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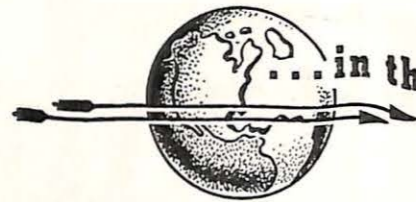
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...in the course of human events

● Taxpayers are being reminded by the U.S. Bureau of Internal Revenue that they can give up to 20 percent of their 1952 gross income to religious, charitable, or educational institutions and deduct it from their income in computing the Federal tax due on March 15. The bureau's 1952 edition of instructions to income tax payers calls attention to the fact that Congress has raised the previous limitation on charitable contributions from 15 percent to 20 percent.—United Evangelical Action.

● What may be the largest Methodist gathering in the world will meet in Philadelphia, Pa., June 25-28, 1953, when members of the church from many countries will join in celebrating the 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley, founder of Methodism. Plans for the celebration received the official sanction of the denomination's Council of Bishops at a recent semi-annual meeting. A highlight will be an open-air service June 28 in Franklin Field. The Philadelphia celebration will be part of a year of evangelism to be carried on throughout the world next year in honor of Wesley.

● The first series of united Youth for Christ rallies have been conducted in Jerusalem by Dr. Myron Boyd of Seattle, director of the Light and Life Hour radio program, and Orval Butcher of Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Meetings held in the WMCA packed out the building and stirred up both opposition and commendation. "The day for the Gospel to the Jews seems to be dawning," the U.S. team reported. "Believers are being persecuted and there are many secret believers." Boyd and Butcher stopped off in Jerusalem on their world tour, leaving Palestine for meetings in South Africa.—Christian Life.

● In tabulating results of the gigantic "Christ for Everyone" campaign conducted in recent months throughout the United States and Canada under auspices of Christ for America, leaders estimate that more than 12,000 churches participated. A report of the first forty campaigns shows that 9,718 homes were reached in personal visitation; 640 persons confessed; 145 new members were added. Of the converts, 84 were children 12 years or under and 95 were young people between the ages of 21 and 30. Using these figures as a cross-section it is estimated that nearly 200,000 confessed Christ dur-

ing the campaign.—United Evangelical Action.

● For the sixth consecutive season, Dr. Francis Carr Stifler, Secretary for Public Relations of the American Bible Society, is giving a series of Bible talks over the coast-to-coast facilities of the Mutual Broadcasting Company. Heard on Mondays, his themes for January were: January 5, The Bible in Song and Story; 12, Japan's Best Seller; 19, Matching Yourself With the Bible; 26, The Everlasting "Yes." The program, entitled "Faith in Our Time," is heard every day Monday through Friday, at 12:45 to 1:00 P.M. EST. In addition, Dr. Stifler is speaking on WOR in New York on the four Sundays of January on the morning program, "Radio Chapel," from 9:30 to 10:00.

● Four American Baptist missionaries, who had been held in solitary confinement in Red China since April, 1951, arrived at the British crown colony of Hongkong, China, on Jan. 2nd. One was so thin it appeared his clothing might slip off. All were weak and emaciated, but said they were not tortured except for being confined to their rooms at Swatow, China. They are Dr. Emanuel H. Giedt, Rochester, N. Y., a veteran of 32 years in China; Miss Abbie G. Sanderson, Berlin, N. H., 34 years in China; Miss Louise M. Giffin, Duluth, Minn., and Loren E. Noren, Granville, Ohio. (Dr. Giedt is well known to many North American Baptists, having gone to our Seminary in Rochester, New York. His articles have appeared in the Baptist Herald.)—Associated Press Dispatch.

● Plans for 50 evangelistic campaigns running simultaneously throughout Japan after the sixth World Congress on Evangelism in Tokyo were laid as Ted W. Engstrom, Executive Director of Youth for Christ International met with the Japan YFC staff, missionary leaders and Japanese pastors and laymen here today. Commenting on the purpose of the World Congress on Evangelism, Mr. Engstrom said: "It is our purpose under God, to reach as great a percentage of Japan with the gospel during this period as possible." The sixth Congress, highlighting the new YFCI policy of "saturation evangelism" in one country at a time, now scheduled for Aug. 9 to 16, 1953 pulsates with the prayer that "every person will have at least one chance to hear that Christ loved them and died to save them."

ENGAGEMENTS

- Rev. R. Schilke
Jan. 26 (Sunday)—Dayton, Ohio.
Feb. 8 (Sunday A.M.)—Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Feb. 8 (Sunday P.M.)—Cincinnati, Ohio.
- Feb. 15 (Sunday A.M.)—Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Illinois.

- Rev. J. C. Gunst
Feb. 1 and 2—Mowata Church, Branch, Louisiana.
- Feb. 13 and 14—Annual business session of Executive Committee, CBY and SS Union at Forest Park, Illinois.

- Rev. Martin L. Leuschner
Feb. 15 (Sunday)—West Center St. Church, Madison, South Dakota.

- Secretarial Staff (Woyke, Schilke, Gunst and Leuschner)
Feb. 16 and 17 (Monday and Tuesday)—North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
- Feb. 17 (Tuesday Evening)—Reception for Students and North American Baptist Young People in Sioux Falls Area at Seminary Building.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Jan. 25-Feb. 1—Observance of "Youth Week" in our churches.
- Feb. 1st (Sunday)—Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Communion offerings for the immigration and relief ministry of the Alliance.
- Feb. 12 (Thursday)—Reception for students of Chicago and vicinity at the denominational headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.
- Feb. 17 (Tuesday)—Reception for students in area of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., at Seminary Building.

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LITERATURE

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- Stewardship and Tithing Leaflet—Six-Page leaflet with inspirational testimonies by North American Baptists concerning their blessings in tithing. Free upon request.

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"Moment By Moment!"

TIME is a wonderful gift. It is a God given gift to each one of us that is priceless and precious. God values it highly. As someone has said: "God knew that it would not be easy for us to use time wisely unless it was portioned out to us in small quantities." So it comes to us, moment by moment!

The only thing of which you can be absolutely certain is the present moment. That is the secret of your real joy and intense experience. That is the thing that really counts. This moment has within it great possibilities for influencing others, accomplishing great things, laying up treasures for eternity.

How disappointed Jesus must have been in the Garden of Gethsemane when he learned that the three disciples, who had been so close to him, could not share some of the most meaningful things in the most important moments of his life. His words are almost like a cry of anguish when he found them asleep: "What, could you not watch with me one hour?"

It is the challenge of Christian Stewardship that we must learn to make every moment count. Spare moments, these small segments of time which God has wisely given to us, can be used, even a few of them at a time, in earnest Bible study, making visits to those in need, writing letters of encouragement or comfort, carrying out a task assigned to us, and doing hundreds of needed things.

God has also shown a great equality in the gift of time. "Each person in all the world has time measured to him a moment at a time," as Herman C. Liese has written in "The Secret Place." "No one receives many minutes at once, while another receives only a few." All of us are on the same plane in the time that has been given to us, moment by moment!

In the light of this truth, the words that so often are heard upon one's lips, "I just haven't time," sound like a very weak excuse. What you mean is that you haven't time to do this thing in which you are not interested. You have just as much time as the next person for the doing of SOMETHING!

Bill Borden, a graduate of Yale University and a young American lad who dedicated himself wholly to Christ's service, lived so fully and effectively as a missionary to Persia that by the time he died at twenty-five years of age, he had left an indelible impress for Christ around the entire world.

But God also exacts a great responsibility of everyone of us in our use of time. The busiest person in all the world must use time only one moment at a time. The idle person can waste time only one moment at a time. That is the place of a great responsibility before God!

Someone has well said: "What we ordinarily call time is only duration. Time in the right sense is duration turned to account." This is the Christian redeeming of time in the service of Christ, in Christian stewardship, in the faithful accounting of our time, moment by moment!



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A Song of Beginnings

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

By DR. FRANK W. BOREHAM, Baptist Minister and Author
of Australia

his own beginningless realm, living his own beginningless and endless life, dreaming his own eternal dreams, laying his own supernal plans—plans of creation and redemption and of wonders inconceivable.

GOD AN INVETERATE BEGINNER

In the beginning God! Nothing is gained by attributing things to secondary instead of to primary causes. It brings us back to the poet's question about the billiard balls. ". . . What projects the billiard balls? The cue you say; ah, yes, the cue say I; But what hand off the cushion moves the cue?" That is the point. It is of no use talking about the cue—nature, providence, conscience, law, evolution, and all the rest. What hand off the cushion moves the cue? In the beginning God!

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." God is the inveterate beginner. He is forever and forever beginning; and, when the things that he begins lose the energy with which he began them, he begins all over again. He made the first day out of darkness, and, in due course, it returned to darkness again. Whereupon, he wove his wondrous web afresh; the evening and the morning made the day. The evening, and the morning. He may begin in the darkness, but he always finishes in the light. From that first day to this latest day, his fingers have been upon every dawn. Of every day it may be sung: "This is the day that the Lord hath made." He begins again every morning.

He begins again with every birth. "A new universe is created," Jean Paul Richter used to say, "whenever a little child is born." Look at these boys in my Bible—Joseph and Moses and Samuel and David and Jesus. Little boys do not figure prominently in other sacred writings. Each of these children represents a new morning for a world whose sun had set.

Think of the condition of things

Frank W. Boreham is one of the greatest living Baptist authors whose books number more than thirty and whose writings are loved by all Christians. This message is published with the kind permission of "Watchman-Examiner."

when Joseph was born, when Moses was born, when Samuel was born, when David was born, when Jesus was born. Things were played out; the world was spent; civilization was choking in the darkness and stifling in the night. And in those boys God began all over again, bringing morning out of evening, spring out of winter, order out of chaos, darkness out of light.

And what is this sudden transition in the middle of my Bible? The New Testament! God setting out afresh! "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." In beginning again, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

And the beauty of it is that the same principle holds true in each individual life. Many of us, like the vessel that Jeremiah saw in the potter's house, have been marred in the making. We are creatures of shattered dreams, broken intentions, unrealized ideals. But the potter did not fling to the scrap heap the vessel that had become misshapen and spoiled. He began his work afresh and made it again, another vessel as seemed good to the potter to make it. It was not new clay, but the old clay refashioned. It was a new and fresh beginning.

A GOOD MOTTO

In the beginning—God! It is a good motto for a man who is just getting up in business. When Lord Hopetoun—afterwards Lord Linlithgow—lived in Melbourne as the first governor-general of Australia, he tells us that he cherished with pride an old brass-bound, leather-covered ledger. It is the book with which John Hope, the founder of his Lordship's family, began business in Highstreet, Edinburgh, nearly three centuries before. And, on the front page of his ledger old John Hope had inscribed this prayer: "O Lord, keep me and this book honest!" And the fact that his remote descendants rose to be peers of the realm, one of them becoming the first governor-general of this great Commonwealth, and another governor-general of India, speaks for itself.

In the beginning—God! It is an excellent motto for a new home. "Except the Lord built the house, they

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Ark of Le Tourneau in Liberia

The missionary-industrial development expedition sponsored by R. G. Le Tourneau, God's businessman, lands in Liberia, Africa, for an important new program

By MR. WALTER E. KOHRS of Peoria, Illinois

A RECENT ARRIVAL in the Baffu Bay area of Liberia, Africa, which at present is trackless jungle, was a converted LSM carrying some 26 people on a combination missionary and industrial development expedition.

The expedition, whose ship carries the name, "MS. Robert G. Le Tourneau," but which has come to be referred to as the "Ark of Le Tourneau," is a project being undertaken by a newly-created Liberian corporation named, "Le Tourneau of Liberia, Ltd." A subsidiary of Le Tourneau Technical Institute of Longview, Texas, it will extend the "earn-learn" program of the Institute to the people of Liberia, in addition to taking the Gospel to the Liberian natives.

