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# A New Seminary Teacher

Introducing Professor Hugo Lueck of the North American Baptist Seminary Faculty

By DR. GEORGE A. LANG of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Seminary President

IT IS A PLEASURE to introduce Professor Hugo Lueck, who has been appointed by the Board of Trustees of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to the chair of Church History and Greek Exegesis. This chair was made vacant by the retirement of Professor Albert Bretschneider, who served the Seminary faithfully for twenty-five years.

Professor Lueck was born in Lodz, Poland, on September 19, 1902 of Baptist parentage. His grandfather, the Rev. Karl Ondra, built the large Baptist Church at Lodz. Shortly after twelve years of age, Mr. Lueck was converted, was baptized and was received into the Second Baptist Church of his native city.

## LIFE'S PREPARATION

His early education was received in Russian and Polish schools in Lodz, and in German schools in Germany. In 1921 the Baptist World Alliance offered to train one young Baptist of Poland for the ministry in England. Mr. Lueck was the one whom the Baptists of Poland chose.

Upon the advice of Dr. Rushbrooke of the Baptist World Alliance, Mr. Lueck first studied one year at the Baptist Seminary in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Thereupon he studied for three years at the Rawdon Baptist Theological Seminary in Leeds, England. He gained a scholarship in the University of Leeds, where he received the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1928. Another scholarship enabled him to study in the University of London, where he obtained the Bachelor of Divinity degree. He also spent one year in the Theological Seminary at Hamburg, Germany. His major subjects of study in the above schools were Biblical Languages, Theology and Church History. While in England, he was ordained at Cullingworth, Yorkshire.

After ten years of studying abroad, Professor Lueck returned to Lodz in 1931 to become professor in the Baptist Seminary there. He served eight years, six of them as dean of the Seminary. His fields of teaching were New Testament Greek, Bible and Church History. This work, however, was brought to a sudden end by World War II.

In the summer of 1939 Professor Lueck came to the United States as



Prof. Hugo Lueck of the North American Baptist Seminary faculty.

a delegate from Poland to attend the Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, which convened in Atlanta, Georgia. The outbreak and continuance of the World War prevented his return home. He thereupon travelled in the United States from coast to coast, visiting the churches under the supervision of our General Missionary Society. From 1940-1943 he served as pastor of our church at Manitowoc, Wisconsin, during which time he also took historical studies at the University of Chicago by special permission. He later served churches at Spokane, Wash.; Milwaukee Wis.; Regina, Sask.; and Onaway, Alberta.

During his enforced stay, he became a citizen of the United States. He was separated from his wife and two daughters for years. It was therefore a joyous day when the latter came across the ocean and the Lueck family was again united. They lived for several years in Edmonton, Alberta, while Professor Lueck taught in the Christian Training Institute.

At the beginning of the Fall Semester in September 1952, Professor Lueck assumed his new duties at the Seminary. He has found a definite place in the hearts of the members of the faculty and student body. He is loved by all. The first few weeks seemed quite long for him since the family was delayed in securing the necessary immigration documents. But now all are together again and are fitting well into the life of the school. The well into the life of the school.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke  
Jan. 18 (Sunday A.M.)—Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.  
Jan. 18 (Sunday P.M.)—Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Rev. R. Schilke  
Jan. 18 (Sunday)—Baptist Immigrants, Montreal, Canada.

Rev. J. C. Gunst  
Jan. 18 (Sunday A.M.)—Swan River, Manitoba.  
Jan. 18 (Sunday P.M.)—Minitonas, Manitoba.  
Jan. 19-22—Bible and Leadership Training Class, Minitonas, Man.

Rev. Martin L. Leuschner  
Jan. 18 (Sunday A.M.)—Second Church, Union City, New Jersey.  
Jan. 18 (Sunday P.M.)—Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y.  
Jan. 21 (Wednesday)—Fleischmann Memorial and Pilgrim Churches at Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist  
Jan. 18-30—Tyndall, South Dakota.

Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist  
Jan. 18-30—Shell Creek Church, Columbus, Nebraska.

Miss Eleanor E. Schulert, Missionary-Appointee to Cameroon

Jan 4-Feb. 12—Extensive visitation trip to churches in Central Conference, Northern North Dakota Association, and Kansas and Oklahoma.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 25-Feb. 1st—"Youth Week." See special announcements and articles in last issue.

February 1st (Sunday)—Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Communion offering for the relief and immigration ministry of the Alliance.

Feb. 12 (Thursday)—Reception for students of Chicago and vicinity at Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

Feb. 20 (Friday)—Worldwide Day of Prayer. (Watch for women's article in next issue of "Baptist Herald.")

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# Editorial

## The Revised Standard Version

A TRANSLATION of the Bible has become the center of a heated controversy in Christian circles. That in itself is a most unfortunate, if not a tragic, commentary on Christian thought of today. But the Word of God as divine revelation to mankind is most precious to every conscientious Christian and any tampering with its truth is bound to call forth champions in its defence.

Certain features of advertising and promotion, largely approved and encouraged by the National Council of Christian Churches, were definitely regrettable. The Revised Standard Version was heralded as the new Protestant Bible, the "new Bible for the Twentieth Century", and "a new authorized version" for English-speaking Protestants. One Baptist publication even trumpeted the headlines: "Farewell to the King James Bible." It is unfortunate that the copyright of the Revised Standard Version is strictly held by the National Council of Christian Churches so that evangelical scholars of proven worth were not permitted to review the translation or to judge its merits before its publication.

We cannot present all the debatable interpretations of the R.S.V. passages of Scripture in this brief editorial. Christians who have read the articles in religious publications or those who have seen the article by Professor Pearson in the last issue of the "Baptist Herald" about the new version are keenly aware of some unfortunate weaknesses and translations that can easily be misleading. The Revised Standard Version will have to be read and studied in the light of the latest scholarship and with unbiased appreciation and criticism of its merits.

That brings us to our personal conviction concerning the translation. It cannot be accepted at the present time as a new "authorized" version or as an answer to all questions concerning the "true" translation of the Scriptures. It deserves to be read and studied earnestly as another translation which will be lucidly helpful in making some passages of the Bible live with more colorful meaning.

The editorial viewpoint of "The Standard", publication of the Baptist (Swedish) General Conference of America, which is convincingly conservative, stated that "we believe that the new version will be found helpful for reference in the study of the Word of God. Surely souls can be led to a saving knowledge of Christ Jesus through this version and saved men and women can in it hear God's voice." Dr. J. R. Mantey of the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago stated "the Revised Standard Version reveals the will of God more vividly and effectively, and so it deserves our confidence and our reading."

The National Association of Evangelists through its executive committee has declared "its unwillingness at this stage to recommend the Revised Standard Version until competent evangelical scholarship has clarified certain dubious points." This seems sensible and fair to await the evaluation of the new version on the basis of sound evangelical scholarship and of a thorough discussion in Christian circles of the new translation.

In order to judge its merits for yourself personally, you will have to read and to study the Revised Standard Version as another translation. We hope that this will at least make of many Christians diligent students of the Word!

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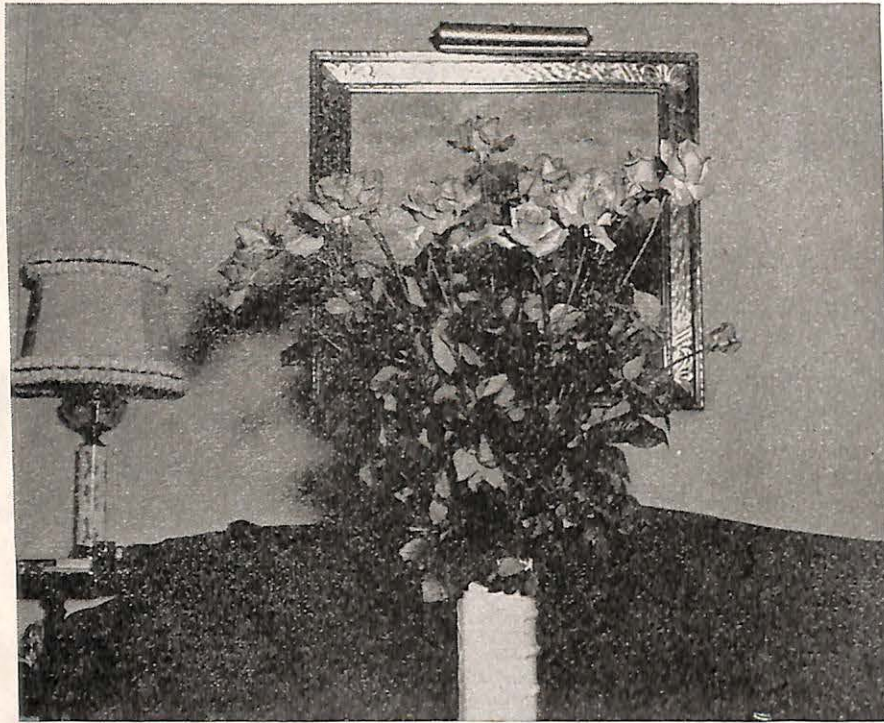
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—Photo by Herman Siemund, Chicago  
There are sermons in bouquets of flowers as the Rev. Otto Krueger of Rochester, N. Y. proclaims with great enthusiasm in the accompanying message.

## Lilies and Roses

Even in the winter time we can remember the lilies of the field and listen to God's sermon that "to be beautifully fragrant every Christian must dwell near the Rose of Sharon!"

By the REV. O. E. KRUEGER of Rochester, New York

"The flowers appear on the earth."  
Song of Songs.

"Behold, the lilies of the field, how they grow." Jesus.

THE SNEERING PESSIMIST says:  
"What is the good of flowers? You cannot eat them; you cannot clothe yourself with them. They do not keep you warm; you cannot build houses of them. What a waste of time and money to mess around with them!"

For the cynic, flowers have no value.

For the child of God, flowers have an immeasurable value. They feed the soul, warm the heart, lift the spirit. An old Persian poet who lived nine centuries ago knew that. Listen to this old poet:

"If of thy mortal goods thou art bereft,  
And from thy slender store  
Two loaves alone to thee are left,  
Sell one and with the dole  
Buy hyacinths to feed thy soul."

### BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

When shall we get through with all the waste of substance in building forces of destruction? When shall we turn our energy in building up beauty?

"Then the wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad."

"And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose."

Many years ago Rochester, N. Y., was known as the Flour City. The falls of the Genesee River produced power to turn the mills. Thousands of barrels of flour rolled out on the canal boats. Thousands of people were fed with bread.

Now Rochester is the Flower City. Nurseries have replaced flour mills. On Lilac Sunday 125,000 people came to feed their souls. Thousands feel their hearts warmed and their spirits lifted.

We must stop to listen to God's Word as he sends it through flowers.

First of all, flowers tell us about the beauty of holiness. The symbol of holiness is not a long, sour, forbidding face. Holiness is wholeness, perfection. A flower is a perfect thing. Perfection in all the variety of form and color! Flowers are the handiwork of the Perfect One.

The beauty of flowers is not artificial. It comes from life within. How

we strive for perfection! We want perfect health, perfect bodies, perfect speech, perfect manners, perfect morals. What is more abiding than perfection of character? That comes not by striving, but by responding. When the life of God is within, beauty bursts forth.

### ABUNDANCE EVERYWHERE

God's second word coming through the lips of flowers is: Abundance! From the snow-covered mountains where a flower exudes enough salt from its upward pushing stem to melt its way through the snow to come to bloom, down to the desert where the humble little things tell of his lifegiving Presence everywhere, there is the declaration that HE has come that we might have life and have it more abundantly. We go from the water lily in our ponds to the sea flower which stretches its neck from the bottom of the ocean to take a breath of air, produce its flower, and sink back again. We stand in awe and wonder.

God wanted flowers to be everywhere to feed the souls of men. There are 12,000 varieties of wild flowers in our country. Four hundred species are found in the deserts of Palestine. The hills and valleys of the Holy Land are ablaze with color when the time of the singing of birds comes.

What may be the mission of the dandelion? How beautiful, but how unpopular! It is unpopular because it makes too much of itself? It is a tough little creature, for it gets in everywhere. It sticks its head up above its surroundings so that the breeze can catch its parachutes and carry the seed over all the earth.

Mungo Park, the Scotch traveler, found himself half beaten to death in an African desert, and robbed of all he had, 400 miles from civilization. He eye fell on a bit of moss and he knew God was in the desert, too. That bit of life fed his soul, warmed his heart, lifted his spirit and sent him on his long trek—back to his home and loved ones.

When Napoleon had become suspicious of Charney, he had him lodged in prison. In his fatalistic bitterness Charney wrote on the prison wall: "All things come by chance." Then one day he noticed close to the prison wall that the ground had been pushed up a little bit. Oh, a flower! He watched it every day and cared for it tenderly. He marveled at its growth, and became excited when he saw its beautiful bloom.

Then he erased the inscription he had made and wrote these words: "No, things do not come by chance; there is One who makes flowers so beautiful."

When Napoleon's wife heard the story she begged him to release the

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## Trekking, the Missionaries' Joy

A colorful account of trekking in the Cameroons with natives climbing the trees to get a good look at the "white man" and with the missionaries climbing through the jungle singing "The Ninety and Nine" in a downpour of tropical rain!

