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March of Events

● At evensong services on Columbus Day the new tower of Old North Church, Boston, Mass., was dedicated. The historic tower in which Paul Revere's "two if by sea" lamps were hung was blown down last year by Hurricane Carol and restored by a \$150,000 fund donated by people all over the world. Gov. Christian Herter, Episcopal Bishop Norman B. Nash and the Honduras ambassador participated with Vicar Charles Russell Peck in the dedication ceremonies. The original steeple, built in 1740, had been made possible by a gift of money from interested Hondurans.

● A total of 1,800,000 Bibles and Scripture portions were distributed in Germany during 1954 by German Evangelical Bible Societies. The report was issued here by the Association of Evangelical Bible Societies in Germany. Bible distribution in 1953 totalled 1,200,000. In 1952, it was 800,000. There are thirty-two Bible Societies in Germany. Largest of them is the Privilegierte Wuertembergische Bibelanstalt which has circulated more than thirty-seven million Bibles and portions since its founding in 1812.

● Christian "commandos" will be utilized by The Methodist Church in a nation-wide effort it will launch next June to reach America's estimated 69,000,000 unchurched. The "commando" teams will consist of three ministers and three laymen organized to promote personal evangelism by canvassing neighborhoods for prospective church members. They will form the "shock troops" of a "Mission to the Nation" that the church will conduct from June through December, 1956.

● Officials of the American Bible Society said they were gratified over reports from Moscow, Russia, that the Soviet government printing house has begun printing 25,000 copies of the Bible in response to a popular demand. The reports said the printing was being done under the auspices of the Russian Orthodox Church which also would have charge of distributing the Bibles when they are off the presses. Gilbert Darlington, treasurer, said the Society is "in close touch with this development and gratified to see that Bible printing has started in Russia." "The Society hopes," he said, "that this printing is the first step toward providing the great quantities of scriptures needed to supply Russia adequately."

● A mission project was established in Hong Kong, China, in 1948, to produce Christian literature while the mails were still open to inland China. It is the publishing arm of the China Inland Mission, and has now taken all of southeast Asia into its scope. During the last calendar year, five million pieces of literature, in eight languages were distributed; these included a 1,000-page Handbook, large Bible commentaries, biographies, gospel booklets, evangelistic leaflets, children's story tracts, gospel readers for literacy classes, Scripture portions (tentative editions in new scripts for hitherto unreached tribes). With local extension work in Tainan (Formosa), Kuala Lumpur (Malaya), Bangkok (Thailand), Manila and Singapore, the CWP has book stalls in

Baptist Briefs

● An occasion of special interest to all European Baptists was the service at Stuttgart, Germany, on Sunday, September 18, when farewell was taken of Rev. Maurice Farely and his wife, Dr. Madeleine Farely, as they leave for the new European Baptist Missionary Society's field in Northern Cameroons, Africa. Dr. W. O. Lewis was present to represent the Federation, and one of the speakers was Chief Ngaka Akwa, a member of the church in the Cameroons.

● The Southern Baptist Convention had a tract printed to be distributed during the Baptist World Congress in London in July. There was only one trouble—the British dock strike prevented the shipment from arriving on time. In fact, it got there a month too late. The tract, entitled "Thank You, British Baptists!" thanks England for furnishing such outstanding leaders as John Bunyan, Roger Williams, Charles H. Spurgeon, J. H. Rushbrooke, and others. The tract is being sent out to members of British Baptist churches. — Watchman-Examiner

● Two Negro Baptist congregations in New Mexico have affiliated with the Southern Baptist Association, a group of all-white churches of the state, and two Negro Baptist churches in Austin, Texas, were admitted recently to the Austin Baptist Association.

● Belem, North Brazil, at the mouth of the Amazon River, is the site of a

a growing number of cities and offices to supply the several fields.

● Chicago's Moody Bible Institute will convene its 50th annual Founder's Week Conference in February, 1956. The week-long conference, January 30 - February 5, marks the 119th anniversary of the birth of the Institute's Founder, Dwight L. Moody. Some 15 outstanding speakers from all parts of the continent will be heard during this golden anniversary week. These include: Dr. Frank E. Gaebelein, Stony Brook School, Long Island, New York; Dr. Wilbur M. Smith, Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif.; Dr. William Fitch, Knox Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Can.; Dr. Robert G. Lee, Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. Joseph P. Free, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.; and Dr. Kenneth S. Wuest, well-known Greek New Testament authority, author, and lecturer at Moody Bible Institute. Many other distinguished men will speak and there will be special music throughout the week.

new Baptist seminary, sponsored by the Equatorial Mission of the Southern Baptist Convention, U.S.A. Brazilian Baptist leader Harold Schaly and Missionary Paul E. Sanderson compose the faculty of the infant school.

