and girls. Scripture Press material was effectively used. Teachers of the Beginners Class were Mrs. L. Schatz, Mrs. E. Schneider and Helen Hermann. The Primary class was taught by Agnes Fauser, Ione Opp and Marjorie Hoffmann. Mrs. A. Henning and Mrs. T. Hoffman taught the Juniors and the Intermediates were instructed by the pastor, the Rev. R. Rapske. Mrs. R. Rapske conducted the singing.

On Friday evening, August 1st, the children demonstrated to interested parents and friends some of the things they had learned in word and song.

The handwork was displayed in the front of the church. We are grateful to the teachers who so unselfishly gave of their time and talents to bring the Word of Life to young lives.

Mrs. R. Rapske, Reporter.

Farewell Reception for Missionaries Ida Forsch and Tina Schmidt at Calgary, Alberta

A secretly prepared farewell for our two Cameroons missionaries, Miss Ida Forsch and Tina Schmidt, began to unfold as a beautiful rose on the evening of August 10th at the lavishly flower bedecked Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta. Not a small host of friends and members met publicly to say good-bye and to express their appreciation to the two beloved members of the church, who so soon afterwards began their long journey to our Cameroons mission field in Africa.



Miss Tina Schmidt and Miss Ida Forsch, Cameroons missionaries (right), receiving the farewell greetings from the Rev. and Mrs. Ervin J. Faul (left) of the Bridgeland Baptist Church, Calgary, Alberta.

The evening was well planned. Everyone enthusiastically participated in the song service under the direction of the young people. Through the mystical power of the musical note many were touched through the numbers rendered by the church choir, "The Victory Bells," a ladies' trio, "The Gospel Echoes," a male quartet, a ladies' duet, a vocal solo and an instrumental trio.

An introduction of the two young women was not necessary. Speaking briefly, each thanked the church for this kind remembrance. Ida Forsch, a veteran of the Cameroons field, encouraged the church not to forget those who so faithfully are "holding forth the Word of Life" in the benighted land of Africa. To know that the prayer link is intact and to receive an encouraging letter occasionally bolsters the great work. Tina Schmidt, a missionary appointee, unwaveringly gave her personal testimony how God so wondrously leads and unerringly assures of his guidance.

Our pastor, the Rev. Ervin J. Faul, speaking from Acts 20:24, portrayed the great pioneer missionary, St.

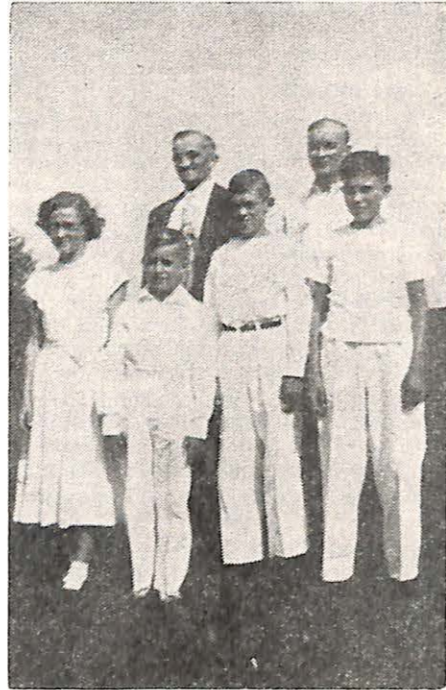
Paul, as a torch bearer. Similarly others have taken up the never dying torch to sail the seas, to climb the mountains, to cross the valleys, to ford the rivers and to cry in the last dying breath, "Rejoice! Rejoice!"

Gathered about the tables in the lower auditorium so well prepared by the ladies of the church for a time of fellowship, a shower of gifts was given to Missionary Tina Schmidt, and a gift of money was presented to Missionary Ida Forsch. Standing at the entry at the close of the service, both received a personal word and warm handshake from all present. Many prayers are following them from this church, and may a great harvest of souls be gathered through their untiring service.

Loretta Lick, Reporter.