The converted LSM is named for the noted Peoria industrialist whose earthmoving manufacturing plants are located in Peoria, Toccoa, Ga., Vicksburg, Miss., Longview and Rydalmore, N. S. W., Australia.

Spreading of the Gospel in pursuit of his avowed aim to be "God's businessman" is one of the major purposes in the career of Robert G. Le Tourneau. In keeping with this spiritual goal, and in keeping with the Point Four program of the United States, Le Tourneau feels that this technical mission is the best way for Americans to help backward nations, and at the same time, to bring them the Gospel message.

"Teach them to use machines and they can help themselves," he maintains. "We can show them more than we can tell them about the right way to live. Hungry natives will listen to us about God if we can show them a field of grain with a combine harvesting more in a day than they can eat in a year."

The early activity of Le Tourneau of Liberia, Ltd., in addition to building the needed installations at the newly-founded colony—Tournata, will be devoted to the clearing of land for agriculture on its leasehold. Close collaboration between the Liberian government and the Le Tourneau company in the problem of food production is hoped to materially increase supplies of basic foods needed by the Liberian people. The production of rice by mechanical means, the

development of livestock, and the establishment of successful commercial fishing are objectives high on the agenda.

Technicians from the Technical Cooperation Administration of the U. S. Government and the Liberian government are aiding the new company in planning its various projects. The Department of Agriculture is cooperating in the development of land use and crop growing phases of the program, while the Department of the Interior is aiding in commercial fishing objectives. The entire program is being coordinated by the Technical Cooperation Administration. The personnel in the Liberian expedition will train the natives in operation of construction machinery. Earthfill dams will be constructed for power supply and the resulting lakes will be stocked with fish for food for the natives.

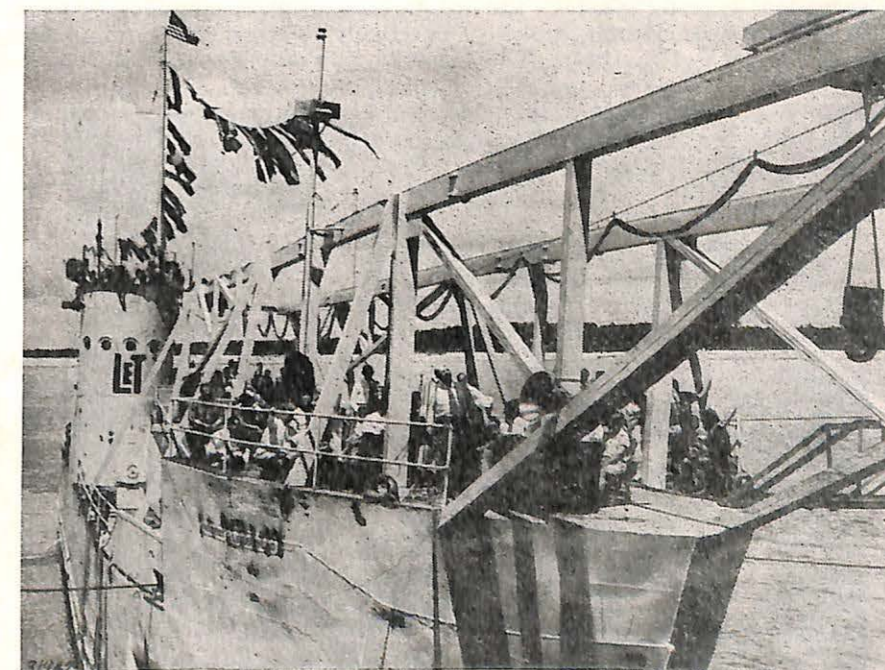
Construction machinery also will be used to build roads needed to get the machinery in to clear the land for agricultural purposes. It is anticipated that products such as sugar, cocoa, coffee, rice and rubber can be raised on the developed land. Firestone Tire

and Rubber Co. has had a large rubber plantation in Liberia for 25 years.

The converted LSM was built at the naval shipyard, Charleston, South Carolina. It saw service during the Okinawa assault, and transported troops on occupation duty, after which it returned to the states. Two hundred and three feet long and with a 34-foot beam, it was modified to a great extent by the addition of cranes which enable it to load and unload cargo on the beach. The modification was necessary since no seaport facilities are present in the area where the "MS. Robert G. Le Tourneau" landed on its arrival in Liberia.

Capable of carrying 500 tons of cargo, the ship can hold a 30-day fuel supply. Purchased and outfitted at a total of \$250,000, the ship was loaded with a cargo of construction machinery valued at \$700,000. This makes Le Tourneau's investment in the expedition approximately a million dollars. The LSM, which underwent modifications at Vicksburg, embarked from New Orleans July 29. It refueled at San Juan, Puerto Rico, and proceeded

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Robert G. Le Tourneau (at microphone) speaks from deck of ship bearing his name at dedication ceremonies witnessed by an on-shore crowd of 2500 at Vicksburg, Miss., where the LSM underwent modification.



"The Hand of God" by Auguste Rodin, the original of which in marble is in the Metropolitan Museum of Art of New York City.

IN DESCRIBING his experiences as a junior reporter on a great London journal, Harold Fortescue tells how, on the very first day of his engagement, he handed in an elaborate and carefully-compiled record of a social event that he had been designated to cover. Secretly proud of some of his more colorful and picturesque touches, he awaited the judgment of his chief.

With a wry face, the old man counted the sheets. "Sorry," he grunted, "but you must cut it down to one sheet!"

Fortescue pleaded that it would be extremely difficult to tell the story effectively in so small a space.

"Young man," retorted the sub-editor, grimly, "you have evidently failed to notice that the story of the creation of the universe is told in ten words: 'In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.'"

Ten words! But ten such words! They tell the story, not only of a beginning, but of the beginning of all beginnings. Back beyond that, nothing began; everything was. These ten words represent Almighty God standing at the portals of eternity, throwing open the gates of the ages.

If your eyes can peer beyond the boundaries of that beginning, you will see nothing but God. God inhabiting

God's Great and Mighty Things!

A review of the varied experiences and influential ministry of the denomination's Children's Worker during recent months

By MISS RUTH BATHAUER of Forest Park, Illinois

THE WORDS, "And they brought young children to him . . ." (Mark 10:13), presents a vivid picture of the goal for which we of the North American Baptist General Conference are striving. It is our endeavor that boys and girls might come to know God and to have a closer walk with him through different means such as the Scripture Memory course, Vacation Bible Schools, camps, Sunday Schools, Junior societies and religious education classes.

It has been my pleasure and joy to be your denominational Children's Worker for almost two years. The Lord has been good, and although there have been problems, he has also given many joys as I have tried to serve him in this capacity. I would like to share some of these blessings and experiences with you through this article.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY WORK

Approximately one-half of my time is to be spent in the headquarters office working with the CBY and SS Union general secretary, the Rev. J. C. Gunst. The remainder of my time is spent visiting our churches, working in camps, in Vacation Bible Schools, in leadership training classes, and promoting Scripture Memory work.

One of the joys of my heart is to

see the interest and enthusiasm with which the boys and girls in some of our churches are learning God's Word. We are happy to report that in many of our churches the Scripture Memory course has become a real part of the church program. I wish it might be possible to share with each one of you the blessings which are mine as I visit our churches and see the fine enthusiasm among the boys and girls in our churches.

The First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, sets aside one Sunday a month for a special meeting for its boys and girls. This is in addition to the contact on Sunday morning. On that particular Sunday the parents of the children remain at the church for a pot luck dinner and enjoy a fine time of Christian fellowship. After dinner a group of active boys and girls assemble in the auditorium for a time of singing praises to God. After a short devotional period the group is divided according to age groups with sufficient leaders for each age group. Approximately thirty minutes are devoted to the Scripture memory work when students and leaders work on the verses outlined in the Scripture Memory Course.

Boys and girls may only learn effectively that which they understand. This affords an excellent op-

portunity for discussion and explanation of the verses. After the group has spent some time on the Scripture memory passages, they come together for a short time of stories or for object lessons. There seemed to be a real sense of satisfaction written on the faces of those boys and girls after an afternoon spent like that.

Several of the churches in Kansas have the boys and girls meet on Wednesday night while the parents are in prayer meeting. During this time the children devote time to their Scripture memory work.

The task of learning the verses of Scripture should be a task which is carried out by the parents and children in the home, working with the leaders of the Sunday School. It is good to hear some of the fine reports of a number of our North American Baptist families who have made Scripture memory work a part of the family activities. As the family gathers for devotions, an informal discussion is carried on concerning the verses which the younger members of the family learn. This helps to give a clearer picture of the verses memorized and to be applied. It then becomes an activity in which the entire family is interested.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Figures fail to give a true picture of impressions made upon the hearts and lives of children who hear the stories of Jesus, some for the first time in Bible School. Our hearts are filled with gratitude to God for the fine response of our churches because our Vacation Bible School reports have been better this year than ever before.

The Student Placement Committee, which makes out the assignment for all the denominational workers for the summer months, assigned me to one Vacation Bible School this past summer. Two weeks packed with hard work but many rich blessings were mine as I served in the capacity of director and teacher of the school in our church in Bismarck, North Dakota.

After a busy morning in the Primary Department of learning about God's family, how to belong to it, and how to line in it, it was a real challenge to the heart of your Children's Worker as the question, "May we come again tomorrow?" was raised by the tired but glowing Primary children.

It is an exciting moment when Junior boys and girls start off for camp, as they look forward to meeting old acquaintances and making new friends. If you as a reader could accompany me to some of our camps, I am sure that you would be convinced, even as I am, of the importance of a camp experience for the boys and girls.

It is a time where they may practice the principle of Christian living as they are away from home living with other boys and girls, making adjustments as they work, play and worship God together. The highlight of the camp experience possibly are the classes and chapel services. These classes are often conducted outside in God's own classrooms. Here boys and girls learn more about the love of God, his saving power, and about living the Christian life.

SUMMER CAMPS

As I review my experiences, it is difficult to select one camp scene as more impressive than the other. I shall long remember the experience at the Oklahoma Junior Camp. Early in the morning, just after breakfast before the routine of classes and activities were begun, groups of six to eight boys and girls assembled at various spots on the camp grounds for a short time of prayer. It was a real joy to see little heads and hearts bowed in prayer, some uttering audible prayers for the first time, as they waited upon God for blessings and guidance as they faced their day. Habits are formed early in the lives of children, and it is our prayer that these Christian habits have carried over into the daily lives of our boys and girls.

A week at camp is another method of the church carrying out its teaching ministry. At camps in Jamestown, North Dakota, and at Camp Lakodia in South Dakota this past summer I served as an instructor for Juniors and Intermediates. We had two class periods a day as we studied together the course, "The Meaning of Church Membership." We learned why we are Baptists, and learned about the responsibilities and privileges of a church member, as well as gathering additional information about the meaning of the church ordinances and church government.

It is impossible to know the results or the effects of decisions made around camp fires. In your mind's eye picture groups of young people, boys and girls gathered around a camp fire. Even as the glow of the fire is reflected upon the faces of these sincere but young Christians, so the light of victories gained reflects in their lives as they allow God to speak to their hearts and as they answer with all the vigor of youth.

May I challenge leaders and workers in the churches to make these camp experiences richer than ever before.



The large crowd of young people at last summer's Central Dakota Assembly held at Jamestown, N. Dak., with Miss Ruth Bathauer (fifth from right, seated on bench) as one of the instructors.

