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"In the beginning was the Word" -- John 1:1

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The S. S. Lesson in **ACTION**

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, Calif.

A LESSON PLAN

Date: January 10, 1954

Theme:

JESUS USES HIS AUTHORITY

SCRIPTURE: John 2:13-25.

PURPOSE: To encourage us to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and use our influence to keep the life of our church on the highest possible spiritual level.

GETTING STARTED: Jesus was a man of authority and power. In all he said and did, he manifested such a sublime sense of confidence that all who came into contact with him could not but take note of the fact that here was a man who had authority. Whether he was driving the money changers out of the temple, or healing the sick, or feeding the hungry, or stilling a storm, he behaved as one who knew that all things were subject unto him. Even when those who hated him were trying to get him out of the way and finally nailed him to the cross, he was still in command. Not for one moment did he act as though he were merely the helpless victim of his enemies' hatred. He was still master of the situation, permitting men to do this great evil to him but, in the end, taking even the worst that men could do and turning it into the means of their salvation.

Developing the Theme:

I. THE SOURCE OF JESUS' AUTHORITY. As on this occasion (John 2:18), Jesus' right to assert such authority was often challenged by his enemies. They wanted to know from where he got it. These were the sources of his authority:

1. His divine nature; for he was the Word become flesh and as such had unlimited power and authority (John 1:14; 2:19).
2. The radiance and purity of his character, so that none could come into contact with him and not be impressed by the force of his personality.
3. His utter selflessness. Not once did he use his powers for himself.
4. His burning zeal for the things of God (John 2:17).
5. His deep concern for the needs and welfare of people (John 2:1-10).
6. His incomparable knowledge of men (John 2:25).

II. THE ENDS FOR WHICH HE USED HIS AUTHORITY.

1. To help people, as in this instance where he turned water into wine in order to help an embarrassed host (John 2:1-10).
2. To establish in the minds of his disciples a sure conviction as to who he really was (John 2:11b).
3. To glorify God and accomplish the purpose for which the Father had sent him.

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4. To purify the religion of the people and lead them into a worthy and true worship of God (John 2:13-16). For in his day religion had been turned into a racket and worship into an empty form.

Applying the lesson:

1. What are the ways in which we dishonor the House of God today and make a mockery of our services of worship?
2. To what degree have wordliness and materialism invaded the life of the church today?
3. What can Christians do to bring real spirituality and pure worship into the life of their churches?
4. What authority do we have for going about this work of reformation?

A LESSON PLAN

Date: January 17, 1954

Theme: **THE NEW BIRTH**

SCRIPTURE: John 3:1-16.

PURPOSE: To help us understand the meaning of the new birth.

GETTING STARTED: Many reasons have been given for the superficiality and ineffectiveness of much that is called Christianity today. None, however, is more pertinent than the fact that the church all too often has forgotten the truth of the new birth. Too many Christians have been tinted only slightly with a very light shade of Christianity, applying it to their lives in the same way in which one applies a new coat of paint on dirty kitchen walls, without ever allowing it to get down to the roots of their lives and thus bringing about a radical change in the very nature of their being. Not until we get away from our habit of superficially Christianizing the lives of people instead of making them new creatures in Christ shall new power and vitality be restored to the Church of Jesus Christ.

Developing the Theme:

I. THE NEW BIRTH IS A NECESSITY.

1. Jesus said, "Ye must." And from his word there is no appeal.
2. Man's sinful and twisted nature demands not merely reformation but

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ENGAGEMENTS

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- Jan. 3 (Sunday)—Washburn, North Dakota.
- Jan. 10 (Sunday)—Temple Church, Buffalo, New York.
- Jan. 17 (Sunday P.M.)—Grace Church, Racine, Wisconsin.

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- Jan. 3-15—Lethbridge, Alberta.
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We deeply regret the transposition of Pages 21 and 22 in this issue.—Business Manager.

Editorial

Twelve Baskets Full!

YOU WILL RECALL the wonderful account in the New Testament of the feeding of the five thousand when Jesus revealed the miraculous power of God that resided in his possession. It was a miracle in what Jesus did in that desert place as he broke the loaves, blessed them and gave them to the disciples to be distributed. It was a miracle that "they did all eat, and were filled." It also belongs to the account of the miracle that "they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full" (Matthew 14:20).

Those "twelve baskets full" are the story of God's marvelous dealings with us, exceeding abundantly above all that we might ask or think. They stand before us at the close of this year as clear evidences of God's magnanimous love toward us and of his divine sufficiency in all things of life. When our eyes have been opened to behold God's goodness to us, as we review the pilgrimage of the past twelve months, we are led to exclaim that we have received these blessings from above only to discover that there are "fragments that still remain twelve baskets full."

This is certainly true of the promises of God. The year 1953 has been memorable for most of us in that we have tested God's promises and have not found them wanting. We have learned that all of his promises are "Yea and Amen" in Christ Jesus. Our lives are richer and better spiritually because we have seen how wonderfully God can fulfill his promises in our experiences.

But that is only half the story. Have we truly begun to fathom the promises of his Word? Have we appropriated all of his promises to ourselves? Have our days been lived constantly in the light of these promises? As we praise God on the threshold of the new year for the unsearchable riches of his Gospel, we shall also be amazed at the "baskets full" of promises that still remain.

We should also consider the gifts of God. These are his blessings that come as his wonders into each day's experiences. Every "perfect gift" from "the Father of lights" is another evidence of God's power and love. They are modern miracles that bring heavenly sunshine and joy into our lives and that bring God very near and real to every-one of us.

But have you wondered how many of these proffered gifts from God were never received because you were not interested, or too busy with worldly things, or too far removed from God in fellowship? You will find, as you look back over the past year, that the wondrous gifts of God that you might have received, if you had been ready for them, would have filled many baskets. Our lack of responsiveness to God's Spirit closed many doors of blessing to us in the year gone by.

But now the new year 1954 greets us. The wonders of God's grace and guidance await us. Let us go forth with boldness of faith, eager to receive all that God has in store for us, even "the baskets full of fragments" that remain!

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—David W. Corson from A. Devaney, N. Y.

Life can be likened to a library to which we add new volumes yearly but in which God's Word must constantly guide us

Your Life's Library

As each year passes, we add new volumes to the library of life. Sometimes we revert to the same old style of writing as in former volumes without any improvement. It is time, with God's help, that we add such volumes as *Kindness, Love and Compassion*, all to the honor and glory of Christ!

By the REV. RAYMOND DICKAU of Venturia, North Dakota

LIFE and the passing years can be likened to a library to which we add new volumes yearly. In it we will find, as the years go by, volumes written by ourselves that will be of interest. Some will be amusing; others will be the kind we will not look upon with much joy.

Life holds so many interesting things for us. As each year passes, we add other volumes. Many of these will be on the same subjects, some will be revisions of former volumes, others will be entirely new. We should endeavor to improve on Life's Library from year to year. Because of new experiences, we should be able to understand some of our problems better, and not make the same obvious mistakes.

Above all, we should never forget that we need not write these volumes alone. We have at our disposal God's help, a guide in the Holy Word and one who will dictate to us, the Holy Spirit. In leaving these important factors out, we revert to the same old style of writing as in former volumes without any improvements. Some of these are as follows:

To write another volume about this subject of self is not needful. Yet how often this subject demands attention, and it is with difficulty, if we are honest with ourselves, to suppress the desire of giving it attention.

Looking back through the volume on self, invariably we find that it has been a ranting of braggadocio, conceit

and pride. Especially the latter, where "I" stands in the center, has been our trouble. It has become so big that it has choked off the stream of blessings that God would have given, and cut off the opportunities where we could have been a blessing to others. This is always the case when self takes first place.

SELF-INTEREST

This is a natural outgrowth of self. What happens to me, what I do, what I want or don't want, what I expect to accomplish, and what I want others to do for me, are, of course, some of the most important things for me.

Self-interest draws us into ourselves until we become oblivious to the needs of those about us. When we thus live for ourselves, we will not be much concerned, if at all, for those who are in spiritual and physical need. There will be no end to the excuses we can give when approached to help the needy. Of course, I have to take good care of myself.

COVETOUSNESS

This, then, is the next step that follows. How we have learned to love ourselves! Really, there is no one as good as I. It is not that I really would like to get everything for myself. To be truthful and honest with ourselves, our Christianity has now become a side issue, but still good to have for convenience sake.

Our interests, as far as the Lord's work is concerned, are at a low ebb, for we need so much for ourselves. The heathen, well, the Lord will take care of them, because I can't help to convert all of them. The little help we could give wouldn't go far at all; so we won't give. Much the same applies to my interests in my local church. Surely, there is someone else who can do the work much better.

I am sure that all of us do not want to add another such volume to our library in 1954. It does not honor our Lord, and he is not very well pleased with his children who act that way.

It is time we take inventory of Life's Library now, not that we will have more time to make New Year's resolutions, but that these past resolutions may become transformations in our hearts and lives. Then only, with God's help, will we be able to add such volumes as *Kindness, Love, Compassion, the Lord's Work*, and others to our library.

KINDNESS

We take down this past year's volume in *KINDNESS* and examine it. It needs revision. Herein is found too much kindness trying to be expressed to those who already have received a good measure of it at the expense of such who are denied their fair share. It is also repeatedly showered on those who have given kindness in return. It is almost done

Rebirth of Faith

New Year Message from the Baptist World Alliance, 1954

THE DAWN of another year finds the world in a state of anxiety. The facile optimism which colored the 19th century has been shattered. Today 20th century man, with vivid memories of mass graves and concentration camps, and all the tragic sufferings which have followed in the wake of war, is gripped by fear.

What will this fear lead to? Will it lead to the desperation of those who have lost all hope? Will it find expression in the philosophy which sees everything as vanity with nothing worth-while? Or is there any way by which men's anxieties and fears may be transformed?

There is a way, and only one: the re-birth of faith in the living God and in his Son, our Savior. Nearly forty years ago Viscount Grey gave way to despair, crying, "The lamps are gone out all over Europe." But today, after a war even worse than that which made Viscount Grey shudder for mankind, the lamps are still burning. They are the lamps of faith and

hope, and their flame is fed by the eternal Spirit of God.

We who belong to the world fellowship of Baptists have seen the flame of faith and hope survive fierce gusts of passion and hate. We have seen new movements of the Spirit in stricken Europe. We have marvelled at the story of Baptist advance in the Americas and on mission fields.

Political alignments alone cannot save us, nor can economic planning, nor the terrifying progress of atomic science. Only a re-birth of faith can save our stricken world. To that great cause—of faith in God and in Jesus Christ, our Savior—the millions of Baptists who comprise the Baptist World Alliance dedicate themselves in 1954. May the Father's blessing and the Savior's redeeming power and the Spirit's guidance attend us in the coming days.

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of God to pray and bring souls into the Kingdom of God.

One of the first questions arising out of the review of this volume is, How much time have we spent in the Lord's work this past year? Has it been commendable? Does conscience let us rest, or does it accuse us of tardiness, lethargy or laziness? Are we satisfied with our achievements? To answer these, we ask another question, Is the Lord satisfied with that which I have done? Here lies the crux of the matter, and from this point let us judge ourselves in the light of God's Word.

To begin with, let us look at our activities in our local church. This will act as a good indicator. To some it will seem an insignificant place to work for the Lord. We may not have received any commendation for past services rendered, and in order to spare ourselves of hurt feelings, we rather draw back into a state of inactivity.

If we could only remember that the Lord was not always thanked and commended for his gracious, loving deeds, we could spare ourselves these so-called hurt feelings. Yet Christ did not stop doing good. If we would set our hearts more on following and becoming more like Christ daily, we would be the happier for it, and self would be forgotten.

Where do we stand regarding the Lord's Stewardship Plan? What have we written about it in "The Lord's Volume"? In comparing it with the

standard God has set up, where do we find ourselves on the scale of achievement?

In regard to our talents, how many have we used to the honor and glory of God this past year, or how much of the ones we possess did we use? Have we been interested enough to see that the Gospel of Christ is sent out to the ends of the world by our prayers and means?

One talent in this regard is that you can help someone decide to give his or her life to Christ as a missionary or a minister. You yourself find it impossible to go; so God is using you to urge others to go.

We are also reminded of our Christian life as a whole. How have we written this volume in 1953? Was it done in such a way that the world could see Jesus in us? How important it is for all of us to live in such a way that Christ is glorified through our lives, that others will be drawn to him because we as God's children have walked with him and have been obedient. It is said, "The Christian is the only Bible the world reads." How is it read according to you?

As God's children we are called upon to be examples to others; we are asked to work while it is yet day. Can we then be so indifferent to the cause of Christ and his message of salvation so as not to try to write our volume of life better, and that to God's honor and glory? That is a challenge for us in the New Year.

for the sole reason of receiving kindness in return. God's Word awakens us to the fact that in this way we have never heaped coals of fire on anyone's head, and have not shown Christ in his beauty to a sin-sick soul.

This wrong must be corrected in the 1954 volume on *Kindness*. In seeking God's help in this work, it shall enrich our entire life. "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Eph. 4:32). *Kindness, lived and practiced for God*, will lead us on to love.

LOVE

Here we are brought face to face with ourselves as in no other way. Here we have a chance to examine our volume on *LOVE* and also our lives, to find out in which direction most of our love was sent. Is our find encouraging? Maybe not exactly, and not so much so as we had hoped.

Let us get busy and examine our motives behind our actions. Why did we spend more love on self than on our neighbor? Why did we have more love for our neighbor than for God? What! I, a Christian, have done this? Yes, because we have not done as God commanded, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." We have robbed God of the love we owe him by loving only ourselves.

With these mistakes and others that we have made, we are reminded of God's love for us. God so loved that he gave his only Son. How have we repaid him? Have we loved our neighbor as ourself? Have we loved for Christ's sake?

COMPASSION

This is one of the smallest, or perhaps the smallest volume we have written this past year. Would it not be a good thing to give this part of our lives some serious consideration? In slighting this phase of our Christian life, some souls have come through another year without being saved. Possibly we did not think of it in that way. Yet in the life of Christ this was a burning desire seeking fulfillment through those who accepted him, and always yearning that more and more would receive him into their hearts as their Savior.

