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The 1955 Class of the North American Baptist Seminary

**Now Is Christ Risen!
Seminary Graduates Speak
Conference Committee, Waco, Texas**

March of Events

● Yale University officials announced recently a project to edit and publish the works of Jonathan Edwards, theologian and writer. The minister, who received a Yale degree in 1720 at the age of 17, led from his pulpit in Northampton, Mass., the religious movement of the Eighteenth century known as "The Great Awakening." The Jonathan Edwards volumes will be prepared by a committee of scholars and specialists in theology, philosophy and American literature, with Perry Miller, Professor of American Literature at Harvard University, as chairman. Three volumes of the project are already being prepared and will be issued by the Yale University Press.

● An increase in the number of Protestants among the Papuan natives of Netherlands New Guinea, from 80,000 to 140,000 since 1940 is reported by officials of the Missions Council of the Netherlands Reformed Church. Rev. H. J. Teutscher, a New Guinea missionary on leave in the Netherlands, said that mission work on the island was crowned with little success in the early years, the 50th anniversary of it being marked by more graves of slain Dutch missionaries than the number (50) of baptized Papuans. It was the advent of World War II, bringing with it a vast influx of American and Australian troops and a tremendous improvement in communications on the island, that spurred the growth of Protestantism in New Guinea, he said.

● Rev. William C. Tapper, executive secretary of the Baptist General Conference of America (Swedish Baptist), has announced that the denomination's 1955-56 missionary budgets total \$1,024,000 for its seven boards' work in the USA, Canada, Alaska, Mexico, India, Japan, Philippines, Ethiopia and now Brazil. The leaders are the steadily-growing, evangelical Conference's department secretaries: William Turnwall (home missions), John A. Wilcox (foreign missions), William C. Tapper (trustees), Carl H. Lundquist (Bethel College and Seminary), Lawrence F. Swanson (Bible School and youth) and Martin Erikson (publications). The million-dollar budget will be presented to delegates of the advancing missionary fellowship in their annual meeting at Denver in June.

● The American Tract Society has completed its most successful year of tract distribution to date, with a total of 13,000,000 tracts and booklets distributed during 1954. For over 130 years the Society has ministered to the needs of individuals, churches, missionaries, missions and service or-

ganizations. In every sense of the word it is truly a missionary enterprise. The purpose stated in the Society's charter of 1825 is still the guiding principle under which ATS continues to publish an impressive quantity of gospel literature: "To diffuse a knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as the Redeemer of sinners, and to promote the interests of vital godliness and sound morality through religious tracts."

● An organization signing itself the "Japan Bible Christian Council" has written a letter protesting the visit of Ichiro Hatoyama, Japan's new prime

minister, to the Grand Shrine (Shinto) at Ise (this is also where our North American Baptist mission is located) and published it in the English-language newspapers. It points out that Hatoyama has gained wide publicity as a baptized Christian, yet has participated in a "flagrant violation of the First Commandment and (Japan's) constitution." Moderator Kozaki wrote a letter to Hatoyama immediately after the visit calling his attention to the prohibition in the constitution against participation by the state in any religious activities. So far the prime minister has not replied to Dr. Kozaki. Although he would probably plead that he went to the shrine only in a personal capacity, few will doubt that the visit had a political purpose. His action will doubtless cost him some support among Christians, whose attitude toward him has hitherto been generally favorable.

Baptist Briefs

● The student body of the seminary at Ruschlikon, near Zurich, Switzerland, totals 46 this year, including some wives and some postgraduate students who have fellowships. They have 16 children. The countries represented in the student body are Austria, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Greece, Holland, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Norway, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Sweden, and Yugoslavia.

● The 8th session of the Gold Coast Baptist Conference, held at Sekondi, heard reports of growth in this new mission field in West Africa. Immigrants from Nigeria, chiefly of the Yoruba tribe, were responsible for the first churches in the Gold Coast, but the churches are now becoming native to the country, and three Gold Coast tribes were represented at the recent

Conference. A total of 234 messengers attended, represented the 41 churches in 6 associations. President for 1954-55 is the Rev. D. A. Sanyaolu. The Rev. and Mrs. Homer R. Littleton, Southern Baptist missionaries, help the Gold Coast Conference.

● A Kresge Foundation gift of \$50,000 for completion of a dining hall at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis., has been announced by John A. Dawson of Winnetka, Ill. It is a conditional grant, requiring the assembly to raise the balance for the \$375,000 proposed addition to Roger Williams Inn by Dec. 31, 1955. Mr. Dawson, president of the assembly's board of directors, pointed out, however, that \$200,000 already has been pledged. The new dining hall will permit 750 persons to be served at one time, which will enable the assembly to accommodate conferences of up to 1,200 persons, or several smaller conferences simultaneously.

● At its recent meeting in Augusta, the Georgia Baptist convention unanimously adopted a "middle of the road" statement on race. Pointing out that the question of separate but equal rights is debatable, the statement said that the issue of segregation should be met by Christians "on the basis of spiritual teaching that every man is embraced in the love of God, every man has value in the sight of God and every man is included in the plan of God." It urged Christians to "try to find the answers as each issue presents itself." "The important thing is that we start out in the right spirit, in the spirit of Christ, and that we act in accordance with the will of God," it added.

COVER PICTURE

The twelve members of the 1955 Class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., are shown in the fine graphic picture on the front cover of this issue. In the front row (left to right) they are: Fred David, Milton Vietz, Wesley A. Gerber and Robert E. Fuchs; 2nd row: Ruben Herrmann, Eleon C. Sandau, Edwin F. Voigt and Ervin B. Strauss; 3rd row: Clarence C. Walth, Edwin C. Kern, Roy W. Seibel, and Victor L. Priebe. The commencement exercises of our Seminary will be held on Sunday, May 15, 1955.

Editorial

God's In His Heaven!

EASTER IS THE TRIUMPHANT, timeless faith of the Christian. "Christ is risen from the dead! Because HE lives, I too shall live! The Gospel can save unto the uttermost!" In spite of those things to the contrary and experiences that seem to deny or to cast doubt upon these truths, the Christian proclaims his faith with fortified convictions. "The risen Christ is the assurance of God's saving grace and encompassing love for me. God's in his heaven!"

Robert G. Lee, one of the South's golden voiced preachers, has gone pointedly to the heart of the matter. "The need of the hour is to make the resurrection of Christ not simply a historical fact, accepted by the intellect as proved, but a real truth in the heart and conscience, manifested through a heart trusting the crucified Lord as atoning Savior, manifested in a life surrendered to the dominion of the risen Lord and spent in the fellowship of him who was dead and is alive for evermore."

A great poet, Robert Browning, saw this truth of Easter. He wrote a little epic about "Pippa Passes." General Conference visitors at Waco, Texas, will want to visit the Browning-Armstrong Library on the campus of Baylor University and to see the stained glass windows, first editions and memorabilia associated with this poem as well as with other poetic works of Browning.

In this poem a young Italian mill-girl called Pippa, who had worked in a factory all the year round, had just one holiday all to herself. As she skipped down the street, her whole being was thrilled by the rapture of hearing the birds as they rebuilt their nests, and seeing the bursting of buds into bloom. "God's in his heaven," she sang, "all's right with the world." P. W. Wilson had said that "with her small world of childlike faith in God's goodness, all was right. It was right because her own dear heart was right with God. She was within the Father's family."

But Robert Browning goes on in his poem to ask what was going on behind the drawn blinds of the windows that shut out the sun shining on the path of Pippa as she passed by. He describes the sins and hatreds, envies, lusts and crimes that were not right with the world and that represented an urgent need for Christ as Savior of the lost!

Because Christ has risen from the dead, we know that God has saved us from our sins, that nothing shall be able to separate us from his love, that all things work together for good, that Christ is our ever-abiding Friend and Master. We know that we are constantly enveloped by heavenly sunshine, that God's in his heaven! Everything may not be right with the world about us, but in our heart, that little cosmos of our life, everything will be right for time and eternity. And we shall work and pray that all will be right with the world as Christ becomes the King of kings and Lord of lords for all people everywhere! That is our Easter faith that goes beyond a Sunday or a season and that will go with us into eternity.

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Now Is Christ Risen from the Dead!

The Testimony of God's Word and Christian Experience

The Empty Tomb of Easter

By REV. EMANUEL WOLFF, Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa

THE EMPTY TOMB brought the first awakening hope that Jesus had actually arisen from the dead. His personal appearances over a period of forty days were to confirm that first dawning ray of light, but it was then when the women and later Peter and John stood before the open tomb and saw that it was empty, that the meaning of Jesus' teaching concerning his resurrection began to become clear to them.

FAITH WITH UNDERSTANDING

It is true that they were slow of heart to believe. The women were so frightened by what they had seen that they fled from the tomb and at first did not say anything to anybody about their experience. When they finally did tell the eleven that they had gone to the tomb and had found it open and the body of Jesus gone, the apostles regarded it as sheer imagination. Only Peter and John had their curiosity aroused sufficiently to go and to investigate for themselves.

But the dawn was beginning to break. The women had been set to thinking by their early morning experience. The men in dazzling apparel who had appeared to them at the empty tomb reminded them, "Remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, saying that the Son of man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again." They now recalled those words!

There were other things he had said which they could not understand at all, but here at the empty tomb these suddenly began to take on meaning. Just a few days before he had said to the disciples at the Mount of Olives, "But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee." They were not at all sure what he meant by that, but now as the angel repeated his words, they suddenly seemed to spring alive with promise and hope.

In the days that followed they most likely tried to recall everything that Jesus had said about his suffering, about his death and about his resurrection. His words had seemed so strange, so meaningless. But now in the light of the empty tomb and in the light of his appearances, they began to form a firm foundation for their understanding and for their faith.

Peter and John made another observation which the women seemed to have failed to notice. The women had been startled by the fact that the stone was removed from the tomb and then by the appearance of the angel in white. Mary, apparently returning to the tomb shortly after John and Peter had left, could think of only one thing and that was where the body of Jesus might have been taken. When the two men came, however, they noticed that, although his body was gone, the linen clothes in which Jesus had been wrapped were still lying in the tomb.

Mark in his Gospel states that Peter saw "the linen clothes by themselves."

John writes that both disciples beheld "the linen clothes lying, and the napkin, that was upon his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but rolled up in a place by itself." Some Bible scholars interpret this to mean that the clothes were in the same position in which they had been when the body of Jesus was still in them, the napkin being rolled up just as it had been about his head. Others feel that the clothes had been carefully folded and had not been thrown into a heap, as they might have been had someone wanted to steal the body. In either case, the evidence seemed to indicate clearly that the body of Jesus could not have been stolen.

THE REALITY OF THE RESURRECTION

What Peter's conclusion may have been as he saw the linen clothes is not said. Luke says he went home "wondering." Of John, however, we read these words, "and he saw, and believed." The disciple of love seems to have been the first one to believe that the resurrection of Christ was a reality. This faith came to him at the empty tomb.

Today, as we look at the empty tomb once more, we assert with positive conviction, "The Lord is risen indeed!" But we think of another wonderful truth. The people of Christ are destined to have the same experience! He is the Head; we are the members of the body. Even now our life is hid with Christ in God, our citizenship is in heaven. We all shall be changed into his own glorious body. O delightful hope, wherein rejoices the believer in Christ!



—Eva Luoma Photo
"This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses" (Apostle Peter)

Christ's Appearances to His Disciples

By REV. LENOX G. PALIN, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey

OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH is living because Jesus Christ is alive. The entire framework of our faith is composed of historical fact. The greatest of these facts is the supernatural bodily resurrection of Christ. If this one event is honestly believed, all the great doctrines of the faith must be accepted in time.

The proof of the bodily resurrection of Christ is both circumstantial and direct. The empty tomb and the Christian Church form the circumstantial evidence. The direct proof is found in the appearances of our risen Lord.

DIRECT EVIDENCES

The sacred records clearly indicate that there was no predisposition on the part of the disciples to imagine, to anticipate, or to create the appearances of Christ, much less to fabricate the words of utter simplicity that came from Christ's lips. Were this of man, there would be angels in every scene and speeches of great import. Instead we see the disciples slow to believe, the angels only at the beginning and end of the series of appearances, and such simple words of the Lord as, "Children, have you any fish?"

The direct evidence is further strengthened by the great numbers who actually saw the Lord, there being more than 500, and by the fact that they who knew him best were bidden to examine him, even his very wounds, most closely.

More important than what happened in the appearances of the risen Christ are the appearances themselves. Their content primarily serves to substantiate their genuineness. The fact that stands out is that the tomb could not hold the body of Christ. This truth should thrill our soul for it guarantees to us, even as it did to the disciples of old, that all the words of Jesus are true, that he actually is the Son of God, that his death for our sins is accepted of the Father, and that we, too, shall be raised in the last day.

The acts and words of our Lord vary greatly upon each occasion of his appearing. Even though the proof offered by the appearances is the crucial matter, each appearance has a different lesson.

AMAZING APPEARANCES

See Christ with the women on that first Easter, and know that he is the same **reassuring Christ** of your experience.

See him with Mary Magdalene emphasizing that, unlike Lazarus, he is not alive to die again but is an **ascending Christ**.

See him with Peter who recently denied him and rejoice to remember that he is our **forgiving Christ**.

See him with Cleopas and another, and let the same Scriptures thrill your soul as you listen to the **teaching Christ**.

See him with the ten apostles, his hands, his feet, his taking food. Be assured he is the same **flesh-residing Christ** who paid for all your sin.

See him one week later with Thomas present, and be thankful that he is the **blessing Christ** who enriches you who have believed but have not seen.

See him with the disciples by the Sea of Galilee, and with Peter love him as the **commissioning Christ** who has a task for you to do.

See him with the apostles and the five hundred on the Mountain in Galilee, and be comforted to hear the **abiding Christ** say, "Lo, I am with you always."

See him appear to James, and understand that this same **loving Christ** wishes all to be transformed by replacing doubt with trust.

See him say good-bye as he ascends, and have your soul purified with the truth that he is the **returning Christ**.

