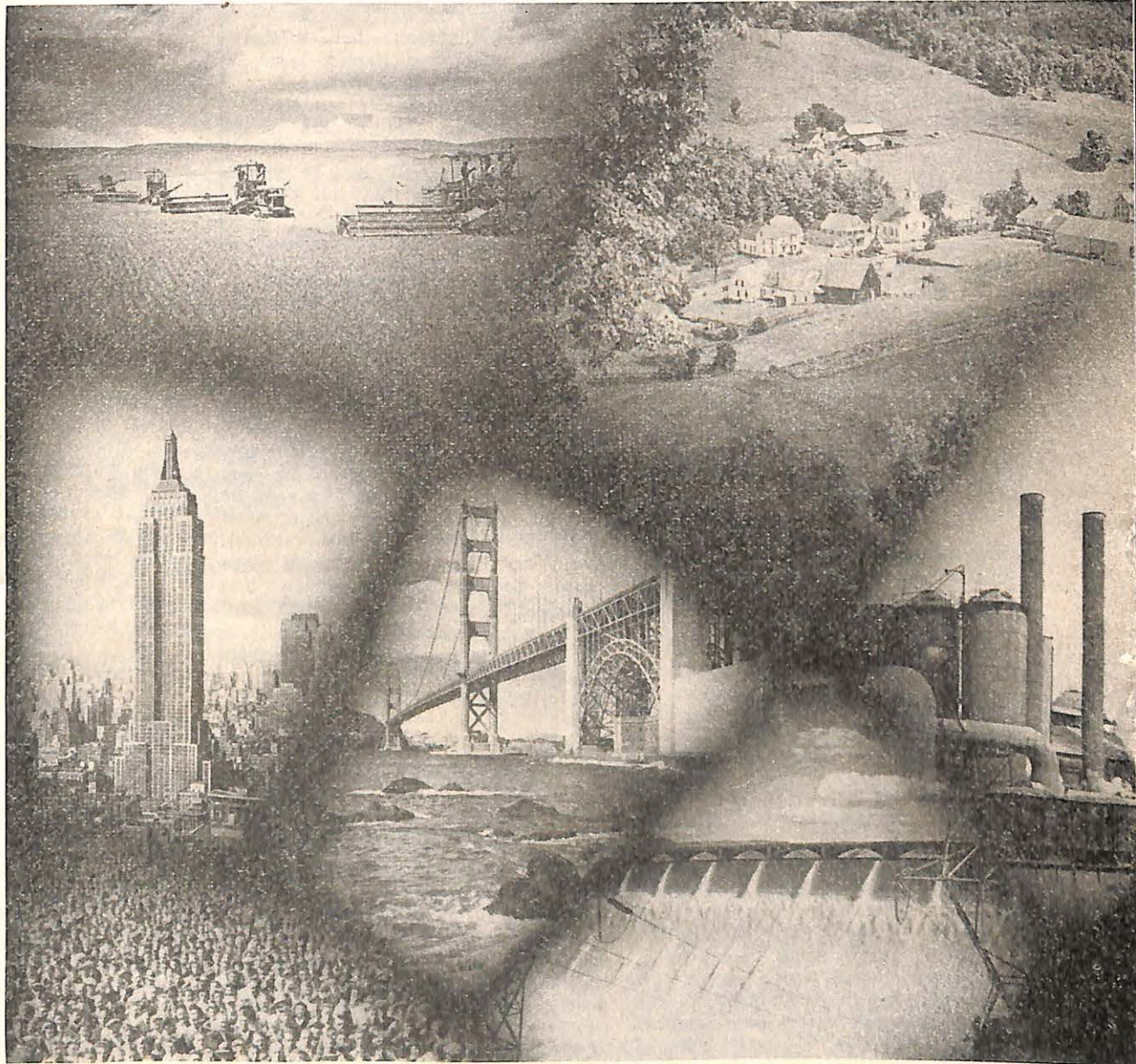


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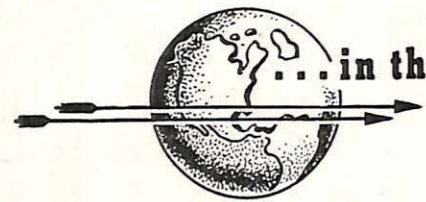
"The Earth Is the Lord's and the Fulness Thereof"

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...in the course of human events

● As a result of recent legislation in the United States, a tax payer may now deduct as much as 20 instead of the former 15 percent allowed from his federal income taxes for contributions made since Jan. 1, 1952, to charitable, educational, religious and other benevolent causes and organizations.—The Churchman.

● Dr. William S. Carlson, president of the State University of New York, has deplored four freedoms which many Americans appear to regard as supremely desirable goals: "freedom from toil, freedom from responsibilities, freedom to take it easy, and freedom to do nothing." — Prophecy Monthly.

● A floating church has been launched in the port of Hamburg, Germany. The local river boatmen's congregation has rebuilt a ship from the German Navy which will serve as church and youth club for the Lutheran congregation. The floating church will seat 140 worshippers and will have painted glass windows illustrating cities and areas of East Germany, from where most of the river boatmen came.—Moody Monthly.

● U.S. Roman Catholics also are working on a new English translation to replace the 343-year-old Douay Bible. The Catholic Biblical Association is sponsoring the committee of thirty-seven Roman Catholic scholars, who are working on the translation of the Old and New Testaments from the original texts. The first eight books, Genesis through Ruth, of the new Confraternity Bible have been published. The whole work will not be finished until 1955.—Moody Monthly.

● The Jews of the world number 11,672,000, distributed among ninety-seven countries, according to a survey of World Jewish population made public by World Jewish Congress. The United States, Israel, and Russia account for more than 70 percent of the total. The group said, the Jewish population of the U.S. was about 5,000,000 some of 2,000,000 Jews live in the Soviet Union, and Israel has a population (Jews) of 1,450,000. According to the survey, there are 1,200,000 Jews in China.—The Churchman.

● The new Ching Ling Union Theological Seminary opened this fall in Nan-king, China, replacing ten former denominational seminaries. Its purpose is "to unite fundamentalists, modernists, social gospelites and spiritualists."

GERMAN HYMNALS NEEDED!

Copies of the German hymnals, "Neue Glaubensharfe," "Evangelienslieder" and of the bilingual book, "Selected Gospel Songs," are needed for the new immigrant churches. If you have such copies in fairly good condition, please send them to the North American Baptist Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois. If requested, the expense for sending the books will be refunded to you. The hymnals will then be sent to such groups that can make good use of them.

There students and professors, regardless of denomination, will be united "in opposition to imperialism, in love of country, and in support for the Threefold Self-Reform movement" Thus they will mutually honor and learn from one another.—The Christian Century.

● A cross large enough to be seen by people of four states may soon be erected on Bald Knob Mountain, about 40 miles northeast of Cairo, Illinois. Land has been purchased and plans drawn for the \$300,000 shrine. The cross will be 150 feet tall with arms sixty feet from tip to tip. It will be lighted at night so as to be visible from Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Kentucky. Plans call for a chapel in the base of the cross, a ranger station on top, and a hall in its arms which will be reached by an elevator.—Moody Monthly.

● More scarce material was allocated to churches during the third quarter of 1952 than any other category of civilian construction, according to report from the National Production Authority. Thirty percent of all approved applications went to churches, meaning that 154 new churches estimated to cost \$29,000,000 received steel, copper, and aluminum during the three-month period. In order to help churches, the NPA abolished the special classification in which they were listed, placing churches on the same footing with industrial building projects.—Christian Advocate.

The editor of this department, "In the Course of Human Events," for the past year has been the Rev. John Grygo, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

ENGAGEMENTS

- Dr. Frank H. Woyke
- Dec. 31 (Watchnight Service)—Grace Church, Chicago, Illinois.
- Jan. 11 (Sunday)—Grace Church, Racine, Wisconsin.
- Jan. 18 (Sunday A.M.) Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Jan. 18 (Sunday P.M.)—Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

- Rev. R. Schilke
- Jan. 4 (Sunday)—Oak St. Church, Burlington, Iowa.
- Jan. 11 (Sunday)—Toronto and Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
- Jan. 18 (Sunday)—Baptist Immigrants, Montreal, Quebec, Can.

- Rev. J. C. Gunst
- Jan. 4 (Sunday A.M.)—Baltimore, Maryland.
- Jan. 4 (Sunday P.M.)—Elsmere, Del.
- Jan. 5 (Monday)—Workers' Conference Program, Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Jan. 11 (Sunday A.M.)—Yorkton, Saskatchewan.
- Jan. 11 (Sunday P.M.)—Springside, Saskatchewan.
- Jan. 12-16—Christian Leadership Course, Springside, Sask.

- Dr. Martin L. Leuschner
- Jan. 7 (Wednesday)—Ridgewood Church, Ridgewood, New York.
- Jan. 8 (Thursday)—Second Church, New York, N. Y.
- Jan. 9 (Friday)—Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, New York.
- Jan. 11 (Sunday A.M.)—Grace Church, Union City, New Jersey.
- Jan. 11 (Sunday P.M.)—Fellowship Church, Passaic, New Jersey.
- Jan. 13 (Tuesday)—Meriden and New Britain Churches at Memorial Church, New Britain, Connecticut.
- Jan. 14 (Wednesday)—Rock Hill Church, Boston, Massachusetts.
- Jan. 16 (Friday)—Jamesburg, N. J. (Further announcement about other Atlantic Conference engagements in next issue.)

- Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist
- Jan. 4-16—Parkston, South Dakota.

- Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist
- Jan. 4-16—Hettinger, North Dakota.
- Jan. 18-30—Shell Creek Church, Columbus, Nebraska.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan. 4-9—Week of Prayer. Subject: "The Stewardship of Life." Program material in English and German has been sent to the pastors.
- Jan. 25-Feb. 1—"Youth Week." See special announcements and articles in this issue.
- Feb. 1st (Sunday)—Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Communion offering for the relief and immigration ministry of the Alliance.

Editorial

I Resolve!

GOOD RESOLUTIONS are a vital part of every Christian life. There is nothing wrong about making a resolution. A high resolve can be like a bright star which beckons us to greater achievements and nobler attainments.

"I am resolved no longer to linger,
Charmed by the world's delight;
Things that are higher, things that are nobler,
These have allured my sight."

Joshua made such a firm resolve when he proclaimed to Israel: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve; . . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). Zacchaeus demonstrated the genuineness of Christ's salvation in his life by the resolution he made (Luke 19:8). This was the spirit of the Apostle Paul's ministry: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). This year of 1953 will be better and richer for each of us if we remember the power of a good resolution.

I resolve then to get the greatest amount of blessing out of my Christian life this year. God's sufficiency is always greater than our possession. There are spiritual surprises for those who are not content with less than the best. A vast panorama of God's promises opens to those Christians who will dare to climb the heights.

This can be your experience and mine if we shall resolve to be good stewards of God and for a three month period from January to March 1953 will put the principle and practice of Scriptural tithing to the test in our lives. We may be prompted by God's love to go beyond this, but we must not be satisfied with less. Then God will be able to open to us the windows of heaven and pour us out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it (Malachi 3:10).

I resolve also to put the lessons of faith to the test. A little girl twisted the words of the 23rd Psalm somewhat when she recited: "The Lord is my shepherd; that's all I want." But she uttered a profound truth for all of us. For if we know the good shepherd and trust him implicitly in all things and in our varied experiences, then we shall have everything! But we must launch out on faith and take him at his Word and put these truths to the test in our daily lives.

I resolve, furthermore, to let God have full sway in my life. This is the place of our greatest trouble in our experiences. We come to a dead end in our lives. We try to pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps out of the pit into which we have become mired. We try to seize and to hold too much for ourselves rather than recognizing God's ownership over us and our lives.

"A man's life consists not in the abundance of things he possesses, but things and possessions are the scaffolding to build life," as Warren H. Denison has said. When God has full spiritual sway in our lives, then he directs and determines that life, and as good stewards we use the things and possessions we have to build to the glory of his Spirit and purpose within us!

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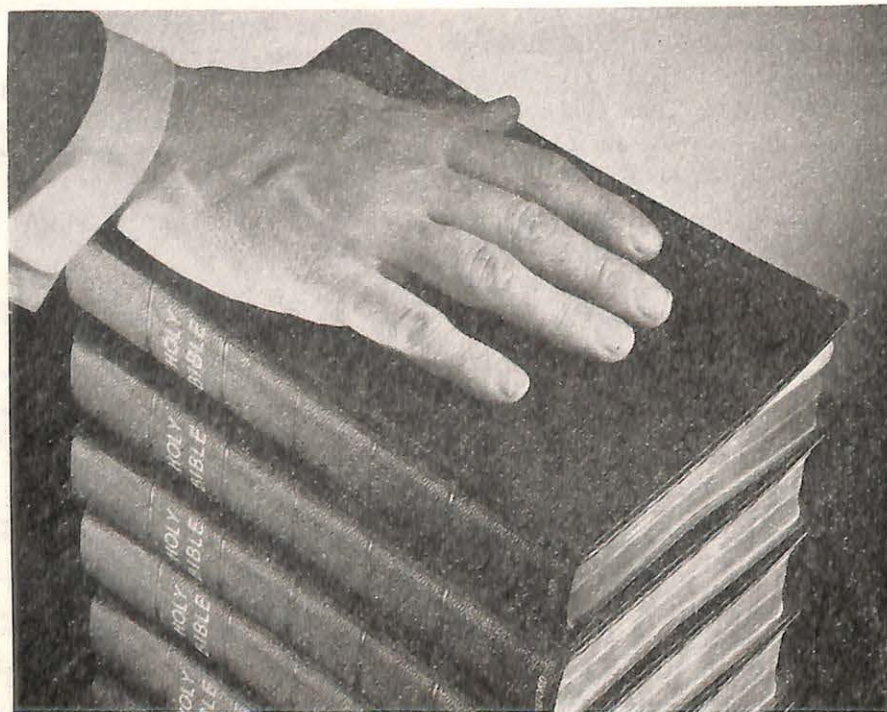
By the REV. STUART HOLDEN, D.D.

"I will go in the strength of the Lord God." PSALM 71:16

THE OPENING of a New Year is always, necessarily, a time of retrospect, a time for the re-creation of hope and personal resolutions. It is a time of retrospect, for we cannot but think of all the weeks that have gone by in rapid succession, and of all the intervening days of duty betwixt them; and we cannot but think of the measured portion of life which is now behind each one of us, as well as of the unmeasured portion, great or small, which is ahead of us all. And with the retrospect there comes the re-creation of hope, for there is not one of us, who names the Name of Christ, who is not seeking to go from strength to strength, and from glory to glory. And these personal aspirations have peculiar and particular emphasis as we enter upon a New Year.

