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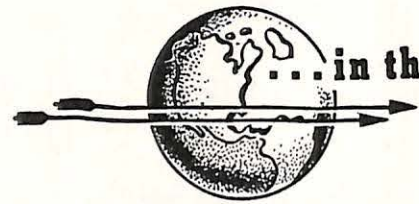
Alberta Tri Union Assembly at Sylvan Lake, Alta.

Stewardship, a Christian Privilege

September 11, 1952

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● The Greek government and the state church have agreed to have the church turn over four-fifths of its cultivated lands to the state; also two-thirds of its pasture lands. These will be released for use by destitute farmers. In compensation, the church is to receive a cash indemnity and some other lands.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● The official Catholic Directory claims that for the 6th successive year, the number of converts to Catholicism passed the 100,000 mark. Adult baptisms in 1951 numbered 116,839, bringing the total of converts in the past decade to 1,040,999. There were 1,018,303 infant baptisms in 1951, an increase of 44,759 over the previous year.—The Watchman-Examiner.

● The Evangelical Confederation of Columbia recently released new information about more than twenty cases of violent persecution of evangelical minorities in that South American country. The atrocities ranged from the burning of homes and stoning or destruction of chapels to Christians being attacked, beaten and stabbed. Mention was also made of goods stolen or destroyed.—Moody Monthly.

● Voices are being raised in Japan, to restore Emperor Hirohito to his former status of "Son of Heaven." Many claim that his present role is undignified and the demand is growing that he be elevated above the common people. The emperor was stripped of his \$75,000,000 fortune and divine status during the occupation. He is at present living quietly in his new role as country squire, keeping house on a parliamentary allowance of \$84,000 a year.—Chicago Daily Tribune.

● "In March, while we were in Jerusalem, the hillsides of Palestine were most colorful, covered with green grass and dotted with the beautiful red lilies of the field." The flowers and other vegetation of Palestine were more striking than usual this spring because of the extra abundant rainfall during the winter. This caused even the barren hillsides of the Judean wilderness to be covered with a beautiful green carpet of "the grass of the field," which was decorated with beautiful red patches of the anemone, identified with the "lilies of the field."—Prof. J. P. Free of Wheaton College in "Sunday School Times."

● The Spanish Minister of the Interior is reported to have recently made

four promises concerning Protestant freedom. He promised (1) that the government would open as many as possible of the thirty-one closed Protestant churches; (2) that the government would work toward obtaining more religious freedom for Protestants; (3) that the government would grant the opening of a church wherever it was shown there was a group of Protestants; (4) that he, the minister, would answer in writing five questions put before the Spanish government in April. The questions deal with other problems of Protestant freedom in Spain.—Moody Monthly.

● "While sitting in the lobby of the Sherman Hotel, Chicago, I could not help notice the numerous delegates to the American Baptist Convention. The men appeared to be calm and poised (many of them quite handsome). They were friendly and appeared very happy. Compare this with men at some other conventions who often behave too hilariously from visits to the hotel bar. The women at the convention also looked sweet. They were not fidgety and did not open their handbags in a frenzy to fish out a cigarette the minute they sat down. I am not a Baptist, but I could see what their faith was doing for these people."—From a letter to the Chicago "Daily News."

● The Hungarian Church Press reported recently on the reconstruction of war damaged Protestant churches and erection of new churches and chapels. Reformed Church—damaged or destroyed, 417 churches, rebuilt, 405 churches; Lutheran Church—damaged or destroyed, 129 churches, rebuilt, 102 churches; Methodist Church—damaged or destroyed, 11 churches, rebuilt, 11 churches; Baptist churches—destroyed or damaged, 22 churches, rebuilt, 22 churches. The reconstruction work on all Protestant churches cost, not counting the inflationary period, 58 million florins. Out of this sum, the congregations themselves raised 43 million florins. Churches abroad gave 3 million florins, and the Hungarian government paid 12 million florins in building subsidies. Baptist congregations contributed 600,000 florins.—The Churchman.

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 OF SECRETARIES

Rev. R. Schilke
Sept. 21 (Sunday)—Gackle, N. Dak.
Sept. 23 (Tuesday)—Pipestone, Minnesota.

Sept. 24 (Wednesday)—Chancellor, South Dakota.

Sept. 25 (Thursday)—Northside Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Sept. 26-28—Emery, S. Dak. Missionary Conference with Miss Eleanor Weisenburger and others.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Sept. 21 (Sunday)—Baileyville, Ill.

Sept. 26-28—Immanuel Church, Portland, Ore. (50th anniversary celebration).

Sept. 29-30—Churches in Portland, Ore., and vicinity.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner

Sept. 10 (Wednesday)—Tacoma, Washington.

Sept. 11-12 (Thursday and Friday)—Central Church, Portland, Ore., (15th anniversary program).

Sept. 14-18—Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C. (25th anniversary program and leadership course).

Sept. 28 (Sunday)—Washburn, N. Dak. (50th Jubilee program).

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist

Sept. 14-26—Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist

Sept. 14-26—Salem, Oregon.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 9 (Tuesday)—Classes begin at Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Sept. 12 (Friday)—Seminary Convocation, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Sept. 21-28—Sunday School Week to be observed in all churches.

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Editorial

Candles of the Lord

IN ONE of his wise proverbs, Solomon says that "the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord." That is a striking way of describing the stewardship of every Christian. We must show forth the glory and life of HIM who dwells within us. We are saved to serve, to witness, to shine for Christ in the darkness about us.

Jesus emphasized this truth of stewardship by asking the question, "Is a candle bought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed? and not to be set on a candlestick?" (Mark 4:21.) Of course, it will be set upon a candlestick. Jesus takes it for granted that the candle will be so placed that "it giveth light unto all that are in the house" (Matt. 5:15). Anything less than that would constitute a waste. As G. Ernest Thomas in his book on stewardship points out: "It would be poor stewardship of a blessing which belongs not only to the one who possesses the candle but to others who might benefit from its light."

This sacred obligation by every Christian to let his light shine and to show forth the spirit of Christ within him in the unfolding activities of his stewardship will be laid earnestly upon every North American Baptist during the coming months. The General Conference assembled at Philadelphia, Pa., a few weeks ago adopted STEWARDSHIP as the program and emphasis for our denomination during the next triennium. This issue of the "Baptist Herald" with an important three-page article by Mr. H. P. Donner on stewardship sounds the keynote for this program.

Extensive plans have been made for about thirty of our ministers, assisted by outstanding lay leaders of our churches, to visit every North American Baptist church during the next two months. Our people will be challenged and enlisted in a definite program of stewardship regarding the use of their talents, the dedication of their time, a three-month test period of tithing and a faithful discharge of all their privileges and obligations as stewards before God "whose we are and whom we serve."

Literature, posters and printed announcements will soon be available in every church to give you detailed information about this denominational program. The Every Sunday Bulletins will present this truth in a colorful variety of ways. Your pastor will bring this emphasis repeatedly in his messages. It ought to be an inspiring procession of God's people throughout our denominational family that will move forward and onward in holding high the lighted candles of their stewardship!

This calls for spiritual disciplining on the part of every Christian. Let everyone examine his own heart and look to his own discipleship. We believe confidently that this program of stewardship will strengthen our ministry of evangelism as soul winners for Christ as well as deepen the wells of spiritual power in all of our lives.

What a gift we have in Christ's salvation imparted to us! What a privilege is ours to pass on these living blessings to others! What a stewardship is laid upon us to be faithful in the service that Christ expects of every disciple of his!

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The sanctuary of the newly dedicated Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., showing the beautiful stained glass window of "Christ in Gethsemane" over the pulpit.

The Romance of the Redeemed

Our love as a Christian denomination towards others has its foundation in God's love toward us. This was the keynote in the opening message at the 30th General Conference held in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

By the REV. RUBIN KERN of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois

AS NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS, we are only a fractional part of the great assembly of God's redeemed children. We never have and I believe we never intend to boast of phenomenally large membership numbers. We are humbly satisfied to be a smaller group of Christians with a background and heritage of childlike faith in Jesus Christ.

We do not ostentatiously speak of a prodigious beginning. In fact, we realize that our work has actually not had its beginning here in America. Our work has migrated to this land. It is a work which has, in most instances, experienced the painful process of uprooting, transplanting and grafting, followed by careful nurture and devoted concern. To a large measure, it is that experience through which we, even as a small body, have become and remained strong.

OUR IDENTITY

Wherever we have worked, it has been necessary for us to set and to sink our roots deeply. This uprooting transplanting and grafting experience has been a constant import through

which our ranks have been reinforced. That is evident in many of our churches to which the immigrants of Europe today have come. Because of this painful process, we have also been fruitful. The constant grafting has resulted in greater variety and better quality.

There is this that we should gladly and gratefully admit. It has been, to a strong degree, the original strain of human fatherhood and divine faith through which we have maintained our identity. Through the strain of our human fatherhood we have maintained our identity as a people. Through the strain of divine faith we have maintained our identity as a Christian body.

I choose to speak of our denominational life in the sense of romance, not as something fictitious, but as something real; not as something extravagantly wasted, but as something conservatively invested for eternity; not as something chivalrously attempted, but as something heroically attained; not as something selfishly completed, but as something greater yet to be envisioned. After all, there is probably no known figure of speech

more perfectly given than the one depicting the Church as the bride of Christ and Christ, in turn as the bridegroom of the Church. From this spiritual union the joy and the blessings of our spiritual romance result.

OUR IDEAL

Jesus Christ is the redeemer, and we belong to the great company of recipients of his redemption. He is the suitor and we are the wooed and pursued. In Luke 19:10 we have these recorded words of Jesus: "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Portraying himself as the Good Shepherd, it is Jesus who goes out to reclaim the lost sheep. In John 15:16 Jesus again states: "Ye have not chosen me but I have chosen you—."

It is the Redeemer in pursuit of the one who needs redemption. And this pursuing of Christ to his redeemed, constituting the church, his bride, has its origin in the loving heart of the Father who gave him from his own bosom for that redeeming purpose. The Apostle Paul writes to the Ephesians: "Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it . . . that he

might present it to himself a glorious church; not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:25 and 27). Only for such a redeemer as we have, and through whom we have been redeemed, is such an ideal possible.

In this great spiritual romance as redeemed children of our heavenly Father we are not left to ourselves to pattern our life to that of our own likeness. Christ is our life who forms this ideal through and within us.

HEROIC CONVICTIONS

I hold this conviction. I hope that you can have the joy and blessing of sharing it with me. Our love as a Christian denomination among ourselves, toward our fellowmen and to the whole world has its foundation in GOD'S LOVE TOWARD US, as manifested and given through his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior. We can claim nothing else unless we can claim God's love in Christ Jesus.

Because of the impulse of his indwelling love, for more than one hundred years, we have been enabled to carry on the work that he has assigned to us, organizing our people and building churches and doing benevolent and missionary work. Because of the impetus of that love, we have willingly sacrificed millions of hard-earned dollars. Because of the influence of this love, we have placed into the hands of our people, in the languages which they have been able to read, the printed pages of instructive, informative, inspirational and devotional material.

Because of the incentive of that love we have helped in clothing and feeding millions of our own and other faiths. Because of the instigation of that love we have cared for aged parents and homeless children and home-seeking adults. Because of the incitement of that love we have trained pastors, evangelists, teachers and missionaries for our own and other fields. Because of that indwelling love we have accepted the commission of Christ in a practical way in that we have gone to the ends of the earth through doors that he has opened with his Gospel message.

We are not only thankful to God for having permitted us to do this heroic task in his Name. We are mindful that he has called and chosen heroic leaders among pastors and laymen alike to do the task.

Thus, our denominational work can justly be referred to as a romance of God's redeemed. As such we have been called; as such we have worked and sacrificed. But, above that measure of stewardship, we have loved with hearts filled with God's excelling love. We can join voices with that saint of the first Christian century and say: "The love of Christ constraineth us." Because of this in-

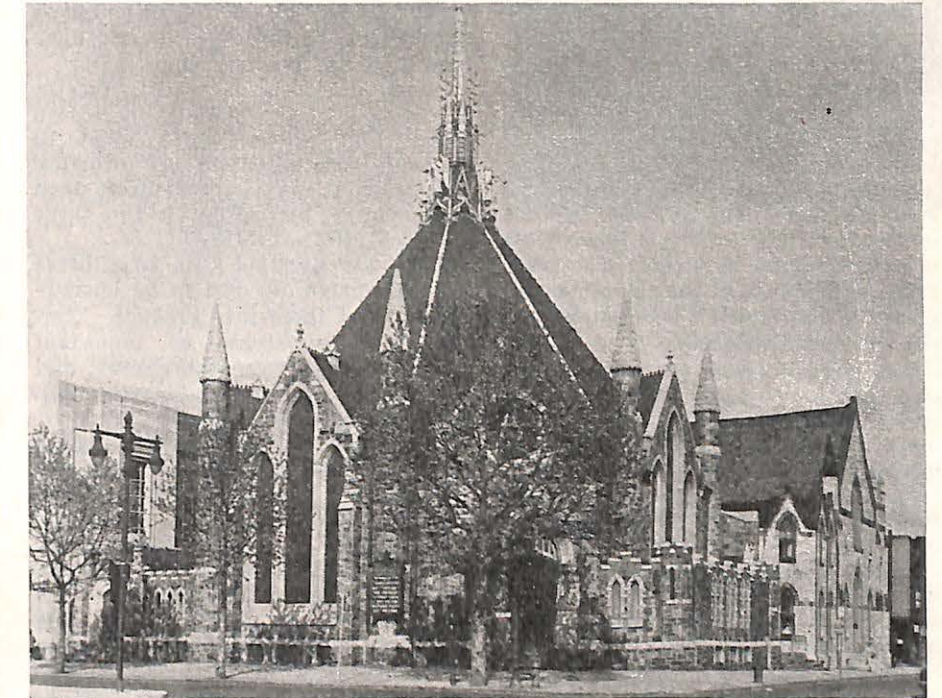
dwelling love, we look to the future.

We are happy to "review" our ideal. We delight in recounting our heroic deeds. We have now returned to "the city of brotherly love," the place where more than a hundred years ago our forefathers stood, as it were, at the altar giving their troth for service and loyalty to a God-given task. I feel that we have come back to the spot upon which the Lord had first transplanted us; the place from which we have gone forth united in him to bear fruit.

We have not come to this 30th General Conference as the married

betray us, we should hear and see that we must work diligently "while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work." If we believe what the Word of God tells us, then we must realize that the "fields are white unto harvest." And do not ever think that a white harvest can wait for years and generations. A white harvest must be garnered now!

Therefore, as we see the needs in every department of our denominational life, here on the home front on this North American continent and upon the fields to which God has permitted us to enter in Africa, Japan



The Bethlehem Presbyterian Church at Broad and Diamond Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., in which the young people's get acquainted social and luncheon as well as the afternoon tea of the Woman's Missionary Union during the General Conference week were held.

couple who, after more than fifty years of married life, came back to the place of their marriage saying, "Here we chose to be married; here we now choose to be buried." This conference must be for us an Ebenezer, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." This place should also be for us a Bethel where we raised anew our altar for continued and extended service and loyalty to Christ and his cause. We are not here to say:

"Our work is done,
Our battles won,
Our vigor gone."

