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

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A LESSON PLAN

Date: June 13, 1954

Theme: **AMOS DENOUNCES
INTEMPERANCE**

SCRIPTURE: Amos 2:11-12; 4:1-2; 6:1-7.

PURPOSE: To point out the results of intemperance and warn against it.

GETTING STARTED: The voice and message of an Amos are desperately needed today. As then, so now, intemperance is on the increase, and the results for both men and society are tragic beyond description. On the very day on which this is being written, I've had to deal with another victim of drink. From a man who no longer than a year ago had a job, a home, a good car, and wife and family, there is now left nothing more than a miserable wretch who has lost everything—home, family, job—and who is a burden to himself and society.

Granted that this man is sick. He's an alcoholic. But sick also is a society that condones conditions that permit unscrupulous men, for the sake of profit, to promote intemperance by clever advertising and by submerging the nation with a flood of alcohol. To speak like an Amos does not sit well with these interests, nor with multitudes of Christians who like to tip the bottle now and then; but let us never forget that the angels and the future are on the side of Amos, and that unless we can curb the appetite of an insatiable liquor industry, intemperance will be the cause of our downfall, even as it was of ancient Israel.

Developing the Theme:

We, too, must denounce intemperance and must do so for the following reasons:

I. IT CORRUPTS AND DESTROYS MEN—EVEN THE BEST OF THEM (Amos 2:11-12).

Alcohol is no respecter of persons, whatever their station in life, it always tears down character and is destructive of the finest and best there is in their lives.

II. IT DULLS THE VOICE OF CONSCIENCE AND MAKES MEN IMPERVIOUS TO THE VOICE AND COMMANDMENT OF GOD (Amos 2:12).

Once alcohol takes over, men no longer will—nor can they—listen to the message of the prophet. Spiritual truth can no longer reach them.

III. IT UNDERMINES THE HOME AND MAKES IMPOSSIBLE THE KIND OF FAMILY LIFE THAT BUILDS STABLE LIVES AND A STABLE NATION (Amos 4:1-2).

The home is the first place to suffer from intemperance. As a result the home is incapacitated for its important roll of building the kind of character that makes for a good life and a strong nation.

IV. IT CORRUPTS, WEAKENS AND FINALLY DESTROYS THE LIFE OF NATIONS (Amos 6:1-7).

Justice, social responsibility, political integrity are lost, and vice, corruption and injustice take over. As a result the life of nations is so weakened that they finally collapse from internal rotteness.

Applying the Lesson:

1. How would you define intemperance, and when is a man intemperate?

2. Give illustrations from your own experiences of what intemperance is actually doing to the lives of individuals and nations.

A LESSON PLAN

Date: June 20, 1954

Theme: **HOSEA PLEADS WITH ISRAEL.**

SCRIPTURE: Hosea 6.

PURPOSE: To set forth the need for genuine religious revival in our day.

GETTING STARTED: A poll taken by a national magazine some time ago indicated that 98 per cent of the American people believe in God. Statistics show that all religious denominations in this country are growing and that more people than ever belong to churches. In recent years mass revivalism has met with greater response than at any time within recent decades. All these are good and hopeful signs. But they leave a question in our minds: are these the symptoms of a genuine and thorough-going religious revival, or are they merely a passing phase in our national life that indicates no real repentance and turning unto the Lord?

The history of Israel makes it abundantly clear that religious revival that doesn't result in knowledge and love of God and in a life, both for the individual and the nation, that expresses itself in righteousness and justice, mercy and holiness—such a revival is unable to cure a nation's ills and give it the strength and security it needs. For a people to become religious, even very religious, is not enough. What is needed is a turning unto God so genuine and profound that religion will express itself in true love for God and genuine love for men.

Developing the Theme:

I. THE NEED OF REVIVAL.

1. The only cure for the ills that beset society and threaten it with judg-

ment and ruin is a genuine turning unto God (Hosea 6:1).

2. Our growing fears and sense of insecurity, the mounting horror of atomic warfare, the insidious undermining of our national life by vice and corruption, these and many other aspects of our life today indicate how desperately we need such a revival.

II. THE REQUIREMENTS OF REVIVAL.

1. A mere turning to the forms of religion is not enough (Hosea 6:6) Nor is it enough for men to simply believe in God or accept some creedal statement of religious belief (Hosea 6:4).

2. What is needed is a sincere and whole-hearted turning unto God (Continued on Page 10)

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. D. Fuchs, Evangelist
June 6-18—Neustadt, Ontario.

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Dr. John Leypoldt, Interim Promotional Secretary
May 30-June 30—Kitchener, Ont.

CONFERENCES, ASSEMBLIES AND SPECIAL CHURCH EVENTS

June 3-7—Kansas Young People's Assembly at Camp Fellowship near Wichita, Kansas. Rev. Lawrence Bienert, Mr. Ernest Hildebrand (June 3-5), and Dr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Boutwell (June 6-7).

June 3-6—Central Sask. and Alberta Association at Hilda, Alberta. Prof. Hugo Lueck and Rev. Karl Korrella.

June 7-11—South Dakota Junior Camp at Camp Riverside, Mitchell, South Dakota. Rev. Edward Link and Mr. Ernest Hildebrand.

June 7-10—Northern North Dakota Junior Camp at Camp Bentley, Drake, North Dakota. Miss Ruth Bathauer.

June 10-16—Northern North Dakota Senior Camp at Camp Bentley, Drake, North Dakota. Rev. J. C. Gunst and Dr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Boutwell (June 11-13).

June 10-13—Alberta Association at Place to be Designated. Prof. Hugo Lueck.

June 15-20—Southern Conference Young People's Encampment at Latham Springs, Texas. Rev. Lawrence Bienert and Mrs. Alma Henderson.

June 13—Dedication of new church at Morris, Manitoba. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner.

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The Proclamation of Pentecost

THE DAY OF PENTECOST proclaimed the message of power in the person of the Holy Spirit. This meant that God himself had empowered his disciples to carry on the work of his Kingdom. They were to witness to the mighty work of salvation which Christ had wrought on the Cross of Calvary and demonstrated in his resurrection from the dead. This small remnant of disciples, faint hearted and with few possibilities, was to be filled with the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day and to be transformed into an overwhelming, invincible, triumphant host for Christ, turning "the world upside down" for his Gospel wherever they went.

You cannot explain the changes in the lives of the disciples or the events on this significant day apart from the coming of the Holy Spirit into their lives. He is the continued indwelling power of Christ who abides with his disciples forever. As Jesus said: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12).

Johannes Weiss in his "History of Primitive Christianity" describes this transformation in their lives with the coming of the Holy Spirit. "Truly, in the midst of a gloomy, hopeless, 'crooked and perverse' generation, here is a group of inspired, courageous men, reliant upon their God; in the midst of a nation moving onto destruction, a new people, with a future." The triumph and glory of the resurrection day are embodied anew in these disciples of Christ who by the Holy Spirit have risen with him into newness of life, boldness of witness and unflinching faith.

In the light of this proclamation of Pentecost, the weak become strong, the faint hearted become heroes of faith, the small become great, and the defeated become conquerors through the power of the Spirit. It is this message that enhances the meaning of Children's Day in our churches. Christ has lifted childhood to high levels of glory and reverence because of the possibilities in each unfolding life when it has the blessing of God and is dedicated to his will. Such a child becomes an instrument in God's hands to be molded by his purposes, to be transformed by his saving grace, and to be empowered for mighty, heroic tasks in his service.

Children's Day reminds us vividly that it is coming to pass as the Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh that "your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions" (Acts 2:17). The little ones who shouted their "Hosannas" at the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem became the objects of his love and of his promise. They were to be the heirs of his Kingdom, if they were obedient to his will and opened their hearts to his saving grace.

The proclamation of Pentecost that "ye shall receive power after that the Holy Spirit has come upon you" is especially glorious in this unfolding life of children with the best years of life ahead of them. This truth makes these two succeeding Sundays of tremendous importance in the calendar of the Church of Christ!

Christ's Successor!

Christ promised that there was to be no separation between himself and his disciples but that through the Holy Spirit he would continue to be with them. Therefore, it is imperative that Christ's followers learn to know, love and obey the Holy Spirit!

By the REV. RUDOLPH RAPSKE of Calgary, Alberta

Here was something new, something beyond their grasp. Peter, John and the rest of the disciples, who, in the night of the betrayal, fled as sheep before a pack of wolves, now stood before the men who had sanctioned the crucifixion of Christ, preaching with such vigor that everyone present was astonished.

The Holy Spirit witnessed to Christ in that he gave power to the disciples to proclaim the very message Christ had commanded them to proclaim. Not only were the lives of the disciples changed, but the whole life and words of Jesus took on a new meaning.

We catch somewhat of this change in their changed attitude. They no longer looked upon Christ as the promised Messiah who would free them from the Roman yoke, but as the One who came to transform the lives of men and lead them into the spiritual Kingdom which he came to establish. His words were given a new and heretofore unrealized meaning. Now they understood what he meant when he said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto myself." This drawing power was now manifest. Three thousand souls came to him through their faith in his atoning work, as proclaimed by the disciples.

How we need the witness of the Spirit in our day to enlighten our dullness of spiritual vision and slowness of testimony for our Lord. We need to re-examine our relation to the Holy Spirit for there is the sense of urgency to proclaim the message of salvation to all men everywhere. To be sure, this is not an easy task, but let us not forget that the Holy Spirit is the One who comes alongside of us to help us.

LIFE'S TRUE HELPER

He is the true helper in every circumstance of life. There are very few of us who have the good fortune of going through life without having to face sorrow or disappointment of one kind or another. And it is not out of the ordinary if such sorrow comes, for Christ knew that his disciples would not be spared. He even tells them that they would suffer stripes, be put into prison, and even be put to death for his sake.

But he did not end there. As sure as these things would come upon them, so would the Holy Spirit be present with them and help them overcome

the vicissitudes and adversities of life. They would be fully equipped to go into battle for Christ, facing persecutions, overcoming trials and temptations, and emerging victoriously. They would face the greatest disgrace, that of being thrown out of the synagogue. It would mean absolute banishment from all religious services, the giving up of all fellowships with their own families and being formally pronounced dead.

Yes, they might even have to go beyond all this and give up their very life, for their persecutors would not stop at killing them. In fact, whoever killed a Christian was doing God a service. Here is the real need to have someone "along side of us to help." Christ recognized that his children needed this help and so sent the Holy Spirit to help in time of need.

In this warfare of the Christian, there is a constant need to become better equipped to meet the enemy. Christ meets this need by stating that the Holy Spirit will be a Guide to truth.

A GUIDE TO TRUTH

In John 16:12-13 we note that Christ is telling his disciples that there are many things he would like to tell them but they could not understand them fully as yet. They were unable to grasp the truth of the atonement until after the crucifixion. Here arises another necessity of the coming of the Holy Spirit, namely, that of continuing Christ's teaching ministry.

We need to be guided into truth. Truth CANNOT BE Poured INTO A MAN. He must go forth to seek it, often through difficult places and trying circumstances. Here he is sure to need a guide. The Holy Spirit is the Guide of souls, the Discoverer of the mysterious depths of the Gospel. Under his guidance the Old and New Testaments were written. It follows then that he is qualified to lead the individual believer into the greater depths of the Word of God.

Charles G. Finney has put it this way: "Suppose you were blind and had never seen colors. Then suppose that on a wall hung a most grand and beautiful painting, and that I was a perfect master of the subject, and should undertake to describe it to you. No language that I could use would enable you to form a picture of the painting in your mind. Now suppose,

while I was laboring to make you to understand the various distinctions and combinations of colors, all at once your eyes are opened! You then can see for yourself the very things which I was vainly trying to bring to your mind by words. Now the office of the Spirit of God, and what he can do, is to open the spiritual eye."

This is the enlightenment and guidance we need at all times. He truly opens our spiritual eyes and leads us to new vistas of grandeur where God becomes more real, thus enriching our lives and giving them permanent worth.

THE SPIRIT'S REIGN

Life indeed is full of joy if the Spirit has control of it. Until that moment, about which Jesus was speaking to the disciples, they would be unable to ask anything in his Name. "But when the Spirit will come," he told them, "the doors of heaven itself shall be opened to you." The joy that they were to experience on Easter morn would abide with them. It would give them the assurance that death could never rob them of their Lord. For them he would be the living, loving and saving Lord.

They were to enter into the fuller life of communion with God through the Holy Spirit. Their spirits were to mount on wings of prayer to the Father's throne, to receive comfort in the hour of sorrow, strength in persecution, assurance in doubt and temptation. He had overcome the world, and through the Holy Spirit all followers of all times have access to the throne of grace.

Dean Trench has put this relationship in these words: "Launch forth the arrows of your prayer, not as into vacant air and empty space; but let the very throne of God be the mark and scope which you aim at; follow them, these wondrous arrows, winged by faith, pierce even heaven; then follow them with the eye of faith till they have alighted there; and then expect in one form or another to hear them again. He who made the ear, shall he not hear?"