Christ is no longer with us, bodily. That is why he has you and me on earth to do his work. In view of the fact that he said, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14:13), we have fallen far short in our compassion for lost souls. We have been like the disciples; we believed not. "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name; ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

As we re-write this volume with God's help, and as we review it at the end of this year, it will be with gratitude in our hearts to God and joy beyond compare, because we were used



A Baptist congregation of 35 or 40 years ago in front of a prairie church in the Dakotas (left) where Evangelist Heinrich Schwendener often preached; and (right) the baptismal scene at the lake near Lehr, N. Dak., in June 1918 when 57 converts were baptized. Evangelist Schwendener frequently participated in baptismal services like this one

Pioneer Evangelist, Heinrich Schwendener

The year 1954 will mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Heinrich Schwendener, who probably served in a longer ministry as denominational evangelist than any other servant of God (1889 to 1920) and whose spiritual influences can still be seen in the lives of thousands of our people and in scores of our churches. His death in St. Joseph, Mich., occurred 25 years ago on Nov. 22, 1928. He was a spiritual giant of our denomination whose consecrated life deserves to be remembered by successive generations

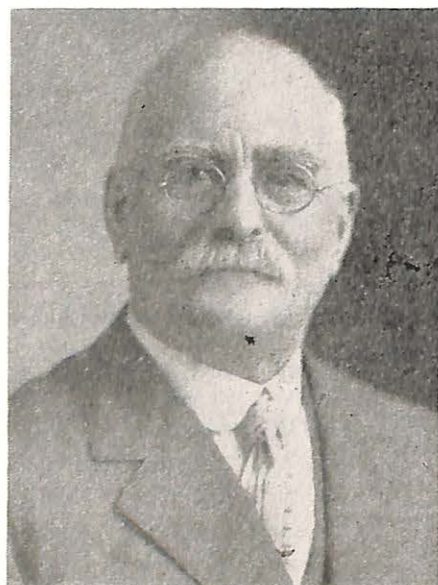
By the REV. THOMAS STOERI of St. Joseph, Michigan

AS I REVIEW the past 55 years of our denomination, I am impressed with the caliber of men whom the Lord has given to lead his work among us. They have been men of faith, consecration, peculiarly gifted for the work for which the Lord called them, as administrators, teachers in our seminary, and editors of our publications. But I have been requested to write about a servant of God, who felt the call to a special task and who was to devote his life to this particular labor. He was the Rev. Heinrich Schwendener, our denominational evangelist from 1889 to 1920, who served longer in this evangelistic ministry than any other denominational evangelist.

PASTOR IN CLEVELAND

Heinrich Schwendener, the son of our pioneer preacher, Rev. M. Schwendener, was born in Wayne, Wis., on September 4, 1854. He attended our seminary in Rochester, N. Y., from 1880-1883 to prepare for the ministry. His first field of labor was a mission in Cleveland, Ohio. There he organized what became known as the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, serving as its pastor from 1883 to 1889. There he suffered the loss of his young wife, who left him with an infant son.

At this time he felt God's call to devote himself to evangelism exclusively. But before leaving his beloved



Rev. Heinrich Schwendener, denominational evangelist from 1889 to 1920.

church, he married Dr. Hattie Gallentine, who encouraged him in his decision to enter the evangelistic work. He resigned as pastor and they took up residence in St. Joseph, Mich., where the doctor practiced medicine for over fifty years. Here their son Carl and daughter Norma attended school. Their daughter, for a number of years, taught at Columbia University in New York City.

It should also be recorded to their credit that here they took into their home the young son of Rev. Joseph Scholz, an intimate friend of seminary days, who died while pastor of our church in Burlington, Iowa. They reared and educated him for the teaching profession. Many families in our churches in St. Joseph and Benton Harbor remember the Schwendeners with gratitude, especially the families of the pastors. Dr. Schwendener spoke the German language fluently.

PIONEER LIFE

Our churches in those years were poor and not accustomed to pay for the extra services of an evangelist. While I was his pastor, the Rev. H. Schwendener told me that his income in the early years did not amount to \$440 a year and out of that he paid his traveling expenses. Thus he labored entirely on his own until sometime in the nineties, when the General Missionary Committee made him a general worker with a fixed salary. He agreed to pay all collections into the general treasury. The committee also made all appointments.

In the first years, Mr. Schwendener worked mostly among our churches in the eastern and central part of the United States, also in Ontario, Canada. In the nineties the northwestern United States and western Canada became his main field of endeavor. It

was his privilege to lead many great revivals in many churches under the manifest blessing of God. Even now, twenty-five years after his death, you will read in the obituaries of our papers: "The deceased was converted during evangelistic services conducted by the Rev. Heinrich Schwendener." Only recently we read two such reports, one of a comparatively young pastor, who passed away suddenly.

At that time in 1890 there prevailed very primitive conditions in some of our churches in the Northwest. People were recent immigrants, working on their own homesteads. Mr. Schwendener cheerfully put up with many inconveniences. Transportation was slow, by buggy, if good, else by wagon and sled. Bitter cold and blizzards made travel often hazardous. But he made the best of it all cheerfully. He was always a welcome guest everywhere.

Once, while making a long overland trip in North Dakota and becoming very thirsty, he drank some water that was more alkaline than he realized and became so desperately ill that they felt it necessary to send for his wife. While the people's hospitality was always the best possible, a chronic intestinal ailment forced him to forego heavy meals. I often saw him limit himself to very little or no meat, homebaked bread and butter with hot water and cream and sugar. The housewives often worried how he would do his work, but his reassuring words put them at ease.

HUNDREDS OF CONVERTS

Under God's blessing his meetings were generally very successful, and large numbers of converts were added to our churches. We often read reports of baptisms of over 20 and up to 70 candidates following Brother Schwendener's meetings. Often he was the special guest at such baptismal festivities. There he joyfully praised the Lord for the victories. As his assignments necessitated long trips, he insisted on grouping as many churches as possible for each trip. Therefore he was often away from home for months. That made such work strenuous.

Besides he was a very economical traveler. He avoided the use of Pullman sleepers and in other ways tried to be as saving as he could. After his death I was asked to look through some of his accumulated accounts so that what was not useful might be discarded. In reading his account books, I was amazed how he kept a record of every cent in an itemized account. You see, he regarded it as mission money.

His evangelistic methods suited his times and the people among whom he labored. His preaching was easy to follow and to understand but very much to the point. His very simplicity, reinforced by his very sincere



Ministers at the Central Conference which met at Baileyville, Ill., from September 5 to 10, 1906. The Rev. Heinrich Schwendener, evangelist, is in front row (seated) at extreme left

earnestness, gave his messages convicting power under God. To hear him describe a biblical scene or conversation was indeed gripping. In my hearing a listener once said: "When Brother Schwendener describes a scene, it almost seems as if it was just happening."

In the Dakotas and Canada many of our church groups were still using song books they had brought from the homeland, a selection of songs from three hymnals, "Glaubensstimme," "Frohe Botschaft" and "Zionslieder." Because there were so few books and in order to facilitate the singing, Mr. Schwendener used to carry his own supply. He used that small volume, "Die kleine Palme" (The Little Palm).

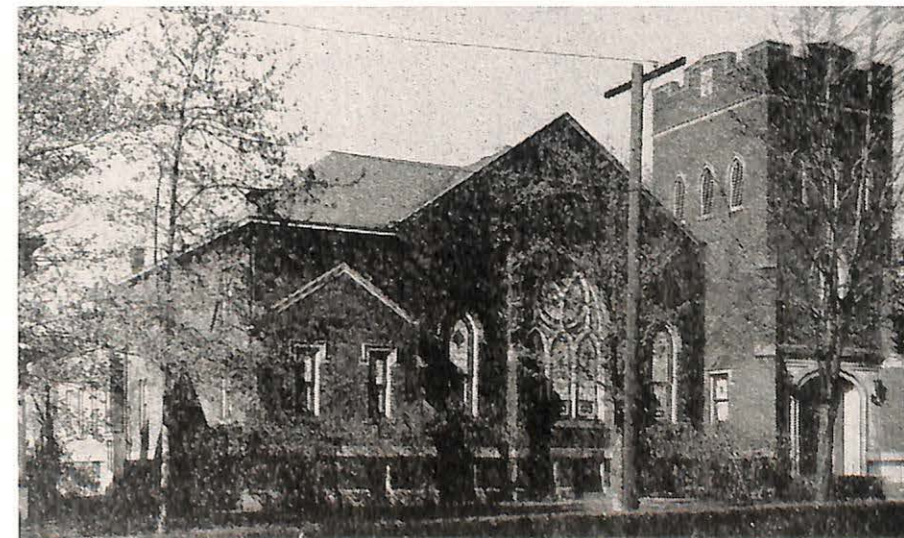
SONGS FOR CHURCHES

He also taught the congregations new songs, such as translations of "The Old Time Religion Is Good Enough For Me," "The Lord Has Done So Much For Me, I Never Will Cease to Love Him," and "I Can Hear My Savior Calling." He also sang solos quite often.

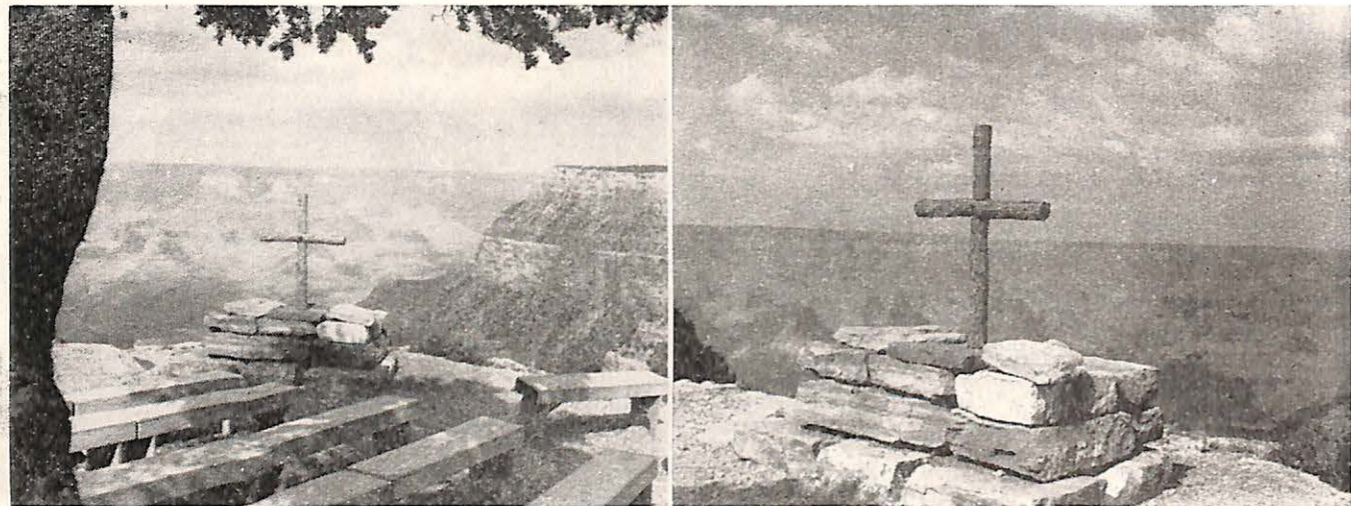
I shall never forget the scene in a church after he had sung a certain song and brought home its message with earnest words. That song appealed to parents who had been so busy securing their families' material welfare, that they had neglected their spiritual life. Mr. Schwendener was quick to sense that problem and then brought a very effective challenge in a song. A free translation of it goes like this: "Why are not your children seated, mother, at your side just now? Why do they follow quicker, reckless fellows rather than following you?"

Often hot tears would flow from the eyes of mothers and fathers as well. I have heard such parents make contrite confessions of their neglect, and I have seen wayward sons and daughters repent and seek their soul's salvation. I myself had the privilege of baptizing a number of such young people, some of them married with families. Who could ever forget such scenes?

The Rev. Heinrich Schwendener was very sensitive to the spiritual con- (Continued on Page 24)



The First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., of which the Rev. and Mrs. H. Schwendener were members for many years, and in which, on the front wall of the church's sanctuary, there is a bronze tablet as a memorial to the Rev. H. Schwendener



The open air chapel on the rim of the Grand Canyon (left) known as "The Shrine of the Ages" where sunrise and Easter Sunday services are held and (right) a close-up of the rugged but worshipful altar

Dedicated to the Glory of God

The denominational Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee has loaned more than \$400,000 to 55 churches for new buildings and parsonages during the past five years. This amazing ministry is summarized for the first time for one of our denominational publications

By DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of the BAPTIST HERALD

YOUR FEET are standing on holy ground whenever you come to a church which has been dedicated to the glory of God. There in HIS TEMPLE God reveals the truth of his Gospel and grants his grace to those who wait sincerely and humbly upon him. It is remarkable how many different kinds of church buildings there are with strange variations of architecture, but there is always the one overwhelming desire to worship God in Spirit and in truth!

Come and stand with me in the church on the rim of the Grand Canyon! A few wooden benches are lined up neatly under a nearby tree, facing a large rugged cross, with the majestic, colorful chasm of the Canyon just ahead of you and the vastness of the blue sky overhead. It is the "Shrine of the Ages" church served by a Presbyterian missionary where sunrise services are held daily throughout the summer months and where the Easter sunrise service is broadcast to all parts of the country. This too is a church that is "holy ground" for those who go there to sing unto the Lord, to worship and bow down before him, to kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

BUILDING FOR ETERNITY

Those who help to build churches by their gifts and their prayers are engaged in the noblest business of our day. They are building for eternity,

not in the constructing of the church edifices, but in the molding of lives who in these churches will see the glory of the living God! These are spiritual investments of time and money which will never rust nor pass away.

This kind of a Bank of Heaven has been the work of our denominational Church and Parsonage Loan Fund and its very active committee. Since this fund was created in 1948, about five years ago, a total of \$400,000 has been made available to more than fifty-five North American Baptist Churches for the construction of churches and a few parsonages and for important remodeling jobs. Every one of our regional conferences has churches that have been benefited by this ministry of the Loan Fund. Wherever these new churches now stand and the people there lift their eyes to God above, there are living and lasting memorials to the amazing, spiritual ministry of this Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee.

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A committee can rise no higher than its leaders. The Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee has been blessed with capable and consecrated laymen whose visionary faith and dynamic leadership have made these wonderful accomplishments possible. But the chairman, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., deserves a special word of recognition.

EDWIN H. MARKLEIN

Mr. Marklein has been its chairman since the beginning of the committee in 1948. Even though the secretary of the committee, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, supervises the preliminary work of securing the necessary data for a loan, Mr. Marklein behind the scenes carries on a voluminous correspondence with church leaders in behalf of the Fund Committee. All of this is done after the office hours of the Manhattan Savings Bank in New York City where he is assistant vice-president.

In addition, Mr. Marklein has to make numerous trips to the Forest Park Headquarters to attend to the business of this special fund. His time is gladly given without financial consideration as unto the Lord. It can be said without exaggeration that his has been and continues to be a sacrificial ministry which will stand for decades to come as a memorial in the many new churches where many thousands of people now worship God and have found their Savior.