We are here to envision God's plan for us for the future, believing that "where there is no vision the people perish."

Another wholesome outlook in this romance of the redeemed is that this romance continues in youthful vigor because there is always something to be envisioned for the future. That should be the primary purpose of this General Conference in this crucial hour. If our eyes and our ears do not

and Europe, and as he gives this vision, surely we shall want to match the task with our lives, our talents and our substance, because he has filled our hearts with his excelling love.

In closing, this word of encouragement and hope! Even after all the tasks are done, all victories won and all human energies spent and the glorious age of God's grace terminates, the Church of Jesus Christ will never be without prospect and vision. There is always another glory to behold. When our eyes will see nothing for our hands to do, we shall then behold the most glorious of all visions. In this romance of the redeemed, as the bride of Christ, we will then behold the bridegroom calling for his own (Matt. 25:31ff).

"When that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. Now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face. And now abideth faith, hope and love; but the greatest of these is love."

Stewardship, a Christian Privilege

Stewardship is a spiritual exercise. Living and walking in the Spirit have stewardship as their constant companion. Stewardship will be the denomination's emphasis during the next triennium

By MR. H. P. DONNER of Cleveland, Ohio, Former Business Manager of the Publication Society

AT THE RECENT SESSION of our General Conference held in Philadelphia, Pa., a conference triennium was brought to a close, but it also marked the beginning of another important three year period. At that great conclave of North American Baptists there was released sincere gratitude to God for the achievements of grace brought in review. The favor of the great Head of the Church rested upon the efforts of his people throughout the past triennium.

The emphasis laid upon evangelism was richly rewarded. Our churches were encouraged to undertake this imperative task and there was a genuine response on their part, resulting in the saving of many souls precious in the sight of God. To no little extent was the task of evangelism rediscovered by the rank and file of our people. It must have become manifest that evangelism is the permanent mission of the churches. If we have learned this lesson the good work will continue as an abiding responsibility.

Our fellowship has entered upon an aggressive stage of its history. The enthusiasm that characterized that assembly in Philadelphia is to continue as a vital force in the responsibilities of the immediate future. And now, another advance step has been taken. A new project has been thrust upon us. For the next three years we are to expand the evangelistic enterprise by developing some of the details comprehended in the all-round imperative of Kingdom building.

STEWARDSHIP

Growing out of the fundamental concept of evangelism, we find stewardship to be a natural product. This is the keynote of the new project which is to continue throughout the new conference term. Stewardship is a Christian privilege but it is a MUST in the normal Christian life. It is, therefore, a spiritual exercise. Living and walking in the Spirit have stewardship as their constant companion.

In our denominational life this virtue dare not be missing. How appreciative we should be that our spiritual leadership is revitalizing this Christian

service by placing upon it the emphasis throughout the three-year period upon which we are now entering!

Stewardship is a trinity in the Christian concept. That is, there is a three fold aspect which must be logically combined in its practical expression. It may impress itself upon our memory by calling it the three T's: TALENT—TIME—TITHE.

These are spiritual gifts. In a three-year campaign we are to be encouraged to put them into practice. They are to be analyzed as important factors in the life of the church, and as contributing to the spiritual strength of the individual believer.

This trinity of virtues is, furthermore, comprehended in another T and that is the term TRUSTEE. When the trusteeship of life is realized by the Christian, he has entered upon higher ground in spiritual experience. He then lives nearer to heaven. The deep sense of trusteeship helps the Christian to grasp the fact that he has been entrusted with a divinely given asset.

His relations with the Master of the realm become confidential and intimate in nature. He becomes in a fuller sense a co-worker with God as he is assigned to a place of administration in the affairs of the Kingdom. This trust involves the triple endowment of talent, time and his tithe.

TITHING

First in order of treatment will be a campaign on tithing. This is the proper way. When the practice of giving to God the tenth of one's income has been established, a forward step has been taken. That is a spiritual committal. It then becomes the steppingstone to spiritual progress. It leads to the dedication of talent. The discovery of specific gifts in the individual as an endowment, as a trust, will open up a new horizon for the Christian life.

While tithing will unquestionably bring a new joy to the soul, the deeper experience of a devoted life to Christian service will flood that being with delight in sharing in the advancement of the Master's cause. When all this has been achieved, the question concerning the giving of time to the Kingdom task presses itself upon him.

These two phases of stewardship, in addition to tithing, will be stressed through the three years of our conference term.

It is understood that the use of the term itself has a religious meaning. The word "tithe" denotes a tenth, with the thought that this small portion of one's income is set aside for religious purposes. It involves a principle, without fixing an arbitrary amount. If the portion set apart exceeds the basic ten per cent, no violence is done to the definition of the word.

By way of digression, it can be demonstrated that the liberality of interpretation of the etymology of the term seems to receive divine approval. Mr. Elmer Staub once told the writer, and that was in the early days of our friendship, that he was emerging into a successful business career and that he was considering investing his life in full-time Christian service. He asked me for my reaction. Having had the opportunity of discovering his keen mind and his brilliant business acumen, I urged against it under the conviction that the Lord calls his servants as definitely to the farm or profession, or business, or many other vocations, as he calls men into the pulpit. How beautifully this was exemplified in Elmer Staub's life! He literally became God's steward in the threefold meaning of the term. He was generous, not only with his talents and time and means, but generous to a large degree in each of these spheres.

GOD'S SAINTS

It warms my heart to pen these words. The records of heaven will some day reveal what this man meant to our fellowship. How often he travelled back and forth to our Baptist headquarters to install and control the accounting system, giving much of his valuable time, and always at his own expense, besides his munificent contributions to our missionary projects. All this is recorded on high. Elmer Staub has gone from us but his deeds will continue to inspire us.

We are speaking of downright practical things and so reference to his brother Walter, who preceded him in death, can be made with propriety. They differed greatly in personality

but they were alike in their understanding of Christian stewardship. Walter Staub was equally gifted and his name was nationally known within his profession. I was told that out of his well-deserved prosperity he gave one-third of his income to the cause of Christ.

Other names of the dead and living belonging to our fellowship might be mentioned, but this should suffice. And yet, who will forget the wave of enthusiasm that swept over the General Conference in 1919 when in the Moody Auditorium in Chicago, Illinois, the million dollar campaign was inaugurated, when one after another of our men pledged their substance in an adventuring faith and when two of them climaxed that effort as each one named \$15,000 as his share.

How that touched the highwater mark and what outburst of thanksgiving was provoked, long to be remembered! Daniel Knechtel and Christian Schmidt will not soon be forgotten. These noble souls have passed from us but their type of stewards remains as shown by the gift of \$25,000 channelled into our collective enterprise by one of our Canadian retired farmers within this current year. His name is not known to the writer but it is known to God. The joy of tithing lingers with us.

Coming back to the technique of the tithe, we find the grassroots in the Old Testament where the promise was made to the chosen people that the windows of heaven would be opened when the undiminished tithes were brought into the storehouse. The worship of Jehovah was sustained by the tithe and the minister at the altar was nourished by the same token.

TITHING, A PRIVILEGE

The principle was carried over into the age of the Christian Church, not to be enforced by law but by the grace that motivates the Christian's life. It has become a privileged service that knows no bounds. Tithing is a grace bestowed upon the Lord's followers. While its practice in Israel was an assurance of material prosperity, the faithful Israelite's barns being always full, no similar promise of temporal gain can be claimed by the New Testament believer. But the experiences are innumerable that God's blessing rests upon his child who consistently tithes. Many, many cases can be cited!

The source of the practice is lost in antiquity but we are forced to agree that it has universal meaning and that it found acceptance long before Israel came into national existence. How did it happen that Abraham honored the priest-king of Salem with a tithe of the spoils? It was either known as a religious custom or, on the other hand, it was discovered in the depth of the soul of a man who worshiped the true God.

How did it happen that Abraham's grandson, Jacob, was moved to vow unto God that his munificence would have recognition when its fulfillment came by the tithe of his bestowed substance? He had good reason to believe that he would come into great wealth because of the patriarchal blessing pronounced upon him by his prosperous father, Isaac. He could not have been ignorant of the custom of tithing even before his descendants matured into a nation.

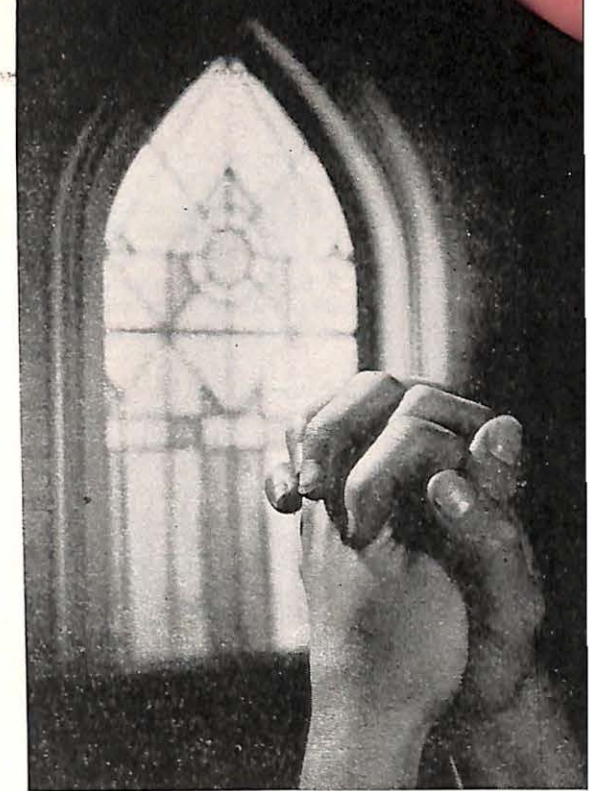
God does not need the tithe. "The silver and the gold are his and the cattle upon a thousand hills" (Psalm 50:10-15). He has imposed the tithe for the benefit of his children. It is one of the tests by which they are tried. He desires to enrich them. To this many Christians witness. Mr. W. C. Coleman, the industrialist of Wichita, Kansas, a one-time president of the American Baptist Convention and who is a generous giver, told me that he got his inspiration from A. A. Hyde, a Presbyterian, the founder of the Mentholatum industry, who pours large sums of money into Christian enterprises.

Proverbs three, verses 9 and 10, is a classic and good reading. This is supported as a New Testament doctrine in the inspired words of Luke 3:38.

The Mormon Church, if it deserves the name of church, requires its adherents to tithe. It has amassed enormous wealth as a result. The Seventh Day Adventists have taught their members to tithe. It is reported that the income of this church group in 1951 amounted to forty-one millions for their enterprises. This splits up into per capita giving of \$167.00. This is commensurate with their propagating zeal which, at that, is not true to the evangelical faith. If such bodies can sponsor the tithe, what about our fellowship of believers who have the truth to proclaim to a dying race?

A CHALLENGE TO ALL

If we as North American Baptists, have failed to measure up to this high standard, and we are thinking of the rank and file of our people, we are now to be confronted with the re-



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sponsibility of deciding conscientiously whether we will accept this Scriptural method as a plan. The plan will be placed before our membership at large for serious consideration. It is not by any means exclusively for the well-to-do. It will be an appeal to every class, and no less to those whose income is moderate. It is for the young as well as for the mature in years.

It is to release abundant joy in the hearts of the people who love the Lord. The project will involve a plan of visitation of our several churches for the purpose of bringing this powerful practice of tithing to the consciences of North American Baptists. This is to be an organized effort. One very interesting feature in this solicitation is that there will be no request for money. Money is left in the background on the conviction that money will be poured out as never before when this concept grips the imagination of our churches. Then will follow spiritual progress on the local field and in our missionary undertakings as well as in all realms of Kingdom advancement.

The writer has been a tither from

OUR STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

- Consider the question: "Lord what wilt thou have me to do?"
- Read the stewardship literature to be sent to your church.
- Put the Lord to a test in becoming a tither for three months.
- Pray for God's blessing upon this new denominational program.
- A member of the team of 30 ministers will soon visit your church to present this stewardship program. Plan to attend that meeting!
- Sunday, Sept. 28, will be set aside as Stewardship Sunday in all churches with special emphasis on this important Scriptural truth in the services of the day.

STEWARDSHIP—GOD'S PROGRAM FOR US, 1952-1955

his youth but he never pledged himself to tithe. He would be reluctant to do it today. And so would many others. To pledge a lifetime to tithing would be to enter into a very sacred covenant with God; it would be a positive act of faith. The visitor at your church will not ask for such committal.

He will, however, ask for a pledge. He will ask you to pledge yourself to practice tithing for a brief period of three months. This is to be an experiment. It will be for your determination. If after the period of three months, you choose to abandon the practice you will, naturally, be free to do so. But you may believe that those who have tested this Biblical method are certain that you will make the temporary experiment a permanent experience because you will have gained a new conviction in matters of the soul. The experiment is worth trying.

HOW IT WORKS

Questions may be asked as to the mode in which the plan can be carried out. It is quite simple. A person receiving a weekly wage or a monthly salary lays aside one-tenth of the amount. It is put in a box, or other receptacle, and that money is not to be used, not even borrowed, for ordinary household expenses. From this money you and the dependent members of your family take what is regularly contributed to the church, both for current expenses and for missions.

For those whose income is larger, in the form of a monthly check or in periodical interest or dividends, it would be wise to open a Tithing Account to which the tenth is credited as the funds come in, and against which all disbursements are charged. The farmer hauls his grain to the market, receiving cash in exchange. He is justified in deducting the cost of the production of that grain when a tenth of the net receipts is credited to the Lord's fund or immediately disbursed.

One might ask, "Does the tither contribute the entire amount to his church?" As an answer, it may be said this is for him to decide. A wise dispensing of that sacred money might apportion an adequate amount to his church, providing for its current needs and for the mission budget. Many men of large incomes, or women as well, build up a surplus to be used for additional larger projects, such as the support of a missionary on the foreign field, the erection of a mission chapel, or the endowment of a school, a large sum to a new church edifice, or to be distributed to worthy objects within the religious field.

People of lesser income follow the same method according to their means. One tremendous advantage in such a systematic plan is that the

My Return to Africa

A farewell word by our Cameroons missionary before she sailed from New York City on July 25 for Tiko, Africa

By MISS ESTHER SCHULTZ, Missionary

IT SEEMS like a dream that we have met and are parting. From East to West and North and South our denominational family has welcomed me, loved me and over-fed me. The African thinks America is a wonderful land because the missionaries look so pleasingly plump upon their return. Then soon we hear the other question: "For which reason you do loss all this fat so quick, quick."

How wonderful it has been to see our great denominational family at work in the rush and hurry of the large city, in the vast expanse of our fertile prairies, in the quiet grandeur of our mountains, in the church parlors when the women gather to sew for the African Christians and the Bansa Hospital, and in the quiet of the home as you worship the Father above. Thank you for the memories!