OUR JUDGE

This joy and comfort, upon which we have thought, however is often broken by our unwillingness to yield fully to the Holy Spirit, and then he assumes another role to which Christ refers in John 16:8-11, namely, the role of a Judge.

Note these words, "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment." First, he is to reprove the world of sin. It is evident that those who reject Christ as Savior will be convicted of sin. There is notable proof of Christ's divinity that he, the meek and lowly, should select this unbelief in himself as the only sin worth mentioning.



Theodore Milner, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Bert Milner, Moosehorn, Manitoba, at six months of age enjoys his first piano lesson!

CHILDREN'S DAY

One Sunday has been set apart
From all the others in the year,
And when bright summer mornings
start,
We know that special day is near.

We call it by one special name—
Observe it in our special way—
And for our very own, we claim
The Sunday known as Children's Day.

We dedicate it to the praise
Of Christ who is the children's King.
And in his honor now we raise
The songs that children love to sing.

We pledge to Christ true loyalty
In every way, in every thing,
And dedicate ourselves, to be
The children of our heavenly King.

—Edith Sanford Tillotson.

Yet, when we examine it more closely, we find that it is the root of all other sins. As our attitude is toward Christ so will also our attitude be toward our fellowmen. It is the reigning as well as the damning sin of the world. The essence of it is in the living to self.

When Christ through his Spirit convicts a man or a woman, there must be a surrender of the self unto Christ before an intimate relationship can be established. We must die to the world if we would live in Christ. This marks the beginning of good toward all men with whom a saved person comes in contact.

The fatal error of a person in a terrible dungeon would be to see an open door and fail to walk to freedom. The

supreme folly of a sick man would be to refuse treatment by a physician. Christ is the Door, the Way, and the Life and the CHIEF OF ALL SINS IS TO REJECT HIM. The Holy Spirit was sent to convict men of sin and to bring them into the right relationship with God.

In the second instance, the Holy Spirit applies to the hearts of believers the finished work of Christ and declares him right before God. In addition to this, he also makes known the nature of the new life. In the history of man this new relationship is revealed in the inauguration of humanitarian institutions, prison reforms, hospitals, churches, and the establishment of many benevolent institutions. All are evidence of the establishment of a right relationship of the individual with God.

OUR VICTORY

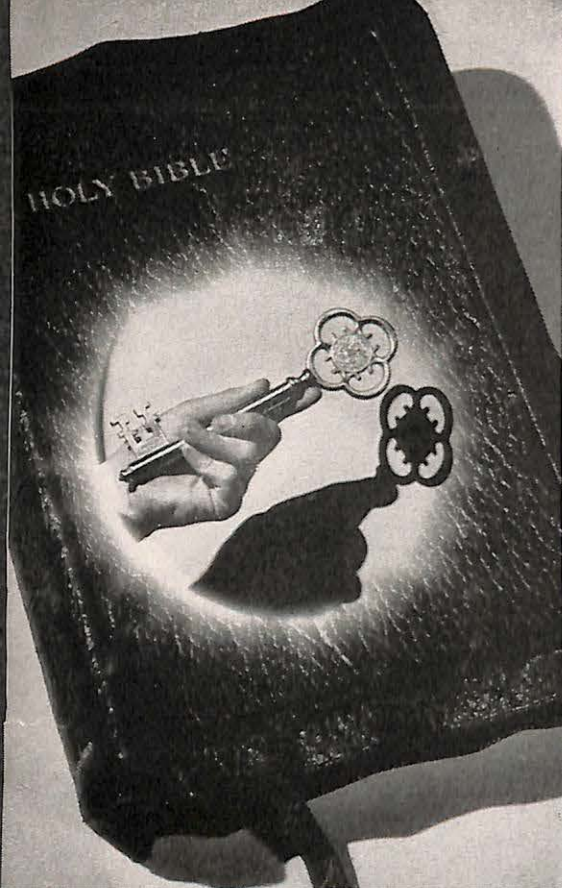
The third phase of the Holy Spirit, as revealed in this passage, is in respect to judgment. "The prince of this world is judged." The prince of this world is here referred to as Satan, the ruler of all the forces of evil. The world may think that the "power of darkness" conquered at Gethsemane and Calvary, but the resurrection proved that that which looked like victory for "the power of darkness" was the greatest defeat it had suffered; instead of conquering, Satan is judged.

This is so certain that Christ spoke of it as already being accomplished. Sin can now be dealt with by believing in the atoning work of Christ and accepting him as Lord and Savior. "In me," said Jesus, "is the power that enables you to live victoriously if you will only let the Holy Spirit apply this power in your life." What a glorious truth for the believer!

As I reflect upon the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit, I thank God for this abiding presence in my life, as the One who guides into truth, comes alongside to help, brings power and joy into the life of the believer, and, last but not least, makes operative the power that leads to a victorious life in Christ Jesus. Let us give him all of us that he might lead us to bear the "fruit of the Spirit," which is "love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and temperance." Thus, Christ's desires for us will become our desires and we will fulfill the task that is entrusted to us. May this be our constant prayer:

"Only do thou, O Lord, thy word fulfil,
And let thy Spirit's might
Through all life's wars and storms be
with us still,
And lead us to the light;
Through mists and shadows guide our
wandering feet,
And with him come thyself, thou first
great Paraclete."

—E. H. Plumtree.



The Bible has the key to unlock the treasures of Christ's promises and to assure every disciple of the abiding Presence of his Holy Spirit

IN THE PASCHAL conversations of our Lord, the discussion concerning the Holy Spirit finds an exceedingly important place. The promise of the Holy Spirit was for the disciples alone, since the world could not receive him because of unprepared hearts. It was a promise precisely suited to the need of the disciples, in view of the coming separation from their Lord. It taught them that there was to be no separation, but that Christ in and through the Holy Spirit would still be with them.

Thus, it becomes a promise suited to the needs of Christians of all ages. The Holy Spirit is Christ's Successor among men. Therefore, it is imperative that Christ's followers learn to know, love and obey the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel according to John, chapter 16, verses 7 to 14, our Lord mentions the work of the Holy Spirit under the five aspects which will form the basis of our thinking.

A WITNESS TO CHRIST

We recall the scene that took place on Mt. Olivet. Here Christ called his disciples together and, standing in the midst of them, he gave utterance to his last words while on earth. Among other things, he told them to return to Jerusalem and wait for the Comforter. And wait they did, painful as it must have been, until that eventful day when the Spirit began his work in their midst.

We visualize the small group gathered in the Upper Room and suddenly a new power took possession of them.

Tell Us Again!

In the Warwar field as our missionaries visit African villages the natives, often led by the chief, ask them: "Please! Will you tell us again about Jesus!" This is a new word and a new Life for many in the Cameroons!

By the REV. and MRS. KENNETH GOODMAN, Missionaries at Warwar, Africa

"When they heard the word, immediately they received it with gladness" (MARK 4:16).

IT WAS a sad little group of Christians that said "Good-bye" to the Schneiders in 1951 as they left Warwar in the Cameroons, Africa, on their way home for furlough. "A year is not long though! Only a year and our missionary will be back with us."

But God had other plans for the Schneiders. On their return to the field, they were given the management of the new leper camp at Mbingo known as the New Hope Settlement.

boat to Liverpool, England, and thence by banana freighter to Tiko, Africa. After four days by pickup truck and three long days by horseback, we were finally on top of the ridge looking down on our new home—Warwar, our frontier station. Home! Yes, of course, it is the home God has chosen for us.

At first the news circulated slowly that the missionaries for Warwar had arrived. Few came to salute us the first day, but the next morning we were awakened by the cries of the sick and ailing. Surely, the "Baturi" (white man), especially if he is a missionary, will have some medicine to help us.

serve him. After the hand of fellowship was extended to the new converts, the chief waited to hear the answer to his question.

Then it was our privilege to begin with the story of Adam and lead right up to baptism, the sign to all the world that a child of God has identified himself with Christ in his death, burial and resurrection, and that only new converts were welcomed into the fold and partook of this memorial feast, the Lord's Supper.

"I have heard of God for a long time, but this is the first time I knew he had a Son, Jesus," the chief said. "Yes, I want to be one of God's children. I want to follow Jesus." And the saints rejoiced with him!

A week later the same story was told to the assembled group of Kasalas (village elders) at Ndarup. And the same answer was forthcoming. "Yes!" They, too, wanted to follow Jesus.

"TELL US ABOUT JESUS"

One morning we trudged up the hill to Kabri. The grass was high and the trail slippery. The chief came out to meet us and asked that we stay in his compound. We were very tired and glad to accept this invitation since it meant our journey for the day would end right there.

That evening the chief and a few of his people gathered for a service. The simple story of Jesus was told. "Jesus," the people said for the first time. "Jesus," they kept repeating. A new word and a new life for many! "Jesus, the only Son of God," we could hear them repeat as they slowly left the meeting. As the sinking sun indicated that night was upon us, a thoughtful chief and his few people said "Good-night!"

The native hut in which we slept was close to the rest of the houses, and all night we could hear the people talking and singing. It was not loud talking, and the singing was pleasant. Yet every time we awakened, we could hear it.

The next morning as we were ready to leave for our new post, the chief came to us, "Please sir," he said, "will you tell us again about Jesus? Last night we could not sleep because of this Jesus and so we just talked and talked and sang together all night. This morning very early we decided to go bring our wives and our families and our friends to hear this story. Will

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"The royal welcome" which the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, missionaries, received upon their arrival at the Warwar field

The missionaries did not come back to Warwar. Yet the few Christians remained faithful. More than two years had passed and still there were NO MISSIONARIES AT WARWAR.

NEW AFRICAN HOME

In January 1953, while we were still in Los Angeles, California, packing to return to our beloved Cameroons, we received the news that we were to be stationed at Warwar. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit" (John 15:16). We had been chosen of God to be the missionaries at Warwar. "There was joy, real joy, wonderful joy" within our hearts.

By the middle of May 1953, we had traveled across the United States, by

In spite of our scant supply of medicine, several natives were brought back from death's door and others were greatly relieved.

TEN LITTLE CHURCHES

Unpacking, a most uninteresting task, came first, but we could hardly wait to go on the long journey to visit our ten little churches. Finally the day arrived and, in between showers of rain, we started out.

At Bang, after the baptismal service at the river, we walked back up the steep hill to the chapel. As we passed the village the old pagan chief came out to join us and followed us. He sat down right next to us during the service. The Lord's Supper was served and, as the plate was being passed, the chief asked why the deacon didn't

Answered Prayers and Emboldened Faith

Startling announcements and decisive decisions were made at the recent sessions of the General Missionary Committee held at the denominational Headquarters

By DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of the "Baptist Herald"

GOOD NEWS always deserves to be shouted from the housetops! This was done at this year's annual sessions of the General Missionary Committee in Forest Park, Ill., with the exciting announcement of God's answers to prayer and the making of new decisions with an emboldened faith. In Christ we must triumph, whether in our individual lives, or local churches or on the mission fields of the world!

By this time, you must have realized what the good news is. God has answered the fervent, faithful prayers of his people in our churches for the Cameroons medical work and he has given us not one, but two well trained, consecrated doctors and their talented wives for this greatly needed ministry. As God opens the doors to new mission fields and new types of work, he also calls the laborers and supplies every need. We as North American Baptists now have convincing proof of this truth, especially demonstrated during the sessions of the General Missionary Committee from April 27 to 29 at the Forest Park headquarters.

TWO DOCTORS

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth W. Jones of Scotia, Calif., were appointed as our medical missionaries to begin their service in the Cameroons in the fall of 1954. Both of them are known to some of our Oregon churches. They are Baptists, although at present they are members of the Community Church of Scotia, which is the only Protestant church in the small town. Dr. Jones is graduate of the medical school in the University of Oregon, although he also took a six-month theological course at the Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland, Oregon. His wife studied for two years at Bob Jones University.

Dr. and Mrs. Gene Stockdale were also appointed by the committee for missionary service in the Cameroons, even though they will not begin their work on the field until 1955 or somewhat later. Dr. Stockdale has just finished his medical studies at the University of Illinois and begun his internship on June 1st at Rockford, Illinois. He was baptized by the late Rev. C. F. Lehr in Aplington, Iowa.

The missionary challenge means a great deal to both Dr. and Mrs. Stockdale and the ministry to the lepers is already a great spiritual burden upon their hearts.