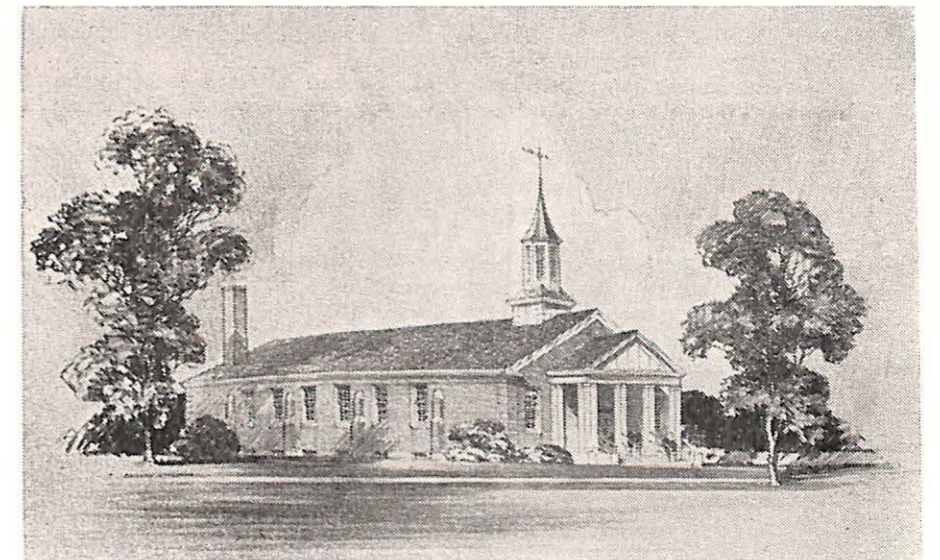
In 1948 the first loan from the Fund was made to the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota. It was a large loan for \$15,000 (which in fact still stands as the maximum sum loaned by the committee), but it has already brought back a hundred-fold harvest. The church moved from a little "band box" which was a firetrap for its large Sunday School, to a spacious brick church in the heart of this thriving city. There the Grace Church is ministering to its increased congregation, university students and teachers, and leading people of the city under the aggressive pastorate of the Rev. H. J. Waltereit. It's the miracle of our Grand Forks Church, but even more so the miracle of God's grace that blesses every venture of faith!

DAKOTA CONFERENCE CHURCHES

The Dakota Conference has made the most frequent use of the facilities of this fund. This is easily understood, since many of the rural churches in this area still represent the pre-depression days of the thirties. Larger congregations and better times have demanded new church buildings. A visitor to the Dakota Conference is thrilled today to see the attractive and imposing edifices in many of the communities, representing the forward-looking work of our North American Baptist General Conference.

At Sidney, Mont., the First Baptist Church transformed a mortuary into a church and built a fine sanctuary, later changing the temporary church into a parsonage. With the financial help of the Loan Fund, a church edifice could be moved from the country into the city of Aberdeen, S. Dak., and a new work for our Conference could be started. Today this is a promising Baptist Church in one of South Dakota's biggest cities.

A few years ago we had a small, struggling work in Bismarck, N. Dak., and Billings, Montana. Today with the assistance of the denominational Loan Fund there are wonderful new churches in both places that are "a sight of beauty" for the eye to see and "a thing



The architect's sketch for the new edifice of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., of which the Rev. Charles J. Anderson is the pastor. The church borrowed from the Church and Parsonage Loan Fund in order to realize this projected building program

of joy" for the soul to contemplate. In Harvey, N. Dak., the Baptist Church has made a remarkable pilgrimage from "tiny" beginnings to great heights with a new spacious church that is usually crowded to the last seat.

New churches were dedicated to the Lord's service during the past few years at Wishek, N. Dak.; Eureka, S. Dakota; the Berlin Church near Fredonia, N. Dak.; Selfridge, N. Dak.; and Mercer, N. Dak.; all of which made loans from the Church and Parsonage Loan Fund. Each one represents a sacrificial ministry on the part of its congregation with gifts, free hours of labor and prayers poured into the edifices. But many of these would probably not have been constructed if it had not been for such a denominational fund from which these important loans could be made.

SIoux FALLS' CHURCHES

At Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where we have our "school of the prophets" and where the Seminary buildings represent the thrilling story of another building fund, we also have two

churches, the Trinity Church and the Northside Church. Both of these churches are meeting in sanctuaries (the Trinity Church hopes to use its new building soon) in which the Loan Fund has invested good-sized sums of money with the expectancy of high spiritual returns. The most recent work of the Committee in the Dakota Conference is at Mott, N. Dak., where a new church was organized in 1953, and a new church and parsonage were constructed with the assistance of a loan of \$8,500.

The Pacific Conference stretches from southern California to northern British Columbia, a distance of about 2000 miles. In that vast territory there are golden opportunities opening up for larger churches and new mission fields. It looks as if the future belongs to the Pacific Coast! The Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee has had its eyes open for this and has assisted our Pacific Conference churches to realize this vision of greater things for the future!

Kelowna, British Columbia, is in the heart of a fruit growing region in



The Rev. Richard Grenz stands to one side of the sign announcing the site of the new building of the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and (right) excavations for the church building with nearby apartment houses in the background

the Okanagan Valley with its mild climate. It is the mecca for many Canadians who are streaming into this area. The Grace Baptist Church of Kelowna is the only church in our Conference that has borrowed twice from the Loan Fund for two new churches. In 1949 it borrowed \$4,000 for its lovely new church, but within several months it was too small and then utterly inadequate for the large congregations. A beautiful new church is now under construction which will cost about \$50,000, not including the voluntary labor by members, and for which they have borrowed \$15,000 from the Loan Fund. "Watch Kelowna!" might be the slogan for this

representing a small financial investment in unlimited spiritual opportunities!

In Oregon we have come to the aid of such churches as Glencullen, a growing missionary field in the outskirts of Portland; Villa Ridge, a promising church on the side of "the City of Roses"; and the Stafford Church near Sherwood, Ore., where we have assisted in the building of the parsonage. Most decidedly in all of these churches there are unmistakable signs of missionary opportunities which we need to recognize and to seize now!

One of the "show places" for our Baptist churches in the Pacific Con-

Rev. H. S. Stinner ministers to the German and Hungarian Baptist congregations in the same sanctuary. The parsonage for the pastor and his family in this metropolitan center was a pressing necessity. The Loan Fund Committee has helped the church to purchase such a home for its pastor's family in order to assure the spiritual growth of our new mission field in Toronto among the newly arrived immigrants. Another loan has been made to the Temple Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., to assist in the buying of a new parsonage.

CHICAGO AND DAYTON

Turning to the Central Conference area, you will not miss the imposing edifices of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois and of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio. They attract the eye as the last word on beautiful church architecture. They have spacious Sunday School facilities besides fine sanctuaries. Both churches made good-sized loans from the Church and Parsonage Loan Fund.

In the Central Conference area we have also aided the First Baptist Church of Bellwood, Illinois and the East Side Church of Chicago, Illinois in the purchase of parsonages; the Ogden Park Church of Chicago in its remodeling program; and the Forest Park Church in the building of a Sunday School unit.

New church buildings have also been popular in the Northwestern Conference area of Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. In fact, each of these states is represented with beautiful new churches for which good-sized loans were made from the Loan Fund. The Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., will soon dedicate its splendid new edifice. The Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, has been using its new building to good advantage for the past few years. The new sanctuary of the Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, will be dedicated in February 1954. In addition, the Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, moved into the sanctuary of another church. The Seventh Street Church of LaCrosse, Wisconsin bought the building of a former Methodist Church that had been partially destroyed by fire. All of these churches made loans from the denominational Fund for this greater ministry of theirs. In addition, the Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, made extensive improvements in its building and borrowed money for this purpose. The Immanuel Church of Kenosha, Wis., borrowed \$15,000 for its projected new building in a new location.

THE SOUTHLAND

In the Southwestern Conference the West Side Baptist Church of

Beatrice, Nebraska, has been working several years at its beautiful new building to complete both the sanctuary and the Sunday School room. This church was almost at the end of its existence several years ago following the disastrous explosion that destroyed its former building. It has literally been built up from the rubble with a new faith in God's purposes for this congregation as a result of the people's sacrifices and the assistance of our denomination.

In the Southern Conference you will find the WELCOME sign in Waco, Texas, and in the Central Baptist Church of Waco for the 1955 Conference. It has a remarkable story of victories through the years. In some ways its greatest achievement has been the completion of a fine church in a growing community with the help of \$10,000 from the Loan Fund. The Carroll Avenue Church of Dallas, Texas, with its well-known pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke, former president of the C.B.Y. and S.S. Union and former Camerons missionary, respectively, live in a lovely parsonage partly built with money from the Loan Fund.

CANADIAN ADVANCES

Things are also moving forward and "popping" in the area of the Northern Conference. The newly organized Bethany Baptist Church of Lethbridge, Alta., has grown in one year to more than 250 members. A new church was a MUST for this growing congregation of European immigrants. The loan from the denominational Fund has made this new church a reality. The Baptist Church of Yorkton, Sask., with its beautiful new building was host to the 50th Jubilee sessions of the Northern Conference in July 1953. The hundreds of people in attendance could easily see the fine investment of money and faith in this Yorkton Church.

Edmonton, Alta., is the site of new things and great progress for our Northern Conference. The McKernan Baptist Church, near the Christian



The newly completed church of the Baptist Mission at Ochre River, Man., of which the Rev. Hugo Zepik is the pastor

Training Institute, has built a spacious church which is more than adequate for its expanding needs. At the other end of the city is the Lauderdale Baptist Church, ministering to new immigrants, which has also made use of the Loan Fund monies for its parsonage. At Forestburg, Alta., Fenwood, Sask.; and Ochre River, Manitoba, expanding programs required the financial aid from this denominational Fund.

The Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., now enjoys the use of a splendid church and comfortable parsonage with the completion of its new buildings. In Calgary, Alta., the people of the Bridgeland Baptist Church "had a mind to work" as in record-breaking time they tore down the old inadequate building and constructed their new edifice.

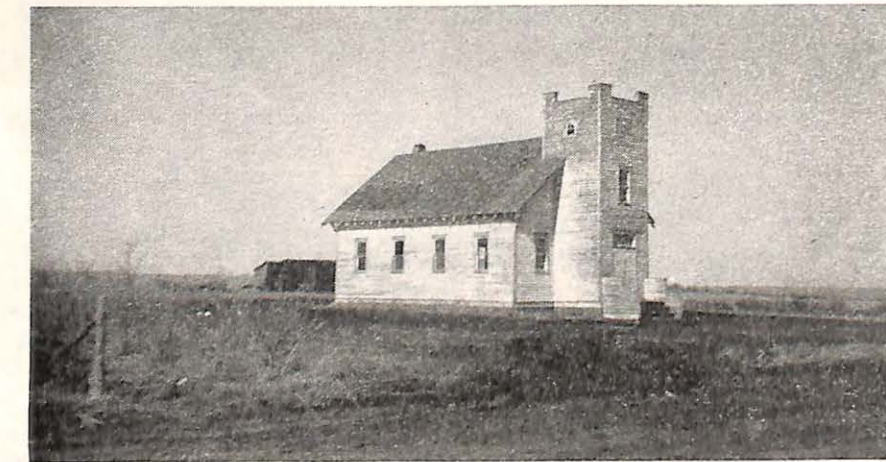
BUILDING MONUMENTS

Wherever you roam in our far-flung denominational field, you will see these building monuments as a tribute to the faith of those who established the Church and Parsonage Loan Fund. Payments on these loans are being made regularly and faithfully, which are being returned into the Revolving Fund to be used again by other churches in times of

need. About \$125,000 have already been repaid, and the Committee is pleased to report that all interest on our loans has been fully paid. During the past five years the work and ministry of this Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee have been of greatest importance.

At present the Committee is constituted as follows: Edwin H. Marklein, Chairman; Frank H. Woyke, Secretary; Fred A. Grosser, Arthur Schwerin, Roland E. Ross, Richard Schilke, Rubin Kern and M. L. Leuschner.

In his report to the General Council in 1953, Mr. Marklein closed his glowing account with these heartening words: "It has been most heartening to our Committee to observe the extended building program that has been going forward in our denomination during these past five years. Several millions of dollars have been spent by these churches in the expansion of their facilities and in almost every case their contributions for missionary endeavors have been increased, in spite of their additional financial obligations. This speaks well not only for our devoted loyal members but also for the future of our beloved denomination."



The Baptist Church of Valleyview, Alta., which has been moved into the town of Valleyview from its rural location with the financial aid of the denomination's Church Loan Fund

new church with its spacious sanctuary and under the aggressive leadership of its pastor, the Rev. J. B. Kornalewski.

STORY OF EXPANSION

But that is only the beginning of the story of expansion in British Columbia! At nearby Vernon, B. C., the modest but adequate building for the Faith Baptist Church, composed mostly of European immigrants, was secured through the facilities of the Loan Fund. The Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., borrowed \$10,000 for its enlarged church (and what a worshipful sanctuary they have!) The Hager Memorial Baptist Church of Prince George, B. C., dedicated its new House of God on Sunday, Sept. 6, representing a cost of \$23,000, including an \$8,000 loan from the Loan Fund and Chapel Building Fund of the denomination, and 2500 hours of free labor by members.

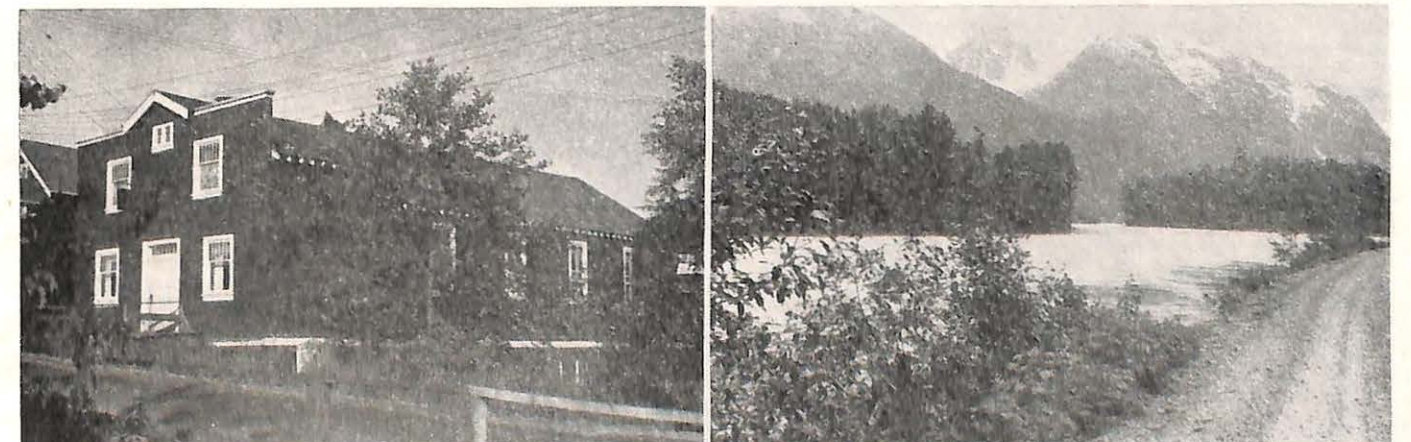
The first church to be organized as a result of the ministry of our church extension worker, the Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, is the Bethel Baptist Church of Prince Rupert, British Columbia. The small group of immigrants who began this work as charter members has grown into an enthusiastic congregation, now meeting in its own church, the former Odd Fellows Hall. This too was purchased with the help of the denominational Loan Fund,

ference is the First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., a booming city only a few miles from the ocean. If you travel westward for a delightful vacation, you must see this church at Costa Mesa with its modern facilities for its Sunday School of 500 pupils. This congregation has made good use of a \$15,000 loan for its new sanctuary from the Church Loan Fund.