Five Converts Baptized and Six New Members Received at Whitemouth, Manitoba

Sunday, August 17, was a day of great rejoicing and blessing for the Whitemouth Baptist Church of Whitemouth, Manitoba, Canada. At 11 A.M. the members and friends of the church met for a baptismal service on the banks of the Whitemouth River within walking distance of the church. The weather was ideal! It was a joy for the local pastor, the Rev. John Kuehn,



Rev. J. Kuehn of Whitemouth, Man. (back row, left) and five converts whom he recently baptized and received into the Whitemouth Baptist Church.

to baptize five candidates on confession of their faith.

A fellowship lunch under the supervision of Mrs. Fred Grabke was served at the church immediately following. Then we met for service in the church. At the Lord's supper the hand of fellowship was given to those who had been baptized. The wife of one of the young men baptized also joined the church by letter. God was very near to us. May we all work together to do great things for the cause of Christ!

Mrs. J. Kuehn, Reporter.

Baptism of Four Converts and Vacation Bible School at Valleyview, Alberta

On Sunday afternoon, August 17, the congregation of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Valleyview, Alberta, had the joy and privilege of witnessing another baptismal service. The Rev. E. Janzen baptized four persons upon confession of their faith. The hand of fellowship was extended to these newly baptized during the evening service.

We had a successful Vacation Bible School from July 22 to August 1, with an enrollment of 56 children. Four teachers gave of their time to bring the Word of God to the boys and girls.

We are most grateful to be able to share these blessings with others and pray, "Lord, help us all to be faithful in our entrusted fields of service."

Mrs. E. Janzen, Reporter.

Baptist Church of Onoway, Alta., Holds Vacation Bible School for 36 Children

We as the teachers of the Onoway Baptist Church of Onoway, Alta., can truly say that God richly blessed us during the days of our Vacation Bible School which was held from August 1 to 10. The teachers were as follows: Beginners, Norma Ohlmann; Primary, Ruth Breikreuz; Juniors, John Wollenberg; Intermediates, Rev. John Wahl. Mr. Wahl was also the director of the school.

We began every morning with a few choruses, Scripture reading, prayer and roll call. We began our class work by teaching the lesson, learning Bible verses, working in our workbooks, and then we did our handwork. Before our recreation, we had a few minutes in which we taught the children choruses.

Our attendance was 36 with an average attendance of 30. The children as well as the teachers would have wished that the school might have lasted longer. "Every day with Jesus was sweeter than the day before."

Ruth Breikreuz, Reporter.

Summer Experiences for Christ in the Peace River District, Alberta, Canada

Many happy experiences were ours as we worked together this past summer in the Peace River District of Alberta, Canada. Our work consisted of conducting Vacation Bible Schools from June 30 to August 8. Our first school was held at Northmark, where we had an average attendance of ten pupils. These children showed their eagerness by their regular attendance. Many of these children have never had any Bible training before, and so they were especially interested in the Bible stories. One day, when asked, who the first man and woman were in this world, they could not answer.

Our next school was at Westmark. Here we had an average attendance of twelve. These children also were very eager to learn of God's Word. Although the weather wasn't too pleasant, the children still came out. The classes at this place consisted of Juniors and

from families who do not attend a church of any kind. We were thankful for this opportunity of bringing to them the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

Eunice Kern and Linda Stober, Reporters.

Alberta Tri Union Young People's Assembly Held at Beautiful Sylvan Lake Camp

The annual assembly of the Alberta Tri Union was held at Sylvan Lake, Alta., from July 14 to 20. Ninety young people came from far and near to worship and to give praise to God in the beauty of his nature. Many blessings were showered upon us as we sat at Christ's feet and dwelt upon his Word. (See front cover picture on the Sept. 11 issue.)

From time of rising until retiring, the day was packed with many interesting and stimulating activities. The morning classes were a spiritual inspiration to all. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., instructed us in "The Development of Christian Character." Miss Martha Leyboldt, associate editor of the "Youth Compass" led us in "Young People's Work." The Rev. Otto Schmidt improved our knowledge about "False Cults." Miss Ida Forsch, missionary from the Cameroons, who was home on furlough, gave us a glimpse into "The Cameroons Mission Field." The instruction and knowledge received will certainly make us improved Christian citizens.

The evening services were conducted and in charge of various young people. Messages were delivered by local pastors which were indeed challenging to all.