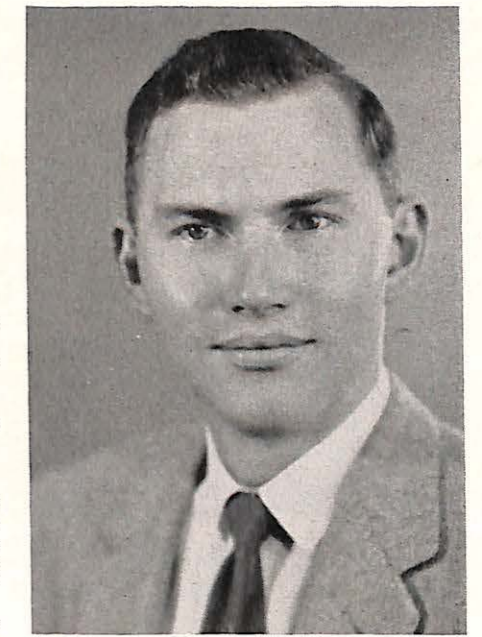
In addition to these two couples for medical service, the Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, were appointed as missionaries to the place of greatest need as determined by the Mission Committee and the General Council. Mr. Auch is a recent graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., having finished his studies in January 1954 and received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from the Seminary on May 16, 1954. Their brief ministry at Wessington Springs has been deeply appreciated by the members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

MISSIONARY RALLY

These three missionary couples inspired the large audience in the Forest Park Baptist Church on Tuesday



Dr. Eugene R. Stockdale, medical missionary appointed for the Cameroons Mission Field, who will begin his service there in 1955



Dr. Kenneth W. Jones, medical missionary appointed for the Cameroons Mission Field, who with his wife will leave for Africa in the fall of 1954

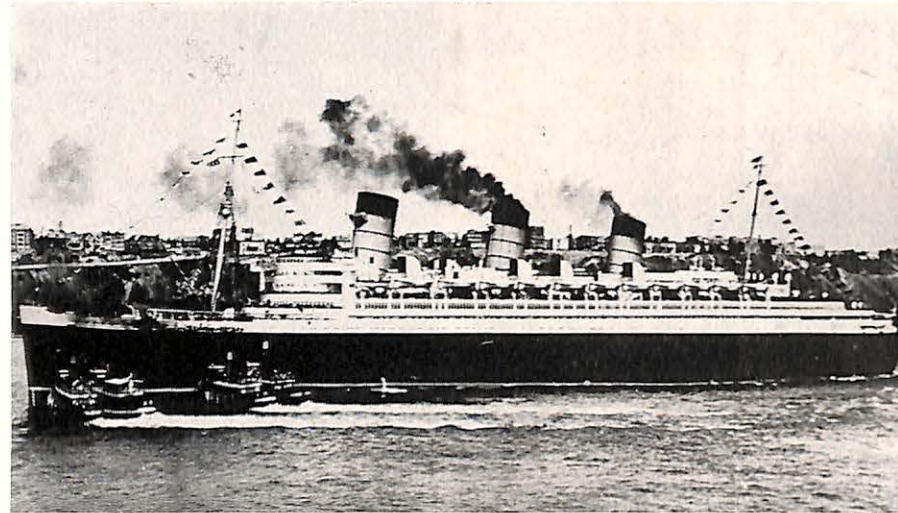
night, April 27, with their testimonies as to why God had called them. In addition, the program featured illuminating messages by the Rev. Jay Hirth, missionary to Japan; Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, missionary builder in the Cameroons; and the Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, one of our church extension workers. It was a service that lifted hearts to fervent thankfulness to God for his marvelous answer to prayer.

The Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, in prefacing his report with a review of the great undertakings of the past year in our mission fields, quoted Joshua 14:12 and cited the great faith of Caleb when he said to Joshua: "Give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spoke in that day." The General Missionary Committee, with the Rev. Otto Patzia as chairman and the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman as vice-chairman, made important decisions to go forward because of a faith that was emboldened by the sufficiency of God's gifts.

BUILDING PROGRAM

The building program on the Cameroons mission field continues its rapid and dramatic pace. The buildings at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement are going up. The immense cooperative plan, calling for the establishment of plantations and the raising of cattle to make the leper colony self-supporting, is on schedule. The permanent buildings for the Cameroons Bible School at Ndu are under construction. The sound of the hammer and the saw to the glory of God can be heard in many places of the Cameroons.

Another couple has been appointed for the Spanish-American mission (Continued on Page 11)



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It is IMPORTANT that everyone who intends or hopes to go to the London Congress make his or her reservation for steamship and hotel space NOW. This will not cost you a cent nor are you obliged in any way to carry out your plans if circumstances prevent you from going. Send your name and address and the number of people in your party to Ridgewood Travel Bureau, 59-38 Myrtle Ave., Ridgewood, Brooklyn 27, N. Y., or to the Rev. William Sturhahn (at the address given earlier) and make your requests known. The transportation and hotel reservations will be made for you. If you state that you would like to be with other North American Baptists, you will be placed into such groups.

Then in November 1954 you will be asked to make a deposit of \$60 to \$100 for your steamship reservations. Or at that time you can cancel your reservations if this is found necessary. But this will not be until November of

scribe this conducted tour as to places to be visited and dates.)

Officials of the Baptist World Alliance have cautioned Baptists that the only way to guarantee cabin space on ocean liners enroute and hotel rooms abroad is to plan the trip through a recognized travel agency. They have also urged that travel arrangements should be made a year or at least ten months in advance of July 1955.

RECOGNIZED TRAVEL BUREAUS

Our General Council has realized that many of our people who want to attend the Congress in London, England, would like to be together with other North American Baptists on such an extensive trip. They would also like to do business with a recognized Baptist travel agency. Our Council has therefore endorsed the Ridgewood Travel Bureau, 59-38 Myrtle Ave., Ridgewood, Brooklyn 27, New York, as an official agency for this purpose. Mrs. Elsa Frommann and her children, Ortrude and Walter, who are members of the Ridgewood Baptist Church of which the Rev. Wengel is the pastor, are in charge of this recognized bureau.

For our Canadian friends who plan to attend the Congress, the General Council has endorsed the Rev. William Sturhahn, 303 McIntyre Block, Winnipeg, Man., Canada, as the recognized steamship agent. Both of these agencies will serve our church people effectively who would like to go to the

Ticket to London, Please!

Information about steamship rates and transportation arrangements that must be made to attend the Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance in London, England, from July 16 to 22, 1955, with North American Baptists

By **DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER**, Editor

NORTH American Baptists will have a golden opportunity to express their "Wanderlust" in 1955. Many of them will be thrilled to say, "A ticket to London, please," as they make preparations for the Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance to be held in London, England, from July 16 to 22, 1955. It will be even more thrilling to travel in fellowship with other North American Baptists and to see Europe's scenic sights afterwards on conducted tours with North American Baptist guides.

REASONABLE EXPENSES

The reasonable expenses of such a trip to the Jubilee Congress will surprise you. For the sum of approximately \$525 you can go to and from England, meet all expenses of travel and entertainment at the Congress and spend five days of sightseeing to nearby places in England. Steamship rates in tourist class on the most luxurious ocean liners can be secured for about \$350-\$400 round trip. Those who would like to go on a conducted tour to France, Switzerland, Austria and Germany afterwards for an exhilarating trip of 16 days can have all expenses paid for an additional \$300. In other words, such a de luxe trip, including the Jubilee Congress in London, England, and a trip of more than two weeks afterwards to many of the countries of Europe could be undertaken for less than \$900. (The next issue of the "Baptist Herald" will de-

this year! Again, it must be emphasized that you must make your plans and secure your reservations (without obligations attached) NOW!

LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY

The office of the Ridgewood Travel Bureau will be glad to answer all questions about transportation. Literature concerning the Congress and the special conducted tour will be available to our churches soon. Further articles will appear in the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote." If any of our churches would like to have these transportation plans explained personally by a representative of the Ridgewood Travel Bureau in English or German, then such arrangements can be made with Mrs. Elsa Frommann. There will be no charge for this service. The Travel Bureau can also handle requests for Air Line transportation via Pan American to England.

This is an opportunity of a lifetime! Some of our churches will want to encourage their pastor to attend the Jubilee Congress of the Baptist Alliance. It will etch its blessing into every person's life who is privileged to be there. The visits with Baptist churches and scenic places in many European countries will be an added attraction. The fellowship with North American Baptists, both going and coming back, will crown the joys of such a trip. But, remember, make your reservations NOW and you will not be disappointed!

Paul Gebauer's Collection of African Curios Still on Exhibit at Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dr. Paul Gebauer's collection of African curios and articles from the Cameroons mission field is still on display at the Milwaukee Museum, 818 W. Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It has been exhibited there on the second floor since the summer of 1953. (See "Baptist Herald," August 13, 1953 issue, page 5.) If you should be in the vicinity of Milwaukee, it will amply repay you to spend some time at this unusually colorful and interesting exhibit by Dr. Gebauer, the superintendent of our Cameroons Mission.

The Milwaukee Museum has also published an 84-page volume, known as Handbook 5, which is entitled, "West African Art." More than half of this brochure is devoted to the "Art of the British Cameroons" written by Dr. Paul Gebauer and illustrated with a map of the Cameroons and with many pictures of Dr. Gebauer's African curios. The brochure can be recommended to those interested in the art and customs of the Cameroons people. The material was assembled and edited by Dr. Robert E. Ritzenthaler, assistant curator of anthropology and a close friend of Dr. Gebauer. It sells for seventy-five (75) cents per copy postpaid. Send requests for copies along with the money for the same to Milwaukee Museum, 818 W. Milwaukee Ave., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

M. L. Leuschner, Editor.

Our Pastors' Conference

All of our ministers should plan to attend and every church should enable its minister to go to the important denominational Pastors' Conference to be held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from July 28 to August 1, 1954

By the **REV. R. KERN** of Forest Park, Illinois, President of the Ministers' Fellowship

IN BRINGING to your attention our Ministers' Conference, to be held at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., July 28-August 1, we want to emphasize our central purpose: WE ARE MINISTERS OF GOD TO MAN. The mere suggestion of that alerts us to the fact that our's is a high calling demanding more than human effort. Therefore, it becomes necessary for those who are called of God to do his work to come together in order to be nourished at a table prepared specifically for the pastor's needs.

UNITED FELLOWSHIP

Perhaps, you have noticed from the previous article the chosen theme, "The Heritage of the Lord's Servants." Brethren, the Lord has entrusted a work to us. He has called us. He has prepared us for it and he supplies our needs. We therefore believe that it is urgently important for all the ministers of the North American Baptist General Conference to give God a better chance to enrich our heritage by coming together for united fellowship and conference. We can never gain too much strength and inspiration.

We firmly believe that the most important part of a conference of this nature is a clarification of our ministry through the Word of God. We shall therefore devote considerable time to that needed inspiration. We also feel that it is an answer to prayer that we have secured as guest teacher to lead us in this part of our program, Dr. Curtis B. Akenson, pastor of First Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minnesota. His three Bible studies will be under the following topics: Thursday, "Inner attitudes that create a useful ministry" (1 Cor. 9); Friday, "Personal conduct that exemplifies a godly ministry" (Acts 24); Saturday, "Assured fruitage that seals a yielded ministry" (General New Testament reading).



Dr. Curtis B. Akenson of Minneapolis, Minn., Bible Teacher at the Pastors' Conference in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from July 28 to August 1st

Dr. Akenson, a spiritual son of the First Baptist Church, is now in his ninth year of ministering to that church. He had his formal training at Bethel College and Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. In addition, he received his Bachelor of Science and Master's degrees from the University of Minnesota. In 1953 the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill., honored him with a Doctor of Divinity degree. Besides his training and ability, his consecration to the Lord's work qualifies him to inspire and to enrich the lives of fellow-ministers. We are confident that his ministry to us will be rewarding to all who hear him.

To make it possible for every minister to attend, financial assistance will be offered in the following way. Every minister attending the sessions of the conference will receive of denominational funds \$5.00 toward room and board and one cent per mile toward traveling expense. An appeal is being made to the churches to assist their pastors with an equal sum. These arrangements should enable every minister to attend this inspirational Pastors' Conference at the Seminary buildings, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from July 28 to August 1, 1954!

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The Publication Board's Annual Session

A review of the ministry of the denomination's Publication Society, known as the Roger Williams Press, as reported to the Board of Trustees

By the REV. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Secretary of the Publication Board

THE ANNUAL SESSION of the Board of Trustees of the Publication Society was held at the Roger Williams Press building in Cleveland, Ohio, Friday, April 23.

In addition to the regular Board members, all of whom were present, it was a pleasure to have our honorary member, Dr. Herman von Berge; the editors, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner and Rev. W. J. Luebeck; the executive secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke; the chairman of our denominational finance committee, Mr. Arthur Schwering; and the chairman of the hymnal committee, Rev. Paul Wengel, in consultation and fellowship with us. Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. Lawrence Bientert had been invited but could not be present.

IMPORTANT REPORTS

The Board took up its tasks with a spirit of devotion and togetherness that remained characteristic of the session until adjournment. Each individual was conscious of his obligation to the denomination and to God.

The manager, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, gave his report in the spirit of optimism and service. Likewise the brethren Leuschner, Luebeck and Gunst (the latter's report in writing) manifested a joyfulness and diligence in their ministry through the printed page.

The financial status of the Roger Williams Press aside the usual denominational subsidies is sound. These subsidies have been increasing during the past decade or more because of the tremendous rise in wages and cost of materials. Nevertheless, our publications are so vital to the spiritual life of our people that we feel they must go on. Every effort is, of course, put forth in the direction of economy.