By MRS. FRED HOLZIMMER of Ndu, Cameroons, Africa

TO EACH ONE of us whom God has called to the Cameroons, trekking is by far the most gratifying work we do. It is then we get a chance to sit and move in among our people and speak from God's Word. On the station we are instructing others, helping the native leaders with their problems and encouraging them by prayer and Bible study. Then, too, there are the duties of building, which means buying the tree, having it cut down, sawed into planks and carried into the station. Then it must be planed and cut to size. All of this must be supervised by the missionary since the African has no idea of a straight line. They always say in Pidgin, "Massa do talk so all the time, crooket, crooket!" meaning, as Fred says, it is crooked every time. Then the day came to which we had been looking forward of trekking Mbembe, Ndu's most primitive area.

### PRIMITIVE EXPERIENCES

We left our Ndu mission station on Monday, leaving Joy and Miriam with Miss Ruby Salzman. The village in which we slept the first night had more goats than any I could remember. They came marching up and down single file in what seemed like droves, all night long. Fred got up and shooed them away, so it was quiet for a spell. Then, too, our horse boy tied our horse by the window so we

had the music of his "munch, munch."

The next morning we got off to an early start with our horses for a two-hour ride at which time we dismounted and continued for three and a half more hours on foot since the mountains were too rocky and steep for a horse to climb.

Although we were some distance from the village, we could look down, down, down for miles to the place of our destination, Ande I. It seemed we would never reach the village, but as we finally neared the village we heard singing. A group of Christians had come out to greet us. These people seldom see a white man, much less a white woman, so why shouldn't "mama" climb up a tree to get a good look? It surely struck me funny to see a grown woman up in a tree.

Our home for the next two nights was just a structure of sticks set far enough apart so anyone who wished might look through the many cracks. The children were lined up alongside the front of our house and squatting in front of the opening which had no door. After we had a bit of chop (food), we walked into the village proper to greet the people. We found so many children and young people. How we hope we may be able to sit down with them for a week, along with our native evangelist, to ground them in God's Word!

One cannot take a horse into this

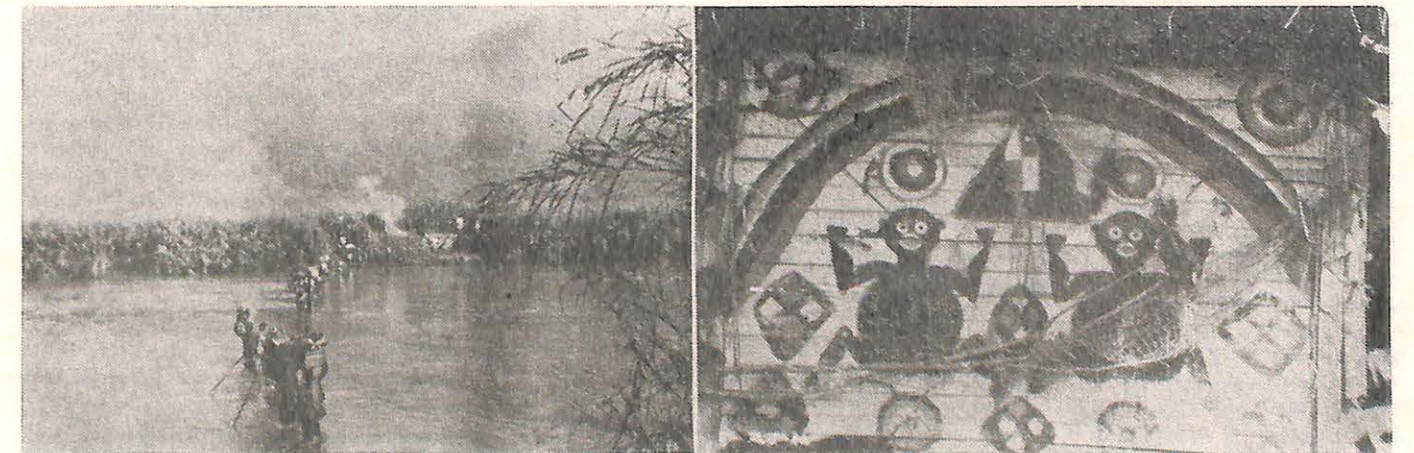
area for the mountains are too steep and rocky, and also the jungle becomes very dense with but a narrow foot path. Just come with us for a day! We arise at 5 o'clock, quickly dress, get our breakfast ready and eat while the boys fold up the beds and pack everything into head loads: tub, wash pans, table, lanterns, food and all the things needed for trekking. We all gather in a semi-circle while our evangelist who is travelling with us leads in song and prayer. Now we are ready to begin our journey. We check to make sure we have a lunch and canteen with us, as the carriers always go before.

### THROUGH THE JUNGLE

The village is soon left behind, and we come into very tall grass which cuts when we rub against it. For this reason we wear slacks and long sleeved blouses to protect ourselves from cuts and sunburn. Soon now we shall enter the jungle and we are glad for the sun is hot and we are used to cool Ndu. We find the jungle very dense and to our surprise full of rocks making our path insecure. We are glad "too much" for our walking sticks.

The jungle is not level. We are constantly climbing, climbing up and down mountains, with rocks everywhere. Now it is raining and thunder-

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Native carriers crossing the Donga River between Gembu and Warwar in Mambila on a trek with the missionaries (left), and (right) symbolic painting on bamboo slats, fastened together, which was found hanging on native medicine storage houses as identification and for protection.

# Baptist World Alliance Sunday

A message to Fellow-Baptists in all lands by the officers and secretaries of the Baptist World Alliance

GREETINGS in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Church of Jesus Christ is supernatural in origin and supernatural in position. The Gospel of grace levels all national, racial and social boundaries erected by man. We are knit together by ties not made with hands, and no human power can break them, nor can principalities of darkness destroy them.

While gladly acknowledging our unity in Christ with believers in other denominations, we have convincing reasons based on Scripture and supported by history and accredited scholarship for maintaining our separate witness. That witness finds its focus in and derives its force from the sole Head of the Church himself; and him we gladly obey. "One is our Master even Christ, and all we are brethren." Therefore our boast is not in our denominational history, numerical strength, theological position, names of great scholars and leaders and preachers, or phenomenal growth. It is in our God and our common Savior Jesus Christ, to whose gracious sovereignty we submit.

We suggest that Baptist World Alliance Sunday be universally observed in such ways as will bring added glory to our Lord.

## CALL TO LOYALTY

In times when many are being lured by lesser loyalties, and when many more are confused by the clash of contending claims, the day could be used to declare our undivided loyalty to Christ, with a clear perception of all the implications and applications of such loyalty. We could also, with advantage, dedicate ourselves anew to more consistent living and constant witness to Christ.

Many of our brethren and sisters in Christ are suffering persecution at the hands of civil or ecclesiastical authorities. Uncounted numbers in Europe and Asia are beyond the reach of our messages of good-will because of restrictions imposed by their governments. Some who are living in nominally Christian lands are the objects of racial discrimination. We can reach and help all by way of the Throne of grace. Where prayer avails, divine power is manifest.

Thousands of Baptists in many lands are still in extreme poverty through the ravages of war. In many cases

their churches or chapels are heaps of rubble and dust. Our love can be shown in practical ways through the Baptist World Alliance Relief effort.

The year 1953 marks the 160th anniversary of noble William Carey's landing in India to begin his mighty labors in missionary exploits. His ringing challenge needs to be heard and responded to with more determination, intelligence and with the full consecration of all our powers. "Expect GREAT THINGS from God; attempt GREAT THINGS for God." We dare not give God anything less than our best.

How better could we celebrate the anniversary of that Baptist missionary pioneer than by venturing GREAT THINGS for God in world-wide evangelism, starting in our own com-

munity and reaching out to the uttermost parts of the earth? For the love of our Lord, and that he may get what he died for in our lives and the lives of our contemporaries, shall we not accept still greater tasks as individuals, local churches, associations, conventions, or unions?

Mighty things have been accomplished for Christ in many parts of the world by Baptists during the past year. Together let us go on with Christ to greater victories.

In the bonds of Christian love we salute every member of our fellowship.

F. Townley Lord, President,  
C. Oscar Johnson, Past-President,  
Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary,  
W. L. Jarvis, Vice-President,  
W. O. Lewis, Associate Secretary,  
Joel Sorensen, Youth Secretary.

## Baptists and Religious Liberty

An important statement on religious liberty submitted to the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and released to the Baptist Press

DR. GUNNAR WESTIN of Sweden, was chairman of the group considering the question of religious liberty at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance of Töllöse, Denmark, August 4-8, 1952. The report, which was submitted by Dr. J. M. Dawson, and approved by the Executive Committee with instructions that it be sent to the Baptist Press, is as follows:

The seventeen members of the group together with a number of other persons who assembled with them, first of all confronted the dark fact that the world during the past several decades

has suffered some of the direct assaults on human freedoms known to history. This has been due mainly to the rise of a new and powerful form of political totalitarianism which has waged relentless war upon all freedoms and particularly against religious liberty, real and full religious liberty. It has also been occasioned by fresh aggression of an ecclesiastical totalitarianism which, in certain localities at least, has shocked multitudes by acts and policies which have denied freedom to individuals and groups oftentimes with cruel persecution.

The study group, upon searching inquiry, joyfully discovered several reasons for hopefulness. One encouragement comes from the fact that vast numbers of people around the world have become awakened to the peril to religious freedom, which in our opinion is the foundation of all freedoms. They are taking vigorous action to protect God-given freedom on a scale, denominational, national and global.

Again, it is heartening to know that the United Nations has adopted a declaration of human rights in which the

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### THE MANIFESTO ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The Manifesto on Religious Liberty adopted by the Baptist World Congress in Cleveland, Ohio, on July 25, 1950 was published in full in the 1951 ANNUAL, pages 30 and 31. Extra copies of this issue and manifesto are available without charge upon request. Write to Rev. M. L. Leuschner, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

# Our Ebenezer and Symphony!

The Centenary Jubilee address given at the General Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., which will enable the reader to see the King in his beauty in our century-long history and then to meet the tasks of today with earnest consecration and diligent love

By PROFESSOR HERBERT HILLER of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

IT IS a memorable experience for any church or group of churches, or for a conference with affiliated organizations to reach the 100th milestone of their history. As North American Baptists we have reached this distinction and are assembled here to celebrate this Centenary Jubilee. We rejoice in God from whom all blessings flow.

"A hundred years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is gone, and as a watch in the night . . . We spend our years as a tale that is told." Nothing seems more certain and sad, senseless or meaningful than the passing of time. But those who have witnessed the tremendous, cultural, industrial, political and religious changes of the past century and have watched the growth of our beloved denomination will know that it was an eventful span of time, and those who hear the marvelous tale that is told will be impressed by the depth of those glorious years that are gone.

## OUR EBENEZER

The Centenary Jubilee is an Ebenezer and a Symphony, a symphony of great spiritual achievement. As we now listen to its melodious strains, may all doubting and wavering cease, may every encampment by the fences of a doubtful or questionable loyalty be broken up, and may there be born in all hushed hearts the golden promise of that high consecration, so fittingly declared by the Psalmist: "If I ever forget thee, O Jerusalem, may our right hands forget their cunning, and our tongues cleave to the roofs of our mouths, if we prefer not Jerusalem above our chief joy" (137:5-6).

The germ from which the great organism of the North American Baptist Conference has sprung is the Eastern Conference of German Baptists which held its first session in this fair city of Philadelphia in November, 1851, with representatives from six churches: Philadelphia and Lycoming County established in 1843 by the flaming witness, the Rev. Konrad A. Fleischmann; Newark and the New York

churches of 1849 led by the Rev. Johannes Eschmann; the Buffalo Church headed by the zealous colporter, Alexander von Puttkammer; the Rochester church of 1851, represented by the young and gifted Andreas Henrich; and the towering figure of August Rauschenbusch from our work in Ontario, Canada.

This little group of stalwart men gathered to consider important matters, such as the feasibility of compiling a confession of faith, publishing a hymnal, issuing an informing paper for the fast-growing households of faith and providing a well-trained ministry, without which, according to Prof. A. Rauschenbusch, the work could not prosper. These enterprises required attention from year to year at annual gatherings, the first General Conference of eastern and western churches and all succeeding triennial conferences, down through nine decades.

## EARLY BEGINNINGS

As the work spread from New York, the metropolis of the East, to Chicago, the metropolis of the west; from Albany, N. Y., and Erie, Pa., to Peoria, Ill., St. Louis, Mo., and the "Grimm churches" at Milwaukee, Watertown, Manitowoc, Wis., and St. Joseph, Mich., the need for conferences became evermore apparent, and these fostered a fellowship and a spiritual union which resembled that of a big, happy family.

Great singing and powerful preach-

### 1953 ANNUAL

This fine article by Professor Herbert Hiller was intended for the 1953 ANNUAL but limitations of space prevented its inclusion in that publication. We are happy to present it for the enjoyment of the "Baptist Herald" family.

The 1953 ANNUAL presents other articles and wonderful pictures from the 1952 General Conference at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They must be seen and read by every North American Baptist. Secure your copy NOW!

ing provided the needed uplift, as well as evangelistic impetus and missionary challenge, and the business sessions considered the promotion of interests, objectives and projects, commonly and voluntarily agreed upon, such as the extension of the work at home and abroad, the ministerial training at the seminary, and the publication of such reading material as would enlighten, inspire and unify efforts everywhere.