It pays rich dividends in the lives of the youth, our future leaders in our churches.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING CLASSES

In all phases of our work, whether in the home, office, shop or farm, we are constantly alert to new ideas and methods of carrying out our work more effectively. We as Christian leaders and workers, too, need to be on the alert for new ideas and methods in our teaching. The task of winning boys and girls, men and women to Christ and then helping them grow in their Christian life is the primary aim in all of our teaching. To be effective in this work we need to have trained leaders.

It has been my privilege to work with a number of leaders and officers of our churches in Leadership Training Courses. In most cases we have con-

ducted two class periods a night and have completed a course in one week. Interest has been high, even though it has required some sacrifice on the part of the leaders to set a whole week aside for improving their teaching methods.

In our classes we have found that teachers have a very important task to perform each Sunday for they have been commissioned by Christ. We have discovered new methods and ways of making our class sessions more interesting. It is my prayer that teachers realize that teaching can be interesting and challenging as a result of these classes.

VISITING OUR CHURCHES

My duties vary as I visit our churches. Often it is my privilege to speak to the Sunday School, the CBY groups, the Junior department, and the leaders, officers and pastors. The aim is always to promote the denominational programs. Each contact in our various churches produces an inspiring experience.

How grateful I am for the warm welcome and ardor with which the many fine friends in our churches throughout the land greet me. It is evident that pastors, leaders and parents realize the importance of the work with our boys and girls in the fine way that they have responded to our suggestions. It is a real privilege to work with leaders who are united in this important endeavor as together we strive to make Christ known among our boys and girls. My sincere desire is that as we claim God's promise and call unto him that he might "show us great and mighty things . . ." in the important field of children's work.

ATTENTION! SOMETHING NEW!

A Christian Leader's Training Conference

WHERE?

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

WHEN?

July 13 to 19, 1953

Keep this date open, all officers, teachers, and workers of the CBY and SS Union.

WATCH!

Watch for announcements of program details.



Miss Ruth Bathauer (right), our Children's Worker, with the Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman, Indian missionaries, at the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., during the General Conference days.

Walk as Children of Light

Testimonies on "What Prayer Means to Me" by prominent North American Baptist women for the World Day of Prayer to be observed on Friday, Feb. 20, 1953

Edited by MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President of the Woman's Missionary Union

THE THEME for World Day of Prayer on February 20, 1953, is "Walk as Children of Light" (Ephesians 5:8). Ten outstanding women who for many years have lived up to that theme, and who are in their less active years giving the greatest of all service to our Woman's Missionary Union as "Intercessory Prayer Partners," share with us these inspiring testimonies on "What Prayer Means to Me." They belong to a host of other faithful women who said, "I am praying for you." Their short testimonies should challenge us to join in prayer with women all over the world on World Day of Prayer.

INTRODUCING MRS. N. B. NEELEN

As the fourth president of our Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. N. B. Neelen of Milwaukee, Wis., ably served for three terms from 1919 to 1928. She is still active as a member of the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee. Her pastor, the Rev. Gideon Zimmerman, wrote of "her devoted Christian spirit." She has been a Sunday School teacher for many years. At present she is teaching the Women's Class. She has held offices in the Wisconsin Baptist Women's Organization, besides places of leadership in her local church. Miss Alethea Kose, our Scholarship Chairman, recently called her "The Queen Among Women." She is a modest queen who loves to serve her Master.

WHAT PRAYER MEANS TO ME

By MRS. N. B. NEELEN

"Prayer is the soul's sincere desire, unuttered or expressed." God has been very good to me in my life, and my great desire is to live close to him and do his will. Sometimes I have had to pray long and earnestly before I discovered the answer and his leading. Sometimes the answer came im-

—Ewing Galloway
Photo
Sing and walk and live as children of light—Gods Light!



mediately while in communion with him; and again I have learned at other times that, before I called, he heard me and made his wishes for me known. I thank him for all the good shown me in past years and for continued ways of serving him.

INTRODUCING MRS. GUSTAV H. SCHNECK

Mrs. G. H. Schneck of Brooklyn, New York, was the fifth president of our Union. She also served three terms from 1928 to 1937. She was present when the very first meeting of the "Allgemeine Schwestern-Bund" took place in Buffalo, New York on September 6, 1907. In 1931 it was



Miss Anna Brinkman of Los Angeles, Calif., formerly matron of the Girls' Home, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Schneck who suggested that we have a Scholarship Fund to help support one of our Baptist students at the Baptist Missionary Training School. This suggestion grew into the present Scholarship Girl arrangement. Her husband, the Rev. Gustav H. Schneck, taught at B.M.T.S. at the time Mrs. Emma Meier, Miss Alethea Kose and Miss Celia Kose were students in the school. Mr. Schneck was one of our North American Baptist ministers. Out of a sincere heart comes Mrs. Schneck's testimony.

WHAT PRAYER MEANS TO ME

By MRS. GUSTAV H. SCHNECK

In my life, prayer has been the greatest gift that God has given me, for "prayer is the soul's sincere desire, unuttered or expressed."

Have you ever knelt in prayer with a person seeking salvation, or have you ever given comfort, through prayer, to one who is about to meet our heavenly Father? I have, and I've been glad that I knew how to pray.

Some of my prayers have been answered and some have not, but my faith in my Savior has never failed me. I can say, "Rejoice in the Lord and again I say rejoice." Also, "Not my will but Thine be done."

INTRODUCING MISS ANNA M. BRINKMAN

Miss Anna M. Brinkman of Los Angeles, Calif., was the sixth president of our Woman's Union. She served her term from 1937 to 1940. She is another graduate of the Baptist Missionary Training School. For years she was the beloved missionary of the White Avenue Church in Cleveland,

Ohio. This former church was delighted with a visit from Miss Brinkman in November, 1952. The people reminded her of her untiring and loving services to them while she was their missionary. Since her retirement recently as matron of the Baptist Girls' Home in Chicago where she served a large family of girls for almost twenty years, she has been living with her sister in California.

WHAT PRAYER MEANS TO ME

By MISS ANNA M. BRINKMAN

It is a great comfort that we can come to God in all circumstances of our life, through our Lord Jesus Christ, his Son, in prayer. I remember hearing Dr. Kuhn say at one time, that when he had a problem to solve, he would bow his head at his desk, and ask God to give him wisdom and understanding. His mind would be cleared and he would know what to do. That too has been my experience throughout the years of my life. There were many difficult problems or decisions to make. In my daily work, whatever I was doing, I could turn my thoughts to him, and ask for strength and guidance. He was always near to help and to cheer. I praise him for answered prayer. When I trusted him completely and was obedient, I had the assurance that my prayer was heard.

INTRODUCING MRS. WILLIAM KUHN

Mrs. William Kuhn is the wife of our late Dr. William Kuhn who served our denomination for many years as General Missionary Secretary and later as Executive Secretary as well as Secretary of our European Relief Program. In her own right Mrs. Kuhn has served both the local and national work of our Woman's Missionary Union. Her greatest contribution to our National Union was as editor of the official paper, the Missions-Perle, from 1926 to 1944. This publication has been read with blessing in many women's missionary meetings. In writing, teaching or speaking Mrs. Kuhn's love for reading has been apparent. God has used her as a channel of blessing.

WHAT PRAYER MEANS TO ME

By MRS. WILLIAM KUHN

"O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come" (Psalm 65:2). "He hath made everything beautiful in his time" (Ecclesiastes 3:11).

Every child of God prays and knows God answers prayer. Sometimes immediately, like when I dropped my needle on the floor, could not find it, prayed about it and instantly I saw something shining. I had found my needle.

Often God's answer is: "Wait awhile." A time of testing may be needed to prepare the recipient for



Mrs. William Kuhn as a young woman when she ably assisted her husband, the Rev. Wm. Kuhn, in his first and only pastorate in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

the much prayed-for gift. God does things in his own time. Botanists say it takes him seven years to grow an orchid.

My mother used to say that she had many answers to prayer but always had to wait so long for them. So it is with me too, yet I can boldly say: "He answers prayer and makes things beautiful in his time."

INTRODUCING MRS. HERMAN VON BERGE

Although Mrs. H. von Berge of Dayton, Ohio, has never held an office in our National Woman's Union, she has always been a very vital part of it. A General Conference without her presence was incomplete. Following the conference in Philadelphia she wrote, "You missed me at the North American Baptist Woman's Union meetings? But I was there, and of course you did not see me, for I could be present only in spirit." She missed meeting her dear friends as did many others. She was one of those ministers' wives who realized that in addition to being a good helpmeet to her husband, her first duty was to rear her fine family to "walk as children of light." Dr. Herman von Berge, her husband, well known to North American Baptists, was elected moderator of the General Conference in 1922 and served for twelve years until 1934.

WHAT PRAYER MEANS TO ME

By MRS. HERMAN VON BERGE

It means feeling the presence of God; for as I lift up mine eyes to him in prayer, I know that he is there and hears me.

It means counting again my many blessings as in grateful prayer I give thanks to him for all his benefits.

It means leaning trustfully on the

Everlasting Arms for help in all needs, be they my own or the needs of others.

It means casting all my worries and anxieties upon him who careth for us.

INTRODUCING MRS. GEORGE K. KAMPFER

Mrs. George K. Kampfer of Chicago, Illinois, known to our denominational family as Emma Kose Kampfer, is related and inter-related to a number of ministers and missionaries of our North American Baptist family. As the wife of a minister and missionary to India, she found her training at the Baptist Missionary Training School of great value. Her gracious and intelligent application of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all avenues of life inspired many. She not only served with her husband as a missionary to India, but for many years was director of Aiken Institute in Chicago. Like Aunt Lizzie Aiken, she loved all people and had a big heart for "the least of these" from whose ranks many truly great people come. As a teacher and speaker Mrs. Kampfer has been in constant demand. Her life and her words flow out in consistent harmony. She loves the North American Baptist fellowship and is vitally interested in its outreach.

WHAT PRAYER MEANS TO ME

By MRS. GEORGE K. KAMPFER

Through prayer we come into the presence of God. There we receive light and strength to walk in his way.

A blessed memory of childhood are the prayers of my parents in family devotions.

Later came my own experiences through prayer. In India I experienced the healing power of prayer. Then came the harder lesson to pray: "Thy will be done." Left alone to care for the family, I always found guidance through prayer.

Joy is increased, guidance assured, and a peace that passes understanding comes through prayer.

INTRODUCING MRS. A. P. MIHM

Mrs. A. P. Mihm of River Forest, Illinois, who lives with her daughter, Miss Lydia Mihm, is a faithful member of the Forest Park Baptist Church. Together Mrs. Mihm and her daughter bring blessings to others with their testimonies, their prayers and the special talent of singing entrusted to Miss Mihm. The Rev. A. P. Mihm was pastor of our churches in Wilmington, Delaware; Kitchener, Ontario, Canada; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania before he became the General Secretary of our National Young People's and Sunday School Worker's Union in 1922. For twelve of the thirteen years as general secretary he was also editor of the Baptist Herald.

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God's Man of the Hour

The story of Billy Graham, God's dynamic evangelist, at Ocean Grove, New Jersey

By the REV. and MRS. J. F. NIEBUHR of Ocean Grove, New Jersey

BILLY GRAHAM, outstanding evangelist of our time and termed by many spiritual leaders as "the man of the hour," gave heart-searching and stirring Gospel messages in Ocean Grove, New Jersey, last summer. The auditorium, which seats 10,000 people, was filled and many hundreds of people were standing. The Young People's Temple, which seats 1400, was also packed to capacity.

Billy Graham is humble. He stated he did not want to take to himself any glory which belongs to Jesus.