We regret the drop in subscriptions to the "Baptist Herald" to 7,883 and to "Der Sendbote" to 4,076. A few churches had not yet sent in their subscriptions. When these reports do come in, we hope the publications will recover some of this loss. The other publications also suffered a loss in subscribers.

The "Every Sunday Bulletins" continue to grow in favor. At present we print and distribute over 15,000 each week. The inspirational and promotional values of the back page cannot be overestimated. We are indebted to Mr. Leuschner for this splendid service. With real enthusiasm we would recommend these bulletins to churches that are not now receiving them.

Another department that showed a substantial increase in business is the subscription department for Sunday School literature. However, we still have many churches which are not as yet channeling their orders to the publishers of their choice through the Roger Williams Press. This department is in a position to furnish material and supplies for Sunday School and church from practically every publishing house in the United States. If all churches would send their orders through the Roger Williams Press, it would mean a still greater increase in business and revenue.

The Bible Day Fund is a source of inspiration and help on many fields. Bibles and literature are supplied on the Indian, African and Mexican mission fields and also to Germany and South America. Free subscriptions for six months to "Der Sendbote" or the "Baptist Herald" are given to new immigrants upon recommendation of their pastors or our immigration representatives. Many who have received these free subscriptions are becoming regular subscribers.

DENOMINATIONAL HYMNAL

A new edition of 2,000 copies of the German hymnal, "Die Neue Glaubensharfe," has been printed of which about 500 have already been sold. Also the bi-lingual song-book, "Selected Gospel Songs," is again available.

Of much pleasure to us was the report of the hymnal committee. This committee has worked hard and long, having had several sessions of the whole or part of its personnel. The first big task was the selection of hymns and songs to be included. Finally 572 were chosen. Next these hymns had to be ordered into categories and carefully indexed, also arranged on pages so that no page would have to be turned in the singing. All of this requires painstaking and tedious labor. Under the able leadership of Rev. Paul Wengel, this committee

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We are also anticipating plans for the observance in 1955 of the twentieth anniversary of Dr. Leuschner's editorship of the "Baptist Herald" and the tenth anniversary of Rev. E. J. Baumgartner's services as manager of the Roger Williams Press. We shall be happy to honor these men for their good spiritual service ably rendered.

MR. DONNER'S BIRTHDAY

One of the very delightful interruptions in our business routine in mid-afternoon was the appearance of Mr. H. P. Donner, our former business manager, to whom our love and felicitation was belatedly expressed upon the occasion of his 93rd birthday as ice cream and cake were served by the personnel of the publishing house.

Once again we as a Board were conscious of the vital part the printed page has in the work of God's Kingdom. We were convinced of his presence in our sessions. May his approval and blessing rest upon our work!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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through Jesus Christ; for apart from Christ there is no salvation for men and nations.

3. This heart-felt turning unto God must express itself in growing love for and knowledge of God, a life of integrity and Godliness, and a deepening concern for the welfare of all men.

III. THE RESULTS OF REVIVAL.

1. The sores of vice and corruption are cauterized and healed (Hosea 6:1).

2. New life and health and strength flow into the life of the nation (6:2).

3. A new day of hope and promise dawns for those who turn unto the Lord; for he will go before them and prepare the way and bestow rich blessings upon them (6:3).

Applying the Lesson:

What are the reasons for the superficiality of so much of religion today, and what can be done to lead people into a vital experience of God?

ANSWERED PRAYERS

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field in Colorado, making a total of six missionaries for the field. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Appel of Philadelphia, Pa., have received the appointment, having stated that they have felt God's call to this type of service. Mr. Appel, a son of Dr. W. J. Appel who is one of our church extension workers, is a graduate of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary of Philadelphia.

The mission field in Austria is experiencing a great spiritual harvest these days. But as God blesses and prospers such a field, new needs arise for the building of chapels, the establishment of missions and the appointment of workers. We must undergird this mission field more effectively. This was recognized by the committee.

The church extension program of the denomination, supervised by the General Missionary Committee, is being revised in order to do more aggressive work in establishing new churches and supporting them financially. The General Council will consider the proposed changes, the appointment of a new working committee and the projected plans for a financial campaign which will be announced later.

MORE THAN \$300,000

All of this work carried on by the General Missionary Committee at home and abroad requires careful supervision and large sums of money. The total budget for the society will probably exceed \$300,000. Hundreds of resolutions have to be formulated and decisions made for the smooth functioning of all of the denominational machinery. But the Holy Spirit was definitely the Leader in these sessions as was evident in the answered prayers of God and the faith of the committee members that led them boldly to lay plans for a greater missionary ministry in the year ahead!

MY NEIGHBOR'S BIBLE

By MR. FRED SCHILLINGER
(82 year old poet and active layman of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania)

I am my neighbor's Bible;
He reads me when we meet;
Today he reads me in my home,
Tomorrow in the street.
He may be relative or friend
Or slight acquaintance be;
He may not even know my name,
Yet he is reading me.

Dear Christian friends and brothers,
If we could only know
How faithfully the world records
Just what we say and do,
Oh, we would make our record clean,
And labor hard to see
What worldly neighbors really mean
When reading you and me.



THE SEMINARY CHORUS ON ITS CONCERT TOUR

By PROFESSOR RALPH E. POWELL

The 1954 Seminary Male Chorus concert tour is now a part of our school's history. Traveling two thousand miles in eight days and presenting ten concerts in six different states, the chorus made many friends for the Seminary and "put our school on the map" wherever it went. The promotional values of the tour were tremendous.

Audiences responded in a highly gratifying way to the men's singing. A solid confidence and an intense interest were established through the testimonies of the students. Personal contacts and interviews gave opportunity for the people to get first-hand information about our students and "the school of the prophets" in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. We rejoice that the response was consistently and warmly favorable to the Seminary and its products.

Many contacts were made with prospective students, and at the beginning of our next school year in September it is expected that we will be meeting at the Seminary a good number of those with whom we personally spoke. Hundreds of new Seminary promotional pamphlets were distributed in the churches. Perhaps a hun-

TELL US AGAIN

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you tell us again the story you told us last night?"

Then it was our joy to see the message of salvation written on the hearts of the people. We almost traveled on wings that day, we were so happy.

Everywhere the word of truth is being preached. Christians are anxious to tell of what the Lord has done for them.

A DEACON'S WITNESS

For the past year an anthropologist from London College has been working

SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT

The commencement exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., held on May 15 and 16, will be reported at length in the next issue. The baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. Wm. Sturhahn will also be published.

dred or more of the concert programs will be saved as a memory of the musical occasion.

Much is owed to the accompanist, Mrs. Ruth Weiss, wife of the Rev. Harold Weiss, who is the pastor at our Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She is responsible for a great deal of the success of the Seminary Male Chorus. It is a joy and privilege to have her faithful, modest services at the piano.

One of the happy features of the trip was that one of our own students, Richard Christleit, served as bus driver. To his alert and experienced driving and to the gracious providence of God we are indebted for a long, safe journey through South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

The hospitality and kind entertainment by the various churches and in the homes of the people will long be remembered. Warm receptions helped to make the strenuous schedule of travel and singing pleasurable. Inspiration was imparted to the listeners largely because friendly cordiality had been freely extended.

We are grateful to God for favoring us with good weather and reasonable good health during the long trip, which made traveling and singing so much more enjoyable and effective. Minor difficulties were encountered with the bus which had been rented for the occasion, so it is all the more providential that the journey was made without serious mishaps or sickness.

God blessed in an unmistakable way, and we trust spiritual, eternal results will follow every effort which was put forth in the name of Jesus Christ in whose service and for whose glory the group undertook the tour.

in the area. One day as he began to eat his lunch without saying grace, for he is not a Christian, the deacon from our Tikut Church asked, "How, Massa, you no go give thanks to God for your food before you eat?" (Aren't you going to give thanks to God for your food before you eat?)

"Why should I give thanks to God for this food, didn't I buy it?" the anthropologist replied.

"Massa, you no know that God he done supply chop for all man. Some man, he give thanks; other man he just eats," the deacon continued. (Do you not know that God supplies the food for all men? Some are grateful and give thanks always. Others just eat.)

Through the witness of deacon Joseph Gindah, a great friendship sprang up between these two. It was not long until the anthropologist asked for a Bible which he read through before leaving the area.

Is it any wonder that we are most pleased that God has chosen us to serve in this particular place of Warsaw. Truly, we are daily "counting our many blessings, and naming them one by one."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Southwestern Conference will convene with the Lorraine Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kans., from August 18 to 22. In the listing of conferences in the May 6th issue of the "Baptist Herald," this information was not given. The Rev. Harold W. Gieseke is pastor of the Lorraine Church. The Rev. Leland Friesen is the moderator of the Southwestern Conference.

● On Easter Sunday, April 13, the choir of the Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., presented the cantata, "Christ Victorious," under the direction of Mrs. Roy Seibel. Mrs. Arthur Edzards is the accompanist. A missionary offering was received on Easter Sunday which, together with the Sunday School offering, amounted to \$913.39. The Rev. Roy Seibel is the pastor.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, has purchased a new building site for \$38,000 which is the nursery ground on Fraser Street a half block from the present church location. It is hoped that construction on the new church can be begun soon after Nov. 15th. The church will have possession of more than half of the ground on Nov. 15th and the rest by June 1955. Dr. Albert S. Felberg is pastor of the church.

● The Baptist Church of Burstall, Sask., extended a call to the Rev. Herman Pohl, a recent immigrant pastor from Germany, to serve as its pastor. He accepted the call and began his ministry on the field on April 1st. He is a brother of the Rev. Arthur Pohl of the Lauderdale Church, Edmonton, Alberta. In Burstall the Rev. Herman Pohl has succeeded the Rev. Wilfred Reimche, now of Glidden, Saskatchewan.

● The Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., held a Victory Dinner on Friday evening, May 7th, with about 400 persons present. It was announced that the bond issue of \$200,000 for the new church building had been fully subscribed. The church also voted to change its name to the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church. Its new location will be at Mack Ave. and Eight Mile Drive. Dr. A. Dale Ihrle is pastor of the church.

● "Baptist Men" of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, held a round table discussion on Monday evening, April 19, on the topic, "Christianity versus Communism." Mr. Hugo Hackman served as the leader. The choir



Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn of Waco, Texas, who will celebrate his 80th birthday on June 22, 1954 (See announcement on next page)

rendered an Easter cantata on Sunday evening, April 18. In the morning service the Rev. John Vanderbeck, pastor, spoke on the topic, "I Have Overcome." A goal of 80 persons has been set for the midweek "Hour of Power" services.

● The Faith Baptist Church of Regina, Sask., was organized on Monday, April 26, with a North American Baptist Council in session with the church members. The Rev. Karl Korella, Northern Conference worker, was in attendance. This church is in addition to the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church in Regina. The Faith Church has called the Rev. Richard Grabke of Davin, Saskatchewan, and he has responded favorably. He has served as pastor of the Grace Church of Davin since 1951.

● The 6th annual missionary conference for the Faith Baptist Church, West New York, N. J., was held on successive Thursday evenings from April 29 to May 13 and concluded with Sunday evening, May 16. The provocative theme was "The Mid-twentieth Century Missionary Program of the North American Baptist General Conference." Speakers were Rev. Assaf Husmann and Rev. John Schmidt of New York, N. Y., Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, pastor of the church, and Miss Hattie Miller of the Sudan Interior Mission.

● The Rev. Charles F. Zummach of Peoria, Ill., suffered a heart attack early in the year and spent six weeks in the Methodist Hospital. He is now recuperating at his home, 409 E. Arcadia, Peoria, Illinois. On Easter Sunday, April 18, he was able to attend the service of the State Park Baptist Church for the first time since he was stricken. He brought his ministry at the First Baptist Church of East Peoria, Ill., to a close in October 1953. He was the first pastor of the church and led the group in its fine building program.

● The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, one of the church extension workers, brought his ministry at Kitchener, Ont., to a close on Easter Sunday, April 18. He is now surveying the possibilities for the establishing of a North American Baptist church in the area of Lombard, Illinois. He brought the message at the worship service of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., on Sunday morning, April 25. He also brought a report of our church extension ministry at the missionary rally for the Chicago churches on Tuesday evening, April 27.

● The First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, recently held two weeks of evangelistic meetings with Rev. H. Palfenier, evangelist. The services were well attended with many visitors nightly. On Sunday, April 25, the pastor, the Rev. Fred Mashner, baptized five candidates and received them into the fellowship of the church on May 2nd. Four large Scotchlight church signs were prepared by the pastor and erected on roads leading into Sumner. On Sunday, May 9th, the young people of the church presented the pageant, "Life's Cross Roads."

● The Junior and Adult choirs of the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., presented "The Seven Last Words" by Isabelle Ritter and "The First Easter" by Haldor Lillenas on Easter Sunday evening, April 18. Mrs. Isabel Hoffman directed the choir and Mrs. Delores Westerman served as accompanist. The narrator was Vera Saylor. The pastor, Rev. Harold Weiss, and Mr. Robert Hoffman sang the duet, "I Am the Resurrection." On Sunday evening, April 25, after the service, Dr. Henry Brandt of the Seminary faculty showed slides of the mission field in Haiti.