Sunday was the climax to our camp. The afternoon session included the installation of the newly appointed officers and an inspiring message by Dr. Leuschner on the topic, "Living at Your Maximum Level." The election brought the following into office for the coming year: president, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg; vice-president, Rev. E. A. Hoffmann; dean, Rev. Henry Schumacher; secretary, Junice Traster; treasurer, Marvin Kern.

Junice Traster, Secretary.



Miss Linda Stober and some of the children at one of the Vacation Bible Schools conducted last summer by her and Eunice Kern in the Peace River District of Alberta, Can.

Primary children. Many of the children inquired whether we would be coming back next year. Although we didn't witness any conversions, our prayer is that a good seed might have been sown, that will bear fruit into eternity.

At the closing programs the interest of parents as well as of friends of the district was aroused. They were welcomed by the singing of the children. After two weeks of hard practice, the few boys and girls who could carry a tune succeeded in remembering it, while the rest sang along in their own fashion, helping to make a joyful noise unto the Lord.

During the last two weeks we worked in a town school where we had an enrollment of 21 children. However, they did not attend so regularly as the farm children. A few of the youngsters here were from Christian homes, and others



Children, teachers and the Rev. John Wahl (right, partly hidden by post) of the Vacation Bible School, Onoway, Alberta.

**Vacation Bible School
With 73 Children Enrolled at
Temple Church, Leduc, Alberta**

August 11 to 15 were busy days for both teachers and children of the Vacation Bible School conducted by the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta. It was a week of blessing as we saw how the children assembled every morning in the church auditorium for a short period of scripture, prayer and chorus singing.

The enrollment for the week was 73 with an average attendance of 65. The school was conducted both morning and afternoon, thus taking in the full two weeks' course offered by the Scripture Press.

The children were divided into the following classes: Beginners, with Mrs. Taylor as teacher and Mrs. Fleck as assistant; Primary, Mrs. H. Schatz, teacher, and Olga Ohlman, assistant; Juniors, Joyce Hammer; Intermediates, Ruth Grabia. Supervising the entire school was Eunice Kern. The school was brought to a close on Friday night, when the children rendered a program of what they had learned during the week.

Eunice Kern, Reporter.

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was 61 with an average attendance of 53. The staff consisted of the supervisor, Miss Ruth Grabia, and seven teachers. Each day began with devotional periods held in individual classrooms and ended with a half hour period of singing and with a story.

Mrs. Rudolf Ohlmann, Reporter.

Union. Our president, George Bauder, with several other pastors of the Oregon churches, assisted in the open forums. These, with Don and Bruce Rich, also conducted the evening devotions and consecration services. One evening was given over for stunt night.

The theme of the assembly was "Living for Jesus" and was carried out in each group as they considered studies entitled, "What Christ Has in Us," "What We Have in Christ," "Living for Jesus" and "Sailing With Christ." All the speakers helped to enrich our spiritual lives and we were especially blessed by the inspiring and practical lessons brought by our guest speakers.

The afternoons were spent in recreation which consisted of hiking, boating, swimming and games. There were 68 full-timers and about 60 part-timers in attendance. We are especially grateful to the women who so graciously gave of their time to prepare our meals and we also thank our camp nurse for helping to mend our many aches and pains.

The Lord was good to us and richly blessed us and we look forward to future blessings with his help and guidance.

Bernietta Wobig, Secretary.

**Total of 239 Children
at the Vacation Bible School in
Chilliwack, British Columbia**

The Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Chilliwack, B. C., held its Vacation Bible School from August 4 to 15. We had an excellent staff of 16 teachers and helpers. After distributing several hundred home made hand bills by our Sunday School scholars announcing our school, we began with a low of 96 on the first morning. We saw both interest and attendance climb to a high of 176 by the end of the week, which really taxed the capacity of our church facilities. A daily average of 142 was achieved during the two weeks of our school with a total enrollment of 239.

It required some twenty autos and trucks to transport the children to and from school. These vehicles were voluntarily supplied by members and friends of the church.

The school was held under the direction of our pastor, the Rev. F. W. Bartel, who, besides keeping the wheels running smoothly, also held the interest of everyone with a continued story, "Phil Tyler's Opportunity" telling a thrilling chapter each day at closing time.