How much I loved the "sunshine of God's love" in the Indian field of Alberta! How the Indians enjoyed seeing the bead work of the African people and, perhaps, even felt a little proud their own surpassed the African in beauty. It was fun to see another people enjoy the "pidgin" of the African. The visits to the homes and speaking with the Indian people

tither usually has funds on hand to meet extraordinary calls and the state of the surplus may determine the proper amount. In many cases, when the grace of giving has gripped the individual, the ten per cent is overridden and he becomes "a spend-thrift" for God.

THE LORD'S ACRE

In some of the farming communities in our country, a vogue has arisen which has given hilarious satisfaction to many tillers of the soil who regard the Kingdom of God as a field, that is white unto harvest. It's the Lord's Acre movement. The plan is to set aside a portion of the workable field, say, ten per cent of the acreage, and that's a tithe. When plowing time comes, that particular plot is dedicated to God, when the members of the family in prayer place it at God's disposal. The products, of course, belong to God. The proceeds, after cost of seeding and harvesting as a legitimate deduction, is a sacred fund. This idea has spread through twenty

gave me the greatest joy. Oh, what Christ and salvation can do!

Friends say, "How do you feel about returning?" It is very different from the first time. The feelings are not so varied. There is less questioning of what is to come and more assurance that God holds all the answers and one need not fear. The feeling of an adventure is not so sharply defined. There is more of an appreciation that the greatest challenge will lie in the hearts and lives which Christ will change. One is a tool to help wherever there is a need.

Not all was without shadow at home. There was concern for the God consciousness of our people. Many seemed to have forgotten that the youth will be the church of tomorrow, and so the young people were away from the church, not building it. We need a revival. Many of our denominational family have not caught the vision of what our work is.

Laura Reddig once said: "Don't be surprised if the African should bring Christ again to America." Thank you for the kind wishes for a pleasant voyage, for your prayers for a better service, and for your giving to make Christ known. God bless and keep you all until we meet again!

states of the Union, mostly in the south but it has even been adopted in New York and Massachusetts.

Tithing is a steppingstone to spiritual wealth. It is an investment in the coin of heaven. Listen to the sound advice which Jesus gave when he proclaimed the manifesto of his Kingdom, so strangely new as rendered by Williams in his arresting version: "Stop storing up your riches on earth where moths and rust make away with them and where thieves break in and steal them. But keep on storing up your riches in heaven where moths and rust do not make away with them and where thieves do not break in and steal them. For wherever your treasure is, there too your heart will be" (Mark 6:19-20).

Then listen to Paul who gave his all, when he discovers for us words that Jesus had spoken but which had not been reported before (also as rendered by the same translation): "It makes one happier to give than to get" (Acts 20:35). These words are eternally true!

New Records in Missionary Giving

The story of unprecedented giving by our churches during the past triennium in response to our advance program

By DR. FRANK H. WOYKE, Executive Secretary

EVERY North American Baptist will rejoice to learn that new records in missionary giving were established during the triennium ending July 31 and during the last conference year.

The total contributions sent to our Forest Park office during the period of August 1, 1949-July 31, 1952 by our churches amounted to \$1,575,918.28. This exceeds by \$37,005.10 the previous high of \$1,538,913.18, reached during the period, August 1, 1946-July 31, 1949.

UNPRECEDENTED GIVING

Undoubtedly these successive triennial records have come about, at least in part, as a result of a period of unusual post-war prosperity in the United States and Canada. Yet we do not believe that this prosperity accounts entirely for the new records attained. We firmly believe that the unprecedented giving of our people also represents a great response to a challenging advance program.

What were some of the special appeals to which our people responded so enthusiastically during these years? In the years immediately following the war, there was a great outpouring of funds to feed and clothe the hungry and homeless people of Europe. Then we accepted and met the challenge of the Cameroons of Africa, where we have sent more than thirty missionaries during the past seven years.

But our home base needed strengthening too and as a result the Ministers' Pension Fund and the Church and Parsonage Loan Fund were provided with substantial sums. A further great project was the relocation of the Seminary, for which nearly \$400,000.00 was raised during the past five years. During the year just closed the special appeal was another great missionary advance. Our churches have responded marvelously to all of these special appeals.

The giving by years during the triennium has been as follows:

Aug. 1, 1949-July 31, 1950,	\$554,895.44
Aug. 1, 1950-July 31, 1951,	463,109.14
Aug. 1, 1951-July 31, 1952	557,913.70

Not included in the above figures are the gifts contributed by our churches toward non-North American Baptist missionary causes. Such gifts amount to approximately \$200,000.00

annually, raising the total missionary giving of our churches to about \$750,000.00 per year for the triennium.

The amount of \$557,913.70 contributed during the conference year just concluded also set a new high, exceeding by several thousand dollars the previous record of \$554,952.71 which was received during the year 1946-1947. The following have been the three highest years of our history:

1946-1947	\$554,952.71
1949-1950	554,895.44
1951-1952	557,913.70

A great special appeal played a prominent part in each of these years: In the year 1946-1947 the response was to the challenge of our relief program; in 1949-1950 the Seminary Building Fund campaign brought forth a generous response; and in the past year the missionary advance provided the challenge.

THE MISSIONARY ADVANCE

It should be pointed out that our primary interest is not in money as such but only in the missionary work that it makes possible. The increased giving of our people has made possible a great missionary advance program. Among the most important advance achievements of the past three years are:

1. Missionary staff increased from 38 to 55.
2. Construction of the first units of the new Bansa Hospital plant. The Ernest Hildebrands of Stafford, Kans., are giving valuable years of their lives for this project.
3. Construction of the new seminary buildings in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. These buildings were dedicated free of debt in the late fall of 1950.
4. Opening of a new Leper Mission in the Cameroons. Time alone will reveal the possibilities of this new work, designed eventually to serve 500 curable lepers at a time.
5. Opening of a new mission in Japan. With five talented and consecrated young people already on the field, this work has had a most auspicious beginning.
6. Construction of chapel and appointment of additional missionaries on the Alberta Indian Reserves.
7. Opening of thirteen new home

mission fields. The increase in our home missions expenditures in recent years has been almost exclusively for new and promising fields.

EVALUATING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We are justly proud of the records we have achieved. Our per capita giving for local and missionary purposes has in recent years been about \$60.00 per year.

Yet a few observations may be in order, so that we may evaluate our accomplishment properly.

1. First of all, we need to remember that we have been experiencing years of unusual prosperity. Recently I paged through the Conference reports for the year 1934. In that year Dr. Kuhn reported expenditures of somewhat more than \$300,000.00 for the triennium and receipts of less than \$220,000.00! Compared with the past triennium, those were dismal figures, indeed. But we must not forget that those were depression years, whereas the past few years have been a period of great prosperity.

2. We must further remember the relative value of the dollar. With this factor in mind, our dollar accomplishment is cut at least in half. The missionary dollar of today can accomplish no more than half of what it could accomplish as recently as twelve years ago.

3. How does our record compare with what some other groups have done and what we undoubtedly could have done? Our giving compares favorably with that of most of the larger Protestant groups in North America. Such groups as the Free Methodists, the Seventh Day Adventists and the Nazarenes are consistently far ahead of us. One group, considerably larger than ours, recently reported per capita giving of \$111.00 during the past year! That is nearly twice as much as our own giving.

The success of these past years is therefore no cause for boasting, for we have but feebly followed our Lord's instruction: "... freely ye have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8). Noteworthy as our accomplishment may have been, not many of us can say that we have done all that we could or should have done. May the victories of the past spur us on to nobler achievements in the future!

Reports of Conferences and Special Events

Reports from the Field and Our Churches

Sessions of the Northwestern Conference Held at the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa

Delegates and friends gathered at the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, for the days of July 9-13 to attend the Northwestern Conference. Their stay was a pleasant one, not only because of the fine conference program but also because of the abundant hospitality of the Burlington people in providing housing for the friends and delegates, and serving an abundance of delicious food in the church dining hall at very nominal prices.

The elections were held during the early part of the conference week with the following results: Frank Veninga, vice-moderator; Wilmer Quiring, recording secretary; Henry Smuland,

tian Witnesses" who must be willing and well versed in what they are testifying. Missionary Goodman closed the program with a colored film on our mission work in the Cameroons.

The entire conference program was brought to an inspirational close by a sacred concert as rendered by the Burlington mixed choir, directed by Brandon Mehle, the male chorus directed by Herman Schulz, and orchestra.

Alvin Wetter, Reporter.

Many Inspirational Programs at the Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa

We of the Aplington Baptist Church of Aplington, Iowa, have a great deal for which to praise the Lord. He has greatly blessed us since we have renewed activity in all the organizations

Seniors, and Christian Homemakers meet every Sunday evening. The first few weeks the Seniors and Christian Homemakers studied "Baptist Doctrine" and now we are taking up a "Bird's Eye View of the Bible." Approximately 100 have been attending these meetings.

On Palm Sunday we had an inspiring service when fourteen candidates followed the Lord in baptism. The newly robed Junior Choir directed by Mrs. Frank Veninga rendered special music. Their picture accompanies this report. The annual Easter offering which was designated for denominational missions amounted to approximately \$1000.

In observance of Family Week we had several inspirational services. On Thursday, May 8, we observed Family Night by having a pot-luck supper at the church. Roll was called, a short message was given by our pastor, after which the film, "Like A Mighty Army," was shown. Everyone enjoyed this fine time of fellowship and hope that we may have similar meetings in the future.

On Mother's Day we had a very impressive service devoted to the thought of mother. Following the sermon, all mothers were asked to come forward and were presented with a carnation. Mothers were in charge of the evening service. The fathers were also remembered on Father's Day. After the morning sermon, each father present was given a devotional booklet entitled, "Ten Prominent Business Men Look at Life."

We had a Vacation Bible School of two weeks with the churches of Aplington cooperating. The final program was given on June 8 at the High School Auditorium. The missionary offering amounted to \$220.16. The average attendance for the two weeks was 231.

On June 8, we had a combined program of the Sunday School and church. A service entitled, "He Cares for You," was presented by the Sunday School under the capable direction of Mrs. Frank Veninga.

Our church was instrumental, with the cooperation of the other churches, to place a large inter-church sign on the east and west side of town on highway No. 20 which leads thousands of tourists through Aplington each year. We trust that this silent wayside messenger, carrying a Scripture verse and the invitation of our churches, may prove to be a blessing to the traveller.

We are also grateful for the fine financial report of the last church year. The treasurer reported that a total of \$24,880.77 was received—\$9,812.23 for the current fund and \$15,068.54 for missions. We praise God for the faithfulness of our people.

We have increased attendance at our prayer and praise services as well as all other services. May the Lord continue to bless us as we work together with our consecrated pastor and family.

Mrs. Harm Sherman, Reporter.



Newly robed Junior Choir of the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, directed by Mrs. Frank Veninga.

statistician; Fred Grosser, treasurer. The Rev. Frank Veninga and the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer were elected to fill the vacancies on the mission committee.

The theme of the conference was "Lest We Forget" and the Scriptural reference, 1 Cor. 25:58a, with the conference pastors bringing the messages. In addition, the conference was blessed with the presence, messages and reports of its guests, Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman and Larry, Dr. Frank Woyke, and Rev. E. J. Baumgartner. All of these reports emphasized the tremendous advance God has been pleased to make in North American Baptist work, using our efforts. Our missionary program has jumped from four missionaries in 1934 (two on the field) to fifty-five at the present.

Saturday was Youth Day with the young people's business session in the afternoon in which Doris Glewwe was elected president. The youth banquet in the evening was well attended and an exceptionally fine program presented which again highlighted denominational advance. Dr. Woyke brought the message on "Good Chris-

of our church under the splendid and energetic leadership of our new pastor, Rev. Frank Veninga. We would like to share with you some of these spiritual blessings that we have recently experienced.

A Christian Training Program has been started which is proving to be very successful and interesting. Four groups of young children, Juniors,

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The front cover shows the large group of young people of the Alberta Tri Union and their leaders at their summer camp held from July 13 to 20 at beautiful Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Chief John Bear and his wife from the nearby Montana Reserve were at the camp for one day and they are shown at the front in the center of the picture. The report about the camp will appear in a forthcoming issue.

EDITOR.

Ontario Baptist Convention at the First Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario

On Thursday evening, June 19, Christian friends from the surrounding churches of Arnprior, Lyndock and Killaloe, Ont., gathered at the First Baptist Church of Killaloe for the opening session of the Ontario Convention. The local pastor, Mr. Lawrence George, welcomed the delegates and visitors. The evening message was given by Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forrest Park, Ill., on "Witnessing."

A devotional period was led each morning by the young people from the different churches. A quiet half hour every morning followed the business session and was conducted by Dr. Frank Woyke and the Rev. E. Arthur McAsh of Detroit, Michigan. The former chose as his topic, "The Evil of the Day" and the latter, "The Marks of a Disciple."

On Friday, June 20, delegates from churches in the area met and considered the propriety of ordaining Mr. Lawrence W. George who is now serving the Calvary and First Baptist Churches of Killaloe. The ordination service was reported in a recent issue of the "Baptist Herald."

On Saturday morning the Rev. E. Arthur McAsh conducted the quiet time. An outing was enjoyed in the afternoon at the Round Lake Project. The Sunday School period in the morning was conducted by the local superintendent, with the Rev. Walter Schmidt of Arnprior bringing the lesson. An enthusiastic message was delivered by Dr. Frank Woyke on "The Four Exhortations to Christians."

In the afternoon we had the privilege of listening to a young people's program given by various talented representatives of CBY groups in this area. The highlight of the afternoon was the challenging message entitled, "How to Redeem the Time," by the Rev. Lawrence W. George. The closing inspiring message of our convention was entitled, "Remove Not the Landmarks" brought by the Rev. E. Arthur McAsh.

Paul E. Weber, Reporter.

Sessions of the Northern Conference at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

The Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., was the scene of unusually great activity on Wednesday, July 2nd. Baptists of kindred soul and mind enthusiastically opened the sessions of the Northern Conference, which was held from July 2 to 6. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer, pastor of the host church, cordially welcomed delegates and visitors to the city of Edmonton, to the Central Baptist Church, and to each individual home.

In the opening message the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn graciously pleaded that everyone launch out in faith to fulfill the conference theme, "Be Ye Therefore Also Ready." During the successive periods of devotion and meditation, the grand responses to the theme, "I Am Ready: To Live, To Witness, To Serve, To Die, To Preach, To Sacrifice, To Suffer, For His Return



North American Baptists at the 49th Northern Conference held at the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

and To Comfort" culminated in a majestic crescendo in the message, "I Am Ready to Harvest," by our general mission secretary, the Rev. Richard Schilke.

No less was foreign missions in the Cameroons, Africa, vividly portrayed by our Cameroons field superintendent, Missionary Paul Gebauer. With the upsurge of nationalism everywhere, the midnight hour has arrived. Yet, "there's a call comes ringing o'er the restless wave, 'Send the light! Send the light!' There are souls to rescue, there are souls to save, 'Send the light! Send the light!'"