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE CHURCHES

Let us travel 3000 miles across the continent to the Atlantic Conference churches. Mighty things of God are happening here also. In this area the Loan Fund Committee has advanced important and appreciated loans to the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., in the construction of its worshipful sanctuary and beautiful Sunday School auditorium; to the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa. for necessary repairs on this historic building; to the Ridgewood Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York for its new parsonage which has been called "one of the finest in our conference"; to the West Baltimore Church in Baltimore, Md., for a renovation program; and to the Rock Hill Baptist Church of Boston, Mass., for building improvements.

The newly organized Roberts Street Baptist Church of Toronto, Ontario, is in the Eastern Conference. The



The Odd Fellows Hall of Prince Rupert, British Columbia (left), which has been purchased by the Bethel Baptist Church for its services with the help of the denomination's Church Loan Fund and (right) a scenic view of the Skeena River near Prince Rupert

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., has extended a call to the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt of Lorraine, Kans., to whom a favorable response has been given. Mr. Bernadt began his ministry in the New Haven church on December 1st, succeeding the Rev. John O. Strickland. Mr. Bernadt hopes to complete his studies toward the Ph.D. degree at Yale University in New Haven.

● On Sunday morning, February 21st, the entire worship service of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., will be televised Church of Erie, Pa., with the pastor, the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer bringing the message. If our information is correct, this will be the first time that a complete service of a North American Baptist church will be televised. Congratulations on this historical milestone, members and pastor of the Central Church of Erie!

● The Elm Creek Baptist Church near La Vernia, Texas, has extended a call to the Rev. Mack F. Caffey to serve the church as pastor on a student basis. Mr. Caffey is a ministerial student at Corpus Christi, Texas. He was ordained on March 17, 1951 by the Second Baptist Church of Corpus Christi, Texas. He has accepted the call and began his ministry at the Elm Creek Church on Oct. 1, 1953, succeeding the Rev. Walter Gordon Gummelt.

● In November the Rev. F. W. Bartel presented his resignation as pastor of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, Chilliwack, B. C., Canada, which he had served since 1951. His resignation was accepted by the church. Shortly thereafter he was afflicted with a serious illness and was hospitalized for some time. He hopes to rest for a while time and was hospitalized before making a decision about his ministry in the future.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Bienert were given a farewell reception by the Baptist Church of Cathay, N. Dak., on Sunday evening, Nov. 22. Mr. Bienert began his ministry as denominational Youth Director on November 30. He and his wife were tendered a welcome reception by the denominational headquarters' personnel at a Christmas party on Dec. 24 in the William Kuhn Conference Room. They are residing at 2524 S. Tenth Avenue, Broadview, Illinois.

● On Friday evening, Nov. 27, Miss Lenore Meilahn of Burlington, Iowa, and the Rev. George W. Lang, pastor

of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., were married in the sanctuary of the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington. Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., father of the groom, officiated. A reception was held afterwards in the Social Hall. After a brief honeymoon trip, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Lang began their residence in the church's parsonage at 3267 Cortland St., Chicago 47, Illinois.

● Evangelistic meetings were held at the Baptist Church, McIntosh, S. Dak., from Oct. 19 to 30 with the Rev. Otto Fiesel of Sidney, Mont., serving as evangelist. The meetings were well attended and resulted in a deeper spiritual life and forward step for many Christians, as reported by the pastor, the Rev. Walter H. Klempel. The CBY has been presenting the play, "Gratitude or Ingratitude," written by Mrs. Art Pust of Sidney, Mont., in a number of neighboring South Dakota churches.

● The Nov. 22nd morning service of the Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn., was recorded and broadcast on the following Sunday over radio station WCOW in "The East Side Church of the Air" with the pastor, the Rev. William H. Jeschke, in charge of the service. The union Thanksgiving Day service with the Riverview Baptist Church was held at the Dayton's Bluff Church with the Rev. Charles Johnson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Millersburg, Ill., as guest speaker. Mr. Johnson is married to the former Joann Dons of Ellinwood, Kansas.

● Evangelistic meetings were held at the Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., from November 4 to 15. The Rev. Harold Gieseke of Dallas, Texas, was the speaker and there were special musical numbers every night. Attendance was very good, there being 318 present in Sunday School on Sunday morning, Nov. 15th. Decisions were made for Christ as Savior, followed by decisions to follow the Lord in baptism. "We all felt blessed by the spiritual messages given by Brother Gieseke," as reported by Mrs. Herman Bleeker.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens and their son Billy sailed from New York, N. Y., on the "S.S. Queen Elizabeth" on Nov. 12 for England and from there on the "S.S. Tetela" for Tiko, Africa, to begin their third term of service as our Cameroons missionaries. Dr. and Mrs. Leslie Chaffee and their family of four children will leave New York City on Jan. 16 on the "S.S. Ascania" bound for England and about ten days later will sail from England for the Cameroons, Africa. Miss Bernece Westerman of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will accompany them. Both the Chaffees and Miss Westerman will begin their second term of missionary service.

● The new president of Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is Dr. Reuben P. Jeschke, dean of the college and acting president for the past few months. He has accepted the appointment by the college's board of trustees and will be installed at some future date with academic festivities, which will be reported in full in the "Baptist Herald." President Jeschke was pastor of North American Baptist churches in New Britain, Conn., from 1933 to 1937, and in Dayton, Ohio, from 1937 to 1947. He served on the faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary from 1947 to 1952. Congratulations, Dr. Jeschke, on this well deserved honor and challenging task!

● The Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, Cameroons missionaries stationed at Kumba, sailed from Africa on Dec. 28 on the "S.S. Corvales" bound for the United States where Mr. Henderson will have to undergo medical treatment. Further news about his physical condition will be reported as soon as it is available. Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, the missionary contractor who has been supervising the building program at Bansa and the New Hope Settlement, returned to the United States by plane shortly before Christmas. His wife had preceded him by several months in order to be with their daughter at Hutchinson, Kans., who was stricken with polio. It can be reported with gratitude to God that Miss Ida Forsch has made a complete recovery from a somewhat serious illness several months ago.

● In October the German Zion Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., was organized with 43 charter members, most of whom are recent immigrants from Germany. On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 8, a council of recognition con-

vened at the Bethany Church of Milwaukee with pastors and representatives from nearby churches and with Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, also present. The council unanimously approved the organization of the church. The church extended a call to the Rev. Ernest Sadowski of Detroit, Mich., who responded favorably and began his ministry at the German Zion Church on Sunday, Nov. 22. On the afternoon of that Sunday a reception was tendered the new pastor by the church and friends with Mr. Walter W. Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., General Conference moderator, bringing the denominational greetings. The church is holding services at the Concordia Seventh Day Adventist Church, 3281 N. 26th Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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regeneration. Nothing less than a complete renewal from within out will do.

3. This demand applies to all, regardless of who and what they are.

4. Without it, no man can either understand or enter the Kingdom.

II. THE NEW BIRTH IS A POSSIBILITY—MEN CAN BE REBORN.

1. God gave his Son—this fact makes the miracle possible (vv. 14:16).

2. Whosoever believeth in him—since this is the only requirement for receiving it, the new birth lies within the reach of all men (v. 16b).

What believing in him means is clearly set forth.

a) It means to repent; for to be "born of water" means to go through the experience of repentance.

b) It means to put one's whole trust in Christ and to entrust one's whole being to him.

3. Born of the Spirit—the new birth is something that God accomplishes in us through the Holy Spirit in response to our faith. Where we do our part, he never fails to do his.

III. THE NEW BIRTH IS A REALITY.

1. There always remains an element of mystery about it (v. 8).

2. But when a man in faith turns to Christ, he experiences in his life the fact of the new birth.

3. The experiences of countless people whose lives have been transformed bears testimony to the reality of the new birth.

Applying the lesson:

1. What would you say to a person who claims to have been born again but whose life gives no outer evidences of such a rebirth? Is he justified in his claim?

2. What changes should repentance bring forth in a person's attitudes, behavior, relationships?

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PAST PRESIDENT AND FAMILY

We are indeed happy to present to the friends of our CBY and SS Union column readers of the "Baptist Herald" another member and his family of our Executive Committee. We regret that we were unable to publish this picture with Brother Gieseke's fine message in this column in an earlier issue of the "Baptist Herald." Brother Gieseke is the past president of the CBY and SS Union.

A BLESSED YEAR TO YOU ALL IN 1954!

The year 1953 will be history within a day or so after the arrival of this issue of the "Baptist Herald." In many ways 1953 was an outstanding year for our CBY and SS Conference Union. Our Executive Committee and Conference Union leaders at Forest Park had several vital and far reaching decisions to make. Changes in personnel in our work have taken place. Miss Martha Leypoldt left the staff and office after six and a half years of excellent service. New help for the office work has been necessary.

In September the Executive Committee met to call a Youth Director.



Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke and son, Gordon, of Dallas, Texas

On December 1, 1953, the Rev. L. G. Bienert became the first full-time Youth Director of the Conference Union. It is our sincere prayer that this is a step in the right direction to carry out more faithfully the Lord's Commission through the Conference Union.

In August last summer the first Christian Worker's Training Conference was held at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This was the first attempt to get Sunday School and CBY leaders together from all nine local conferences. The plan as well as the program were a great success. The many leaders present at the Training Conference will carry forth with good results the challenge presented to them.

The annual mission giving through the local conference and regional conference unions has again exceeded that of previous years. The Christian Workers' Conferences, summer camps, assemblies, and conferences have been larger in attendance than any one year prior to 1953.

The Scripture Memorization program and children's work, including our Junior program emphasis, have made marked progress under the able leadership of Miss Ruth Bathauer, our Children's Worker.

For this marked advance in our Conference Union program, for the faithfulness and splendid services of our local conference leaders and officers, for all the local church leaders and numerous blessings bestowed on all of us by God our Father we need to be exceedingly grateful at this time of year.

But as the covers of the ledger of the old year 1953 close, the ledger of the new year 1954 will be opened for us. What will the new year bring to each one of us and to each organization everywhere? What will we have to offer which is to be written into the 1954 ledger? We must remember that the Lord Jesus Christ will depend on us to carry out an effective program for him in 1954.

All the members of the Executive Committee, the leaders and workers at the Forest Park office join me in extending to all of our readers best wishes for a blessed and most prosperous new year. Let us pray for each other and continue to pledge our united service for his cause. Winning the lost to Christ, "Teaching them to observe all things," he commanded!

It has been a real joy to serve you through these columns throughout 1953.

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Across the Seas

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SYNOPSIS

Tom Wilson and Mickey Conant were Christian buddies aboard the destroyer "U.S.S. Mastin." At the International Date Line, when the customary initiation exercises were held, another sailor, Farrow, showed a violent dislike to Conant. That hatred was fanned into serious threats one evening at the dinner hour when Farrow thought he caught Conant laughing at him and when Herkey, the ship's mascot, ate his chow. That night the ship's captain asked Conant, the radioman, to report to the bridge. Some code messages were missing and the trouble was being pinned on Conant. Some time later the "Mastin" stopped at Auckland, New Zealand, where Mickey Conant and Tom Wilson were assigned to Shore Patrol duty. They stopped at "The Auckland Grill" for something to eat and became acquainted with the waitress, Moitle. Mickey Conant arranged to meet her after the closing hour and to escort her home. She didn't even care to stop for a sandwich and coke. She laughed and said: "We get the tram down here on Queen Street."

CHAPTER SIX

WHEN they arrived at the main thoroughfare, Mickey turned automatically to look to his left, and stepped off the curb. His companion reached for his arm. "You'll get yourself killed doing that. The traffic here comes from the other direction. And we get the tram on the other side of the street."

The sailor snapped his fingers in vexation. "Keep forgetting that. May-

be I'll catch on, if we stick around here a while."

"How long do you expect to be here?" she inquired demurely.

"Not long, I'm afraid," he informed her, regretfully. She did not press the matter. Shortly they were on their tram, rocking along toward home. The two talked of this and that, as boy and girl will in any country. Before the car arrived at Fern Street, Mickey had found out that Moitle's mother was dead, that she lived with her father and hoped to visit America some day.

"Don't know when that will be, though," she shrugged. "Father is so dependent upon me. He hasn't been the same since mother passed away, and lately he's been . . ." She stopped, and changed the subject.

Some time later, Mickey strode briskly down the dock to the berth where the Mastin lay. Troubles always sat lightly upon his young shoulders, and at this moment he was in the best of spirits. He had an engagement with Moitle to attend a band concert on the following Saturday afternoon, and they were going to her church together the day after that.

"Nice girl," he approved. "Nice town, too." He was almost whistling

as he tramped across the gangway and saluted the quarterdeck.

The next day was Thursday. Lieutenant Malcolm called Mickey into his stateroom and had a talk with him about the missing code book. The Captain had decided not to take any immediate action. Since the ship was operating independently at the time, and there was no immediate superior officer near at hand, he would hold the matter in abeyance until their return to San Pedro, and would then report it fully to the Flag Officer there.

"Don't let it worry you too much, Conant," recommended the lieutenant. "I told him I was sure you had turned in all your material. Seems impossible the book could have been removed from this room without my knowledge; I can't believe it won't turn up yet."

Mickey did not let it worry him too much. At the noon meal, he and Tom talked over their plans for the day's liberty.

"Let's you and me make the town by ourselves this afternoon, before going back on patrol. And already I've got a place for us to go." He reached into his pocket and pulled out a card.

"Mr. Mallinger—Moitle's dad—gave this to me last night, while she was out of the room and we were talking. He says it's a club where seamen meet and relax while in port, and he invited us up there. Want to go?"

"Why not?" Tom replied. "If it's a good place to spend a couple of quiet hours, that's what we're looking for, isn't it?"

At the appointed hour when liberty commenced, the two boys went "over the side" with the rest of their section and headed uptown. Farrow had been invited to go ashore with them, but declined. He seemed nervous, and muttered vaguely that he didn't care much about going over, and would stay aboard.