Mildred Wilkie was awarded the grand prize of a lovely zipper Bible for bringing a total of 26 new scholars to the school. Twenty of these were unchurched children. Mildred also won a special prize of a pen and pencil set for bringing the largest number of children who were not attending any Sunday School.

The way of salvation was faithfully presented by the pastor and teachers in various ways each day. It was our great joy when a number of young people accepted Christ as Savior.

We also had an offering from our children for our leper mission in the Cameroons which amounted to \$30.00.
H. Lueck, Reporter.

**Vacation Bible School
of the Villa Ridge Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon**

The Vacation Bible School of the Villa Ridge Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., ended its studies Friday noon, had its demonstration program Friday evening and was off for its picnic Saturday at Kenilworth Park.

The staff for the school, with Mrs. Henry Forney of Portland in charge, were weary but happy over the session when it closed. They were able to handle a record enrollment of 91 pupils. There was an average of 56 and there were 17 students who had perfect attendance. There were eight teachers and helpers.

An innovation for the session this year was the rhythm band, composed of the Beginner and Primary classes. The group demonstrated their achievements at the evening program for the assembled parents and friends. Items of handcraft were also shown and Bible verses that had been memorized were recited.

There were awards for bringing in the most newcomers. Here again Sharon Probert led and received the five-dollar award, all in nickles. Sharon introduced 16 boys and girls to the school. David Chausse was second and Diana Coleman was third. Carolyn Spencer, a Junior, was the very able pianist for the school program. The offering for two weeks amounted to \$21.00 which the children voted to use for supplies to be sent to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, who are our missionaries at the leprosy mission in the Cameroons.

The Rev. Frank Friesen drove the bus for the entire school session.

Perle Smith, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

**First Baptist and Calvary
Churches of Killaloe, Ontario,
Hold Vacation Bible School**

The First Baptist Church and the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ont., held a combined Vacation Bible School in the town church from July 7 to 18. It was one of our largest schools with an enrollment of 89 children and with 50 children having perfect attendance. The course that was studied was "The Bible for All the World" and our theme song, "In the Bible We Read It."

Mrs. M. I. Kuehl served as general superintendent. Our school was divided into four departments with the following teachers in charge: Mrs. Reuben Kuehl, Mrs. George Kuehl and Miss Georgena Krantz, the Kindergarten Department; Miss Erva Weber and Mrs. Manfred Buchwald, Primary; Mrs. Laurence Getz, Mrs. Paul Weber and Mrs. M. Kuehl, Juniors; and Mrs. Percy Getz, Seniors.

Great interest was shown by the parents and friends as they gathered for the closing program on the evening of July 18, when each department rendered its own special part. Many

Children and teachers at the Vacation Bible School held by the Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., with the Rev. Robert Schreiber in the back row, center.



were amazed at what the girls and boys had accomplished during the school term. A vote of thanks is due those who gave of their time for the transportation of the children from the church. The offerings during the Bible School amounted to \$74.25.

Mrs. M. I. Kuehl, Reporter.

Central Conference

**Remodeled and Relocated
Parsonage of the Holmes Street
Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich.**

Extensive remodeling was started this spring on the parsonage of the Holmes Street Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan. This work was accomplished between the call and the arrival of the new pastor, the Rev. Aaron Buhler.

Improvements included new plaster and painting throughout the old structure, and remodeling of the bathroom and kitchen. New additions to the old building were a cedar-lined pastor's study with a private entrance, a front vestibule, two-piece bath and a garage. Cedar shingles added to the appearance of the outside.

Church members donated their time and efforts to do this work. This included moving the parsonage on a new location, which makes possible any addition to the church.

Mrs. Rudolph Kwast, Reporter.

**Large Enrollment
at Vacation Bible School Held by
Chicago's Foster Avenue Church**

Two weeks of a successful Vacation Bible School were held from July 28 to August 8 at the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago, Illinois. The enrollment was 103 with an average attendance of 73. The total offerings brought during the two weeks were \$70.00 which was given to the Sunshine Gospel Mission to help underprivileged children to attend camp.

We had a fine staff of 18 teachers and workers. One of the encouraging features was that the majority of teachers and workers were from the immediate neighborhood.