How meager and insignificant those early beginnings appear when measured by numerical strength alone—eight churches at the time of the first Eastern Conference with a total membership of 405! When one thinks of what poor accommodations and means of transportation they had, how modest and simple their ways, we wonder how they could accomplish so much with so little. But when one thinks of the ends for which they lived, their faith, their passion and their Gospel message to the world,—ah, my soul!—pause, take off thy shoes, for we are here in the presence of true greatness! It is no surprise that what was born a century ago as a Child of Promise and of Destiny has grown into a sizable giant of world-wide influence, and one is led to the tempting inquiry: "Tell me, wherein lieth thy true strength?"

## POSITIVE CONVICTIONS

To be sure, North American Baptists were cradled and reared in some deep, profound and positive convictions which were more than mere articles of faith, but rather mainsprings for action. Our historic forefathers experienced personal salvation and fullness of life in God through Jesus Christ, the one adequate Helper and only hope for mankind, to which they witnessed with fervent and irrepressible urge, even amidst persecutions. They believed firmly in the divine authenticity and integrity of the Bible as God's inspired Word, appropriated its rich contents and trusted its blessed promises.

With but few exceptions, they belonged to the poorer classes of society, living in modest homes and working

for low wages, but they possessed true and abiding wealth through faith in Christ and his Word, and they loved the church fellowship with unswerving loyalty. No distances nor adverse weather easily kept them from the fellowship of love on the Lord's Day or on prayer meeting night. How freely and how sacrificially they gave themselves to the enrichment of the spiritual life-stream and the soul-winning task through preaching, teaching, tract distribution and personal witnessing!

They were driven on by the persuasion that they had a mission to fulfill among the German-speaking people of this great free land. They knew they must never relax the effort until the blood-stained banner of the Cross waved over every acre of its soil and Christ reigned gloriously supreme in his redeemed Church making it a veritable "colony of heaven," a true, enduring Brotherhood.

To fulfill their mission in obedience to their high calling in Jesus Christ, there was about them an earnestness and diligence, a will to win, the determination that "we dare not fail" in a cause in which everyone had to play his part, a wonderful cooperation, a harmonious working together, and, above all, a downright sincerity which they wore like a well-fitting garment and without which life, then as now, is but a ghastly falsehood. Thus linked in heart and hand,

"They climbed the steep ascent of heaven  
Through peril, toil and pain,  
Oh God, to us may grace be given  
To follow in their train."

#### ABLE, CONSECRATED LEADERS

Another reason for historic North American Baptist strength was the bright constellation of valiant, masterful leaders, marvelously endowed by nature, training and grace to do a mighty labor; genuine men, true to the core of their being, sincere as the sunlight, boundless in their devotion to Christ and his people; no dreamy mystics, but practical men of profound faith, sound mind and judgment; prodigious toilers, among them splendid laymen, doctors, lawyers and executives. When causes of great moment hung in tremulous suspense, awaiting perilous decision, their voices rang out like a trumpet, but it was not the voluminous voice, but their dynamic character that gave weight to their decisive words.

Look at the towering character and the missionary passion that throbbed in Konrad A. Fleischmann who literally burned out for Christ at the comparatively young age of 55 years, and listen to the words from his diary, so characteristic of many of the leaders God has given us:

"I am tired out from much work. My throat and my nerves are seriously affected. Yesterday an elderly

pious Baptist preacher, who probably saw my exhausted state, tried to give me some good counsel. He said that he had no sympathy for anybody who neglected his health, even with the best intentions of hard work, for the body is also God's temple and there is a difference between wearing out and tearing out. And yet, in spite of this man's words, what difference does it make even if I am sacrificed on the altar, only so long as Christ is magnified?"

Again he wrote in a letter words which indicate the heights of spiritual achievement to which he rose:

"How can I ever think of resting so long as there are still sinners who are in danger of eternal damnation?"

We cannot help but recall to memory the inimitable Dr. William Kuhn whose one absorbing passion was to serve Christ and his churches, who under God was permitted to guide the beloved denomination through many testing crises. Through many years he was a true watchman on the walls of Zion, an inspiring leader who went to his reward a year ago to hear his Master's plaudit, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord." What emotions surge through our hearts as we think of these gatherings with this saintly man absent!

#### NOBLE TEACHERS; PROLIFIC WRITERS

And what shall I say of the illustrious teachers whom God has given to our seminary and denomination, born teachers of great ability, of high-type scholarship and Christ-like spirit, coming with rich experience from outstanding pastorates, and bringing with them the warming glow that marked their preaching and a well-balanced theology, tested in the school of life, free from narrow, sectional or fanatical views, coming to give students a thorough Bible training, fortified with a broad culture?

So when in the second decade of our rapidly-expanding work the question arose, "Where shall we get the necessary trained leaders for our churches?" the clear-headed, big-hearted Professor August Rauschenbusch made reply and "saved the denomination from an unbalanced, unsound, illiterate ministry, men who loved to display their little learning or who were concerned chiefly about their salary and a life of ease."

When in 1860 the financial conditions of the seminary had become so precarious that the Board suggested giving up the seminary, advising Rauschenbusch to seek another position, this dauntless educator rebelled at the suggestion and replied with characteristic German tenacity and a high sense of honor: "Gentlemen, that I cannot and will not do. I can never break faith

with men who came here at my invitation." And the men whom he so greatly influenced during those formative years, proved their worth, for the late Dean Albert Ramaker writes: "The sane, evangelical type of preaching which has characterized the pulpits of German Baptist churches is largely due to the training the ministers received at his hands."

It is, indeed, remarkable how many of these ministers, serving churches of less than one hundred members for very small salaries, distinguished themselves as faithful servants of Christ, laying a lasting foundation upon which the future could build.

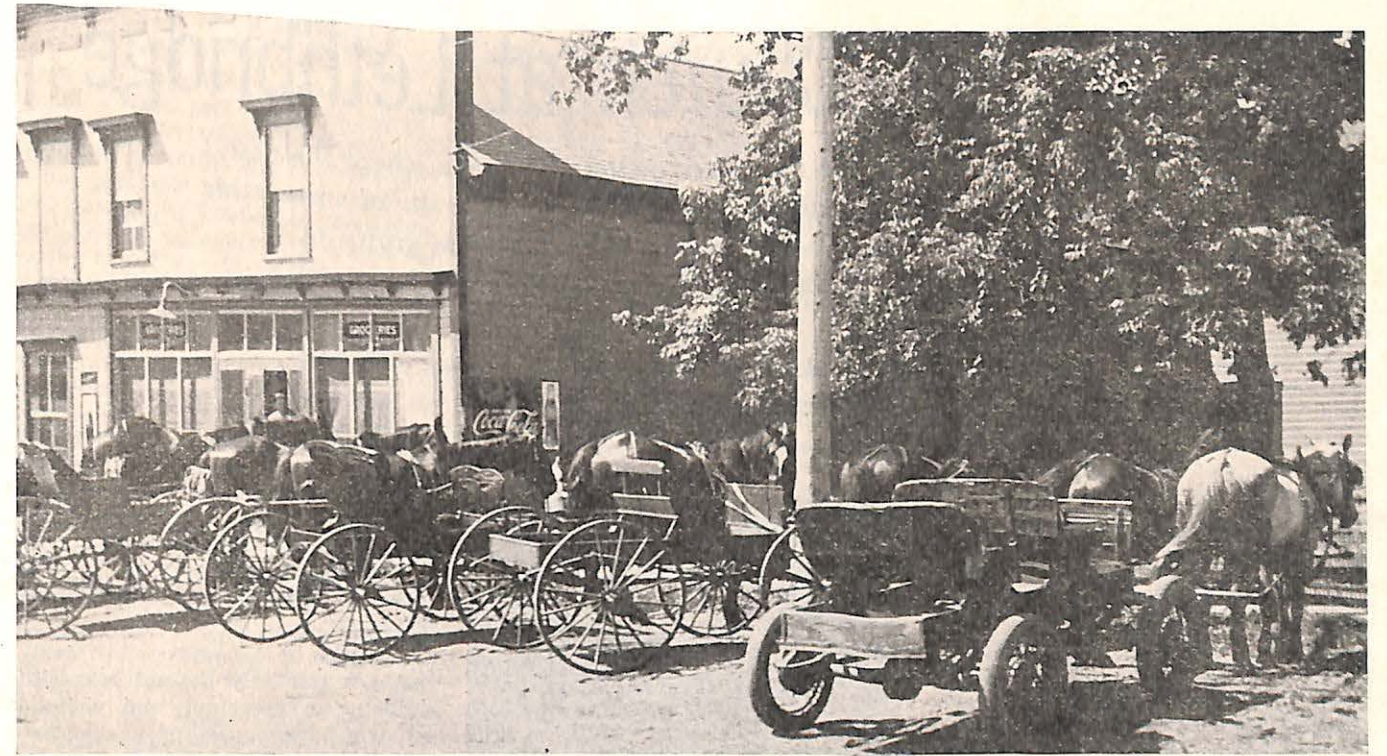
#### SAINTLY LIVES

Other great and gifted teachers came to the seminary faculty who with saintly lives and outstanding service defended a trained ministry against all slanderous remarks of a deep-seated prejudice, ever insisting that the pulpit is no place for stammerers, but for trained abilities, sound, positive Scriptural convictions, as well as the highest spirituality. Again and again have these brave, noble, consecrated teachers flung their lives into the breach to save Zion from tragic schisms, wounds and long-lasting hurts, for more important than themselves to succeed was their aim that Christ should succeed in and through them and his Kingdom prosper in peace.

A host of cherished names could I call, if the limits of this hour allowed, but I must hasten on to say that among the fine, faithful pastors, missionaries and leaders, there have been those gifted men who greatly influenced and inspired the denominational family as prolific writers of various publications—theological and devotional articles, learned pamphlets, joyful lyrics, Christian novels and dramatization—all of which were the rich overflow of precious life-blood of these master-spirits.

Oh, what marvelous orchestration of talent, what richness of tone, blending in the triumph of the one great harmony—Christ and the ever-recurring motif: "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain!"

Indeed, Christ is the Author and the Conductor of this great Symphony of Achievement, the One without Whom all human efforts would fail and end, as everything in the world ends, in disharmony, or in the minor key of a requiem. No, ours is a living Savior who said, "Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, and have the keys of death and hell." "Unto HIM be the glory," for he has called our spiritual forebears, redeemed them, endowed and privileged them to have a hand in his Kingdom enterprise here on earth. Daily he provided the note by which their lives



—Photo by Eric A. Pohl  
A nostalgic scene from yesterday's album with horses and buggies "parked" on the dirt street of the country village.

might be tuned, and the strength and courage to sustain their efforts, a bright promise for every discouraging hour, his own cheering presence:

"Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress  
and their Might;  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-  
fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one  
true Light. Alleluia!"

"Unto HIM be the glory," the praise for any achievements that are found on the pages of our century-long history!

As a General Conference we now have a membership of over 44,000, yet the hope of our denomination does not lie in these numbers, but rather in the Christ to whom we are bound in faith and love and service, and in his guarantee for the future, "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." He has led us to this solemn and meaningful hour that calls to us, summons us to a fresh consciousness of our divinely-appointed mission, to our best today and tomorrow for our glorious King and his Kingdom.

Indeed, one cannot sit here in this hall of fame in comfort, listening to the triumphant strains of this magnificent symphony of achievement, without asking ourselves some very pertinent questions: What about us in this time of opportunity when all the conveniences of transportation are at our disposal? What are we doing for the ongoing and enrichment of this mighty cause? What part are we playing in the "Hallelujah Chorus" of redemption?

One day as Jesus spoke of his second coming, of the end-times, so full of

deadly indifference, materialism and godlessness, he posed the heart-searching question: "When the Son of Man cometh, will he find faith upon the earth?" Some interpret that to mean that Jesus himself here struck a note of doubt and defeat about the future of his cause in a hostile world, and they talk of the decline of faith and its eventual doom, but how can one ascribe such weakness to our blessed Lord? His question is rather a challenge to which everyone must personally answer, even as did Paul in his day: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith."

#### THE LORD OF ALL!

There is a symphony of Joseph Haydn which bears the name of the "Farewell Symphony." He had been asked to perform before the Prince and several distinguished guests. Haydn then composed this "Farewell Symphony" and arranged the instrumentation so that, as the symphony went on, one player after another stopped playing, took up his musical instrument, his stand and candle and went out. Thus one after another ceased and departed, the music growing fainter, the lights dimmer, until at last Haydn was left alone. Then, taking his stand and his leader's baton, he too went silently off the stage.

We may be sure of this that our heavenly Conductor does not write nor direct such music, nor is this the hour for a farewell symphony. It is ignominious for any North American Baptist to take up his light and instrument

and depart. This is a time to close and to strengthen our ranks, to fill every chair in our King's orchestra, to be hopeful, eager, obedient, jubilant and faithful, for we are not going to a funeral but to the King's wedding, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

It may well be that on some dark tomorrow, when these glorious hours are but a fading afterglow and we are back in the valley again, confronted with a demon-possessed world and powerless before its mounting needs, or perhaps battling in the dark night with the turbulent sea and against heavy odds, that some will weaken, waver, faint, or even be defeated. But may we still be as the disciples when the transfiguring mountaintop experience had passed, "they lifted up their eyes and saw no man save Jesus only." We do not know what the future holds in store, for our health may fail, our feelings and our friends may fail us, but Jesus never fails!