OUR GENERATION

The text for the opening service was Genesis 31, verse 42. In explaining it, he said, "Abraham was a friend of

God and worked in perfect fellowship with him. Isaac lived in the after-glow of his father's spirit. Our generation lives as Jacob did, who stole, lived in sin and disobeyed God. Yet, everywhere I go, I find a sneaking impression that after all, we need God."

This generation, he continued, lives in a nervous tension and is the Vitamin-Capsule Age with sleeping pills at night, pills in the morning to keep awake, with aspirin in between. It is an age of selfishness, lawlessness, fear and revolt against authority. We are insecure and have not outlawed war. There is a fear in the entire world of Communism.

Communism, he said, is a fearful religion. It demands total commitment; Jesus demands no less. We have of-

fered to the world an anaemic Christ. He was no weakling. No man can be saved who has not given his all to him. Jesus took our sins, suffered on the Cross, gave all and demands all in total surrender and commitment.

On Friday morning, Billy Graham spoke to the young people in the Temple on two questions that had been asked of him by them. How can I live a life of complete victory? And what is conversion? He revealed that Jesus was a man like us in feeling. He suffered, was tried and tempted of the Devil. Now there is only one way and one thing to do and that's to chase the Devil, that is, to quote the Scriptures to him, which Jesus did. You must spend much time in prayer alone with God. A victorious life cannot be lived without the daily reading of the Word of God in order to obtain instruction and to feed your soul.

A GREAT AWAKENING

Friday evening was Young People's Night. Billy Graham quoted the adage "that one is as old as he feels." He said that he did not know which age is considered young. He believes that with prayer and expectations to see the greatest revival in our history. If not, we are done for! There is no hope for us without a spiritual awakening. Revival should start, be led and directed by the church.

Prayer, declared Evangelist Billy Graham, is more important than atom bombs, arms, and all other things of war. We have committed more sins than any other nation in the world. How long since you spent an hour, a half hour, or even ten minutes in prayer?

He took for his text John 8:10. "Go and sin no more." Some were trying to trap Jesus. Reminding the Lord that the accused woman should be stoned to death, they thought that now they had him. But don't be fooled, Billy Graham said, Jesus has an answer for every problem and he had one for this group, "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone." They saw what he had written on the ground and were convicted in their hearts.

You cannot be a Christian until you know you are a sinner. When Jesus looked at the woman, he asked, "Are there none left to condemn thee?" His face of love melted her fear and



Billy Graham, evangelist, speaking at the Ocean Grove Auditorium seating 10,000 people, in Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

she cried out, "No man, Lord." Jesus said, "Go and sin no more." "Whatever your sin, you can leave here tonight," said Billy Graham, "cleansed through the blood of Christ and be saved."

HOUR OF DECISION

The Sunday afternoon service was broadcast from the great auditorium. It was reported that 308 stations in the United States, 25 in Canada, and 50 additional states in other parts of the world heard this broadcast. At 2:30 P.M. we went on the air, singing, "Glory, glory, hallelujah". Billy Graham then made his usual thrilling statement. "THIS IS THE HOUR OF DECISION FOR YOU AND FOR THE NATION," after which Beverly Shea sang the beautiful hymn, "I stand amazed in the presence of Jesus Christ, my Lord."

BILLY GRAHAM GOES ROUND THE WORLD FOR GOD

Evangelist Billy Graham was in Korea in December to conduct an evangelistic crusade among United Nations fighting men.

He delivered his regular Sunday network radio broadcast from Hawaii Dec. 7, the eleventh anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack, and was in Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 9th.

Dr. Graham conducted revivals for civilians, missionaries and personnel in Tokyo and was in Korea by Dec. 14 to conduct five-day evangelistic crusades at Pusan and Seoul. He spent Christmas at the front. His Gospel messages were eagerly received by thousands of Service Men.

Billy Graham then gave a Labor Day message to laborers throughout the world. He stated that labor unions started in the churches many years ago when Charles Wesley preached everywhere in fields, barns and churches. Labor unions owe to John Wesley all they have and to the church's great evangelist. If labor leaders would only lead working men into relationship with Jesus Christ, then some of our problems would be solved. The church, he said, is neglecting a tremendous power, namely that of organized labor leaders.

Sunday evening was the climax of the greatest Camp Meeting ever held in Ocean Grove. The auditorium choir of 300 voices sang the "Gloria" and Beverly Shea rendered "A Child of the King." Following his opening prayer Billy Graham said, "This vast crowd is proof that people are longing, hungry, thirsting for righteousness and have come with burdens and problems you cannot solve or settle." His text for the evening was from



Heads of the Liberian expedition, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Dick, discuss plans with Robert G. Le Tourneau about "the earn-learn" program of the Institute.

Luke 8, verse 27. Jesus, he said, faced the maniac as calmly as he did the stormy sea. Many today, he continued, are slaves to alcohol (he might have included cigarettes), pride, temper, and other fetters. You try to get rid of them and fail. So many people say, "Billy Graham, leave us alone, we want our own way." Jesus comes today to save and to remake our lives.

Altogether, it is reported, that a thousand souls responded to the invitations to come forward during the meetings.

The usual "Chatauqua Salute" was given Billy Graham by the audience at the close.

A SPECIAL LOVE GIFT

A contributor, who wishes to remain anonymous, recently sent his check for \$376.05 to our headquarters office with the following message. "Last spring one of our Cameroons missionaries told us in our church about the work of the hospitals in Africa. I am too old to go over there to help. So we decided to give what I could earn. I am a retired farmer, so these were all small jobs I got. I give the tenth of all my other income, so this gift is EXTRA."

This is the spirit that can move mountains in God's work and can enable us to do all things through Christ. It is the true spirit of the Christian steward, who accepts every blessing of life as a trust from God to be used in the furtherance of his Kingdom. It is our prayer that the number of such faithful stewards of God might increase greatly in our denominational family!

ARK OF LE TOURNEAU

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to Liberia at a speed of approximately 11 knots per hour. The voyage took 16 days.

The expedition is headed by Mr. and Mrs. Gus Dick of Longview, Texas, Mrs. Dick being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Le Tourneau. Dick, a civil engineer, mechanic and house builder, is in charge of the project. Also aboard are 20 persons trained in Le Tourneau methods and objectives. Several children are in the group. The ship is skippered by Lars Ostervold, who was with United Fruit Company 24 years.

With the Baffu Bay area of Liberia being jungle in its present state, those in the Liberian expedition are expected to encounter hardships comparable to those faced by the pioneers in the United States. Le Tourneau, however, feels that the investment of a million dollars is well worth the cost if it fulfills the double goal of the expedition—to better the spiritual condition of the natives, and at the same time help feed them and raise their standard of living.

Le Tourneau expects to market such things as minerals, mahogany, rosewood and ironwood to help defray the cost of this venture.

With the excellent governmental cooperation LeTourneau is receiving from the Technical Cooperation Administration and other governmental agencies, the Liberian expedition is expected to show what the combination of private enterprise and governmental cooperation can accomplish.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● At the Watchnight Service of the Baptist Church in Aplington, Iowa, on Dec. 31st a special program, "Be Still and Know God" was presented under the direction of the Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor. During the closing hour of the old year, Mr. Gordon Huisinga, a student from Aplington at our seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought the message. The Sunday School Christmas program was rendered on Wednesday evening, Dec. 24, to a large audience of members and friends of the church.

● The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, formerly pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church in Vancouver, B. C., has begun his work as Church Extension Worker with Jan. 1st. He and his wife have moved to Opportunity, Wash., a suburb of the city of Spokane. His ministry in the Bethany Church was brought to a close after four years and eight months, during which period the chapel was rebuilt, a new parsonage acquired and 263 members were added to the church roll, 70 of whom came by baptism.

● Mrs. L. B. Popkes of Aplington, Iowa, observed her 105th birthday on Dec. 27. She was remembered with many cards of congratulation and greetings by the Aplington Baptist Church, of which she has been a faithful and active member for many years. On successive Sundays in December, the Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor, preached on "The Greatest Book" and "The Greatest Gift in the World." A report about the church's testimonial and gift of appreciation to Mr. Arend Dreyer, one of the church's revered members, appears elsewhere in this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Rev. L. B. Holzer, pastor of the Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., sent each church family a special Christmas greeting containing a message to be used in the family circle on Christmas day. On Sunday morning, Dec. 21, he preached on the topic, "Darkness Cannot Put Out the Light." The Christmas program of the church school was presented on Sunday evening, Dec. 21, featuring the play, "The Spirit of Time." Betty Jean Carpmann and Lois Jean Holzer took leading parts in the play. A baptismal service was held on Dec. 21st in connection with the Watchnight Service.

● The United States Army has awarded the bronze star to eight chap-

lains who have been serving on the front lines in Korea. Among the eight listed is Chaplain Ralph E. Rott, of McClusky, N. Dak., who was sponsored by the North American Baptist General Conference. He is a graduate of our seminary, served several North American Baptist churches, and is well known to many of our people. The report has also reached the headquarters office that Chaplain Rott will probably make the Army service his life career. We salute you for your gallantry and honors, Chaplain Rott!

● A surprise farewell service for the Rev. John F. Broeder and family was conducted on Sunday evening, Dec. 2nd, at the Creston Baptist Church, Creston, Nebraska. Mr. Broeder, pastor of the Creston Baptist Church for four years, accepted a call to the Baptist Church at Paul, Idaho. The congregation gave its resigning pastor, who left on Dec. 29, a cash gift for traveling expenses. The Dorcas Society presented a bedspread as a remembrance to Mrs. Broeder. The Shell Creek Baptist Church joined in the surprise service, and its pastor, the Rev. Paul Hunsicker, presided.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Earl H. Ahrens, Cameroons missionaries, and their son, Billy, arrived in New York City on Dec. 8th for their furlough and spent several days over the weekend of Dec. 14 at the denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Illinois. They spent the Christmas holidays with their family and friends in Tacoma, Wash., and with the Calvary Baptist Church there. On Jan. 26 Mr. Ahrens began his graduate studies at the Western Baptist Theological Seminary of Portland, Oregon. He and his family will live in Portland for the next months until their promotional ministry begins next summer.

● At the Watchnight Service of the Walnut Street Church, Newark, N. J., on Dec. 31, the young people conducted a Bible Quiz program, the film, "Guiding Star" was shown, and "Pete" Humeniuk, "Youth for Christ" speaker, brought a message at the time of the observance of the Lord's Supper with the Rev. Richard K. Mercer, Jr., in charge. Recently Mr. August Buermann was elected deacon emeritus for the church and Mr. G. T. Mingoia was elected to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Buermann. The Rev. Richard K.

Mercer, Jr., is serving as president of the North New Jersey Baptist Ministers' Fellowship.

● On Dec. 10 Miss Myrtle Janzen of Morris, Man., and Mr. Waldemar Ertis, pastor of the Esk and Jansen Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan, were married in the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Morris with the Rev. R. Kanwischer officiating. Mr. Ertis is a brother of the Rev. Otto Ertis of Lethbridge, Alta., and a graduate of the Baptist Seminary of Hamburg, Germany. The former Myrtle Janzen is a graduate of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., and a sister of the Rev. Eldon Janzen of Valleyview, Alberta. During the past year she worked for the "Back to the Bible" Broadcast in Lincoln, Nebraska.

● The Rev. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., is serving the nearby Chili Center Baptist Church as interim pastor for about five months. His ministry there began in November 1952. The Rev. Albert Bretschneider, formerly professor at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and now residing in Greece, New York. The Rev. Wm. E. Schmitt, another one of our ministers in Rochester, is very active in Christian service in doing visitation work for Asbury-First Methodist Church and as the pastor of the Atlantic Ave. Baptist Church.