● The Bethel Woman's Missionary Society, Anaheim, Calif., held its anni-

versary program on Sunday evening, April 25, with Mrs. Joe Quast, president, in charge of the program. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given by Mrs. Arthur Mabs and Mrs. Amelia Steffens, respectively. Dr. Clarence Bass, minister of education at the Temple Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., brought the address. Mrs. Berthold Jacksteit led the installation of officers. The Mother-daughter Banquet was held on Friday evening, May 7th. Rev. Berthold Jacksteit is pastor of the church.

● On June 22, 1954 the Rev. J. E. Ehrhorn of Waco, Texas, will reach his 80th milestone and with his family and the members of the Central Baptist Church of Waco will celebrate his 80th birthday. He is probably the only minister in our denominational fellowship who has served the same church in four pastorates. This was the Ebenezer Church of Shattuck, Okla., as follows: summer of 1907; 1908-1911; 1912-1915; and 1935-1938. He is now retired, living at 3921 Ethel Ave., Waco, Texas. Cards and letters of congratulation can be sent to him at that address.

● The Rev. R. C. Schmidt of Kansas City, Kans., a former pastor of the Rosenfeld Church of North Dakota, has been appointed professor of Religious Education on the faculty of Temple Baptist Theological Seminary in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He will complete his resident work for the degree of Doctor of Religious Education at Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kans., in July and will assume his duties at the Temple Seminary in Sept. 1954. He has been serving as interim pastor of the Baptist Church at Wellsville, Kans., in conjunction with his studies at Central Seminary.

● Mrs. Julius Kaaz of Philadelphia, Pa., was called to her heavenly home on April 23 after an extended illness. The memorial service was held on Monday, April 26, in the chapel of the Philadelphia Home for the Aged with the Rev. A. R. Bernadt of New Haven, Conn., bringing the message and the Rev. W. C. Damrau of Philadelphia, Pa., officiating. She is mourned by her husband, Rev. Julius Kaaz, a minister of our denomination for many years; a daughter, Alice, who served as secretary of the National Young People's and Sunday School Union for three years; and a son, Harold. The obituary will appear in the next issue.

● On Sunday evening, May 16, the Dorcas Group of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., presented a program entitled, "Our Headquarters Family," with information about our denominational headquarters. The church's annual business meeting was held on Wednesday evening, May 12. The men of the church held an interesting program on Monday evening,

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

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

June 6, 1954—"Bamenda New Hope Settlement" by Laura Reddig, British Cameroons, West Africa.

June 13, 1954—"Being a Big Brother" by Alex H. Elsesser, Dayton, Ohio.

SIoux FALLS YOUTH RALLY

(Report by Miss Helen Lohse)

What a privilege was ours in having the Rev. Joel Sorenson, Youth Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, as our guest speaker at a great youth rally held at the First Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on April 24. Mr. Sorenson, who has traveled extensively, told of his experiences with various groups of Baptist youth in different parts of the world, including Rio de Janeiro, East Berlin, and the United States. His was an extremely interesting message with a very vital and real challenge for Christian youth today to give our all on the altar of service for Christ.

He told how the young people of Germany, who have suffered many things under the hand of the Communists, have learned to worship from the heart the God whom they love. We, who have so much, were en-



Rev. Joel Sorenson, Youth Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance

couraged to join in this worship and to rejoice that we have been blessed of God as we have. Mr. Sorenson's radiant message was of the love of God and our duty to him as stewards to give of the talents, time and possessions he has given us. We were also happy to meet Mrs. Sorenson and the father of the Rev. Joel Sorenson who were traveling with him at the time.

Sioux Falls' "Youth for Christ" cooperated with us in this rally. Representatives of the American Baptist Convention and General Conference young people read the Scripture and led us in prayer. The music for the evening lifted us to a higher plane as Mrs. Herbert Luebeck played the organ prelude, as the Seminary Chorus sang under the direction of Dr. Ralph E. Powell, and as we heard a mixed quartet from Trinity Church, the "Christ's Crusaders," Seminary male quartet, and a ladies' trio from Northside Church. Roxanna and ElDean Kohrs played a piano and trumpet duet for the offertory.

We thank God for a challenging and inspirational evening and for this outstanding event for the young people of the Sioux Falls area. A good representation from the following churches attended the youth rally and heard Joel Sorenson: Avon, Chancellor, Madison, Spring Valley, Parkston and Tripp, Plum Creek, Emery, the Baptist churches in the city of Sioux Falls, and the First and Central Churches of George, Iowa.

ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

The program committee, with the Rev. Harold Weiss as chairman, arranged a most fitting program for the rally. The Rev. L. G. Bienert, youth director, and the Rev. J. C. Gunst, general secretary of the Conference Union, were on hand taking part in the program.

On Sunday morning, April 25, the Rev. Joel Sorenson, accompanied by the Rev. J. C. Gunst, was guest speaker at the Central Baptist Church at Madison. In the afternoon the brethren shared in the cornerstone laying program of the Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. On Sunday evening Mr. Sorenson was guest speaker at the Emery Baptist Church.

It was heart stirring to hear Mr. Sorenson relate the endless activities of Baptist youth around the world. To have a part in the program of the twenty million Baptists the world over gives one a real sense of belonging and at the same time makes one aware of the challenge of the day.



San Francisco's waterfront showing a Southern Pacific ferryboat arriving at the Ferry Building (tower at the center)

The House on Parnassus

By ELISE FRASER

"The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (PROVERBS 4:18).

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CHAPTER ONE

WHEN JUDITH Mitchell stepped off the boat at the Ferry Building in San Francisco, she was met by her aunt, Candace Mitchell.

"Judith Mitchell, how you've grown!" Candace said as she greeted her.

Judy looked at her aunt with affection. "And you look younger every time I see you."

"Flatterer!" Candace said briskly, but her eyes twinkled as they met Judy's. "Have a nice trip?"

"Perfect. A girl from Detroit had the upper. She got off at Sacramento though."

"Do you have baggage checks? We'd better take care of that little item first," Candace said.

"Oh, Candace, I know I'm going to just love San Francisco. The skyline from the boat was thrilling. I watched it all the way across the Bay from Oakland. I want to see all the places Daddy talked about and where he went to school and the shops and oh, just everything!"

"And you shall, Judy. There'll be plenty of time for everything. But just the next few days I'm going to be tied up a little . . . something has happened . . ." Judy saw a worried look in her aunt's eyes. "We'll get these bags into the car, then we can talk."

Oh, dear, Judy wondered, what could have happened? Candace was usually gay and lighthearted and it was obvious that something serious was troubling her.

When they climbed into the car, Judy glanced at her aunt with admiration. Candace was really lovely. She didn't look anywhere near her age, which Judy knew to be somewhere in her late forties. She was slim with soft brown hair, brown eyes and a nice healthful color in her cheeks. She wore a soft dressmaker suit of deep green edged with a tiny bit of brown fur. Her felt hat matched her suit and had a soft brown feather.

Judy knew she was going to love being with Candace. If her mother and dad had to go off to Alaska for a year, she couldn't ask for anything nicer than to be sent to San Francisco to stay with Candace. It would be fun, too, in the fall to go to Lowell High where her dad had graduated.

Judy waited until her aunt had maneuvered through the traffic near the Ferry Building, then asked, "What has happened, Candace?"

"It's sad news, dear. I don't know if you've ever heard your father speak of Lenea Thackwell?"

Judy frowned. "Thackwell? Isn't she the lady next door?"

"That's right, Judy. She was living next door when our family moved to Parnassus Street. So you can see that I've known her for a long time. Just three days ago she died suddenly of a heart attack. She was very wealthy you know. But the strange part of it all is that she died intestate."

"What's 'intestate'?" Judy asked.

"It means to die without leaving a will."

"Does she have a family?" Judy asked.

"She has only one living relative, Judy, her nephew, Osay Thackwell. But Lenea always said she wouldn't leave a penny to Osay."

"Why not?"

"Well, I'm sorry to say it, Judy, but Osay has not conducted himself as he should. He's really rather wild. Drinks and does a lot of things that Lenea could not approve. She always felt that her money was a trust from the Lord and that she should use it in a way that would promote His work here on earth. And Osay wouldn't make good use of the money."

"If she felt that way it's odd that she didn't leave a will."

"That's what we all think, Judy. Miranda Pyle who has been a servant in the house for many years, Lyman Grimshaw, the lawyer who has been appointed administrator of the estate, and I all feel that there is a will somewhere. It complicates matters as we realize that it is to Osay's interest that the will is not found for then he will inherit all the property."

"Where is Osay?" Judy asked.

"He's around, you can be sure of that. He's waiting for the estate to be settled."

Judy had been so interested in this bit of conversation that they had turned the corner on Parnassus before she noticed the wonderful view spread out below her. "Oh, this is lovely, Candace. San Francisco is a hilly place, isn't it?"

"Yes, there are lots of hills which make an interesting skyline and fascinating views. There's a saying that Rome was built on seven hills and that San Francisco was built on seven hundred hills."

"It's really delightful!" Judy caught her breath. "And this is the city where Dad was born."

"Yes, Judy, this is it. This is where your father and I were born, many years ago."

"Dad was born after the earthquake, wasn't he?"

"After the fire, we always say, Judy. Yes, Henry was born May 10, 1906. I was three years old then. We lived in the Mission district. Of course, I don't remember anything about the fire. But mother and dad told us so many things that sometimes I feel as if I experienced it all myself."

"You'll have to tell me about it sometime, Candace."

"Didn't your father tell you about it, Judy?"

"A few things. Like the kitchens that were set up in Golden Gate Park. Oh, by the way, where is the Park?"

"Right down the hill, Judy. That's the Panhandle you see there. Looking the other way, at the top of Parnassus hill is the University of California medical school and hospital."

Judy sighed. "There's a charm about this city, Candace. I feel it even though I've just arrived."

"Wait until you see Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, Union Square, the lovely flower stands and ride on the cable cars. I love it all . . . the Parks . . . the ocean . . . the Cliff House . . . the Embarcadero . . . it is all wonderful to me. Kipling, you know, said San Francisco had only one drawback . . . it was hard to leave."

"I'm going to feel that way about it, too, Candace. Oh, is this the ancestral dwelling?" Judy stared curiously as Candace carefully parked her car in front of a narrow building with high windows.

"Yes, this is it."

Judy jumped out and looked at the house, wedged in so closely on either side that the walls seemed to join the houses next door. Under the windows were ornate garlands of leaves and flowers looking, Judy thought, like frosting decorations on a wedding cake.

"The house with the terra cotta door, Judy, is where Lenea Thackwell lived. On the other side is the Whitney family. They're grand people. You'll love Susan, 'Sue' we always call her. She's your age, fifteen. Michael, or 'Mike,' is twelve. Sue has been looking for you with great expectation. I wouldn't be surprised if Sue came over to see you before the day is over."

"That's nice. I'm glad to have some ready-made friends waiting."

Judy helped her aunt take the suitcases out of the trunk of the car. "Sue and Mike are San Francisco enthusiasts, Judy. They'll be showing you the city, walking your legs off. So you better be sure to have good comfortable shoes when you start out with them."

"Oh, I've good flats. What does Sue look like?"

"She's dark, dark hair and eyes and her skin is tanned. The two of you will be a contrast, you with your blond hair, blue eyes and fair skin."

"What's Mike like?" Judy asked, lugging a heavy suitcase up the stairs.

"Oh, he's got red hair and freckles. Takes after his dad, strangely enough. Usually, it's the other way around, a boy looks like his mother. But Sue is like her mother."

They were on the porch now and Candace took a key from her purse. "My housekeeping is simple, Judy. I don't have a servant. I have a contract with a housecleaning agency here and they send someone out to wash windows, clean the floors and the woodwork once a month. Otherwise, I just use the vacuum and take care of things myself."

The door swung open and Judy saw a hallway with a lovely old Circassian walnut stairway. There was a small stained glass window in the hall and under it a window seat. Sliding doors opened into double parlors. There was a carved wood arch between the rooms and in the back parlor was a small fireplace.

Candace led the way through the back parlor to a large dining room with an enormous brick fireplace. There was a buffet in this room with a swinging door at the back of a wide shelf which opened into the pantry. Both the pantry and the dining room led to a large kitchen and at the back of the kitchen was a service hall.

"These houses were built about the same time, Judy, and are very much alike. The Whitney's house and Lenea's are both like this. Come upstairs now and I'll show you the bedrooms."

Eagerly Judy followed Candace. She was trying to think what it was like when her father and Candace were young together and lived in this house, and went to Lowell High.

The front bedroom was large and had a fireplace. The bathroom opened off the hall and there were two back bedrooms, both large and roomy. Judy looked out the back window. "Why, there's a garden!"