● American Baptists have opened a religious center for University of Chicago graduate students in the 30-room former mansion of the late Julius Rosenwald in Chicago, Illinois. Rev. Walter Sillen, 45, director of the Baptist Graduate House, states that it is the first venture of its kind at any American university on the graduate level. The university-owned mansion, with spacious landscaped lot, tennis courts, fireplaces, and hand-carved oak paneling, has been leased for a 3-year experimental program. It will be used to house 20 graduate students at a fee of \$50 per quarter, granting them a form of educational scholarship, and as a conference and counseling center.

● Construction work began recently on a new campus for Golden Gate Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention located in California. The new campus will be on Strawberry Point, a promontory into San Francisco Bay 4 miles north of Golden Gate Bridge. Strawberry Point is across this bay from Berkeley, where the seminary is presently located. The 126-acre site for the new campus assures the seminary adequate room for

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Editorial

A Prince Among Men

AS WE TURN the last pages of the year 1955, we come to the sobering realization how quickly the sands of time run out for every life. Before the beginning of the new year, we need to be taught anew to number our days that we might apply ourselves to the eternal wisdom of God. In rapid succession we learned in November of the homegoing of Mrs. O. R. Schroeder, a well known minister's wife; Dr. Albert Kaiser, a professor's son; Chief Francis Bull, the Christian leader on the Indian mission field; Mrs. Carl J. Bender, the Christian eroons missionary; and Dr. Otto E. Krueger, a beloved denominational leader and highly revered friend. There are others, whose faces were so familiar at the beginning of the year, whom we shall see no more on earth but who will be greatly missed. As the old year fades away, it almost looks like the end of a chapter in the annals of our denominational life.

All will agree that Brother Krueger was a prince among men. In Christian circles he outshone all others about him with brilliance and winsomeness. He attained a regal eminence in his stellar achievements, but he always maintained "the common touch" in his relationships with people. Everybody liked him and heard him gladly. His sermon topics, pithy remarks and heart-to-heart messages will be remembered for a long time by those who heard him.

Brother Krueger was endowed with a large measure of Christian graciousness. He could be critical of the shortcomings of others and sharp in his judgments, but his utterances were so kind and gracious that the listener always had to take his words to heart. At one of the Pastors' Conferences in Green Lake, Wis., Dr. Krueger spoke on "The Ethics of the Ministers." He stepped on some toes and was fearless in his message, but the applause at the close was unanimous and overwhelming. It was the masterful presentation of a prince among ministers!

No man in our denomination has done so many things with deftness and with abiding effect as our beloved Brother Krueger. He had the shepherd's heart as a minister of God, and with great blessing he pastored some of our largest churches. He was in great demand as a speaker, for he always had something practical and timely to say. He had a facile pen and made voluminous contributions in English and German to our publications. A study course book about our denominational history prepared by him will probably make its appearance in 1956. He was even a gifted poet, as some of his closest friends have known.

The denomination honored him in 1934 by electing him the moderator of our General Conference. How thrilled he was to lead the conference sessions in 1940 at Burlington, Iowa, where he served as pastor for so many wonderful years. We shall remember him as "Professor Krueger" because of his influential teaching ministry at our Seminary from 1935 to 1947.

But his staunch faith and bright outlook especially characterized him as a prince among men. Each one of us will treasure the touch of his spiritual influence upon our lives. Best of all, we are assured that heaven is brighter because of his triumphant entrance into the heavens above!

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Speakers at the missionary session of the General Conference in Waco, Texas

Left to right: Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer, and Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson.

TESTIMONIES

Remembrances of 1955!

Let us look down the road of 1955 and consider
"the good hand of the Lord our God" that has been
upon us

A Last Look at 1955!

Reviewing the Waco General Conference

by REV. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE, Chairman of the General Conference
Program Committee

AS 1955 IS ABOUT to exit from the arena of the Present into the Hall of History, we who made the trek with her look back once more to catch a departing glimpse of the receding skyline with its Peaks of Experience. Each of us, of course, takes that glimpse from his own vantage point, because we are not all standing on the selfsame spot. But all of us North American Baptists will certainly see the General Conference in Waco, Texas, from June 6 to 12, 1955, as one of the summits we climbed, with three peaks, glistening in the glory of God.