The appearances are gracious proof of his victory. Peace is established



"Very early in the morning the first day of the week, they (the women) came unto the sepulchre at the rising of the sun" (Mark 16:2)

between God and the Christian. The message of this reconciliation is first committed to the disciples by Christ, and they are the first to publish it to the sinsick world. The forty days are over. Christ again has disappeared! This is not final! There is a greater vision. We shall see him as he is.

Come quickly!

The Living Christ Today!

By REV. JOHN E. GRYGO, Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota

"Because I live, ye shall live also" (JESUS).

DURING THE SECOND century a Pagan writer, Caecilius, ridiculed the Christian belief thus: "What absurdities, what monstrosities do the Christians frame in their imaginations! Their Christ is abroad in every place, though he can do no good to individuals because of being bound to attend to the whole world, and cannot suffice for the whole world because he is engaged with individuals." As it was then, so it is today, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him."

We would rather delight in the testimony of Peter, "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses." We praise God that we can say with Chrysostom: "We have not seen him rise with the physical eyes, but we have seen him with the eyes of faith." For his own, therefore, Easter is Easter, not because he rose long ago, but because he still lives.

How easy it is to quote: "For to me to live is Christ." Are we fully aware

of the meaning of these famous words? Can we truly comprehend such a quotation's depth and pathos, height and sublimity? Only if we acquaint ourselves with Paul shall we fully appreciate his triumphant cry.

It is rather tragic that there are still people around who are looking for convincing proof as to the living Christ. If they only would discern and evaluate rightly and honestly, they would be much farther today. Perhaps they have been too occupied with a dead Christ. Or they have been looking for him in wrong places. Or they have picked at random a man in the street and thought he was one of his disciples. Many people don't even bother looking. They are too busy with other things, too interested in other things. They are lost in a maze of things. They are fine, likeable, charming people—but lost!

A laborer in England had a far better appreciation of the living Christ. When asked, "How do you know that Christ is risen?" he replied, "I see his light reflected from the faces of some of my fellows every day." A Chinese farmer offered this as proof of Christ (Continued on Page 22)

The Resurrection of Christ

An Easter Sermon by REV. F. E. KLEIN of Colfax, Washington

WHEN WM. RIDGWAY was writing for "The Sunday School Times," he told how he once visited several large cemeteries. Among the many beautiful tombstones, he saw a monument that was very unique. It was a white marble bench. Seated on the bench was a full-sized marble figure of a boy, about twelve years of age. He had been the only child of a widow. According to the story, the mother came to this bench every day and sat beside the marble figure of her boy.

What a thrill would have come to that mother, if, on some Easter morning, she would have found that her dead boy of marble had returned to life and was waiting for her!

TRANSFORMED LIVES

But a greater joy came to the hearts of the sorrowing women when they visited the tomb of their Savior that early morning. To their astonishment they found the stone rolled away and the angel, with shining raiment, sitting upon it. The words which the heavenly messenger spoke were at first bewildering. He said: "Fear not; he is not here; for he is risen, as he said" (Matt. 28:5-6). The angel told them to go quickly and tell the Lord's disciples.

On their way the risen Lord met them, and they fell down and worshipped him. To the disciples the report of the women was at first confusing, until some of them went and investigated the matter. Though the Lord had told them of his resurrection, they seemed to have forgotten it all. Peter had even made the suggestion to go back to fishing again.

But the empty tomb, the message of the angel, "He is risen," and later the appearance of the Lord himself revived their hopes and transformed their lives. Their sadness was turned into gladness. Their interest was directed into new and higher channels. Life took on a new meaning. The darkness of the grave was lifted. Around them shone the glorious morning light of victory and immortality.

Before there could be an empty tomb, there had to be a cruel cross, the most terrible means of torture known to man. The glory of the resurrection morning is assuring and inspiring, but before the resurrection day there had to be a crucifixion day with all of its untold agony and shame. The triumph of Easter can only be fully appreciated after we see the dark tragedy of Calvary. Against this dismal background the story of our wonderful risen Lord becomes infinitely precious.

The resurrection of Christ has been shining with radiant beauty for two thousand years. It has formed the immovable foundation upon which the Church of Christ is built. Its power and life have brought comfort and hope to countless hearts of men and women.

The account of the risen Lord occupies a prominent place in the Scriptures. In the Gospels, in the Acts and the epistles it is the one, all-important, central theme. Its preaching resulted in the first persecution. "They taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead" (Acts 4:2). Then in 4:33 we read: "With great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus; and great grace was upon them all." From Pentecost to the Revelation, the apostles made it their life mission to be witnesses of the resurrection.

THE GOSPEL'S INSPIRATION

In 1 Cor. 15 we have the greatest chapter on this wonderful subject. Here Paul reaches the height of his literary genius. His great mind presents such conclusive evidence that cannot be refuted. He writes: "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain" (v. 14). The argument he advances is: Suppose Christ did not rise from the grave. That means our preaching is made void. It means that we have been advocates of false doctrine and with our preaching we have deceived the people. But can that be?

On the Day of Pentecost Peter said: "Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death" (Acts 2:24). Then he adds: "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses" (Acts 2:32). Peter says, "I was there! I saw the empty tomb!" His message had such power of conviction that there was a great ingathering of people.

The preaching of the resurrection by Paul stirred the curiosity of the Athenians, for we read in Acts 17:18: "He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange gods . . . because he preached unto them Jesus, and the resurrection." When Paul stood before the council he answered: "Of the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question" (Acts 23:6). The wonder and the power of the resurrection find their highest expression in Paul's writings (Rom. 1:4; Rom. 8:11; Phil. 3:10; 2 Tim. 1:10).

In 1 Cor. 15:1-4 Paul says: "I declare unto you the gospel . . . I preached unto you . . . how that Christ died for our sins . . . and that he was buried, and that he rose

again the third day according to the scriptures." In verse 20: "Now is Christ risen from the dead." Suppose Peter and Paul had preached a dead Christ! How much would Pentecost have meant? How much would have been accomplished on Paul's evangelistic and missionary journeys?

The joy and the power of the resurrection never failed in their day. Through the centuries it has not lost its effectiveness. It is still ". . . the power of God unto salvation." The message of the death and resurrection of Christ must still be the focal point in our preaching to a generation that is blinded with materialism. With joy let us go forth and declare to lost and dying men that Christ lives and is able to save.

THE ASSURANCE OF OUR FAITH

"And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain" (1 Cor. 15:14). "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins" (v. 17). "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept" (v. 20). The word "vain" means empty, unreal, without use, frustrated. That is to say, if Christ is not risen from the dead, all the faith that the apostles and all the believers in all generations ever had is nothing more than an empty, unreal fiction or imagination that has never had any value.

To have accepted such a message of vanity would mean that men have always been, and still are, under the penalty and condemnation of sin. None of them have ever known the joyous, blessed experience of being delivered from the burden of sin. No one then has ever known the peace that passeth all understanding. No one has ever had "the joy unspeakable and full of glory." All the hosts of believers, then, have followed "cunningly devised fables."

But can that be? Is it possible to deny all the affirmations of this greatly proven historic fact? Dr. F. B. Meyer puts it this way: "Other religions rest on foundations of philosophy and metaphysics, but the empty grave in Joseph's garden is the keystone of the arch. If that cannot be maintained, as it was in the primitive church, the whole superstructure crumbles like a mass of clouds. There is even more evidence for it than for any fact of modern history. Men may as soon refuse to believe in the battle of Waterloo as in the Lord's resurrection."

Paul argues that if Christ is still dead, it would lead us into untold dif-



"Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand; for the sound of a voice that is still!" In the living Christ we have our joy and assurance for this life and for that which is to come!

ficulties in our thinking and in our experience. A dead Christ could help no one in his sins. A dead Christ could not have made atonement. But, praise God, "Now is Christ risen from the dead." He died for our salvation and rose again for our justification. The fact that he is alive proves that his atonement on Calvary satisfied all the demands of God's righteousness and justice. The fact of his resurrection has become the spiritual Gibraltar of our Christian faith. This is the faith "that overcometh the world." This is the faith that upholds us when the storms and trials of life assail us. This is the faith that beckons us onward and upward while we journey through the strange country down here. Sometimes we tremble on the rock of this faith, but the Rock under us will always stand firm and steadfast.

THE CHRISTIAN'S COMFORT

Paul continues: "Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. In in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (1 Cor. 15:18-19). With a Christ on the cross, or in the tomb, the outlook for the future is one of hopeless despair. Those who have died in the Lord are lost forever. They are in utter misery as they have been cast into the confines of the doomed. Should our hope in Christ be limited to this life, then we are the subjects of deepest pity.

We are told that a drowning man often becomes very happy in his last moments. He sees visions of great beauty. He feels transported to some enchanted land. But what mean such vain illusions? A few more minutes and the water engulfs him and he is gone. Try to imagine such a sad condition as a child of God living in triumphant faith, serving and loving

Christ with all his heart, and looking forward to seeing his precious Savior . . . but alas . . . he has been deceived. It has all turned out to be a vague dream. No, it cannot be!

"Now is Christ risen and become the first fruits of them that slept." Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life, he that believeth in me, shall never die." Again he said: "Because I live, ye shall live also." Still again, he spoke, "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen." When the Jewish people started to harvest, they brought their first sheaves to the temple and dedicated them to the Lord. It was a sign that there was more harvest coming.

So, when Christ rose from the dead, it was the promise of the resurrection of every believer. Christ is the Head of his Church. The head and the body stand on the same foundation. The resurrection of Christ and the resurrection of the believers are inseparably united. "Knowing that he which raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you" (2 Cor. 4:14).

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ is the pledge and guarantee that these mortal bodies shall be made like unto his own glorious body. At the time of the rapture the first resurrection will take place. Those who have died in the Lord will be raised by the sound of the trumpet, and the living believers will be caught up together to meet the Lord in the air. "How are the dead raised?" Paul asked. And he answered: "According to the working whereby he is able to subdue all things unto himself."

Dr. Wm. Munsey says on this point: "God's power is pledged for its performance. That power made the systems and holds them in perpetual bal-

ance. That power confounded chaos with order, and laid the foundations of the universe deep down upon nothing. That power shakes the earth and overturns its mountains. That power is pledged to raise me up from the dead."

With ringing assurance Paul says: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?" The open tomb is now the pledge of the believer's immortality. The resurrected body of Christ is the guarantee that our bodies will be glorified like his. The triumph of Easter becomes our song of victory. With confidence we can preach the Gospel. In the assurance of our faith we can march forward in our mission. To the bereaved and sorrowing we can bring the wonderful message of comfort and hope with these beautiful words of Jesus: "In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you."

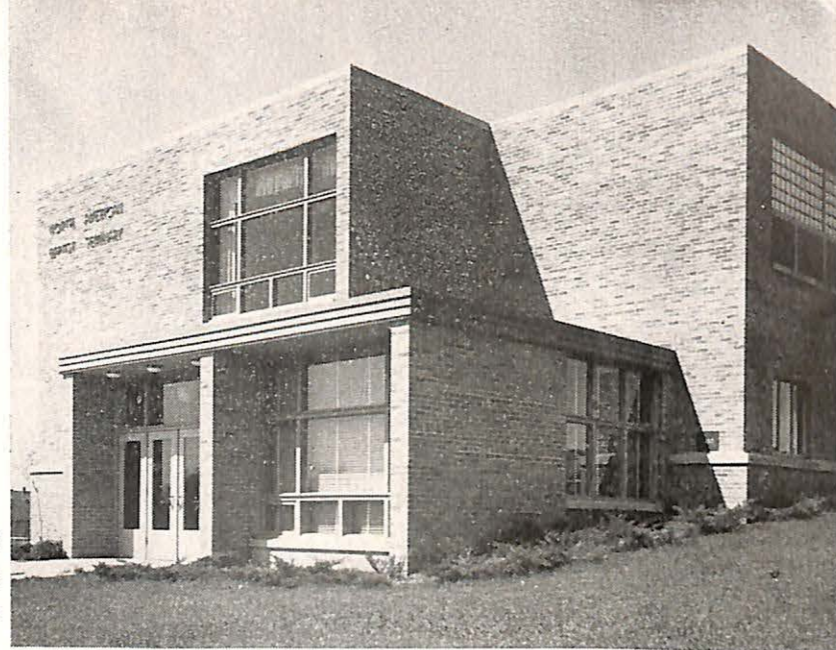
OUR SONG OF VICTORY

One of our fine Christian mothers, a few years ago, was telling one of her friends, who had expressed doubt in the teaching of immortality: "I do not know what I would do, if I would not have the hope of seeing my wonderful Christian parents in the resurrection morning." Her faith was strengthened and her heart comforted in knowing that she would be with Christ and her loved ones.

There is an empty place in the heart and life of those who have lost their loved ones. But, thanks be to God, we shall find again, in the glory land, those whom "we have loved long since and lost a while." Tennyson says: "Oh, for the touch of a vanished hand; for the sound of a voice that is still!" In the living Christ we have our joy and assurance for this life and for that which is to come!

The Great "I Am's" of Jesus

Testimonies by the Members of the 1955
Class of the North American Baptist
Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota



Entrance to the administration and instructional wing of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., from South Euclid Ave. and 23rd Street

"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

By Victor Priebe of Edmonton,
Alberta.

THE LATTER PART of the above verse in John 10:11 reads: "the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." I was once a lost sheep living in sin and having strayed far from the fold of God. One day I realized that Christ, the Good Shepherd, had given his life for ME, personally, and that he was lovingly seeking ME. I cried for mercy and I'm so thankful that he heard my cry and tenderly brought me into his fold. Then for the first time I could joyfully say, "The Lord is MY Shepherd; I shall not want."

Not only did this Good Shepherd save me, but he has also led me step by step since that day. Through fellowship with him and the study of his Word, I have realized that there are multitudes around me "as sheep without a shepherd." Christ was calling me to follow him to greater paths of service. As I yielded completely to his tender leading, he bestowed upon me the blessed privilege of being one of his under-shepherds.

The years of preparation have seemed long at times but, as I look back now, I can see that these days of study and discipline have been part of God's gracious plan for me. I am thankful for the years of study at the seminary and for the formative, moulding influence they have been in my life.