Shall we not heed the command of the Great Commander Jesus Christ and advance on this mission front? Shall we not rise to meet the challenge of our day? Shall we not give sacrificially to support our great denominational cause, including our missions? Do we not once again hear the gentle echo of the Apostle Paul's voice, "But if any provide not for his own . . . he hath denied the faith and is worse than an infidel."

Reports from the front lines, the committees and societies indicated that the Baptists are on a crusade. Victories are reported everywhere. With the help of God there can be nothing less. Two new churches have been added to the ranks of our Northern Conference, one at Winnipeg and the other at Edmonton. Many of these brethren have come from the European holocaust. Here they have found refuge and also new homes. Two other churches have been organized, one at Lethbridge, Alta., and the other at Toronto, Ontario.

The conference business has again been prayerfully entrusted into the hands of the following brethren: Rev. H. Pfeifer, moderator; Rev. C. H. Seecamp, vice-moderator; Rev. J. Sonnenberg, secretary; and Rev. I. Faszer, statistical secretary. To further missions within the borders of the Northern Conference, the following brethren were appointed to the mission committee: Rev. R. Milbrandt, mission secretary; Rev. C. H. Seecamp; Rev. H. Pfeifer; Rev. H. Schatz; Rev. R. Kanwischer. Mr. William Patzia and Rev. E. J. Faul were selected to represent the Northern Conference in the General Council.

Ervin J. Faul, Reporter.

Sessions of the Alberta Association at the Wiesenthal Church, Millet, Alberta

The Alberta Association, meeting this year in the Wiesenthal Baptist Church from June 12 to 15, was an inspiration and blessing to all who attended. Delegates from 16 churches were present and gave reports of progress and advancement during the past year. One new church, the McKernan Baptist, with its pastor, Rev. Otto Schmidt, was welcomed into the ranks of the association.

The theme chosen for the association was the "I Am's of Christ." Our pastors dealt with the subdivisions of this theme in a provocative and inspirational manner. Dr. George Lang of our Seminary was the devotional speaker for the quiet half hours and brought us to mountain-top heights where with clearness we could see our Lord.

Our Association has been strengthened by the coming of several men to take up the work which was vacated by the transfer or resignation of other workers. Rev. E. Faul came to Calgary, Rev. D. Berg took up the work in Trochu, while Rev. Otto Schmidt came to organize the work of the McKernan Church in Edmonton. We also welcomed Mr. E. Strauss who is working in Central Baptist in Edmonton for the summer months. We will feel the loss of Dr. C. Seecamp and Rev. G. Thiesesen, who have temporarily terminated their services in this association.

The report of our Indian work was most encouraging. Chapels have been erected on both reserves and a baptismal service was held in August. Our newly appointed missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. R. Harsch, are doing a splendid work on the Bull Reserve. The association will also be giving financial assistance to a work which has been begun among the immigrants from Europe who have settled in Lethbridge, Alta., to work in beet fields there. Over our Association's work could be written the words, "Opportunity Unlimited."

The elections brought the following into office for the coming year: chairman, Rev. Joseph Sonnenberg; vice-chairman, Rev. Henry Schumacher; secretary, Rev. Ernest A. Hoffmann; treasurer, Rev. Ervin Faul.

Willy R. Muller, Reporter.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● Mrs. Henry Koch of Forest Park, Ill., wishes to express her sincere appreciation to the many friends who sent cards and letters of appreciation on her 80th birthday on July 1. She received more than 150 cards and letters in a shower of congratulations that delighted her heart.

● The Rev. E. J. Ruff has resigned as pastor of the Hurnville Baptist Church of Henrietta, Texas, which he had served since 1949. He and his family left the field on August 4th. Their plans for the future were not made known to the headquarters office. The Hurnville church is earnestly endeavoring to find a successor for the pulpit.

● The Rev. Reuben A. Houseal resigned as pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., at a special business meeting on August 4th. The church accepted the resignation to become effective immediately, terminating a pastorate of 18 months, which began on Feb. 4, 1951. Mr. Houseal has no church in view for the immediate future.

● The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., has called the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler of Fredonia, N. Dak., as its pastor. Mr. Kraenzler has served the Berlin Baptist Church with its mission station at Fredonia since 1950. He has accepted the call of the Leduc church and will begin his pastorate there on Oct. 1st, succeeding Dr. C. H. Seecamp, now of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

● The guest minister during the month of August at the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa, was the Rev. Otto E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., who also served as pastor of the church from 1910 to 1925. Mrs. Krueger accompanied her husband to Burlington. The pastor, the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, was on his vacation and in attendance at the General Conference in Philadelphia during the month.

● On June 5th the Woman's Missionary Society of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., held a surprise supper in honor of "Fathers." After a delicious meal, a program followed with several readings and musical selections. The Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, served as the guest speaker. Mrs. Claire Klapstein was the mistress of ceremonies. The Rev. Otto R. Schmidt is pastor of the church.

● The Ebenezer East Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask., Canada, was greatly blessed by the summer pastorate of Mr. Fred Sonnenberg, a student at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Sonnenberg's ministry during the summer months will not soon be forgotten by the members and friends of the church. Mr. Sonnenberg's home church is Swan River, Man., less than 200 miles from Ebenezer.

● The Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., has extended a call to the Rev. James Hutton of Rineland, Wis., which he has accepted. He began his ministry in the Trenton church on Sept. 7th. Mr. and Mrs. Hutton have a family of four children. In Trenton Mr. Hutton has succeeded the Rev. Leslie P. Albus, who is now a chaplain in the U.S. Army and whose new address appears on page two of this issue.

● The Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y., held a reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur R. Weisser and their family on Sunday evening, July 13. The service of installation was held on that Sunday morning with the Rev. O. E. Krueger in charge, the Rev. Peter Geissler offering the installation prayer, and the Rev. Lawrence de Boer bringing the pastoral prayer. It was a momentous and happy day for the Andrews Street Baptist Church.

● Dr. Reuben P. Jeschke has presented his resignation as a member of the faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and announced that he had accepted the position of dean and professor of sociology in Sioux Falls College beginning with Sept. 1, 1952. Dr. Jeschke had served on our seminary faculty since 1947. The board of trustees met at Philadelphia, Pa., during the General Conference to consider future plans for the seminary faculty.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Reuben C. Stading of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak., have announced the birth of a son on July 7th. He has been named Glenn Warren. This is their first child. A son was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke of Dallas, Texas, on July 27 who has been named Gordon Harold. The Rev. Harold W. Gieseke was the president of the CBY and SS Union for the past triennium, and Mrs. Gieseke

formerly served as a missionary-nurse in the Camerouns.

● The Presserville Baptist Church at Wolf Point, Mont., has requested the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf to serve as interim pastor. He and his family have been on the field since August 1st with the change of address noted elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Rietdorf served as interim pastor at Aberdeen, S. Dak., for six months earlier this year. In the Presserville Church he has followed the Rev. Henry Lang who is now pastor at Napoleon, North Dakota.

● The Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, S. Dak., held a reception for its new pastor, the Rev. Eldon Seibold, on Friday evening, July 13. The program was under the leadership of Mr. Richard Oller. Representatives of church organizations greeted Mr. Seibold and special musical numbers were rendered. The Rev. Adolph Braun of the Plum Creek Church near Emery, S. Dak., was the guest speaker. A grocery shower was tendered the minister, who then responded with words of appreciation.

● The State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill., held a Vacation Bible School from June 9 to 20. The enrollment of the school was 122 with an average attendance of 87. Forty-four children had perfect attendance. Mrs. Fred Smith served as superintendent, assisted by 15 teachers and workers. On June 22 the school children presented a fine program and displayed the handwork which had been made. Two girls accepted Christ as Savior during the school. The Rev. Edgar Wesner is pastor of the church.

● The First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kans., has extended a call to the Rev. Elmer Strauss, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Madison, S. Dak., a church of the American Baptist Convention. Mr. Strauss has accepted the call and will begin his ministry in Ellinwood in September, succeeding the Rev. Theo W. Dons, now of Sterling, Kansas. Mr. Strauss is a graduate of Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. He was formerly a member of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Michigan. His parents are prominently identified with this North American Baptist Church in Detroit.

● On Sunday, July 7, Open House was held at the home of the Rev. Fred Schmidt and family of the West Center

Baptist Church, Madison, South Dakota. The church had made many fine improvements in the parsonage and the members had the opportunity of seeing these and having a period of fellowship with the pastor and his family. A Men's Chorus has been organized under the direction of the Rev. Fred Schmidt. From July 21 to 25, the South Dakota young people's assembly was held at Camp Lakodia near Madison.

● Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Camerouns missionary-nurse who has been stationed at the Banso Baptist Hospital, arrived in the United States on the "S.S. Veendam" on August 5th for her first furlough. After spending a day at the Forest Park headquarters, she went to her home at Ventura, N. Dak., and spent a happy Sunday in the Ventura Baptist Church, of which the Rev. Raymond Dickau is the pastor. Miss Weisenburger was also present at the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., from August 20 to 26 and participated in the program. She will soon be visiting many of our churches in following an itinerary prepared by the Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary.

● Mr. and Mrs. Erdman Schilke of Kelowna, Brit. Columbia, the parents of the Rev. and Mrs. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 10th at the home of their oldest son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Erdman Schilke, Jr., at Rhein, Saskatchewan. All of the three children and their families could be present at the festivities. Several readings and songs were rendered and a devotional message was brought by the Rev. Richard Schilke on 1 Cor. 13. The honored couple was given a beautiful table clock by the children. Mr. Erdman Schilke came to Canada in 1913 followed by his wife and family in 1920. Since 1944 the Schilkes have been living at Kelowna, B. C.

● On Sunday evening, May 25, the Baptist Church of Napoleon, N. Dak., held a farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Frey with Mr. Fred Pfeifle, senior deacon, in charge. Messrs. Fred Grenz and Otto Neumiller offered prayers in thankfulness for Brother Frey's ministry of six years in the Napoleon church. The following representatives of the church expressed their appreciation: Miss Betty Zimmerman for the CBY; Mrs. Adam Gohring for the Woman's Missionary Society; Mr. Gideon Oldenburger for the Sunday School; Messrs. Ed Sukut and Henry Oldenburger for the church. The Rev. Walter Sukut of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., was present and brought a brief message. Various gifts were also presented to Mr. and Mrs. Frey. The Rev. Henry Lang is now serving as the pastor of the church.

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

TO LOCAL CBY OFFICERS

If you have not met with your cabinet and completed your plans for your annual CBY program, do not delay any longer in setting up your program. At this date your leaders on the commissions or committees should be well lined up and functioning. Nothing can be more helpful to your local CBY program than an annual well planned program. Have you planned your mission goal for the year? What will be your emphasis on evangelism and Christian stewardship?

YOUTH COMPASS RENEWALS

Order or renew your subscription to YOUTH COMPASS if you have not taken care of this item as yet. To have a well functioning and smooth operating program for your young people, you will need helpful program materials. "Youth Compass" is your best guide for excellent program materials. Remember YOUTH WEEK is coming up in January.

Make plans now to support your conference mission project. Sunday School superintendents need to get a program and plan introduced into the Sunday School in support of the Conference Mission Project.

Plan to adopt the CBY Standard if your CBY has not already done so.

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

According to latest information which reached us, these are the newly elected local conference Council Representatives which have been elected for a three-year term to coincide with the General Conference triennium:

Dakota Conference: Rev. Richard Grenz, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Northern Conference: Rev. E. H. Hoffmann, Millet, Alberta.

If your Conference Union has elected a new representative for the triennium, please inform us accordingly.

NATIONAL SS CONVENTION

The seventh National Sunday School Convention will be held in Portland, Ore., from Oct. 1 to 4. Among the large selection of speakers the names of Dr. Harold E. Garner, Chicago, Ill., Dr. Henrietta C. Mears, Hollywood, Calif., and Dr. H. H. Savage of Pontiac, Mich., appear prominently on the program. Many of our Sunday School workers in the Portland area will want to take the opportunity to attend some of the sessions of the convention.

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

Sept. 14, 1953—"On Being Married," by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Samb, La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Sept. 21, 1952—"Ripe Unto Harvest," by the Bender Fellowship, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

GENERAL CONFERENCE ECHOES

During the past few days hundreds of North American Baptists from 28 states and five provinces of Canada returned to their churches after having attended the 30th General Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Many of these delegates are your youth leaders and fine consecrated young people of your CBY. Their rich spiritual experiences and stirring enthusiasm gained at the conference will be felt in your church. Their leadership will prove invaluable if all officers and young people of the local church and conference will support these leaders wholeheartedly.

MISSION PROJECTS

The Dakota Conference Union officers have again reported that they as a Union have adopted a mission project goal of \$10,000 for the "Camerouns Crusade" for this year. The breakdown for the various organizations within the conference union is as follows: Badlands Assembly, \$1,000; Northern North Dakota Assembly, \$2,000; Central Dakota Assembly, \$2,500; South Dakota Assembly, \$3,000; Dakota Conference Union, \$1,500.

SUMMER CAMP ATTENDANCE

From all reports received thus far the attendance at the summer camps for 1952 will exceed all previous records. Attendance at the Junior Camps and Scripture Memory Camps is also an all time high. As soon as all questionnaires sent to the presidents are received for camp activities, you can expect a complete report about the new progress made. A great big THANK YOU to all of the fine leaders and instructors at these camps and assemblies who are responsible for the success of each gathering.

General Conference Issue

Will Appear on Oct. 9, 1952!



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

The chemistry teacher of Melbourne College, known as "Prof," singled out two of his students to work with him at experiments. One of them was Peter Dunning who later decided to become a missionary to Africa. The other was Bill McAdams who was preparing for a medical career. Peter told the "Prof" about his faith in Christ and the teacher had to admit that the student had something which he lacked and needed. After Peter had gone to Africa as a missionary, the "Prof" 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 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!

CHAPTER FIVE

PETER had led Baru to the last line of the huts in the village, where a gaunt-ribbed native dog gave them a rousing send-off. In the cool shade of a mango tree, already laden with ripening fruit, they stopped. Baru picked up a stick and rattled a branch

until some of the pear-shaped, peach-like fruit fell into their waiting hands. Sitting down on stones piled around one of the trees, they had peeled the tough skin from the fruit with teeth and fingers. With the yellow juice oozing out to stain their hands, they sucked the luscious fruit, its fragrance filling the air. Peter waited for Baru to start talking.

When the native had finished eating, he wiped his fingers on the bark of the tree and squatted down beside Peter.

"Many years ago, Mai gida," he began, "the Fulanis used to come down upon our people here, strip our farms, burn our houses, kill our men and carry away our women and children captive. Sometimes they would take our young, strong men for slaves. That is what drove us up on these rocks and hills to live. We were helpless on the plains.

"On one of these trips, they arrived in the midst of the most potent juju rites that our witch doctors were able to perform. This time it was being

used to seek the protection of the demons, and to break the Fulani power that caused us so much trouble.

"In the sacred grove they have a great altar made of red stones. On this altar, sacrifices of goats, chickens, and sometimes children, were made, as a blood offering to the demons. Just to one side of the altar is a special demon hut that only the head witch doctor could enter.