● The choir of the Daytons Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn., presented a Christmas concert on Sunday evening, Dec. 31. The choir was under the direction of the Rev. William H. Jeschke, pastor, with Miss Lillian Patet as organist. The cantata rendered was "Yuletide Memories" by Ira B. Wilson. On Sunday evening, Dec. 28, the young people of the church presented the play, "A Stranger in Bethlehem." The Junior CBY took part in the Watchnight Service on Dec. 31 before the showing of the film, "Dedicated Men." The annual business meeting of the church was held on Tuesday evening, January 13th.

● The annual Christmas program of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., on Sunday evening, Dec. 21, featured the pageant, "The Message of the Manger." It was presented by young people of the church. On Sunday, Dec. 28, the Rev. Robert Hess,

pastor, preached on "Christ's Cup, 1953," and "Lamps of Life." The Sunday School contest was also brought to an exciting climax on that Sunday, Dec. 28, about which a more detailed report will be given later. On Dec. 21 there were 345 scholars at Sunday School with the 105 men who were present ahead of the women in the contest at that time.

● The choir of the Baptist Church at Goodrich, N. Dak., was recently re-organized and has been singing at church services since Dec. 1952. The choir consists of 30 voices with Mrs. Irvin H. Schmuland, the wife of the pastor, serving as director. The choir presents a program once a month on a Sunday evening with the offering going towards a new organ. Sunday School attendance has increased with 109 present on Dec. 21st. A mimeographed church paper is published monthly by the Rev. Irvin H. Schmuland which is to be named in a contest. The first issue featured a full page of provocative personal testimonies by prominent members of the church.

● Mr. Gilbert Derman, formerly of Anamoose, N. Dak., where he took an active part in the activities of the Baptist Church and of the regional Young People's Union, is now residing with his family in Appleton, Minnesota. On Dec. 11 he sang a recitative tenor solo in the rendition of the "Messiah" at the High School Auditorium and joined the great chorus of 130 voices of the Appleton Community Chorus directed by Mr. Lawrence Hansen. Mr. Derman's solo was the number "Comfort Ye, Comfort Ye, My People." On Sunday morning, Dec. 14, he sang a solo in the service of the Baptist Church at nearby Holloway, Minn., when Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was visiting the church.

● The CBY of the La Salle Baptist Church, La Salle, Col., elected its officers for the coming year on Friday, November 28. They are as follows: president, Frances Meyer; vice-president, Joann Oster; secretary, Ruth Zimmerman; and treasurer, Roy Schmidt. On Tuesday, December 2, the Awoik Girls of the church met for their monthly meeting. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: president, Norma Lou Lesser; vice-president, Joann Oster; secretary, Ruth Zimmerman; treasurer, Frances Meyer; program chairman, Esther Moser; and White Cross and Relief chairman, Evelyn Meyer. The Rev. David Zimmerman is pastor of the church.

● From Oct. 13 to 26 the Bethany Church of Vancouver, B. C., held evangelistic meetings with the Rev. W. W. Knauf of Elk Grove, Calif., bringing the evangelistic messages. He

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

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

February 1, 1953—"Dare to Believe" by Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Dallas, Texas.

February 8, 1953—"Our Stewardship Program" by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, Forest Park, Illinois.

WASHBURN CBY

A new CBY has been organized at the Washburn Church on November 30th. There were twenty charter members. Mr. Bennie Grueneich has been elected president. Their first responsibility was to sponsor the "Cameroons Crusade" mission team at the Washburn Church to promote the Dakota Conference Union mission project. With the help of the pastor, the Rev. Fred Alf, and the use of "Youth Compass" and the "CBY Guide" these young people have great plans for the future. Our prayer is that their witness may be effective through the church.

JUNIOR HIGH CBY

At the Grace Baptist Church in Grand Forks, North Dakota, the Junior CBY became too large a group to do effective work. The able counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kranzler, in consultation with the pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, found a proper solution to their problem. The leaders have organized a Junior High CBY, thus meeting the definite need of that particular age group. They are using program materials more advanced than for Juniors and not as difficult as the



Young women from Ashley, N. Dak., at the Central Dakota Youth Assembly at Jamestown, N. Dak., last summer.

Senior CBY is using. We wish this new group and its leaders God's richest blessing in this excellent venture. We thank God for leaders with a vision for youth and their willingness to do something to help youth. There are also four troops of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts meeting every week in the Grace Church at Grand Forks.

CBY RESOLUTIONS

At the Fall Rally of the Wisconsin CBY held at Watertown, Wisconsin, the following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved, to pray for our seminary, the teachers and students, and use them to help winning others to Christ.

Resolved, to pray for our state project, the Leper Colony in the Cameroons, Africa.

Resolved, to pray for and participate in a state camp that more young people may become better trained and go in greater service for him.

Resolved, to pray for the boys in service that God may guide and protect them and use them in winning others to Christ.

We resolve, as young people, to go back to our churches to invest our lives, "That if any man serve Me, let him follow Me."

These are commendable resolutions for a local conference organization. We pass them on to you for information as well as inspiration. How we do thank God for great goals our youth and Sunday School leaders have everywhere.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

It is not too late to plan for a well rounded and unique leadership training program for your church before the winter months are over. This year more training classes have been held in more churches than ever before. This is truly a good sign for our Sunday Schools. Certificates of credit for courses taken, and ultimately, diplomas are issued by our Sunday School Union. For details write to your General Secretary, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

EIBLE READINGS

Late in December our new 1953 Bible Reading leaflets were mailed to all of our churches. These leaflets were made available to encourage young people, and especially leaders and workers, daily to read their Bible. Here is a phase of your Christian life

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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 to hear about a Christian nurse named Ruth to whom he was engaged. In the meantime, the mission director arranged to take Ruth to Peter's station since she had not heard from him in several weeks. They were to start in half an hour!

CHAPTER FIFTEEN

THE NURSE was all action. She spent a few minutes giving directions to her dressers and dispensary help, locked up the poisons and valuable drugs, and was soon cycling back to her small house at the main compound.

"Just look at it geographically," he went on, as Ruth sat forward, entranced at his grasp and feel of the country. "Africa is balanced on the Equator. It is bordered by hot, arid, coastal plains, infested with malaria, dysentery, sleeping sickness, leprosy and a host of other deadly diseases. By its very physical make-up, it has defied all help.

"Vicious cannibals, wild beasts, rampant insects make it seem as though Satan had combined all the kingdoms in a great one—his own. The bacterial, vegetable and animal kingdoms here seem completely his. He made it his own, and he rules with an iron hand. And with it," went on the veteran of the Cross, "Satan has laid hold of all-too-willing fallen humanity, and uses it.

"During all my years out here, I have seen man's inhumanity to man enacted to the limit. I have seen demon-crazed, drunken people turn on their own flesh and blood with neither compunction or sympathy. Yet when I've been on furlough, some well-meaning but ignorant brethren have taken me to task for talking of demons, or painting the whole picture black. Black!" His strong hands swung the wheel wide to miss a great ant-hill in the middle of the road—"The country is still the 'dark continent.' And only the Gospel can bring light, life and liberty.

"The work seems slow," he went on mediatively, "but victory is sure, and we see the powers of darkness breaking down, slowly but surely."

The station wagon wound around the great hills of the plain, and the passengers grew silent as the African scene of jungle and field opened before them. Each heart silently prayed for the overthrow of moral, mental and spiritual darkness, and the triumph of the Gospel. And an extra prayer went up for a tall, blonde missionary, who even then might be in the throes of the battle.

As soon as Peter felt like attempting the long trip back to Jos, the three men set about their preparations.

Baru was left in charge of the small mission work, whose future now beamed as brightly as the promises of God. When told of the plans for a larger station and hospital, the joy of the small group of Christians knew no bounds. The news spread more rapidly than the dreaded bush fires were wont to do. From hut to hut and village to village, through the drums beating out their staccato message, and the voice of the people, went the message. "A likita is coming and will build a great asibiti. No more sickness, no more sickness," thus their imagination painted a roseate picture of the new doctor and his hospital.

Before they could leave, Bill McAdams was more than busy with those ailing Africans who could not wait. "Why, there is more to do in one day here than in six weeks at home," he confessed to Peter after a hectic session in the small dispensary. "We'll make a real team," and he threw his arm affectionately around the other's shoulders.

The chief brought his best horses around for the men to ride. "I hear the joji comes tomorrow," he said to Peter as they prepared to mount. "I will tell him all that has happened. When you return with your likita friend," and he looked across at Bill, who was busy drawing the cinch tighter on his horse, "we will select your new ground, and start building. Ku sauka lafiya, go with God," and he salaamed to the three horsemen.

The trip to where they hoped to find a lorry was a hilarious experience for the men. On the way they picked up the beds and supplies left by Bill and the Prof on their trip in to the Mission Station. On hearing of the treatment given them by the carriers and the townspeople, Peter nodded.

"From Jos to my station there is no other mission, and except on this main route, few of the people have ever heard of the Lord Jesus Christ. In fact, many of them have not seen a white man before. There's ground to be broken, Bill," he said, turning in his saddle to look over the great stretch of plain broken only by giant palms and an occasional cluster of huts. "It is ground that we will plow for the Lord, and plant eternal seed in it."

When they had reached the end of the motor road, the men wearily dismounted while the chief's men, who had accompanied them, hobbled and watered the horses. To Peter's questioning about the lorry that he knew made the trip periodically, he received no satisfaction. The mato might come and again it might not, was the only reply he received from the nearby village. He carried the news back to the other men.

"No telling if or when it will come," he said, sitting beside them in the shade of a giant mango tree. "However, there is quite a good pile of cola nuts, peanuts and guinea corn waiting in the entrance hut of the head man. And if my nose didn't lead me astray, there is also a goodly-sized pile of hides waiting for someone to carry in to Jos. They bring out salt and cloth," he explained, "and take this other stuff in to trade or sell. We may have to wait a day or so, but I think it would be best to do that. I don't feel like tackling the rest of the trip by horseback," and he wiped the perspiration from his still pale face. The other two agreed, and under the orders

OF MEN AND OF ANGELS

By LON WOODRUM

A Prize Winner in Zondervan's Second International Christian Fiction Contest Will Appear Soon in the "Baptist Herald"

of a new fully recovered Amos, their small camp was set up by the chief's men and carriers.

The three friends sat through the long, hot hours of the next two days, each one engrossed in his own thoughts. Peter thought of Ruth, and his long silence that must so worry her. Bill drew and discarded plans for his hospital that he would seek permission to build. The older man sat in quiet, comfortable contemplation. He was thinking of his share in the adventure for God in Africa, and glad of the bank account that in his mind's eye became a hospital, a station and all the work of the Gospel.

It was late afternoon of the second day when Amos' shout brought the men out of their reveries.

"Mato, mato!" he called excitedly, as the missionary and his friends joined him on the roadway.

The far-off hum was easily distinguishable on the clear air, and the listeners waited expectantly for the lorry to come around the hill.

The time seemed interminable, and Peter had turned back to the bush house, when he heard Bill suddenly call out:

"It's Ruth!" Peter spun around to see the station wagon stopping in a great cloud of dust, and the tall, dark-haired nurse stepped quickly from its spacious interior.

"Peter, Peter," she gasped, and flew to the man she loved, leaving the other occupants of the car to greet the two friends.

It was the veteran missionary who finally brought the young couple back to earth, and to the necessity of starting immediately back to Jos.

Breaking camp was a brief task, and with the equipment stored safely in the back, the six Europeans and Amos squeezed into the seats. Amidst the shouts of "Sai kun dawo" from the men who had accompanied them, they started the return journey.

"Until you return" was the cry of those left behind, and "We will return" was the response of two of the men who had seen their need and heard their cry.

The travelers received a tumultuous welcome at the mission headquarters. News of trouble had filtered along the African grapevine, and it was with the

thrill of evident relief to the mission staff that the story was completely told.