Now, as his under-shepherd, my supreme desire is to live so intimately with Christ that I may see the multitudes with the love, compassion and concern that he manifested. Truly, they are as "sheep without a shepherd." If I can point some lost, wandering sheep to the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, and lead them in his ways, my life shall not have been lived in vain. To this end may God help me!

"I AM THE RESURRECTION"

By Edwin Kern of Millet, Alberta.

THESE MARVELOUS WORDS were spoken in reply to the request of Martha. She saw Jesus coming and ran out to greet him. The words with which she greeted him were not to be regarded as a complaint or a rebuke. "Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died."

Martha and Mary both expressed genuine regret that Jesus was not present during Lazarus' illness and kept him from death. Martha displayed her imperfect faith and Christ developed it by replying, "Thy brother shall rise again." This promise did not satisfy her since she interpreted Jesus' promise of raising her brother too far in the future.

The heart craves for something in the present and needs a personal relationship with Christ. To every person comes this promise of our Lord: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

I am grateful that the Lord revealed himself to me as the source of the spiritual resurrection. Once I was dead in trespasses and sins. Jesus applied his resurrection power to my soul and raised me up into a newness of life with him. With Peter I would say, "Blessed be the God, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead" (1 Peter 1:3).

The Lord has been gracious and patient with me during the years of preparation at the seminary. The intellectual and spiritual blessings received in the classroom, chapel services, fellowship with fellow-students and professors, and practical work have already proven to be invaluable. It is with a deep rooted conviction in God's Word that I want to proclaim the message of our risen Lord.

"I AM THE TRUE VINE"

By Ervin B. Strauss of Edmonton,
Alberta.

"I AM THE TRUE VINE" (John 15:1) are the words the Master spoke to his disciples as he came to the close of his earthly ministry. Jesus, by means of this allegory, very realistically pointed out to them the intimate relationship which will always exist between him and the disciples. In fact, he emphasized the necessity of this relationship if they were to bear fruit. The disciples were the branches of the true vine through which God's purpose for man would be accomplished.

I am grateful that by the grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, I have become a branch of the True Vine. During the years of development, Christ has never failed, the Holy Spirit has faithfully carried out his ministry, and God has provided many consecrated servants, without whose personal contributions this development would have been impossible. I think of Christian parents, faithful pastors, the many Christian friends, consecrated Bible School teachers, and especially am I grateful for the seminary and its professors. To these and others I am debtor, and for their contributions I am grateful to God.

The Lord has also provided avenues of service so that, through quartet work and student pastoral work, I have been able to grow in my spiritual life. He has also given me a fine consecrated helpmate and blessed our home by giving us a healthy baby boy. All our needs, physically, naturally, and spiritually, God has wonderfully supplied.

Our prayer is best expressed in the words of a song:

"O Lord we give ourselves to thee,
and all that we possess,
We lay aside our sinful pride, and
claim thy righteousness,

Our will lies shattered at thy feet,
we pray thy will be done,
Our only plea to live for thee and
magnify thy Son.
May Christ be seen in us, O Lord,
hear thou our earnest plea,
O take us, fill us, use us, Lord, till
Christ be seen in us."

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"I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP"

By Wesley Gerber of Camrose,
Alberta.

THE POSITION OF CHRIST in relationship to God's Kingdom is very unique. He is that Medium whereby men have access to the blessings that are eternal.

Since Christ is the Door of the sheep (John 10:7), I believe God has also called me to help point men to that Door. As God's servant, I can truthfully say that Jesus is the message that we must preach. He is the Door whereby men might enter. The greatest blessing of God, the Provider, can only be had by entering the Door of the sheep which is Christ Jesus.

As three years of seminary soon draw to a close, the need of this message to be preached becomes much clearer to me. I am indeed grateful to our devoted professors and their untiring efforts of service. I have also enjoyed the close fellowship among students and the spiritual atmosphere one senses in class, chapel and the group prayer meetings.

These have been wonderful years here at seminary. I shall never forget the strength and enrichment I have received for my own spiritual life. There have been times of joy as well as disappointment. It is through experiences like these that the Lord becomes very real. I am thankful for answered prayer in my life, for the times I have had to exercise faith and to grow in patience. I also realize that in myself I would be a failure, but with the promise of God's presence, I will, with his help, be faithful to his cause.

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"I AM THE WAY"

By Milton Vietz of Hebron,
North Dakota.

A COMMON PROVERBIAL saying is that "all roads lead to Rome." Also as common a mode of thinking and belief prevalent in our world today is that any one or all religions will take us to heaven. Islam says submission to the will of God is the way. Buddhism teaches that the way (of escape from suffering and mortality) is the eight-fold path of right belief, right resolve, right word, right act, right life, right effort, right thinking, right meditation. Shintoism gives the way of many gods and of imperial, ancestral reverence. In Confucianism an ethical system is the way.

The Bible says "there is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Prov. 14:12). Jesus said, "Whither I go ye know, and the way ye know. Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith, I am the Way . . . no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:4-6).

Although I had known Jesus Christ experimentally prior to seminary entrance, I greatly appreciate and value the insights gained, truths grasped, knowledge acquired, and ideas assimilated; all so essential in the effective and efficient proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the only Way of salvation and life eternal. I rejoice that this Living Way is a Living Person, Jesus Christ, rather than code morality, good works, law, merit, system of ethics, or any effort and effect man may produce or devise. Via Jesus Christ, the Son of God, I enter heaven's portals.

upon my life that will never be erased in all the years to come. I thank God for all of these years spent in study at the seminary.

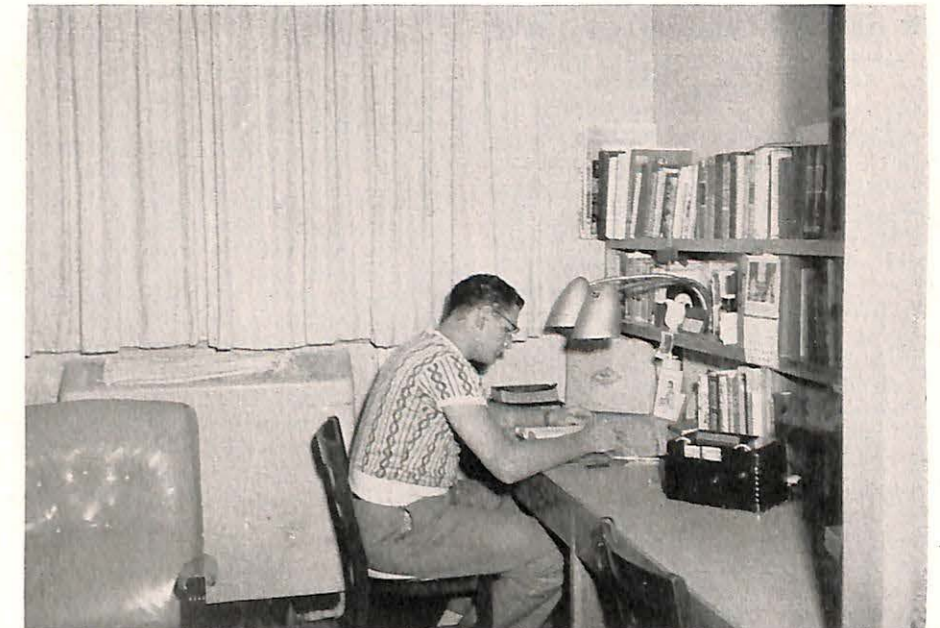
The Apostle Paul writes in Phil. 3: 10. "That I might know him." That was his one consuming desire for his whole life that he might know Christ and that he might portray him to others through his life. It is also my desire for all of the days to come that I may know "the truth," which is Jesus Christ and that I might serve him in whatever place or position he might desire me to have in the work of his Kingdom until he comes.

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"I AM THE LIFE"

By Rubin Herrmann of Medicine Hat,
Alberta.

MEN APART from Christ are spiritually dead. The stark reality of this truth gripped me during the opening days of attending the Christian Train-



Mr. Richard P. Christeleit of New York City, a pre-theological student in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in his room at our Seminary dormitory. He was the talented photographer whose pictures illustrated the Seminary article, "Engraved into the Seminary Story" in the 1955 ANNUAL

"I AM THE TRUTH"

By Edwin Voigt of Avon,
South Dakota.

IT IS A GREAT JOY to be able to testify to the fact that Jesus Christ is my personal Savior and Lord. During the days before I came to the seminary, I always had a deep interest in the Word of God and in the work of the Kingdom. It was with the desire for a deeper knowledge of the truth that I came to the seminary in September, 1948.

These have been wonderful years of growth, not only in the knowledge of facts, but even more in the knowledge of Jesus Christ who is the Truth. The seminary, its faculty and student body, have made a lasting impression

ing Institute at Edmonton, Alberta. I, like all young people, longed to enjoy life. But I did not possess life, much less enjoy it.

Jesus said, "I am the life." By faith I attached myself to him, "who hath life in himself," and he gave me eternal life instead of death. Without this life there is no living.

As I answered God's call and continued to prepare myself at the seminary, I experienced that he is not only the source of eternal life which consummates in the future, but he is the dispenser of life in its temporal development. My life would collapse if built on superficial foundations. Therefore, day by day, I have learned to build on this "Rock of ages" who gives life stability and purpose. I long

to fashion my life after his divine life.

Life, too, is expressed by growth. The seminary has not only nurtured us in theoretical aspects but has provided opportunities in wide areas for practical experience. My life has been enriched by the influence of others. Of course, no greater impact can be made on our lives than the conscious presence of the Invisible who lives within us. But I thank God for the lives of our professors who have been sensitive to our spiritual needs.

Then, again, I am grateful for the new challenges that came into my life while singing with the King's Stewards quartet and visiting our churches for two summers. During the last two years I have been serving a small church at Salem, South Dakota. Thus far my preparation has only been a means to the end, but the end ultimately is to live a fruitful life in the service of others for the sake of him who is the Life.

"I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE"

By Fred A. David of East Detroit, Michigan.

"WHAT BREAD IS to the body, Christ is to the soul." The soul like the body has no inherent sustaining strength, but it is dependent upon the satisfaction which Christ alone can give. He is "the Bread that giveth life." In the production of this bread we have had no part as we have in the making of the bread of this earth because the Bread of life is a divine gift. Christ is the Bread which came down from heaven, ready for use as was its symbol, the manna. All we have to do is to take and eat.

Through the faithful preaching of the Word of God and the many prayers of God's people in my home church, the Burns Avenue Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich., I was led early in my youth to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Savior. But I regret to say that, like the prodigal, I left for a time the heavenly Father's table and found myself feeding on the husks of worldly pleasure and sin until in answer to many prayers in my behalf, God restored me to the sweet fellowship of the Church. From that time on, I knew that nothing would ever satisfy my soul except the Lord Jesus Christ. Sharing him with others has become the passion of my life, and making proper preparation for the Lord's work a "must."

And now that God has led me into my last year at our seminary, I am especially grateful for my faithful, patient and deeply consecrated professors, who have spared no effort to impart to me, not only "theological training" but also a deep reverence for the Bible and for the Christ, who said, "I am the bread of life; he that cometh unto me shall never hunger" (John 6:35a).

"I AM THE LIVING WATER"

By Eleon L. Sandau of La Crescent, Minnesota.

"BUT WHOSEVER drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14).

Almost every day we meet people who have a thirst for something to satisfy the burning agony of their souls. Daily they are found drawing from the well of temporal pleasures and satisfactions, but this water, like the briny water of the sea, only increases the craving from within. Except for the grace of God and the faithful witness of his dedicated servants, I might still be among those.

The warm fellowship of our seminary family and the sound teaching of our faculty have made a unique contribution to the lives of those of us who have been called here. Surely, we shall never be able in this life to measure the depth of the resources that have become our inheritance during these glorious years. It has not always been an easy road to travel—nor should it be—but it has led us all to a fuller understanding of God's ways.

Due to existing circumstances I have postponed the writing of the required thesis for the Bachelor of Divinity degree, and, therefore, shall not be recognized at the commencement exercises of 1955. However, I shall complete this requirement this year.

It has been my privilege to serve God in the preaching ministry during much of my stay at the Seminary. As these days draw to a close, it is with anticipation that I look for God's guidance to further opportunities to lead those who thirst to that life-giving stream in Christ Jesus.

"I AM THE SON OF GOD"

By Robert E. Fuchs of Woodhaven, New York.

"If Jesus Christ is a man — —
And only a man—I say
That all mankind I'll cleave to him
And to him will I cleave alway.

"If Jesus Christ is a god — —
And the only God—I swear
I will follow him through heaven
and hell,
The earth, the sea and the air!"

THESE words, written by a young man upon graduation from college, present a challenging message that has made a deep impression on my heart. Surely, if Jesus Christ were only a man, of all the men that ever lived, he is the only one worth cleaving to. But Jesus Christ was more than a man! He made the bold claim of being the Son of God—and I believe that his claim was true. My three years of

training at our seminary have served to deepen and strengthen that conviction.

My earnest prayer, now that I am about to be graduated, is that I might follow Christ through heaven, hell, and all the experiences of life, and that I may faithfully proclaim him as the Son of God in everything I do and say.

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"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD"

By Clarence H. Walth of Kennewick, Washington.

JESUS SAID, "I am the Light of the world" (John 8:12). It is one thing to read this passage; it is quite another thing to believe it and experience it. Many are blind to "the Light of the world." They have never experienced the infinite power and illumination that come when Christ is viewed as such.

The exemplary living and prayers of my Christian mother and the zealous efforts of Gospel ministers were all very helpful toward making me want to see the "Light." When I was fifteen years of age my home church, the Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., planned evangelistic meetings with Rev. F. W. Bartel as guest speaker. It was during this time that I first saw the "Light."

Although I felt called of God to become a minister of the Gospel while still quite young, I forced it out of my mind and chose for myself the career of teaching. God permitted me to prepare for this work. I earned my degree in education at the Dickinson State Teachers' College. After two enjoyable years of teaching, God spoke again . . . this time very clearly and distinctly. My application for training in our seminary was accepted and again I found myself back in school, but preparing, this time, for the task that God had chosen for me.