The Beginners enjoyed learning about the wonderful things that God has made for them and how God talks to them. The Primary Department learned how to become members of God's family and live as children of God. The Juniors were introduced to the Sunnyside Gang who taught them how to use the time and talents that God has given them. The Intermediates had many of their questions answered that they ask about God.

The parents and friends at the closing program were thrilled to hear what the boys and girls had learned and to see the handwork they had made during the two weeks. There was a unanimous opinion among the children that the weeks were too short.

Elaine Lange, Student Worker.



The large crowd of children and staff of teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church, Chilliwack, British Columbia.

Vacation Bible School and Farewell Reception at First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

On Sunday morning, June 29, Dr. C. H. Seecamp brought his farewell message to a large audience at the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta. In honor of the Seecamp family, the noon luncheon was served in the church basement and everyone enjoyed the sweet Christian fellowship around the tables.

The afternoon service was in the form of a farewell program. Words of farewell were spoken by representatives of the various organizations of the church, and gifts were presented to the Seecamps as tokens of love and appreciation for the fine services they had rendered.

Our Vacation Bible School was held from July 7 to 11. The enrollment

Pacific Conference

Oregon Baptist League Summer Assembly at Beautiful Camp Meehan, Washington

The Oregon young people of the Baptist League gathered this year for their summer assembly at Camp Meehan on the shores of Spirit Lake in Washington in the shadow of beautiful Mount St. Helens from July 18 to 25.

The morning hours were given to class sessions for high school and college age, intermediates and juniors. The classes were under the able leadership of our dean, Rev. Lewis B. Berndt, Mrs. William Fern and our guest speakers, President George Lang of the North American Baptist Seminary and Mrs. Florence Schoeffel, president of the Woman's Missionary



Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Buhler and their family in the remodeled parsonage of the Holmes Street Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan.

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and love or "it profiteth us nothing." I was happy to find that so many others also have this same conviction and that the theme of the conference was centered around love. I believe that this theme was manifested in a practical manner, and one was continually conscious of this spirit of love. It was a joy to witness the graciousness with which the different ministers and laymen performed their responsibilities. Although varying in presentation, the messages with thoughts, emphasizing the theme of love, brought inspiration and courage to our hearts.

Events that will undoubtedly remain most vivid in my memory were the adoption of the new stewardship program, the extension staff which will establish new churches during the next triennium, and the expansion of the missionary program. I am confident that the Lord will add his rich blessing to all of these and other new ventures of faith. It is activities such as these that are fulfilling the great commission which our Lord gave before ascending to the Father.

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Our new field of service is giving us joy, and we trust that our lives and ministry will be pleasing to our Lord and a blessing to our church and the North American Baptist General Conference.

HIDDEN VALLEY

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"Yes," replied Baru, "he belongs to them, but has been too sick to join them lately. Why do you ask?"

Peter recounted the warning of the dying man. As he finished, Baru looked solemn.

"I'll see him, and perhaps learn more. Take care until I return, Maida," and picking up the lantern deposited by Audu, he swung down the path.

Peter had a bath, and putting on heavier clothing against the chill of the night, called Audu to bring his supper.

After the evening meal Peter sat reading, waiting for Baru. His mind refused to fasten on the book in his hand, and soon he gave himself up to reverie.

So the man whom he had seen was one of the ancients. A chill came over the white man. A chill of the unknown, the subtle, the evil that predominates in Africa. The room seemed stuffy. Peter picked up his chair and went outside.

(To Be Continued)

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.)

PVT. EDWARD SCHAFER
of New Leipzig, North Dakota.

Pvt. Edward Schaffer of New Leipzig, N. Dak., son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Schaffer, was born in Hettinger County, N. Dak., on June 6, 1929 and died by accident at Lebanon, Mo., on August 24, 1952 at the age of 23 years, 2 months and 18 days. He served in the Armed Forces of the U.S.A. since November 1952. The report, which was received by the Schaffer family from the army headquarters at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., on August 24 about Edward's death brought great sadness to the family and friends. It was expected that he soon would receive his discharge from the army and be at home. May the great comforter be with all who are in sorrow!