Inscribed in this great Temple pulpit before me are the words of the hearer's perennial plea: "Sir, we would see Jesus." I trust they represent the heart hunger of all who have come to this historic 30th General Conference and that you have discerned in the mighty movements of our century-old symphony the majesty of our royal Christ, our great unfailing Conductor, that you have caught glimpses of the King in his beauty and with that vision in your heart you turn strong to meet the Christian task in our day with earnest consecration and diligent love.

"Bring forth the royal diadem  
And crown him Lord of all."

# Our Miracle Church at Lethbridge

Lethbridge, Alberta, is the irrigation capital of Canada where the desert has been transformed into a paradise and it is also the site of an amazing immigrant church which in less than a year has grown to more than 200 members!

By the REV. WILLIAM STURHAHN, Immigration Secretary  
of the Baptist World Alliance

LETHBRIDGE is in the dry belt of Canada's southern prairies. Fifty years ago land sold at \$3.00 an acre. Only daring, hardy pioneers braved the risk of turning the prairie sod into grain land. Water made the difference. Irrigation canals, bringing life-giving water to nearly 400,000 acres, have given Lethbridge the distinction of becoming the "Irrigation Capital of Canada," and have transformed the former desert into a paradise for mixed farming.

The highway traveller coming in from the west is awed by the gigantic Canadian Pacific Railway railroad bridge—the longest and highest of its kind in Canada—crossing the Oldman River and leading him into this now prosperous city with a population of 22,000. Modern stores, office buildings and hotels line the wide, clean streets. Feverish construction of new homes and schools endeavors to cope with the ever growing population.

A lush green park—Galt Gardens—in the heart of the city offers cooling shade in summer. In this park is one of the most remarkable little museums to be found anywhere. It is a private hobby collection by Mr. and Mrs. Gurney, amazing for its variety from the natural sciences to collections of coins, stamps and many other items.

## THRIVING CHURCH

Regardless of its external merits, Lethbridge is of particular concern and interest to North American Baptists. In it we have a thriving church with an almost miraculous short history. You will not find the church listed in our past directories. It was organized in June 1952 with 167 members, recognized by a representative council in October 1952, and will be received into the fellowship of the Northern Conference this summer.

The new congregation is composed almost entirely of Baptist immigrants of 1951 and 1952 sugar beet workers. The editor of the BAPTIST HERALD gave his vivid report of their arrival in one of the July 1952 issues. For the immigration secretary this group movement of beet workers is the cul-



Rev. Otto A. Ertis, Pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Lethbridge, Alberta.

mination of divine guidance, about which an interesting story could and will be written.

When our first immigrants arrived in the spring of 1951, we had no church or meetingplace. Our conference missionary and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Rudolf Milbrandt, living in the 110 mile distant city of Medicine Hat, Alta., went at the gigantic task of rounding up our families with car and truck for Sunday meetings in three places. Families within a distance of six to ten miles would often walk both ways. It was not uncommon for the Milbrandts to come home at 2 o'clock on Monday morning, completely exhausted, but they had given joy and encouragement to our people, and they loved it. How they found some of our people innocently active in Mormon Churches will be told by them.

## REV. OTTO A. ERTIS

Today we have fifty-five sugar beet families in the area within a radius of forty miles from Lethbridge, besides three families on neighboring ranches, with an approximate total of 275 persons. The Rev. and Mrs. Otto A. Ertis

followed the mission call and began their ministry in the summer 1952. With untiring zeal and deep compassion for souls, they took up the Lord's order to "go into the highways and by-ways."

The task of the minister in this field includes not only that of a spiritual ministry in preaching and visitation, but it means counselling in matters of economy, settling labor disputes and assistance in finding housing and employment. The minister's home is the logical stop for those who come to town for shopping or business purposes. God gave to Mr. and Mrs. Ertis a great opportunity, but also gave them a deep love and patience. They give and serve joyfully and unselfishly in the spirit of Christ to those who came as strangers.

## BRIGHT FUTURE

But the responsibility is not theirs alone. It is also ours! The young people's group counts 110 members. Forty-five children are enrolled in the Sunday School. Out of these the Lord has already called 27 souls to salvation. One young man is preparing for Christian service. By the time this is published a glorious baptismal service will have brought these young souls into the church's fellowship and enriched our beloved denomination.

With continued immigration, the future of this new church seems bright and prosperous. We now have government permission to place fifty families on sugar beet farms next spring. Although there will be a drifting away of a number of families, it can now be foreseen that a fairly strong nucleus will remain and become permanent settlers on farms.

The blending of customs and opinions from almost every part of Europe into a true oneness in Christ will bring heartaches and headaches, but even as the Spirit of Pentecost gave unity of purpose and love, so the Spirit of Christ will unite the hearts of these people into one fellowship, and enable them to testify before the world for the glory and honor of our Savior.

## BAPTISTS AND LIBERTY

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essentials of religious freedom for all men have been proclaimed in acceptable terms. In countries where the separation of church and state prevails as the principle for which Baptists have historically contended, organized efforts are being made to preserve the system inviolate. In several nations where established churches exist we note with satisfaction that civil disabilities have been removed from non-conformists. A striking example is to be found in Sweden, where Baptists have induced the Parliament to remove former restrictions from Roman Catholics as well as from those in the free churches.

The Baptist World Alliance from its inception has stood without apology with all other forces battling for religious liberty. It may well be reckoned as one of the foremost organizations in the life of mankind for promoting this fundamental right of every man and group.

The men and women who made this special study at Töllöse feel that the Crusade for religious liberty, inaugurated by earlier Baptist World Congresses and reinforced by adoption of a new midcentury Manifesto at Cleveland in 1950, should now be accented by Baptists everywhere. They believe that the Alliance should promote the circulation of this excellent Manifesto, that the denominational press should republish it, that the denomination in all appropriate ways should re-emphasize this Baptist pronouncement, to the end that Baptists throughout the world may be joined with others in the great endeavor to secure to all men the priceless boon of full religious liberty.

## TREKKING FOR MISSIONARIES

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ing a bit and it makes me think of the song, "The Ninety and Nine," and we begin to sing —

Then all through the mountains,  
thunder riven,  
And up from the rocky steep  
There arose a glad cry from the  
gates of heaven!  
Rejoice! I have found my sheep!

We are praying that soon we may rejoice over many who have been found and won for Christ and live a life pleasing to him!

About 10 o'clock we become hungry and we take out a candy bar and some bananas and eat and continue walking. In about another hour we sit down to rest at a stream. We remove our shoes to cool our feet while we eat a bit. Then we continue walking, hoping soon to reach the village, but we were misinformed and our six-hour trek runs into nine hours! So we munch on peanuts and drink water.

## BAPTIST SUNDAY, FEB. 1st

Baptist World Alliance Sunday will be observed in many churches on February 1, 1953. This is a day when we especially remember our 17,000,000 Baptists throughout the world in our prayers before God's Throne of grace. Two articles of great importance to Baptists also appear in these pages.

On this Sunday all North American Baptist churches are requested to designate their communion offering for the relief and immigration ministry and for the work of the Baptist World Alliance. Send your offerings with this designation to our headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, and they will be forwarded to the Alliance office.

We are very tired when we finally come to the end of our journey. We hoped to relax and eat. Instead we find our hut, which is the chief's council room, occupied by the chief and his big men who had come to welcome us! Every tiny window is full of heads as well as all three door openings. We are glad when the crowd thins out a bit, and we put our mats in the openings where the doors should be.

Only these people don't have doors in their huts. The roof of their huts extends half way over the door, making it possible only to enter if we stoop down low. The cot feels wonderful and after a short rest, we take a bath in the round wash tub, eat and turn in for the night. Needless to say, we sleep well even though the next huts are but five yards from us, all around.

As we think of the different life we live here in Africa, we realize it is God who gives us the needed strength to carry on from day to day. We praise him for his goodness to us. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). Please continue to pray for the leaders in these churches that Jesus may be real to them, and they may live victorious lives, for there are so many things to draw them away from our Lord.

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## LILIES AND ROSES

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prisoner for, said she, "A man who takes such an interest in a flower cannot be as bad as you think he is."

God's third word spoken by the flowers is: Life can be fragrant! Years ago we were told that Japanese parents correct the moods of their children by fragrance. They didn't use the rod. Paul calls love gifts "an odor of sweet smell." Christians are the aroma of Christ to God. Such fragrance feeds the soul, lifts the spirit. The secret of the fragrant lump of clay? "I have been dwelling beside a rose."

God's fourth word coming through the flowers is: Frailty! What a pity that in a few days all the beauty is gone. "Man that is born of woman is of but a few days—full of trouble." "As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it and it is gone." "The glory of man is as the flower of grass; the grass withereth, and the flower falleth away. But the word of the Lord endureth forever."

God's final word through the lips of the flower is: Immortality! Think of the Easter lily, or of any flowering bulb that lives on and on. Think of the little flower of Palestine which closes up its blossom in the drought and opens up when the rains come. Flowers live on and on through their seeds and cuttings. The Sequoia has bloomed for millenniums. The God who gives immortality to flowers will give eternal life to his children.

To be beautifully fragrant Christians we must dwell near the "Rose of Sharon."

"Flowers are God's thoughts of beauty, taking form to gladden mortal gaze;—bright gems of earth, in which, perchance, we may see what Eden was—what Paradise may be." Selected.

## STILL SHINE HIS STARS

By DR. JOSEPH M. DAWSON,  
Executive Director of the Baptist  
Joint Committee on Public Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

The waters of the world are one,  
One blood all men beneath the sun,  
God's will by all Nature's done,  
Harmonic as his stars.

You say good will is now far spent,  
Fair plans of peace for world are rent,  
And East and West on power bent—  
We know still shine his stars.

I dare to hope and ceaseless pray  
Brute-wrong, black hate may pass  
away,  
And Law and Love may hold the sway,  
Yet brighten as the stars!

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Fred Fuchs of Anamoose, North Dakota, have announced the birth of a daughter on December 6th who has been named Yvonne Marie. This is their first child. Mr. Fuchs is pastor of the Anamoose and Lincoln Valley Baptist Churches.

● The Rev. and Mrs. R. Milbrandt announced the birth of a son on December 5th. This is their second child. Mr. and Mrs. Milbrandt are in charge of the Haven of Rest in Medicine Hat and have recently moved into the new house which was built for them alongside the Home. Mr. Milbrandt is also serving as the North-ern Conference mission worker.

● On Sunday evening, November 30, the Rev. John J. Kroeker of Baileyville, Ill., baptized five young people on confession of their faith in Christ. Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Cameroons missionary, brought a message about the African mission field on Thursday evening, December 11. On December 23rd the Christmas program was held by the Sunday School and church. Week of Prayer services were conducted from January 5 to 9.

● Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Cameroons missionary - nurse is studying from January 12 to February 6 at the College of Medical Evangelists in Loma Linda, California. She is taking a special course for missionary nurses in tropical diseases. Just before Christmas she completed an extensive itinerary to many of our churches in the interest of the Cameroons mission field. She spent the Christmas holidays with her home church and family at Venturia, North Dakota.

● On Saturday morning, November 15, the Rev. R. A. Klein of Aberdeen, South Dakota, suffered a stroke which left him somewhat paralyzed on the left side for several weeks. He was in the St. Luke's Hospital of Aberdeen for some time. Mrs. Klein wrote: "We covet your prayers in Brother Klein's behalf. We want God's will done and not ours." Cards or letters can reach him at 20 Ninth Ave., S. E., Aberdeen, South Dakota.

● From November 11 to 24 the Baptist Church of Streeter, N. Dak., held evangelistic meetings with the Rev.

G. P. Schroeder of Missoula, Montana, serving as evangelist. The average attendance was about 90 persons, and there were several decisions for Christ. The weather was favorable. The ministry of Brother Schroeder was appreciated by the members and friends of the church as reported by the Rev. Paul Galambos, pastor. He added: "We are waiting for further blessings from God!"

● On December 4th God called Donald Lee Wolff, the 18 year old son of the Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Wolff of the Salt Creek Church of Dallas, Oregon, to his heavenly Home. He suffered greatly following an unfortunate accident in which he was involved on November 17th. He was a very promising young man with a glowing future ahead of him. The obituary appears elsewhere in this issue. We of the "Baptist Herald" family want to express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Donald Lee Wolff.

● The Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., has extended a call to Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Ill., to serve as interim pastor. Dr. Leyboldt began this ministry for an indefinite period beginning with December 2nd. His leadership in the church is appreciated as is evident in the encouraging attendance. Dr. Leyboldt also conducted evangelistic services for one week in November at the Immanuel Baptist Church of New York, N. Y., of which the Rev. A. Husmann is the pastor.

● The annual fall banquet of the Sunday School Workers' Union of Chicago, Ill., and vicinity was held on Saturday evening, Dec. 6, at the Lincoln-Belmont Y.M.C.A. The program featured a message by the Rev. Leland Roth, associate professor of religious education at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. It also included spirited singing led by Ralph Nast, musical numbers by the Grace Church Male Quartet, and readings by Mrs. Richard Schilke of Forest Park, Ill. Mr. Walter C. Pankratz, president, ably served as the toast-master.