It has been extremely vitalizing to spend these three years at our seminary. The administration was concerned about giving each student a well balanced program in theological training. The witness and impact of mature scholarly Christian men has been increasingly helpful toward my preparation for the ministry. In addition to curricular emphasis, provision was made to develop the devotional life of the student. Regular periods for spiritual enrichment were set aside for self-examination.

The privilege of introducing people to Christ Jesus, as Lord and Savior, is a ministry that we have learned to love. With God's continued guidance and with the help of his people, souls will be urged to fix their attention upon Jesus, to accept the Word of God as the basis for their convictions, and to walk in the Light of his Word. Jesus is "the Light of the World."

The Waco Executive Committee for the 31st General Conference

By MR. JOHN KITTLITZ, Jr., of Waco, Texas



Local General Conference Executive Committee from the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

IN ORDER that the members of our North American Baptist churches might become better acquainted with the people who will make their stay in Texas a pleasant one, we take pleasure in introducing to you the Executive Committee for the 31st General Conference to be held in Waco, Texas, June 6 to 12, 1955.

Heading up this committee, composed of members of the Central Baptist Church, is Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, local general chairman. Mr. Engelbrecht has been directing the overall preparations for the conference. This included contacting officials of Baylor University, the Waco Chamber of Commerce, hotel managers, caterers and many others in making preliminary arrangements for the conference as well as working with officers of the General Conference in coordinating local arrangements, organizing and working with various special committees.

RAY ENGELBRECHT, CHAIRMAN

Mr. Engelbrecht is well known throughout our denomination and has served as an officer and member of many committees and organizations in his local church, the Southern Conference and the General Conference. He is presently chairman of the Board of Deacons of Central Baptist Church, president of the Southern Conference Brotherhood, and a member and secretary of the North American Baptist Seminary Board of Trustees.

Chairman of the all important Foods Committee is Mr. Edwin Gummelt. It is his duty to make detailed arrangements for the various dinners, luncheons, banquets, etc., that will be held at various times during the conference. Mr. Gummelt is especially well qualified for this position, being somewhat of a chef himself when it comes to preparing meals for Brotherhood meetings, Sunday School picnics and other church gatherings. He is presently a deacon of Central Baptist Church, assistant Sunday School superintendent, and an officer of the Brotherhood.

Rev. Louis R. Johnson, pastor of the Central Baptist Church and host pas-

tor for the conference, is in charge of advance publicity and, as has been indicated by various articles appearing in the "Baptist Herald" and other denominational publications, is very adept in getting long-winded Texans to exclaim at length on the greatness of Texas! In addition to the many duties associated with being pastor of a church and host pastor for a General Conference of Baptists, Brother Johnson also finds time to teach a Sunday School class, serve as a member of the Southern Conference Missionary Committee and as clerk of the Waco Baptist Association.

Mr. E. H. F. Arnold has been appointed chairman of the Properties and Exhibits Committee and as such will prepare many interesting and thought provoking displays of work on our home and foreign mission fields, life at the Seminary and Christian Training Institute, the CBY and SS Union, etc., since he has a creative mind and a highly developed flair for such work. Mr. Arnold has painted numerous murals in various churches, especially background scenes for baptistries. He is presently serving on the Board of Deacons of Central Baptist Church of Waco.

Chairman of the ushers is Mr. J. N. Kittlitz who in his inimitable way will be welcoming General Conference delegates and visitors, looking after their comfort, supplying them with fans (we hope not), ballots, information, etc., and, in general, ex-

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

In the picture on this page, the members of the Conference Executive Committee are as follows (left to right): Edwin Gummelt, Erich Arnold, Rev. L. R. Johnson (pastor), Raymond Engelbrecht (chairman), Mrs. Charles Marsteller, Jr., Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht, Mrs. Ernest Steindam, Vernon Ekrot, Milton Lippert and J. N. Kittlitz.

posing them to some of that genuine Southern hospitality which he so aptly personifies. Mr. Kittlitz is presently vice-moderator of the Southern Conference, a Sunday School teacher and a deacon of Central Baptist Church.

PLANS FOR EVERYTHING

Looking after finances will be Mr. Vernon Ekrot, chairman of the Finance Committee. It will be his duty to account properly for all funds collected and expended during the conference and to see that proper distribution is made of funds contributed for the various participating groups of the General Conference. Mr. Ekrot is well qualified for this position, having served in the Army Finance Corps and later in the Finance Section of the Veterans Administration. He is Sunday School superintendent and a deacon of Central Baptist Church.

Handling a job at which he himself never grows old is Mr. Milton Lippert, chairman of the Youth Activities Committee. With the many facilities of Baylor University at his disposal as well as an ingenious mind of his own, it should not be hard for Milton to come up with lots of ideas on how to keep young people occupied, entertained and challenged during the days of the conference. Mr. Lippert is a past president of the Southern Conference Commissioned Youth and Sunday School Union and past vice-president of our General Conference CBY and SS Union. He is a deacon of Central Baptist Church and is active in all phases of church activity.

Chairman of the Ladies Tea Committee is Mrs. E. H. Steindam who is already busily engaged in making arrangements for the Missionary Reception and Tea that will follow the Friday afternoon conference program presented by the women. Mrs. Steindam is secretary-treasurer of the Southern Conference Women's Missionary Union, White Cross chairman of the Central Baptist W.M.U., a Sunday School teacher and church reporter.

Making sure that sufficient flowers and decorations are available for the
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Vignettes of Church History

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

8. BAPTISM IN THE EARLY CHURCH

DURING the apostolic age (closing with the death of the Apostle John about 100 A.D.) baptism was the ordinance in which a believer was immersed in water as a confession of Christ's work of salvation and his acceptance of it. Baptism was administered soon after conversion as a symbol of the subject's death, burial and resurrection with Christ (Rom. 6:4).

The early second century brought important changes in the New Testament concept of baptism. It began to be looked upon as an essential of Christian profession—without it one could not hope to be saved. In the case of the dangerously sick as early as 125 A.D., baptism was performed by pouring water upon the convert while he lay in bed—clinic baptism (Greek, *klinee*, bed).

Immersion continued the normal mode, except for unusual cases, in Western Europe until well after the year 1000. It is the only mode in the

Eastern Orthodox Churches to this day.

Possible traces of the baptism of infants are noted in the 100's and definitely in Cyprian about 250 A.D. By this time baptism had ceased to be an ordinance and had become a sacrament—a rite which bestows inward grace from God. Thereafter the infant must be baptized as soon as possible after birth lest it die unbaptized and unsaved. The Eastern Orthodox Churches still immerse infants.

This developed two misconceptions concerning baptism, one as to the Scriptural mode and the other as to the Scriptural subject. Throughout the history of the Church there have always been some, either among the parties of the Catholic (universal as contrasted with heretical) Church, or among the so-called heretical group, who sought to return to the Bible doctrine and practice of baptism and were led to correct one or the other, occasionally both, of these misconceptions. (Walker, 93-97; Newman, I, 136-137 and index.)

Ola Hanson, the Swedish Baptist missionary who in 1890 went to Bhamo, Burma, and served there for nearly 40 years. He laid spiritual foundations that are still strong today, as he reduced the Kachin language to writing, translated the whole Bible into Kachin, compiled a Kachin-English dictionary of 11,000 words, developed a Kachin Grammar, edited a Kachin Hymnal of 364 pages, won many converts for Christ and was honored by universities and governments for his distinguished accomplishments. This finely etched and interesting biography of a great Baptist missionary could not have been written by a more qualified person than Dr. Gustaf A. Sword who knew the Hansons personally and also served for 31 years as a missionary among the Kachins. Mr. and Mrs. Geis cross the threshold of this book on several occasions, and the entire Baptist mission to the Kachins becomes an inspirational account that you can easily visualize by reading this book!

THE WESTMINSTER PULPIT. The Preaching of G. Campbell Morgan. Volumes I-V. Fleming H. Revell Co. \$4.00 each.

The greatest expository preacher of our day undoubtedly has been Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, who occupied the pulpit of Westminster Chapel in London, England, from 1906 to 1916, who wrote scores of books and preached in almost every part of the world, who celebrated his diamond jubilee as a preacher in Nov. 1936 and who was called to his heavenly home some years ago. As a university student in 1923 I skipped classes in order not to miss a single lecture by Dr. Campbell Morgan in the First Baptist Church of Oakland, California. He had a talent for clear, forceful diction, a power to impress his listeners, a gift for Scriptural exposition and teaching, and an unction to be the channel of the Holy Spirit.

This series of sermons by G. Campbell Morgan is now being made available by the Fleming H. Revell Co. in ten volumes. The first five have already been published at \$4.00 each. The entire set, if ordered at once, will be available at our Roger Williams Press in Cleveland, Ohio, for \$36. In this review we shall deal briefly with volumes 2 and 5.

In volume 2 Dr. Morgan unveils life's highest purpose, the real meaning of faith, and that assured victory that awaits the people of God. It deals, among other themes, with the all-sufficient grace of God, the deity of Jesus, and power for service. Volume 5 is unique for three series of sermons centering around Christian citizenship, church ideals and the Kingdom of God. The sermon on "The Kingdom: 'Thy Kingdom'" is a classical (Continued on Page 24)

Roger Williams Press

By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER ... NEWS

WE HAVE just been informed that the committee of the CBY Fellowship, investigating young people's Sunday School periodicals, is recommending the young people's publications of the General Conference Press. Such papers as "Search," "Youth Today," and others are offered by the General Conference.

Roger Williams Press will serve as an agency for these papers; they will not cost any more when they are ordered direct from Roger Williams Press. Sample copies and order blanks will be sent to our Sunday School superintendents as soon as possible. These publications are of a high spiritual standard and deserve our earnest consideration. If your group does not receive sample copies, please write to us and we will see to it that they get to you as quickly as possible.

Just recently a shipment of 10,000 German tracts arrived from Europe. These tracts are of a deep spiritual quality and true to the Word of God. Many of our churches have contacts with German-speaking people and make good use of these Gospel tracts. The price is 20 cents per dozen postpaid or in quantities of 100 or more at \$1.00 per hundred postpaid. Individuals and churches will do well to use these tracts for missionary work among German-speaking people.

Announcements

ENGAGEMENTS

- Dr. Frank H. Woyke**
April 8 (Good Friday)—Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Illinois.
- Rev. R. Schilke**
April 7 (Thursday)—La Crosse, Wis.
April 17 (Sunday)—Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Michigan.
April 24 (Sunday)—Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa.
- Dr. M. L. Leuschner**
April 17 (Sunday)—First Baptist Church, Utica, Michigan.
April 24 (Sunday)—North Freedom, Wisconsin.

EVENTS IN APRIL

- April 8—Good Friday.
- April 10—Easter Sunday. Easter Offering to be received for our denominational enterprise and mission fields.
- April 10-13—Commencement and Closing Exercises of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. Prof. Herbert Hiller of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Commencement Speaker.



The statue of Dr. Rufus C. Burleson, one of the first presidents of Baylor University, which can be seen on the east side of Baylor's campus

Strolling Around Baylor's Campus

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

GENERAL CONFERENCE visitors to Waco, Texas, from June 6 to 12 will be fascinated by pleasant strolls around the campus of Baylor University. There are many unusual things, historical shrines and memorable places to see that will make such a short walk or "Spaziergang" most rewarding.

Don't miss the statue of Dr. Rufus C. Burleson on the eastern edge of the campus, only a half block from Waco Hall! You'll recognize the illustrious gentleman in bronze by the stove pipe hat which he is holding. He was one of Baylor's earliest presidents who left his spiritual and intellectual imprint on this great university of today.

In Dr. Burleson's home was a German cook who attended the services of the First Baptist Church of Waco but who understood little of the messages. For her benefit as well as for others of German descent, Dr. Burleson

son in 1890 helped to organize a little church, called at that time the German Baptist Church (now Central Baptist Church). How mysteriously God moves to perform his wonders! Rev. Louis Johnson, pastor of the Central Church, has said that he wouldn't be surprised if "Dr. Burleson's statue face on the east side of Baylor's campus would be wearing a smile or would have a twinkle in his eye as he sees the hundreds of North American Baptists at the General Conference walking over the campus of Baylor University and remembers the German cook in his home and the little Baptist church of that denominational fellowship which he helped to organize."

When you pause in front of this statue of Dr. Burleson on a stroll around the campus, remember this human interest story and thank God for such spiritual giants and for the wonderful ways of God by which he reveals his glory to us!

April 20-21—Spring Convocation, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Guest Speaker: Dr. Ernest L. Ackley, professor of Old Testament and acting president of Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas. Theme of four lectures: "The Psalms."

Dixon Streets, Forest Park, Ill. Speaker, Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroons missionary.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

- April 22 (Friday)—Annual session of the Publication Board, Cleveland, Ohio.
- April 26-28—Annual meetings of the General Missionary Committee at Headquarters Building, Forest Park, Illinois.
- April 27 (Wednesday, 7:45 P.M.)—Missionary Rally for churches of Chicago and vicinity at Forest Park Baptist Church, Harlem and

- Rev. Martin DeBoer
Fessenden, North Dakota.
- Rev. Otto Fiesel
104 Fourth Ave., S.E.
Sidney, Montana
- Rev. R. G. Kaiser
King's Garden
Seattle 33, Washington
- Rev. Edwin Miller
6148 Stanbury Road
Parma 29, Ohio

BOOK REVIEWS

THE WORLD OF ALBERT SCHWEITZER. By Erica Anderson. Harper & Brothers. 144 pages. \$5.00.

This is a book of superb photographs about one of the most renowned Christian missionaries of our day, with enough biographical and factual text to provide a clear understanding of Dr. Schweitzer's thought and activity. These magnificent pictures will etch their beauty and spiritual meaning so deeply into your soul that you will never be able to get away from their inspiring and haunting glory. Here is Dr. Schweitzer who "wanted to be a doctor so that he might be able to work without having to talk" examining patients, preparing to operate, and healing the lepers. In these heart-touching pictures you will see Dr. Schweitzer in Africa reverently listening to recordings of the Muenster Valley Church bells, working at his zinc lined piano at Lambarene, receiving birthday greetings from the hospital staff. This magnificent life is presented in these photographs with deep spiritual feeling and artistic skill. The two-page picture showing

Dr. Schweitzer in loose-fitting, white, tropical suit telling the Christmas story to a reverent group of leper patients and doctors and nurses with two storks watching sedately nearby and with outdoor tables piled high with good things to eat is thrilling! It's an expensive book, to be sure, but there is no other man in our day like Albert Schweitzer and there will be no finer book about him than this grand, superb volume!