LOOKING UPWARD

Sentimental and unreal though the vision of time is it does afford us all the stimulus of a new start. We are,



In every call of service, of which God is the Author, there is locked up sufficient strength and grace to perform it. Those are the treasures of his Word. That is his promise for the New Year!

as it were, not only looking backward and forward, but, by God's grace, we are seeking to look upward. I would that the outcome of our thus looking upward may be a taking on the part of each one of us of those words of the Psalmist's personal resolve. "I will go in the strength of the Lord God."

May we, in a real consecration of heart and life, looking out upon the future, take these words of the Psalmist, not only upon our lips, but into our hearts, until they grip and govern us, and until they become the impulse and inspiration of all our living, and thinking and doing.

"I will go in the strength of the Lord." There is a danger of youth saying: "I will go for I am young and strong, and my powers are unimpaired." Such an one may go in the direction of certain disaster: it may be more or less delayed: it may be farther in the distance than eye can see. But the young man or woman who says, "I will go," and forgets the weakness of the flesh and body, and forgets the insufficiency of the strongest personal resolve, is only going to pre-determined failure and shipwreck

There is a danger, also, of those of us who are older saying: "I will go in the strength of the Lord God," and then staying where we are. May God, by his grace, make it impossible for young or old to fall into either pitfall. But that, rather, we may say, "I will go—God helping me—in the strength of the Lord."

There are one or two things I would have you notice in these words of the Psalmist, though each is but a hint as to the hidden meaning that lies in them.

LIFE'S DIRECTION

First, as to the determination of life's direction—"I will go." There is not one of us who does not agree that life is essentially, whatever be its position or outlook, a going on. Today is always becoming yesterday: the present is always becoming the past. And man is going on, whither his own heart knows, and is according to the determination of his own will. We all know the danger there is of adopting towards life a mere haphazard carelessness, both as to the going, and as to the goal: of merely drifting, and going with the multitude; doing as others do, and caring little whither we go, and where.

We need hardly be reminded that nothing really worthy comes to the man who so lives. Nay, life is strenuous, life is a call to each one of us, as well as a golden opportunity to realize the divine ideal of creation and redemption. Life is not a matter of easy complacency. Life is that which demands the improving of all our energies and powers: accepting the Fatherhood of God as life's most gracious gift. The tragedy of today is a too easy interpretation of life. Life's joys do not lie on the surface at all.

The perils which confront us constantly is that of missing the real meaning and message of life by living it carelessly, and by treating it rather as something to be got through as pleasantly as possible, and to be filled with laughter, and fun, and music. Nay, life is something far more important than that.

JOYOUS SACRIFICE

As we stand today upon the threshold of another span of life, may we come to understand life's real meaning, and may we come to the place where we can say, with the Psalmist: "I will go—but I dare not go—save in the

strength of the Lord." I will go towards that life of witness for him, towards a life of service, to which my Lord and Master has called me. I will go, not merely to please myself, but to seek to sacrifice myself. I will go, not merely to accumulate riches, but to seek to dispense them with the open-handed generosity of God. I will go, if need be, to lay down my life for Christ and his cause.

I will go, though I am well aware that such a resolve will mean going into a new and growing experience of conflict. I will go, though I know that day by day I shall be amazed that God continues to covenant towards such an unworthy one. And yet I know that when I discover my own unworthiness, I shall find his strength being made perfect in my unworthiness. And where the world and the devil urge and oppose, I shall find the strength of the Lord just there: and he will lead me forth in triumph.

MORE THAN SELF-HELP

"I will go in the strength of the Lord God." We see in these words the limitation of self-help. They are the language of one who has learned something of his own insufficiency, and who has learned also something of the divine omnipotence. He has learned that in the past he has failed: that his character has been unreliable and unstable; but he has also proved that God, when he has been trusted, has never failed. And hence, what he sometimes enjoys, he may always experience.

There is excellent logic here—if God can help me one moment, then he can help in ten thousand moments. If God can keep me calm in one storm, when all the forces of evil are beating down upon me, there is no moment, however critical in my life, in which God is not my all-sufficiency.

Then again, we need to "go in the strength of the Lord God" because life is so great. We have sometimes listened to sermons, and been helped by them, in which quite another interpretation of such sentences as these has been offered to us, and in which we have been told that we need God because we are so insignificant.

LIFE IS GREAT!

But there is another side of the truth. Man needs God because he is made in his image: because he has desires which, if not controlled, mean destruction and desolation to the world, and to the Kingdom of God, beyond all we can estimate. Yes, it is because life is so great that men fail to live it aright without the divine Hand upon it. It is because life is so great, and its forces so mighty, that man must have the strength of God to control and reinforce all his capabilities, and to keep bright before him all the ideals by which true life is governed.

Human strength, of course, is quite sufficient if we make our goal low enough. For instance, if a man only wants to make a commercial success of his life, human energy will be sufficient. If he only wants to become a

WEEK OF PRAYER

The Week of Prayer services in many of our churches will be observed from Jan. 4 to 9, 1953. Program material in English and German has been sent to all active pastors. The English material was prepared by the Rev. Wm. H. Jeschke of St. Paul, Minn., and the material in German by the Rev. John Grygo of Chicago, Illinois. If extra copies of this material are desired, please write or telegraph for it to Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

tament nor in the New to support such an idea, unworthy of God and of man. Life in Christ is not mere idle ease, and certainly not ecstasy, but strong endeavor, energy expended, and life laid down.

DIVINE ASSISTANCE

"I will go in the strength of the Lord God." We are reminded here of the inspiration of the divine assistance. The strength which God gives is governed by our personal attitude towards the duties which he entrusts to us. As we live, so God endues us with strength, and as God endues us with strength, so we live. God does not give his strength to a lazy man, to the one who simply seeks to minister to himself, and does not apply himself wholeheartedly to the responsibilities of life. Such an one can never know



Mrs. Gilbert Schneider at the fireplace in the missionaries' home at Warwar, Africa, with the Christmas and New Year's decorations in place.

successful student, digging deep into the mine of knowledge, he does not need any special help for such a task. If he only wants to be a social success, he does not need the help of God in order to attain to that ideal.

Think of what "the strength of the Lord" includes. It includes the repairing of sin's ravages, the presence of which we are all too conscious in our lives: that strengthlessness, languor, enfeeblement of purpose, and half-heartedness. "The strength of the Lord" ministers just there in the place of our need, and reinforces all our efforts and moral attempts.

There is no thought, in such a word as this, of a nervous, languid kind of Christian life, in which nothing but believing matters, because it is one of the heresies of today that if you believe aright, there is nothing else you need do; that if you are sentimental enough in your faith, you can minister to all your pleasures and desires, in the assurances that all is going to be right. There is nothing either in the Old Tes-

"the strength of the Lord God." In every call or service, of which God is the Author, there is locked up sufficient strength and grace to perform it.

Think of those in Old Testament days who went "in the strength of the Lord God." Abraham, called to go into a strange land, went "in the strength of the Lord God." Moses, sent to be the leader of his people, went "in the strength of the Lord God." David, the shepherd boy, beat the champion of the Philistines, Goliath, "in the strength of the Lord God." Elijah, conscious of his own weakness, stood before Ahab, and all the prophets of Baal, "in the strength of the Lord God."

So in the light of your own personal need, take this word to your hearts, for your comfort, and may "the strength of the Lord God" become yours increasingly. Let us start out on this New Year, as on the beginning of a pilgrimage, "in the strength of the Lord God."



—Photo by Eric A. Pohl
Rev. and Mrs. Ben Lawrence, missionaries stationed at Banso in the Cameroons, and their son Kim in a family picture taken shortly before they sailed for Africa in September 1952.

AFRICA, especially the Cameroons, is a land of extremes. One thinks of how hot it is in the summertime at home—Africa is hotter! One thinks of how hard it rains on the West Coast at home—it rains harder in Africa! One thinks of how green Oregon and Washington can be at home—Africa is greener. One thinks of how fertile the plains can be in the middle states at home—Africa is more fertile! One thinks of how hilly the mountains can be at home—Africa is more hilly! One thinks of how flat the plains can be in America—Africa has flat plains too! One can go on endlessly making comparisons, both good and bad, between the Cameroons of Africa and our homeland, and usually Africa is the extreme!

A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT

I first saw the Cameroons at 6:00 A.M., on Saturday, October 11th, just as the sun was coming over the horizon. It was a beautiful sight. The thick green vegetation growing clear down to the water's edge, and even overhanging it, looked like a mat placed there for the purpose of walking on. Though it was a beautiful sight, one realized that underneath this dense vegetation, it was dark and gloomy, and though on the surface Africa is a beautiful and rich country, its heart is full of spiritual darkness and sin.

We realized this immediately as we saw the natives climbing on board to

Contrasts in the Cameroons!

First impressions of the scenery in the Cameroons and of the African Christians by these newly appointed missionaries from the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, now stationed at Banso, Africa

By the REV. and MRS. BEN LAWRENCE, Cameroons Missionaries

unload and as we looked at the hovels along the banks of the river in which they lived. It is hard to explain the expressions on their faces but it seems to be one of yearning for freedom from superstition, fear and evil. Pray that freedom might come through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We had not been on the land more than an hour when we received a new experience as far as rain is concerned. The heavens opened and down it came. I remember when my sisters used to attempt to catch rain water at home in which to wash their hair. To me it seemed futile, but here they would succeed and very quickly. It only rained about twenty minutes but everything was thoroughly drenched, including our cargo. Another odd thing about the rain is that it is warm. One expects it to be chilly but it is somewhat similar to a shower in your own home.

As far as beauty is concerned one thinks they have seen everything when they have seen the Cameroons from our mission station at Soppo, but the work on the coast, because of the influence of the white traders and the great influx of people, is becoming a slum work. One does not realize this, however, until he begins to go inland and see the difference in the ways the people live.

THE BANSO MISSION

As we move inland, we are very conscious of the fact that we are climbing higher and higher and that the climate is becoming cooler, that the people are becoming more primitive and their homes and houses are more substantial. The grass huts change into mud huts with grass roofs. The compounds become more free of mud and the people wear less clothing. The jungle turns into grasslands, and the scenery becomes more beautiful even than we had seen at Soppo.

Here at Banso we are situated on a hill such as one might choose on which to build a summer cabin for vacation time. Yes, Africa is a beautiful country, but only as far as nature is concerned. Her people are deep in superstition and fear. This has been the first day that we have not been able to

hear a "die-cry" in the distance. The work out here is great.

We are given the impression at home that we have conquered the Cameroons for Christ, but such is far from the actual truth. We are the smallest of three missions working here, one of which is Roman Catholic. Yet all three missions combined have hardly begun to scratch the surface. There are many new fields to be entered but the time we have in which to enter them is growing short.

Many little incidents such as we have seen in the short time that we have been here lead us to believe that the African will soon not want any more help from the white man. Many are already ungrateful. We must put every effort we can into the evangelization and training of Christian leaders here in the Cameroons during the next few years because soon our opportunity will leave us.

THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS

On the other hand, we do already see great results from what has been done. It is a thrill to work with and to talk to the native Christians. They have a real testimony for Christ. I would like very much to see at home sixty or seventy Christians gathered in the church every morning at 6:30 for morning prayers before they go to work. I would like very much to see at home the non-Christian standing outside the churches because of curiosity and the testimony of the Christians. I would like to hear at home the enthusiasm that is shown in an African song service, and I would like to see at home as great a turnout as the Africans have for what we call a "street meeting."

Yes, what has been done has been good and has brought great results but there are still many who have not heard of Christ. Let us pray, work and give that Christ might be known among the natives so that he might be the salvation of many of them and that his witness might bring light to this country that is so beautiful as far as nature is concerned but so ugly and dark in regard to spiritual things. May the African learn of Christ in such a manner that the witness of Christ shall not die out when the white man leaves.

January 1, 1953

The New Hope Settlement

In every phase of the work at the settlement for the lepers in the Cameroons, Africa, our missionaries always try to point them to the Savior who is able and willing to supply the new hope and new life so desperately needed by these who have known only misery and rejection for such a long time!

By MRS. MILDRED SCHNEIDER, Cameroons Missionary

SOON IT WILL BE eight months since we are back in the Cameroons. During these months we have done much praying and planning, sweating along with the native laborers, and observing the gradual progress in the development of the New Hope Settlement with eagerness and joy.

Since we began work on March 1, 1952, until now, a tract of land has begun the long drawn-out process of becoming what one day we hope will be an organized and efficient patients' settlement for lepers. Just now labor is concentrating on the manager's home so that we can live right there and keep things moving in the right direction. We should have been moved in by Christmas (1952) or soon after, if all goes well.

FIVE MILES FROM MBINGO

The foundation is laid for the house which Laura Reddig, the nurse in

charge will occupy, and the walls will soon go up. She will live in a nearby vacant mud and grass-thatched, native house until her permanent home is finished. Right now Gil (Gilbert Schneider) has been living in this native house and coming to Belo on weekends (it has three rooms and he put in a couple of windows).

Belo is five miles from Mbingo, where the New Hope Settlement is located, and on African roads in the rainy season that is a long and often treacherous distance to travel morning and night to and from work. Here in Africa the kitchen is always a separate little building from the house and Gil now has our kitchen finished. He is moving his bachelor quarters into this kitchen building and making room for Laura in the "little grass shack" until her house is finished a few months from now.

MORE BUILDINGS

The site for the administration building has been cleared and stones gathered for the foundation. The various locations for the doctor's house, the chapel and crafts building have been cleared and stones are being collected for foundations—collected by hand, not by the truck-load.

The rainy season vegetable garden served us magnificently well and the dry season garden is planted and thriving. The soil here is excellent which gives us much for which to be thankful. We found a bit of low-land near a spring which should be ideal for the dry season garden since there are "bucket brigades" out here instead of sprinkling systems.

Our eagerly anticipated tractor and implements should become a reality before long. They are at Enugu in Nigeria now and that is two days' drive from here in the pick-up. Since it is now the end of the rainy season, the roads are very treacherous. Gil will have to wait a little longer, probably leave here next week, and then go over, put the tractor together, and drive it back. It is in several crates now. Our five-ton mission truck could



One of the many lepers in the British Cameroons who in their misery and suffering are learning of Jesus Christ, the Great Physician and Savior!

go over after the crates and save a lot of slow and bumpy driving on the tractor. But there are bridges between here and there that will not take such a load. However, if and when it arrives, the tractor will surely save a lot of hours' labor when it comes to cultivating crops to feed as many patients and staff as will soon be here.