"Yes, I think it is very nice. Lenea Thackwell always shared her gardener with me. He has kept the garden looking lovely."

"Oh, there's the apple tree dad talks about!"

"It doesn't have very good apples on it but it was always a wonderful tree to climb. Henry and I used to play all kinds of games up in that tree and we always had a swing on one of the big branches."

"It looks like fun."

"Yes, it was." Candace paused, listened. "There's the doorbell. That's probably Sue wanting to see you."

"Oh, I ought to brush my hair," Judy said catching a glimpse of herself in the mirror of the old-fashioned bureau.

"Never mind, Judy. It looks fine. Your hair is so pretty. Just like your mother's."

Judy giggled. "I'm glad it isn't like dad's. He hasn't much now."

"No. Isn't it awful? And he's comparatively young."

"Well, he says grass doesn't grow on a busy street," Judy volunteered, following her aunt down the stairs.

She opened the door and said, "Good morning, Sue. Yes, Judy's here. Come in and get acquainted."

Sue held out her hand with a big smile. "I don't need an introduction, Judy. You look just like Miss Mitchell described you. I'm so glad you've come to San Francisco."

"Thank you, Sue. I'm glad to be here, too, and I'm glad you live next door. My friends back home said I'd be lonesome out here. Now I know that I won't be."

"No," Sue laughed. "I'll be here so often you'll just have to chase me home."

"I'll never do that," Judy said. She liked Sue right away and was sure they would have good times together.

"I'll have to run along home now as mother expects me to help her for

an hour or so in the mornings. But I'll be seeing you again soon."

"Thanks for coming over, Sue, and I'll be looking forward to seeing you again."

"Bye for now," Sue said.

After Sue left Judy turned to Candace and gave her an impulsive hug. "Everything is so wonderful, Candace."

"That's good, Judy. Are you hungry? It's almost lunch time."

"Yes, now that you mention it."

"We'll have some chicken sandwiches and tea."

Judy stood looking around the living room. "The outside of the house is unpretentious but the inside looks very luxurious," she was thinking.

"These Chinese rugs were mother's," Candace said. "They're genuine antiques. Most of this furniture belonged to mother and dad. They brought it around the Horn when they came to San Francisco in the early days."

Judy touched the shining surface of a table. "It's beautiful, so soft and lustrous. You must take wonderful care of it."

"I do give it good care, Judy, but it's the sort of furniture that grows more beautiful as it ages."

"The brass rail and the fireside set are lovely, too," Judy said, admiring the gleaming brass.

"They came from Scotland, Judy. My grandparents, your great-grandmother and great-grandfather brought them here. I have some lovely dishes, too, that they brought over from the old country."

"You love beautiful things, don't you, Candace?"

"Yes, I love beauty of all sorts. Beauty of character and life, too. Without that, Judy, we cannot truly appreciate the beauty of material things."

Judy glanced around the room with appreciation and then she felt a start of surprise as she saw in one corner an old love seat whose faded orange brocade covering clashed violently with a Turkish red chair next to it. It was the one inharmonious piece in the room and, Judy thought, spoiled the whole. She was looking at it in a puzzled way, wondering why her aunt placed it there when Candace said, "I see you are looking at that old love seat, Judy. It is an antique. I always admired it and Lenea gave it to me just a few days before her death."

"It has nice lines," Judy admitted, "but the covering, doesn't it . . ."

Candace laughed, "Yes, indeed it does, Judy. It clashes with the room. But Lenea gave me a lovely old tapestry with which to re-cover it. I just haven't had time yet to do anything about it."

Judy sighed with relief, "I helped mother do some pieces at home, Candace, I'll be glad to help you."

"Fine," Candace said, "it will be a good project for a rainy day." She



Diane Lynn Graetz at one month of age gets acquainted with the exciting things surrounding her. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Graetz of Pound, Wisconsin. Such "bundles of joy" make the observance of Children's Day (Sunday, June 13) a highlight in the church's program

GUARD THY CHILDREN

Jesus, tender Shepherd,
Guard thy little ones, I pray.
Keep us safely, teaching us
All along the way.

Let thy children, Jesus,
Have no thought of fear,
Knowing thou art watching us,
Knowing thou art near.

—Mabel F. Hill

GOD'S GOODNESS IN THE LITTLE THINGS

It gives the heart a happy song,
It gives the trusting spirit wings,
To see it, as we go along,
God's goodness in the little things!

It may be just a flaming rose
That blooms beside the garden wall,
Or lovely lily fair that grows
On slender stalk so straight and tall!

It may be just a message kind
From loving friend afar or near,
But in a word or deed we find
The goodness of our Father dear!

So as we go along our way,
What happiness it surely brings
If we but see from day to day
God's goodness in the little things!

—Elsie Duncan Yale

glanced at her watch. "It's twelve now, Judy. What do you say if we have lunch?"

"May I help you, Candace? I always help mother at home."

"Thank you, Judy, but I won't fuss much. I have the chicken already sliced so it won't take long to make our sandwiches."

Judy looked at her aunt across the table and was surprised again at how pretty she was.

"It's odd, Candace, that you never married."

"Lots of women never marry, Judy."

"Yes, I know. But you were very much in love once, weren't you?"

"Yes, Judy, I was. I thought the man I loved was a Christian but I discovered that I was mistaken. I had heard rumors that he was drinking but I refused to believe them. Then one day I saw for myself. That ended

everything as far as I was concerned. I could never marry him then."

"I should say not," Judy said hastily. "But it's strange you didn't marry someone else."

Candace smiled. "Do you think so?" She looked thoughtful, then said, "You know, Judy, if you want peace and the sort of joy which no one can take from you, then put your life in the hands of the Lord. Trust Him and know that 'all things work together for good to them that love God.' You'll know surely that God overrules all the circumstances of your life and gives you what is best for you."

Judy sighed. "I think I understand. Still, I hope it will be the Lord's will for me to get married. I'm sure I'd like that best."

Candace patted Judy's hand. "If you trust Him, He will give you His best."

Judy wriggled in her chair. "Just one more question," she pleaded. "Do you ever see this man any more? Did he marry someone else?"

Candace looked reproving. "That's two questions, Judy. Well, my answer is 'seldom' to your first question and to your second, 'No.' Now tell me about your trip, Judy."

"I enjoyed the trip a lot. That streamliner is a wonderful train. It was fun to go to the dining car and have meals, and to sit at a table and watch the scenery whizz by. Everyone on the train was real nice, too. The girl from Detroit is just out here on a vacation. She's visiting her grandmother in Sacramento."

"I hope you won't be too lonely for your mother and dad, Judy."

"Oh, I'll miss them, of course. But mother had to be away from her parents, too, sometimes. They were missionaries."

Candace nodded. "Yes, I know. And wonderful people they were, Judy. You have a fine inheritance on your mother's side."

"And on my father's, too," Judy added.

"Do you ever think of the mission field, Judy?"

Judy nodded. "Yes, I think of it. I want to be a teacher. Just where, I can't say. But mother says the Lord will show me in His time."

"We need Christian teachers in our schools."

Judy sighed. "We certainly do! My English teacher at home is a Christian. She loves English literature. She makes those authors really live for us, the Brontes, the Brownings, Dickens and Thackeray. If they're Christians, she always brings it in somehow, like Charlotte Bronte saying she was first of all a Christian, before being a writer or anything else."

"I think I'd approve of that teacher, Judy."

"I'm sure you would."

"It looks like you have Henry's love of books, Judy."

"In a way. But I'm not like dad. Books aren't enough for me. I like people."

Candace looked amused. "Doesn't your father like people?"

Judy sighed. "Sometimes I wonder. He buries himself so deep with those studies of his."

"Is it Hebrew or Chinese now?"

"Both."

When they had finished lunch, Candace said, "I want you to have the front room with the fireplace, Judy, I know you will love it."

"But Candace, isn't that your room?" Judy objected.

"When I'm alone, I use it, but it is my favorite room for guests. Besides, you and Sue might like to have little get-togethers up there, talking and reading before the fireplace. I think Sue shares your love for books."

(To Be Continued)

We, the Women

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

A PRE-VIEW OF THE NEW PROGRAM PACKET

By MRS. ALBERT E. REDDIG,
Cathay, North Dakota

The new Program Packet, available in June, will be full of interesting materials to meet your every need the year around. Patterened after last year's packet, it will again be produced in folder form, with four sections of varied materials.

The section of devotional pages was written, with one exception, by laywomen from every part of our far-flung denomination. Section II will contain monthly programs—some of them programs successfully used by some societies and shared in the packet for others who might wish to use them. You will find the monthly programs in this section very timely, and exceedingly interesting, whether your group is small or large. A new feature in this section is a series of programs on **The Christian Home**. Designed especially for younger women whose primary interest is rearing a family, these programs will also be of vital interest to every other woman, even to grandma.

In Section III we include a number of special features that will lend variety to your yearly program schedule. There are several excellent Bible Studies that are both interesting and practical for Christian application. You will find the brief Bible Quizzes stimulating and thought-provoking—just the thing for a fill-in feature if your program is short otherwise. To promote more interest in reading, there will be a list of brief book reviews—also a short article on "How to Give a Book Review." To make writing our missionaries easier for you, we've included our missionaries' addresses and birthdays. You will be pleased with the splendid missionary articles, written especially for the packet about **our work in Japan by Miss Florence Miller; the work on the Montana Reserve, by Mrs. Jake Derman, and something about our important work among the Spanish-Americans in Colorado by Miss Florence Eisele.**

Section IV will be larger and better than last year. You will find there a number of plays and readings for that special occasion, or the annual program.

This is by no means a complete listing of the contents of the new packet, but it gives you a foretaste. It is with the hope that you will benefit spiritually from it, that we urge you all to avail yourselves of the new packet.

And our very special "Thank You" to the many contributors who provided such good materials.

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SUMMER VISITATION SCHEDULES FOR REQUESTED WOMAN'S UNION REPRESENTATIVES

June 16-20—Pacific Conference, Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon. Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz.

June 23-27—Dakota Conference, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz.

June 25-27—Ontario Association, Sebastopol, Ontario, Canada. Miss Alethea S. Kose.

July 7-11—Northern Conference, Carbon, Alta., Canada. Mrs. Walter W. Grosser.

July 8-11—Northern North Dakota Association, McClusky, North Dakota. Miss Alethea S. Kose.

July 21-25—Southern Conference, Immanuel Baptist Church, Kyle, Texas. Mrs. Walter W. Grosser.

August 18-22—Southwestern Conference, Lorraine, Kansas. Mrs. Albert E. Reddig.

Women, attend your local conferences if possible. White Cross chairmen and presidents, please visit the White Cross Clinic where materials are to be on display.

Local presidents are working hard in their various conferences. The Woman's Union appreciates the duplicate materials sent to indicate what has been and is being done.

HOW ONE PRESIDENT DID IT

In a letter such as is being sent regularly to all the presidents of her Northwestern Conference Woman's Missionary Union, Mrs. Frank Veninga, of Aplington, Iowa, wrote the following:

"We as Christian women have ever so much to be thankful for. God has been good to us in so many ways. With all the many blessings, however, also come many responsibilities. . . . I would like to urge you to be diligent in our denominational program. At our last General Conference held in Philadelphia, 1952, we as women adopted a three-fold missionary project and set our goal for \$30,000.

\$10,000 .. for Home Mission Expansion.
\$10,000 for Leper work in Africa.
\$10,000 for Women's worker in Cameroons.

"How much have you given toward this worthy goal? We cannot reach it unless all will cooperate. I would also like to urge you to send your annual dues of \$5.00 to Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz, North, Freedom, Wisconsin. As you recall we need these dues to help with the gift subscriptions to missionaries, expense of **Broadcast**, for our scholarship girl, etc.

"In closing I would like to encourage you to set aside a **prayer period** in each meeting remembering our missionaries. Will you also pray that God will lead us in the choice of a doctor for our Leper work. He is able to do exceedingly above all that we can ask.

"I assure you of my prayerful interest in your work and if I can be of any help to you please let me hear from you."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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May 17, at which motion pictures of the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wis., were shown by Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., in promoting the Laymen's Conference in August 1954. The Rev. G. K. Zimmerman is the pastor.

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 18, the 20-voice choir of the Cathay Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak., presented the cantata, "Life Eternal" by Fred H. Holton. Mrs. Eldon Leitner was the choir director with Mrs. Albert E. Reddig at the organ. The offering at the well attended service was designated for the church music fund. In recent weeks the pulpit has been supplied by the neighboring pastors, Rev. E. Buehning of Germantown, Rev. Carl Weisser of Carrington, and Rev. Vernon Link of Fessenden. The Rev. David Zimmermann will begin his pastorate in the Cathay Church on July 1st.

● An eight-day Spring Bible Crusade was held in the Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, from April 18 to 25. The guest preacher was Dr. Faris D. Whitesell, professor of practical theology, Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. The theme used was "Uttermost Love" based on the last nine chapters of the Gospel of John. A number of decisions for salvation and church membership were registered. These heart warming expositions were well received and the congregations were large and responsive. The pulpit platform of the church has recently been enlarged to accommodate the growing choir. Also a velvet curtain has been hung across the front of the church in front of the pulpit. At the present time there are 15 attending the pastor's class for church membership. The Rev. Ronald MacCormack is the pastor.