Ruth sat with the three friends that first night in Jos. With her long, slim hand curled up in Peter's tanned fist, she listened wide-eyed to Bill's humorous account of their adventures. But there was no laughter in her eyes when later the two visitors had excused themselves and she sat alone with Peter.

"Ruth," his hand gripped hers more tightly, "I had almost forgotten what the moon could do to your hair and eyes. Your letters have been wonderful, but this . . ." He leaned over and kissed her gently, quickly, responsive to the love in her look. They sat quietly for a moment, then Peter told her of the plans for the station, of Bill's desire to stay and help, then off-handedly he added: "So we might as well be married as soon as you can get ready."

Ruth flung off from her wicker chair. "Peter Dunning," she pulled him to his feet not ungently, "if I wasn't so happy I'd do something to you. Here I've been hoping, praying, longing for you to come in so we could plan. Almost miraculously you are saved from mutilation or death. I've been so relieved to see you, and moved to hear what has happened. Then you spring this on me. I could—could—kiss you," she added weakly as she saw the laughing glint in his eyes. She suited action to words.

The golden moon shone upon dreams and plans. The seven-starred Southern Cross beamed in benediction as the two talked, then prayed together.

The simple chapel in the heart of the African town, decorated with palm fronds, hibiscus and poinsettias, was the scene of their wedding some two weeks later. Peter and Ruth stood at the altar rail, their hands clasped. As the final words rolled out, making them one, his grasp tightened. Ruth looked past her husband, and met the affectionate glance that Bill turned upon them. Then the doctor's strong, tanned hand crept from his side, and covered those of the man and wife. Ruth felt his grasp, and turned to the man who had given her away. With her free hand, she took the Prof's arm and drew it in front of her, until his hand too rested on the three clasped hands.

With the hands of the friends firmly held together and her own captured tightly by her husband's, she heard the last words of the service roll out: "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder." The four hands pressed each other in a silent vow of consecration to the Lord Jesus Christ in their service together for Him.

(THE END)

WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT

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Mrs. Mihm was president of every local woman's missionary society in churches where her husband ministered. She was also president of the Forest Park Woman's Missionary Union. For nine years she was president of our Chicago Baptist Women's Service Union.

WHAT PRAYER MEANS TO ME

By MRS. A. P. MIHM

Prayer is my personal access to the heavenly Father through Jesus Christ, and in this holy privilege of talking with him at any time, and telling him all my needs, I receive strength for my every task and help for every problem that arises. There is joy in

Home for the Aged and of our Baptist Girl's Home in Chicago. She has been president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Forest Park Church and has carried numerous other responsibilities. Mrs. Riswig is thankful that she is still able to go to the House of God.

She accepted her Savior on January 3, 1884, at 7 p.m. and has been a member of the Woman's Missionary Society for 68 years.

WHAT PRAYER MEANS TO ME

By MRS. KATHERINE RISWIG

I thank God that I am able to pray. In the morning I commit my loved ones and many of God's children to



Japanese children, probably attending a Buddhist sponsored kindergarten, playing games in front of the temple. Buddhism is also trying to capture the children as they follow Christian methods of kindergarten and Sunday School training.

interceding for others such as the sick, the needy, the unsaved and those engaged in the work of his Kingdom. It brings such peace to my heart and soul to know he cares for me and knows just what is best for me. "Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

INTRODUCING MRS. KATHERINE RISWIG

Mrs. Katherine Riswig of Riverside, Illinois, who will be 92 years of age on April 5, 1953, the Lord willing, is a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church. She lives with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Krogman. She has often expressed her gratitude for these children who are so good to her. They have served the Lord with their talents. Mrs. Krogman has been president of the Chicago Woman's Service Union and has been very active as a board member of both the Central Baptist

the Lord, knowing all will be right. I cannot kneel for prayer anymore, but I can pray wherever I am. I have experienced many answers to prayer. I recall one in particular. Three years ago I had the flu and was very sick. No doctor helped me. The druggist told my daughter he would give her something to help me. However, I thought if only I could touch the hem of my Savior's garment, I could be healed. By prayer in faith I did this and was healed. Even when prayers are not always answered our way, I trust my Savior.

INTRODUCING MRS. F. C. KRUEGER

Mrs. F. C. Krueger, formerly of Kankakee, Illinois, now living with her daughter, Miss Lulu B. Krueger in Kingman, Arizona, was honored several years ago as the oldest living graduate of the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, Illinois.

She comes from a family of a number of Baptist ministers and missionaries. At heart she has always been a missionary. She has held places of leadership in the Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Societies. She rejoices in seeing the torch of service passed on to younger hands in the assurance that even "when the worker dies the work goes on" because it is the Lord's. Mrs. Krueger belongs to the Baptist Church in Kingman where her son-in-law, the Rev. John J. Johnston, and his fine family are ministering to the church.

WHAT PRAYER MEANS TO ME

By MRS. F. C. KRUEGER

Prayer meant much to me when I was younger. It gave me the assurance of salvation and helped me over many hard places in sickness, sorrow, temptations, and in accepting God's will in things I could not understand. Prayer means even more to me as I near the end of life's long journey. I am leaning more heavily than ever on the Everlasting Arms. I thank God for the loving care of those who bear with my infirmities. In spite of physical handicaps, as an old transplanted tree I shall not wither and die, but find a place of usefulness through prayer.

INTRODUCING MRS. HENRY KOCH

Mrs. Henry Koch's father was the Rev. Philipp Bickel, a former editor of Der Sendbote, and later a successor to Rev. J. G. Oncken of Hamburg, Germany. Her husband, the Rev. Henry Koch, served four of our churches. He was also "Hausvater," and Mrs. Koch was matron for a time at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago. They have four sons one of whom, the Rev. Herbert Koch, is also a Baptist minister. As minister's wife or matron, Mrs. Koch always served with great blessing. Her Christian heart is full of love and compassion. She lives happily in the home of her son, Gerhardt of Forest Park, Ill., where he, his wife and their four small children speak lovingly of the Christian influence of Grandmother Koch in their home.

WHAT PRAYER MEANS TO ME

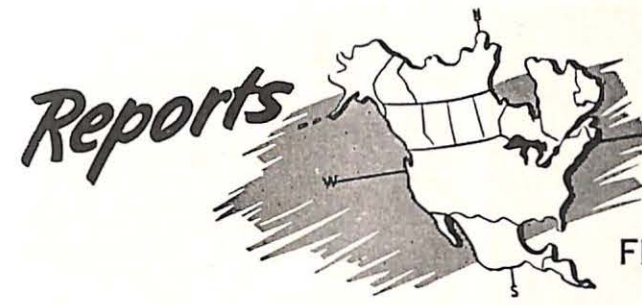
By MRS. HENRY KOCH

Overcome by the thought of my sinfulness when twelve years old, I prayed to God and after some time believed in Christ as my Savior.

I soon discovered that to be a true follower of Jesus I needed to turn to Christ in prayer.

Christ is still a Physician. During a severe sickness, Baptist and Methodist churches united in prayer for my recovery. The Lord answered.

Once a great sorrow entered our home. I was inclined to doubt God's faithfulness. I called to him. In answer to prayer my trust was restored.



FROM THE FIELD

Northern Conference

Evangelistic Services With Rev. D. Fuchs at the Wiesenthal Church Near Millet, Alberta

We of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church near Millet, Alta., Canada, were privileged to have the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational evangelist, with us from November 9 to 21. With harvesting all done and the weather very mild this fall, the meetings were very well attended. During the first week the services were in the German language. We have a goodly number of German-speaking immigrants settling in our district and for these people the German sermons were indeed an inspiration.

The services of the second week were held in the English language at which time many of our boys and girls came forward to accept Christ as their Savior. Every evening Mr. Fuchs had a special story-sermon for the children.

Mr. Fuchs was well liked by all who came in contact with him, and we thank God for those who were saved through his ministry here and also for the spiritual uplifting of the hearts of Christians. The Rev. E. A. Hoffman is pastor of our church.

Ralph Smith, Clerk.

Christian Workers' Conference for the South Alberta-Saskatchewan Tri Union Churches

The South Alberta-Saskatchewan Tri Union Workers' Conference was held from December 2 to 7. This year the special speakers, the Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., and Miss Martha Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., went to the people. At Golden Prairie, Hilda, and Medicine Hat, Mr. Sturhahn and Miss Leypoldt taught courses on "What Is a Protestant?" and "The Sunday School Teacher," respectively.

On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 6, we all met at Medicine Hat, Alta., for our annual business meeting. The officers elected are: president, Rev. W. Reimche; vice-president, Rev. G. J. Thiesen; secretary, Mr. Ed. Straus; treasurer, Mr. Albert Unrath; Sunday School director, Mr. C. Biffert; music director, Mr. Gus Schatz; young people's director, Mrs. H. Martin. Lorraine Biffert and Violet Albrecht are our pianists.

The possibility of beginning a new church in Elk Water, Alta., was presented. The area is practically unchurched, is a beach resort area and prosperous farmers surround the neigh-

borhood. Definite action will wait until specific information on a site is obtained.

On Sunday afternoon, in the crowded Grace Baptist Church in Medicine Hat, the Song Festival was held. The Massed Choir, directed by Mr. Sturhahn, sang three numbers. The program also included one choir selection from each church, a quartet from Burstall, duet from Hilda, orchestra from Golden Prairie, and a trio from Medicine Hat. Mrs. Al Lamprecht played a violin solo for the offertory. The Rev. A. Lamprecht brought the afternoon message. At 4:30 P.M. the choir participated in the host church's radio broadcast.

Sunday was the climax to a week of instruction, guidance and inspiration attributable largely to the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn and Miss Martha Leypoldt. We wish publicly to thank them.

A. Lamprecht, Reporter.

Inspiring Song Festival Is Held by Five Baptist Choirs of Southeastern Manitoba

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14, five choirs of the southeastern branch of the Manitoba Baptist Tri Union presented a Song Festival in the Grace United Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The proceeds, less expenses, were designated for our local Tri Union project. The Rev. R. Kanwischer, Tri Union president, was chairman. The Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, music director for our Union, worked out the program and directed the three massed choirs. Miss Clara Seecamp was the pianist. The processional played by her was from "The Messiah." Scripture readings and prayer preceded Mr. Kanwischer's greetings and words of welcome.

The following program was effectively delivered: "Gott gruesse Euch" by the Morris mixed choir, directed by Rev. R. Kanwischer; "My Anchor Holds" by the Whitemouth male quartet; address by the Rev. John Kuehn of Whitemouth; "Lift Thine Eyes" by the women's massed choir, directed by the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn; a number by the massed mixed choir; Advent reading by Paul Orzybyske; "O Night Divine," arranged and directed by Mr. Sturhahn, sung by the massed mixed choir, with Mrs. Sturhahn as soloist; German numbers by the massed male choir, directed by Mr. Sturhahn and by the Baptist mission church choir directed by Mr. G. Foerster; address by the Rev. Richard Zinser of Winnipeg; violin solo by Ernest Koltzenburg; German number by the McDermot Ave. Saengergruppe, directed by Paul

Kraemer; "The Holy City," by the McDermot Ave. Church choir directed by Mr. Harry Rostig, with Miss Beatrice Templin as soloist; number by the stringed orchestra, directed by Mr. Ernest Koltzenburg; and "Psalm 98" and "Hallelujah" by the massed mixed choir.

Not much can be added in mere words to the messages brought in these songs. We feel that these were inspired by God, and will live in the hearts of those who heard them to "bring forth fruit in due season." May the Lord bless this effort and make the spirit of love, which investigated it, work its way deep into dark, hidden places to brighten, enlighten and cleanse.

Ida Hoffman, Reporter.