SEVENTEEN PATIENTS

We can only admit patients now according to the accommodations available. At present we have seventeen leprosy patients receiving treatment twice weekly. Other leprosy patients are clamoring to come in, and in this dry season many more patients' quarters should be finished. So the work progresses. I have been giving the medicine to these patients until Laura Reddig gets moved out here. Evan, our son, and I often ride from Belo by horseback during nice weather and go to visit Daddy, to work in the garden, and to give the medicine to the patients.

On Sundays we always have a worship service with them and they appreciate it. Many faiths and tribes and areas are represented among even these lepers. In every phase of our work we always try to point the lost to the Savior who is able and willing to supply the new hope and new life so desperately needed by these who have known only misery and rejection for such a long time.



This Cameroons leper photographed by Paul Gebauer is a pitiful picture of physical and human helplessness with only the stumps of hands remaining as a result of the ravages of the disease.

The New Revised Version

A thoughtful evaluation of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible by a conservative faculty member of Bethel Seminary, St. Paul, Minn., and first published in "The Standard" of the Swedish Baptist General Conference

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SEVERAL QUERIES have arisen relative to the Revised Standard Version of the Bible which call for candid examination.

1. Can we have confidence in a translation produced under modernist auspices?

It is possible that some translators are modernist and not born-again believers. On the other hand, some are the warmest and most godly of Christians, as for example, beloved Dr. Kyle M. Yates, formerly of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

KING JAMES VERSION

The cherished King James version certainly did not have the best sponsorship. King James was far from being "St. James." Most of the forty-seven Hebrew and Greek scholars who labored on the translation are only names today.

Lancelot Andrews was a very devout man, but it cannot be ascertained what percentage of the others were born-again men. Most of them were Anglicans, members of the State Church of England. They practiced infant baptism, hated the dissenters and Puritans, and held many views that are highly distasteful to evangelical Baptists.

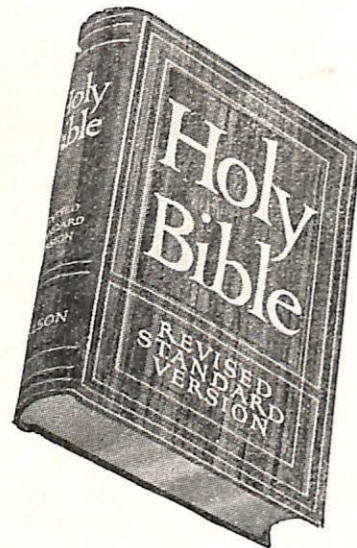
Richard Bancroft, the Archbishop of Canterbury, a man of no scruples, used his influence to bias the translation in favor of the State Church. He is said to have altered the translation in fourteen places. He was responsible for the "divine right of kings" passage in 1 Peter 2:13, which preceding versions did not have, and which has lingered in subsequent versions.

The "epistle dedicatory" contains the most fulsome flattery of King James, and reveals tension between the Anglicans and Puritans, as does the preface to the reader.

A TRANSLATION'S MERITS

Yet under the sponsorship of King James and by translators, with most of whom we could not enjoy spiritual fellowship, a version of the Bible was made which has brought more blessing to mankind than any other book.

Perhaps years from now the translators of the Revised Standard Version will be forgotten, and the translation



will stand on its merits as a translation. True scholarship is concerned with accurate renderings of the best possible text, not upholding any doctrinal bias of the translator.

The great tragedy is that orthodox ministers boast of how much Hebrew and Greek they have forgotten, that so few men in conservative circles devote themselves to the discipline of studying Hebrew and Greek, that evangelicals have not encouraged men with linguistic gifts to do translation work. Perhaps a happier day will dawn, when a projected translation will call forth brilliant Hebrew and Greek scholars from every evangelical orthodox college and seminary in the land.

A LIVING LANGUAGE

2. Is a new translation needed? A living language changes. How many people reading in the King James version understand these terms: "the flax was balled," Ex. 9:31; "Job . . . eschewed evil," Job 1:1; "seek after leasing," Ps. 4:2; "we do you to wit," 2 Cor. 8:1?

"Fetched a compass," Acts 28:13; "took up our carriages," Acts 21:15; and "corn," Gen. 41:49, all have a different meaning in our day than the 1611 usage. It is better to supplant the mythical "unicorn," Ps. 22:21, with the correct term.

The American Revised Version of 1901 clarified scores of these obsolete terms. The Revised Standard Version in addition supplants the archaic style by using the language of our own day. A book of such importance as the Bible has a right to be rendered in the language of the people.

SOME OBJECTIONS

3. Does the new version cast doubt on certain basic doctrines, for example the virgin birth?

Objection has been raised to the use of "young woman" instead of "virgin" in Isa. 7:14. The translators honestly faced the fact that the Hebrew word "alma" means simply "a young woman of marriageable age," without specifying whether she be married or not. Matthew (1:23) quotes the Greek Septuagint which uses the parthenos, "virgin." The New Testament writers generally quote the Greek Bible, for that was the version with which their readers were most familiar.

The Swedish versions of 1903 and 1917 had already rendered Isa. 7:14 "the young woman." The RSV does not deny the virgin birth: see Matt. 1:16, 23; Luke 1:27, 34.

It is sad that false teachings have appealed to the King James version for support. Examples are: "Take no thought of your life," Matt. 6:25; "the Spirit itself beareth witness," Rom. 8:16 (is the Holy Spirit an influence or a person?); a false distinction between the words "eternal" and "everlasting" though they are identical in the Greek, John 8:15-16 and Matt. 25:46. The words "bishops" and "presbyters" have been quoted in favor of ecclesiastical hierarchy.

No matter how perfect a translation existed, the devil could still cite Scripture for his purpose.

PASSAGES OMITTED

4. Why are some passages left out of the Bible?

This objection was raised fifty years ago relative to the American Revised Version which placed in the margin the concluding doxology of the Lord's prayer, Matt. 6:13; the baptismal formula, Acts 8:37; the angel moving the water, John 5:4; and other passages; and by marginal note indicated

the dubiousness of John 7:53-8:11, the ending of Mark's gospel, 16:9-20, and others.

The Revised Standard Version also places these passages in the margin, indicating that they are not found in the oldest and best manuscripts. The thrilling discovery of manuscripts to which the King James writers did not have access has made a new translation imperative. In doing Bible translation work a collation and comparison of all the ancient manuscripts, versions, quotations from church fathers, and lectionary readings is required. This highly technical science known as "textual criticism" endeavors to ascertain as far as possible exactly what the Biblical writers wrote.

A scientific translator does not omit passages at a whim; he translates only the text which the best manuscript evidence supports.

RSV TO BE WELCOMED

5. What use should be made of this Bible?

The Revised Standard Version has its limitations since it was produced by human beings with limitations. There are renderings about which doctors disagree. An even better work might have resulted if British scholars could have been utilized.

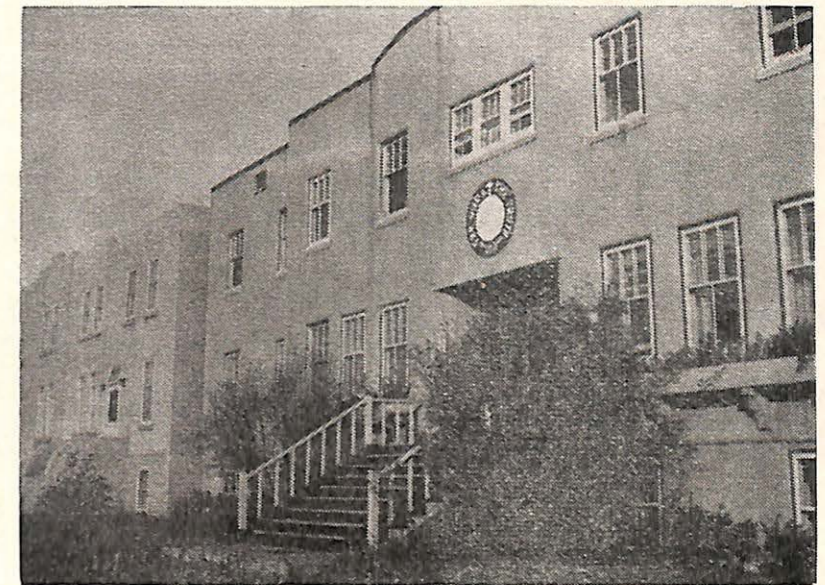
However, the version is the product of a group of men, not of one individual riding a hobby or resorting to a host of conjectural emendations. Continuous improvement is apparently planned as seen in the revisions of the New Testament of 1952 as compared with the 1946 edition.

The Revised Standard Version is unquestionably the best translation of the Old Testament into modern English, while the New Testament is to be highly commended also.

Ministers who want the best possible rendering of the Greek and Hebrew originals will welcome this version. It reads well in the pulpit also. Sunday School teachers and Bible teachers will experience an enlivening of their teaching as they use it. Children, young people, and new converts too will find the Bible more meaningful in this up-to-date book. It will surely have an entree with the man in the street who cares nothing about Shakespearean phraseology and regards "Church English" as antiquated and stilted.

Just as the Roman Catholic can be led to Christ by the use of the Rheims-Douay, Challoner, or Knox version with the imprimatur of his church thereon, so the unchurched person can be led to Christ and salvation through a Bible written in modern speech.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 3:16-17 RSV).



Buildings of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., Canada, photographed a few days before the opening of the 1952-1953 school term.

Another C.T.I. School Year

Opening activities and blessings in another school year at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

By the REV. E. P. WAHL, C.T.I. President

"Give me, O Lord, thy highest choice —
Let others take the rest.
Their good things have no charm for me:
I want thy very best."

"I want, in this short life of mine,
As much as can be pressed
Of service true for God and man;
Make me to be thy best."

THE ABOVE LINES of verse express the prayer of many consecrated young people in our churches. That is the reason why every year we have such a splendid group of them attending the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta. Eighty-six regular students are enrolled this winter. Evenly divided, 43 young women and 43 young men constitute the full-time students of the institute. Twenty-three others are enrolled in the evening classes. The correspondence branch, opened this fall for the first time, has an enrollment of 162.

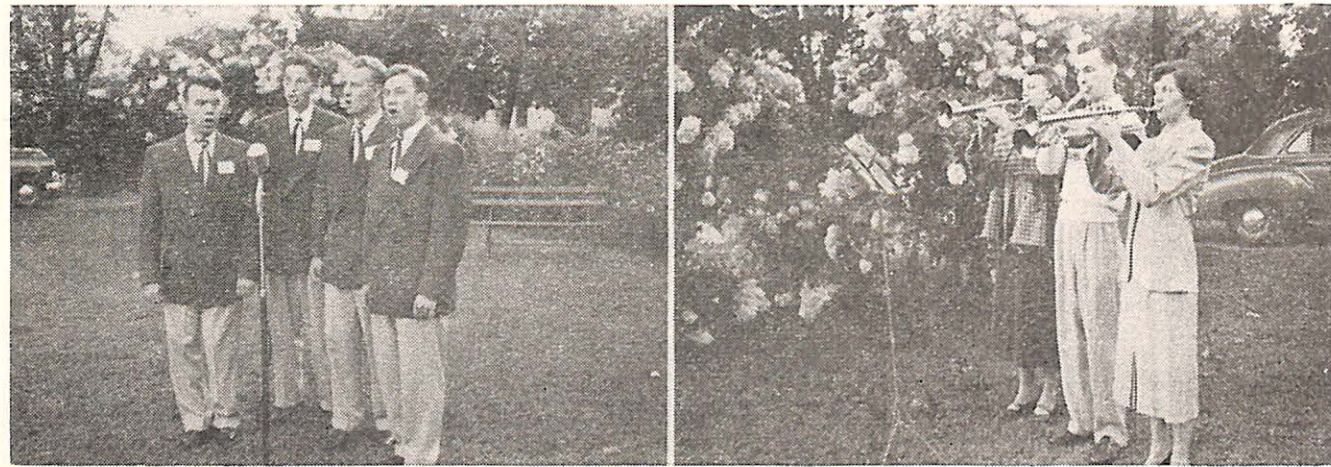
The opening exercises of the Bible School took place on October 22 and 23. Dr. A. S. Felberg and the Rev. T. J. Haire were the special speakers for the occasion. The messages were very helpful for the opening days of another school year. With greater devotion and fervor we took up our work and praise the Lord for the fine spirit prevailing in our midst as we go about our daily duties.

Several changes on the staff have been made. Eunice Kern and Ruth Strauss are rendering an excellent

service as cooks. Mrs. E. Ewald has been placed in charge of the High School work. Our former teacher, Miss Nelson, resigned last summer and much searching about and prayer led us to engage the present instructor who is faithfully and diligently attending to her work. With Prof. H. Lueck leaving us, a certain amount of shifting around had to be done. The Rev. Willy Muller has been engaged as a part-time teacher. The Rev. C. S. Sawtel, radio pastor, directs and teaches the correspondence subjects. All staff members are enjoying their work and work harmoniously toward making CTI even a better school in days to come.

Many others desired to come to school this winter but for various reasons found it impossible to do so. We often think of this group. In their disappointment we wish them grace to look up to God who understands. May they have learned to lay all their problems before the Lord. To most of the students it always means a struggle to decide whether to go to Bible School. Many hold good paying positions, and some are lured by the adventure of traveling and spending a winter doing nothing. Just to drift along, to be a church member, to take one's place in the pews on Sunday and

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North American Baptist Seminary Quartet (left) singing at the Youth Sunrise Service during the General Conference days in Philadelphia, Pa., in August 1952; and (right) the Trumpeters of Brooklyn, N. Y., playing a selection in Burholme Park during the same sunrise service for 400 young people.

Youth Week With a Purpose

Announcement about the observance of Youth Week from Jan. 25th to Feb. 1st in all of our churches



By the REV. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary of the CBY and SS Union

THE DAYS of January 25 to February 1 mark Youth Week for 1953. It will be a week that is to be different, with a positive witness by our Christian youth in all our churches across the land. The purpose of Youth Week is to provide young people with an opportunity to demonstrate that they have a place and purpose in the program of the church and community.

Secondly, it is to build and to strengthen fellowship among adults and young people in the church. Again, it is to serve to bring inactive and non-members into full relationship with Christ and the church. Lastly, it is to express the basic importance of a united effort on the building of a strong Christian witness through the church in the community.

OUR BAPTIST HERITAGE

Our Youth Week is a forceful reminder for young people of their Christian obligation to "Strive to Know—Dare to Believe," which will enable them to study and to examine the doctrines and beliefs of the church, and, secondly, to witness to the world through prayer, study and united service.