FROM THE FIELD

Central Conference

Nine Converts Baptized on Easter Sunday at Baptist Church, Trenton, Illinois

Under the leadership of the Rev. James Hutton for the past year and a half, the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Ill., has been moving forward. Every organization of the church is in excellent condition. The pastor's salary has been increased and a pipe organ has been dedicated.

In March a week of evangelism was observed with the Rev. B. Lawrence Sweeney and his wife of Nokomis, Ill., as guest speaker and soloist. The church was revitalized during this time, and members have been added, due partly to this effort as well as the untiring service of the pastor.

Thirteen members have been added by letter and profession of faith, and nine others came into church fellowship through baptism on Easter Sunday. A year ago our Sunday School attendance was 54. On Easter Sunday of this year it was 114, with only ten of these being visitors.

Edna W. Gieseke, Clerk.

Annual Meeting of the Children's Home Board of Directors at St. Joseph, Michigan

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of our denominational Children's Home was held at the Home in St. Joseph, Mich., on Saturday, March 13. A good representation of members was present and a very successful meeting took place.

The board again found that the affairs of the Home were very ably handled by the staff under the leadership of the superintendent, Rev. August F. Runtz, and the local committee. All of the children attend Sunday School and many of them have accepted Christ as their Savior and have become members of our church in St. Joseph. They are well cared for spiritually as well as physically and all are happy. At the present time there are 15 children being cared for, but there is room for many more.

The board members present had lunch with the children and staff and all enjoyed the time of fellowship. After a full day of discussion concerning the business of the Home, the meeting was adjourned with each one happy that we have the privilege of sharing in this portion of our denominational work.

Merle H. Gibbens, Secretary.

Inspirational Easter Services and Baptism at the East Side Church, Chicago, Illinois

Easter Sunday was a real day of rejoicing for us in the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois. It began with an early Sunrise service in our community in which our young people participated and the Rev. H. R. Schroeder served as the speaker. Then the children of the Sunday School rendered a fine Easter Day program before many parents and friends. The choir under the able leadership of Mrs. Loretta Beifuss sang five beautiful Easter numbers during the first half of the morning worship hour, and Mr. Schroeder preached a 20-minute sermon on the text, "Christ liveth in me." The attendance and the offering were about the largest we have had in years.

In the evening we had the joy of seeing three young people follow the Lord in baptism. There are always visitors and strangers in our services and we hope that some of them will soon unite with the church. Since January we have had a "Loyalty Campaign" in which the various organizations of the church have participated with an occasional guest speaker in the evening service. It has helped the attendance at the evening services considerably and has created a greater interest in all the work the church is doing.

Henry R. Schroeder, Pastor.

Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich., Raises \$129,000 for New Sunday School Building

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., has just completed a successful Building Fund campaign to raise \$125,000 in cash and pledges for the erection of additional Sunday School facilities and Youth Activities Building.

After several months of prayer and planning by the Finance Committee, the campaign was begun on Sunday, March 7, when a special dedication service was held as 60 men gave themselves to this great task. Later they were served a dinner in the church fellowship hall and, after receiving final instructions, they went out two by two to call upon every family in the church and Sunday School.

They presented the need for more Sunday School facilities and challenged the members to meet that need. It took several weeks before everyone was contacted and the final report of the Finance Committee was that over

\$129,000 was anticipated as a result of the Building Fund campaign. It was a gratifying experience for all 60 workers as they saw the wonderful response of the members to the challenge that was put to them.

This has, indeed, been a time of spiritual refreshing for the entire church as the people gave so liberally of their means, yielding themselves anew to the claims of Christ and with an increased zeal to reach out and be a light-house for Christ in our community.

We praise God for the victory won, which in its initial planning seemed an almost unattainable dream! To him be all the praise and glory for that which has been accomplished!

Irvin H. Draewell, Reporter.

A Wonderfully Blessed Easter Season for the Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Illinois

The Easter Season was wonderfully blessed for the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago, Illinois. Pre-Easter meetings reminded us anew of the significance of Easter. A very stirring service was held on Good Friday. Portions of Scripture, as read by our pastor, the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, from Isaiah and the Gospel of John brought to our minds the suffering of our Savior. The choir rendered three songs: "Tis Midnight and on Olive's Brow," "They Nailed Him to the Cross," and "The Old Rugged Cross."

We were deeply touched by the message of our pastor, in which he pointed out that especially on the cross we have "A Portrait of the Heart of Jesus." After the closing hymn, "Beneath the Cross of Jesus," was sung, the audience remained standing in reverent silence while the song was repeated very softly upon the organ, providing a moment of meditation and silent prayer.

Despite the rain on Easter Sunday, a fine audience assembled for the sunrise service at 6:30 A.M., singing with joy the precious Easter hymns. The program included two anthems by an octet, a vocal duet by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sonnenberg, an instrumental duet by Fred Hoffman and Paul Meister, readings by Mrs. Ann Lindberg and Miss Eva Eifert, and a message by the Rev. C. B. Nordland of Oak Park, Illinois. Approximately 130 people enjoyed the breakfast, served efficiently by the young people of our church.

At 9:00 A.M. the Sunday School presented a fine program in the lower auditorium. At 10:30 the main auditorium was filled to capacity as the mixed choir under the direction of Mr. Herbert Pankratz rendered Part II of the Oratorio by Edward B. Schewe, former organist and choir director of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago. This was entitled, "Tod und Auferstehung Christi" (Death and Resurrection of Christ).

The church was crowded again for the evening service, with our pastor bringing the message, "Risen with Christ," followed by the baptism of ten of our young people, a wonderful conclusion to a wonderful day.

Mrs. Louise Zoch, Church Clerk.

Revival Meetings and Baptismal Services at the Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio

We at the Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio, are grateful to God for the many blessings received during our recent evangelistic services. Revival meetings with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, our denominational evangelist, were held from April 11, Palm Sunday, through Good Friday, April 16. Four decisions were made for Christ. Each evening Mr. Fuchs brought a challenging story to the children. On Friday evening the White Avenue Church united with us in the closing meeting.

Children's pre-Easter meetings were held during the spring vacation from April 12 to 16 from 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. daily. The children were completely in charge of these services with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs bringing a sermonette each morning. We had an average attendance of 61 per day. Twenty-six children made their decisions for Christ during these fine days of meetings.

Our pastor, the Rev. Edwin Miller, baptized the following on March 28: a family of four, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Perez and two sons, Raoul and Dale. On April 11 Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Murray and Sunday School scholar Judy Adams were baptized, and on April 18 three more Sunday School scholars followed the Lord in baptism, namely, Dianne Kleinhaus, George Malischewski and Jurgend Rymer.

God has given us a new family, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schultz and son, who have special musical talents. One of our great needs has been a song leader, which is now supplied by Mr. Schultz. We are continuing enthusiastically with our building program. We have launched a bond sale for our new church in Parma Heights. Bids for the new church were to be let in the early part of May.

Delores Ziemann, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., Welcomes Its New Pastor, Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, and Family

The Rev. Paul F. Zoschke was welcomed to the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Friday, April 2nd. The church family gathered around the tables for a social gathering, and the many organizations took part in the welcome services. The church expressed its thankfulness to God for having led us all to this day of rejoicing. Mr. Zoschke responded, feeling assured of the warm welcome, God's leading, and looking forward to the days when the church family would be working with him in the many phases of the work of the Kingdom. Mrs. Zoschke responded in the same manner, and expressed special joy over the parsonage, which had been renovated and completely decorated, and in closing said: "I felt that I should have been carried over the threshold." Their two children, Charlotte and Paul, also, made a few



Evergreen Baptist Church leaders and guest speakers at the church, Brooklyn, N. Y., for the mortgage burning ceremony and welcome service for the Rev. Paul F. Zoschke, pastor (fourth from left)

remarks which were well received by all. Refreshments were served.

At the Communion Service the following Sunday morning, the Rev. and Mrs. Paul F. Zoschke and Paul, Jr., were extended the right hand of fellowship.

That Sunday evening, a significant service was held in connection with the welcome, and that was the burning of one ecclesiastical mortgage. In this same spirit we look forward to completing the indebtedness on our church within another year. Dr. Stanley B. Hazzard, executive secretary of the New York Baptist City Societies, was the guest preacher.

On the following Friday, April 9, the Atlantic Conference churches and the neighboring churches in the area were invited to the installation service. Many pastors took part. The charge to the pastor was given by Dr. H. LaRue Cober, director of Christian Education and Evangelism of the New York Baptist City Societies, and Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference, gave the charge to the church. A joyous fellowship hour followed, and refreshments were served.

Margaret Macoskey, Reporter.

Anniversary Program and Easter Services at Faith Church, West New York, New Jersey

The Faith Baptist Church of West New York, N. J., celebrated its 21st anniversary on Sunday, March 14th. The anniversary sermon was preached by the pastor, the Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, who used as his topic, "Christ and the Church." A baptismal service

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Between the great things that we cannot do and the small things that we will not do, the danger is that we shall do nothing."

—Contributed by Herman Balka, Dallas, Texas, vice-president of the CBY and SS Union.

was held in the afternoon at another Baptist Church at which time three persons were baptized. "The Church Family" was the theme for the evening service when the testimony and ministry of the various church organizations were recognized, such as the choir, the Woman's Missionary Fellowship, the Men's Bible Class, the Sunday School and the Youth Fellowship.

The quarterly business meeting was held on the following Wednesday when steps were taken to sell the present building which was originally a factory building. In the spring of 1953 the church purchased four corner lots on the East Boulevard in West New York. A colonial style building has been designed for the new location where the church hopes to build in the near future. The entire New York City skyline will be in full view at the new location.

On Easter Sunday the pastor baptized three other persons who along with others who were recently baptized and those who transferred their membership give a total of eight new members within the last two months.

The church is holding its 6th annual missionary conference beginning on Thursday, April 29th, and continue for the following two Thursday evenings and concluding on Sunday evening, May 16th. The general theme for the 1954 conference is "The Mid-Twentieth Missionary Program of the North American Baptist General Conference." In addition to the host pastor, other speakers include the Rev. Assaf Husmann of Immanuel Church and the Rev. John Schmidt of the Second Church, both of New York City.

The Faith Baptist Church was incorporated on March 15, 1933 under the name, Ebenezer Baptist Church of West New York, New Jersey. It became evident in recent years that a change of name would be an aid to our Christian witness, and in March of 1951 the church adopted its present name. It has proven to be a wise move. The next big step will be the change to our new location which has promise of greater things for Christ and his Church.

Herbert J. Freeman, Pastor.

Eastern Conference

Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Killaloe, Ontario, Holds Prayer Day Program

The Calvary Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Killaloe, Ont., wishes to report a blessed time of prayer and praise on the Women's World Day of Prayer. We had the privilege of entertaining Christian groups from various churches in the district.

Mrs. Lawrence George, president of our society, was in charge of the program. Each group presented a musical number and participated in prayer. Mrs. Basil Briscoe, guest speaker, presented a wonderful talk on prayer. We are certain that all felt the challenge to be more constant in prayer to our Lord and Savior.

An offering of \$25.35 was sent to the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada for the distribution of Christian literature.

Mrs. Rachel Grace, Reporter.

Easter Programs and Baptism of Nine Converts at Central Church, Erie, Pennsylvania

Passion Week with Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday is the most meaningful and beautiful of all Christian seasons. It's the spring of the year when the flowers awake to bud and bloom forth, alive and anxious to live! Easter Sunday of 1954 will long be remembered for its spiritual highlights to the members and friends of Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., but very significantly to nine Sunday School scholars. In the spring of their lives, appropriate with the season, they chose to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and to walk down into the waters of baptism as proof thereof.

On Holy Thursday, the chapel was filled to capacity for the showing of a film, "The Crucifixion." This film made in Zion, Ill., was in color and the actors were all Christians whose portrayals were entirely donated. The congregation sat prayerfully silent as they also commemorated that Thursday of so long ago by also partaking of the Lord's Supper.

Easter Sunday evening saw the film's sequel entitled, "The Resurrection," an equally touching film and fitting climax to the Easter season. All of the large group present felt a definite challenge to go forth and live with greater effort for Christ who died and rose again that we might have eternal life. May our lives amount to greater witnessing for him!

Mrs. Robert G. Eichler, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Northside Church, Hutchinson, Minn., Holds Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. R. Rapske

The Rev. Rudolph Rapske recently resigned as pastor of the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn.,

and brought his ministry there to a close on Sunday, March 28. Mr. and Mrs. Rapske and their children, Roger and David, arrived here from Medicine Hat, Alta., to serve in this pastorate in December, 1952. We shall all miss them, but we send along with them our good wishes and pray that God's richest blessings will go with them.