Inter-church Youth Rally and Women's Missionary Program at Olds, Alberta, Canada

On December 5th five churches of Alberta were represented at the host church of Olds, Alta., for an inter-church youth rally and stewardship program. Carloads of young people came from Carbon, Zion, Trochu and Torrington. Each group contributed two numbers to the program so that it was most varied and interesting.

The evening service was conducted by Allan Stroschein of Wetaskiwin, Alta., who made a fine and able chairman. The Rev. J. Sonnenberg of Camrose, Alta., gave a dynamic message on Philippians 4:8, "The Accents of Life." Following the service, the CBY group of the Olds Church provided luncheon in the basement for the many guests. It is felt that such an inter-church fellowship gathering for the young people is very profitable, and we hope to have another again.

On December 14th the Woman's Missionary Society of Olds presented its yearly program. Mrs. Ferd Unger, president, took the chairmanship. Two dialogues were given: a German dialogue, "Must I Go Empty Handed?" ably presented by Mrs. P. Huber, Mrs. H. Weidman, Mrs. E. Haerle and Mrs. D. Witt; and an English play, "A Study in Sacrifice," by Mrs. H. Fried and Mrs. F. Pahl. Various musical selections were rendered, several by the ladies' choir. The evening offering which amounted to almost \$60 was taken on behalf of the mission work in Japan.

Recent improvements have been made on the parsonage: inlaid linoleum for the kitchen and bathroom, cementing of the basement, resanding of the hardwood floors and various paint jobs.

The Baptist congregation at Torrington has been busy beautifying the interior of the little church there. The pulpit was covered with new black velvet and contrasting fringe. Divisional curtains to better aid in sectioning off classes for Sunday School teaching have been purchased. For the front wall of the church a large religious poster depicting a beautiful winter scene was selected to brighten up the dark-finish interior of the building.

Mrs. Viola A. Pahl, Reporter.

Young People of Davin, Sask., Raise \$1,356 for Nearby Indian Mission Field

As young people of the Grace Baptist Church of Davin, Sask., we have had the joy of witnessing for the Lord in a special way during the past few months. Under the direction of our pastor, Mr. Richard Grabke, we have been presenting the play, "The Broken Circle." This play deals with the second coming of Christ in the rapture of the church and depicts the plight of those who through neglect, unbelief and indifference are left behind.

We had the joy of presenting this play in 14 churches and in every church we could see the Lord working in the hearts of the people. Many consecrated their lives to God and it thrilled us to see 18 young people from the different churches accept the Lord.

We went out with a desire to make Christ known, not only in the various churches but also to promote on a very needy mission field, right here in southern Saskatchewan. Our project was to support a missionary on the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve and approximately \$1,356 was collected toward this work. This is a field of great need, both morally and spiritually. The missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Phil. Grabke, have done a wonderful work there.

Our young people have also benefited through this play in that they have grown spiritually in their own lives. We give thanks to God for the vision he has given us in regard to the many, both Indians and others, who are in need of Christ. Our prayer is that God might continue to use us as



Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kerber of Startup, Wash., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

brated their golden wedding anniversary.

Their children prepared a dinner for relatives and in the afternoon friends were served the decorated cake inscribed with the numeral "50" in gold. Cards and greetings were read and lovely gifts were received. A large centerpiece of golden chrysanthemums decorated the table.

Children present for the happy occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Jantz of Whittier, Calif.; Mrs. Amelia Honstein of Los Angeles, Calif.; Reuben Mehling of Springfield, Miss.; and Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Kraft of Scottsbluff, Nebraska. H. Allen Mehling of Portland, Ore., a son, was not able to be present.

Mrs. Herbert A. Jantz, Reporter.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mehling of the Salem Baptist Church, Scottsbluff, Neb., on their golden wedding anniversary day.

young people in whatever way and wherever he leads.

Doris Rosom, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mehling of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

On Sunday, November 30th, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mehling of the Salem Baptist Church, Scottsbluff, Neb., cele-

Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Strauss Are Serving the Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas

A church filled to capacity and a spirit of joy and fellowship marked the splendid welcome reception tendered the pastor and his wife at the First Baptist Church at Ellinwood, Kans., last October. The Rev. Elmer Strauss and his capable wife have been serving the church since September 1952 and have won the love and respect of their people.

At the reception, Mr. J. Koch acted as moderator and presented the various representatives of the church who brought greetings from the Board of Deacons, the Board of Trustees, the Sunday School and various other organizations of the church.

The Rev. and Mrs. T. Dons were also present and brought greetings as well as expressing their sincere wish that God would richly bless the new pastor in his work on that same field. Visiting pastors who also brought greetings and spoke briefly to the large congregation were Rev. John Block of Bison, Rev. Charles Thole of Stafford, and Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt of Lorraine.

After this service of fine fellowship in the church sanctuary and the presentation of gifts of welcome to Mr. Strauss and his wife, the assembly went down to fellowship hall where refreshments were served and everyone had an opportunity for further visiting with the new leaders of the Ellinwood Church. God will richly bless pastor and people as they seek to do his will in that portion of his vineyard.

Alfred R. Bernadt, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kerber at Startup, Washington

On Sunday evening, November 30, the Startup Baptist Church of Portland, Wash., celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kerber of Sultan, Washington. As the wedding march was played, the couple took their places at the front of the church. The pastor, the Rev. R. G. Kaiser, opened the program, this being followed by readings and special musical numbers by relatives and friends. Mrs. Ed. Rappuhn, sister of Mrs. Kerber, read the history of the couple. Many relatives and friends were present to congratulate them on this festive occasion.

At the close of this fine program, refreshments were served, including a beautiful decorated wedding cake, to a great host of relatives and friends.

Their anniversary fell on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, but the Kerbers spent several months in North Dakota with their children earlier this year and were the guests of honor at an open house on June 29 at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Stanley Copenhaver. About 75 relatives and friends attended that reception, the Kerbers being well known there, having lived in that area for many years before coming to Washington.

They were married on Thanksgiving Day in 1902 in North Dakota and lived in that state until 1937 when they came to Startup, Wash., where they have been active workers for the Lord. Mr. and Mrs. Kerber are the parents of eight living children, five daughters and three sons. They have 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. May the rich blessings of God abide with them in the coming years!

R. G. Kaiser, Pastor.

Men's Fellowship Dinner at the Bethany Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon

On Friday, December 12, the men of the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., known as "God's Stewards," had a chili dinner in the church basement. Each member was asked to bring a prospect for church membership or one who had no church affiliation. The dinner was well attended and the food was enjoyed by all who attended. We are grateful to the men in our group whose talents include the art of cooking.

Mr. Sam Rich served as toastmaster, and had a program around the theme, "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." The male quartet sang several numbers. The pastor, the Rev. Arthur Schulz, played the guitar and sang. The Rev. Robert Penner of the Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland gave an inspiring message on the theme chosen. Mrs. Evelyn Schaer had prepared the programs in a colorful Christmas motif.

The men are hoping it will not be too long until they can have another such gathering. Sometimes men are brought into church membership through this time of fellowship, who might otherwise neglect to come to church.

Woodrow W. Joss, Reporter.

Great Blessings at the Oregon Association Held at Central Church, Portland, Oregon

The Oregon Association met at the Central Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., from Nov. 13 to 16. The entertaining church with its able pastor, the Rev. L. B. Berndt, made everyone feel at home and welcome. The theme of the year's Association was: I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH.

The Rev. R. Woyke of Salem, acting moderator for the Association, opened the sessions with his thought-provoking message on "Christ, the Foundation of the Church." Following a period of business and reports, the Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, pointed out in his denominational report what great things God has done for us as North American Baptists.

The local church was in charge of the evening service. After a rousing song service and the introduction of all new ministers, the Rev. Arthur K. Schulz brought a message on "The Purpose of the Church."

The next morning, the Rev. R. Penner of Portland brought a stirring message on "The Textbook of the Church." This was followed by the Rev. E. Wolff's message, "The Inner Growth of the Church." In the next message, "The Support of the Church" by the Rev. J. Wobig, we saw the importance of giving the tithe to the Lord. The morning sessions were then concluded by a telling missionary message on "The Outreach of the Church" by Mr. Schilke.

In the afternoon, the ladies had their missionary meeting during which time Dr. Bach gave a heart-searching talk on "Building the Church." This was followed by a very impressive memorial service led by the Rev. L. B.

Berndt. On the evening of that same day, after the Central Church choir had rendered an inspirational number, Mr. Schilke spoke on "The Servants of the Church."

On Saturday morning, the meeting was opened by the Rev. E. Gerlitz who spoke on "Prayer, the Power of the Church." The Rev. H. Barnet delivered a forceful message on "Christ's Faithfulness to His Church." This was followed by "The Hope of the Church," given by the Rev. F. Friesen. That evening in the basement of the church, the young people of our Oregon churches put on a delightful banquet which has already been reported.



During the morning service of the Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, Mr. Arend Dreyer was given a gift of appreciation for his many years of service in the church. Presenting the gift (left) is the Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of the church. The text of Mr. Veninga's remarks, in making the presentation, accompanies this picture.

On Sunday many blessings came to all. Mr. Schilke brought the message at the morning service. In the afternoon there was a Youth Rally at which Mr. Schilke was the guest speaker. Likewise, for the evening service our general missionary secretary brought his concluding message in a challenging manner. We are grateful to the Rev. R. Schilke for coming to the Oregon Association. Everyone left the meetings greatly blessed and strengthened.

Arthur K. Schulz, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Testimonial of Appreciation for Mr. Arend Dreyer by Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa

The following testimonial of appreciation was recently given by the Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, in behalf of Mr. Arend Dreyer. It is being published largely as it was given at this service. (Editor.)

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"A faithful man shall abound with blessing" (Proverbs 28:20).

As our Lord recognized faithfulness in his disciples and followers, so we of the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, on Sunday morning, Dec. 14, recognized one who has been both faithful and very useful in the Lord's service over many years—useful in the church and in the community.

We as a church honor the usefulness of Mr. Arend Dreyer. You, Mr. Dreyer, have served your Lord well in numerous capacities and are still doing so now. You are serving as deacon, the highest office in the church, as Sunday School teacher, and in other ways. You

are a blessing to the church and we believe the church has also been a blessing to you.

While we appreciate your usefulness and service in these various capacities, we especially recognize your faithfulness in the ministry of music which you have so faithfully and willingly rendered over several decades. Faithfully, week after week, month after month, and year after year, you have directed the choir and have used your talent in singing "Praises unto the Lord." Usefulness is the reward of faithfulness. The congregation has again and again been inspired by the beautiful anthems which have echoed from this choir loft. Through the music which you have rendered, souls have been comforted in the hour of bereavement.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to present this gift (a beautiful tie pin with a jewel stone) to you in behalf of the church which you have so faithfully served. Though dressed in holiday wrapping it is not a Christmas gift; it is not a birthday gift, though we are aware that your birthday is just around the corner; it is a gift that comes to you with all loving-kindness and with a sense of deep appreciation for all your sacrificial labors in our midst. May God grant you many more years of loyal service in our midst!

Frank Veninga, Pastor.

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. D. S. Wipf at Hutchinson, Minnesota

On Wednesday evening, November 19, the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., held its weekly prayer meeting, after which the congregation held a farewell reception for the Rev. D. S. Wipf, interim pastor, and son Donald. It was with regret that Mrs. Wipf and daughter, Lucille, were unable to attend. The Wipfs rendered splendid services to our church this past year. We enjoyed their ministry very much, and will miss them greatly.

Representatives from the various organizations of the church and Sunday School spoke in appreciation of the work they have done and the many blessings we have received because of their service here. The congregation showed their appreciation to the Wipfs by presenting them with a floor lamp. After the service everyone enjoyed a time of social fellowship, and refreshments were served by the women of the church in the basement.