● A joint baptismal service for the Elgin and Sumner Baptist Churches of Iowa was held at Elgin, Iowa, on Sunday, November 30th. Eighteen

candidates were baptized with Dr. Arthur Ittermann baptizing 15 from Elgin and the Rev. Fred Mashner baptizing three from Sumner. Mr. Mashner brought the evening message on "Three Perils of Christian Discipleship." A Leadership Training Course with Ruth Bathauer teaching "Looking at Learning" was recently completed at the Sumner Baptist Church with nine pupils taking the course for credit.

● The Kansas Association recently convening at the Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas, welcomed a new church into its fellowship. It is the First Baptist Church of Dighton, Kansas, of which the Rev. William Berger is the pastor. From December 1 to 12 evangelistic meetings were held at this church with the Rev. O. K. Ringer of Shattuck, Okla., serving as evangelist. The Baptist Church of Dighton, Kansas, will be received into the Southwestern Conference next summer after the recommendation of the Kansas Association is considered. Further information about the church along with pictures will be published later in the "Baptist Herald."

● From November 3 to 14 the Rev. H. Schumacher of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, conducted evangelistic services in the Rosenfeld and Golden Prairie Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan. The attendance increased from evening to evening. Thirteen young people will always remember these two weeks as the time when they made their decisions for Christ. Many non-members also attended. One half hour before the meetings people met for special prayer. The speaker also had to make a hurried trip home to conduct a funeral for one of his members. The Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht is the pastor of the Rosenfeld and Golden Prairie churches.

● The obituaries of two pastors' wives appear in this issue of the "Baptist Herald." Mrs. Henrietta Albert Tilner died at the age of 85 years on November 27 at the Home for the Aged in Portland, Oregon. In 1934 she was married to the Rev. Albert Tilner and together they served several of our churches. Mrs. Gertrude Kliese of Detroit, Mich., went Home on December 1st at the age of 80 years. She was married to the Rev. E. G. Kliese and with him served many of our churches for 45 years until his

death. She had a remarkable record as a Christian since 16 years of age, Sunday School teacher for 60 years and a radiant friend to great numbers of our people.

● The new building of the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Nebraska, was used for the first time from November 20 to 23 with the sessions of the Colorado-Nebraska Association. The Sunday School room and temporary sanctuary now being used are in the basement of the church. The rest of the building will be completed during the next year. The church will cost about \$35,000, besides the thousands of hours of donated labor by members of the church. The auditorium will seat about 200 with provisions for an overflow crowd. The Nursery and Beginners' Classroom have just been finished. Mr. Harry Coats is chairman of the building committee and the Rev. George W. Neubert is pastor of the church.

● The Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, of which the Rev. Louis Johnson is pastor, administered the ordinance of baptism to six converts (one adult and five children) following the evening worship service on Sunday, November 30th. They were extended the hand of church fellowship and participated in the observance of the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning, December 7th. "We are grateful to God for giving us these souls as a result of our evangelistic efforts when Dr. Chas. W. Koller of Chicago was with us for one week," as reported by Mrs. Ernest Steindam. "There are still others for whom we are praying and we have yet to see the extent of God's blessings to us."

● The Woman's Missionary Guild of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., held a Christmas program and Family Night on Tuesday evening, December 9, with Mrs. J. C. Gunst, president, in charge. The play, "We have Seen His Star," about a Christian Japanese young woman was presented by six persons under the direction to Mrs. Frank Woyke. The Guild Chorus of 12 voices sang several Christmas selections directed by Miss Lydia Mihm. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Walter Grosser. Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Cameroons missionary, told the Christmas story in the colorful diction of Pidgin English. The Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor of the church, offered the benediction. The large crowd in attendance also enjoyed the fellowship and refreshments afterwards in the social hall.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., held a reception for the Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Sommerschild and their family of four children on Friday evening, December 5, with Mr. James H. Barnes serving as moderator.

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

## YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

January 18—"The CBY Hand-clasp" by Rev. B. Lawrence Sweeney, Nakomis, Illinois.  
January 25—"Strive To Know" by Rev. Louis R. Johnson, Waco, Texas.

## YOUTH WEEK

Youth Week has become a permanent fixture and annual activity in many of our churches. Here is a great opportunity for members of the CBY to give a dynamic spiritual witness in the church and community. Take advantage of this privilege which is yours. Read the additional material on Youth Week found in the Jan. 1, 1953 issue of the "Baptist Herald." Also make good use of the excellent material prepared for your young people in "Youth Compass." Your president and pastor have also received helpful suggestions for a full Youth Week. Let us hear from you after Youth Week has been successfully carried out.

## JUNIOR QUESTIONNAIRES

It is gratifying to us in headquarters office to see the fine spirit of cooperation which has been evidenced by the leaders and pastors of our churches in returning the questionnaires on junior work. We shall now be able to make a complete study of the junior work in our denomination and then make improvements in the program. If you have not sent in your filled out questionnaire, please do so soon.



"The King's Ambassadors" Quartet of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"Vacation Bible School? Yes, we want to have one—but that isn't until June and we have plenty of time for that later." If this is the trend of your thinking, may we make a few helpful suggestions?

To be effective and to operate smoothly, a Vacation Bible School must be well planned and organized. Many problems may be avoided by thorough planning. The month of January is an excellent time to begin this planning.

It would be well to have a meeting of the Sunday School teachers of officers during this month to make plans for your Vacation School. Be sure to bring the records and report of the school you had last year so that you might be aware of some of the problems with which you were confronted.

Make plans for cooperation with the homes. Discuss possibilities of superintendent and staff for your school. If you make a calendar now of dates to order books, audio-visual material and supplies, this important item won't be overlooked and left to the last minute. Plan for definite aims and objectives that you want to accomplish through your Vacation Bible School. Ask all members of the church to remember the 1953 DVBS in prayer.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL STANDARD

The following Sunday Schools adopted the Sunday School Standard in 1952 in addition to many others:

WHITE AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH, Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Hubert Zion, SS Supt.

HERREID BAPTIST CHURCH, Herreid, S. Dak., Mr. Andrew Huber, SS Supt.

HOFFNUNGSFELD BAPTIST CHURCH, Leola, S. Dak., Mr. Gottlieb Loeb, SS Spt.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Watertown, Wis., Mr. Edgar Goetsch, SS Supt.

HURNVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, Henrietta, Texas, Mr. Reuben Schaffner, SS Supt.

## ATTENTION NEW OFFICERS

It is greatly appreciated and most helpful to your Conference Union leaders when names and addresses are sent in after the election of local church CBY presidents and Sunday School superintendents. The list of names and addresses of the conference and regional union officers should be sent to us after each election.



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. The "Prof" and Bill McAdams arrived in time to rescue the missionary, and then they were witnesses to the arrival of the native chief who asked for forgiveness and who with his people wanted to hear the good news from "the leaf" or the Book. His parting words were: "May your God bring you back to us soon."

## CHAPTER FOURTEEN

THE THREE MEN looked at each other in amazement. "God works in a mysterious way," said Peter almost to himself. "Do you know that it is the chief who has opposed all my

work here? Now that barrier is taken away, what cannot we do?" and he almost sang with joy.

"What does it mean, Peter?" asked Bill.

"It means the things I have hoped and planned for can now be started. The chief wouldn't let me do much medical work before. Now Ruth—" he looked at the other two men with his mouth half open, "why I haven't told you about Ruth!" and he laughed.

"We met her, Peter," replied the Prof, "but haven't had a chance to tell you about it. Now you can start talking about her. We can give you an hour or two."

"Thanks. I'll need it. Truth is, Ruth was studying Hausa when I was, and—oh, you know how it is. Anyway we were to be married if and when this place got settled. Now we can start planning. The thing is," he went on jubilantly, "Ruth is a nurse, and will really have a job on her hands. But a dispensary and school will start things moving here, and with the chief's permission we will have a

clear field for it all," and he sat back with a smile of utter satisfaction on his face.

"Peter," Bill's voice jabbed Peter from his reviere, "do you think we could wangle enough material to built a hospital," his hands were clutching powerfully together.

"You mean," his friend tried to jump out of the deck chair, then sank back with a little groan of weakness. "You mean you want to stay? Bill, Bill! If you only knew how I have prayed about it! Isn't it wonderful, Prof?" and he turned to the other who was looking morosely into the stretch of jungle seen through the open door. He turned.

"It's all right for you two," the Prof's voice was low. "But I've spent my life doing little but pleasing myself. You fellows are doing a real job. I'm feeling kind of low at being out of it all. Isn't there something I can do?" and he looked appealingly at Peter.

The latter smiled. "You mean that, Prof?" and when the other had nodded, he went on: "There is something you can do, but I think it is the hardest of all. We are going to need someone to hold the ropes for us. Prof, if you will learn to pray, and keep on praying, you will have the real job."

The teacher's jaw set. "I'll be praying for you both. You know that. And while you were talking, something else just came over me. As long as you are out here, you fellows and your hospital and anything else you do will be my concern. I'll go back to the job I was beginning to hate, and do it for God. Every cent I make will go into His work. If you two can give your lives, I'll give mine too in that way. We'll make a real team for God, won't we?" and he gazed mistily at the other two.

Ruth looked at the row of patients awaiting her as she entered the dispensary in the early hours of the morning. Her deep tan and dark complexion were in striking contrast to her white uniform and white pith helmet. But the deep rings under her eyes, and her worried expression belied the cheerful greetings she gave the natives. Somewhat mechanically she set about the work of the day.

The patients for the morning had already been recorded by her faithful dispensary helpers, and the gospel service finished. Ruth began her diagnosis and medication as quickly as possible.

The day would see her caring for more than two hundred patients, and each minute was valuable.

"Oh for a doctor," she longed, as she worked over a twelve-year-old girl. An ulcer had eaten into the shin-bone of one leg, leaving a

dangling, footless stump to defy her care. A baby, badly burned from a fall in the hut-warming night fire, screamed with agony as she fitted jellied gauze over the raw buttocks. A mother, pus pouring from infected eyes, shuffled slowly over to the basin placed for the careful, painful cleansing.

Even as she worked, the nurse's mind was occupied with other matters, and it was only her experience and skill that saved the day from mishap. Ruth was worried.

It was two weeks since Peter's two friends had left Jos, and still no word from them or the missionary. The little fear that had been gnawing at her increased as she worked.

Oh this terrible, terrible country, she thought, even while she ministered to some of its people. What has it done to Peter, my Peter, and tears of fear welled up in her eyes.

Stopping her work of washing out a fearful, gangrenous-looking ulcer, she called one of her African dressers.

"Here, Amadu, you carry on for awhile. I'll be back," and the missionary nurse unlocked and entered the drug room, closing the door behind her.

A tense, awful feeling had suddenly swept over her. Fear, uncertainty and the strain of unflagging service in tropical heat were doing their work of undermining faith. Ruth knew she must get alone with God, or break.

Quietly she knelt by her laboratory table, and with a childlike sigh rested in prayer. Her eyes, tired from sleepless hours, closed—and the scene of the night before flashed into her memory.

She saw again the line of men as they raced into the main mission compound, carrying one of the Bible women, the wife of an evangelist. A deadly viper had fastened its fangs into her toe, and already the swelling of the foot had reached alarming proportions.

Emergencies were not new to the missionary, and soon she was at work gathering the precious, fleeting minutes into her capable hands. A quick incision laid open the toe. Powdered potassium permanganate was forced into the opening. Hot fomentations, laid over the rapidly swelling lymphatic glands, sought to hold the deadly poison from its insistent rise. Heart stimulant, injections and cupping—all were tried and all failed.

Ruth saw again the sudden birth of the premature baby, the life-draining hemorrhaging—and a soul slipping away.

The dusky body had suddenly stopped its feverish twisting. The cracked lips no longer moaned at the burning agony of the poison. The face became calm and peaceful. Lamonte's eyes had opened, and turn-

ing her head slightly, she saw her husband kneeling at her side, shaken with sobs.

"Passa," she reached out a hand, speaking slowly and haltingly in Hausa, "don't cry for me. Jesus has sent His canoe to call me home," and the radiance of the hope lighted the almost ashen face.

When her husband could not reply for the sobs that continued to rack him, the dying woman turned to her other side. There knelt an old, wizened woman, clad only in a crude apron of leaves. It was her own mother, still silent, waiting for the death that must come, and ready to give the soul-shaking, ear-splitting death wail of hopelessness. Again the dying woman spoke:

"Uwa," she forced herself to speak loudly, "Mother, I have often told you of the way that Jesus died for us, and of the place He has gone to prepare. Now I'm going there, will I see you . . .?" The words of invitation were never finished. The faithful Bible woman's head rolled back—and she was gone to that place of which she had spoken with her dying breath.

Ruth had walked slowly from the dispensary that early, early morning, blinded by tears. As she stepped outside, her eyes lifted heavenward for a moment. Then stopped. She almost gasped with the beauty of the sunrise that met her eyes.

The sun had not yet appeared over the hills, but its great, golden glow filled the sky with splendor. The wide band of light fanned up into the sky, rolling the curtain of purple and blue night back and back.

"Her sunrise," Ruth had whispered, "with Jesus through eternity."

A few hours later Ruth stood with the other missionaries and a host of African Christians around the open grave. There can be nothing more lonely than an African hilltop with its scattered shrub, and an open grave. Desolation seemed complete.

On the way to the graveside, singing hymns of comfort and assurance, the procession had passed the native compound. A wild orgy of beer-drinking and lewd dancing was in progress. Mingled with the hymns was the wild, demoniacal crying of the pagan people. Life for the dead, thought Ruth, and death for the living. This is the difference the Gospel makes.