New Leipzig, North Dakota
EMIL BECKER, Pastor.

MR. ANTON TREINIES
of Platte Center, Nebraska.

Mr. Anton Treinies of Platte Center, Neb., was born in East Prussia, Germany, on Feb. 26, 1873 and passed away September 9 at St. Mary's Hospital in Columbus, Neb., following a lingering illness of about two years. As a boy he came to the United States with his family and settled in Grand Prairie Township. His marriage to Gesina Meyer

took place October 28, 1907. This union was blessed with four children.

Mr. Treinies was converted at the age of 23 and upon his confession of faith baptized and added to the congregation of the Shell Creek Baptist Church by the Rev. W. F. Lippert. To old and young he had endeared himself because of his simple way of living and his great faith in both God and man.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife; three sons: John of Columbus, Neb., Raymond of St. Edward, Neb., Edward of Mound, Minn.; one daughter, Mrs. Gus Lange, Platte Center, Neb.; one brother, Charles of Madison, Neb.; two sisters: Mrs. William Weber, La Center, Wash., and Dr. Evelyn Treinies, Portland, Ore.; and ten grandchildren. His parents, one sister, two brothers and one grandchild preceded him in death.

Shell Creek Baptist Church,
Columbus, Nebraska

P. T. HUNSICKER, Pastor.

MR. WILLIAM WOLFF
of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Wm. Wolff of Chicago, Ill., entered into his eternal reward on September 2, 1952. He was born in South Chicago, Ill., January 7, 1874 and spent his entire life in this community. He was the last of a large family of seven brothers and two sisters. His brother, Oscar, war coroner of Cook County, Ill., for many years. In his youth he was received into the fellowship of the East Side Baptist Church and remained a faithful member until the time of his death. He lived a quiet and humble life, always manifesting the love and the Spirit of Christ in all that he did.

His wife preceded him in death a little over six years ago, and since then he made his home with a niece, Mrs. Ruth Cload. Here he was given the best of care, especially during his last illness. He is survived by eight nephews and nine nieces. The

funeral services were held in the East Side Church on Thursday afternoon, September 4, and his mortal remains were laid at rest in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Hammond, Indiana. God grant unto all who mourn his passing an abundant entrance into the eternal realms of light where the many mansions are.

East Side Baptist Church,
Chicago, Illinois

HENRY R. SCHROEDER, Pastor.

MR. RUDOLPH MEGER, SR.
of Anaheim, California.

Mr. Rudolph Meger, Sr., of Anaheim, Calif., son of Gottlieb and Malvina Meger, was born on March 10, 1884 in Poland. In 1901, with his parents, he came to this country making his home in Anaheim, California. He was united in marriage to Miss Tena Edinger at Germantown, N. Dak., on July 3, 1912. This marriage was blessed with five children, three sons and two daughters.

In 1905 he was converted and baptized by the Rev. John Berg and united with the German Baptist Church in Anaheim. In 1927 his membership was transferred to the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, where he remained a member until his death. On Monday, September 8th, after his day's work, our brother suffered a stroke and within two hours he departed from this life. The funeral service was conducted on Thursday, September 11th. He was laid to rest in the Anaheim Cemetery.

He leaves to mourn his sudden departure, his wife; two daughters: Mrs. Ruth Curtis and Mrs. Lydia Lee; three sons: Edward, Henry, Rudolph, Jr., and ten grandchildren; also four sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Hulda Hemmerling, Emma Meger, Lydia Meger, Mrs. Martha Everett, Theodore and Otto. May the Lord comfort and heal the broken in heart!

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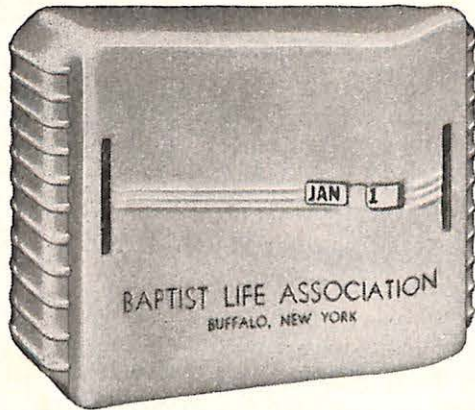
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