The emphasis will be on our Christian and Baptist heritage. Youth today must learn to live a consecrated, fully surrendered life if the Christian faith is to be propagated. To be better able to meet the personal and world problems, our young people will be greatly helped to know what our heritage is.

They should know how the Christian leaders have retained faith in God under adverse conditions as well as under the most favorable circumstances. They should know that it required a martyr's faith and loyalty to preserve the Christian faith for our generation. In our day eternal truths as revealed in the ever abiding Word of God, the Bible, are at stake; eternal truths as they have been faithfully



Mr. Herbert Kipf of Beatrice, Neb., Sunday School superintendent in the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice and a leader in the Southwestern Conference.

proclaimed by God fearing, faithful Christian leaders of the church.

These eternal truths, as they have been taught in generations past and as proclaimed by fearless followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, must be recaptured by Christian youth today and propagated in their lives if the Christian faith is to be preserved for generations to come.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS

Materials and suggestions for Youth Week activities have been sent to our CBY presidents and pastors. **Youth Compass** for this quarter is carrying helpful material on the striking theme for Youth Week. Every effort is being made to help our local CBY groups to have a most successful Youth Week. We shall pray much for our young people. We sincerely urge our church leaders and the parents of these young people to support them in this important venture of Youth Week activities for 1953.

Additional materials for program suggestions and posters are available from the headquarters office, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. A questionnaire has been provided for our Commissioned Youth organization officers which can be easily filled out after Youth Week and is to be returned to our office promptly.

Some CBY groups will find it necessary to postpone Youth Week activities until some later date. The same materials and suggestions may be used where that becomes necessary.

The Abiding Challenge

New Year's Message from the Baptist World Alliance

From the President and Secretaries of the Baptist World Alliance to our Baptist churches throughout the world: Greetings in the name of our Lord and Master!

DURING recent months it has been our privilege to visit widely separated areas of our far-flung Baptist constituency—the President in Europe, South and Central America and the United States; the General Secretary in Australia and the East; the Youth Secretary in South America and Europe. Everywhere we have been heartened by the warmth of the welcome we received and by the manifest tokens of God's blessing on the work of our churches. It is abundantly clear that the policy we have adopted, both on the home and foreign fields, of basing the witness of churches, Sunday Schools, clinics and hospitals on the evangelical faith of the New Testament, with the Christ of the Cross and the Easter Victory in the center, has been greatly used by God for the furtherance of his Kingdom.

Yet we dare not rest in any pride or satisfaction. Constantly, as we have seen the need for evangelism, there has come to us the word of the Lord to Joshua: "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." Who can doubt it? Our world has not yet learned how to live in friendliness and co-operation. Even where there is worship it is often the worship of false gods. Materialism and secularism still dominate large areas of the world. Poverty and illiteracy hang like a dark cloud over millions for whom Christ died. The great commission with which the Gospel of Matthew closes is as urgent as ever it was.

Baptists speak in more than 50 languages but their message is the one Word of salvation. They are separated by oceans and continents, but they are linked by the ties of common loyalty to the faith of the New Testament. We cannot all meet each other, but we can all be linked by prayer. May 1953 find us more than ever a praying and a dedicated people whose reliance is not on man nor the power of man but on the Spirit of God.

F. Townly Lord, President,
Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary,
Walter O. Lewis, Associate Secretary,
Joel Sorenson, Youth Secretary.

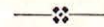
Editor's Note. Baptist World Alliance Sunday will be observed on Sunday, Feb. 1, 1953. The communion offering on that day is to be designated for the relief and immigration ministry of the Alliance and sent to our Headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill.



—Photo by A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.

God's Bread of Life to You!

A translation of 2 Corinthians 9:7-15



Let everyone give as his heart tells him, neither grudgingly nor under compulsion, for God loves the man whose heart is in his gift. After all, God can give you everything that you need, so that you may always have sufficient both for yourselves and for giving away to other people . . .

He who gives the seed to the sower and turns that seed into bread to eat, will give you the seed of generosity to sow and, for harvest, the satisfying bread of good deeds done. The more you are enriched by God the more scope there will be for generous giving, and your gifts, administered through us, will mean that many will thank God. For your giving does not end in meeting the wants of your fellow Christians. It also results in an overflowing tide of thanksgiving to God. Moreover, your very giving proves the reality of your faith, and that means that men thank God that you practice the Gospel that you profess to believe in, as well as for the actual gifts you make to them and to others.

Thank God, then, for his indescribable generosity to you!

—From the second letter to the Corinthians, as translated by J. B. Phillips, in Letters to Young Churches.

C.T.I. SCHOOL YEAR

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pay one's dues, why be concerned about anything else? Such fail to see the earnestness of life.

To each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass and a book of rules;
And each must make, ere life is flown,
A stumbling-block or a stepping-stone.

Again, our dear people have filled our vegetable cellar, sent in fruit from their orchards, helped in the canning, made noodles and sent chickens for several chicken dinners. Thus they show their sincere interest, their Christian love and willingness to sacrifice for the Bible School of our denomination. May the Lord richly bless them!

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., held evangelistic services from November 3 to 12 with the Rev. Robert Hess of the Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J., serving as evangelist. There was one conversion as a result of the meetings and the church members were greatly blessed by the Scriptural expositions by Mr. Hess. He also spoke on the radio broadcast of the Chapel of the Air over station WLIP of Kenosha. The Rev. Ed. McKernan is the pastor of the Immanuel Church.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson of Soppo in the Cameroons have announced the birth of a son on November 11 who has been named Mark Philip. This is their third child. The baby was born at the Government Hospital at Victoria. On November 15 Mrs. Michelson wrote from the hospital: "The Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens sailed yesterday for the United States and I could see them go sailing into the vast Atlantic Ocean right from the window here at the hospital."

● On Sunday, Nov. 9, the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana, observed its first Harvest and Mission Festival in the new church. A large table before the platform was beautifully decorated with fruits, vegetables and grains of this part of the country. The children rendered an inspiring program in German and English. Music and songs in both languages helped to beautify this special day. The Rev. Alex Sootzmann pastor, spoke about the privilege of giving for missions. The offering of the little church for this purpose was \$740.10.

● The Rev. Joseph Sonnenberg of Camrose, Alberta, spent the days of November 3 to 14 at the Baptist Church of Valleyview, Alta., north of Edmonton in the Peace River area, conducting evangelistic meetings. The attendance at the church services in this pioneer field reached a high of about 75 persons. The Rev. Eldon Janzen is the pastor at Valleyview. On Sunday afternoon, November 9, Mr. Sonnenberg brought a message to German immigrants in one of the homes of the new Canadians at High Prairie, Alberta.

● Announcement has been made by the General Missionary Committee and its general secretary, the Rev. R. Schilke, that the Rev. A. G. Rietdorf of Vida, Montana, has been ap-

pointed as missionary for the Spanish-American mission field of the San Luis Valley, Colorado. Mr. Rietdorf has accepted the appointment and hopes to begin his new ministry not later than January 1st. He and his family will occupy the mission parsonage in Monte Vista, Colorado. He will succeed the Rev. C. L. Young as our Spanish-American missionary.

● Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, attended the session of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, of which he is a member, in Washington, D. C., on November 20. The Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba, immigration secretary, also attended and brought a report to the committee. Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis, Tenn., of the Southern Baptist Convention is the committee's chairman. The Winnipeg immigration office of the Alliance will be continued. The Rev. K. Nordquist will stay at least until June, 1953 in Stuttgart, Germany, in behalf of the immigration ministry.

● Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been signally honored by the Manhattan Savings Bank of New York City by having been appointed as assistant vice-president in charge of the Mortgage Loan Department. This honor came to Mr. Marklein at the same time that the bank had its official opening on December 4 and 5 for its new office building at 47th and Madison Streets in New York City. Mr. Marklein is the chairman of the denominational Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee and a member of the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y.

RECEPTION FOR STUDENTS IN CHICAGO AREA

The reception for North American Baptist students in Chicago, Ill., and vicinity will be held at the denominational headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill., on Thursday evening, Feb. 12th. Invitations are being sent to those whose addresses we have at the office. Parents and pastors of such students in schools in the Chicago area are urged to send those names and addresses to Rev. J. C. Gunst, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill., at once.

● The annual Fathers' and Sons' Banquet of the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, was held on Friday evening, November 21, with a fine dinner prepared by the Missionary Service Guild. Mr. Walter Riepe served as toastmaster. Dr. Harry Kingham, principal of the Burlington High School and Junior College, brought an inspirational address to the many men and boys in attendance. The pastor of the church, the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, offered the invocation. The male chorus of the church rendered several selections and Mr. John Kuechman led the group singing.

● On Sunday, November 16, the Rev. Jacob G. Rott presented his resignation to the Baptist Church of Carbon, Alberta, Canada, and its Zion Station and announced that he had accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Oroville, Washington. This is a church affiliated with the American Baptist Convention. The resignation was accepted by the Carbon Baptist Church and Mr. and Mrs. Rott moved to their new field of service on December 15th. Mr. Rott was serving an American Baptist Convention church in Washington when he was called to Carbon, Alta., in 1949.

● On Sunday evening, November 9, at the close of the service, the members of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., surprised the Rev. and Mrs. Leland Friesen in honor of their 14th wedding anniversary which occurred on November 10. The chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. Harry Geis, presented them with a lovely chrysanthemum plant from the church. Afterwards in the church parlors, Mr. and Mrs. Friesen were led to a table resplendent with candles and a wedding cake. Like the horn of plenty, they found a large box overflowing with every conceivable type of food as a gift of the church from them, as reported by Mrs. Al Priebe.

● Mrs. John F. Meyer, the widow of the late Rev. John F. Meyer is residing in Pound, Wisconsin. She is an invalid who is being tended with loving care by her daughter, Esther (Mrs. Henry Bredael) in the five room bungalow next to the grounds of the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound. The house was built for Mr. and Mrs. Meyer, but Mr. Meyer was able to

enjoy the new house for a short time only since he passed away on April 27, 1952. He served the Pound church as pastor from about 1927 to 1937. A communication system has been set up between the church and the house, thus permitting Mrs. Meyer to follow the church services, while in her home.

● On Sunday morning, November 30, the guest speaker at the Grace Church of Chicago, Ill., was Dr. Anna Marie Koerner, director of social service in Germany for the World Council of Churches. She is a great niece of Dr. Theodore Koerner, outstanding German poet and author. At the Thanksgiving service on November 23 the Junior Choir of 24 voices and the church choir of 21 singers united to render three inspirational numbers. According to the pastor, the Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel, a German service is now being held at the Grace Church every Sunday from 5:00 to 6:15 P.M. with a young people's hour following thereafter.

● The First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, New Jersey, has extended a call to the Rev. Roger Schmidt and he accepted the call and began his ministry there on November 23rd. He and his family are living in the Jamesburg parsonage. He is also studying music at the Chatham School of Music in New York City as the result of a fine scholarship that was offered him. The Rev. Roger Schmidt is a brother of the Rev. Walter Schmidt of Arnprior, Ontario. He is a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary and served for several years as pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Batavia, New York.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., observed its 79th anniversary on Sunday, November 23rd, with the rededication of its new sanctuary which has had \$10,000 worth of improvements. Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., brought the morning message. A fellowship supper was held on Sunday evening with the pastor, the Rev. Andrew Esperson, speaking, and Dr. Ezra G. Roth, executive secretary of the Wisconsin State Baptist Convention, bringing greetings. Recognition was also given to those who have been members of the church for 50 years or more. Among these was Miss Emma Frey who has belonged to the church for 70 years.

● From August 31 to September 12 the Forest Baptist Church of Winburne, Pa., held evangelistic meetings with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational evangelist, bringing the heart searching messages. Eleven

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

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

January 4, 1953—"Where Do You Stand?" by Rev. J. C. Gunst, Forest Park, Illinois.
 January 11, 1953—"Prayer in Action" by Rev. Ernest A. Hoffmann, Millet, Alta., Can.

WORKERS' CONFERENCES

In three conference areas, Christian Workers' Conferences were held this fall. The leaders, teachers and officers of the Central Conference met at Detroit, Michigan. The workers of the Northwestern Conference met at Kenosha, Wis., and the Sunday School workers and youth leaders of the Central Saskatchewan-Alberta Tri Union met at three different areas with a strong program in each of the following churches: Golden Prairie, Sask.; Hilda, Alta.; and Medicine Hat, Alta. From past experiences we know that these training conferences have much to offer in the line of instruction for teachers and leaders in inspiration and genuine Christian fellowship.

In other areas similar workers' conferences will be held during the early spring months. This is a commendable procedure of our officers to follow everywhere. What better way is there to bring the kind of encouragement to one another in the Christian service than by mutual study of problems to be faced in your work and by Christian fellowship and inspiration?

LOYAL, OKLAHOMA

Recently the CBY and SS Union of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Loyal, Okla., sponsored a fellowship supper at the church. Mr. Archie Dehn,

ATTENTION! SOMETHING NEW!

A Christian Leader's Training Conference

WHERE?
 North American Baptist Seminary Buildings, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

WHEN?
 July 13 to 19, 1953
 Keep this date open, all officers, teachers, and workers of the CBY and SS Union.

WATCH!
 Watch for announcements of program details.

Sunday School superintendent, and Gerald Stebens, CBY president, had charge of the program. The tables were beautifully decorated in keeping with the Armistice Day colors. Mr. Sam Geis, former superintendent, had part in the service. At an earlier date the Sunday School honored Mr. Sam Geis, who served as Sunday School superintendent for 25 years, with a gift. Mr. Geis continues as assistant superintendent. The Rev. J. C. Gunst was the guest speaker of the evening and showed missionary kodachrome slides.

YOUTH WEEK IS HERE AGAIN!

January 25 to February 1 is Youth Week. Materials and suggestions, with posters for Youth Week, have been mailed to all of our pastors and CBY presidents. Let us honor our Savior by carrying out an impressive, well-planned and thoroughly prepared program for the entire week. Here is a great opportunity for Christian youth to demonstrate its willingness and eagerness to live and serve Christ. (See article on page 10 of this issue.)

SUMMER CAMPS AND ASSEMBLIES

Now is the time to plan and start saving for that summer young people's camp. Many program committees have already made plans for a youth camp in their area. The program is planned to meet your every need. This is a grand opportunity for a worthwhile vacation or holiday.