"From what I have heard, for I was only a boy when it all took place, the sacrifices had already been made, and the witch doctor had entered the demon hut. Once he had come out to tell the people gathered that he needed more blood.

"After much palavering, a young baby was brought from the village, and its blood sprinkled on the altar. The witch doctor then re-entered the hut. Once more he appeared, and he must have seemed like a demon himself from what I hear.

"They were waiting for him to come out of the hut the third time, when suddenly the Fulanis burst through the trees of the sacred grove. You can see the tops of the trees in that hidden valley by the hills," and he gestured to where the tops of a large cluster of trees showed up in the distance.

Peter stood up to look. Then he saw that the grove was in the center of the saucer-like valley that he had often passed while visiting the people. It was perhaps a mile in circumference, but since no one lived there, despite its fertile, sheltered location, he had never bothered investigating it. It looked like a better village site than the rocky stretches where the tribe had built their primitive mud huts. However, if it was the place for demon, it was doubtless taboo for houses.

Baru continued his story when Peter sat down again. "The Fulanis rode down through all the people gathered there, hacking down those in the way with their swords and spears. It was all over in a moment, with the dead and wounded scattered throughout the grove. Their blood stained to deeper red those stones near the altar that had seen some gruesome things.

"When everything was quiet again, the people gathered from their hiding places, more determined than ever to make any endeavour, pay any price to stop such raids. They even left the corpses where they had fallen, thinking they had more blood and stronger medicine to offer the tribal demons, whom they felt must help them now. The wounded were set around the demon hut, that their moans might urge the demons to greater aid.

"Not having seen the witch doctor since his second appearance just before the horsemen struck, they gathered before the opening of the dark demon

hut to await his appearance and the decision of the demons for the future. They only wanted the way to freedom from the power of the Fulanis.

"During the long night, they waited, thinking he was still inside seeking advice from the demon world. As the night wore on, the older men began to recall and rehearse what he had said, just as he came out of the hut the last time. I have heard it repeated again and again.

"The witch doctor had come out of the hut, shivering and bathed in perspiration. His eyes were projecting, his mouth flecked with white foam. This was a good sign to the people, for they were the signs of the best demon medium, and surely he would have news.

"Throwing back his head, he had shouted, 'The claw of the leopard, the claw of the leopard. Let the young men seek the leopard and learn wisdom and find strength.' He had just turned back into the hut when the horsemen appeared."

Baru paused in his recital, and grew thoughtful as he recalled the tale of those early days. Peter did not dare interrupt. His pulse hammered and raced as he listened.

The boy continued: "Most of that night the men waited, and still no witch doctor. At last, in the early streaks of dawn, one of his helpers slowly approached the hut. He stopped to look inside. His shriek brought the tribal elders to their feet in an instant. Surrounding him they too peered into the hut. Shriek followed upon shriek. The hut was empty. The witch doctor was gone, disappeared as though he never was. All the people could think of was the fact that the demons had taken him away to teach him stronger medicine than could be given here. He would return, they assured each other, and in returning they would be led out to conquer the foe."

Baru stopped to shake the tree once more, and to refresh himself with more mangoes. Peter just sat, tense and wondering, waiting to hear the rest of the tale. He knew more was to follow.

When he had finished the fruit, Baru stood in front of the missionary.

"You see, Mai gida," he said, "your people have guns for their power. Our people have the demons. And until you came and told us of the greater power of the Lord Jesus Christ, and we turned from demons and idols to Him, we knew no differently. Now I know that the demons did not take him."

"What happened then?" Peter asked, rather anticipating the answer.

"The Fulanis must have taken him. In the midst of the fighting we could not see. I think someone must have told them of this new powerful juju that would be made, and they decided to remove the witch doctor. They

knew that these rites are handed down from father to son. They cannot be given outside of that line. With the witch doctor gone, there was no one to pass the rite on, and no one dared take it of himself. The original witch doctor might come back! It was most effectual," he said laughing. "The Fulanis planned it well."

"But what has all this to do with the drums I heard last night?" Peter asked. "You people go back to Adam to tell a simple story of today."

"Not so, Mai gida," Baru remonstrated. "'Hankuri maganin duniya ne', as our people say. Patience is a good medicine, and you would know that if you would be patient with me."

"Last week," said Baru, watching Peter closely, "the witch doctor returned. He is old, broken and poor, but he has returned and the people have flocked to him again. They have reminded him of that day of long ago, and asked what the demons, his masters, had sent to them. It seems that he refused to talk, but when they mentioned his last words, 'The claw of the leopard, the claw of the leopard,' his eyes lit up, and he has mumbled them over and over again ever since. Now he seems to have wakened up. Last night you heard his call, that has been silent all these years. The tribal leaders have met with him. No one knows what has been said or done. But the whole tribe is waiting eagerly to hear what the demons have said to him, after all these years of waiting." Baru finished his tale and stood up. Peter had stretched himself beside him, adjusted his helmet against the slanting rays of the sun, and they started towards the mission compound.

As they parted at the gate, Peter made a last request for that day: "Would it be possible to visit this man? I'd like to see what a man who rose from the dead looks like!"

"You can see him tomorrow if you like," replied Baru. "He is staying in that section of the village where I live. When you visit my village tomorrow, I'll take you to him. Alai-kum salaam."

Peter leaned forward in his deck chair. He lifted his helmet from his sweating head, and let the early evening breeze play through his hair. Of course Baru is stretching things, he thought. But Baru has never been that way since we teamed up to win the people to Christ. No, there is something deep going on.

Well, tomorrow would tell when he visited the witch doctor. Then the truth of the tale would come out.

Peter got up from his chair, and calling to Audu to bring bath water, he slipped into the cool interior of his hut.

Peter looked at the pitiful figure of the man huddled over the small fire.

More smoke than flame rose from the few pieces of burning hardwood, making the man's eyes bloodshot and watery. The approach of the white man had silenced the hub-bub around the fire, and the closely packed circle of men had opened to make room for him.

Looking down at the people from his tall height, Peter saluted them, while they replied. No word came from the old man huddled near the fire. He scarcely deigned to glance up at the visitor. The missionary looked at him keenly.

The skin of the man before him was greyish black, wrinkled and worn like old parchment. He was dressed only in a loin cloth, while the skin of a goat hung down his bony back. The long pointed face, narrowed by toothless gums, was held by two knobby, calloused hands. To the missionary he was a picture of pathetic misery.

"Greetings, father," the missionary also spat near the fire to bring his face closer to the witch doctor. "I bring you many greetings."

At the sound of his voice, the old man slowly lifted his face from his hands and turned to look at the man near him.

Peter scarcely stifled an exclamation of horror. Hate-filled eyes peered out from deep-set sockets. The face itself was a mass of jagged welts, as though rawhide whips had crisscrossed it. Looking closer, Peter saw the man's whole body was in the same condition. He was a man who had been flogged. Not once, not twice, but time after time, welt upon welt. Here was a broken man, a hate-ridden man. Peter shuddered as he held his position and tried to look at the man.

"Greetings, Baba," he said again. "I heard you had come home to your people, and I come to welcome you. I, too, have come a long way. I have come from a far-away land to bring Good News to you and your people here," Peter swung his hand around in a circle. "Your people are glad to have you back again," Peter raised his voice so that all might hear. "It is good to come home after being away a long time. I have come to tell your people that God the Father who lives in heaven, He also wants you to come back to Him, and to live in His home."

Peter's voice faltered. The eyes of the man before him had lit with such fanatical hatred he almost felt that a knife had been thrust at him. There was a series of murmurs behind him, and Peter slowly straightened up.

As the missionary rose to his feet, so did the throng around the old man. He alone remained squatted once again peering into the glowing embers of the fire. A passage way seemed open beside him, and Peter, with a last farewell to the unmoving figure, turned slowly away. The passage closed behind him as he walked through the closely packed throng. A feeling of intense evil

hemmed him in as he turned towards his compound, Baru close to his heels.

As he parted from Baru at the door of his house, the African left with a word of warning.

"I have told you much, Mai gida," he said. "Now I would ask one thing. You will see and hear other things in the days ahead. Please don't inquire too closely into them. Our people will resent it, and it can only harm our work." He turned away towards his own hut, his native sandals scuffing the sand into little dust puffs as he walked.

It was a lonely supper for the missionary that night. It was made much more lonely by the queer drumming that started from the town as the sun sank behind the western hills. Digging into his pawpaw dessert, Peter jabbed savagely at the succulent melon-like fruit. The feeling of evil seemed to hang in the air and press heavily upon him. He flung his spoon down and strode outside into the cool air.

The evening service bell called forth only those Christian Africans who lived within the immediate vicinity of the compound. As they sang and prayed, there was a feeling of hesitancy. Yet, there was a fervor in prayer that he had never heard before. The whole group seemed to feel a deeper need of the presence of the Lord than ever before.

As Peter crawled into his mosquito-net-covered cot that night, and tucked the fringe under the mattress, he, too, prayed a little harder, and in that

sense of security in Christ, the inexplicable feeling of despondency and depression disappeared. As the drums continued to throb in the darkness, Peter fell asleep.

Peter had not been asleep long when he suddenly sat up in bed. He found himself peering through the mist-like mosquito netting. He had heard something from the open window. There it came again.

"Hist, Mai gida," the sibilant whisper of Baru brought him to the window with a bound, "Mai gida, come quickly, come quickly."

Imagining fires, snakes, a birth, death, or any of the dozen things that had spoiled his rest, night after night, Peter called out:

"I'll be right with you." He pulled on his calf height mosquito boots, tucked in the legs of his pajamas, grabbed his ever handy flashlight and stepped out into the tropical darkness. There was no moon. The drums had stopped. Not even a dog bark broke the awful quietness.

The white riga shirt of Baru showed as he stepped from the door, and the African grabbed the missionary's arm in a frenzied grip.

"Come, come," he repeated, not waiting for the barest salutation, a sure sign of his discomposure. "Let us hurry, maza maza. The dodo is walking and bad things will happen tonight. Don't use your light, but follow me."

Knowing full well that this son of the forest could see his village paths

as well by night as by day, Peter laid his hand on his arm and they started across the compound. With the faint reflection of star-light on the white sand, and confidence in Baru whose eyes had not been spoiled by artificial light, he set out.

They soon left the mission station behind, and by the direction they took, Peter knew his guide was leading him toward the giant trees that stood in the hidden valley pointed out to him. It was the sacred grove that Baru had told about as the place the Fulanis had raided so many years before.

(To Be Continued)

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Eastern Conference

Seven Young People Baptized at the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario

On Sunday morning, July 20th, the First Baptist Church of Arnprior, Ontario, Canada, held a very impressive baptismal service. The pastor, Rev. Walter Schmidt, led seven converts into baptism where each one individually confessed his or her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. After the evening service those who had been baptized along with Miss Delores Kranz were received into the fellowship of our church. This gave occasion for much joy as we gathered around the Lord's table.

On Sunday, June 29th, we had the blessing of receiving Mr. and Mrs. Noble Raycroft into our church. We trust that these baptismal candidates together with the others received into our church membership will render much service for Christ.

The candidates in the picture from left to right are as follows: Front—Allen Scheel, Bette Chabot, Lorraine Scheel, Lois Raycroft.

Mrs. D. Langford, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Minnesota Young People's Assembly at Beautiful Camp Ihduhapi Considers Challenging Theme

"Youth at its Best." That was the theme for the Minnesota CBY and SS Union as we met at beautiful Camp Ihduhapi from June 17 through 21 for another unforgettable Minnesota summer assembly. We are so grateful to God for the many blessings he showered upon us—both individually and as a group.

We were fortunate to have Dr. M. L. Leuschner and Prof. Herbert Hiller as teachers. Dr. Leuschner conducted a very practical course on soul winning called, "How to Work to Win," giving us some definite Scripture verses and other helps to strengthen us in effective witnessing for our Lord. We were really inspired to be "Youth at its Best" as we realized our responsibility as young people commissioned to reach those who know not our Christ, and we left camp better equipped to be soul winners as a result of this wonderful instruction.

"Power for Living" was the subject of the study conducted by Prof. Hiller. We are grateful for the realization he gave us of the possibilities open to us

when we avail ourselves of the power of God and allow ourselves to be used of his Holy Spirit. He especially emphasized the need of daily personal devotions.

A wonderful group of pastors really were a vital part of the blessed time we enjoyed. They brought the messages in chapel each morning and were always ready and willing to help. Rev. William Jeschke of Dayton's Bluff Church in St. Paul, our dean, spoke at the consecration service on Friday evening and led the campfire following. Several of the Juniors made first time decisions for the Lord. At the campfire, a number of the young people made known their decisions for full-time service as missionaries and pastors, and several more dedicated themselves to living devoted Christian lives. It was a thrilling experience, not to be taken lightly or easily forgotten.

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me" (Phil. 4:13). That is the assurance we need to be "Youth at its Best."

Reporter.

Central Conference

Reception at Beaver Baptist Church, Midland, Mich., for Rev. and Mrs. H. Hirsch

On Sunday evening, July 13, we of the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Mich., held a reception and welcome for our new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hirsch. This was a happy occasion to which we had



Seven young people who were recently baptized by the Rev. Walter Schmidt and received into the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario.

been looking forward for some time. Mr. Edwin Schultz, our moderator, presided over the program during which words of welcome were expressed by representatives of the various organizations of the church. A special welcome song by the choir and a duet were also rendered.

Both the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Hirsch responded, expressing their belief that it was God's leading that led them to us. Following the program, refreshments were served and a time of fellowship was enjoyed.

On July 16 we were happy to have our seminary quartet from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with us. Their message in sermon and song was an inspiration to all present. May God continue to bless them as they proclaim the Gospel in song!

Marie Rinas, Reporter.

Activities and Special Programs at the Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

The power of God has been manifested again as we of the Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio, have already received 35 new members into our church in 1952. Twelve of these came by baptism and 24 by letter and confession.

Our church had been praying that God might guide us in selecting a plot of ground for a future Sunday School Mission. Recently we purchased 11½ acres in Parma Heights, Ohio. We covet your prayers that God's will might be done in behalf of this property and building project.

Our church has organized a Tract Club which meets on the third Sunday evening each month after the service. Many tracts plus a monthly news bulletin is sent out by mail.

The Pilgrim Pioneer Girls was organized this spring for girls who are 8 to 11 years of age. They meet every Wednesday afternoon and the attendance has been averaging 25. Under the leadership of our church missionary, Miss La Verna Mehlhaff, the girls enjoy Bible study.

The men of the church have been faithful in helping with the installation of two new gas furnaces and a leatherette door dividing the main auditorium from the annex room. The women also helped in repainting and remodeling the church basement. Recently a Men's Brotherhood was organized. There are 30 chartered members. Paul Ludwig, Jr., a senior at Wheaton College, is serving as president.

German revival meetings were held from June 8 to 13 with the Rev. Assaf Husmann of New York, N. Y., as evangelist. We enjoyed his Christ-centered and Bible teaching ministry. Our German services are steadily growing and we are still receiving displaced families into our fellowship.