The scene faded, and the eyes of the kneeling nurse opened. Her wide eyes looked up past the pan ceiling of her dispensary and into the heart of God. His Son had died to bring life to the world. Could she offer less than herself and her Peter? The vague fear that had settled on her heart began to dispel. Her eyes closed.

"Oh God, my Father," she prayed from her heart now flooded with relief, "I want to honor Thee, whether

by life or by death. If Peter's silence was to bring me closer to you, I am here. But protect him, Father, and keep us both loving Thee supremely and serving Thee first, that to these who sit in darkness and under the shadow of death, a great Light might shine."

With a sigh of utter contentment, Ruth rose from her knees and turned.

Standing in the doorway was the mission director.

The missionary, grown grey and wrinkled during the long years of service in West Africa, smiled quizzically at the startled nurse.

"Sorry, I frightened you, Ruth," he said gently urging her back to the high stool beside the laboratory table. "The dressers told me you were here, and when you didn't reply to my knock, I opened the door. When I heard you praying, I started to leave, but you were too quick for me.

"Worried about Peter?" he went on, concern and consideration both showing in his voice and face. "Well, I wouldn't worry about him. But we are wondering at his long silence. In fact, I have heard only this morning that even native traders are not coming from that territory of late. No," he repeated as Ruth jumped off the stool, "don't worry about him. I heard you pray," he went on hesitantly, "And you can trust a faithful Father. Every day of my forty-five years out here has been lived in the light of dying daily unto self and being alive unto God and His perfect will." The lined face was soft and radiant. "Ruth," he went on, "this is real living. I have never regretted a day nor an hour given for Africa, despite its difficulty and danger, because they have all been lived for Him. Anything else is too drab or humdrum for comparison."

Suddenly he shook his head and laughed: "And I came to tell you something entirely different. Forgive an old man, my dear. You will live and learn these things yourself. I really came to tell you that we felt we should go to Peter's station and be sure he and his friends are all right. It's time I visited the area again anyway. And," he went on mischievously, speaking slowly, as he saw the girl's eyes light up, "we wondered if you would care to accompany my wife and me in the mission car? Of course if you can't get away . . ." he left the sentence dangling.

"Can't get away!" the words rushed from the girl's mouth—"Is half an hour too long for you to wait?"

"Half an hour," the man gasped, then looked at her again. "Well," he took up the challenge, "if you can be ready in half an hour, I'll be sure that I will be, too. Can't let junior missionaries, and a girl at that, beat an old coaster," he chuckled.

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# We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

## OUR HISTORIAN

Mrs. Otto G. Graalman, Historian of our Woman's Missionary Union for the past three years has made valuable contributions to our historical records. These are preserved in large books usually on display at the General Conference.

In 1952 our Woman's Union was 45 years old. To present our historian and the following article of historical facts will give you a glimpse into our glorious past.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Otto G. Graalman are the children of North American Baptist ministers. The Rev. Edward Graalman was a pioneer pastor in Oklahoma. He made his home with the Otto Graalmans during the last years before his death. The Rev. Joseph Scholz, Mrs. Graalman's father, was serving the Oak Street Church in Burlington, Iowa, at the time of his illness and passing in 1910.

Before her marriage Mrs. Graalman spent twenty months in Budapest, Hungary, where she studied piano. She found it a privilege to serve the Lord by working among the youth in our church there. Since her marriage and moving to Okeene, she has been superintendent of the Junior Department of the Sunday School where she had taught for many years. She is still the church organist after thirty years of faithful service. In the special work for our women, she has been president of our Southwestern Woman's Missionary Union, as well as of her local church. Besides her work as historian, she was Nominating Committee chairman in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She has taught piano ever since going to Oklahoma and is now teaching a second generation. Her musical activities have been in state and national circles.

The Graalman's only son, Robert, and their two grandchildren also live in Okeene.

With sincere pleasure we present our historian and her article, "Do You Know That?"

### DO YOU KNOW THAT?

By MRS. OTTO G. GRAALMAN.

#### DO YOU KNOW THAT:

● The Woman's Missionary Union of North American Baptists is forty-five years old?

● Our Union was born in 1907? As early as 1882 local societies felt the



Mrs. Otto G. Graalman of Okeene, Okla., the Historian of the Woman's Missionary Union.

need for this Union. However, it was not until 25 years later, in response to a letter written to all local societies (Schwestern Vereine) that the union was accomplished. Excerpts from this letter, translated from German, follow:

"For a number of years the question has been discussed whether we as Women's Societies should form a union in each conference as well as a National Woman's Union to be organized at the General Conference in Buffalo, New York. What do you think of this matter? . . . Please send your reply . . . to the secretary, Sister N. E. Hoefflin by August 10, 1907."

● In these years we have grown from the original 70 to 270 local societies?

● The objective is the same today as it was when the Union was established? The objective was "to become better acquainted with one another, to pro-

The Woman's Missionary Union hereby wishes to express the sincere sympathy of all North American Baptist women to the Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Wolf of Dallas, Ore., whose son, Donald Lee, went to be with the Lord on December 4, 1952. Mrs. Wolf is the secretary of our Woman's Union.

mote spiritual life and interest in missions." Today, the wording is more detailed, but the purpose has not been changed.

● Including Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, we have had nine consecrated women for our presidents, each doing her own individual part in inspiring the women to carry on their share of the Lord's work? The presidents are as follows:

Mrs. L. Maeder, New York, N. Y., 1907-1910—1 term;

Mrs. J. Merkel, Cleveland, Ohio, 1910-1913—1 term;

Mrs. W. F. Grosser, Oak Park, Ill., 1913-1919—2 terms;

Mrs. N. B. Neelen, Milwaukee, Wis., 1919-1928—3 terms;

Mrs. G. H. Schneck, New Jersey, 1928-1937—3 terms;

Miss A. Brinkman, Chicago, Ill., 1937-1940—1 term;

Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, Forest Park, Ill., 1940-1946—2 terms;

Mrs. W. L. Schoeffel, Chicago, Ill., 1946-1952—2 terms;

Mrs. W. W. Grosser, Oak Park, Ill., 1952—.

● Mrs. R. E. Hoefflin of New York City served as secretary from 1907 to 1936, longer than any other officer ever served?

● Although we have observed a special day of prayer annually since 1910, it was not until 1945 that we joined with women everywhere in the World Day of Prayer?

● In 1922, Mrs. Louise Brandt, editor, used the *Missions Perle*, our official magazine, to stimulate interest in the White Cross work, and since taking over the Cameroons Mission Field our women in almost all our societies have been busily engaged in this service for our missionaries?

● Our Scholarship Fund was established in 1937? This fund was established as the result of the fine work done in our churches by many of our missionaries who had been trained at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago.

● Fifteen girls dedicated to the Lord's work have been chosen for this scholarship since it was started? Of this number, five are working as missionaries in the Cameroons. Our Scholarship Girls are:

Miss Frieda Remboldt, Gackle, N. Dak. (now Mrs. Walter Ruff);

Miss Mary Schmitke, Camrose, Alta. (now Mrs. G. Walter Weber);

Miss Twila Bartz, Anamoose, N. Dak. (until recently missionary in our Alberta Indian Reservation, now studying in California);

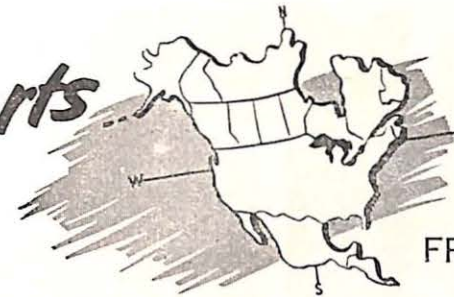
Miss Lillian Kessler, Dec Sacs, N. Dak. (now Mrs. L. Johnson Dierling);

Miss Melba Runtz, St. Joseph, Mich. (now Mrs. Lemuel Peterson);

Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Waco, Texas (Cameroons missionary);

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## Reports



### FROM THE FIELD

#### Southern Conference

##### Family Altar Group of Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, Presents a Play

On Sunday evening, Dec. 7th, during the Training Union Hour the Family Altar Group of Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, presented a play, "THE HOUSE ON THE SAND," which depicted the average American family whose religion is hanging in the balance because business, comfort and pleasure have crowded Christ out of their lives. Mrs. Charles Marsteller, Jr., director, and Mrs. Ken Jones, asst. director, and the entire cast are to be congratulated for their convincing and inspiring dramatization of the truth found in Matthew 7:24-27 with which Jesus concluded his Sermon on the Mount.

The Family Altar Group was organized last May and is composed of young married couples who also meet together on Sunday morning as a Sunday School class. Before the worship service on Sunday evening they spend an hour together participating in song, prayer and group discussions on religious topics. One evening during each month is set aside for business and social activities in the homes of the individual members. If their efforts so far are any indications of their possibilities, then the church can anticipate many benefits and blessings from the service of this group of consecrated young couples.

Our prayers are with them as they establish their homes and rear their children for the glory of God and for service in his Kingdom.

Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Reporter.

#### Eastern Conference

##### Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, New York, Celebrates Its 57th Anniversary

From Sunday, November 9, through Wednesday, November 12, the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., celebrated its 57th anniversary. We were privileged to have as our guest speaker Dr. Dale Ihrie, pastor of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Ihrie is a very capable speaker and his deep spiritual messages stirred our hearts and challenged us to go forth and do better work for our Lord in the future.

On Sunday School night the following, who have been members of Bethel Church for over fifty years, were pres-

ent: Miss Anna Peterson, Miss Martha Smith, Miss Amelia Weber, Mrs. Marie Krehl, Mrs. Betty Chappeller, Mrs. Emma Smith, and Mr. Ernst C. Smith. We thank God for these faithful members who have given so unselfishly of their time and talents to the Lord and have helped to make Bethel Church a better place in which to worship. We were also happy to have our Girls' Trio and Young Men's Quartet sing our favorite hymns, which were enjoyed by all.

This also marked the 10th anniversary of our pastor, the Rev. Paul E. Loth, at Bethel Church. We praise God for his faithful ministry and untiring efforts in proclaiming the true Gospel that souls may be won to the Lord. God has richly blessed Bethel Church in the past and we pray that we may continue to be a lighthouse for him.

Mrs. Daniel Earnst, Reporter.

#### Southwestern Conference

##### Special Times of Blessing for First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Kansas

Members of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County near Elmo, Kans., observed their Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 19. The CBY had appropriately decorated the sanctuary. Special missionary offerings of the day amounted to \$1,138.63.

Our church was especially blessed in having Dr. John Leypoldt as guest speaker for both morning and evening services and also for having had him as evangelist for special meetings from Oct. 23 to Nov. 2. His challenging Biblical messages were very helpful in the strengthening and edification of Christian lives. No decisions for Christ were made manifest but contacts were made that may bring fruit in the future.

On Sunday evening, Nov. 23, our Woman's Missionary Society celebrated its anniversary program, having as guest speaker Miss Eleanor Weisenburger who showed pictures and told of our work in the Cameroons, Africa.

We thank God for these special times of blessing and pray his constant guidance so that our church may truly be used for the advancement of his Kingdom, both at home and abroad.

Mrs. Milton Jacobson, Reporter.

##### Sessions of the Kansas Association at the Baptist Church of Bison, Kansas

The Kansas Association was held at the First Baptist Church of Bison, Kans., from October 20 to 22. The

theme of the Association was "Dedicated to God" taken from 1 Thess. 4:3. "For this is the will of God, even your own sanctification . . ." The opening message brought by the Rev. Alfred Bernadt of Lorraine was very fitting entitled, "Dedicated Lives." Our special speaker was Dr. John Leypoldt who brought four messages on sanctification. The Rev. Louis Johnson of Waco, Texas, presented the Stewardship program. Two offerings were taken amounting to \$175. After Association expenses were taken out, the money was designated for the Leper Field in the Cameroons.

A small church near Dyton, Kans., applied for membership in the Kansas Association. The Dyton Church was accepted into the Association and was recommended to the Southwestern Conference. In addition to this the following new pastors were given the hand of fellowship by Mr. Dons: Rev. Elmer Strauss of Ellinwood; Rev. Alfred Bernadt of Lorraine; Rev. Paul Shellhouse of Marion; Rev. William Berger of Dyton.

The Rev. Leonard Hinz was elected moderator, Rev. Alfred Bernadt vice-moderator, and Rev. Herbert Schauer secretary. Our lives were blessed and we went back to our individual churches determined to dedicate ourselves more fully to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Norman Berkan, Reporter.

##### Two Great Missionary Gatherings at Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Kansas

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kans., held an honorary shower on Nov. 17 for Miss Rachel Zoschke, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Zoschke of our church and who served as a missionary on the Spanish-American field in Colorado one summer. Rachel has answered the call of the Lord to go as a missionary to Chile under the Soldiers and Gospel Mission.

Rachel Zoschke told us many interesting things about Chile and also showed us some colored pictures on the screen of Chile where she plans to work during the next five years. There were many friends and relatives who enjoyed the blessings she passed on to us, and afterwards we all gathered in the church parlor for a fellowship hour. Miss Zoschke received many fine and useful gifts for her five-year service in Chile.

On Nov. 21 we were also privileged to have Miss Eleanor Weisenburger at our church. Miss Weisenburger is on furlough from the Cameroons, Africa. She brought us an interesting message telling us about the work out there, especially the leper work. She also reminded us of the need of prayer, and told us experiences of answered prayer.