REGIONAL UNION PAPERS

The regional union papers published by the conference and regional unions are rendering commendable service. These papers appear monthly in most areas and keep the local Sunday Schools and CBY's well informed about activities of the conference organizations in their fellowship. The members of the Executive Committee are also on the mailing list which is truly greatly appreciated.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL STANDARD

Reports of the achievement of those Sunday Schools where the Sunday School Standard has been adopted are still coming in. It is gratifying to note the progress in most of these Sunday Schools over last year's reports. This is definite evidence that our Sunday School officers and teachers are vitally concerned to reach and to win new scholars, but also to be better prepared for more useful service. May we encourage all Sunday Schools to adopt the Sunday School Standard!



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

Hidden Valley

An African Mystery Novel by DOUGLAS C. PERCY

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

SYNOPSIS

After Peter Dunning had gone to Africa as a missionary, the "Prof," a chemistry teacher at Melbourne College, often found himself lying awake at night, wondering how his former student was and what was really happening. One day after a Teachers' Convention, the "Prof" and Bill McAdams, another student, made plans to travel to Africa and see Peter's mission for themselves. In the meantime, Peter Dunning in Africa was hearing all kinds of mysterious things from Baru, the evangelist, and another Christian, Audu. A brother of Audu was beaten as if by a leopard's claw. Peter and Baru left the mission to get help but on the way they were showered with great stones that seemed to come from "blazing trees," one of which struck the missionary and knocked him unconscious. At the same time the "Prof" and Bill McAdams were nearing the village when they heard that "the leopard men" had caused trouble for the missionary. They found Peter, but just as the witch doctor with cruel talons was about to tear him apart, Bill's gun cracked, killing the witch doctor instead. Peter's limp body was brought into the mission station where the others set to work over him.

CHAPTER THIRTEEN

BY THE TIME the Prof returned with a broken lantern, the room was completely dark. By its feeble glow, they righted the two camp cots that

had been kicked to one side, and laying the two men on them, sat down to wait.

For hours they sat, Bill periodically feeling the pulse of his patients and administering from his small medical kit.

At last the kerosene in the lantern gave out, and the two men sat in darkness, occasionally lighting a match or a twist of dried grass to see to the two sick men.

Dawn was etching golden lines across the horizon when Bill came out of a semi-doze. With a guilty feeling he started up. Then gasped.

Half sitting on the cot, was Peter, a Peter whose eyes were wide and apprehensive. With a bound, Bill was at the cot.

"Peter, Peter lad," his great arms went around the wounded man who fell back on the bed. "Peter, you're awake!" Suddenly the doctor felt he was babbling, and caught himself.

Peter looked up from the cot. "Bill, Bill McAdams," from stiff white lips, the name came out. The eyes closed. "Oh God," the faint moan of prayer

came to Bill's ears. He slipped to his knees beside the bed.

"Peter boy," his lips were close to the ears of the sick man, "it is Bill. And the Prof is here too. We came to see you and surprise you. But it is us, old man," and he caressed the sorely wounded head as he would have touched a child.

A hand fluttered up and Bill encased it in his strong one. "Just rest now, Peter, and we'll have you fit in no time." Releasing the man, he reached into his kit, and taking another needle, gave Peter an injection. "Just sleep now, fella, and we'll talk later." He was rewarded with a great sigh, then the rhythmic breathing of natural sleep.

Bill walked over to his fellow traveler. "O.K. Prof," he said, shaking him, "wake up. Lots to do."

With a yawn and a complaint, the other woke up, suddenly recalled where he was and jumped to his feet. The two men looked at each other, red-eyed and drawn through lack of sleep. Bill recounted what had just happened. Then they both looked at the sick men.

Peter had at last fallen into a natural sleep. The other in a high fretful fever, tossed, then moaned as his wounds stretched and pained.

Together, the men began setting the room to rights. They threw the broken and useless things outside. The rest they gathered into one corner. Going out the back door they noticed the small store room. Here they found Peter's supply of food, kerosene and matches. Triumphant they carried it back to the house.

On the floor in the corner, the Prof spied a small pressure stove. Filling and heating this was the work of a moment, and soon water was boiling merrily.

The men prepared their breakfast. Then stretching out in deck chairs, fell fast asleep.

The sound of voices brought Bill back to consciousness. In a flash he was awake and out of the deck chair. Two frightened African boys stood in the doorway, looking at the four sleeping men. At Bill's activity they jumped backward. Then they jabbered and pointed. Bill followed their glances.

Lying with open eyes, and half smiling was Peter. Bill was at his side in a moment.

"Then I didn't dream it? I wasn't delirious? It is you?" His hand stole towards McAdams.

"You didn't dream it, Peter," murmured Bill huskily. "And thank God we came in time."

"Mai gida, mai gida," came from the doorway. Peter looked at the two boys and spoke to them. They approached closer.

Bill looked at his friend ques-

tioningly. "It is Audu and Garba," he said to the unspoken question, "they are two of my boys. They have been sleeping in a hut at the far end of the compound," he turned back to the boys and spoke to them. "They want to know why I am here, and who you are. They asked if you are the joji. That is the District Officer," he added. "I don't know how you came myself, but that can wait. What happened? I don't remember anything after my horse ran away with me."

"I don't know what happened either, but I can tell you how we found you," and he recounted the events of the night before.

When he had finished Peter pressed a hand to his head.

"That was Baru whom you found," he said. "Baru saved me from the leopard's claw then. How is he?"

"I can't say yet. I've been more worried about you. But if you can get these boys of yours to make you some soup or something, and bring me lots of hot water, I'll start on him again."

At the almost whispered commands of Peter, the two boys scampered off. They soon returned with a great pot of hot water.

Bill took the bandages from Baru, and washing and sterilizing the ugly wounds, powdered them liberally with sulphur. Binding them again, he noticed the African's eyes opening and closing in response to the sharp pain.

On hearing that Baru was coming to, Peter rose up on one elbow and spoke to him. Faintly Baru answered, and the missionary sank back.

"He says he feels all right but is very tired," he said to Bill and the Prof who was now sitting on the edge of Peter's bed. "God bless him for the way he saved me from those awful claws. A white man would never be able to recover from anything like what he received."

The next few hours passed happily. Peter was busy telling what had happened up to the time he fell from his horse in the hidden valley. The talking exhausted him.

"And that's the tale up to when you found me," he concluded. "What would have happened if you two hadn't come along" and he gripped the hands of his two friends.

During the next few days they all remained close to the mission house. The doctor was pleased at the progress of his patients and soon had them up. Baru was suffering from the shock of his wounds, Peter from exposure to the sun and the filth of the demon hut, and the blow on the head.

They were happy days for the three white men. Long, serious talks with Peter, led Bill and the Prof into a deeper spiritual experience.

"I can't get over the way you fellows turned up," remarked Peter, as soon as he was able to review the events that led up to their meeting that was

so close to tragedy. "Surely the ways of God are past finding out."

"How do you mean, Peter?" said the Prof. "We just decided to come, and happened to be in time."

Peter smiled at him. "Since trusting my life to the Lord Jesus Christ," he said earnestly, "I have lived a miracle life. Things don't just happen—for me at any rate. I firmly believe that you were led here."

"You mean that my getting your letter that day, meeting the Prof and both of us deciding to come out here is all part of a plan?" queried Bill.

"I believe that," said Dunning, looking at his friend, "and I believe with all my heart that you are here for more than to help me!" He spoke with conviction in his voice. "Bill, you are a Christian. I know that you have accepted Christ as your Savior, but I don't believe you have gone any farther." He stopped, hesitant for a moment. "Let me say this: He wants you and needs you. You have seen something of the need of these people. Only the Gospel can change them, and we are the only messengers of the Gospel. Christ gave His life to provide salvation, and He needs our lives to proclaim it. I'm not preaching, Bill," he went on to his silent friend, "but I have wanted to say that to you for a long time. Now that I have, you can decide which way you are to go."

"And what of me?" broke in the Prof. "My life is more than half gone. I see I have been a sort of passive Christian all these years. Is it too late?"

"Not at all," replied Peter. "I know that every life given to Him is a life that will be abundant, no matter when or where it is done."

Peter wisely led the conversation off from that point, seeing as he did that the men were deeply moved. Within him was a fervent prayer that something would be done in their hearts.

It wasn't until a few days later that the conversation came round to it again. Baru had recovered enough to enable him to go off and sleep in the hut with Garba and Audu, leaving the mission house to the three white men. Then one day he went to the village, his first visit since the night when terror reigned.

It was late afternoon when the three white men saw the African returning. He was coming up the narrow pathway, his arms around the limping form of a man.

Springing to the door, Bill met them part way and eased Baru of his burden. Looking sideways at the figure he nearly shouted.

"Hey, Prof!" he called out. "It's Amos," and together he and Baru carried the man into the mission house.

Amos it was indeed, but not the dapper, cheerful interpreter who had left Jos with them. The starved, beaten body, tattered clothing and matted hair

gave off a most fetid odor. Easing the African to the floor, Baru straightened, then began talking to Peter. The latter turned to the other two.

"Baru says he found your Amos staggering along the road near the sacred grove. He must have been taken where you missed him on the other side of the hills and put into one of the huts where I was kept, readied for the leopard's claws." In spite of himself, Peter shuddered. "The poor fellow has been forgotten, and must have recovered just enough to struggle up to the road."

In the meantime, Bill was busy examining the injured man. "Shock and starvation," was the terse diagnosis. Working quickly and skilfully, he washed and fed the stunned man, who although conscious seemed unable to speak or move himself to any degree.

At last Bill was finished. "He'll be all right after rest and more food," he said, rising from the side of the man. "Let's make him comfortable somewhere, and one of the other boys can sit by him." This they quickly did, and Bill was once again in the mission house.

"Baru has just told us of his visit to the town," said Peter to his friend, "and I told him to wait until you came back to hear. Go on, Baru," ordered Peter in Hausa, "tell us what is happening."

"There is great excitement in the town," said the boy as Peter interpreted for his friends, "The rifle shot killed the witch doctor, and the people think the joji has come and are fearful now of all that has happened. Those who kept things stirred up have fled. The chief and the people send you a thousand greetings, but are afraid to come here and see you. They didn't help you in your need, and now they think you will turn from them."

"Also Kwai, Burga and Sambo are much better. The people say that they have never known such people, who lose everything, are wounded, yet do not complain. They have a real testimony."

"That is fine," said Peter. "Now I want you to go back and tell the chief that I will come and salute him when I am strong and able to walk that far. Or he can come here. Although they deserted me, and their men tried to kill me, I bear them no ill-will. Take that message from me. Tell them also that it is worse to desert Yesu Kristi than to desert a white man. Tell them also that although they have not loved God, yet He still loves them, even more than I do."

Smilingly acquiescent, the boy went off on his errand.

Peter turned back to his wondering friends. His face was glowing.

"I am convinced that all this has fallen out for the furtherance of the Gospel," he said happily. "The powers of darkness were making a last ditch

stand against our message. 'Greater is he that is in us, than he that is in the world,' he quoted, "and we're on the winning side."

"It is strange," he went on, "but everywhere that the Gospel has gone, blood baths, ritual murders, mutilation and unspeakable persecution almost surely follow. Once the Gospel makes headway, the enemy goes underground, and troubles come in more devious, hidden ways. Well," he said stretching his arms above his head, "it's a great fight and a worthy one. The prize is worth pressing on for. I'm in it to the end of the chapter. It's a rich life, Bill," he added soberly, "and the only one worth while." He waited for a moment, then walking over to the young doctor, who sat clenching his strong hands between his knees, he started to speak when he was suddenly interrupted.

Loud drumming and excited shouting brought Bill and the Prof to the door of the mission house. The road from the town was crowded with people, and as their eyes focused on the scene they realized what it was.

In the foreground came a group of drummers, each seeking the honors for making the greatest noise. Behind them came three men, all shouting something at the top of their voices. In splendid robes and on a caparisoned horse came next one who could be no less than the chief himself. Following him came his court and townspeople, all taking the road to the mission station.

Peter drew himself slowly to the door.

"It is the chief," he confirmed their guess. "He is coming to salute us. The men in front are calling out his praises and honors. Most of them are made up on the spur of the moment, but it all adds to the chief's girma!" and Peter sank into a deck chair.

When the procession reached the mission compound gate, the leading men sought to draw the horse through the entrance. A word from the chief stopped them. Then slowly and awkwardly, hampered by his long, colored gown, the chief dismounted, while the people fought to hold his horse.

Dismounted, he turned toward the gateway. Kicking off his great native slippers, he started his barefooted way to the house. About half-way there, he stopped. With one motion, he swept his turban to the ground. This was followed by his chieftain's gown, leaving himself clad only in a square-yoked shirt and a pair of peg-top trousers. Thus he came before the three white men, in an attitude of humility Peter had never before seen in this most haughty of tribal chiefs. From Peter came the interpretation of the conversation that took place.

"Mai gida," the chief stopped to bow

to the three men, "Mai gida, I salute you and your two friends. I salute you in my shame, and the shame of all my people." Peter returned the salutation. The chief continued: "We have been carried away by the evil of the past days, and now it has come home to settle upon our heads. I come seeking forgiveness, and help for my people."

"Sarki," replied Peter. "Chief, there is nothing I can do for you. I came to your town to bring you Good News from God. Could I but see you all walk in God's way, you could do to me as you will. I want only that you know of Yesu Kristi, the Savior of the world."

"You mean," stammered the chief, "that you are not angry? You have not sent for the joji to come with the stick that speaks with death? You mean your friends will not take you away from us and back to your own country?"

"No, chief," said Peter. "You must report the deaths of the Fulanis and your people to the joji yourself. I will not do it. I am not angry, nor shall I leave here as long as I am able to stay."

"Mai gida, you are our father. My people are yours. Stay with us. Tell us of your good news. Teach us about the leaf that talks to us. Only ask, and whatever you need shall be done. I have never known a man like you before."

"There was another Man," replied Peter. "A Man who came to save His own people. But they did not want Him. They beat Him, they lashed Him, they killed Him. And when He was dying, He asked God to forgive them for what they were doing."

"He was indeed a Man," replied the chief, while his followers muttered behind him. "Now you are like Him and have forgiven my people."

"I wish I were like Him," replied Peter. "But God raised that Man from the dead. He is now with God in His home. If any man will believe on Him, and follow Him, God will be pleased to accept him. That is the Good News I have brought to you. For the Man was Yesu Kristi. He came to save man, and He died that the judgment for sin might be taken away."

"That is indeed good news. Stay with us, Mai gida," the chief urged, "and tell myself and my people more."