A flat-nosed trolley glided up and stopped. The sailors climbed aboard. "I got it, Mick," said Tom, and then to the conductor, "What's the fare?"

"A thrip," responded that worthy, without looking up from his trip book in which he was making entries at the moment.

"Huh?" Tom was perplexed. "You got change for this?" He presented a pound note.

The conductor's face took on an expression of deep pain when he sighted the bill. "Ow, my eye!" he exclaimed. "Aven't you got anythyn' smaller? It's just sixp'nce for the two of you."

"Well, why didn't you say so?" asked the sailor, trying to hide his ignorance. "Thought you said it was a thrup, or something. Here's—lessee, here's a sixpence, I think, isn't it?"

"Yes," answered the conductor. "Just drop it in the box." He was grumbling to himself as Tom passed up the aisle. "Blimey! Don't 'e understand phyne English?"

Mickey was trying hard not to laugh. "You will try to haggle with the natives, will you? I'll bet that man is calling you a foreigner right now. Or a Yankee, maybe."

"Please, Mr. Conant. Ah'm not a Yankee—Ah come from Southern Illinois."

"Excuse me, suh."

In a few minutes they disembarked (the conductor having advised them that it was their destination) at a quiet corner in a neat residential district. A short walk down the street brought them to the place they sought. It was a plain brick building, with a shop or two occupying the ground floor. A well-lighted doorway opened upon a staircase which ran up one side to the upper floor, and a small sign upon the portal identified the place as "The Seaman's Club." Tom and Mickey proceeded up the stairs, after a moment of consultation.

As they ascended, an upper door opened and a man looked down. His eyes lighted briefly at sight of the blue uniforms. He stepped out, hand outstretched.

"Well, well, hello! The American Navy, I see. Welcome to our little Club. I'm Mr. Brown. You were invited here by one of our members, no doubt?"

The sailors shook hands cordially. "Yes, we were told to present this card." Mickey handed it over, and the man inspected it fleetingly.

"Ah, yes; Mr. Mallinger. A fine man, very worthy, although a relative newcomer to our society here. Come in, come in!" He ushered them into a large auditorium lined about all four walls with comfortable-looking chairs and furnished with a piano and rostrum at one end. A few loungers were present, but none of them were in Navy uniform.

"Our general assembly room, where we hold meetings, and a dance now and then. Something for you boys to look forward to, if you'll be around here a while." He laughed heartily and slapped Mickey on the shoulder.

They smiled in return. "Sorry, sir, but we don't dance. Used to, but it doesn't seem the most profitable thing for a Christian to do, and so we quit."

Mr. Brown looked nonplussed. "You don't dance at all?"

"Nary a dance, sir."

"First time I ever saw an American sailor who didn't dance," remarked the civilian, as he led them into the next room. The boys winked at each other in amusement.

"This is our reading and study room," their host waved to a row of tables. "You're welcome to write letters in here, or browse through these books, or just relax. There's a gymnasium on the top floor above this, where we have exercise rings, mats, bar bells and a boxing ring. It's open any time you can come in, at no cost. You boys just make yourselves at home, and if you want anything, I'll

be around." He retired through a door which led into an inner room; the boys had a glimpse of an office, furnished with desk and files.

They looked about them with appreciation. It was really a cozy and attractive place, furnished well and in good taste. Two or three seamen sat at the tables, reading or writing. They glanced up, but made no effort to speak. Mickey stepped to a chair and dropped into it.

"Sit down, son," he invited, and Tom took a seat alongside him. "Nice place."

"Sure is. Wonder what kind of an outfit it is, and who pays for it all. Maybe it's like the Elks or the Moose, to help people who need it. You want to go take a look at the gym?"

"Not yet. I'd like to know a little more about it before we go making ourselves too free." He leaned over to the nearby bookcase and plucked out a book. "Looks like they've got all kinds of reading material here."

Mickey became engrossed in a chapter about the early days of New Zealand. He had always been fascinated by history, and he learned that this little country had had some stirring pioneer times. Tom sauntered along the shelves, reading titles and occasionally pulling out a book to glance through it. There were fiction and history, literature and civics, newspapers and magazines.

A man entered the room. It was Mr. Mallinger, bearing down upon them with beaming face and open hand. He was a short, ruddy man, who wore a continual air of befuddlement which was faintly comical.

"Well, well, well! You did find us, eh? Glad to see you both here—this must be Tom, isn't it? Glad to meet you, sir! Mickey told me about you. Hope you're finding entertainment? This is a rather quiet time of day, but at least the facilities of the Club are always available."

"We're doing all right, Mr. Mallinger. Just dropped in before going on watch to see what kind of place you have. It's very nice, but we're not likely to be in town long enough to make much use of it."

"Glad you think it's all right! We like to have young fellows drop in. And as for not being here long, I believe Mr. Brown can give you introductions to other clubs like this in other cities."

The boys were puzzled. "You mean this is not just a private club, but an association, or something like that?"

"That's right, absolutely! But Mr. Brown can tell you more about that later; don't understand it too well myself. Have you seen all of the Club?"

"No; we came right in here."

"Well, come on, come on! I'll give you a look around." Maintaining a steady flow of talk, he led the way out of the room like a busy mother hen clucking to her chicks to follow her. For the next half hour, Mickey and

Tom, trailing throughout the rooms and halls of the building, saw a complete outlay of utilities meant to afford comfort and amusement to Club members and guests. There were lockers and showers, and bunkrooms where men could rest overnight. There was a back entrance which Mr. Mallinger explained was for the use of tradesmen and vendors. The building was not extremely large, but the most possible use was made of every square foot of space, without reaching the point of appearing crowded. The sailors decided it was quite an attractive place, and thanked their host cordially for having invited them.

"Nothing, nothing at all, young friends; nothing at all. Glad to have you here. Come back as often as you like, and bring your buddies along, if you care to. Always glad to see the young folks here."

The two friends left as the time approached for them to go on patrol again. They felt that it had been a pleasant afternoon. Thus, they were not at all prepared for Moitle's reaction when they stopped in at the Grill for a bite of supper. The girl smiled at them from a nearby table, and in a moment came over to take their order.

"Special tonight is the beef pie, at two and ten," she announced.

Mickey assumed an air of vast surprise.

"Only two and ten!" he marvelled. "Think of that! Why, back in the States that'd cost at least a half a crown."

Tom grinned. "All right, Winston Churchill. You still don't know a ha'penny from a sovereign, so quit showing off."

The boys gave their orders. As the waitress was about to leave, Mickey remarked, "I was talking to your father awhile ago."

Moitle looked up quickly and, it seemed, anxiously. "Where did you see him?" she asked.

"Why, at his Club," Mickey replied. "He invited me out there while I was talking to him at your home last night."

"He did?" She seemed upset and bit her lip while she peered closely at the sailor. "Did he—did he tell you about the Club?"

"No. Nothing in particular. Say! yes, he started to, but didn't finish. What kind of outfit is it, anyhow, that has branches in other cities?"

She leaned over the table to fuss nervously with napkin and silver. "Oh, it's not so much. I don't think you'd like it. I've told father not to bother anyone, but he's been so strange since mother died. Lately he's been unable to get a job, on account of his age, and he was feeling lonely and unwanted. They promised to get him a good position, but never did."

(To Be Continued)

We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union
By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

INTRODUCTION

As the year 1953 comes to a close, Mrs. Clarence Peters' article on "Helping Hands" brings a special challenge to our women as we begin the year 1954 in continued service to God.

Being worthy Christian women in our churches has a broader implication than many may realize. Most of us think of our work in the local women's societies, and our seven goals on our chart as the full extent of our Woman's Union work. Introducing conference presidents has brought to light the outreach of our work.

Women work in their church in practically every channel of service. Women teach in the Bible Schools. Women sponsor Junior societies and Girls' Guilds. Women teach in the Vacation Bible Schools. Women are often counselors to the BYF groups. Women send goodies to the men in service and to the church youth away at school. Women work on the Church House Committee. Women are church deaconesses. Women sing in choirs and choruses, and women are the Marthas so necessary to the kitchen of every church. For these and all the other avenues of services may we again dedicate our "Helping Hands" to God in 1954.

Today the last of our nine conference Woman's Union presidents greets you through the page, "We the Women." Knowing that she was eligible for re-election, as president of the Woman's Union of the Southwestern Conference last summer her introduction was temporarily withheld. During the year 1953 all nine of your local conference presidents have been introduced to you through their pictures and their inspiring messages.

MRS. CLARENCE PETERS

Mrs. Clarence Peters is not a native of Lorraine, Kans., but she went to Lorraine as a teacher in 1929. After teaching two years, she married and reared her three children there. Claire, the oldest, is a Junior at Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas. Wendell is 15, and June is 13. Mrs. Peters graduated from Ottawa University, a Baptist school.

Having been reared in a Christian home, Mrs. Peters has always found a place of service in teaching a Sunday School class, or in a Sunday School department. She has worked in the Vacation Bible School, and has served in the women's organizations of her church. She has a brother who is a Baptist minister in Simpson, Kansas.



Mrs. Clarence Peters of Lorraine, Kansas

Her grandparents were pioneers in Kansas in 1871. They helped build and establish a church on their own land.

Modesty is one of Mrs. Peters' virtues. In spite of her known ability she writes, "I just haven't done anything noteworthy to mention. I do not know by what virtue I become president of this wonderful group." She thought her conference should elect someone to take her place but she adds, "I have been re-elected and I'll do my best with the help of the Power higher than I." She wrote of the fine conference in Stafford, Kans., as follows: "We did enjoy Mrs. Walter Stein. She is a wonderful person." Mrs. Stein represented our Woman's Union at the Southwestern Conference.

Four years ago Mrs. Peters was again pressed into teaching in Lorraine. She teaches Home Economics and Chemistry. Over a year ago Mrs. Peters' husband, a merchant in Lorraine, was suddenly taken from his wife and family. He too had been a member of the church in Lorraine, Kansas. The Christian fortitude necessary to carry on the duties of a home, of teaching, of the local church and of the work of the Woman's Union of the Southwestern Conference has been Mrs. Clarence Peters' portion. Her article on, "Helping Hands" becomes more meaningful because she practices it with her courage and Christian zeal.

Officers who are serving in the Southwestern Conference with Mrs. Peters are: 1st vice-president, Mrs. George Neubert, Beatrice, Neb.; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. Fred Meyer, La

Salle, Colo.; secretary, Mrs. Alex Priebe, Okeene, Okla.; and treasurer, Mrs. David Zimmerman, Durham, Kansas.

HELPING HANDS

By MRS. CLARENCE PETERS

As I greet you in behalf of the women of the Southwestern Conference, I am thinking of our annual conference Woman's Missionary Union luncheon meeting last summer in Stafford, Kansas. The theme of the program was "Helping Hands." That theme, in its simplicity, expresses eloquently the spirit of our women's work, in our conference, in our denomination—yes, and among all Christian women.

There are so many things our hands can and must do. As a national Woman's Missionary Union we have set up seven goals. These goals make tremendous demands upon our hands:

Our hands must be "Praying hands" if we are to attain our goal in our spiritual life. We must lift our hands and hearts in prayer individually, in our family group, as a society, and with the women of the world as on the World's Day of Prayer and the more recently added Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.

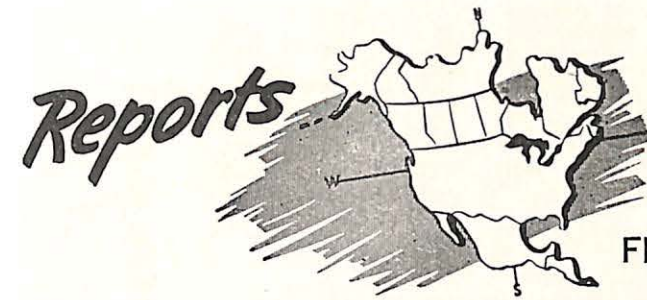
Our hands much reach even across oceans to uphold the hands of our workers in the mission fields. To do this we must learn of their work, their problems and needs through our Missionary Education Department. We meet those needs by rolling bandages, folding packs, stitching clothing, and packing boxes in our White Cross work. We study about them in our periodicals, books, our "Broadcast," and by using information from the Program Packets.

Our hands must be "clasped hands" binding all of us together in Christian love and in unified denominational cooperation.

Our hands must be "giving hands." Increasing personal sacrifice and self-denial may be necessary if we are to attain the goal of our three missionary projects.

Our hands must be open welcoming hands, warm in Christian friendliness. We are to show neighborliness by giving practical aid and spiritual comfort to those within or without our own church or race who are lonely, in trouble, or in need—visiting the sick and those in prison. It is for us to give a helping hand to immigrants making their new homes among us.

These are the goals which we have set for our hands. Let us not be slovenly in working toward them in the new year before us, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might." All this we must do, not forgetting our roles as Christian mothers, wives, and keepers of the hearthstone. "And let the beauty of the Lord be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands, yea, the work of our hands establish thou it" (Psalm 90:17).



FROM THE FIELD

Southwestern Conference

Harvest and Mission Festival at Bessie, Oklahoma, With Dr. J. Leypoldt Guest Speaker

On Sunday, November 15, we of the First Baptist Church of Bessie, Okla., celebrated our annual Harvest and Mission Festival, with Dr. John Leypoldt, interim promotional secretary for our denomination, as guest speaker. We had three very well attended services, with members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., and the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Okla., joining us in the afternoon service and evening.

After a short Sunday School session in the morning, the Sunday School presented a half hour program, which was well rendered under the direction of our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Adolf Kosanke, and the Sunday School teachers. For the morning worship service Dr. Leypoldt brought an inspiring message on the theme, "The Farmer, The Lord, And You."

During the afternoon Dr. Leypoldt spoke on "The Christian Influence," and in the evening he gave us an overall picture of our denominational work, which was very informative as well as inspiring to all.

After the afternoon service the Woman's Missionary Union prepared a delicious fellowship supper, enjoyed by all, plus a day of unspeakable blessings. The offerings for the day amounted to over \$148, which were designated for missions. Our people have been giving generously during the year, despite the poor crops, and the Lord has been good to us. We do not deserve it, yet it is all because of his grace and for the love of the greatest of all gifts, who is our precious Lord Jesus Christ.

Jacob Ehman, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Baptismal Service, Harvest Program and Bible Conference at Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon

The last few months have brought a variety of blessings to the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Oregon. A baptismal service was held on September 27th in connection with the Sunday School Rally Day and Promotion. Six converts, five children and one adult, were baptized by the pastor, the Rev. Rudolph Woyke.

Considerable interest was shown in the series of revival sermons preached by the pastor during September and October. The series closed with a message on giving. Tithing enlistment cards were distributed and on the following three Sundays fifteen cards were filled out and placed on the offering plates by members of the church.