LIGHT IN THE JUNGLE. By Gustaf A. Sword. Baptist Conference Press. 189 pages. \$2.00.

One of the greatest Baptist mission fields in the entire world is Burma, associated reverently with the name of Adoniram Judson. In more recent years the Gospel has shone brightly into the darkness along the Burma Road among the Kachins. We have become well acquainted with this monumental work through the late George A. Geis, missionary, who was a member of our Rochester, N. Y., church for many years, and also through the books of Dr. Gordon S. Seagrave. But little is known about

We...the Women

By MRS. O. R. SCHMIDT of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

THE FIRST Women's Missionary Evangelism Conference of the Alberta Association will be held from April 20 to 22 (Wednesday through Friday evenings with sessions all day on Thursday and Friday) at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton. The purpose of our conference is to challenge our women to deeper Christian living! The theme will be "Building for Christ!" based on the verse, "What have they seen in thine house?" (Isa. 39:4.)

The conference is being planned especially for women. However, special evening services are planned to be of interest for the entire family. Missionaries George and Alma Henderson as our guest speakers, the presentation of a play, special music and the conference choir will be featured. Following the service each evening, an hour of fellowship and fun will include stunts, games, lunch and devotions. The day will close as guests at the Christian Training Institute join together in prayer bands for moments of meditation and prayer.

We are thrilled to realize that these days of spiritual refreshing will include moments of inspiration and fellowship with our own beloved missionaries. What an opportunity to become more intimately acquainted with our work and with those who are serving so loyally on our mission fields!

The wonderfully ideal facilities of the Christian Training Institute are being made available for us. Expenses will be kept at a minimum. (Meals: breakfast, 35c; dinner, 55c; supper, 55c.) We are expecting the women to be as generous as possible in contributing eggs, cream, produce, cakes,

etc., as far as this will be possible.) Lodging will be only 50c a night. (Bring your sheets, pillow, blankets, towels etc., as needed.)

Our promotional chairman for the conference is Mrs. W. Muller. We hope and pray that many of our women will be able to take advantage of these splendid opportunities for Christian fellowship, instruction and inspiration. May our lives be enriched and our homes beautified with the spirit of the living God as we are earnestly "BUILDING FOR CHRIST!"

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

for the

Woman's Missionary Evangelism Conference

Edmonton, Alberta, April 20-22

Guest Speakers: Missionaries George and Alma Henderson, Cameroons, Africa.

Evening services open to the Public.

APRIL 20, WEDNESDAY EVENING
8:00 P.M. Singspiration Devotions. Special Music. Missionary Message.
9:00 P.M. Fellowship and Fun Hour. "Get-acquainted." Devotional thought. Lunch. Prayer Bands.

APRIL 21, THURSDAY MORNING
7:30 A.M. "Thought for the Day" and Breakfast.

9:00 A.M. Private Guided Devotions. "Women Who Worship."
9:30 A.M. Group Devotions. Bible Study (Phil. 1 and 2), Mrs. Korrella.

give themselves to the work. The thought of term papers, theses and exams begin to excite the students. But there is even greater excitement, especially for the senior students. The end of their long years of study is in sight and with it the hope of getting into the real work of the churches.

In the monotony of hard studies new events and changes are always welcome. In this semester it was the pleasant change of getting some of our Cameroons missionaries to the Seminary. First, the Holzimmers arrived, children and all, and it was a joy and privilege to get to know them personally. A little later Miss Laura Reddig came. Although their main purpose at the Seminary is to engage in some studies, yet it cannot be helped, they

10:10-10:40 A.M. "Women Who Win." Evangelism. Mrs. W. R. Muller, Leader.

10:45-11:45 A.M. "Women Who Work." Program Planning. Mrs. E. Klatt, Leader.

APRIL 21, THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 P.M. Devotions. "Women Who Witness." Missionary Hour. Mrs. Alma Henderson.

2:30-3:15 P.M. The Work of the CTI. Rev. E. P. Wahl.

3:15-4:15 P.M. White Cross Workshop, Mrs. E. Hoffmann, Leader. (Display by the Wiesenthal Woman's Union.)

APRIL 21, THURSDAY EVENING

8:00 P.M. Singspiration. Devotions. Special Music. Presentation of Play. Missionary Message.

9:00 P.M. Fellowship and Fun Hour. Social Time. Devotional Thought. Lunch. Prayer Bands.

APRIL 22, FRIDAY MORNING

7:30 A.M. "Thought for the Day" and Breakfast.

9:00 A.M. Private Guided Devotions. "Women Who Worship."

9:30 A.M. Group Devotions. Bible Study (Phil. 3 and 4). Mrs. D. Berg.

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APRIL 22, FRIDAY AFTERNOON

1:30-2:30 P.M. Devotions. "Women Who Witness." Missionary Hour. Mrs. Alma Henderson.

2:30-3:15 P.M. Indian Mission Presentation. Mrs. R. Neuman.

3:15-4:15 P.M. White Cross Workshop. Mrs. E. Hoffmann.

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9:00 P.M. Fellowship Hour. Lunch. Prayer Bands.

just have to tell us about their work in Africa.

At the beginning of February we had another happy change in the annual visit of our general workers from Forest Park. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Rev. J. C. Gunst, and Rev. L. Bienert came this time and were again an inspiration and encouragement to all. In connection with this visit there is always a students' reception in the evening to which all students and nurses of our churches are invited from the various colleges and hospitals. The new and beautiful film of our Church Extension work was shown.

The crowning experience in the new year thus far was our Seminary (Continued on Page 15)

C.B.Y. Fellowship

By LAWRENCE BIENERT, Youth Director

YOUTH CAMPS

Every year we send out a camp questionnaire so that we may know the response of our young people. We find that each year there are more young people in attendance with more of our churches represented. This alone is very encouraging. What thrills our hearts even more is the response to the Gospel invitation. With 16 out of 22 camps reporting, we have found that during the summer of 1954 there were 96 first time decisions for Christ, 271 reconsecrations, and 13 people giving their lives to specialized Christian service. For these young people we want to pray and offer encouragement.

According to your calendar of events for the summer months, you will have made some definite plans regarding your summer camp or assembly for 1955. You will already have selected the date and chosen your guest speaker or speakers. Teachers for the various classes will have been selected and lesson material will soon be in their hands. Your various committees will be hard at work arranging the entire program, providing for inspiration, instruction, music, recreation, and fellowship.

CAMP COUNSELORS

The dean of the assembly or camp will make arrangements to meet with the camp staff and counselors. It is important that the camp counselors be chosen well in advance and that they know what is required of them. Most counselors are faced with the question, "What are my duties as a camp counselor?" To answer such a question we offer the following information.

One counselor is assigned to each cabin. His or her duty is to cooperate with the entire camp staff, to observe all the rules—including rest period and lights out — to have general supervision of cabin and campers, to direct cabin devotions, to deal with homesickness, and to be able to do personal soul winning. These few suggestions should help counselors to see how important their work is. Special instructions should be given to counselors prior to the time of your camp. Right now your Youth Department is in the process of making some additional material available, which will be of special help to counselors.

The dean should try to arrange a meeting with the camp counselors at

which time special instruction should be given. If any group wishes, they may write to Rev. Bienert, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. He will be available to conduct some instruction classes for counselors.

If a meeting cannot be arranged with the counselors and the staff members, then the dean should write letters to all the staff members giving them a list of duties. Other helpful information would include the exact location and address of the camp, the facilities, telephone and mail service. Books on camping should also be circulated among the staff members. Refer to your "Camp Leader's Guide" for a list of suggested books. This guide is available from our headquarters office at 20 cents per copy.

PUBLICITY

All planning and arrangements should be made well in advance so that the publicity committee can do a thorough job on publicizing your camp. Young people need to be informed so that they can reserve these special days for this purpose. A lot of enthusiasm and interest must be built up and maintained.

There are secular organizations which are anxious to provide for the leisure hours of our young people. Our camps offer a spiritual ministry which is vitally important. Use your regional youth paper and also your local newspaper for publicity purposes.

CAMP PAPER AND SCRAPBOOK

A well edited camp paper issued at intervals during the camp session can be of great interest. Special announcements, inspirational thoughts, amusing events and news items about the campers may be included. A special issue of "I predict" is always an interest catcher. In this issue you predict what each camper is going to do, become, or accomplish in the coming year. It is fun to come back next year to reread these predictions and to see how accurate they were. If a mimeograph machine is not available to print these papers then you could have a reporter read the news to the campers.

A camp scrapbook can also be a constant reminder of the fun and blessings at camp. Every camper should make his own scrapbook. In this would be included a picture of the entire group and pictures of the various campers in their cabins. Pictures of

the missionaries, guest speakers, leaders, and new converts should also have a prominent place. One page should be reserved for signatures of all the campers. Of course, you will want to keep copies of all the camp papers.

May you plan and pray that this may be the most successful camp you have ever had!

SEMINARY SPOTLIGHTS

(Continued from Page 14)

Prayer Day on March 3. Though we have our regular chapel time every day and prayer meetings every Friday, this special Prayer Day is something new in our history and something very much worth-while. Students and faculty again felt the spiritual strength that such a day brings. So in our Seminary life there is always something new to brighten the hard drive of daily Seminary work.

THE WACO COMMITTEE

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numerous meetings of the conference will be the task of Mrs. Charles Marstaller, Jr., chairman of that all important committee. Since Mrs. Marstaller thrives on work, she has also been assigned the additional task of making arrangements for the women's luncheon. She is a past president of the Southern Conference Women's Missionary Union and is presently vice-president of the Central Baptist W.M.U., assistant church organist and is also active in Sunday School and Training Union work.

REGISTRATION AND HOUSING

Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht is chairman of the Registrations Committee and in that position will see that all visitors and delegates to the conference are properly registered, that no one is left without housing, etc. Gussie, as she is affectionately known, has long been noted for her efficient and untiring service, and one would not go wrong in concluding that this will be one conference that will not be characterized by long lines of unhappy people waiting to be registered. She is presently a council member of the Southern Conference Women's Missionary Union and secretary of the Central Baptist Church W.M.U. In previous years she has served the church faithfully as organist and treasurer.

All of these people are striving to their utmost to make this 31st General Conference a success, and we know that with the guidance of our heavenly Father and the work of this group and their co-workers it will be that which is synonymous with Texas — "the biggest and the best."



PLEASANT EVENTS IN OUR SEMINARY'S LIFE

By Professor Hugo Lueck

EVERY YEAR after the Christmas rush a new atmosphere fills the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as the second semester begins soon after the New Year. With renewed zeal students and professors



Sunday School Lessons

A LESSON PLAN

Date: April 17, 1955

Theme:

OBLIGATIONS OF LEADERS

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 10:6-17.

PURPOSE: To set forth the need for responsible, dedicated leaders.

GETTING STARTED: The crisis of our day is a crisis in leadership; for human events are but the reflections of men's characters. National and world conditions become what men's hearts are. And the bankruptcy of our age is but the reflection of the spiritual and moral bankruptcy of the world's leadership. No truth is written more largely across the pages of Israel's tragic history than this: as king, so people; as leaders, so the fortunes of the nation. Therefore the clear admonition of today's lesson—especially to us as a people who have the right and privilege to choose our leaders. Look well to your leadership, choose it wisely; for as you choose today, so will your fortunes be tomorrow!

Developing the Theme:

I. A STUDY IN IRRESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP.

1. Rehoboam—a prototype of irresponsible leadership.

a) He was a proud and arrogant weakling who had no moral or political principles except his own advantage (2 Chron. 10:13a).

b) He rejected wise counsel and surrounded himself with inept and self-seeking advisors (2 Chron. 10:8, 13b-14).

c) He disregarded the needs and welfare of the people (2 Chron. 10:7, 15a).

d) He by-passed God entirely (2 Chron. 12:1, 14).

2. The results were tragic beyond measure.

a) The rich heritage of the past was lost and the nation so torn asunder that it was never united again (2 Chron. 10:16-17).

b) Such fratricidal strife was set into motion that both nations were tragically weakened and finally ruined by it (2 Chron. 13).

c) The way was opened for every kind of spiritual and moral abuse—thus robbing the nation of its moral and spiritual strength (1 Kings 12:28-33).

II. A PLEA FOR RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP.

1. The great need in any time of crisis is for responsible and dedicated leadership: men and women who—

a) Will put the public welfare above their personal desires and advancement (2 Chron. 10:7).

b) Will know how to surround themselves with wise, able and responsible advisors (2 Chron. 10:6).

c) Will be supremely loyal to God, his Word, his commandments, and will seek strength and guidance from him (James 1:15).

2. Such leadership never fails to pay off in—

a) Divine blessing upon the nation or group led by such leaders, as amply illustrated in the history of Israel (2 Chron. 13:18);

b) Peace, security, prosperity (2 Chron. 14:2-5; 15:2).

III. A CALL TO RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP.

1. In a republic like ours, it is the duty and privilege of every citizen to choose the right kind of leaders.

2. Only a responsible and dedicated citizenry makes possible the choice of leaders who are adequate for the task.

A LESSON PLAN

Date: April 24, 1955

Theme: PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 15:1-12.

PURPOSE: To designate the principles on which national righteousness can be achieved.

GETTING STARTED: How can national righteousness be achieved? Two ways are open to us: one, through political reform; the other, through spiritual renewal. Both ways were tried in the eighteenth century. France chose the way of political reform, inspired by the scholars of the Enlightenment, seeking the remaking of society through the application of reason. England did not choose, but by the grace of God was given a spiritual revival, the great Wesleyan Movement. What were the results? France went through a bloody revolu-

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tion that prepared the way for a Napoleon and led to the weaknesses that still plague that nation. England experienced a great spiritual and moral renewal and reaped the strength and greatness that have been hers ever since. How can national righteousness—and the resulting strength and well-being—be achieved? The story of Asa's great reform leaves no doubt about the answer: it is only by way of spiritual renewal!