Our Vacation Bible School was held from June 16 to 27. Our missionary directed the school. Our staff consisted of 14 teachers and workers. The average attendance was 85. The closing exercises of the school were held on June 27 at which the parents and friends of the children enjoyed the program and exhibit.

Delores Ziemann, Reporter.

JULY CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	July, 1952	July, 1951	July, 1950
Atlantic	\$ 1,393.54	\$ 970.78	\$ 2,368.83
Eastern	1,720.56	1,303.40	2,478.64
Central	7,661.70	5,677.14	5,605.70
Northwestern	5,941.67	6,377.00	5,374.29
Southwestern	4,161.95	1,458.52	2,350.56
Southern	3,791.70	957.05	1,631.33
Pacific	6,239.08	4,866.50	6,109.54
Northern	6,489.84	6,156.12	1,802.86
Dakota	2,665.99	4,780.37	5,172.36
Total Contributions	\$40,066.03	\$32,546.88	\$32,894.16

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of July, 1952	\$31,217.58	\$ 8,848.45	\$40,066.03
For the month of July, 1951	26,135.93	6,410.95	32,546.88
For the month of July, 1950	23,966.55	8,927.61	32,894.16

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

Period	Amount	Amount	Amount
April 1, 1952 to July 31, 1952	\$132,615.89	\$28,048.91	\$160,664.80
April 1, 1951 to July 31, 1951	113,312.95	17,553.24	130,866.19
April 1, 1950 to July 31, 1950	106,554.37	40,856.39	147,410.76

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNIUM

Period	Amount	Amount	Amount
August 1, 1949 to July 31, 1952	\$1,193,977.91	\$381,940.37	\$1,575,918.28
August 1, 1948 to July 31, 1951	1,189,780.16	293,831.15	1,483,611.31
August 1, 1947 to July 31, 1950	1,286,630.01	252,225.90	1,538,855.91

Enrollment of 162 "Miners for God" at Vacation Bible School, Bethel Church, Detroit, Michigan

The Vacation Bible School of the Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., began on June 23 and ended on July 3rd. The school was under the able leadership of the Rev. Ted Place and a staff of consecrated workers, numbering 31 in all. The very first thing which drew the attention of the children was the name under which the school operated, "MINERS FOR GOD."

As the coal mines have shafts down which miners descend in search of coal, so did our school have shafts, yes, five of them. "Miners for God" was conducted on a point system, with miners receiving points for attendance, Scripture memorization, bringing Bible, enlisting new miners, conduct and offering. The school had an enrollment of 162 miners, with an average of 122. As the different groups assembled in their shafts, they began to dig deeply into the Scriptures in search of untold riches which are found hidden there.

As they searched they discovered John 3:16 and many other precious promises of God's great love. As members of the staff labored with these young miners, they began to see their labor bringing forth fruit as 37 of these young miners took a definite stand for Jesus Christ. Awards for outstanding miners were in the form of United States Savings Stamps, and the award for the miner who produced the most in points became the proud owner of a bicycle. The outstanding miner this year was Robert Morgan. Thanks to the Rev. Ted Place and his staff whose only award was the joy of having won young souls for Christ!

E. H. Giessler, Reporter.



The children who were "Miners for God" at the Vacation Bible School held by the Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., along with the teachers of the school.

Mr. Prast's Ministry and Seminary Quartet at Bethel Church, Indianapolis, Indiana

The Rev. Laurence R. Prast began his ministry at the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., on July 1st. He was graduated from the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in May of this year with a Bachelor of Theology degree. Mr. Prast was ordained in the Beaver Baptist Church in his hometown of Midland, Michigan. (See report about this service.) His first sermon at Bethel Church was delivered on Sunday, July 6th. The theme of the sermon was THE REAL LORD'S

Vacation Bible School With 124 Pupils Enrolled at Forest Park, Illinois

June was a busy month at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois. Children's Day on June 8th was followed by a service on June 15th at which special recognition was given to the high school graduates, each of whom was presented with a New Testament in accordance with a long established precedent.

The Vacation Bible School, whose theme this year was "Jesus," convened from June 16 through 27, with Mrs. Hollis W. Barber acting as general superintendent. Ably assisting her

Teaching staff of the Vacation Bible School, Forest Park, Illinois.

Left to right: Mrs. Irene Gunst, Miss Martha C. Remus, Mrs. Dorothy Barber, Miss Adelaide Klatt and Mr. David B. Hackmann.

PRAYER, taken from John, chapter 17. Mr. Prast is ably assisted in his work by his wife, Sally. She is a graduate of Sioux Falls College in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and holds a Bachelor of Arts and Christian Education degree.

The King's Stewards, a male quartet from our Seminary, presented a concert of sacred songs at Bethel Church on Monday evening, July 7th. A member of the quartet delivered a short message to the congregation. All four of the boys are from Canada and are studying for the ministry at the Seminary. The quartet is visiting churches in the Eastern United States and Canada during the summer.

Earl N. Gabbard, Reporter.

were the following department superintendents: Miss Martha C. Remus, Beginners; Mrs. J. C. Gunst, Primary; Miss Adelaide C. Klatt, Juniors; Mr. David B. Hackmann, Junior High. These, in turn, were aided by a staff of 18 additional teachers and workers. Of the 124 pupils enrolled, 97 were regular in attendance.

Missionary interest was stimulated through daily offerings for our Leper Mission in the Cameroons which, in the aggregate, totaled \$60.10. The girls and boys also collected enough bottles with eye droppers, small bars of soap, bottle brushes, typewriter ribbon boxes and corks to fill a large box to be sent to Africa as their contribution toward the White Cross work of the denomination.

The extreme heat did not deter many from enjoying the fellowship at the annual Sunday School picnic held on Saturday, June 28th, nor the Sioux Falls Seminary Quartet from rendering a splendid program at the morning worship service on June 29.

Irma L. Grieger, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Laurence R. Prast by the Beaver Church of Michigan

In response to the invitation of the Beaver Baptist Church of Midland, Mich., pastors, delegates and friends met on June 23rd to consider the advisability of setting apart Mr. Laurence R. Prast to the Gospel ministry. The meeting was opened by Mr. Bertold Braun who presented the host church in the absence of a pastor. The Rev. V. H. Prenderger of Gladwin was elected moderator and the Rev. Eric Kuhn as clerk.

Mr. Prast then proceeded to give an excellent report of his conversion and call to the ministry. The candidate was saved during special meetings at the age of 16 and felt the Lord calling him to Christian service while attending the Bay City College and during his time in the U. S. Naval service. He completed two years at the Bay City College, several courses at the Sioux Falls College, and three years at the North American Baptist Seminary, from which he graduated in 1952.

A clear statement of his doctrinal beliefs was then given by Mr. Prast. After examination, the council unanimously declared itself well satisfied with the candidate's statements and moved that his church proceed with the ordination. The ordination service was held that same evening. The Rev. H. P. Kayser, retired minister, and at one time pastor of the Beaver Baptist Church, brought the inspiring ordination sermon. Mrs. Rein Braun and Mrs. Gus Braun sang a duet. The charge to the candidate was brought by the Rev. Eric Kuhn. The Rev. D. A. Ramsever of Bay City gave the ordination prayer. A welcome into the fellowship of the Gospel ministry was extended to Mr. Prast by the Rev. B. H. Prenderger. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Laurence R. Prast. Our prayers go with him and his wife in their present ministry at the Bethel Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Eric D. Kuhn, Clerk.

Southwestern Conference

Forty-three Children Enrolled in Vacation Bible School at Zion Church, Okeene, Okla.

Happy, indeed, were the 43 enrolled children when the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., held two weeks of Vacation Bible School. The pastor, the Rev. Leland Friesen, together with our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Elmer Fisher, assisted by eight teachers and other helpers ably conducted the Bible School.

The teachers assembled daily for a short prayer session preceding the day's lessons. Light refreshments were served during the mid-morning recess period. Many of our church people donated time and automobiles to transport the children to and from the school.

A closing program was held to which all interested people were invited. Each of the four departments gave a representative demonstration of the work accomplished during the school. An exhibit of the work books and handcraft of each pupil was also on display. Our prayer is that some of the seed so planted will bear fruit for eternity.

Mrs. Al Priebe, Reporter.

Inspirational Activities and Programs of the Strassburg Church Near Marion, Kansas

We of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas, are grateful to our heavenly Father and give thanks to him for all the blessings we have received from his hand.

In April our Baptist Men's organization sponsored a banquet in the dining hall of the Marion City Building, to which our friends were invited. The unsaved of the community were given free tickets and invited to come. The result was that more than 200 men were present, and men were saved. Sheriff George Blaine from Tulsa, Okla., was the speaker.

The Woman's Missionary Union has been very active and many blessings have been received from this organization. One of the special activities was a Mother's Day program. The group presented a play written by Mrs. Dennis Siefert depicting the life of a family that had a praying God fearing mother, but a father who had lost himself in the business and pleasure of this world, and was taking his children to ruin with him. The family finally turned to God as the result of the death of the mother. A great lesson was brought home.

On June 15th the Rev. L. B. Hinz baptized seven converts and accepted them into the fellowship of the church. This brings the total to 20 persons added to the church this year.

Mrs. L. B. Hinz, Reporter.

Baptism of Eight Converts and Vacation Bible School at La Salle, Colorado

Evangelistic meetings were held at the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Col., in the earlier part of this year.



The Vacation Bible School group of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, California.

The Rev. Arthur Schulz, who at that time was pastor of the Canaan Church, Crawford, Texas, was guest evangelist. During these meetings we were also favored with vocal and guitar solos by our evangelist, we also led the congregational singing. Through the preaching of God's Holy Word and the faithful ministry of Mr. Schulz and our pastor, Rev. David Zimmerman, several persons came to know the Lord Jesus as their Savior.

On May 25th, the La Salle Church held a baptismal service at the First Baptist Church of Eaton, Colorado. At this time our pastor, Mr. Zimmerman was privileged to baptize the following: Karen and Patty Noteboom, Carol Oster, Nancy Rothman, Virginia Vogel, Lois and William Zimmerman and Mr. Dicy McKnight. Just preceding the communion service on June 1st, the hand of fellowship was extended by our pastor to those baptized and also to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Noteboom. On Sunday, July 6th, the hand of fellowship was extended to Mr. Gene Robb.

A Vacation Bible School was held at our church from June 16 to 20. Fifty pupils were enrolled and the pastor, Rev. David Zimmerman, and nine teachers were the staff of workers. The theme of the school was "Sailing with Christ."

Robert Oster, Church Clerk.

Pacific Conference

Evangelistic Services and Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church, Elk Grove, California

We of the Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., were recently led to the

mountain top by the Rev. B. Jacksteit of Anaheim, Calif., who was our evangelist for two weeks. Many were the blessings received through his sermons. The dedications made during these meetings culminated in a baptismal service at which two converts were baptized.

Among other items of interest was our Vacation Bible School held from June 16 to 27, with an average attendance of 79. The school was under the direction of the Rev. W. W. Knauf, assisted by Mrs. Edward Neher, and also 16 teachers and helpers. A demonstration of what each class had done was given on Sunday evening, June 29, and a very fine exhibit of handwork was also on display. Such a fine Junior Choir was begun during the school and enjoyed by the audience, that it was decided to continue it. Therefore, on July 20, we were favored by two more selections, and we look forward to many more numbers from them. The Junior Choir is under the able direction of our pastor, the Rev. W. W. Knauf.

On June 22 we had our annual Church School picnic in our Elk Grove Park. This is always a unique experience as our entire morning service is held in the beauty of God's natural setting under the trees. Many a passer-by stopped to listen to the singing and message. Our Men's Chorus, which does an outstanding job in ministering to us in song every Sunday morning during the vacation period of the regular choir, rendered several numbers which certainly enhanced the beauty of the service. After an enjoyable dinner, the children enjoyed their various games and races.

Theodora G. Wuttke, Reporter.



Vacation Bible School group at the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colorado.



Vacation Bible School children and teachers at the Mowata Baptist Church near Branch, Louisiana.

Southern Conference

Vacation Bible School Held by the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana

A Vacation Bible School was held at the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, La., from June 30 to July 11. Outstanding features were the splendid interest of the children and their eagerness to learn. They anxiously waited at their homes for the cars to take them to the church. Another group of our Women's society prepared refreshments and eats daily. Everything worked out according to schedule. Our average attendance was 59. Mrs. F. Loewer served as superintendent, with five teachers, the pastor, Rev. Alex Sootzmann, and student Edwin Kern from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., completing the teaching staff.

On Friday evening, at the close of the school a fine program was rendered, so that parents and friends could see and hear what the children had learned and accomplished during the preceding two weeks.

Alex Sootzmann, Pastor.

Vacation Bible School and Special Programs at the Cottonwood Church, Lorena, Texas

During the week of June 2 to 6 the Cottonwood Baptist Church near Lorena, Texas, held its Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 96. The cooperation of the teachers and helpers, under the guidance of our superintendent, Mrs. Clifton Kraemer, made it a very successful school. Our pastor, the Rev. J. O. Zillen, added much to our spiritual blessing with his fine talks.

On Wednesday evening, July 23, the Fellowship Class of our Sunday School, consisting of the young married couples, took charge of the evening prayer service. Jerald Wedemeyer had charge of the program. Mrs. Charles Hansen read the Scripture. Mrs. Melvin Krause led in a very fine testimonial service. The entire class brought a special musical number and Mr. Zillen, the teacher of the class, brought the message.

On Aug. 3rd our Sunday evening service was in charge of our choir under the able leadership of our choir director, Mrs. J. O. Zillen. The following inspirational and beautiful musical

program was enjoyed by those present. The choir opened the program with the beautiful song, "Hallelujah for the Cross," followed by "He Lives," after which Louis Wedemeyer, Jr., sang a solo, "God Is Real." Mrs. Braun, our organist, gave us an organ solo, "Open the Gates of the Temple." Other choir numbers followed. Our prayer is that we may be worthy of God's goodness! Mrs. J. D. Lynn, Reporter.

Dedication of the New Edifice of the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana

On Sunday morning, June 15, the members of the Mowata Baptist Church near Branch, La., and friends from far and near came to give praise to God, who made it possible that we could complete our new church. At 10:00 A.M. we gathered before the entrance for a brief outdoor service. Then we marched into our new and beautiful sanctuary as the church choir sang.

The Rev. R. Schilke, our general missionary secretary, brought the dedication prayer and message. Five of the charter members were present. In a special way, it was for them a day of victory. Forty-five years ago they launched out in faith with many trials and difficulties. Now we rejoiced with them over what had been accomplished by God's grace.

The afternoon service was quite informal. Mr. Schilke presented to the church the challenging task which our Lord has given to the disciples. After the presentation of the builder and building committee, our deacon, Mr. Henry Bieber, who is also a charter member, gave the finance report and a brief history of the church. The neighboring pastor, the dean of the Baptist Academy and delegates brought brief messages.