For the first time in many years a Harvest and Mission program was held at the Bethel Church. This program was held on November 8th and was presented by the children of the Sunday School. The platform was beautifully decorated with many samples of our 1953 harvest. The following day a truck-load of produce, which had been displayed at the program, was taken to the Home for the Aged in Portland.

In November a Bible Conference was held at our church with Dr. Earl S. Kalland, president of the Western Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary of Portland, bringing expositions of the Epistle to the Hebrews. His theme for the Bible lectures was, "How God Solves Life's Problems." The messages were an inspiration and encouragement to all.

Rudolph Woyke, Pastor.

Revival Meetings and Building Project at Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana

Revival meetings were held from November 5 to 15 at the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana. As guest speaker we were privileged in having the Rev. G. G. Rauser of Lodi, California. The church was filled each night as he poured out his heart for the cause of Christ. Bible stories were given for the children, which were also enjoyed by the older ones. There was special music each night, too. The Lord has given us many talented young people in our church, and they are using this talent for his honor and glory. We not only rejoice in the fact that there were those who accepted him as their Savior in the meetings, but also that each Christian was drawn closer to him.

On the first Sunday of the revival campaign we had our annual Mission and Harvest Festival. The church was decorated with fruits, vegetables and fall flowers. The offering taken, which amounted to \$685.46, goes to missions.

There was a dedication service for the new basement addition to our church. To see more room for our Sunday School has been the hopes and prayers of many. Six big classrooms now take the place of the

crowded conditions which existed before. The size of the new addition is 34 by 40 feet. The total cost was \$4066.24. The greater part of the labor was donated by our own church members. The Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, was guest speaker for the day.

We as a church are busy with our new project, buying a new electric organ for the church. Money has been raised in different ways, and there have also been many donations. The cost of an organ runs over \$2600 and we now have \$1009. We hope to get it soon because it will add much more in the church.

We are sorry to report that we are losing our dear pastor and his wife. Due to the health of Mrs. Schroeder, the Rev. G. P. Schroeder has put in his resignation. We as a church appreciate all that he has done. There was never anyone or anything too small that he didn't concern himself with them. He wasn't afraid to tackle what seemed impossible to some of us either. We know that the Lord has blessed both of them in their work, and we pray, that he will continue to bless them whenever they might serve him together.

Mrs. Richard D. Schmutz, Reporter.

Thanksgiving Festival and Renewed Missionary Work at Osoyoos, Brit. Columbia, Canada

Even though the mission work in Osoyoos, B. C., Canada, blossomed with great promise a few years ago, our numbers have been greatly reduced by varying circumstances such as moving to different parts and poor crops and the death of several friends.

With his warm-hearted interest in our small group, the Rev. A. Kujath of Kelowna, B. C., served us faithfully once a month for six years, ever encouraging us to go forward and to trust in the Lord. During the past year our number has been increased by fellow-Christians and by people who have emigrated from Europe.

We have a Sunday School service regularly every Sunday morning and have started a Bible Study Hour once a week. At the special request of the congregation, the Rev. A. Kujath, who is now retired, was accompanied by the Rev. A. Kraemer, also a retired pastor, to be our guests at our Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, November 8. Mr. Kujath presided over the Lord's Supper after the morning worship and all were stirred as the Holy Spirit moved among us.

In the afternoon, the small church was filled to capacity by guests and friends for our Thanksgiving Festival. The Sunday School class gave the introduction and the Rev. A. Kraemer brought a reverent and inspiring Thanksgiving message, after which we had an offering which amounted to \$72.25.

Thanks be to the Lord for his great and wondrous blessings upon us in the last year! May he ever be near and guide us and keep us in future!

Freda Gaal, Sunday School Sec.

Northwestern Conference

First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, Welcomes the Rev. and Mrs. H. John Vanderbeck

The First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, was the scene of a happy occasion on Sunday evening, Nov. 15, at a reception in honor of our new pastor and family, the Rev. and Mrs. John Vanderbeck and little daughter, Kathy.

Mr. Carl Hackmann, senior deacon, presided and the following program was given: Scriptures, Mr. F. C. Muehlethaler; prayer by Mr. Fred Schaer; welcome from the church, Mr. O. W. Krueger; words of welcome from the various organizations, such

Guests in addition to the Sumner congregation were Mrs. Vanderbeck's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Glewwe of St. Paul, Minnesota. Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter.

Sessions of Iowa Association at Aplington Baptist Church With Theme on Prayer

The Iowa Association of North American Baptist churches convened with the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, from October 19 to 21. The theme was "Teach Us to Pray" (Luke 11:1).

Monday evening the first service was held with the Rev. Alvin Wetter of Victor, moderator of the Association, leading the singing. We were welcomed to Aplington by the host pastor, the Rev. Frank Veninga. The

then brought a discussion of "Public Prayer." We enjoyed a special number by a "Pastors' Wives Trio" composed of Mrs. Fred Mashner, Mrs. Fred Lower and Mrs. Frank Veninga. The Rev. John Walkup closed the afternoon sessions with a message on "The Place of Private Prayer."

The evening service was conducted by the Iowa CBY with Miss Marilyn Junker of Parkersburg, president, leading. A girls trio composed of Alice Frerichs, Patty Luiken and Bonnie Pierson from Steamboat Rock sang. Gay Schaeffer of Sheffield read the Scripture passage and George Thorne of Parkersburg led in prayer and the combined choirs of Aplington and Parkersburg young people sang. An offering of \$166 was received for the Banso Hospital which is the young people's mission project for this year. Dr. Lang brought the message on the subject, "What Do I Get?" A "Sing-spiration" and social time followed the service. On Wednesday, Oct. 21, devotions were led by Mr. Harry Luiken of Steamboat Rock who brought a study of 1 Tim. 2:1-8.

Later on Wednesday morning the Rev. Wolfgang Gerthe spoke on "Problems of Prayer" discussing unanswered prayer and hindrance to prayer. The Rev. Alvin Wetter sang a solo and Mr. and Mrs. Harm Sherman brought a duet entitled, "At the Place of Prayer." Dr. Lang spoke briefly about the work of the Seminary and then brought his closing message on "The Power and the Possibilities of Prayer."

In the afternoon the Woman's Missionary Union had charge of the service and held their business meeting. Dr. Leslie Chaffee was the speaker.

F. Y. Lower, Secretary.

Atlantic Conference

Special Activities by the Baptist Young People's Fellowship, New York and Vicinity

On Tuesday, November 17, 1953, one hundred-fifty members of the Baptist Young People's Fellowship of New York and Vicinity attended the film entitled, "Martin Luther," at the Guild Theatre in New York City. Everyone that attended was inspired anew to work more diligently for our Master, Jesus Christ. The life of Martin Luther as portrayed in this film is a real challenge for every Christian.

The Rev. Paul Wengel, pastor of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, arranged all the details regarding the purchase and distribution of the tickets. After the film the entire group gathered in a nearby restaurant for an hour of fellowship and refreshments. These details were taken care of by Mr. Victor Prendinger of the Second Church of Union City, New Jersey.

Our annual Election Night Concert was held at the Second German Baptist Church of New York City. The program consisted of musical selections rendered by our own young people. The offering was designated for missionary endeavors.

Joan Marklein, Reporter.



Miss Ruth C. Doescher, former church missionary, and the Middleton brothers (Bill, Russ, Harold and Don) during the 110th anniversary festivities of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

as Sunday School, Mr. Abe Habeger; CBY, Mr. Paul Hackmann; Woman's Mission Society, Mrs. A. W. Krueger; and Tabitha Society, Mrs. Lester Wenger. The Rev. Fred Mashner spoke in behalf of the First Baptist Church of Sumner, welcoming the Vanderbecks into a cooperative fellowship between the two churches.

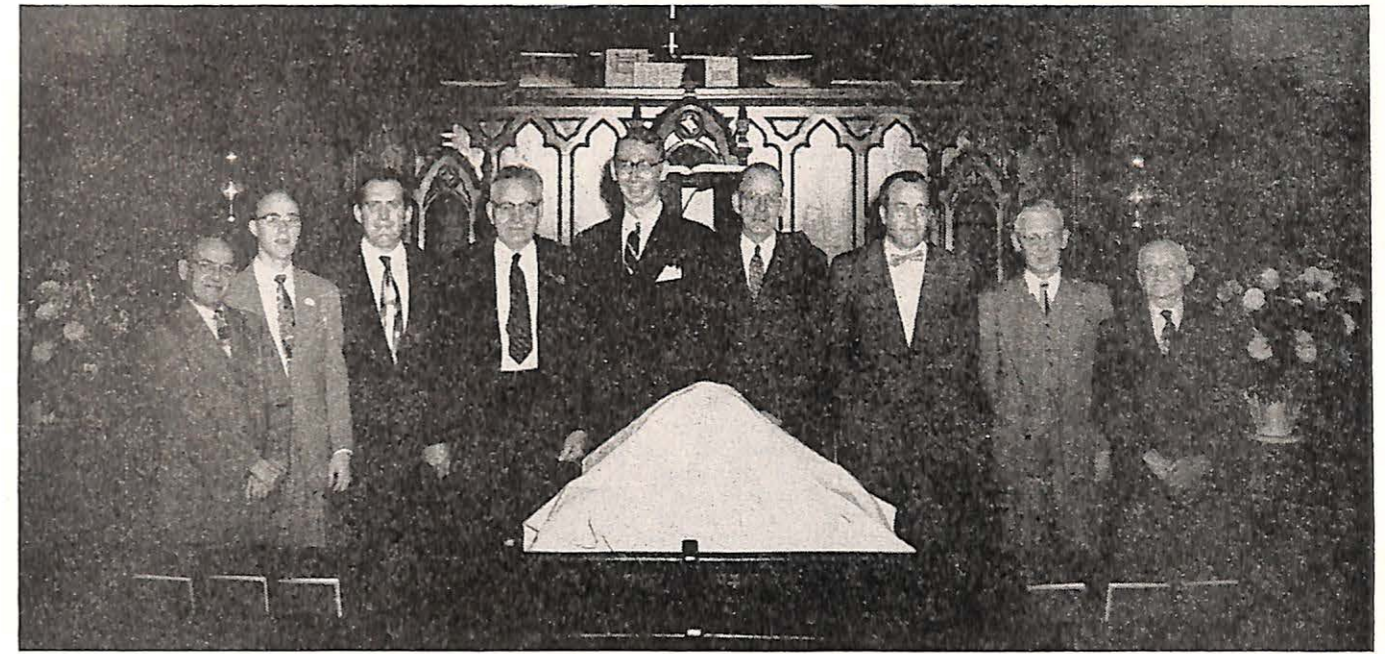
Musical numbers included songs by the Primary Department, Junior and Senior Choirs, male chorus, and boys' trio, composed of Wendell Baechler, Paul Hackmann, and Leland Probert. Mrs. Guy Probert read appropriate poems. A beautiful bouquet of chrysanthemums was presented by Mrs. F. C. Muehlethaler.

Responses were given by the Rev. and Mrs. John Vanderbeck who thanked the church for the evening service and also for the pantry shower that awaited them at the parsonage upon their arrival in Elgin. Refreshments were served at tables decorated in the Thanksgiving theme.

Aplington Junior Choir under the direction of Mrs. Frank Veninga sang several numbers, thrilling the audience with their new robes, happy faces and sweet voices. Dr. George A. Lang, president of our North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought greetings from the Seminary and gave the opening message on prayer.

Tuesday, October 20, the day began with devotions led by Mr. Martin Potratz of Sumner. At the business session, elections proceeded as follows: vice-moderator, Rev. John Walkup; secretary, Rev. Ronald MacCormack; treasurer, Mr. L. G. Johnson. At 10:30 A.M. Dr. Lang spoke on "Points of Prayer" discussing adoration and confession. After a brief recess the Rev. Ronald MacCormack continued the discussion presenting supplication and thanksgiving.

At 2:00 P.M. Mr. R. H. Mulder of Parkersburg spoke on "Lethargy in our National Prayer Life." Dr. Lang



The Rev. Peter Kemper, pastor (center), and deacons of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., at 110th anniversary communion service

Left to right: Frank Kuenne, Russ Middleton, Raymond Noll, Reinhold Gewiss, Rev. Peter Kemper, Joe Ken, William Pfisterer, Gustav Straub (chairman, board of deacons) and John Steinbronn, honorary deacon

Fleischmann Memorial, Philadelphia, Pa., Celebrates Its 110th Anniversary With Festive Services

The Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., celebrated its 110th anniversary from October 28 to November 1 with a series of special services emphasizing the church's ministry.

On Wednesday, October 28, Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, medical missionary to the Cameroons, was welcomed as our speaker. His message, along with colored slide pictures, made us feel the vital importance of the Lord's work in the mission fields abroad. The Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia united with us for this opening service.

A fellowship banquet on Thursday, October 29, was a time of renewing acquaintances and enjoying Christian fellowship. A question and answer session under the direction of Dr. Chaffee brought to light many facts that are not fully understood or realized by the people in this country. Dr. Chaffee thanked the members of Fleischmann Memorial and Pilgrim churches for their prayers and support. His parting thought was for the people of both churches to write and keep in contact with the missionary on the field by correspondence. Letters from home are always welcomed because they let the missionaries know that the folks back home have a keen interest in their work.

Community night on Friday, October 30, was celebrated with two outstanding speakers. Dr. Norman H. Maring, professor of church history at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, brought a message which concerned the foundation of the church and its challenge today and which made a great impression on us all. The second speaker was none other than our own Miss Ruth C. Doescher, former church worker and missionary. Miss

Doescher's presence throughout the week filled our hearts with gladness and her message on the value of time made everyone feel the importance of using their time to the glory of the Lord and his work.

On Sunday morning our pastor, the Rev. Peter M. Kemper, brought a challenging message, "Lengthen and Strengthen," prior to the observance of the Lord's Supper. The Holy Spirit manifested himself in an unusual way throughout the entire service. Many former members of the church were

present for this communion service.

On Sunday evening a group of young women, all members of time young young peoples' group, presented a play, "The Challenge of the Cross," under the direction of the pastor's wife. The inspiring presentation was a fitting climax for the 110th anniversary, because the challenge of the past is as important today as it was yesterday. The church will grow as it accepts continually the challenge of the Cross of Jesus Christ!

Gus Essman, Reporter.



The Thursday evening congregation during the 110th anniversary festivities of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., with Mr. George Steinbronn, chairman of the board of trustees (right), leading the singing, and Dr. Leslie Chaffee, guest speaker, left (foreground). Pictures on pages 18 and 19 by Mr. Raymond Noll

Ridgewood Baptist Sunday School of Brooklyn, N. Y., Celebrates its Centenary Jubilee

On Friday, October 30th, and Sunday, Nov. 1st, the Ridgewood Baptist Sunday School of Brooklyn, N. Y., celebrated its 100th anniversary. The church will not be one hundred years old until next year. The work in old Williamsburg, L. I., began before there was a church. Out of it and around it the church emerged and was organized.