There was a great deal of talk that afternoon. Finally the chief turned to go. As he did so, he said:

"Tomorrow I will send word to the joji. Since you will need to go back to Jos, my horses and my men are ready to take you as far as they can. May your God bring you back to us again soon." And he walked back to his horse and on to the village."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING NEWS

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persons were saved by grace through faith in Christ Jesus, and almost all the members of the church renewed their covenant with the Lord at the last consecration meeting. The pastor, the Rev. George W. Zinz, Sr., reported that "Brother Fuchs is a great and well beloved preacher. We all learned to love him." The thankoffering was \$151.00. On Sunday, October 26, seven of the new converts were baptized upon confession of their faith and on Sunday, November 2, at the Lord's Supper they were received into the membership of the Forest Baptist Church. Mrs. Zinz is recuperating from a recent operation for the removal of an eye cataract.

● On Sunday evening, November 16, the choir of 20 voices of the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., presented its annual musical program with Mr. William Konstanski directing. On Sunday, November 23, the Mission Festival of the church was held with members of the nearby First Baptist Church of Pound and nearby Section Eight Baptist Church also attending the afternoon and evening services. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., brought the messages and showed four reels of missionary and denominational films. The offerings of the day were designated for our denominational mission fields. On Thanksgiving Day, the Rev. J. F. Conner of the Pioneer Church of Pound brought a devotional message over radio station WMAW at Menominee, Wis. Miss Eugenia Price, author-director of the radio broadcasts of the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago, Ill., addressed a union service of the Pioneer and First Baptist churches of Pound on Sunday evening, November 30.

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News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

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INTRODUCING MRS. THEODORE W. DONS

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER

"To know her is to love her," was the sincere tribute paid to Mrs. Theodore W. Dons recently by one of her many friends in our North American Baptist family. Those who may claim her as a former minister's wife remember the warm hospitality of the parsonages in which the Dons family lived. They know Mrs. Dons as a wise counselor, a leader, and, best of all, a Christian example.

Her husband, the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, has ministered to a number of our North American Baptist churches. At present he is the assistant to the president of a Christian school in Kansas, Sterling College. In spite of this new connection, the Dons family has remained active and has kept its membership in our North American Baptist Church in Ellinwood, Kansas.

The three Dons children are a tribute to the Christian rearing of their home. They are Mr. Frederick A. Dons of Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. William H. Jeschke, minister's wife in St. Paul, Minn.; and Miss Joann Dons of Sterling, Kansas. All three children have graduated from college and are devoting their talents in service to God.

Mrs. Dons has held positions of leadership in all of the local churches where she has been a member. She has worked with blessing in the various ways she has served our Woman's Missionary Union. Today, however, we are introducing her to our readers as the German editor of our **Broadcast**. She edits both the insert called the "Rundfunk" and the column concerning our work as a Woman's Union in **Der Sendbote**. For six years she has served in these capacities.

Added to this labor of love came another big assignment three years ago. As a member of the National Missionary Education Committee she was the German editor of the Program Packet. She spent many days of hard work to make this project possible. Even during the trying months of prolonged illness when she was confined to a wheel-chair, she carried on her work with the kind help of her husband. Her greatest joy is found in serving her Savior, Jesus Christ.

It is therefore a pleasure to present to all of our women a dear friend of many years, the German Editor of the **Broadcast**.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

By MRS. THEODORE W. DONS

Another year has rolled around, and what an important year! Who can measure the significance of the events in the life of our country? But God who knows the end from the beginning overrules and undertakes for his own.

The past cannot be changed; the future is not revealed; the present alone is ours. Regarding the past we commit all to him and pray that he may cover our shortcomings by his grace, and that what was pleasing in his sight may be used for his glory. As to the future, we will faithfully trust him for he knows what is in store for us. He will never fail us.

It is the present with which we are concerned—how we use our time, our talents and our substance. How easily we spend our days as a tale that is told! We idle our time away. Oh, I do not mean that we are not busy. Indeed, we are too busy—with our housework, our farmwork, our social obligations, entertaining friends, parent-teachers meetings, bazaars, dinners and what not.

But have we ever thought of giving a tenth of our time each day to specific work for the Lord? Our time is in his hands. But do we live that way? How much happier we would be if we would use the present for him in a special way—visitation of the sick, invitations to church services, and personal work. How happy our day would be if we used the present for him!

Even our talents must be used, not tomorrow, but today. How often our feelings have been hurt and we have decided not to use our talents! Or we think that our services are not appreciated. Of course, that is only in

NEW YEAR'S GREETING!

To all North American Baptist Women:

Your Woman's Missionary Union officers hereby extend sincere New Year's greetings to you. May the year 1953 be a blessed and fruitful year of service to HIM, whom to know aright is life eternal.

On behalf of the officers,

Mrs. Emanuel Wolff,

Woman's Missionary Union
Secretary



Mrs. Theodore W. Dons of Sterling, Kans., German editor of the "Broadcast" and author of the accompanying New Year's message.

our minds—and then we lie down. Really all our talents belong to God and we are to exercise them at all times and in a special way at some times. By exercising our talents they become more useful.

But is it not true that too often we exercise our talents for personal gain to get ahead in our business or to accumulate wealth? How much do we use our talents for God? Has God given us grace to meet people successfully and are we using this talent for him whenever opportunity comes? Let the future take care of itself for God is on the throne, but let us take care of the present. Our faithfulness in the present will determine his "Well done!" in the future.

Then there is the matter of our substance. Are we faithful stewards and are we giving to him the tenth of all we earn? Truly, that is little enough. Someone has called it "our rent" to God, for the tenth is the least that God requires of us.

The New Year will have many opportunities for us here at home and abroad on the mission field. These we can only meet when we use the present rightfully. May this be the prayer of each of our hearts in the year that lies ahead:

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
Live in me from day to day,
By his love and power controlling
All I do and say.

May the love of Jesus fill me,
As the waters fill the sea;
Him exalting, self abasing,
This is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me
As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel,
Seeing only him.

—Kathie B. Wilkinson.

Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Southern Conference

Anniversary Program of the Central Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Waco, Texas

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, has completed another year of service, and on Wednesday evening, November 19, presented its annual program. The president, Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz, opened the meeting and spoke words of welcome to a large audience.

Highlights of the program was the missionary play, "Two Masters," presented very effectively by the following cast: Mrs. Louis Johnson, Mrs. Harry Haefner; Mrs. Louis Landureth, Mrs. Roger Edens, Mrs. Carlton Springfield, Misses Lydel Bynum, Betty Gossen, and Betty Thomson. A solo, "What Shall I Give Thee, Master?" and a trio, "Then I Met Jesus," added to the missionary emphasis of the play. The offering for our national project amounted to \$157.00.

The treasurer's and secretary's reports revealed the fact that our ladies have been carrying out our theme, "A Hearer of the Word—a Doer of the Work." Each month some worthy project was promoted. Several meetings were devoted to White Cross work. The various Old People's Homes, as well as the Seminary and Children's Home were remembered during the year. In addition to this, our local Hillcrest Memorial Hospital was given a donation for linens and the Crippled Children's Hospital a book shower.

At the end of another fiscal year we as a society are grateful to the Lord for his wonderful guidance in the past year and we are looking forward to another year of being "doers of the word and not hearers only."

Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Election Night Concert for Young People at Second Church of New York, New York

As the custom has been in previous years, the Young People's Fellowship of New York and Vicinity held an Election Night Concert at the Second German Baptist Church of New York City on Tuesday evening, Nov. 4. We had our largest attendance in the past few years. The entire church auditorium was filled to capacity with about 250 people from New Jersey, New York, and Brooklyn. The weather

was perfect, our publicity was taken care of by our able secretary, Miss Louise Willerweit, and, best of all, the Lord had his hand in the program.

The program was started with a song service in which our new theme song, "Live Christ Throughout the Day," was introduced to everyone. After the song service, Miss Laura Brewer from the Evangel Church, Newark, N. J., sang "It's In My Heart," followed by a trumpet duet, "On the Ocean," played by Jimmy Seeps and Walter Hart, also of Evangel Church. We heard from a newly formed mixed quartet from our Second Baptist Church in Union City, N. J., which sang, "Moment by Moment."

We were all privileged again to hear the wonderful voices of the massed choir of the churches of New York and vicinity which sang at the 30th General Conference in Philadelphia under the able direction of the Rev. A. Husmann. Their first number was "My God and I."

Just before the offering, Mr. Arnold Veninga, treasurer of the fellowship, came to the platform and gave his personal thanks in behalf of the officers, members and trustees of the fellowship to the president, Mr. Richard Christeleit, for his work in the planning of the program and his interest in the work of the Lord. He also wished him the best the Lord has for him in his chosen work as a minister of the Gospel as he plans to attend our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

During the offering Miss Violet Eckert of the Immanuel Church of New York City played, "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," on the piano, followed by a vocal solo by the Rev. Roger Schmidt, attending the Ridgewood Church of Brooklyn, New York. His number was "Constantly Abiding."

We were then privileged to hear a group of young people of the Fellowship Church of Passaic, N. J., play on their accordions, "I Gave My Heart to Thee." The youngest member in this accordion orchestra is only nine years old, and all are under the direction by their pastor, Rev. Robert Ambler. Next we heard from a girls' trio from the Evergreen church of Brooklyn, N. Y., singing "At Evening Time," followed by a vocal solo, "When I Consider the Heavens," sung by Miss Grace Appel, also of Evergreen church.

The Rev. Otto Patzia of Detroit, Mich., brought a message on the topic, "Christian Stewardship in Our Churches." Before the benediction, the choir again brought us a message in song, "Let Mt. Zion Rejoice."

Dr. William Appel gave the benediction which ended an excellent eve-

ning for us, hearing all these fine people giving of their talents unto the Lord. "I will sing unto the Lord . . . I will sing to my God . . ."

Richard Christeleit, President.

Southwestern Conference

Sessions of the Nebraska and Colorado Association at Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb.

The Nebraska-Colorado Association met with the West Side Baptist Church of Beatrice, Neb., from Nov. 20 to 23. The general theme was, "Saved by Grace" (Eph. 2:8). It was a time of rejoicing in the Lord, the renewing of old acquaintances and the strengthening of the bonds of fellowship. Since we were unable to get a special speaker from our denomination, we had two speakers from nearby churches.

One was the Rev. D. Mayson of the First Baptist Church of Western, Neb., who urged us to praise God and to grow and abound. The other was the Rev. Richard Klein of the CMA Bible Church of Beatrice, Nebraska. He spoke to us on "Three Things That the Disciples of Christ Need" and on "Pregnable Convictions." The pastors of our churches brought messages and Bible expositions, while some of the members led in the devotionals. At the close of the meetings we went home, feeling that the Lord had met with us and blessed us.

John Broeder, Reporter.

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Shell Creek Church, Columbus, Neb.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Shell Creek Baptist Church, Columbus, Neb., held its annual program on Sunday evening, November 2nd. We were delighted to have the Cameroons missionary, Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, as our guest speaker.

During the past year our group has held regular meetings each month. Prayer and testimonial programs and Bible study were enjoyed, as well as special programs for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter and Mother's Day. We also did some White Cross work. Each member corresponded with a foreign missionary during the year, and many interesting letters which were received were read in the meetings.

The society purchased trays for the church kitchen. Each month we try to send a package of food to Gus Mohrman, Jr., while he is serving our country overseas. We have a visiting committee to visit those who are ill. Not only does this prove a blessing to the ones visited, but also to the committee. Mrs. John Borchers, who is one of our members, has been remembered with cards, flowers and prayers.

Now as we look forward into the new year, we resolve to try to be more steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58).

Mrs. Milton Menke, Secretary.

Sunday School Week, Men's Brotherhood and Thanksgiving Services at Bessie, Oklahoma

The First Baptist Church of Bessie, Okla., is still on the map. The blessings of God are still continuing and are seen revealed over and over again in the lives of God's children. We observed Sunday School Week from Sept. 21 to 28. The school was in charge of both services on Sunday, Sept. 21, with the pastor, Rev. Jacob Ehman, bringing the messages. A Workers' Conference was held on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21 to plan the program for the week.

Wednesday evening we had our Sunday School classes divided for prayer meetings. On Friday evening we had a "Parents' and Teachers' Get-together," studying ways and means for improving the Sunday School. The Sunday School week was brought to a close with a candlelight dedicatory service in which the Sunday School officers and teachers took part, which was an inspiration to all.

On Oct. 12 we had our annual Harvest and Mission Festival. Our services were well attended and the message for the morning service was brought by our own pastor. At the evening service the children presented a fine program.

Then on Oct. 24 a group of men met at the church to consider beginning a Men's Brotherhood. On October 21 the men again gathered in the church basement and with much enthusiasm organized and elected officers. Twelve men joined the organization. The group calls itself "The Men's Brotherhood Group." It was also decided to meet regularly every second Thursday evening of the month.

The Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., was with us on Nov. 9th. We received great blessings from his ministry and enjoyed the fellowship. The church held its annual Thanksgiving and Sacrifice celebration at this time. The churches of nearby Corn and Gotebo were invited and we were happy to have both churches represented in the afternoon service and to have Corn with us in a goodly number for the evening service. The highlights of the evening service were the Woman's Missionary Union program and a brief message and missionary pictures by Mr. Gunst.

Mrs. Oscar Buffing, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Farewell and Welcome Receptions are Held by Immanuel Church, Beulah, North Dakota

On Sunday morning, August 31, the Rev. Fred Trautner of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak., brought his farewell message to a large congregation. His message was taken from Acts 20:17-33 and was very fitting for the occasion.

In the afternoon the members of the church showed their appreciation to the Trautner family for their untiring services by taking a love offering for them and presenting a short

program, during which time various officers brought messages of appreciation. The Ladies' Trio sang, "God will Take Care of You." We wish them God's richest blessing.

On Sunday, Sept. 21, the church held a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lautt and family of Harvey, North Dakota. In the afternoon, officers of various organizations of the church spoke words of welcome. Mr. and Mrs. Lautt responded to the welcome after which the Ladies' Trio, Mrs. Christine Geist, Mrs. Em. Helm and Mrs. Fred Helm sang, "Upon My Knees."

We were privileged to have the Rev. Fred Knalson of Underwood, N. Dak., with us as guest speaker. He took his text from Nehemiah 4:1-6 on the building of the wall. Following the touching message, Mrs. Knalson rendered a beautiful solo, "Is Your All on the Altar?" We are indeed happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Lautt and family into our midst.

Mrs. Fred Helm, Reporter.