The church is of wooden structure, painted white, and the tower is partly brick-veneer. The ceiling is finished with New Wood blocks and the walls in mahogany plywood. The doors are stained with golden oak and varnished. The trimmings and the Gothic windows are finished in white enamel, which gives not only an attractive appearance, but blends harmoniously with the walls and ceiling. The baptistry is placed in back of the pulpit. The vine red drapes in the baptistry and around the platform give the entire sancturay a truly dignified appearance. The new building and the reconstruction of the old into educational facilities cost \$21,069.48.

The women of the church served a delicious dinner and supper to all which was sufficient to satisfy everyone. The Lord was with us, and will lead us on. Glory to his Name! Alex Sootzmann, Pastor.

Young People's Sessions at the Southern Conference Held in Dallas, Texas

The annual session for the young people and Sunday School workers at the Southern Conference were held at the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas, on July 26 and 27.

On Saturday morning, July 26, the

business meeting convened. Our president, Mr. Herman Balka, presided, at which time the new officers for the coming year were elected: president, Herman E. Balka, Dallas; vice-president and dean, Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, Kyle; associate dean, Rev. Walter G. Gummelt, Jr., Elm Creek; secretary, Rose Marie Schmeltekopf, Kyle; treasurer, John Massier, Jr., Cottonwood; dean of women, Mrs. Charles Schmeltekopf, Kyle; National Council member, Milton Lippert, Waco; "Young People's News" editors, Doris H. Gummelt and Ruth Arnold, Waco; members at large, Mrs. Lawrence Terveen of Donna, Nora Gebret of Gatesville and Doris Engelbrecht of Crawford.

The young people and Sunday School workers have certainly shown their kindness and love in a visible way toward God and the work in his Kingdom. With a response of over \$5,000, the project was exceeded by over \$2,000. Indian work in Canada will receive \$1100, the leper work in the Camerouns \$1,000, and \$1,500 was sent to the Mission Advance Offering (over and above the budget). The Lord has been blessing our meager efforts for which we praise his Name.

On Saturday afternoon the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas entertained with an outing and picnic at a nearby camp, at which the fellowship was most refreshing and stimulating. The Lord's presence was definitely felt as everyone gathered around a campfire for a time of song and testimony. Our two students from the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Mr. Edwin Kern and Mr. Clemence Auch, led this service.

A new project of \$3500 was accepted at the Young People's Rally on Sunday afternoon. This includes \$1,100 for the Banzo Hospital, \$1,000 for the Austrian Mission, and \$500 for the Japanese Mission. After several musical selections, we were happy and privileged to have Dr. R. P. Jeschke, professor of Christian Education of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to be our special speaker for the closing service, who emphasized that we be conscious and obedient unto the heavenly vision.

Our heartfelt gratitude is hereby expressed to the Carroll Avenue Church for its hospitality and, most of all, we thank our Lord Jesus Christ for these opportunities of fellowship in his Name. We trust God for even greater blessings in his service.

Doris Engelbrecht, Secretary.

Dakota Conference

Baptism and Vacation Bible School at Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

We of the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., are happy for God's blessings showered upon us. On Sunday, July 6, eight converts stepped into the waters of baptism at a nearby lake and in so doing confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and revealed their eagerness to live a life of victory over sin. This was indeed a most impressive and blessed service.

We also want to praise the Lord for a wonderful Vacation Bible School held for two weeks with an enrollment of 62 children. Each morning our program was begun by singing our theme song, "Boys and Girls for Jesus," followed by a few other choruses that the children enjoyed singing. Our pastor, the Rev. Harold Weiss, brought a brief

School, with 25 children enrolled. A most enthusiastic and co-operative group of children absorbed all they could of the Bible knowledge imparted to them by their teachers, who were: Mrs. Adam Harr, the Misses Mildred Hoffman, Estella Reich, Berneice Wolf, Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler and the pastor, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler. Besides Bible



Children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School of the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., showing the church in the background.

Scripture lesson each day. Classes were held for all ages.

A program was held at the end of the second week in which the pupils were able to show their parents what they had learned and made during the school. On the closing day we had a picnic in a nearby park. Although there were no definite decisions for the Lord, we pray that each boy and girl who already knows Christ as Savior might have been drawn closer to him.

Delores Danielson, Reporter.

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study, the daily schedule included periods of constructive memory work, singing, varied stories, handwork and a daily missionary offering was received, which the children designated for the Leper Hospital in the Camerouns, Africa.

On Sunday evening, June 8, a demonstration program was held in the church auditorium. This gave the parents, who faithfully sent their children to school, and others who helped to make the school a success, an opportunity to see and hear what the children had learned.

On Euiday evening, June 15, our young people effectively presented a mission drama, "A Day of Activity in the Banzo Hospital." The work of Dr. Chaffee and his staff of nurses was depicted in word and in song by our eager young people to a filled auditorium of appreciative people. This same program was given later at the Swedish Baptist Church near Kulm, North Dakota. As a result our young



Children of the Vacation Bible School of the Berlin Baptist Church, Fredonia, N. Dak., with the teachers in the background.

Vacation Bible School and Mission Play at Berlin Baptist Church, North Dakota

During the first part of June the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., held a successful Vacation Bible

people were able to make a contribution of \$100 to our Central Dakota Assembly project for the Camerouns missions. Our young people also contributed \$60 towards the Broadman Hymnals which our church purchased. J. C. Kraenzler, Pastor.



The children and teachers of the Vacation Bible School held by the Cottonwood Baptist Church, Lorena, Texas, with the pastor, Rev. J. O. Zillen in front row, center.

Vacation Bible School for Gackle and Alfred Baptist Churches of North Dakota

Two weeks of Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 58 pupils and eight teachers was successfully carried out in the Gackle and Alfred Baptist Churches of North Dakota. Parents and friends marvelled at what little minds and hands can accomplish and acquire in a short time, as the children rendered their programs on two Sunday evenings, June 8 and 15. The offerings and programs were combined with the Children's Day program.

A newly organized group of teenage girls who call themselves, "The King's Daughters," is an asset to our church. They are deeply interested in missions. They have sent their second box of White Cross work to our Headquarters for the Cameroons, Africa. They have subscribed to the "Junior Leader" and find it very interesting, instructive and suitable for their needs.

There were nine young people representing our churches at the Jamestown Assembly. The instructions and impressions received are already bearing fruit in the local church. Six young people were baptized this spring 1952 and others are waiting. May God's Spirit continue to work in the hearts of young and old as his children witness for him!

Linda Rutsch, Reporter.

Sunday School Activities of Plum Creek Baptist Church Near Emery, South Dakota

Recently, the fifteen children of the Plum Creek Baptist Sunday School near Emery, S. Dak., who were enrolled in the Scripture Memorization Course gave a program. Each child repeated a portion of Scripture and there were also several suitable songs, choruses and readings. Mrs. Emil Rodel had charge of the program.

From May 26 to 30 our Vacation Bible School was held with 40 pupils enrolled. Mrs. Elmer Jucht and Luetia Bender taught the Beginners; Marlene Decker and Bernita Triebwasser the Primary Department; Lucille Triebwasser and Mrs. Edwin Jucht the Intermediates; and the Rev. Adolph Braun the Juniors. Mrs. Emil Rodel had charge of the music. Each day an offering was taken and also on the evening of June 1st when the pupils of the Bible School gave a program. These offerings went to the Bansa Hospital in the Cameroons.

The annual Children's Day program was held on Sunday evening, June 15. All children from the Primary Department took part, as well as the Junior Choir. We have been richly blessed by a very fine attendance in our Sunday School.

Mrs. Martin Fauth, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School Held by the Baptist Church of Underwood, North Dakota

The Underwood Baptist Church held a Vacation Bible School from May 26 to 30. It was a week of many blessings and of a deeper walk with God.

The school was under the capable direction of our pastor, Rev. Fred J. Knalson. Sixty-two children were enrolled in the three departments of the school and were taught by a group of consecrated teachers. In the Beginners' department the subject was God's Creation," taught by Miss Edna Grueneich, student at CTI, assisted by Mrs. Velma Miller and Mrs. Emma Blatchford. The Primary group studied about the "Work of Jesus" taught by Miss Alice Bauch, student at PBI, assisted by Mrs. Ardella Schafer. "The Christian's Time and Talents" in the Junior department was taught by Miss Alma Zimmerman, assisted by Mrs. Lorraine Swanson. The school's pianist was Mrs. Fred J. Knalson. James Schaker had charge of the opening exercises each morning and afternoon.

On Sunday evening, June 1, the children presented a program to a large crowd. There was great joy to know that 12 boys and girls had made the decision of accepting Christ as Lord and Savior. It is the earnest prayer of many that these boys and girls who have attended Bible School will grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ and will be pillars in our churches of tomorrow.

Alma Zimmerman, Reporter.

Special Events and Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church, Washburn, North Dakota

The first two weeks of July were very busy for the young people and Sunday School of the Baptist Church, Washburn, North Dakota. The choir was active under the direction of Verne Alf of the U.S. Navy, who spent three weeks of his leave from San Diego with us. For the momentous Sunday of July 6 when our beautiful new parsonage was dedicated, our mixed chorus of 30 voices supplied musical selections and participated in a massed chorus on Sunday evening with the excellent, stimulating choirs of Underwood and Turtle Lake, North Dakota.

The following Thursday evening, a group of about 60 young people enjoyed an old fashioned "wiener roast" — with all the trimmings — at the beautiful O. Enochson Ranch. Eddie Skager, Dolores Krause, Mrs. Al Kost, Esther Lippert, Lydia Anderson and David Schuler were instrumental in making the outing a success, and God blessed us with one of the most beautiful summer evenings. Another of our service men, Roger Giedd of the U.S. Air Force stationed at Montgomery, Ala., was also home for a week and a half.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Strecker, students of ours at the Bible Institution St. Paul, Minn., have aided us greatly in God's work. Not only have they given verbal and musical testimonies at various meetings, but they, along with Mitt Alice Bauch of the Prairie Bible Institute, Three Hills, Alta., have conducted a successful Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 55 scholars. The culmination of the school was the inspiring program rendered on Sunday, July 13, to a packed church.

Frederick Alf, Pastor.

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.)

MR. WILLIAM RUFF

of Bismarck, North Dakota.

Mr. William Ruff of Bismarck, N. Dak., was born in Rumania in 1859, married to Miss Christina Mintz in 1880, converted and baptized in his early years in the old country, came to America in 1903 and lived in the vicinity of Medina and Gackle, N. Dak., all his life. His wife died in 1938, and his son Bill in 1941. At the age of 82 years he went to make his home in the Bismarck Old People's Home in Bismarck, N. Dak., where he enjoyed remarkably good health until a year ago when his memory and eyesight began to fail. He died a few days after he had suffered a stroke on July 17 at the age of 93 years.

He leaves to mourn his homegoing his son, Jake in Plant City, Florida; Sophia Kimmely, Lodi, Calif.; Sam and Mary Merkel, Stockton, Calif.; Emelia Elhard, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Susan Auch, Mott, N. Dak.; 52 grandchildren, 73 great-grandchildren and many friends. He was the oldest member of the Grace Baptist Church and from here he was laid to rest on July 19. The Rev. C. Splinter of Jamestown, N. Dak., assisted in the services, speaking on "Preparedness," while the pastor spoke on "The Master's Call" (John 11:28).

Grace Baptist Church,
Gackle, North Dakota

G. W. Rutsch, Pastor.

MR. ARTHUR WIDDER

of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Arthur Widder was born on April 4, 1881, in Richfield, Wis., and passed away in Milwaukee, Wis., on June 15, 1952. He was the son of John and Johanna Widder. He was converted and baptized into the Baptist Church in Sheboygan, Wis., on January 27, 1895. Mr. Widder came to Milwaukee, Wis., on January 28, 1901, uniting with the Immanuel Baptist Church here.

On November 26, 1907 he was united in marriage to Miss Helen Specht. To this union were born two daughters, Mrs. August Kelber of Milwaukee, and Mrs. Hugh Aspinwall of Wichita, Kansas.

Mr. Widder was an active and faithful member of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Milwaukee for more than fifty years, and will be missed greatly. The church and friends extend their sympathy to Mrs. Widder, the daughters and four grandchildren.

Immanuel Baptist Church,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

ANDREW J. ESPERSON, Pastor.

MRS. MARGARET STAIGER

of Jamestown, North Dakota.

Mrs. Margaret Staiger of Jamestown, N. Dak., was born January 1, 1903, near Medina, N. Dak., in Stutsman County. The early years of her life were spent in the vicinity of her birth. She attended country school in Stutsman County and grew to womanhood there. She departed from this earthly life for her heavenly home on July 6, 1952.

On January 27, 1920 she was united in marriage to Adam Staiger. They resided together on their farm north of Medina until moving to Jamestown, N. Dak., on October 27, 1927. This union was a happy one.

She could also lead all of her children to the Lord who are all members in Baptist churches at the present time.

Mrs. Staiger was converted in February 1926. On July 15, 1928 she was baptized by Rev. Fred F. Klein and united with the Baptist Church in Medina. She was a faithful member of that congregation until she transferred her membership to the First Baptist Church of Jamestown. She was a most faithful and beloved member of this church until her passing to be with her

Lord. She will be greatly missed but her loving memory will be long cherished.

Surviving are her husband, two sons and two daughters: Adeline at home and Benjamin, Jamestown; Wilbur, Medina; Mrs. Fred Grenz, Bismarck; and five grandsons; two brothers, and three sisters. A daughter, Mrs. Leona Tahrn, preceded her in death.

Jamestown, North Dakota

G. E. SPLINTER, Pastor.

MRS. CLARA CLASSEN AEBI

of Dallas, Oregon.

Mrs. Clara Aebi, nee Classen, of Dallas, Ore., was born January 30, 1904 in Cleveland, Ohio. In 1906 the family moved to Canada and in 1913 came to Dallas, Oregon. Mrs. Aebi was converted at the age of 20, was baptized upon the confession of her faith by Rev. E. Schunke and was united with Salt Creek Baptist Church. Throughout the years she remained a loyal and faithful member, helping with the work wherever she could, giving encouragement and inspiration to all who came into contact with her.

In 1926 she was united in marriage with Alvin Aebi. This union God blessed with two sons. She had been ailing for several years and during the past year or so was confined to her home. On Friday evening, June 27, she fell asleep and slipped away from this life quietly and peacefully to be where there would be no more illness or suffering.

She leaves to mourn her passing her loving husband; two sons: Orval of Salt Creek and Carroll, now stationed at Keesler Air Base in Mississippi; father, H. H. Classen of Dallas; two sisters: Mrs. Agnes Voth of Dallas and Mrs. Ruth Aebi of Salt Creek; three brothers: Henry of Salt Creek and Elmer and Norman of Dallas; and a large host of friends who had learned to love her and during the days of her illness to pray for her. May God abundantly bless those who sorrow!

Salt Creek Baptist Church,
Dallas, Oregon

E. WOLFF, Pastor.

MR. HENRY HEHN

of Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, July 13, 1952, for Mr. Henry Hehn of Wessington Springs, South Dakota. Mr. Henry Hehn, son of Andrew and Katherine Hehn, was born in the town of Neuberger, South Dakota, on Sept. 18, 1880.