Jeremias Grimmell, who himself had suffered persecution on account of his convictions in Marburg, Germany, began to gather children for Christian instruction soon after he and his family came to America. This work was blessed by God and continued to prosper even though the Grimmell family moved to Wilmington, Del., several years later. It is interesting to note that, when in 1872 the church needed a pastor it should have called the son, the Rev. Julius C. Grimmell, who had graduated from the German Seminary at Rochester, New York.

During those early years, but especially during the ministry of Rev. J. C. Grimmell, the Sunday School and church prospered. The educational and evangelistic emphasis was so strong that, not only was the Sunday School work well organized and conducted, but mission Sunday Schools were organized at various places and times. The moving figures, of course, were the pastors and Miss Augusta Seils, who served the church as missionary for 15 years. She is still remembered with love by older members, and her name is held in high esteem.

When in the beginning of the century the complexion of Old Williamsburg changed and the members moved out, the first moves were made to transplant the church. The Williamsburg Bridge, that connected Williamsburg with East Side, Manhattan, was

pertinently dubbed "THE JEWISH PASSOVER." Thus, in 1924, under the leadership of the Rev. Paul Wengel, the church was moved to Ridgewood.

Here a new church edifice was built that today could not be replaced with \$150,000. Here an energetic Christian educational program was inaugurated under the direction of Miss Alethea S. Kose, who at that time had just graduated from Columbia Teachers College. She was by training and characteristic peculiarly fitted to do this work. The Sunday School grew, and intensive teaching in Week-Day Schools, Vacation Schools and Leadership Training were carried on.

The present school is led by our superintendent, Mr. Frank C. Arnold, who is the principal of one of the large metropolitan Junior High Schools. Mr. Gustave Goecke is the assistant superintendent. The enrollment of the school is now 125, with an average attendance of well over hundred.

On Sunday, November 1st, at our regular Sunday School session we were honored by the presence of our denominational representative, the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., who spoke to the children and teachers earnestly and yet graciously. Mr. Gunst also brought a very appropriate message in connection with aims and progress of the Sunday School at the family worship service from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., which was in charge of our pastor, the Rev. Paul Wengel.

In the afternoon a host of former members of the church and Sunday School and friends from near and far joined in the celebration. There was a place in the program for remarks by former superintendents and teachers. Mr. Luening recalled his term as superintendent. Mr. Emil Lepke spoke about his experiences during many years as superintendent. Miss Helen

Grimmell, daughter of the Rev. J. C. Grimmell, reminisced of bygone Sunday School days. The family of a faithful former superintendent, Mr. Charles Schuster, was greeted. The pastors of our sister churches, Rev. John Schmidt and Rev. Robert Zimbelman, added their felicitations. Mr. Gunst congratulated our present superintendent, Mr. F. C. Arnold, on his outstanding service in the Sunday School and denomination. Miss Marcia Arnold favored us with a beautiful vocal solo.

Mr. J. C. Lotz, who has been an active worker for more than 60 years, compiled a comprehensive history of the Sunday School. A pageant was presented depicting the highlights of this history.

At the conclusion of the formal program refreshments were served downstairs and a time of fellowship was enjoyed. A popular feature was the display of old photographs arranged on tables with write-ups under the pictures. Mr. J. C. Lotz was in charge of his exhibit and described the people and occasions the pictures portrayed.

Marion von Ahnen, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Spiritual Life Meetings and Farewell for Pastor, Rev. L. Bienert, at Cathay, North Dakota

From Oct. 26 to Nov. 8 the Cathay Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak., conducted two weeks of "Spiritual Life" meetings. The pastor, the Rev. Lawrence Bienert, had charge of the first week speaking on "Practical Methods of Soul Winning." The Rev. Carl Weisser of Carington, N. Dak., concluded the campaign and his inspirational messages were greatly appreciated.

Central Conference

Eleventh Annual Missionary Conference by the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

The 11th annual Missionary Conference of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., opened on Wednesday evening, Nov. 4, and continued through Sunday, Nov. 8. Our church has long been a mission minded church, and with each such conference and the inspiring messages delivered to us, our minds and hearts are challenged anew to the great needs in the regions beyond.

Our missionary guests included the Rev. Richard Schilke and Dr. Leslie Chaffee of our North American Baptist Conference; Rev. John Cook from the Unevangelized Field Mission, Dominican Republic; Mrs. Paul Schomling of the Slavik Gospel Association, Alaska; and Rev. John Vander Schie of the Sudan Interior Mission, Africa.

Last minute revisions in the program became necessary due to the sudden illness of Rev. John Sergey, secretary of the World Fellowship of Slavik Evangelical Christians. The Rev. R. Schilke delivered the opening address and spoke to us again on Sunday morning. The Thursday evening speaker was the Rev. John Cook, and on Friday evening, Mrs. Schomling.

On Saturday morning a breakfast was served, followed by a Round Table Discussion presided over by our pastor, Dr. Dale Ihrie. On Saturday evening 200 people attended a ban-

quet with the mission theme being carried out in the table decorations.

Dr. Chaffee was the speaker following the dinner, and his message was followed with pictures by Mr. Schilke. Both of these speakers showed pictures to the young people at their Sunday evening meeting. An inspiring address on Sunday evening by Rev. Vander Schie brought to a close another memorable time of rich spiritual blessing.

Marion Ernst, Reporter.

Omicron Class Tea for Ruby Salzman, Missionary, at Forest Park, Illinois

The Omicron Class of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Illinois, held its annual tea on Sunday afternoon, November 8, in honor of Miss Ruby Salzman, missionary to the Cameroons. There were about 150 women present to enjoy the program planned by the capable program committee, consisting of Mrs. Clare Eberts and Mrs. Gerhardt Koch.

The program consisted, as usual, primarily of musical numbers. Miss Esther Wuttke favored the group with a piano solo. Mrs. Eberts, chairman, extended the welcome greetings to all present. Devotions were led by Mrs. Richard Bennett. There were several choral selections by the young girls' chorus of the church, directed by Mrs. Rubin Kern and accompanied by Miss Louanne Fuchs at the piano. Evelyn Woodrich paid tribute to Ruby Salzman with a reading and also showed some slides of Ruby's field of service in Africa in our Cameroons Mission.

I Found Him in My Heart

A Poem by DR. H. VON BERGE of Dayton, Ohio

I sought him in his temple,
Amid the festive throng
Assembled there to worship
In prayer and holy song.
But not in any hallowed shrine,
Or pillared dome of man's design:
The God I sought, my Lord divine,
I found him in my heart.

I sought him in the silence
Of the eternal hills,
Where dawn's resplendent glory
The vast horizon fills.
Oft in the stillness of the night
I sought him in the starry height;
But oh, the rapture and delight,
I found him in my heart!

Some day in yonder mansions
Prepared for all his own,
I know I shall behold him
In glory on his throne.
Let heav'n and earth then pass way,
Yet all through God's eternal day
He still, forever and for aye,
Shall dwell within my heart.

H. von Berge

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The Ridgewood Baptist Sunday School of Ridgewood, New York, on the occasion of its Centenary Jubilee Sunday with the Beginners' and Primary Departments not represented. The Rev. Paul Wengel pastor, is at the left, and Mr. Frank C. Arnold, Sunday School superintendent, at the right

Obituary

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

MRS. HAROLD KOTH
of Driscoll, North Dakota.

Mrs. Harold Koth, nee Triebwasser, of Driscoll, N. Dak., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Triebwasser of Emery, was born Dec. 10, 1910 and died of cancer at her

The officers of the Woman's Missionary Union of the North American Baptists were special guests at this occasion and were introduced by the class president, Miss Mary Leypoldt. As each officer was introduced she was presented with a yellow chrysanthemum corsage except the president, Mrs. Walter Grosser, also the wonderful teacher of the Omicron Class, who was given an orchid in honor of her position.

Following the introduction of the Executive Committee, the other representatives who had been to the North American Women's Union of the Baptist World Alliance in Columbus, Ohio, were added to the group. They were: Mrs. J. C. Gunst, Mrs. M. L. Leuschner, Mrs. W. L. Schoeffel, Miss Gretchen Remmler, Mrs. Robert Krogman, Mrs. Otto Safran and Miss Mary Maibaum. Only Mrs. Paul F. Zoschke of Cleveland was unable to attend. With Sister Eva in the group the Columbus delegation sang both an English and a German number directed by Mrs. Albert F. Reddig and with Mrs. O. G. Graalman at the piano. The musical talent in this group was apparent.

Mrs. Walter Grosser introduced our speaker for the afternoon, Sister Eva Hertzner of the Baptist Bethel Deaconess Home of Berlin, Germany. She was presented with a white pom pom corsage. She carried it for ethical reasons. Deaconess Sisters do not, as a rule, wear flowers on their uniforms. She quoted as a second reason a little German rhyme that a girl wearing flowers on her bosom may be kissed without being asked. Sister Eva gave a stirring message of work that has been done in Germany.

An offering was taken and the money received will go to Ruby Salzman to help carry on her missionary work in Africa. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Edwin Maxant, Mrs. Ralph Miller, Mrs. Arthur Rappuhn, Mrs. Richard Bennett, Mrs. Kenneth Brogdon, Miss Evelyn Woodrich and Mrs. George Brown.

The Omicron Class consists of a group of young women who meet for Bible study each Sunday morning during the Sunday School hour, and again for their monthly social gatherings in the homes of the members. The Tea is given annually in honor of Ruby. The Class also remembers her with cards, letters and a gift during the year. The Class name is Iota Omicron Psi—JOY. "Jesus first, others next and yourself last."

Alzada Seils Homko, Secretary.

The church reluctantly accepted the resignation of our good pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence Bienert. Though we keenly feel our loss, we give them our very best wishes and blessings as they go to a wider field of service. A farewell fellowship supper was held in their honor on Sunday evening, Nov. 22. Several gifts of appreciation were presented to them.

Mrs. Eldon Leitner, Reporter.

Southern Conference

34th Anniversary Program by Woman's Missionary Society, Central Church, Waco, Texas

On Wednesday evening, November 18th, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, observed its 34th anniversary by presenting a fine program. After a devotional period led by Mrs. J. J. Lippert, our capable and beloved president, Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz, extended a hearty welcome to a large audience. She gave special recognition to the charter members who attended, namely, Mrs. Fritz Doye, Mrs. Mary Koller and Mrs. Fred Stoermer, Sr.

A ladies' quartet composed of Mrs. Herbert Stobbe, Mrs. John Massirer, Betty Thomson and Mary Lou Hoeffner sang "Has the Lord Called You?" The missionary playlet, "Standing By," with a cast of 18 characters and directed by Mrs. Chas. Marsteller, Jr., was well presented. The offering for our National Project amounted to \$85.00.

The reports of the secretary and treasurer revealed the fact that we were able to render many needed and valuable services. At the beginning of our conference year we adopted our national theme, "The Love of Christ Constraineth Us," and with this theme as a challenge we promoted some worthy project each month. Five of our monthly meetings were devoted to White Cross work, at which time we sewed sheets and hospital jackets and rolled bandages and collected many needy items to be sent to Africa. We were especially happy to report that eight new members were received during the year.

Our hearts are filled with thanks to our heavenly Father for this privilege of serving him, and our prayer is that we may continue to be laborers together with him.

Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht, Secretary.

Northern Conference

Evangelistic Services at McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Man., With Rev. H. Pfeifer, Evangelist

We, at the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., are thankful for the opportunities we have in furthering God's work. Although we held evangelistic meetings in the German language, we were also privileged to have the Rev. Henry Pfeifer from the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alta., in our midst from October



Ministers present at the reception for the Rev. Arthur Pohl at the Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

Left to right: Rev. Arthur Pohl, pastor; Rev. E. Hornbacher, Rev. O. R. Schmidt, Rev. E. P. Wahl and Rev. H. Pfeifer

26 to November 6 conducting revival meetings in the English language.

The musical portion, consisting of solos, duets, trios, quartets and choir numbers, served to beautify the spirit of the service and Mr. Pfeifer's unusual method of presenting the Gospel on Felt-o-scene attracted a large number of people. By this medium, together with his soul-stirring messages, a vivid impression was left on every mind and heart. His appeal to accept Christ now as personal Savior was quickly responded to and we thank God for the thirteen persons who have made confession of their acceptance of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray that God will continue to work mightily in our midst and that the Christians, who were revived during these meetings, will be truly on fire for their Lord and Master. Dr. C. H. Seecamp is the pastor of our church.

Miss A. Redlich, Reporter.

Reception by the Lauderdale Church, Edmonton, Alberta, for Rev. Arthur Pohl and Family

The members and friends of the Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., were happy to welcome their new pastor in the person of the Rev. Arthur Pohl from Forestburg, Alta. (formerly pastor of the Einbeck Church in Germany), who began his ministry here on October 1st. As for special occasions, our church for quite some time proved to be much too small. We were sorry that we could not give a general invitation to the other churches for the reception meeting on October 11.

Warm-hearted were the welcoming words of the different representatives of the church and its branches, and as hearty and impressive was the message by the Rev. H. Pfeifer, who greeted the new pastor not only in his own name but at the same time in that of the Central Church and of the mission committee of the Northern Conference. We remember the fine way in which he interpreted the word, "Welcome!" The Rev. E. P. Wahl brought words of welcome from the C.T.I. and hoped to see Mr. Pohl also there now and then for an occasional

ministry. In the name of the McKernan Church in the south of our city the Rev. O. R. Schmidt gave a message of welcome, while Rev. E. Hornbacher greeted him in the name of the recently founded Immanuel Church.

We are glad to know that the Rev. Arthur Pohl combines with the faculty of ministering the Word of God in both languages a pastoral experience of many years. I myself have known him for about 26 years and am especially glad to meet him again here in this country in his usual freshness and liveliness. May God bless abundantly pastor and church!

Henry Janssen, Reporter.

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Central Church, Edmonton, Alta.

The anniversary program of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., was held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 4, with Mrs. O. R. Schmidt as guest speaker. She ably portrayed the development of the New Hope Settlement in the Camerouns and emphasized the need of a doctor and the personal support by each one of us in this new leper work. Other features of our program included the dialogue, "A Missionary Clinic," recitations, a duet and several songs by the ladies. The generous offering received will be used for the leper work which is our special project for this year.

Besides White Cross work and sick visitation, our ladies are very active in various church endeavors. At present, we are compiling a cook book, all proceeds of which are to go towards missions. We are having 2000 copies printed and expect them to be ready for sale by the end of January 1954 at one dollar per copy. Anyone wishing a book may contact our president, Mrs. A. Layetzke, in care of Central Baptist Church, Corner 106th Ave. and 96th St., Edmonton, Alta., Canada.