Developing the Theme:

I. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AND NATIONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

1. Faithful and dedicated leadership. Without an Asa, the great reform would not have come (2 Chron. 15:7).

2. Persistent and prevailing prayer (2 Chron. 14:11).

3. A faithful ministry and church.

a) Men who are open to the leading of God's Spirit and will not hesitate to speak his word and proclaim his truth (2 Chron. 15:1-2).

b) A church faithful to and diligent in the performance of its God-given message and mission (2 Chron. 15:3, 8, 18).

4. A return to vital, personal faith and wholehearted dedication to God (2 Chron. 15:4, 12).

5. Obedience to God's law and commandment in every area of man's life (2 Chron. 14:2, 4).

II. THE RESULTS OF SUCH SPIRITUAL RENEWAL FOR THE LIFE OF A NATION.

1. Internal harmony and well-being (2 Chron. 15:5-6; 14:5).

2. The kind of moral and spiritual strength that makes for real security against outside forces that would destroy the nation (2 Chron. 14:11-12).

3. The nation prospers and grows in power and influence beyond what any other means can achieve (2 Chron. 15:9).

4. Peace with other peoples and nations (2 Chron. 15:15b, 19).

Applying the Lesson:

1. To what extent should we use legislation in our efforts to keep the life of our nation on a high moral plane?

2. Why is it impossible to create a righteous nation merely by the passing of good laws?

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Everett Barker of Newark, N. J., have announced the birth of a daughter on February 11th who has been named Bonnie Ruth. Mr. Barker is the assistant pastor at the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey.

● Beginning with March 12, the Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, has been broadcasting a program every Saturday noon at 12:15 P.M. (Central Standard Time). This feature heard over Station KNWS, Waterloo, Iowa (1090 on the dial) consists of short sayings and poetry of Rev. R. C. MacCormack, pastor, with organ background music by George Thorne. The radio program is called "Words of Faith."

● The Baptist Church of Fessenden, N. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Martin DeBoer of Springside, Sask., to which he has responded favorably. He has resigned as pastor of the Springside and Ebenezer West Baptist Churches of Saskatchewan which he served since 1950, and announced that he would begin his pastorate in Fessenden, N. Dak., on April 1st. He is succeeding Rev. Vernon Link, now of Sheffield, Iowa.

● On Sunday, Feb. 27, the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, launched a remodeling project to improve Church School classrooms, provide for other classroom facilities, enlarge the Elementary department, and alter the heating and ventilating system of the church building. A total of \$12,000 was needed for the project. But on the opening Sunday of the campaign the church raised \$10,514 in cash and pledges, and since then has gone over the top in reaching its goal. Rev. Emanuel Wolff is the pastor.

● On Sunday, March 27, Rev. G. P. Schroeder brought his interim ministry at the Bethel Baptist Church of Windsor, Ont., Canada, to a close. He has served the church, composed mostly of German immigrants, since its organization in 1954. Thus far, the church has not been able to call a full-time pastor. Mr. Schroeder also renewed an appreciated ministry as evangelist at Hamilton, Ont., from Feb. 28 to March 6. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder hoped to return to their home in Lodi, Calif., about April 7.

● On Sunday, Feb. 6th, the CBY of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church, Chilliwack, British Columbia, presented the play, "The Time Is Short." The new CBY officers were also in-

stalled at this service. They are: Miss Clara Werk, president; Ronald Blesin, vice-president; Miss Mildred Bresch, secretary; Miss Marlene Ratke, treasurer. Twenty new members have been received by letter into the church since the coming of the pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, on Dec. 1, 1954. A baptismal service is also planned for Easter Sunday.

● On Monday afternoon, Feb. 28, Miss Alethea S. Kose, a member of the faculty of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., addressed the North American Baptist Ministers' Association at the Forest Park Headquarters building on "Communicating the Christian Gospel." She reported about the annual meetings of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches in America held at Columbus, Ohio, from Feb. 4 to 11. A lively discussion followed her inspirational message. Rev. William L. Schoeffel is president of the Ministers' Association.

● A Mission Rally was held by the Baptist Church of Baileyville, Ill., on Sunday, March 27, with Rev. Leo Leeder reporting about missionary activities in the Philippines. He was formerly director of the Far Eastern Bible Institute in Manila, the Philippines. At the afternoon service the Negro choir from St. Paul's Baptist Church of Freeport, Ill., furnished special music. Rev. John J. Kroeker, pastor, expects to baptize several converts on Easter Sunday. The informative, five page mimeographed "Church News" paper is edited by Jennie Birkholz.

● A Leadership Training Course on "Know Your Denomination" was held the latter part of January in the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa. The pastor, Rev. Fred Mashner, taught the course. Seven pupils earned certificates of credit upon completion of the course. During February and March the midweek services featured something different which proved beneficial. Each week emphasis was on one of the following: Women's Night, Men's Night, Family Night, Driver's Night. After devotion and prayer, a motion picture film relative to the respective parties was presented.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy."

● Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Kaiser of Startup, Wash., have accepted a call to join the staff of King's Garden, Seattle, Wash., and began their services there on April 1st. This interdenominational organization takes care of homeless and destitute children, provides a rest home for elderly people, conducts a radio ministry over Station KGDN in Seattle, and provides a variety of services for missionaries. King's Garden property consists of 43 acres of land with 35 buildings and dwellings of various sizes. It is located approximately half-way between Seattle and Everett, Wash., at North 190th and Fremont, Seattle.

● Mission Sunday was observed by the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., on March 20 with Miss Laura E. Reddig, Camerons missionary, as guest speaker. The 70th anniversary of the church was celebrated from March 4 to 6 with Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker at the Sunday services. A more detailed report will appear in the next issue. Beginning with Feb. 1st "The Visitor" is making its weekly appearance at every home of members and friends. It is a four-page mimeographed review of activities and announcements for the church prepared by the pastor, Rev. Adam Huber.

● From March 14 to 20 evangelistic services were held at the State Park Baptist Church, Peoria, Ill., with Rev. Roy Seibel of Emery, S. Dak., bringing the messages. From Feb. 24 to April 7 guest speakers spoke on various phases of "The Cross of Christ" in a series of weekly pre-Easter meetings. They were Rev. Peter Hill of East Peoria, Ill.; Rev. Hugh Carter of Farmington, Ill.; Rev. Robert Smith of Chicago, Ill.; Rev. Arthur Vinz of Dixon, Ill.; and Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois. The closing message on April 7 is being brought by the pastor, Rev. E. B. Wesner, to be concluded with the observance of the Lord's Supper.

● On Feb. 16 the silver wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Martin DeBoer of Springside, Sask., was celebrated by the Springside and West Ebenezer Baptist Churches in a surprise program. Mr. Gus Breitreuz as chairman introduced the various musical numbers and messages of congratulation. Rev. Walter Hoffman of Ebenezer, Sask., brought a brief address. Mr. DeBoer was presented with a pen and pencil set for his 25 years in the Gospel ministry. Mrs. DeBoer with a wristwatch by the women's missionary societies of both churches, and both of them received a silverware set from the churches. Mr. and Mrs. DeBoer responded with words of heartiest appreciation.

● The Tyndall Baptist Church with its preaching stations at the Tyndall (Continued on Page 22)

Dedication Services of the First Baptist Church Lodi, California

By MRS. THELMA FORSCH, Church Clerk



The new \$140,000 edifice of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, California, with the educational unit (built several years ago) at the left

"THIS IS THE DAY that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Thus we, the people of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., could say on Sunday, February 6th, for that was the dedication day for our new church.

The dedication services began on Friday evening with a church family dinner, set apart for the purpose of fellowship and praise to God for his unspeakable grace which made this project possible. Our guest speaker for the evening was Dr. William Appel who spoke effectively on the subject, "What Is Right With The Church?"

On Saturday evening our young people had a meeting with Rev. P. G. Neumann of the First Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., speaking to us on the subject, "The Upward Pull."

DEDICATION SUNDAY

Sunday, February 6th, was the "Crowning Day." It began at 9:30 A.M. with Rev. P. G. Neumann speaking to all adult Sunday School classes in the main auditorium. The morning worship service began at 10:45 A.M. with Dr. Frank Woyke, our beloved executive secretary, speaking to a congregation of one thousand people.

On Sunday afternoon, the official dedication of the church took place, and approximately 1,300 people came to this service. Others came but could not be accommodated. Many of the 1,300 were in the lower auditorium listening to the service by means of the public address system.

The program opened with our organist, Emanuel Dorheim, playing "Gloria In Excelsis," which was followed by the pastor, Rev. G. G. Rausser, giving the invocation. Rev. W. W. Knauf of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., read Psalm 84, and this was followed by the choir singing, "Open the Gates of the Temple." Rev. Robert Schreiber of the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi then led in prayer. Words of welcome were spoken by our pastor and he also led

us in the Act of Dedication. Mrs. June Goehring beautifully sang, "God Bless This House" followed by Rev. P. G. Neumann in the dedicatory prayer. Our male octet sang, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken."

MANY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations from churches of our city, from churches of the California Association, and from individuals were read, after which the mayor of our city spoke on behalf of the citizens of Lodi. Many members and friends of the daughter churches, First Baptist of Elk Grove and Temple Church of Lodi, were with us at this momentous occasion, and their pastors presented us with beautiful gifts. Temple Church presented our church with a beautiful pulpit Bible, and the Elk Grove Church presented our church with a beautiful picture of the head of Christ.

The keys to the church were officially given by the contractor, Jesse Rister, to the architect, Mr. Satterlee, and he in turn gave them to the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Walter Rott. Dr. Frank Woyke then climaxed the program with a fervent message

on the theme, "Other Foundation Can No Man Lay." The choir sang, "Praise Ye Jehovah," and Dr. William Appel pronounced the benediction.

The evening service proved to be a meeting charged with the Holy Spirit. Rev. P. G. Neumann, our evangelist for the following two weeks, brought the message on "They First Gave Themselves Unto The Lord." Many consecrations were made on this first evening service, and the first soul, a high school girl, was saved in the new church. Thus it brought to a close the "wonderful day that the Lord hath made."

\$140,000 BUILDING

The dismantling of the old church began the latter part of May, 1954 and for six months we worshiped in the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Lodi, and the remaining time in our large social hall where we had room for 460 people. This, however, did not accommodate all of the people who come to the services, and consequently we were compelled to have two identical services each Sunday morning, one at 9:00 A.M. and the other at 11:00 A.M. Our old church accommodated 600 people, while our new building accommodates 900 people, including the choir.

All new pews and pulpit furniture were purchased, as well as a completely modern kitchen with two built-in ovens. A new console for the pipe organ was bought, together with additional pipes and chimes at a cost of \$6,680. An off-street parking lot was purchased at a cost of \$12,000. The over-all cost of the church, including all the above mentioned items, amounted to \$140,000. The contributions of the people were beyond expectation, as well as the donated labor.

We praise God for a wonderful church with the fine cooperation and unity in the work of the Lord. We have now united our strength in the Lord in the efforts of winning the lost to Christ and to reestablish such who have departed from his fellowship.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Southern Conference

Revival Meetings and Ministers' Retreat at the Mowata Baptist Church of Louisiana

From January 3 to 9, revival meetings were held in the Mowata Baptist Church near Branch, Louisiana. Rev. H. Palfenier brought the messages each evening. Each evening the children had a part. Rev. Palfenier taught them choruses and had a special sermon for them. We want to thank the Lord for the wonderful revival and pray for Mr. Palfenier as he goes from church to church proclaiming the Word of the Lord.

From January 25 to 27, the ministers of the Southern Conference gathered in our church for a Ministers' Retreat. Dr. F. H. Woyke, guest speaker, brought the messages each evening. On the last evening, Rev. R. Castro, missionary to the Rio Grande Valley, told of the work there and the needed facilities.

Raynold Loewer, Reporter.

Day of Prayer Observed by Woman's Missionary Society, Central Church, Waco, Texas

The Woman's Missionary Society of Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, observed World Day of Prayer on February 25th, with each member praying at an appointed time, thus forming a prayer chain that covered the entire day.

In the evening we met and presented a special program to a large audience. The speakers were Miss Lydia Heusi, Mrs. Gus Koch, Mrs. Philip Kinsey, Mrs. Herbert Schneider, Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz and Mrs. Vernon Ekzut. Mrs. E. H. F. Arnold, Mrs. Alton Wilhite and Mrs. Edwin Will gave testimonies, and a ladies trio and quartet furnished special music.

The officers of the Woman's Missionary Society elected at the annual business meeting in February are as follows: president, Mrs. J. J. Lippert; vice-president, Mrs. Chas. Marstaller, Jr.; secretary, Mrs. Thomas Lee Lampert; and treasurer, Mrs. Herbert Stobbe.

Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Missionary Rally Is Held by the Danzig Woman's Missionary Society, Tyndall, South Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Danzig Baptist Church, Tyndall, S. Dak., recently held a missionary rally with the Avon, Tyndall, Tripp and Parkston societies attending. Mrs.

Walter Stein, president, was in charge of a well planned program including a devotional period, several songs by the society, a solo and a duet.

The guest speaker was Mrs. George Lubbers, a missionary from India. She showed many curios that she had brought along and then explained to us. Mrs. Alfred Weisser from Parkston, who was in charge of the White Cross display, explained its need for our Banzo Hospital. The offering was designated for buying five cases of soap for the Banzo Hospital.

Mrs. Alfred Heckenlaible, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings With Rev. Daniel Fuchs at Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

The Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was blessed with the ministry of our denominational evangelist, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, who served us during the last week of January and the 1st week of February. Before his coming, the church conducted special midweek prayer services and cottage prayer meetings in preparation for the sowing of the Gospel seed. The meetings were well attended and there were quite a number of visitors, both from Sioux Falls and neighboring churches.

The meetings proved a blessing in that Trinity Church members were strengthened in their faith and received a new challenge. The organizations of the church cooperated in making the meetings attractive. Mr. Fuchs delighted the children with spell-binding stories! Although no large numerical results can be reported at this time, Trinity Baptist Church rejoices in that many reconsecrated themselves, a number of the children declared themselves willing to follow Jesus and there was one reaffirmation of faith.

Louise A. Dunger, Reporter.



Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fastnacht of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration

Seminary Professors Conduct Special Services at Parkston and Tripp, South Dakota

The Baptist Churches of Parkston and Tripp, S. Dak., were richly edified in a series of meetings conducted from Feb. 6 to 20 by three professors from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. For three days Prof. Herbert Hiller enlightened us on Paul's teaching about the way of salvation in his letter to the Romans.

The following three days Prof. Hugo Lueck depicted the Christian following Christ in everyday life as Peter set forth in his letters. Then for one week Dr. Ralph E. Powell served in the capacity of evangelist.

This was a rich and unusual experience for our churches and the good seed so ably and faithfully sown will surely spring up to bear fruit to eternal life. Even though the meetings were cut short by one of these well known but little beloved Dakota blizzards, the services were most successful.

We are most grateful to these men for the blessings they have brought us. May the Lord abundantly bless them and the seminary in their labors for the Lord!

Alfred Weisser, Pastor.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fastnacht of Wessington Springs, S. Dak.

About 175 relatives and friends called to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fastnacht of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Wessington Springs, S. Dak., on their golden wedding anniversary on January 23rd. Their children, six girls and three boys, had arranged to have open house for them. The program consisted of readings and musical numbers, and a short message by their pastor, Rev. Elton Kirstein, on the theme, "The Golden Year." After the program, a large wedding cake was cut and lunch was served. Many lovely gifts were presented to the honored couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Fastnacht were married in 1905 at the Reformed Church in Klineberg, a small town near Odessa, Russia. Shortly thereafter, they decided to come to America. They farmed at Bridgewater, S. Dak., for ten years; at Forsyth, Mont., for two years; and in Hand County, S. Dak., for 26 years. While living in Hand County, they were both active members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church. In 1945 they retired and moved to Wessington Springs, where they live at the present time. They were charter members of the Immanuel Baptist Church, which was organized after they moved to Wessington Springs.

All of the Fastnacht children were able to be present to take part in the celebration of their parent's golden wedding anniversary. The Fastnachts also have 28 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, most of whom were present for the anniversary.

Elton Kirstein, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Thirtieth Anniversary Program of the Stafford Woman's Missionary Society, Sherwood, Ore.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Stafford Baptist Church at Sherwood, Ore., celebrated its 30th anniversary on Sunday, Dec. 5th. A program was presented by the members of the society and refreshments were served following the program.

We were very happy to have four charter members present who are Mrs. W. H. Goold, Mrs. William Ellingsen, Mrs. John Ryser and Mrs. Fred Schober. Corsages were presented to them during the program. These women are still very active in our society.

Louise M. Fincher, Secretary.



Charter members of the Stafford Woman's Missionary Society of Oregon at its 30th anniversary program

Left to right: Mrs. John Ryser, Mrs. Fred Schober, Mrs. W. H. Goold and Mrs. Wm. Ellingsen

Northwestern Conference

Minnesota Mid-Winter Institute Held at the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul

The 26th annual Mid-Winter Institute of the Minnesota CBY and SS Union was held at the Riverview Baptist Church in St. Paul, Minn., from February 18 to 20.



The Senior Class at the Minnesota CBY and SS Union Mid-Winter Institute (left) held at the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn., with Dr. Frank H. Woyke, instructor, and (right) the Junior Class with Rev. Elmo Tahran of Hutchinson, Minn., as instructor

Rev. Elmo Tahran of Hutchinson led the song service and provided the special music for the opening service on Friday evening. Rev. John Woods of the Arlington Hills Presbyterian Church in St. Paul, Minn., brought the message, giving us a clear picture of Christ's life here on earth. After the service, colored slides of former Institutes and Sumer Camps were shown and enjoyed by all.

Following the devotional period on Saturday morning, which was conducted by our Randolph CBY, the young people attended four successive classes. Dr. Frank Woyke instructed the Senior Group in Baptist beliefs, following the theme of the Institute, "What We Believe and Why." Rev. Elmo Tahran was instructor for the Junior Class on the same subject.

The Gospelaire Quartet from our Sioux Falls Seminary was in com-

final message which challenged us all to witness more fully for Christ.

Over 100 young people attended this Institute full-time, making this one of the largest Mid-Winter Institutes ever held in Minnesota. It is our prayer as young people that we may all go out and witness so others may experience and enjoy the fulness of life in Christ Jesus.

Doris Glewwe, President.

Race Relations Sunday and Parsonage Anniversary Observances at Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa

Race Relations Sunday was observed on Feb. 13 in the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, with an appropriate message on that topic at the morning service by our pastor, Rev. H. John Vanderbeck. In the evening, the senior choir of the Payne A.M.E. Negro Church of Waterloo, Iowa, presented a concert featuring Mr. James Tanner, tenor soloist. The program consisted of anthems, Gospel songs and spirituals, and their pastor, Rev. George Stinson, brought a brief message. A free will offering was taken for the group, which they in turn presented to the building fund of their new church.

The first anniversary of the parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa, was celebrated at the morning worship service on Sunday, Feb. 27. Following was the order of service: prelude, Mrs. Arbie Schroeder, organist; call to worship; Scripture reading, parsonage memories, the Misses Marjorie Johnson, Beverly Muehlethaler, Beverly Oelberg, Marilyn Schaer, and Karen Schroeder; "Prayer for the New Home," Mrs. Keith Thoma, reader, with Mr. Wendell Baechler, organist; ladies trio, "Bless This House," Mrs. Edward Krueger, Mrs. Arbie Schroeder, Mrs. Kenton Krueger, and Mrs. Abe Habeger, pianist; choir anthem, "King All Glorious," with Mr. Harry Johnson, director; anniversary message, "Bless This House," Rev. H. John Vanderbeck. Hostesses presiding at the guest register were Mrs. Earl Kiple and Mrs. Max Lehman. The entire service was tape recorded as were the names on the register to be preserved among the church records.

Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter.

Central Conference

Sixty-fifth Anniversary and Dedication of New Educational Building at Forest Park, Illinois

The 65th anniversary and the dedication of a new and remodeled educational building were celebrated February 11 to 13 by the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois. The anniversary should have been observed in January, but since the rebuilding program was about to be completed, the two events were combined.

For the praise and thanksgiving anniversary program on Friday, February 11, carillon bells and organ music by William Krogman welcomed the audience. The invocation by Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor, the anthems by the Choir and the German Mixed Choir, and greetings from the Chicago area church representatives and from Rev. R. Schilke speaking for the North American Baptist executive staff, all contributed to blessings that will long be remembered. Fred Stier, church secretary, presented a fine, concise but complete historic sketch of the church.

In the anniversary worship service on Sunday morning, February 13, the Junior Choir led by Mrs. Rubin Kern and the Church Choir directed by James Whitlock rendered anthems, and Dr. Edgar Boss, associate professor of Old Testament at Northern Baptist Seminary and a member of our church, gave the challenging anniversary sermon. Another highlight of this service was the presence of the only two living charter members, Mrs. Minnie Krause and Mr. Albert Johns.

The dedication service on Sunday afternoon was preceded by Open House and inspection of the new educational building. Mr. Harold Johns, general superintendent of the Sunday School; Roland Ross, former chairman of the trustees during whose term the work was started; Daniel Granzow, present chairman of the trustees; Edwin Maxant, chairman of the finance committee; Rev. R. Kern, Carl Jenkins, chairman of the church board, the architect and the contractor all took part in this program. Vocal solos were rendered by Miss Lydia Mihm and Herman Holz, and an anthem was sung by the Church Choir. Rev. J. C. Gunst, known to all readers of the Baptist Herald, gave the inspiring dedicatory sermon.

The evening program was introduced with a song service led by David Draewell, Youth Director and student at Northern Baptist Seminary. A trio consisting of Misses Irene Hoyer, Doris Schuster, and Betty Wiese, and the Youth Choir presented special numbers. The former pastor, Rev. C. B. Nordland, director of radio and publications of Moody Bible Institute, presented a stirring message as a fitting climax to these eventful days.

The new building, which fills the space between and joins the completely remodeled church house to the church itself, has 28 class and assem-



The official church board of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois, with Rev. R. Kern, pastor (5th from right, front row); Mr. Carl Jenkins, church moderator (4th from right, front row); and the architect and contractor for the new addition (6th and 7th from right, front row)

bly rooms, seating up to 60 and providing rooms for every class. These rooms are well equipped for the various grades, and the Sunday School may now carry on its work without the use of the church auditorium.

New benches in the church and in the choir, refinished woodwork and floors, and new carpeting are all welcome improvements. The art-glass windows seem to be even more beautiful and they continue silently to convey important messages of Christ's ministry.

Carl H. Jenkins, Church Moderator.

Northern Conference

Observance of Youth Week at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba

Youth Week was observed from Feb. 13 to 20 in the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba. On Sunday evening, Feb. 13, the young people took part by leading the song service, reading the Scripture passage, offering prayer and providing the special music. On Monday evening the committee of the CBY met at the home of our Senior Advisor, Lynda Rempel. Various plans for further service were discussed.

Tuesday was Visitation Night. Six homes of aged folk and shut-ins were visited, also the local hospital where several hymns were sung. On Wednesday at the prayer meeting the young people took part in the introduction. Rev. R. Kanwischer led the Bible study after which the young people gathered in separate groups for a season of prayer. On Thursday evening the young people gathered in the homes of two of the group leaders for Bible study.

On Saturday evening we had a youth banquet. Sixty-two young people gathered around beautifully dec-

orated tables to partake of a delicious supper served by our Woman's Missionary Society. Then our pastor's wife, Mrs. Kanwischer, drew a lovely chalk drawing during which several young people presented poems and musical selections. The drawing represented the hymn, "The Haven of Rest." Rev. Bert Milner of Moosehorn was our guest speaker for the occasion. He spoke on "The Race of Life."

An inspiring program was planned for Sunday evening with Mr. Milner as speaker, but due to blizzard conditions very few were able to attend this service. On Sunday, Feb. 27, Alma Rapske and Alvin Martin gave reports on youth work in German and English, respectively. Youth Week proved a rich blessing to all young people and our church.

Violet Rapske, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings and Preparation for Summer Camp at Baptist Church, Whitemouth, Man.

From January 30 to February 10 special services were held in the Whitemouth Baptist Church, Whitemouth, Man., with Rev. H. Schatz, Northern Conference worker, serving as evangelist. A young married couple and ten Sunday School pupils gave their lives to the Lord. Christians were revived and we truly praise God for the blessings that were ours! Mrs. J. Timm on February 14 celebrated her 92nd birthday. The Lord has truly blessed her with good health, and she is happy in the Lord. On Sunday afternoon, February 13, a group of Christians and friends, including the orchestra, surprised her for this occasion.

The Lord has given us as the Manitoba Baptist Tri-Union a new camp site. With new hope and vigor we are eagerly looking forward to a busy summer. More than 20 Sunday School pupils are busily learning their Bible verses in hopes of attending camp in this new locality, 22 miles from River

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WHAT'S HAPPENING NEWS

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and Danzig Churches of Tyndall, S. Dak., has extended a call to Mr. Rubin Herrmann, a member of the 1955 class of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He has accepted the call and will begin his pastorate at Tyndall, S. Dak., on May 29, succeeding Rev. Walter Stein, now of Grand Forks, North Dakota. On July 1st Mr. Herrmann must return to Medicine Hat., Alta., his home town, to secure a residence visa and the remainder of his family's household goods. His testimony appears along with messages by other Seminary graduating students in this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 20, Rev. F. E. Klein, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash., baptized six converts on confession of their faith in Christ. Among these were several promising young adults. Seven new members were given the hand of fellowship at the communion service on March 6. The church has also launched a project for a new Sunday School building by purchasing property adjoining the church which is 75 by 150 feet in size. The building on this property will be constructed as soon as possible. Mrs. Dale Enos is the general Sunday School superintendent. The church choir under the direction of Mrs. F. E. Klein is presenting a sacred concert on Easter Sunday evening, April 10.

● The dedication of the newly purchased chapel for the German Baptist Mission, Hamilton, Ont., was held on Sunday, Jan. 30. This chapel was secured through the financial assistance of the denomination's Church Extension Committee. Mr. Edwin Marklein, chairman of that committee, represented the North American Baptist Conference at the dedication festivities. Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt of Toronto, Ont., brought the dedicatory message. Greetings were also extended by Dr. Parker, dean of theology at McMaster University; Rev. W. Stephen, president of the Hamilton Ministerial Association and pastor of the McNeill Memorial Baptist Church. Rev. John Wahl is pastor of the German Mission Baptist Church of Hamilton.

● For ten weeks, beginning with Thursday evening, Feb. 3, the Burns Ave. Church, Detroit, Mich., is holding a series of classes for the entire church membership. These classes are: "Personal Soul Winning" taught by Mr. Ed. Strauss; "Deeper Christian Living" by Mr. Ulrich Landenberger; "The Sermon on the Mount" by Mr. H. Barsuhn; and "Great Men of the Bible" by Mr. B. Mitchell. A 25-minute devotional is led by the pastor, Dr. A. Dale Ihrle, at the close of each evening's sessions. A Day of Prayer and Fasting was held by the

LETTER BY DR. O. E. KRUEGER OF ROCHESTER, N. Y.

"After spending 34 days in the hospital, I came home on March 12. Convalescence will probably be a slow process. We are very grateful for all the prayers offered on our behalf and for the 525 cards, letters and expressions of love. Thank you! It is good to be home!" Signed, O. E. Krueger, 48 Clairmount Street, Rochester 21, N. Y.

church on Sunday, March 6, to prepare hearts for the great spiritual challenge ahead of the church in its relocation program, intensive visitation campaign, and evangelistic outreach.

● Special Pre-Easter meetings were held by the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., from March 6 to 13 with Rev. F. E. Klein of Colfax, Wash., bringing the evangelistic messages on both Sundays and throughout the week. On the following Tuesday evenings from March 15 to April 5 special meetings were held with guest speakers centering their attention on the theme, "Looking Toward Calvary." The speakers were Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of Northern Baptist Seminary; Mr. Wilfried Zibell, interpreter of Evangelist Billy Graham in Germany; Dr. Allan Redpath of the Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, Ill.; and Dr. Charles Ferguson Ball of River Forest, Illinois. The series will be brought to an inspirational close on Good Friday evening, April 8, with Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, speaking on "Christ and His Cross." Rev. R. Kern is pastor of the church.