On Sunday, March 28, a fellowship and farewell dinner was held in the church basement following the morning service. After dinner many words of sincere appreciation were given by the representatives of the various organizations, recognizing the blessings received during Mr. Rapske's ministry.

Mr. Rapske is entering a new field of work as the Western Canada Immigration representative of the denomination. He and his family are now residing in Calgary, Alberta.

Robert Fratzke, Reporter.

Palm Sunday and Easter Services at the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has been busy with its spring activities during the past weeks. In March the young people sponsored their annual banquet with the theme, "Newness of Life." Our fellowship hall was beautifully decorated with the spring tulip motif. An inspirational program was presented with the Rev. D. Raymond Parry of Racine, Wis., as our banquet speaker.

On Palm Sunday, April 11, our pastor, the Rev. Wilmer Quiring, had the blessed privilege of baptizing 13 new converts who were given the hand of fellowship at our Maundy Thursday evening service.

The activities of Easter Day began with a 6:00 A.M. sunrise service sponsored by the young people. Our pastor, Mr. Quiring, brought an inspirational message, "When it Began to Dawn." After the sunrise service, breakfast was served in the church dining hall. The Sunday School presented a special Easter program at 9:30 A.M.

As a fitting climax to this glorious Easter Day, our choir presented the cantata, "The Triumph of the Cross" by H. Alexander Matthews, under the direction of Kenneth W. Miller, with Mrs. Fred Abitz at the organ. We are grateful to our choir for the spiritual uplift their music added to our Easter services, as well as to the services of the church each Sunday to worship our Risen Lord and Redeemer.

Mrs. Alfred Klein, Reporter.

Nine Converts Baptized for North Freedom and Rock Springs Churches of Wisconsin

From March 15 to 26 the Rev. Alfred Weisser of Parkston, S. Dak., served the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wis., at special meetings. He was an inspiration to all who heard him and certainly a wonderful guest in the home. The meetings were not without results, since several persons made their decision to follow Christ.

Our Easter services were very impressive. One of our older members said that he cannot recall when there

was such a large attendance for an Easter service. Following the morning service it was the joy of the pastor, the Rev. Thomas Lutz, to step into the baptismal waters with nine candidates, among them a mother and her daughter. At the evening service we had the Lord's Supper when we also welcomed seven of these new Christians into the fellowship of the North Freedom Baptist Church and two into the fellowship of the Rock Springs Baptist Church. I have been conducting services at the Rock Springs Church every Sunday morning at nine o'clock since last fall. The two additions to that church are the result of this ministry.

The group at Rock Springs is small but they are faithful in coming out for the early service, thus giving me enough time to get back to North Freedom in plenty of time for Sunday School at 10:00 A.M.. They have been very appreciative of this service, especially for the denominational information. It has been of interest to me to see visitors in church nearly every Sunday.

Thomas Lutz, Pastor.

Dakota Conference

Fifteen New Members Received on Easter Sunday Into the Bismarck Baptist Church

On Palm Sunday, April 11, before a capacity congregation in the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dak., ten converts were baptized by their pastor, the Rev. Edward Kary. This impressively beautiful and reverent act of our Baptist faith spoke so eloquently that many in the audience were moved to tears. Among the baptismal candidates was a 78-year-old mother and a couple who had been coming to our church for many years and for whom we had been praying.

On Easter Sunday morning, April 18, in a church sanctuary heavy with the fragrance of Easter lilies, these ten and five others, a total of 15, were received into the fellowship of the church. On this occasion also, a mission offering was received amounting to \$331.

These two memorable Sundays as well as all others of recent weeks have been made more worshipful by the addition of our new Hammond organ. This organ, known as the Ervin Steiner Memorial Organ, was purchased from money in a fund originally started by a contribution by the parents of Ervin in memory of their son who was killed in an airplane crash in Germany while serving in the Armed Forces. Mrs. Milton Hochhalter, the wife of Ervin's cousin and also the daughter of the Rev. Gustav Rutsch of Sacramento, Calif., is our capable organist.

On Easter Sunday evening it was the privilege of the pastor to speak on a 15-minute television program sponsored by the Bismarck Ministerial Association over KFYP. A quartet of young men from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was also present and sang at this occasion.

Mrs. Edward Kary, Reporter.

Annual Program of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Cathay, North Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Cathay Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak., presented its annual program on Sunday, April 4th, with the Carlington and Germantown Baptist Churches as special guests. Mrs. Edward Kary of Bismarck, N. Dak., was the guest speaker, addressing us on the subject, "Wise-hearted Women." The Men's Chorus of our church were our guest singers and presented two fine numbers.

Also included on the program was a short play, "Learning to Give," a song, "Nothing But Leaves," by the Missionary Society, a ladies' trio, and the usual reports. Mrs. Adolph Pepple, our president, led the meeting. We were happy to receive a fine offering which was designated for missions.

Although our society numbers only a "baker's dozen," we are actively engaged in promoting our goals and lending a hand wherever we can to help the work of our local church. We are looking forward to welcoming our new minister, the Rev. David Zimmerman, and his family in the near future.

Freda Reddig, Reporter.

Grace Church, Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota, Holds Baptismal Service for 17 Converts

From February 2 to 12 the Grace Baptist Church of Alfred, N. Dak., conducted special meetings with the Rev. Adolph Braun as guest speaker. The spiritual life of our people was deepened and a number of them turned their lives over to the Master. From February 22 through March 5 the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle, N. Dak., held special meetings with the Rev. H. J. Walterreit of Grand Forks, N. Dak., as the guest speaker.

On Palm Sunday evening it was the privilege of the pastor, the Rev. M. Wolff, to baptize 17 persons on the profession of their faith. Before a thronged church these persons confessed Christ as their Lord and Savior. Immediately following the baptismal service, we gathered about the Lord's Table. The candidates were extended the hand of fellowship by the pastor. Our deacon-at-large, Mr. Harry DeWitt, presented each with a baptismal and church membership certificate, and then we partook of the elements in remembrance of our Lord.

On Easter Sunday evening members of the Gackle and Alfred choirs combined to present the cantata, "The Song of Easter," with Mr. Reuben Remboldt directing. The story in song took us from the scene at Gethsemane through the glorious resurrection.

M. Wolff, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Baptismal Service and Easter Cantata at Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon

Easter Sunday was concluded with a very impressive service at the Im-

manuel Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. It was our great joy to see four young people baptized by our pastor, the Rev. Henry Barnet. Four more witnesses for our Lord!

After the baptismal service, the choir rendered the Easter cantata, "Life Eternal" by Fred B. Holton and Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus." The soprano solo, "The Redeemer Triumphant," was well sung with deep feeling by Joehannah Sauer. Others singing special parts were Helen Goble, Mollyanne Holland, June Sauer, Florence Rattay, Alvin Sauer, Emil Mazetier, and Rev. Charles Wagner. Patricia Scheideman was at the organ. The cantata was a blessing to all and everyone was stirred at the singing of "The Hallelujah Chorus." Verna Schneider presented a brief history of the writing of "The Hallelujah Chorus" and the reverence shown our Lord and Master in this majestic piece of music. Hildegard E. Wagner, Choir Director.

On Saturday morning, classes were held for the young people. The Rev. Don Rubesh, missionary from Tibet, and Mrs. Hinkle, were the teachers. Many blessings were received by hearing these two people speak.

On Saturday evening a delicious banquet was served by the Bethel Church. President Don Rich presided over our business meeting at which time Dan Bertuleit from the Trinity Church was elected our new treasurer. He will take office immediately following our summer assembly. A new project, that of raising the money to build a recreational building on our new camp grounds, was accepted by the members of the League.

Following the business meeting a rousing song service was led by Sylvia Wobig after which we had testimonies from people who had attended past camps. The vice-president of the League, Myrl Thiesies, sang a vocal solo as the special music for the eve-



Rev. M. Wolff (back row, left) of the Grace Baptist Church, Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., and 17 converts whom he baptized on Easter Sunday

Oregon Baptist League Spring Rally at Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon

The Oregon Baptist League held its annual spring rally at the Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Ore., on April 9, 10 and 11, using as its theme, "Viewing the Promised Land."

Lois Findley from our Bethany Church opened the meeting Friday evening with an inspiring song service. The president of the Salem CBY, Dolores Kuper, welcomed the group. A play entitled, "Closer to Jesus," was presented by the Immanuel CBY showing us the importance of living for Christ, no matter what the opposition. Our special music for the evening was a vocal solo by Bernietta Wobig of the Trinity Church. A singspiration and time of fellowship followed the program.

CHILDREN'S DAY

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Offering for the Chapel Building Fund of the denomination

ning. A group of young people from several of our churches presented a skit depicting camp life, which brought on many laughs, memories and thought provoking ideas. The president of the Oregon Baptist Conference Grounds, Inc., Mr. Earl Marks, spoke to us about the corporation. We are very thankful to the Lord for allowing us as a League to have started this project of procuring our own camp grounds and we are also thankful that he led others to see the vision so that now it has become a reality.

On Sunday afternoon the office of treasurer was handed over to Dan Bertuleit from Marian Giese. The Rev. Henry Barnet, dean for 1954, then installed the new officer. The speaker for the afternoon was Dr. John R. Turnbull from Salem, who gave a very inspirational message on "Viewing the Promised Land" with the text taken from Numbers 13 and 14 and Ephesians 6:10-20. Special music was provided by the Salem choir.

We wish to thank the Bethel Baptist Church for its wonderful hospitality. It is our prayer that as a League we may be instrumental in helping each other live closer to Jesus and in his Will.

Sharon LeClair, Secretary.

Pacific Conference Program

June 16-20, 1954

**TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH,
Portland, Oregon.**THEME: "The Summons to Action"
(Acts 1:8).**WEDNESDAY**7:45 P.M. "A Summons to Ac-
tion." Rev. Robert Hess.**THURSDAY**9:00- 9:30 A.M. Devotion. "The
Summons to Fellowship." Rev.
John Broeder.9:30-11:20 A.M. Organization.
Church Reports. Elections.11:20-12:00 A.M. "The Summons to
Prayer." Rev. J. B. Kornalew-
ski.2:00- 2:30 P.M. "The Summons to
Repent." Rev. C. Remple.2:30- 3:00 P.M. "The Summons to
Look Ahead." Dr. Martin L.
Leuschner.3:00- 3:30 P.M. Mission Secretary's
Report and election of Mission
Representatives.3:30- 4:00 P.M. "The Summons to
Believe." Rev. G. G. Rauser.7:45 P.M. "The Summons to
Christian Service." Rev. Donald
G. Davis.**FRIDAY**9:00- 9:30 P.M. "The Summons to
Sanctification." Dr. William J.
Appel.9:30-10:00 A.M. "The Summons to
Tithe." Rev. W. W. Knauf.

10:10-10:50 A.M. "The Summons to

Home Missions." Dr. Martin L.
Leuschner.10:50-11:20 A.M. "The Summons for
Re-enforcements." Rev. H. K.
Hengstler.11:20-12:00 A.M. "The Summons to
Read." Rev. R. G. Kaiser.12:00- 2:30 P.M. Women's Luncheon
and Men's Fellowship.2:30- 3:00 P.M. "The Summons to
Teach the Word." Dr. A. Fel-
berg.3:30- 4:00 P.M. "The Summons to
Foreign Missions." Dr. Martin
L. Leuschner.7:45 P.M. Ladies' Program.
Mrs. Thomas Lutz.**SATURDAY**9:00- 9:30 A.M. "The Summons to
the Family Altar." Rev. E. Mit-
telstedt.9:30-10:00 A.M. "The Summons for
Outreach." Rev. E. D. McKern-
an.10:50-11:20 A.M. Memorial Service.
Rev. F. E. Klein.11:20-12:00 A.M. "The Summons to
Worship." Rev. Walter Berkan.**SUNDAY**9:45 A.M. Sunday School. Rev. Phil.
Daum, Miss Martha Leypoldt
and Rev. J. B. Kornalewski.11:00 A.M. Morning Worship. Mis-
sionary Offering. Dr. Martin L.
Leuschner.2:45 P.M. Youth Rally. Oregon
League in charge.7:45 P.M. "The Final Summons."
Rev. Berthold Jacksteit.**Central Dakota
Association**

at Napoleon, North Dakota

June 17-20, 1954

Theme: "Resolute Christianity."

Text: Joshua 24:15

Guest speaker: Prof. Herbert
Hiller, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.Send reservations for lodging to
Mr. Otto M. Grenz or Rev. Henry
Lang, Napoleon, North Dakota.**REVIVAL AT EDMONTON**

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brought the message speaking on "The Meaning of Easter." During the morning worship service a large group of fathers and mothers brought 17 children to be dedicated to the Lord. While the great audience that filled the church to capacity stood and sang, "Heart and heart are joined together," these parents came with their children for a personal dedication.

For the Easter Sunday evening service we give thanks to God because six young converts walked in obedience into the baptismal waters. Everything in that service rang out and spoke of victory and triumph. And from these mountaintop experiences, we want to walk in all humility into the fields of greater service and soul winning.

Henry Pfeifer, Pastor.

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