May we by our small efforts be instrumental in helping those less fortunate than ourselves so that souls may be won for the Lord and his Name be glorified!

Marjorie Link, Reporter.

home in Driscoll, N. Dak., on Oct. 8, 1953 at the age of 42 years, 9 months and 28 days. Her father preceded her in death on Sept. 30, 1921.

In February of 1927 she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and in June of that year she was baptized by the Rev. Albert Lang and was accepted into the fellowship of the Plum Creek Baptist Church of which she was a faithful member.

On March 1, 1936 she was united in marriage with Mr. Harold Koth. The Lord blessed this union with five children. In May 1936 they joined the Unityville Baptist Church and later, when they moved to Emery, they joined the First Baptist Church. When they moved to Washburn, N. Dak., they joined the Baptist Church there.

She leaves to mourn, her husband; five children: Jimmy, Gladys, Calvin, Barbara and Sharon, all at home; her mother, Mrs. Lydia Triebwasser of Emery; five brothers: Ed. Dan and Fred of Emery, Dave of Clairinda, Iowa, and John of Centralia, Mo.; four sisters: (Anna) Mrs. Isaac Schrader, (Edna) Mrs. John Olthoff, (Emma) Mrs. Wm. Juhnke, all of Emery, and (Minnie) Mrs. Robert Berndt of Tyndall, S. Dak., besides many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church in Driscoll, N. Dak., with their pastor in charge. Burial was at Driscoll on Monday, October 12.

Emery, South Dakota

THE FAMILY.

MRS. ERNEST KRUEGER of Madison, South Dakota.

Mrs. Laura Adelia Krueger of Madison, S. Dak., was born on November 1, 1878 near North Freedom, Wisconsin. She was the eldest of nine children born to the Rev. and Mrs. Albert Tilgner. In 1896 Mr. Tilgner and his family moved to Madison, South Dakota. In Oct. 1901 she was married to Ernest Krueger in a double marriage with her sister and his brother, Otto E. Krueger.

In 1908 Mr. and Mrs. E. Krueger moved to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where they served sacrificially in connection with Sioux Falls College for 28 years. In 1941 her husband accepted the position of professor of German and custodian of the Seminary building in Rochester, New York. He preceded her in death in 1945. Since that time she has made her home in Madison.

She was always deeply interested in the things of God. She served gladly in various capacities within her church. She was a true Christian mother in her home.

In failing health during the past months, Mrs. Krueger visited her children. While on this trip she suffered a stroke, and quietly passed away on November 6. She is survived by one daughter, three sons, 15 grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters, and by a great host of other relatives and friends.

Dr. G. A. Lang of our Seminary, Dr. R. P. Jeschke of Sioux Falls College, and two former pastors, Rev. D. Fuchs and Professor H. Hiller, assisted the pastor in the memorial service. "For now we see through a glass darkly, but then face to face" (1 Cor. 13:12) served as the basis for the spoken words of comfort.

West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, South Dakota

FRED SCHMIDT, Pastor.

MRS HENRY SELLHORN of Lansing Michigan.

Mrs. Annie Sellhorn, 84, wife of the Rev. Henry Sellhorn, died at the home of her daughter, Mr. Ray Brown, of Lansing, Mich., on Saturday, Nov. 7. She and Mr. Sellhorn came to Lansing from Beaver, Mich., when he retired from the active ministry in 1938. Mr. Sellhorn was pastor of the Holmes Street Baptist Church from 1923 to 1927. Mrs. Sellhorn also served faithfully alongside her husband in the following pastorates: Canton, Ohio; Elgin, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; and Akron, Ohio.

Surviving are the husband; two sons: Raymond and Benjamin of Lansing, Mich.; three daughters: Mrs. Frank Marshall of Lakemore, Ohio; Mrs. Fred Armbruster of Midland, Mich.; and Mrs. Ray Brown of Lansing, Mich.; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from the Holmes Street Baptist Church on Nov. 9, with the local pastor officiating, assisted by the Rev. Henry Hirsch of Beaver, Mich.; Rev. Elmer Marquardt and Rev. James Dotson of Lansing, Michigan. The family requested that the male quartet, composed of four deacons, who frequently visited her, sing two of her favorite songs. Mrs. Margie Baier sang, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." The interment was in Deepdale Cemetery in Lansing.

Holmes Street Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan

A. BUHLER, Pastor.

MRS. EMILIA SCHALIN of Nokomis, Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Emilia Schalin, nee Lick, of Nokomis, Sask., Canada, was born at Ludwilkufka, Volhynia, Russia, on July 1, 1884. She was converted in her youth and through baptism added to the Baptist Church at Soroschin, Russia. On March 4, 1904 she was united in wedlock with Julius Schalin, which union was blessed with seven children, one daughter preceding the mother in early childhood. In 1927 she came with her husband and family to Canada. After a year's abode at Nokomis, Sask., they made their home on a farm near Lockwood, Sask., where she also became a member of the Baptist Church. Since 1949 they made their home at Nokomis and she became a member of the Baptist Church here. She was a devoted mother and a faithful helpmeet to her husband, and also a sincere Christian.

Twelve days after she had a minor operation and had seemed to recover, she had a heart attack on Thursday morning, Nov. 12, which brought about her sudden death. She leaves to mourn, her loving husband and six children: Olga at Vancouver, B. C.; Agatha (Mrs. Wm. Schmidt), Lockwood, Sask.; Ewald of Lockwood, Sask.; Tabea (Mrs. E. Wolter), Edmonton, Alta.; Edmund of Milwaukee, Wis.; Reinard of Rochester, N. Y.; eleven grandchildren; three daughters-in-law; two sons-in-law; one sister, Adina Reschke in Germany; two brothers, Reinhold and Dave Lick, St. Catharines, Ont.; and many relatives and friends. The undersigned was in charge of the service and brought words of comfort from 2 Cor. 1:3-4 and John 11:6. A ladies' trio sang several numbers. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Ps. 116:15).

Nokomis, Saskatchewan, Canada

ROBERT JASTER, Pastor.

MISS ESTHER KAPPES of Carbon, Alberta.

Miss Esther Kappes of Carbon, Alta., was born on March 25, 1916, in Ashley, North Dakota. In 1919 she came to Canada with her parents who settled in the Carbon, Alta., district.

She gave her heart to the Lord during the revival meetings held in the Zion Baptist Church in April, 1930 by the Rev. Albert Ittermann. In June 29, 1930, she united with the Carbon Baptist Church.

Fourteen years ago she became ill, but for the first seven and one-half years she was able to care for herself. During the last 6½ years she was bed-ridden and had to be ministered to by others.

She was taken to the Drumheller Hospital on October 24, 1953, where she spent the remaining eleven days of her earthly life. She fell asleep on November 4, 1953 and leaves to mourn her passing: her mother and four sisters: Mrs. Martha Steinbach, Mrs. Ida Reinhardt, Mrs. Anna Gieck and Lena Kappes; also a host of friends and relatives. Her father, one brother and one sister preceded her in death.

The funeral service was conducted on Monday, November 9, in the Zion Baptist Church by the undersigned who brought a brief message in the English language, and by the Rev. Willy Muller of Carbon, Alta., who brought a brief message in the German language. Selections of special music were rendered by the Carbon and Zion churches.

May the Lord comfort and bless those who remain behind!

Zion Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alberta, Canada

WILLIAM EFFA, Pastor.

MRS. MARIE ARNOLD of Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. Marie Arnold, nee Vetter, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was called home to her heavenly reward on Tuesday, November 3, 1953, at the age of 83. She was born in Ludwigs-hafen, Germany, on January 7, 1870. As a young woman she migrated to America and settled in New York City. In 1888 she was married to Henry J. Arnold. This union was blessed with four children, who survive her: one daughter, Mrs. Anna Ram-bikur, and three sons: Henry J., Frank C., and Herbert F. Arnold.

The husband and father of this family died in 1909, leaving Mrs. Arnold with the tremendous responsibility of raising her family alone. One evidence that she discharged her responsibility well is to be seen in the fact that she sent her children to Sunday School or brought them when they were tiny tots. Today one of her sons is chairman of the Board of Trustees and another chairman of the Board of Deacons and superintendent of the Sunday School.

Though Mrs. Arnold had never had another church than the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. (formerly the First German Baptist Church of Williamsburg), she was not baptized on the confession of faith until 1935 by Dr. William E. Mueller. The light that she let shine was never glaring but it was a steady light. A largely attended service led by the Rev. Paul Wengel and the many floral tributes witnessed to Mother Arnold's noble testimony.

Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York

PAUL WENGEL, Pastor.

MR. FRED F. HEITZMANN of Lodi, California.

Mr. Fred F. Heitzmann of Lodi, Calif., was born on April 27, 1866 in Freudenthal, South Russia. In 1888 he came to this country, making his first home in Bridge-water, South Dakota. In 1902 he moved to McClusky, N. Dak., and for the last ten years he lived in Lodi, California. In 1883 he was united in marriage with Regina Heer. This union was blessed with nine children, of whom one died in infancy. This partnership of life was severed through death and consequently in 1939 he joined hands in holy matrimony with Mrs. Julia Pfeiffer, his now bereaved widow.

In 1890 he received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized on profession of his faith and united with the Plum Creek Baptist Church in South Dakota. For many years he served this church as Sunday School superintendent and as teacher and in other capacities in the church life. Since 1943 he was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of Lodi. He loved the house of the Lord and was a good student of the Word of God.

He was well prepared and waiting for his call from the Father in heaven. On Wednesday, Nov. 11, 1953 he passed away in the peace of God. He reached the age of 87 years, 6 months and 14 days. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Julia Pfeiffer Heitzmann; six sons and two daughters: Fred C. Heitzmann, Herbert Heitzmann and Adam Heitzmann, all of McClusky, N. Dak.; Ben Heitzmann of Ashley, N. Dak.; August Heitzmann of Harden, Mont.; and John F. Heitzmann of Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Kate Veitz of McClusky, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Ann Triebwasser of Emery, South Dakota. He also leaves four stepchildren, Otto Pfeiffer of Stockton, Calif., Emil Pfeiffer of Sacramento, Calif., Mrs. Emma Oberg of Bismarck, N. Dak., and Millie Pfeiffer of Los Angeles, California. He also leaves 30 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren and is survived by six sisters: Mrs. Louie Wagner and Mrs. Caroline Berg, both of Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Emma Dolke, Southgate, Calif.; Mrs. Christian Tintow of British Columbia; Mrs. Rose Benskey, Carrington, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Lydia Martin of Bismarck, North Dakota.

The funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist Church of Lodi, the pastor bringing a comforting message on Psalm 17:15. Three sons and one grandson sang, "The Beautiful Land". Mrs. Rauser and Mrs. Emil Martin sang the song, "Home, Sweet Home."

First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

GUSTAVE G. RAUSER, Pastor.

PIONEER EVANGELIST

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ditions in the churches in which he held evangelistic services. Often, very tactfully, he strove for the removal of hindrances. I am glad to add that I have never heard of a pastor who complained of undue interference, but rather I have heard only words of appreciation of his efforts.

Mr. Schwendener was also requested to use his talents in other ways in our churches and denomination. Twice he served as an interim pastor; once in his home church in St. Joseph, Mich., where he served in this capacity for three years. Another time he rendered such a service at the St. Louis Park Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

I served as pastor in both of these churches years later, and I still heard much mention of him in appreciation of the services he rendered, especially in St. Louis, where he guided that church in solving difficult problems. Here in St. Joseph, Mich., both he and his wife, the doctor, were held in the highest possible esteem.

Then about 1908 he was requested by our General Missionary Committee to gather subscriptions for the proposed Jubilee Offering of \$100,000. That was indeed not a small undertaking at that time, but he succeeded in securing the full amount.

At the beginning of this century, the immigration into Brazil, South America, of German settlers had increased greatly. Our General Missionary Committee received requests

to start missionary work among them, inasmuch as there were a number of Baptist families already there. So Mr. Schwendener was sent to Brazil to investigate the possibilities and to report to the committee. It proved to be a very strenuous trip. For days he rode on horseback through the backwoods from settlement to settlement in oppressive heat and in heavy downpours of rain.

Following his report and recommendations, it was decided to take up that work. First, the Rev. Carl Roth went to Brazil as our missionary, later followed by the Rev. J. H. Landenberger. While that work had to undergo severe trials, it is now well established and of commendable size.

The Rev. H. Schwendener must also be given credit for compiling, printing and distributing at his own expense our annual denominational directory (Pocket Edition). After a number of years the General Missionary Committee took over the printing and distribution of it. It is now a publication of the General Council.

In 1920 Mr. Schwendener planned an evangelistic campaign in our churches on the Pacific coast. His family, and I as his pastor, tried our best to persuade him not to undertake it. But he just could not give up the work he loved. It would have been better for several reasons if he had not made that trip, since he came back from it visibly broken in health and spirit.

His last years were spent as under a cloud, for he suffered temporary at-

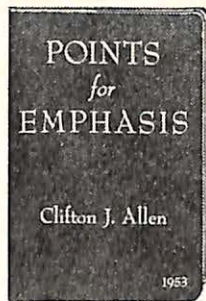
tacks of a kind of amnesia, that would pass within a short time, but which left him in a weakened condition. He was driving his car when one of these attacks befell him and he had an accident. Fortunately, he came out of it with only a fractured collarbone. But his health failed more rapidly after that. On November 22, 1928 the Lord whom he loved and served, bade his tired servant to come to him to rest from his labors.

We had lost an untiring servant of the Lord, an irreplaceable friend, and therefore we sincerely mourned over our loss, but rejoiced in the hope that he preached so fervently for so many years to so many souls, many of whom were awaiting him in the land of no shadows.

The Rev. E. Umbach, at that time pastor in St. Joseph, Mich., conducted impressive services at the funeral home. The writer of this article was given the task of leading the commitment service when we laid his body away in a crypt in the mausoleum at Lake View Cemetery, St. Joseph, Michigan. About twelve years later I rendered that same ministry for his dear wife, the untiring Dr. Hattie Schwendener, who had contributed so very much to her husband's success.

Their lives have been a great blessing to all with whom they came in contact. God be praised for such devoted souls! And what a joy to look forward to the Resurrection Day of the redeemed when we shall again meet such dear ones in eternal, blessed fellowship.

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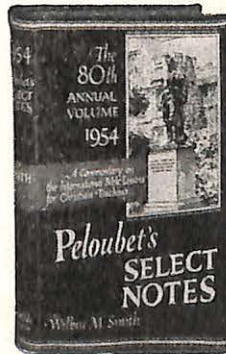


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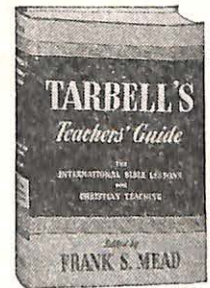
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