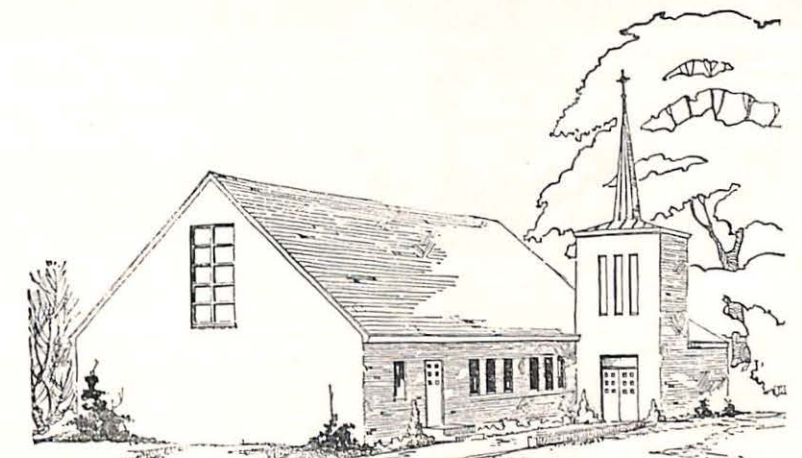
CBY president; Mr. Wilfred Blatherwick, representing Huggill, Blatherwick, Fritzel, architects; and Mr. John Schilt, general contractor.

The plans for the ground breaking service came upon us rather suddenly because of the contractor's plan to begin the excavation this fall and also because of weather conditions. This made it impossible for us to contact and also to engage a denominational leader or someone of our work at large to participate in this impressive service.

With our hearts full of thanksgiving to God for his guidance thus far, all joined in singing, "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds." The Rev. Eldon Seibold of the Spring Valley Church pronounced the benediction.

"Raise with this temple, Lord, for us A tabernacle in the soul, Where through the vision of thy will, We make life's incompleteness whole."

Helen Lohse, Reporter.



Architect's sketch of the new building for the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for which ground has already been broken and on which construction will soon begin.

Ground Breaking Exercises for the Trinity Church Building, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

On Sunday, Oct. 26, members and friends of the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., met for the ground breaking service. After Rubin Hermann had led the congregation in singing, "The Church's One Foundation," Prof. Herbert Hiller read the Scripture passage. The Trinity Young People's Choir sang "Soldiers of Christ, Arise."

The prayer of dedication was offered by Prof. Hugo Lueck. The Rev. Harold Weiss of our sister church, Northside, expressed their good wishes to us. The Rev. Richard Grenz, our pastor, told how the plans for building have progressed. A group of students from our Seminary sang "Beautiful Savior."

Those who took part in the ground breaking exercises were: Rev. Richard Grenz, the pastor; Mr. Alvin Bleeker, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mr. Okko DeBoer, representing the Building Committee; Mr. Ben Wiese, Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. R. Grenz, president of the Woman's Missionary Society; Miss Sena Plucker,

Baptismal Service and New Organ for Baptist Church at Corona, South Dakota

The Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., held a baptismal service in the Strandburg Baptist Church of South Dakota on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 12, with Rev. S. Gilbert of Strandburg assisting the Rev. Herman Lohr. Three persons witnessed to their faith in Christ by following him in baptism: Mrs. Elmer Poppen, and David and Virginia Priestly. (The latter are the grandson and granddaughter of the Rev. D. Koester, who served as pastor of our church from 1923 to 1929. They are now living with their mother, the former Frieda Koester, in Brookings, S. Dak., their father, the Rev. Eric Priestly having passed away when both the children were small. Mr. and Mrs. Priestly were serving a church in Ireland at the time of his homegoing.)

These three were received into the fellowship of the church at an evening communion service, which was an inspiring occasion. Mr. Lohr extended to our new members the hand of fellowship with beautiful, appropriate passages of Scripture and words of en-



The beautiful Sunday School Building and Chapel of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., which was built for \$23,000 besides 4,500 hours of labor contributed by members and which was dedicated on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, with the Rev. G. G. Rauser in charge of the services.

couragement for each one.

About a year ago the church purchased a spinet model Hammond organ. In September of this year, the company which sold it to us offered to bring out a two-manual church model for us to try out, offering to give us the full purchase price of the small one as a trade-in allowance if we would rather have the larger one.

When the church met to vote on the matter, announcement was made that the children of the late Mr. and Mrs. William Sprung had offered to pay the considerable difference in the cost of the two instruments, giving it to the church as a memorial to their parents, who for many years were beloved and respected members of the Corona Baptist Church. Needless to say, the rest of us accepted the gift with delight and humble thanks.

We pray that this fine memorial may long minister to the beauty of our services, and to the hearts of the listeners may it help to bring comfort and peace!

Elmer Schulte, Church Clerk.

Pacific Conference

Dedication of Sunday School Building and Chapel, First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.

We of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., are giving thanks to our Lord for his bountiful blessings which we have received. On Sunday, November 2nd, we dedicated our new Sunday School building and chapel. It was a great day of rejoicing and of singing praises because without God's guidance we could not have accomplished what we did in such a short time.

On July 27th, as previously reported, we had the ground breaking services and within three months we completed

a building such as would ordinarily require six months to complete. After viewing the blueprints of the building, our City Planning Commission indicated that we must have a \$35,000 building permit and they were certain that it would cost us at least \$10,000 above that amount.

God will always do above our asking if we have faith in him and again he has proven this to us. The building was completed for just a little over \$23,000, the members of the church having contributed 4500 hours of labor to the completion of the project. All of the skilled labor, such as plumbing, wiring, sheet metal work, painting, etc., was donated by members of the church. Mr. F. C. Bender, a member of the church, served as supervisor of the building.

The building is 148 feet long and 30 feet wide and contains twelve classrooms, three assembly rooms, and a beautiful chapel comfortably seating 125 persons. It is trimmed in Filipino Mahogany. The building is being used for Junior Church, CBY meetings, prayer meetings, etc. The next step in our building program is the remodeling of the present church building, both inside and outside. This, with the Lord's help, we expect to accomplish before the end of 1953. It can truly be said, "The people had a mind to work."

On our Dedication Sunday we had three great services beginning with the dynamic message brought to us by our pastor, the Rev. E. G. Rauser, during the morning worship services, at which he spoke on "Building for Eternity." The Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi brought the message in the afternoon, speaking on "Christian Education in a Secular World" and the Rev. W. W. Knauf of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove brought the evening message, speaking on "A Challenge to

Build a Kingdom." Words of greeting were brought by Mr. Schreiber, Mr. Knauf; the Rev. D. Ratzlaff, president of the Ministerial Association of our city; and the Rev. S. Smith of the Community Church, Victor, California. The special music consisted of numbers by the choir, the male octet and several soloists.

Truly, our hearts rejoice as we begin the use of our new building and it is our prayer that God may give us a greater burden for the lost and a greater burden to bring to the children the true Word of God. Our hearts are challenged. Our zeal shall ever be, "Enter to worship, depart to serve."

Mrs. Thelma Fischer, Reporter.

Fall Rally of the Oregon Baptist League at Portland's Central Baptist Church

On November 15 and 16 the Oregon Baptist League held its Fall Rally at the Central Baptist Church in Portland, Oregon. At 6:30 P.M. on Saturday evening we were served a delicious banquet by the host church with 225 people in attendance.

The program was opened with an uplifting song service led by Marian Giese of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem. John Baker of the Stafford Church led us in our devotions. A trio from Immanuel Church favored us with a special number just before we heard from our speaker of the evening. We were happy to have Dr. Neil S. Winegarden, professor of Homiletics at Western Baptist Seminary, Portland, Ore., with us bringing a very stirring message on "God's Building Contract." Following the message Mrs. John Baker brought a message in song.

President Don Rich opened the business meeting by having a roll call of the churches. All nine churches of the League were represented. A report of the summer assembly and committee

meetings was given by the secretary. Plans for our summer assembly were discussed. It was also decided to start raising a fund for a future camp site. The Rev. Lewis B. Berndt, pastor of the host church, led us in our closing prayer.

On Sunday afternoon Mrs. Ernie Schaer of our Bethany Church opened the meeting with a song service. The Rev. Robert Penner, our dean for 1953, read the Scripture and offered prayer. The special number for the afternoon was a vocal duet by the Bethel Church. The Rev. Richard Schilke, general mission secretary, brought us a challenging message on "Rise Up and Build" taken from the second chapter of Nehemiah.

Bernietta Wobig, Secretary.

Annual Birthday Banquet of the Salt Creek Woman's Missionary Society of Oregon

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Ore., held its annual birthday banquet on October 23 in the Chamber of Commerce Room, Dallas, Oregon. The room was beautifully decorated with fall flowers and miniature scenes depicting youth, adulthood and the sunset years of life.

Our president, Mrs. Mabel Voth, was toastmistress. The program was divided into three groups, youth, adult and sunset years. Myrl Thiesies spoke on, "The Challenge to Christian Youth." Orval Aebi and Johnny Tilgner played a trumpet duet, "Saved by Grace." Mrs. Albia Haas spoke on, "The Challenge to Christian Adults," and a ladies' trio, consisting of Mrs. Ardith Fast, Mrs. Viola May and Mrs. Anne Classen sang, "He Whispers His Love to Me."

The Rev. Bob Penner of the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., was the guest speaker of the evening and spoke on, "The Challenge to Christians in Sunset years." He related in his message three episodes in the life of John Mark, as recorded in Acts.

Mrs. William Green sang a solo, "A Perfect Day." Other musical numbers were piano melodies by Mrs. Mildred Classen and vibraharp selections by Mrs. Florence Schmitke. The banquet was very well attended and everyone was blessed for having been there. The birthday offering of \$41.36 plus the annual offering of \$180.50 has been designated for missions.

The ladies have also sewn baby jackets for the leper camp in the Cameroons and also have made blankets to be used there. May the Lord continue to bless us as we labor together in his vineyard.

Ruth Aebi, Recording Secretary.

Ninetieth Birthday of Grandmother Bloch at Grace Church, Kelowna, British Columbia

On Oct. 24, Mrs. H. Bloch of Kelowna, B. C., who is a great-grandmother, celebrated her 90th birthday. She came to Kelowna, B. C., in 1936 and has been the eldest member of our church, the Grace Baptist Church, and also of



Rev. James Conner (left), pastor of the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., and thirteen converts whom he recently baptized on confession of their faith in Christ.

our Woman's Missionary Society ever since that time.

For Grandma Bloch's honor we arranged a birthday surprise party for her at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. S. Gretsinger. Mrs. Bloch looked young and happy, while taking part in the program of songs, Bible readings, prayers and recitations. Mrs. A. Kornalewski brought a message and presented her with a gift of remembrance by the Woman's Missionary Society. Their happy evening came to a close with a lunch being served.

May great Grandma Bloch by God's grace live to see many more happy returns of this day!

Alma Marks, Secretary.

Northwestern Conference

Baptism of Thirteen Converts and Mission Sunday at Pioneer Church, Pound, Wisconsin

We of the Pioneer Baptist Church in Pound, Wis., are happy to report blessings from God in the work of the church. We are indeed thankful for them, and to God be all the glory!

God gave us a harvest of thirteen souls. Tears of joy were shed as we

witnessed persons convicted of their need of a Savior, respond to the altar call and step out for Christ.

On Sunday, Oct. 26th, these 13 converts followed their Lord in baptism. It was an impressive service. The church was filled and God's message on "Baptism" was proclaimed by our pastor, the Rev. J. Conner. The spoken testimonies of the baptismal candidates revealed the new joy found in their hearts. The new converts were given the hand of fellowship and welcomed into the church as we gathered around the Lord's Table for the communion service on the following Sunday, Nov. 2nd.

On Sunday, Nov. 23rd, it was our privilege to have with us the Rev. M. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., for an all-day program. Our hearts were thrilled as we listened to this energetic man of God proclaim the Bread of Life and also show us the very latest moving pictures of our mission fields. It was indeed a time of feasting and we were filled with its wonderful goodness, so appropriate for this Thanksgiving Season. The church enjoyed a fellowship dinner at noon in the church parlors before assembling for the afternoon service.

Mrs. Reuben Graetz, Reporter.



Four generations in the Grace Baptist Church, Kelowna, British Columbia, with Mrs. H. Bloch (third from left) on her 90th birthday.

(Left to right: Mrs. R. Schimp, Mrs. S. Gretsinger, Mrs. H. Bloch and Miss Marlene Gretsinger.)



Scholars and truck of the Erin Ave. Baptist Sunday School, Cleveland, Ohio, in the Christian Life Olympic Sunday School Parade.

Central Conference

Erin Avenue Sunday School, Cleveland, Ohio, Meets Contest Goal with 411 Scholars

The Sunday School of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, participated in the Christian Life Olympic Sunday School Contest whose aim it was to increase Sunday School attendance 100 per cent. Our average attendance last year was 164; five years ago it was 93.

The contest was started on Rally Day, Oct. 5, with great enthusiasm to win souls for Christ. At 9 A.M. on Rally Day we had an Olympic Parade. The scholars proceeded from the church and marched with the American and Christian flags carried by two Brigadiers and with a truck transporting the band that played "Onward, Christian Soldiers." The scholars sang and marched according to departments with bicycles, automobiles and the bus following. One hundred and fifty scholars participated in the parade.

Our attendance goal for Rally Day was 330, and we had 337 present for the first Sunday of the contest. There were 32 workers who spent much time and effort in visiting and working to reach this goal.

A new housing project was located and canvassed. We received several new scholars from this project. A weekly periodical was published informing all the contestants of the progress made by each team and league. The editor was the Rev. Edwin Miller, our pastor, who was assisted by a staff of contributing editors. We received a total of 79 new Sunday School members during the contest. One scholar brought 46 visitors to Sunday School during the contest.

On November 9, the closing Sunday of the contest, the attendance was 411. During this contest which lasted six weeks, we had an average attendance of 334 which is an increase of 104 percent over last year's average of 164. We humbly thank God and praise him that we were able to reach this very difficult goal. We also owe a debt of thanks to our zealous pastor, our church missionary and our Sunday School superintendent.

Delores Ziemann, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Harvest and Mission Festival at Baptist Church, Carbon, Alberta, and Zion Station

We praise God for the bountiful blessings of spiritual as well as material gifts to us at the Baptist Church of Carbon, Alta., and Station Zion. On Sunday, October 26, we held our annual Mission Festival. This was the Sunday when the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of Camrose, Alta., was with us in the interest of the stewardship program. The pastor and the deacons set up a successful program in which Mr. Sonnenberg could serve both stations in the same forenoon.

At 10:00 A.M. Mr. Sonnenberg preached a convincing message at Carbon and a good mission offering was received. At 11:30 A.M. he presented the stewardship program and combined his message with an inspiring mission appeal. Following this wonderful service, the women of the church served a chicken dinner.

At 2:00 P.M. the Sunday School presented an interesting Harvest Mission program under the direction of the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Rud. Bertsch. The offering amounted to \$908.84. Mr. Sonnenberg spoke a few words in the interest of the Standard Sunday School and Mr. Allan Strohschein who was also present and who is the promoter of the young people's work in Alberta spoke in the interest of the young people's work.