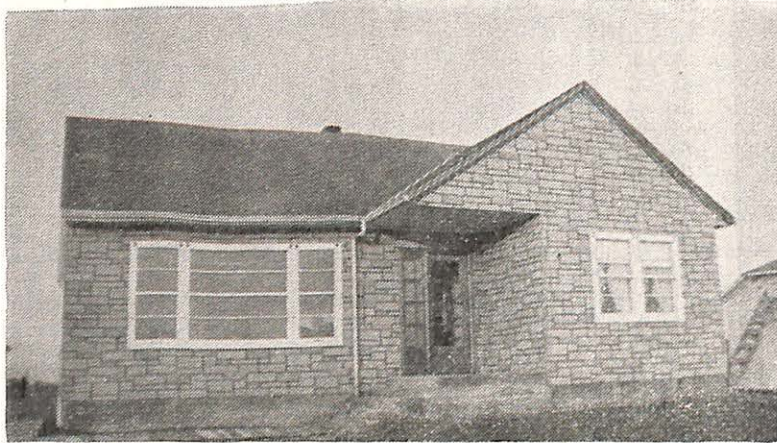
After the meeting we were invited to see the display of art work made in the Cameroons which Miss Weisenburger brought back with her. Many enjoyed the evening she gave us and we pray the Lord will bless her as she continues her work for him.

Miss Alfred Shippy, Reporter.

### Mission Festival, Revival Meetings and Christmas Cantata at Ebenezer Church, Elmo, Kans.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church near Elmo, Kans., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, November 2. Dr. George A. Lang, president of our Seminary, was the special speaker who spoke in the morning, afternoon and evening. The church was very fittingly decorated for such an occasion by our women as evidence of God's goodness to us. A dinner was served in the church basement. Offerings taken at the services amounted to \$208.71.

Revival meetings were held in the church during the week of November 10-16 with the Rev. Alfred Bernadt as the evangelist. The meetings were well attended and our hearts were blessed as Mr. Bernadt broke the Word of God to us. Although there were no outward decisions, we feel that the Word sown is even now bearing fruit.



The new parsonage of the Whitemouth Baptist Church of River Hills, Manitoba, Canada, of which the Rev. and Mrs. John Kuehn are the first occupants.

Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, a returned missionary of ours from the Cameroons, was with us for Thanksgiving Sunday. Miss Weisenburger challenged our hearts as she presented the call of the Cameroons. A thanksgiving offering was taken amounting to \$64.44.

A new furnace has been installed in the church. The choir under the direction of Mr. Tracy Sandow presented a Christian cantata on Sunday, Dec. 21, while the Sunday School presented a program on Christmas Eve. The Lord has richly blessed us and all praise to his holy Name!

Norman Berkan, Pastor.

### Musical Program and Presentation of Hammond Organ, Baptist Church, La Salle, Col.

An evening of music was enjoyed by members and guests of the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., on November 16, as the choir of the church, guest organist, soloists and accordionist presented a program.

An organ prelude by Mrs. Mary Blake, guest organist, preceded the singing of choruses led by the choir director, Mr. Harold Noteboom, followed by prayer by the Rev. David Zimmerman. Mr. Gottlieb Vogel announced the program. The stories of

several old favorite hymns were read by members of the choir: Evelyn Meyer, Ruth Zimmerman, Mrs. Harold Bohlender and Irene Croissant. Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Vogel sang, "When the World Forgets" and Mrs. Harold Croissant, guest accordionist, played, "He Cares For Me" and "My Anchor Holds". The choir, led by Mr. Noteboom, sang, "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked." Mr. Robert Oster played "Love" on his trumpet. Mr. Forrest Tanner, guest soloist, sang, "I've Found A Way," and Mrs. Albert Croissant played a piano solo, "Waves of the Ocean."

The new Hammond electric organ recently installed by the choir was then presented to the church, through the Rev. David Zimmerman by Mr. Alfred Reck, choir president.

An offering was taken to be used in the church's improvement. Other numbers were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bohlender, by Mr. Note-

boom, and by Mr. Jerry Meyer and Mr. Tanner, students of Rockmont College, Denver, Colorado. The melodious program closed with the choir's singing, "My God and I". The desire of the choir is to "sing unto God" and to God only!

Evelyn Meyer, Choir Secretary.

### Northern Conference

#### Dedication of the New Parsonage by the Whitemouth Baptist Church of Manitoba

What had long been a vision by the members and friends of the Whitemouth Baptist Church of Manitoba, Canada, finally became a reality when they had the joy of dedicating their new parsonage on Sunday, Nov. 16. The acre of land in River Hills, Man., on which the building stands was donated to the church by one of its pioneer members, Mr. Fred Zink, Sr. "Open House" was first observed and then all met in the upstairs room to take part in the special services with the local pastor, the Rev. J. Kuehn, in charge.

The guest speakers were Mr. Carl Dohms of Beausejour and Mr. R. Kujat. Special numbers were rendered

in music and song by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Best of Beausejour. Mr. Edward Zink very beautifully sang "Bless This House." God was very near to us!

The report of the Building Committee, given by Mr. A. Kuhn, showed that \$5,754.80 have been solicited from members and friends of which \$5,184.80 has been collected. Many thousands of hours of free labor, as reported by Mr. Nelson Knopf, helped to keep the expenses down. The building is a story and a half 34 by 30 by 24 feet in the shape of an L. Then followed a time of fellowship when lunch was served.

Mrs. John Kuehn, Reporter.

#### Ordination of the Rev. Edward Link of Victoria Avenue Church, Regina, Sask.

On October 19 the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., called a council of 18 delegates to consider the advisability of setting its pastor, Mr. Edward Link, apart for the Gospel ministry. The council consisted of Rev. Robert Jaster of Nokomis, Rev. F. Ohlmann of Edenwold, Rev. S. Thomas of Southey, R. Grabke of Davin, and delegates from each of the churches including Regina. The Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat was also present and was elected moderator, and Mr. Richard Grabke, pastor of Davin, served as clerk.

The candidate was examined concerning his conversion, his call and his doctrinal viewpoints. Mr. Link testified that he was converted at the age of 11 through the ministry of the Rev. B. Jacksteit, and was baptized by the Rev. G. Beutler. At the age of 17 he felt the call of the Lord to enter the full-time ministry. Deepest appreciation was expressed to God for the fine spiritual parents (who were also present) and for all the encouragement they had given him in following what they believed was the will of God. In clear and well-chosen words he gave his views as to Christian doctrine and truth.

In the evening an impressive ordination service was held in the church. Rev. R. Milbrandt, moderator of the council, presided at the service. The Scripture reading and prayer were by Mr. R. Grabke of Davin. Rev. Vernon Link of Fessenden, N. Dak., and also a brother to the candidate, brought the ordination sermon on 2 Tim. 4:3, 4, 5. As the candidate knelt, and there followed the laying on of hands and the ordination prayer by the Rev. R. Jaster of Nokomis, we felt the presence of God very near and with a song in our hearts we thanked God that he had separated this servant of his for this great and mighty work. The charge to the church was brought by Rev. F. Ohlmann and Rev. S. Thomas brought the charge to the candidate. Rev. R. Milbrandt gave the Rev. Edward Link the right hand of fellowship as he welcomed him into the ranks of the ministry. The Rev. Edward Link, who is pastor of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Regina, brought this inspiring service to a close with the benediction.

R. E. Grabke, Reporter.

### Leadership Training with Two Study Courses at Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

October 13 to 17 was a full week for the Central, McKernan and Lauderdale Baptist Churches of Edmonton, Alberta. We were privileged to have the Rev. J. C. Gunst and the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as our teachers and speakers for Sunday School and Young People's Week.

Each night the groups met and started with a short devotion, after which we went into our respective groups.

The Sunday School Course, which was "Building A Better Sunday School," was taught by Dr. Leuschner. The meetings were well attended with an average of 50 Sunday School workers each night, while 26 of these took the course for credit.

The young people chose as their Study Course, "Stewardship in the Life of Youth," being taught by the young people's director, Rev. J. C. Gunst. This course was also well attended with an average of 45 young people out taking part each evening. Thirty received credit for this course.

After a 60-minute session, the two groups gathered in the main auditorium for films shown by Dr. Leuschner on various phases of our mission work. The week closed on Friday evening with a short test in each class, after which we again gathered to hear a closing message brought to us by Mr. Gunst.

Miss Irma Schonert and Mr. Gordon Kirsch, Reporters.

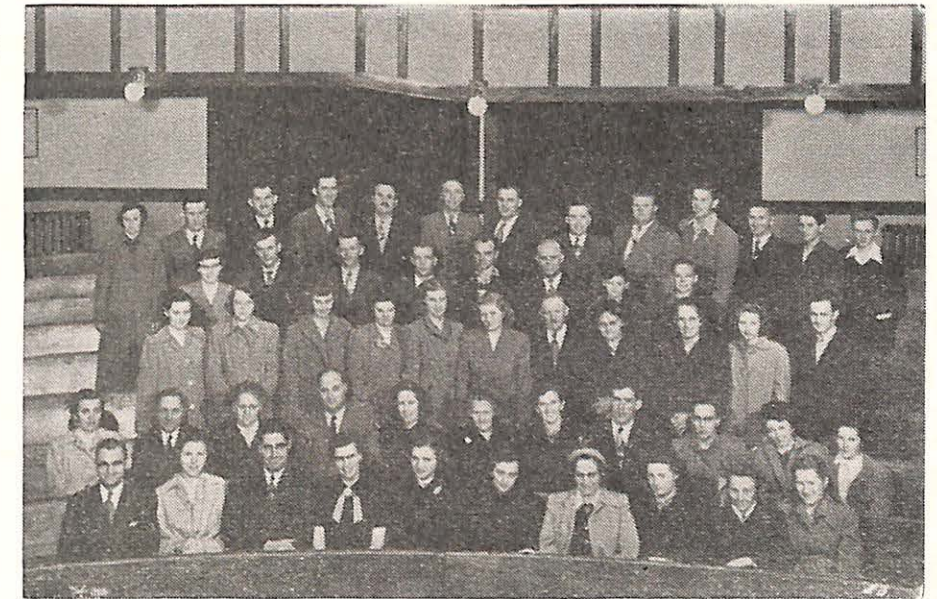
### Northwestern Conference

#### Evangelistic Campaign with Rev. Charles J. Anderson at Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis.

Fall days have been filled with activity at the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin. The outstanding event was a week long evangelistic campaign conducted from November 16 to 23, with the Rev. Charles J. Anderson of Kenosha, Wis., as the speaker. Mr. Anderson is prominent in Youth for Christ, International. The theme for the meetings was, "The Key to Life," with messages inspiring to the unsaved as well as stimulating to Christians for greater consecration and use of their lives in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ.

During the week, several colored motion pictures were shown of Europe and the Holy Land, and on Saturday evening the well-known youth film, "Counter Attack" was shown. The music of the church choir, women's trio, and men's quartet added greatly to the blessings and enrichment of the services. Mrs. Charles Anderson, wife of the speaker and a well-known radio singer, also provided the music for several of the meetings.

The Fall Rally of the Wisconsin Commissioned Baptist Youth was held at our church on October 19 and 20. The theme of the Rally was, "Go Ye Into All the World." Miss Eleanor



Young people and adults of the three North American Baptist churches of Edmonton, Alta., who received credit for their commendable work in the Christian Leadership Training Classes taught by the Rev. J. C. Gunst and the Rev. Martin L. Leuschner.

Weisenburger, our missionary from the Cameroons, was the guest speaker.

In observance of Sunday School Week, the leadership training course, "You Can Teach" was very ably taught by Miss Bathauer. We appreciate the help and instruction she has given us for the furtherance of our Sunday School work.

Mrs. Lee Krueger, Reporter.

#### Fifth Northwestern Christian Workers' Conference Is Held at Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis.

The 1952 Northwestern Workers' Conference met at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wis., on November 14, 15 and 16. Dr. Leland Roth and Miss Lois Warner, both of Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago, were the very able teachers of the CBY and Sunday School workers' classes, respectively.

The classes were exceptionally valuable, because they were made so very practical. Specific problems and questions of individual CBY societies and Sunday Schools were brought up and thoroughly discussed by the groups. The teachers then concentrated on these specific aspects. The teachers then concentrated on these specific aspects of CBY and Sunday School programs in our local churches, with the result that everyone who attended left the conference with new and practical suggestions, and many other workable ideas tried and proven by similar groups in other churches.

The Rev. Andrew Esperson of the Immanuel Church in Milwaukee, Wis., brought the opening message at the Friday evening service. On Saturday night we enjoyed an excellent inspirational motion picture, "Beyond Our Own." The Kenosha young people had a very pleasant social hour planned for us after the service.

Sunday, the final day of our conference, was on just as high an inspirational level as the previous sessions had been. Sunday School and the morning worship hour were in charge

of the local church, with the Rev. Ed. McKernan bringing the message. The Rev. Wilmer Quiring of the Bethany Church in Milwaukee spoke at the final consecration service in the afternoon, using the illustration of Gideon and the 300 soldiers whom the Lord used mightily. We were challenged to put into active practice the many things we learned during our week-end conference.

Iona Fluth, Secretary.