The Rev. Rudolph Rapske of Medicine Hat, Alta., assumed his new duties here at the Northside Baptist Church on Sunday, December 14.

Robert Fratzke, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Sixth Quadrennial Convention of the Baptist Life Association, Buffalo, N. Y., at Detroit

The sixth Supreme Legislative Convention of the Baptist Life Association was held in Detroit, Mich., on August 14 and 15, 1952. The following officers and directors were elected: president, Stanley Ernst, Detroit, Mich.; vice-president, Herman Skubick, Detroit, Mich.; treasurer, J. O. Distler, Buffalo, N. Y.; Edwin Marklein, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Harry Fox, Anaheim, Calif.; Richard Mulder, Parkersburg, Iowa; Helmut Wobig, Lancaster, N. Y.; A. H. Lueders, Cliffside Park, N. J.; Daniel Ertner, Kenmore, N. Y.; E. C. Smith, Buffalo, N. Y.; Gerhardt Panke, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mr. R. S. Stephan was appointed Executive Secretary and Mr. David Baer was appointed Field Manager.

On Thursday evening the ladies of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit served an outstanding turkey dinner to the delegates and their guests. Mr. Alden C. Palmer of the Insurance Research and Review Service spoke to the group.

On Friday evening, August 15, Mr. Hal L. Nutt, director of Insurance Marketing of Purdue University, guest speaker at the closing session of the convention held at the Burns Avenue Baptist Church, spoke on the topic, "Managing Your Confusion." After the closing session, light refreshments were served by the Ladies' Aid of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church.

During the convention it was announced that in the near future the Association will activate the Benevolent Fund on the local level. Aid will be given to those in need. An attempt



Mr. Stanley Ernst of Detroit, Michigan, president of the Baptist Life Association.

will be made to be of even greater service in the years to come. The meetings were held on a high spiritual plane. The convention truly was an encouragement to both agents and delegates.

David Baer, Field Manager.

Inspirational Programs and Christmas Services at the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa.

Although the snow lay white and cold upon the ground on Sunday morning after Thanksgiving Day, it was warm and happy inside the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pennsylvania. Our promotional secretary and "Baptist Herald" editor, Rev. M. L. Leuschner, with his sparkling personality and infectious smile brought sunshine into even the darkest corners with the message and news of our missionaries which he so ably gave to us in his own inimitable way. Truly, Central Church was blessed and privileged to have Brother Leuschner with us and we look forward to his return and to seeing others of our denominational officers in the future.

Our Polish brethren from the Open Bible Tabernacle joined with us for the evening service of mingled joy and blessing also. Since we are without a pastor, different organizations of the church have been taking charge of the evening services and on this occasion the Ladies' Missionary Society was in charge. After the president, Mrs. J. A. Zurn, had welcomed the members and friends with prayer, the vice-president, Mrs. Harvey Neuser, brought a stirring report of the Ladies' Missionary Society and its activities from the time of its founding 75 years ago up to the present fourth generation of today. She told of the White Cross work so well and faithfully done by the ladies and how they stir up one another to love and good works, and how they encourage Christian friendliness among strangers and newcomers to our land.

Mrs. George Hartikainen and Mrs. Robert Eichler then sang a duet, "He Hideth My Soul in the Cleft of the Rock." Then Mrs. Albert Moon, also of the missionary group, rendered an organ solo. The latest letters from our missionaries were then read by Mrs. Myron Bartlett, our missionary correspondent.

The Rev. Richard Mikolon of the Open Bible Tabernacle took over the balance of the meeting with several instrumental numbers from his men's string ensemble and vocal selections from his men's chorus, all of which were in Polish. After an inspiring message, Mr. Mikolon led a man and a woman through the waters of baptism following in the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. We left with hearts aglow and feeling it was good to have been in the House of the Lord.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 14, we assembled in the Open Bible Tabernacle and helped contribute to their service that evening. We are happy for the opportunity to have a closer union with our Polish brethren.

On Sunday, Dec. 21st, we brought a birthday offering for the King as we have done for some years in the Sunday School, which will be used for missionary work. Our Christmas celebration was held in the church on Christmas Day with both the Sunday School and church cooperating in the program. The Fidelis Class of young married couples conducted the Sunday evening program on Dec. 28th with a film, "The Birth of the Savior" and the following Wednesday evening at the Watch Night service we saw the New Year in with song, prayer and praise. We especially pray that God will send us the man of his choice during the year 1953, but most of all we want the SON of MAN to be our leader not only through 1953 but until he comes again.

Mrs. K. Louise Eichler, Reporter.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Litke of Forest, Pennsylvania

On Nov. 9th, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Litke of Forest, Pa., formerly Munson, Pa., observed their golden wedding anniversary with a church service in the Forest Baptist Church and held "Open House" at their home immediately afterwards. Members of the family and of the church made this a memorable and happy occasion.

The Rev. George Zinz, pastor of the Forest Baptist Church, gave a brief address, calling attention to the fact that the Lord had certainly blessed the Litke family.

Other parts of the program included: piano solo by a grandson, Jack Muirhead; two vocal solos by Albert Zinz; a German song by the members of the Ladies' Aid; an original poem by one of the daughters, Alma Muirhead; a poem, "The house of the Side of the Road," by Mrs. Carl Linder; and messages of appreciation by a son, Mr. Wm. Litke; by the Sunday School superintendent, Henry Hirsch; by the president of the Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Geo. Zinz; and by a deacon of the church, Mr. Alfred Tolowitz.

The Ladies' Aid, the church and the Sunday School then presented Mr. and Mrs. Litke with very lovely gifts as further expressions of their love and appreciation for their faithfulness and service to the church during their 50 years of married life.

Although Nov. 6 was the actual date of the Litkes' anniversary, they observed their anniversary on Nov. 9, so that all of their six children could be present. The Rev. Ralph Rott, a son-in-law, was the only member of the family circle who was unable to attend.

George Zinz, Pastor.

Dakota Conference

Twenty-one Converts Are Baptized at Baptist Church, Linton, North Dakota

On Sunday evening, December 7, the Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., held a very impressive and beautiful baptismal service. The pastor of the church, the Rev. A. J. Fischer, baptized 21 persons. An exceptionally large and attentive audience was present for this happy occasion. The Rev. T. W. Bunch of Hazelton spoke on the meaning of baptism and the Rev. A. J. Fischer also had a short meditation. The church choir rendered two appropriate anthems. Then the pastor stepped into the baptismal waters, baptizing the candidates while the congregation sang intermittently choruses and other Gospel hymns.

Following the baptism, the church observed Holy Communion, at which time the newly baptized persons were received into the fellowship of the church. Most of those baptized were recent converts of our revival meetings at which the Rev. P. Galambos assisted in Linton. At Hazelton the pastor conducted the services alone, but here the church is fortunate to have the services of an ordained minister, the Rev. T. W. Bunch, who came to this community in August from Missouri as an exchange rural mail carrier. The church at Hazelton appreciates his services, and he conducts all meetings whenever the pastor is not there. He and his wife joined our church in October.

The day of our baptismal service we began our second half year of ministry here in Linton. We have received 31 persons into the church, and we are enjoying a happy ministry here.

A. J. Fischer, Pastor.

Anniversary Program of the Lincoln Valley Woman's Missionary Society of North Dakota

The Lincoln Valley Baptist Missionary Society of Lincoln Valley, N. Dak., observed its 12th annual program on Sunday evening, November 2nd. Mrs. Edward Frank, president of the society, was in charge.

The Scripture passage was read by Mrs. Reinhold Pfaff, and prayer was offered by Mrs. Margaretta Frey. Mrs. Frank extended a very hearty welcome to all guests and friends. Due to sickness our secretary, Mrs. Gust. Lang, was unable to bring her report but it was read for her. Mrs. Adolph Heinle,



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Litke of Morrisdale, Pa., members of the Forest Baptist Church, Winburne, Pa., who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

treasurer, also gave her report.

"Your Church and Mine," a very heart-rending dialogue on stewardship was presented by the ladies of the society. It challenged every person present to be active in the Savior's business of soul saving. The special speaker for the occasion was the Rev. R. C. Stading of the Rosenfeld Church near Drake, North Dakota. Mr. Stading brought out important facts in "Women's Work in God's Kingdom." Several other readings and songs were rendered by the women.

The offering was taken and words of thanks were extended by the president. With a prayer by our pastor, the Rev. F. Fuchs, we brought this yearly program to a close.

Mrs. Reinhold Pfaff, Reporter.

Sunday School Contest and Special Programs at the Baptist Church, Carrington, N. Dak.

The Calvary Baptist Sunday School of Carrington, N. Dak., recently participated in an attendance contest with the Baptist Sunday School of Fessenden, North Dakota. The average at-

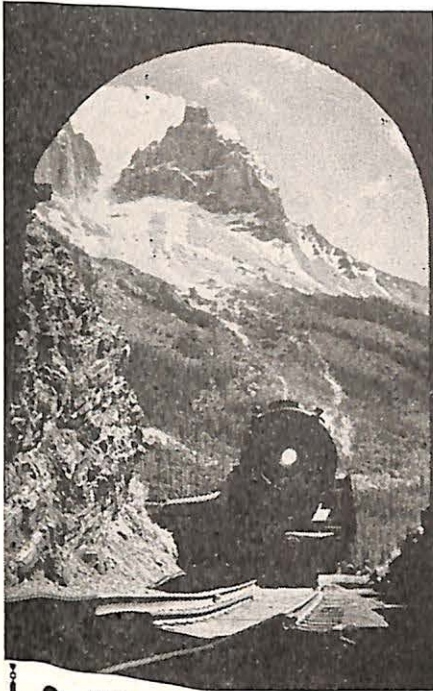
tendance, normally running quite the same, made the contest really a thrilling race. The total attendance for the month of October was the deciding factor. Excitement grew each Sunday as the Sunday Schools exchanged leads, with never more of a difference than eight pupils. The final Sunday saw Carrington winning with the narrow margin of five scholars.

The losing Sunday School then presented the other with a 15 minute opening exercise program. A fine program of singing, piano playing and readings was enjoyed by the Carrington group. We experienced a great blessing in that we increased our attendance from 82 to 153 but we rejoiced to be able to bring that many more people within the hearing of the Word of God.

We also held special services from November 11 to 23 with the Rev. N. E. McCoy of Jamestown, North Dakota. We had a full church every evening with special numbers rendered by members and friends, although there were no definite conversions for Christ. On Sunday, Nov. 23, there was a consecration service held with many going



The Rev. A. J. Fischer of Linton, N. Dak. (right) and the 21 converts whom he recently baptized at an impressive baptismal service.



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brought clear and forceful messages and also special choruses and object lessons for the children. The average attendance for the entire campaign was 178. The people were spiritually strengthened and there were 12 decisions for Christ and a number of reconsecrations. On Sunday, Dec. 7th, the pastor, the Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, had the joy of baptizing eleven of these converts, who with nine others through letters and experience, received the hand of fellowship at an impressive communion service on Sunday, Dec. 14.

IN THE COURSE OF EVENTS

● Because African natives go "wild about horns and trumpets," the Pilgrim Bible Class of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Md., is collecting 200 trumpets for missionary work in Africa. The collection was undertaken after an address by the Rev. Austin Paul of the African Inland Mission. Paul, a former musician said that such sturdy hymns as "Onward Christian Soldiers" are a sure way of rallying natives from the jungle to the Word of God. Paul, as a part of his missionary work, teaches teams of boys to play the brass instruments. These teams accompany the missionary and his wife on their safaris through Central Africa to reach natives who never have heard the Gospel.

Books of Interest

The Children We Teach by Whitehouse

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