On Sunday evening, November 2, the Sunday School in Carbon also gave a very fine Harvest Mission program under the leadership of the Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Albert Weigum. A second missionary offering was received. So this offering and the one from the Sunday before amounted to \$1502.67.

From November 3 to 14 we had evangelistic meetings. The Rev. Henry Pfeifer of the Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, Alta., was our evangelist. The Word of God was clear and plain as preached to us from night to night. We are convinced that the moving of God's Holy Spirit and the sincere prayers offered will bear its fruit in due season.

Jacob G. Rott, Pastor.

Obituary

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

MISS GERTRUDE GRUHLER of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Miss Gertrude Gruhler of Philadelphia, Pa., was born on November 13, 1929 in Philadelphia, Pa., and died suddenly as the result of fatal injuries received in an auto accident on October 12, 1952, at the age of almost 23 years.

About ten years ago Gertrude accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized on the confession of her faith into the Pilgrim Baptist Church by the Rev. Herman Palfenier. She was active in the Commissioned Baptist Youth serving in various ways.

Her homegoing is mourned by her parents: Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gruhler; two sisters: Mrs. Mathilda Williams and Mrs. Mildred Greenwood; as well as three brothers: Emil, Robert and Eugene, all of this city; and a host of relatives and friends.

At the funeral service her pastor brought a message of comfort on a verse which she had marked in her Bible, Romans 5:8. The Lord is comforting the bereaved.

Pilgrim Baptist Church,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

WALTER C. DAMRAU, Pastor.

MRS. IDA MACOSKEY of Brooklyn, New York.

Mrs. Ida Macoskey of Brooklyn, N. Y., was born June 15, 1869 in Germany, where she followed the Lord in baptism at the age of 13. In 1887 she came to the United States with her mother, and joined the Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., where she met her husband, a member of that church. Later they became members of the church in New Haven, Conn., and in 1904 she joined the Evergreen Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., where she remained a faithful member until her death.

She died October 23, and thereby reached the age of almost 84 years, her husband having preceded her in death by 27 years.

She is survived by three children: Rev. Walter Macoskey, D.D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, Beloit, Wis.; Margaret, assistant to the editor of "Missions Magazine" and Arthur, an accountant with the American Baptist Convention; and one grandson, Robert, a student at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley, California.

Although inactive during the past two years, Mother Macoskey was an inspiration to young and old, greeting all visitors with a kindly smile and words of cheer and hope. In recent weeks she expressed a desire to "go home," and when her son Walter left for his home in the west, her farewell words to him were, "If I don't see you again here, I'll see you in heaven." With such faith, patience and courage, Mother Macoskey departed for her eternal home.

Funeral services were conducted on October 26 by the Rev. W. J. Appel of Jersey City, N. J., and the Rev. R. Zimbelman of Brooklyn, New York. Burial took place in Jamesburg, New Jersey.

Evergreen Baptist Church,
Brooklyn, New York

R. ZIMBELMAN, Pastor.

MRS. CARRIE LITTMAN of Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

The funeral services for Mrs. Carrie Littman of Wetaskiwin, Alta., were held at Wetaskiwin on Nov. 12, 1952. The Rev. H. Schumacher officiated and the Rev. J. Wingblade assisted. Miss Hilda Strohschein was the organist and Miss Irene Sommers sang, "This World Is Not My Home." Miss Sadie Monteil and Mrs. Wm. Leschert sang, "Meine Heimat ist dort in der Höh."

Mrs. Littman, beloved wife of Gustav Littman, was born in Poland on June 27, 1891.

She came to Canada in 1909. Her first residence was at Edmonton where she worked for a number of years. On April 22, 1917, she was united in marriage to Gustav Littman of Wetaskiwin and since that time made her home here.

Mrs. Littman accepted the Lord as her Savior while still young and was baptized and joined the Central Baptist Church at Edmonton, Alberta. Coming to Wetaskiwin she transferred her membership to the Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church, where she was a faithful member until 1928, when Mrs. Littman together with a number of other Christians organized the West Side Baptist Church. Here she remained a faithful member until the time of her death.

Mrs. Littman was called to her heavenly home on Nov. 8 at the age of 61 years, 4 months and 12 days. She has gone to be with the Lord whom she loved and served. Her favorite song was "This World Is Not My Home." Her favorite Scripture portion was Psalm 23.

She leaves to mourn her passing her loving husband, Gustav; and nine children: Rosa (Mrs. Ferdinand Walscheske), Hobema, Alta.; Hannah (Mrs. Henry Muhs), Usona, Alta.; Lydia (Mrs. John Krause), Edmonton, Alta.; Freda (Mrs. Joe Knuenz), Gwynne, Alta.; Minnie (Mrs. Joe Knuenz), Wetaskiwin, Alta.; Esther (Mrs. Walter Kretschmer), Seven Sisters Falls, Man.; also three sons: Daniel, Vancouver, B. C.; Charlie, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; and Eddie, Wetaskiwin, Alta.; 14 grandchildren, two sisters, (Mrs. A. Bradshaw, Powell River, B. C., and Mrs. E. Hanks, Wetaskiwin, Alta.); also Sam Miller, Leduc; Ferdinand Miller, Gustav Miller, Powell River, B. C.; many other relatives and a host of friends. To them and to all who mourn her loss we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church,
Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada

H. SCHUMACHER, Pastor.

FIRST LT. CALVIN EDGAR HODEL of McGregor, Texas.

First Lieutenant Calvin Edgar Hodel of McGregor, Texas, was born on April 5, 1929 at Waco, Texas, and, after completing 22 combat missions over Korea, was killed on September 18, 1952. He was piloting one of four jets on a practice bomb mission when his plane disintegrated and crashed into the Yellow Sea. He entered the Air Force in June, 1946 and had served in Europe, Puerto Rico and Japan.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, of Austin, Texas; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hodel of Route 5, McGregor, Texas; one sister, Mrs. Granvil Rost of Waco, Texas; a niece, Judith Gail Rost; a grandfather, H. W. Engelbrecht of Crawford, Texas; and a host of relatives and friends.

Calvin accepted the Lord Jesus as his Savior in his youth and on confession of his faith in him was baptized by the late Rev. C. C. Gossen and joined the Canaan Baptist Church at Crawford, Texas. We do not only want to remember Calvin, but to follow in his footsteps to be in heaven knowing our citizenship to be in heaven and not on earth. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, 'The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity'" (2 Timothy 2:19).

Canaan Baptist Church,
Crawford, Texas

THE FAMILY.

MRS. CHRISTINA OLTHOFF of Emery, South Dakota.

Mrs. Christina Olthoff, nee Borchers, of Emery, S. Dak., was born August 3, 1876 at Hills, Rock County, Minnesota. On March 3, 1903 she was united in marriage to Mr. Henry Olthoff. This union was blessed with four children: Archie, Carl, John and Elsie. She was a wonderful wife and mother to her husband and family and her home was an example of Christian hospitality.

In her early years she accepted Christ as her Savior. On May 23, 1920 she was baptized by the Rev. George Lohr and united with the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., to which she remained a faithful and devoted member until the Lord called her to her heavenly home on Nov. 12, 1952 at the age of 76 years, 3 months and 9 days.



First Lt. Calvin E. Hodel of McGregor, Texas, who was killed on Sept. 18, 1952, over Korea.

She is survived by her husband; three sons: Archie of Denver, Colo.; Carl and John of Emery, S. Dak.; one daughter, Mrs. D. S. Wipf of Minneapolis, Minn.; two brothers, Charley of Fairfield, Calif., and Henry of Luvern, Minn.; three sisters: Mrs. Minnie Kruse of Luvern, Minn.; Mrs. Sam Engel of Ward, S. Dak., and Mrs. Anna Terveen of Donna, Texas; and four grandchildren.

Although Mrs. Olthoff was an invalid for 13 years, the Lord granted her grace and strength to bear her suffering without murmuring or complaint.

Emery, South Dakota

ROY W. SEIBEL, Pastor.

MR. MILTON B. BROECKEL of Sacramento, California.

Mr. Milton Benjamin Broeckel of Sacramento, Calif., son of the Rev. and the late Mrs. Emanuel Broeckel, was born August 3, 1916 at Washburn, North Dakota. As a young man he acknowledged Christ as his Savior and was thus baptized on Easter Sunday, 1932 and added to the fellowship of the Baptist Church of Tyndall, S. Dak., where his father was pastor of the church at that time. In April of 1942 he entered the U.S. Army Air Corps in which he served until 1945. In 1946 he reentered this branch of military service and served until he received his medical discharge in 1947.

In June 1947 he was united in marriage with Melita Sukut with whom he traveled life's road together until death severed this happy bond. For the last few years they have resided in Sacramento, Calif., where he became affiliated, first, with the First Baptist Church of North Sacramento and later with the Southern Baptist Church of Sacramento. For one year now, he and his beloved wife have been members of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, California. In this association he has manifested a real spirit of usefulness in the men's chorus, Men's Fellowship, the choir and other organizations, always desirous to see progress and to give his best assistance.

For several years now, a heart ailment was the cause of several periods of ill health. About two years ago, one such

attack led him almost to death's door. But it pleased God to raise him up. Milton seemed to be much improved and according to his own words he felt fine. But God had ordained it otherwise, and thus rather unexpectedly and suddenly, he was called up higher on November 1, 1952, having been preceded in death by his mother and one sister.

He is being survived by his beloved wife, Mrs. Melita Broeckel; his father, the Rev. Emanuel Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak.; six sisters: Mrs. Otillia Clara Wedman, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Martha Marie Eisenmenger, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Helen Leona Mauch, Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Esther Louise Schlafman, Turtle Lake, N. Dak.; Mrs. Lillian Ruth Rueb and Mrs. Alma Irene Rueb, both of Sacramento, Calif.; three brothers: Theodore Broeckel; Herbert Karl of Mandan, N. Dak., and Ernest William of Sacramento, Calif.; and a host of relatives and friends.

The Rev. G. G. Rauser and the Rev. W. W. Knauf, his pastor, brought words of comfort and salvation to a large body of mourners at the local church. The Rev. Mr. DuBose, former pastor of the family, also assisted in the service.

First Baptist Church,

Elk Grove, California

W. W. KNAUF, Pastor.

MRS. META REIN of New York, New York.

Mrs. Meta Rein, nee Engelmohr, of New York, N. Y., was born May 29, 1902, in Greenvine, Texas, and finished her earthly pilgrimage on August 29, 1952, in Mt. Vernon, N. Y., at the age of 50 years and 3 months. Raised and nurtured in a family of Christian believers, she confessed faith in Christ as her Savior at the age of 15, was baptized and became an active member of the Greenvine Baptist Church.

In 1941 she married Mr. Reinhard Rein and lived with him in an exceedingly happy relationship. A son, John Mark, was born to them. Several years ago she began to ail and during the last year she was repeatedly hospitalized, became completely bedridden and often suffered much pain. But throughout she showed much courage and a confident marvelous faith in the healing power of Christ and the goodness of the Heavenly Father toward her. She was hopeful of recovery, but, at the same time willing to go to glory, if it were God's will for her.

Her husband, a trained Naturopath and Masseuse, did everything in his power to relieve her of pain and restore her to health. He also actively undergirded her faith with fervent prayer. Two days before her departure she said to her pastor: "I suffer as Job did. But I am better off than he was. His wife forsook him in his suffering, but my husband never fails me." She also derived much comfort from the loving concern and the prayers of John Mark. The three of them often united in prayer.

Some members of our church and some Christian neighbors cheered her by faithfully lending a hand with the house work. Her church was much in prayer for her. Her departure came all too suddenly for her loved ones, and she is being greatly missed. Nevertheless, all are thankful that she is no longer suffering but at rest with the Lord.

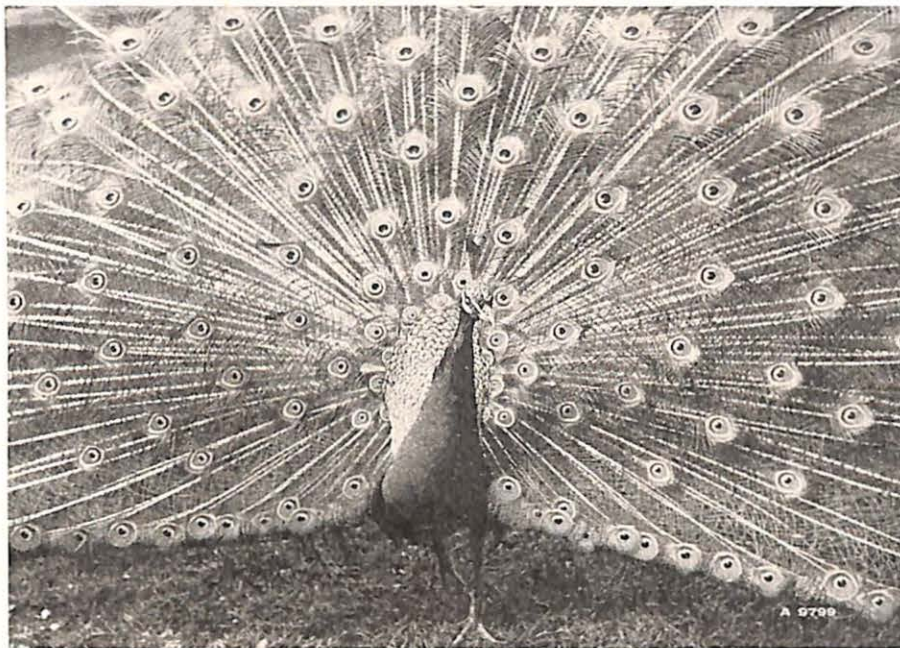
Beside her husband and John Mark, she is mourned by two brothers and seven sisters, all of them living in the state of Texas, as follows: Gustave in Louise, August in Burton, Elizabeth in Austin, Lonie in Waco, Mrs. Ewald Nitzsche in Roscoe, Mrs. Eddie Schulte in Burton, Mrs. Henry Becker in Pflugerville, Mrs. Paul Gummelt in Waco, and Mrs. W. H. Schulte in Austin. She is lovingly remembered by Brother Rein's children of his first marriage: Mrs. Herman Sauer and Mrs. Arthur Tripke, near Philadelphia, Pa.; and Mrs. Werkmeister and Mr. Willi Rein of Germany.

Her church holds her memory dear. At the funeral service we took comfort from the Word in Rev. 2:10: "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Immanuel Baptist Church,

New York, New York

ASSAF HUSMANN, Pastor.



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