On Feb. 14, 1900 he was united in marriage to Gertrude Huether. In the year 1905 he immigrated to America with his family, settling near Emery, South Dakota. In the year 1907 he was added by baptism to the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., by the Rev. Jacob Pfeiffer. Two years later he moved to Jamestown, N. Dak., with his family. Two years after this, they moved to a farm 21 miles northwest of Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

In 1917 he helped organize the Ebenezer Baptist Church. He gave his loyal and wholehearted devotion to his God and to his church until the Lord called him to his eternal reward. He served as clerk and trustee of the Ebenezer Church for a number of years. He also faithfully served as a deacon of this church for many years, and took an active interest in all the other activities of the church. Mrs. Henry Hehn passed away on January 19, 1936. The Lord blessed this union with ten children.

In 1942 he was united in marriage to Mrs. Emma Hummel of Gackle, North Dakota. In 1944 they moved to Wessington Springs, where he lived until his death. He died suddenly, in his home, on July 9th, at the age of 71 years, 9 months and 21 days. His parents, his first wife, three children, one step-child and two brothers preceded him in death. He leaves to mourn his passing, his beloved wife; six daughters: Emma Lang, Lydia Radke, Pauline Wahl, Louise Smith, Magdalena Stahl and Elva VonEye; one son: Harold; six stepchildren; 15 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters.

The pastor, the Rev. Walter Sukut, was in charge of the service. He was assisted by the Rev. G. W. Rutsch of Gackle, N. Dak., who brought a message in the German language.

Wessington Springs, South Dakota

WALTER SUKUT, Pastor.

MRS. ANNA BOELTER

of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Anna Boelter, nee Durler, of Portland, Ore., was born in Seneca Falls, N. Y., on Sept. 12, 1859 and died at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland, Ore., on July 25, 1952 at the age of 92 years, 10 months and 13 days. She was converted and baptized in her youth and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Hamilton, New York. Later she became the wife of a minister of the Gospel and as such devoted her entire life to the work of furthering the cause of Christ and building his Kingdom.

She was married to the Rev. August Boelter on May 25, 1882 at Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Boelter preceded her in death in January 1936. This union was blessed with six children, four sons and two daughters, of which one daughter, Julia A. Boelter Harms, also preceded the mother in death. With her husband she lived and served churches in the following cities: Indianapolis, Ind.; Washville, Ill.; Louisville, Ky.; Omaha, Neb.; Minneapolis, Minn.; and Humphrey, Nebraska. In 1931 they moved to Salem, Oregon to retire. Mrs. Boelter came to live in the Baptist Home in Portland in August 1947.

She leaves to mourn her five children: Austin E. Boelter of Washington, D. C.; Edwin D. of Seattle, Wash.; Milton W. of Minneapolis, Minn.; and William G. of Des Moines, Iowa; a daughter, Saramay Barber of Camas, Wash.; one brother, Edwin Durler of Indianapolis, Ind.; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren, besides a large number of relatives and friends.

A memorial service was conducted at Portland, Ore., and interment was made at Memorial Park Cemetery in Salem, Oregon.

Trinity Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

MRS. MARTHA KOMMER

of New York, New York.

Mrs. Martha Kommer of New York, N. Y., was born in Renfretzhause, Wuerttemberg, Germany, on December 3, 1863. At the age of 23 she came to America and settled down in New York City. She married Mr. John Kommer and this union was blessed with five children of whom two died. In 1896 her husband also was taken from her in death and she remained a widow for four years. Then she married a distant relative of her deceased husband of the same name, Mr. John Kommer. This union was blessed with two children. In 1936 her second husband also died, leaving her a widow with five children.

Through the testimony of a Christian domestic maid, Mrs. Martha Kommer became converted to the Lord Jesus Christ, her Savior. In 1896 she was baptized by the late Rev. Walter Rauschenbusch and added to our church membership. She remained faithful in all these many years and was called home to be with the Lord on Friday, June 27, in the 89th year of her life.

Sister Kommer was a person of deep faith and great love toward the Lord and his people. She was interested in the work of the church and in our denomination. For almost 60 years she was a reader of "Der Sendbote" and often said, "The Sendbote is getting better all the time."

For a number of years she had been confined to her home and in the last year also to her bed. Patiently and contentedly she accepted all things as coming from the Lord and was grateful that all things will work for her good. With much love and tenderness she was cared for by her children, especially by her daughter Ruth and her son John. A paying and loving mother was Mrs. Martha Kommer. She is survived by her five children: Martha Aldag, John E. Kommer, Agnes Fischer, Ruth Briggs and Edith Braunworth, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, and many friends.

At the funeral service, attended by the family and friends, her body rested in the midst of beautiful flowers. The quartet sang, "Safe in the Arms of Jesus," and the pastor's message was on the beautiful words of the Good Shepherd: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give unto them eternal life."

Second German Baptist Church,
New York, N. Y.

JOHN SCHMIDT, Pastor.

MRS. HULDA PAHL

of Startup, Washington.

Mrs. Hulda Pahl, nee Schirman, of Startup, Wash., passed away at the Monroe Hospital on June 21st, of old age, at the age of 90 years, 10 months and 20 days. She was born on August 1, 1861, at Koenigsberg, Germany. At the age of three years she immigrated with her parents to Russia. From there she came to America in 1880, taking up residence at Columbus, Nebraska. In the year 1884, she was united in marriage to Mr. Wm. Pahl, and this happy union was blessed with seven children. Through the years she was a faithful and devoted wife and a loving mother. Of her family, three children and her husband preceded her in death. In 1891 the couple moved to Startup, Wash., where Mrs. Pahl resided to the time of her passing.

At the age of 12 years, the deceased was converted and was baptized by the Rev. D. Ondrau. Later, arriving at Startup, Wash., she became a charter member of the local Baptist church. Being an invalid for the last years, the deceased had to forego attendance at public services. Her sufferings were great in the closing days and her passing brought release from much pain. She was faithfully attended by her daughter, Anna, in her days of widowhood and increasing weakness.

She leaves to mourn four children: two daughters, Anna Murry of Startup, Wash., and Ella Hiald of Sultan, Wash.; two sons, Carl Pahl of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Lewis Pahl of Clamos, Calif.; also 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren; three sisters and one brother, in addition to a great host of other relatives and friends of the church and community.

At the funeral service the pastor spoke words of comfort and encouragement using Psalm 90:12 as text. The interment was made in the Sultan Cemetery. May God comfort the bereaved!

Startup, Washington

R. G. KAISER, Pastor.

MRS. MARIE TIEDE

of Rochester, New York.

Mrs. Marie Tiede, nee Schnitzer, of Rochester, N. Y., was born in Blumental, Russia, on March 31, 1882. She grew to womanhood in this vicinity. On July 15, 1902 she was united in marriage to Frederick Tiede and they continued to make their home there. Three children were born to this union, two daughters and one son. One daughter preceded her in death as also did her husband in 1943.

After becoming a Christian and receiving baptism by Rev. August Tiedtke, she united with the Baptist Church of Ewanowitch, Russia, where she proved to be an ardent worker and a fine singer even at the age of ten. She sought to enter full-time Christian service, but this was impossible due to circumstances. She remained a constant inspiration to her children, directing them in their work.

In 1913 the family came to Germany, settling in Lessen, Provinz of West Prussia where they became active in the Baptist Church of Lessen, Neu-Bruock, and later in Marienwerder. In 1926 the family came to America and settled in Rochester, N. Y., affiliating with the Andrews Street Baptist Church. Mother Tiede resided in Rochester until 1948 when she became ill. After seven weeks she could travel with her daughter to North Dakota where she made her home with her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer. In 1951 she again went to New York and to Texas. While at the latter place visiting her son, she became ill. She recovered enough to travel to Turtle Lake, N. Dak., where she has resided with the Bibelheimer family.

On July 19, while in the local doctor's office, she received a heart attack which proved fatal. At 5:30 she passed away at the age of 70 years, 3 months and 19 days. She leaves to mourn her passing, her daughter, Mrs. A. W. Bibelheimer; one son, Prof. B. Tiede of Dallas, Texas; three grandchildren, and a large host of relatives and friends.

Services were held in the Baptist Church of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., on July 23 with Rev. E. Broeckel officiating. Interment was in the Turtle Lake Cemetery.

Turtle Lake, North Dakota

REV. E. BROECKEL, Officiating Minister.

Northern Conference

Vacation Bible School at the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church Near Edmonton, Alberta

A Vacation Bible School was held in the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church of Alberta, Canada, from July 7 to 12 with a good enrollment. Our teachers included Mrs. Clifford Stelter and Mrs. David Kuhn shepherding the Beginners, Miss Doris Stelter teaching the Primary Class, Mrs. Karl Korella the Juniors, and the Intermediates in the Rev. Karl Korella's class. Scripture Press material was used in all classes.

We followed a set schedule each day, highlighted with rhythm band singing and dramatization. Our project for the week and program night was to remember the leper children in Africa. Our offering amounted to \$48.34. The boys' handwork class will supplement this sum with the sale of their lawn chair.

The program on Sunday evening, July 13, concluded a week of intensive work with parents and friends joining us. At the program Mrs. Korella presented each pupil and teacher with a small remembrance, after which Mrs. Clifford Stelter, chairman of the program, surprised Mr. and Mrs. Korella with the presentation of a beautiful hassock for their efforts in the school. Mrs. Karl Korella, Reporter.

Reception for New Pastor and Parsonage Dedication at Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba

Sunday, June 8, the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Manitoba, welcomed the Rev. R. Kanwischer as its pastor and his family. At 3:00 P.M. the church was crowded to overflowing for this welcome program under the leadership of Mr. R. J. Stober. Representatives of the various organizations spoke or gave their message in song. A male quartet by the Paschke Brothers was also rendered. The Rev. J. P. Rempel spoke briefly as a retired pastor and the Rev. O. Ertis as the interim pastor.

On this festive occasion it was also our joy to have the Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski present. Mr. Kornalewski spoke in behalf of the mission committee and brought words of encouragement to pastor and church. Mr. and Mrs. Kanwischer responded with words of sincerity and the afternoon closed with lunch, served by the ladies of the church.

July 13th marked a special day for the church since this Sunday afternoon was set aside for the dedication of the new parsonage. Various reports on the work and finances made up part of the program in the church auditorium, and the choir provided an anthem under the leadership of Mr. Kanwischer. The total cost of the building amounted to over \$12,000 and 3000 volunteer labor hours. After the service we all gathered in front of the parsonage which is across the street from the church, and the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn led the dedicatory service. This was followed by "open house" to all who wished to see the home.

We praise the Lord for giving us this beautiful spacious home for our pastor. In 1950 we were far more seriously thinking of building a new church but the flood ruined the parsonage so that our efforts and labor were directed first into that channel. The need for a larger church has by no means diminished but increased.

Lynda Rempel, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Sessions of the Central Dakota Woman's Missionary Union at Bismarck, North Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Central Dakota Convention met for its annual business meeting on June 20 in connection with the Central Dakota Convention at Bismarck, North Dakota. Mrs. E. Fenske of Herreid, S. Dak., led the devotions, basing her talk on John 3:16. Mrs. C. T. Rempel of Hebron, N. Dak., the capable president, presided over the well attended meeting. Twenty-six societies were represented with 69 delegates; also many friends and visitors were present. There now are 37 societies in the Union with a total of 623 individual members.

From the different reports we learned that our women were not idle during the past year. They gained 52 new members, made 3,804 sick calls, sent 157 relief packages and raised the sum of \$20,857.33. From this sum \$5,301.10 were given for missions. The offering of \$247.75, which was taken in connection with the annual program, was divided as follows: Banzo Hospital, Leper Hospital and Bismarck Baptist Home for the Aged. Mrs. C. T. Rempel, Hebron, N. Dak., and Mrs. A. Krombein, Eureka, S. Dak., were re-elected president and vice-president, respectively. Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, Fredonia, N. Dak., was elected secretary, and Mrs. G. Beutler, Plevna, Mont., treasurer.

In the evening of the same day a very inspiring program was presented in a well filled auditorium. The song service was led by Mrs. H. Lang, after which Mrs. A. Krombein welcomed the large audience and also presented Mrs. E. Kary, local president, with a lovely corsage. Scripture was read by Mrs. E. Gerlitz and Mrs. Otto Grenz led in prayer. Mrs. L. O. Wahl delighted the audience with an accordion solo. The new officers were very fittingly presented and installed by Mrs. E. Mehlhaff. Then a very effective musical reading was given by Mrs. E. Kary, for which the ministers' wives furnished appropriate vocal music, consisting of a solo, duet, quartet and a chorus number. The offertory as an accordion solo was played by Mrs. B. Fritzke. Prof. R. P. Jeschke of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was our guest speaker. His topic was "John the Baptist Did No Miracles," but he did so many other wonderful things. Likewise, our women perform no miracles, but they do so many good things in the Name of the Lord Jesus.

Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference

Vacation Bible School Days at the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

June 16 to 28 were Vacation Bible School days at the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On the opening day boys and girls came running from all directions to begin two weeks of fun and learning in God's House. Our enrollment reached 119 with an average attendance of 96. Seventeen teachers from the church assisted in the task of teaching and training the boys and girls.

Along with the teaching of the Word, the children were reminded daily of our mission opportunities and responsibilities. From their daily offerings they contributed \$45.32 for our mission to the lepers in the Cameroons.

On the closing night the parents and friends met in the church to witness a fine demonstration program. How proud the boys and girls were as they sang and presented their share of the program! Especially rewarding to the teachers were the remarks of the boys and girls when they said, "We can hardly wait until next year for our Bible School."

Mrs. Alfred Klein, Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Harvey Rakow by the Baptist Church, Manitowoc, Wisconsin

On Tuesday afternoon, June 23, nine churches consisting of 23 delegates gathered at the First Baptist Church of Manitowoc, Wis., to consider the propriety of ordaining to the Gospel ministry Mr. Harvey Rakow, the present pastor of the church. The council was organized with Rev. Thomas Lutz of North Freedom elected moderator, and Rev. Fred Erion of Green Bay, Wis., as the clerk. Being duly introduced to the council by a deacon of the church, Mr. Rakow gave a very acceptable account of his conversion experience, call to the ministry and his doctrinal views.

On the same evening the ordination service was held. Appropriate music was supplied by the church. Dr. Ezra Roth, executive secretary of the Wisconsin Baptist State Convention, preached the ordination sermon. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman of the Temple Church of Milwaukee represented our denomination workers and gave the charge to the church. Our evangelist, Rev. H. Palfenier, a member of the church, gave the charge to the candidate. With all the ordained pastors assembled around the kneeling candidate, the Rev. Wilmer Quiring of the Bethany Church of Milwaukee led in the ordination prayer. The newly ordained pastor closed the impressive service with prayer.

As we made our way homeward, we were happy to have had a part in recognizing the call of God in the life of the Rev. Harvey Rakow, and to have received the gracious hospitality of our Manitowoc Church.

Wilmer Quiring, Reporter.