● The building of the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., located at 222 Mulberry Street which was the former High Street Church edifice, has been sold to the Promised Land Missionary Baptist Church (Negro). The Temple Church has bought two pieces of property at Cleveland Drive and Marsdale Street, Cheektowaga, N. Y., which is seven miles from the present site in a thriving, new suburban section of the city. In addition to the corner lots, there is a small church building seating 130 persons on the second piece of property. This will be used temporarily by the Temple Church beginning with a Sunday soon after Easter in April. An Every Member Enlistment campaign has been undertaken to strive to raise \$40,000 in gifts and pledges within three years. The church hopes to begin the new building project as soon as possible, as reported by Rev. G. E. Friedenbergh, pastor.

THE LIVING CHRIST

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in him: "When I used to clear the stones off my fields, because it was more convenient, I just tossed them over into my neighbor's fields, but I don't do that now."

A cook was changing her position frequently and was always full of gripes. She carried her load to the Sunday services, too. But one Sunday night she just rose during the testimony period and told the startled assembly how wonderful her people were. The pastor asked facetiously: "Got a new position, Mary?" "No," came the glad reply, "the McQuires got a new cook."

CHRIST, OUR STANDARD

Yes, a normal Christian is a cheerful being. It does not exclude seriousness and sober-mindedness though. The standard by which men judge their own lives and the lives of others is HIS life. If we want his life, we must allow him to control it. He must be the Captain of our souls. With him, life becomes a purpose. And the purpose of our life should be "that his life be made manifest." It is not enough only to have a good profession; we must make our profession good. The Chinese have a saying: "I don't believe what thou sayest; I believe what thou livest."

His life we must share with others. If we can't share it, then in all likelihood, we have nothing to share. Salvation is not a private matter. There are people who like to say that their life is a private affair. What a dangerous assumption! Such kind usually live dangerous lives. The caterpillar of a moth, we are told, becomes like the color of the leaf upon which it feeds. Its color in this way indicates the character of the food it eats. If we would be like Christ, we must feed on him.

Yes, he lives! I, too, have seen him and see him today! A boy cried: "Oh daddy, Jesus came into my heart." A girl said: "And even dish washing is so much more fun now." An old farmer told it with much feeling: "My animals in the barn know it too." A young lad reported: "They pushed me out because I told them, 'Sorry Pals!'"

I remember the couple who came to cheer us up when we were ready to give up. I think of the deacon who had his prayer room in the basement, the walls adorned with the photos of our missionaries, secretaries, ministers and church workers. I think of the janitor, who felt lonely because his old friends were gone, and now he was alone with the Lord. He wondered why he did not invite him to his mansion. He did!

"I serve a risen Savior,
He's in the world today;
I know that he is living,
Whatever men may say."

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist

ENGAGEMENTS:

The Lord willing, we shall be in Chancellor, S. Dak., April 10-22 and from there we go to the Zion Church in Milwaukee, Wis., April 24-May 1. It is our heartfelt prayer that the Lord may be pleased to give us days of grace and power in the Holy Spirit so that the saints will be revived and sinners will be converted unto the Lord.

WE THANK GOD:

During the last week in January and the first week in February we had the privilege of serving again the Bethany Church in Lethbridge, Alberta. God manifested his power in a most marvelous way. Thirty precious souls found forgiveness of sins and peace of soul in Christ. It was wonderful to see how the Spirit of God brought conviction of sin and a longing after salvation to many. The church rejoiced with tears of joy, and redeemed sinners laughed and cried with joy as they passed from death unto life. Almost as many came back to the Lord to renew their covenant with the Lord. Confession of sins was made and reconciliations took place. We thank God!

PRAYER REQUEST:

Pray for a true heaven-sent revival everywhere! It is the greatest need of today. Pray that true prayer-warriors may stand boldly, facing the enemy and fighting the good fight in the strength of the Lord! Brethren, pray of us!

WHITEMOUTH, MANITOBA

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Hills, which is comprised of eleven acres of land in the Whiteshall area with a water front of 300 feet. Truly, an ideal spot!

The women's group, known as the Prayer and Service Circle, had charge of the evening program on Christmas Day. A special Christ-Child Offering was received. The women are supporting two native students as their project for the year. Twenty-five dollars were also donated to the Haven of Rest in Medicine Hat, Alberta.

As a church the Lord is continuing to bless us. May we strive to do even greater things for the Lord in the future! Rev. J. Kuehn is the pastor of the church.

Mrs. J. Kuehn, Reporter

All reports for the "Baptist Herald" must be brief (250 words if possible) and must be sent within a MONTH after the event to be reported. EDITOR.

OBITUARY

MRS. JULIA MOSOLF of Boyne City, Michigan.

Mrs. Julia Mosolf, nee Grabke, of Boyne City, Mich., was born in North Russia, Feb. 5, 1888. She passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at the hospital in Petoskey, Mich., at the age of 66 years, 10 months and 25 days. She had been ill for only four days.

Early in childhood she came to this country, and after a period of a year's stay in Manitoba, Canada, she came to Detroit, Michigan. As a young lady she accepted the Lord Jesus as her personal Savior and was baptized. A few years ago she and her family moved to Boyne City, Mich., to make their home there.

She leaves to mourn her sudden passing her beloved husband, Gustave; five children: Arthur and Lillian White, Detroit, Mich.; Florence White, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Betty Jane Hammon and Norma Louise Lindsay, Boyne City, Mich.; 16 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; one sister, Bertha Henschel, one brother, Fred Grabke, River Hills, Man., Canada; one sister, Helen Arndt, Detroit, Mich.; and a host of friends.

Detroit, Michigan

HELEN ARNDT, Correspondent.

MR. EMIL THIESIES of Dallas, Oregon.

Mr. Emil Thiesies was born in Cherry County, Wood Lake, Neb., April 25, 1890 and died Dec. 27, 1954 having reached the age of 64 years, 8 months, and 2 days. He came to Portland, Ore., in 1895 and shortly thereafter moved to and continued to reside in the greater Salt Creek Area.

On July 12, 1923, he was married to Nettie Elizabeth Tilgner. To this union there were born two sons: Donald and Merle. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, Nettie; his two sons: Donald and Merle; a brother, William Thiesies of Dallas, Ore.; five sisters: Mrs. Media Foster of Dallas, Ore.; Mrs. Martha Shunke and Mrs. Gussie Zumwalt of Salem, Ore.; Mrs. Lydia Marquett of Sandy, Ore.; and Mrs. Pauline Ogilvie of Glendale, Calif.; besides a host of friends. Two sisters and two brothers preceded him in death.

Emil Thiesies was saved and baptized in the Salt Creek Baptist Church on April 29, 1906. From the day of his salvation until the day of his death, he faithfully served his Lord. May the Lord's continued guidance be the strength of those who mourn.

Salt Creek Baptist Church,

Dallas, Oregon

ROBERT F. PENNER, Pastor.

MR. AUGUST THOMS of Vancouver, British Columbia

Mr. August Thoms of Vancouver, British Columbia, was born on June 21, 1891 in Gretna, Manitoba, and moved to Winnipeg, Man., in 1908, where he lived until September 1944 when he moved to Vancouver, B. C., living in our midst to the time of his homegoing. The deceased was married on December 13, 1919 to Miss Lydia Lach, his now bereaved widow. Into this marriage three children were born: Miss Viola Thoms, Mrs. Bernice Elderton and Lorrin Thoms, all of Vancouver, British Columbia.

Mr. Thoms accepted Christ as his personal Savior in his 18th year of life, and was baptized upon the testimony of his faith by Rev. A. Hoffman in the year 1909, and added to the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., where he served as usher for a number of years and was active in various other capacities until in March 1951 he joined the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, B. C., and proved himself a very faithful member. He was one of the most faithful attenders of the prayer meetings, and took a vital interest in other phases of the church work. He was a member of the Brotherhood Executive from its very beginning. He will be greatly missed in the life of the church.

Over his departure mourn his beloved wife; three children; one grandson, Douglas

Thoms; four brothers: Adolph of Millbank, S. Dak.; Reinhold of Winnipeg, Man.; Leo of Cleveland, Ohio; Emanuel of Omaha, Neb.; and four sisters: Mrs. Lydia Stein, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Mrs. Helen Hahn of Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Martha Steffan of Winnipeg, Man.; and Mrs. Hilda Schlitzer of Rochester, N. Y.; many relatives and friends and his beloved church. May the Lord comfort, and bless those who mourn.

Ebenezer Baptist Church,
Vancouver, British Columbia

ALBERT S. FELBERG, Pastor.

MRS. HERMINA BUCHHOLZ of Tyndall, South Dakota.

Mrs. Hermina Buchholz, nee Buchholz, of Tyndall, S. Dak., was born in Bon Homme County, Avon, S. Dak., on February 13, 1889 and passed away quietly at the Saint Michael's Hospital in Tyndall on Tuesday, February 22. She reached the age of 66 years and 9 days.

On March 21, 1916, she was united in marriage to Alex M. Buchholz to which union was born one son, Marvin. Together with her husband and son she resided on a farm north of Avon until 1949 when they retired to the town of Avon. This remained her home until 1953 when she moved to Tyndall, S. Dak., where she lived until her death.

At the age of 17 years she was converted to Christ as her own personal Savior and was baptized upon the confession of her faith by Rev. Jager. She joined the Danzig Baptist Church in which she remained a member until her death.

Her husband, both mother and father, and one brother, Konnie Buchholz, preceded her in death. Those who survive her passing and mourn her death are: one son, Marvin of Rapid City, S. Dak.; one brother, Albert of Tripp, S. Dak.; seven sisters, Lydia Debel, Amelia Buchholz and Alvina Giedd of Avon, Louise Buchholz of Tripp, Ardena Schaffer of Rapid City, Theresa Buchholz of Tripp, and Mrs. Retzer Granger of Washington; two grandchildren, along with many other relatives and friends. The undersigned conducted the funeral service in the Danzig Baptist Church, bringing a message from Psalm 23.

Danzig Baptist Church,
Tyndall, South Dakota

HENRY SMULAND, Officiating Minister.

MRS. MAGDALENA KLEIN of Waukon, Iowa.

Mrs. Madgalena Klein, nee Bibelheimer, of Waukon, Iowa, was born in South Russia on June 5, 1873. She came to America with her parents at the age of 17. They pioneered in the state of South Dakota.

In 1897 she was united in marriage with Mr. Gottlob Klein. As a young couple they homesteaded in Wells County, N. Dak., after which they moved to Turtle Lake, N. Dak., and later to Washburn, N. Dak., where they spent the remainder of their lives together. Her husband passed away 21 years ago. Two years later she moved to Waukon, Iowa, and lived with Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Cameron for the last 19 years. Nine children were born to this family. Two sons preceded them in death: Arthur and Rev. R. A. Klein.

Early in her life Mrs. Klein became a Christian, was baptized and affiliated with the Baptist church near their home. She became a charter member of the Bethel Baptist Church near Turtle Lake, North Dakota. Later membership was transferred to the Washburn Baptist Church where she remained an honored member to her passing. She passed away on January 3 at the age of 81.

She leaves to mourn five sons and two daughters: Theodore Klein, San Diego, Calif.; Emil Klein, Mt. Vernon, Wash.; Martha (Mrs. J. S. Cameron), Waukon, Iowa; Richard Klein, Bismarek, N. Dak.; Lt. Ruth Klein, Washington, D. C.; Berthold Klein, San Gabriel, Calif.; Paul Klein, Oakland, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. K. Klein, Los Angeles, Calif.; and one brother, Rev. E. Bibelheimer, Tacoma, Wash.; and 15 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Rev. C. Anderson in the First Baptist Church, Waukon, Iowa.

On behalf of the family,
A. W. BIBELHEIMER,
Ashley, North Dakota

Spice of Life

"The mosquito is like a child. When it stops making noise, you know it is getting into something."

The pastor had just been telling his visiting grandchildren a fascinating bedtime story. The little ones listened to him breathlessly, but when the tale was finally ended, Johnny took a deep breath and asked, "Grandpa, was that a true story, or were you preaching?"

Eager contributor: "What do you think of my jokes? They're crisp as a cracker, aren't they?"

Editor: "Yes—and just as dry and crummy."

Officer (to recruit): "Man alive! Where are all your shots going? Every one has missed the target."

Soldier (nervously): "Don't know, sir. They left here all right."

In a country newspaper appeared the following advertisement: "The man who picked up my wallet on Main Street was recognized. He is requested to return it."

In the next issue, the reply was published: "The recognized man who picked up the wallet requests the loser to call and get it."

A local clergyman, upon hearing that liberalism was creeping into the churches, remarked, "If that is true,

BRING THE FAMILY!

A Nursery for all children up to four years of age will be conducted at the Seventh and James Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, a half block from Waco Hotel, during the General Conference sessions, June 6 to 12. This service to parents in behalf of your little children will be FREE!

Supervised recreation has been planned for all children from 4 to 12 years of age near the campus of Baylor University. Mrs. Kenneth T. Jones of Waco will supervise this program.

Families with children will be housed in the dormitories of Baylor University. However, in some cases it may be more reasonable to use motel facilities for good sized families. This is going to be a Family Conference! So bring the entire family to Waco, Texas, for the grand General Conference sessions!

I hope it will soon strike the contribution box."

Johnny was looking at his baby brother for the first time.

"What do you think of him?" asked his mother.

Johnny sighed: "The Jones have a new car, the Browns have a new radio, and we've got this."

In preparation for a banquet, the chairs had been given a new coat of varnish. It was a hot humid evening,

and as the afterdinner speaker started to rise, he found himself stuck to the seat. But, unabashed, he said, "Ladies and gentlemen, I had expected to bring you a plain unvarnished talk, but circumstances make it impossible."

The sergeant in charge of new recruits ordered: "Men, when I blow the whistle, I want you to fire at will."

A very frightened young man tore across the grounds and out of sight.

"Who was that? Where is he going?" bellowed the sergeant.

"That's Will," replied one of the recruits.

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