### Dakota Conference

#### Evangelistic Crusade at the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, North Dakota

The Evangelistic Crusade of the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, N. Dak., held from November 11 through 26 proved to many that God answers prayer and will bless if we mean business for him. Services were held every night during the fifteen days. Each day of the meeting God gave a victory. The evangelist was the Rev. Leon N. Lutz, pastor of the Ormas Baptist Church of Columbia City, Indiana. The messages were Spirit filled and we were all drawn to a closer walk with our blessed Savior.

At the end of the meetings we can report 18 professions of faith, one reclamation, and 12 young people willing to follow wherever God would call. The highlights of the meeting were when one man 48 years old moved by the Spirit of God came with tears of repentance and made right 28 years of sin and backsliding. Another was the conversion of a man of fifty years of age. Still another is that a man who owns a liquor business would like to follow Christ and he wants our prayers that someone will buy him out.

God has marvelously blessed, and we hope and pray that we will be faithful in all our obligations to these new born babes in Christ.

Edgar R. Koons, Pastor.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Koenig of Underwood, North Dakota**

On Friday, Nov. 28, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Koenig of Underwood, N. Dak., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by having Open House in the church sanctuary. While Mrs. Fred J. Knalson played "The Wedding March," the honored couple was escorted to seats in front by two of their sons, Reuben and Ezra.

The Rev. Fred J. Knalson then delivered a sermon from Genesis 12, making comparisons of Abraham's life and that of Brother Koenig. A German poem and their history were read by their daughter, Ruth (Mrs. Jacob Bender) and Leona (Mrs. Walter Fuchs). Mr. Art Turner rendered two solos. Reminiscing by the undersigned and the benediction by Rev. Emil Becker of New Leipzig, N. Dak., a former pastor of the church and friend of the family, brought the program to a close. About 150 relatives and friends came to congratulate the honored couple.

Mr. Koenig came to this community of Underwood in 1900 and homesteaded on Turtle Creek. On Nov. 27, 1902 he entered the bonds of holy matrimony with Christina Koth of Parkston, South Dakota. When Underwood was started as a town in 1903, they moved to town and entered in business with Mr. Koenig's father and brothers. Here they raised their family and took their place in the affairs of the community and church. Mr. Koenig was a charter



Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Koenig of Underwood, N. Dak., get ready to slice "the big cake" at their golden wedding anniversary.

The theme of this cantata revealed to us that we can have joy, hope, peace and contentment as we walk with Jesus in our daily living. We live with him as our Guide as we seek his guidance in his Word. We seek his will in our prayers and look forward to the day of his coming when we shall walk with him into all Eternity.

The offering taken was sent to a native worker in Africa, whom our Sunday School is also supporting.

"I'd rather walk with Jesus Than roam the paths of sin, I'd rather have his friendship Than earth's best honors win; My one desire to please him As daily ways we plod, And so we're walking onward, upward, Bound for Heaven and God!"  
Lucille Wood, Reporter.



Women of the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., who rendered the cantata, "Walking With Jesus," which had been composed by Mrs. Fred J. Knalson (second row, right) and Miss Alma Zimmerman.

member of the original church which was organized in 1902. He was always taken an active part in its program.  
Ferdinand Koenig, Reporter.

**Original Cantata Given by Women of Baptist Church of Underwood, North Dakota**

A cantata, "Walking With Jesus," was given at the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., on Sunday evening, Oct. 26. It was given as a mission program by the women of the church and was directed by our pastor's wife, Mrs. Fred Knalson, who along with Miss Alma Zimmerman had composed the cantata. Miss Zimmerman is a Christian teacher of the Underwood schools, whom we have been privileged to have in our midst the past two years.

**Special Programs of the Tyndall and Danzig Woman's Missionary Societies, South Dakota**

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Tyndall Baptist Church of Tyndall, S. Dak., had the members of the Avon Woman's Missionary Society as guests at the regular monthly meeting on November 5th. A program of songs, readings, talks and poems, which all centered around the Thanksgiving and mission theme, was followed by a special mission offering which amounted to \$345. A time of Christian fellowship was enjoyed in the church basement after the program, when a delicious lunch was served to all the ladies present.

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On November 9th, our Tyndall women joined with the Danzig Woman's Missionary Society in presenting a special mission program at the Danzig church. Each society participated in the program which consisted of plays, group songs, a vocal duet and a vocal trio. A special mission offering was taken for the missionary projects of the National Woman's Missionary Union.

Under the capable leadership of our minister's wife, Mrs. Walter Stein, who is president of both the Tyndall and Danzig societies, we are striving to go forward in our work for the Master.

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Secretary.

**Ordination of the Rev. Ernest Lautt at Mennonite Brethren Church, Harvey, N. Dak.**

The Council of Ordination which was called by the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, N. Dak., met in the Mennonite Brethren Church of Harvey, N. Dak., at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, November 28, to set aside Mr. Ernest Lautt, pastor of the Baptist Church at Beulah, N. Dak., to the Gospel ministry.

The Council was opened by the Rev. G. Warkentin. The Rev. Arthur Fischer of Linton was chosen as chairman of the Council and the Rev. Edgar Koons of Harvey as clerk.

The candidate was introduced and presented to the Council by Mr. Alex Rink. A hearty welcome was expressed and the purpose of the calling of the Council stated. The candidate proceeded to give his statement of conversion, call to the ministry, preparation for the ministry and doctrinal beliefs. Mr. Ernest Lautt was complimented for his fine presentation and the Council adjourned to a private session to consider the question at hand. A unanimous vote was cast that the Council of Ordination recommend to the Immanuel Church and the Mennonite Brethren Church that Mr. Ernest Lautt be ordained.

At 5:00 P.M. the Ordination Banquet was served in the basement of the church. The provisions were made by the father and mother and brothers of Mr. Ernest Lautt. Testimonies were given as to how God was working in the different churches represented and a very enjoyable time of fellowship was had discussing the blessings of the Lord.

The evening ordination service was opened by the Rev. G. Warkentin and the Rev. Edgar Koons read the Scripture. The Rev. Arthur Fischer acted as program chairman. The Rev. G. Warkentin and the Rev. Fred Knalson brought ordination sermons. The Rev. A. Bibelheimer offered the ordination prayer. The Rev. J. Engel gave the charge to the candidate. Mr. R. Simalenko gave the charge to the church. The Rev. Vernon Link welcomed the candidate into the fellowship of North American Baptist Churches. The Rev. Ernest Lautt dismissed the service with the benediction.

Edgar R. Koons, Clerk.

**Annual Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Corona, South Dakota**

The members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Corona, S. Dak., have again observed their annual program. The president, Mrs. Wilbur Boerger, was in charge. A prelude of organ music was played by Mrs. Elmer Schulte before the service began. This occasion was the first program in which we used our new church model Hammond Organ, which was donated to replace the Spinet Hammond which we previously used. This was a memorial to the parents by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sprung.

After a song by the ladies, Scripture was read by Carrie Kampen with Mrs. Wm. Joneschiet leading in prayer. After words of welcome by Mrs. Boerger, the following program was presented: a sextet, a dialogue entitled, "Love Finds A Way," a solo, "The Sobbing of the Nations" by Mrs. Harry Schulte; a monologue, "The Other Light," by Mrs. Wilbur Boerger; a reading, "The Church and the World," by Mrs. Herman Hoekman. The offering amounted to \$207.56.

The visiting committees for the shut-ins are always ready to call on those who cannot get out or on those who are sick. We leave them with a small gift and a word of cheer. We always receive a warm welcome from those who are not members of the church. With Christmas around the corner we'll be singing Christmas songs in German and English. At this time we take our pastor, the Rev. Herman Lohr, with us. The Seminary, the Home for the Aged and the Children's Home in St. Joseph, Mich., were again remembered with love gifts of money for Christmas.

In the near future the ladies plan to get together one evening and make only the urgent supplies from the White Cross list which we will pack in our next White Cross boxes for the Banso Hospital in Africa. Money was given to the society in memory of one of our members of the church. This we shall use to buy more gauze to make dressing and compresses for the White Cross work.

Mrs. Harry Schulte, Reporter.

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**Atlantic Conference Sixty-first Anniversary and Renovation Program for Willow Avenue Church, Hoboken, N. J.**

On a recent Sunday the 61st anniversary of the Willow Ave. Baptist Church, Hoboken, N. J., was held. It was also a re-dedication service after extensive renovations had been made, while the outside of the building was painted as far as we could go. This involved painting and putting the upper windows, repairing the larger art glass window where the framework had been loosed, then painting and putting it, and scrubbing the windows so that they shone in their new-found beauty. The stone work around the front was also painted a light gray. At present we are attempting the repair of the baptistry, having soldered a spot that had opened.

A year ago we painted the Sunday School room and renewed some piping to the chimney. The heater and its pipes were also given a coat of aluminum paint, so that our place looks presentable. The stairways and walls have been beautifully painted, and new letters for the bulletin board purchased.

The anniversary meeting itself was easily a spiritual success. The invitations were sent out early, and our neighboring churches helped to fill the auditorium. The Rev. Herbert J. Freeman brought the message of the evening on, "The Church as the Pillar and Ground of the Truth." Norris Shay of our First Baptist Church, Union City, N. J., sang the 27th Psalm. After the service, refreshments in the Sunday School room were served, and there was more than enough for all present. Former members, who had come from far and near, said it reminded them of the church in the olden days, when it was packed to the rafters. The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Jersey City presented a check for \$50 to the church, having had a part in the beginnings of the Hoboken church. The evident blessing of God was felt, and we rejoice and look hopefully toward the future. We are doing our very best as a "tiny" church, and as God gives the increase, we will go forward.

Herman Kuhl, Pastor.

**Pacific Conference Encouraging Progress Is Made by the Villa Ridge Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon**

It is almost inconceivable that in a little over four months of direction under the Rev. Frank Friesen, the Villa Ridge Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., can have progressed so rapidly and so far. For almost a year, this church struggled along without a pastor. This report will be a summary of the various strides forward which



The Willow Avenue Baptist Church of Hoboken, N. J., of which the Rev. Herman G. Kuhl is the pastor. The picture was taken at the 61st anniversary of the church which was recently celebrated.

have been made since Brother Friesen assumed the pastorate.

At the Vacation Bible School the new pastor had a first hand opportunity to get acquainted with all the children and to have a chance to meet most of the parents. Then the church officially welcomed the pastor and his wife with a lovely reception. Many and sincere were the prayers and words of good wishes and praise spoken by the many speakers of the evening.

During the Christmas season, the church can look back upon a successful Rally Day program; a growing Sunday School under the leadership of the superintendent, Mr. Fred Moore; many new faces among the congregation each Lord's Day; the new interest in the Sunday evening and mid-week prayer meetings; one baptismal service and another soon to be held. New members were received on Sunday, Dec. 7, and plans have been made for the church to have its own baptistry in the coming year. Truly, Christ has strengthened us at Villa Ridge.

We had the Rev. Robert Penner of the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., for a series of special meetings entitled, "A Crusade for Freedom," from Dec. 1 to 5. Much interest was aroused and nourished by these meetings. There was special music each evening including the Men's Quartet from Bethany Church. Wednesday night was "Glencullen Night" with Mr. Penner preaching a repeat sermon by request, "Mission Accomplished," paralleling the calling and activities of a Christian to his life in flying a B-24 Bomber in World War II.

Mrs. George Smith, Reporter.



## WE, THE WOMEN

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- Miss Ida Forsch, Calgary, Alta. (Cameroons missionary);  
 Miss Luverne Michelson, Martin, N. Dak. (now Mrs. Robert Krueger);  
 Miss Berneice Westerman, Lennox, S. Dak. (Cameroons missionary);  
 Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, Ventura, N. Dak. (Cameroons missionary);  
 Miss Tina Schmidt, Calgary, Alta. (our Women's Worker in Cameroons);  
 Miss Minnie Kuhn, Edmonton, Alta. (Cameroons missionary);  
 Miss Florence Wangner, Philadelphia, Pa.;  
 Miss Laura Pahl, Gladwin, Mich. (chosen for 1952-1953).

● 1944 is a significant year for our Union? In 1944, under Mrs. H. G. Dymmel's presidency we became a cooperating society of our denomination.

● Our official magazine from 1907 to 1944 was the German **Missions Perle**, filling a need for information and inspiration for our women?

● Mrs. William Kuhn served as its able editor from 1926 to 1944? At the General Conference in Milwaukee, Wis., due to the use of the English language in our societies, its publication was discontinued.

● At Milwaukee Miss Eva Yung of Philadelphia (at that time secretary) consented to edit a publication to be used in our societies? She edited, mimeographed and mailed copies to all societies, and that was the beginning of our present **Broadcast**.

● Mrs. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park is the present editor of the excellent, printed, bi-monthly periodical?

● At Milwaukee a committee working with Mrs. Dymmel inaugurated the use of the Project Chart now so widely used in our societies?

● Since October, 1952, Miss Laura Reddig has begun her work at the Bameda New Hope Settlement among the lepers? Although we may feel it a real sacrificial labor of love, these are her words, "Missionaries are the most privileged people, much more to be envied than pitied."

● We, as members of the Woman's Missionary Union, have a responsibility toward the missionaries? It helps them to carry on to have knowledge of the support of each member with White Cross work, gifts, prayers, and encouraging personal messages assuring them that we are indeed "laborers together with God."

Note: Much of the above data was gleaned from a splendid program prepared by Mrs. William L. Schoeffel, the immediate past president of our National Union, which will be included in our next Program Packet.

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