FELLOWSHIP OF LOVE

So our backward glance is focused upon the left peak of the congregating wayfarers as east meets west and north clasps hands in greeting with south, and upon the various nationalities and peoples represented, especially as we see the preceding generations through the present. The apocalyptic description of those about the throne of God crowds into view and superimposes itself upon our picture, and our Waco convocation appears to be a miniature foregleam of the consummated Church.

We remember that people, separated by three thousand miles, feel the same spiritual pulse-beat and know the same exultation of love to the Son of God, and our hearts again overflow as we join in "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." This fellowship of heart and spirit in greeting friends of one or more trienniums is such an integral part of our confer-

ences that as 1955 is about to exit, this particular peak falls into sharp focus.

The central peak reminds us of entering from the outer court and con-course through the inner portals into the sanctuary. We hear from the first service with the clearly articulated address by Moderator Walter Grosser to the finale of the parade of representatives from the mission fields the call of our Lord: "He that hath an ear, let him hear WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH TO THE CHURCHES." The spiritual receiver of the inner man has become carefully attuned to the Voice of the Spirit. With rapt attention we listened to him.

His ministry to us was manifold. There was the exaltation of Christ who said of the Spirit: "He shall receive of mine and shall show it unto you." We were led farther "into all truth." The omniscience of God was impressed upon us, reminding us that our records "done in the body" are entered in his "Book of Remem-

brance." Reproofs and rebukes were included in the Spirit's ministry in Holy Writ and also in our Waco conference. The influence of the Spirit upon our wills was sensed. We felt we were in the "workshop" of God where he through the Spirit "work-eth in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." We were made aware of "being sanctified by the Spirit."

OUR TASKS UNDER GOD

Shifting our vision still further, we see our tasks under God in review. The Holy Spirit through the various speakers and leaders caused us to see this work in the light of God. The achievements on the foreign fields were graphically portrayed by our several missionaries. Our endeavors on this continent among the Indians and the Spanish-Americans were outlined by the evangelists in those areas. The newest phase of our enterprise, that of Church Extension, was emphasized by Edwin Marklein, chairman of the committee in charge, and in the message by Rev. John Wobig.

As we left the sanctuary, the entire scope of our work was impressed upon us once more by the exhibits in the corridors. The expansion of our

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Spiritual Highlights of 1955

Spiritual and personal victories during 1955 by REV. HENRY HIRSCH
of the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Michigan

MY SPIRITUAL pilgrimage during the year 1955 brought me closer to God. I had never been sick to be hospitalized in all my life. Last March, when I had to be hospitalized to undergo an operation, that was a unique experience for me. Yet I had no fear, even no special concern, for I was in

my Father's keeping. After the operation infection set in, and the doctor was concerned about my condition. But through it all I experienced anew the wonderful grace of our God.

By over-medication, (my conclusion), I became terribly confused. The chain of events in the world was

moving at lightning speed. And every third link in the chain jumped the cog on the wheel on which it was running. The terrible agony through which I went cannot be described. When I told the nurse that everything was wrong, and that the whole world was going to pieces, there was quite a stir and commotion about me.

Through this experience I was impressed again that the world without a controlling power, the power of God in Jesus Christ, is speeding on to certain destruction. My experience drove me closer into the everlasting arms of the eternal God.

OUR WITNESS FOR CHRIST

My witness in a quiet, unassuming way, I shall never forget. A Catholic male-nurse came again and again to talk with me about the Christian religion. He was hungry for the Word of God, and he came for more. A Lutheran man, in the room with me, thanked God that he had the privilege of being with me in the same room, and to talk about the reality of God and about salvation through Jesus Christ. He loved to talk German, and so when I asked him to join me in prayer in German, he gladly consented. After praying for him and for myself and for our families, he wiped his tears away and thanked God for a new experience.

Again I was convinced that it does not pay to quarrel with people about their religion, but to give a testimony of the things which are precious to our own hearts, and God will bless it to the hearts of others. Who can fathom the depth of the wonderful, marvelous grace of our God and heavenly Father?

We are planning to sell our church property (Beaver Baptist Church) in the country, and to move to Auburn, Michigan, and build a new church there. When the decision was made to move, the feelings among the members ran high. Some felt keenly about leaving the beautiful site in the country where they worshipped for more than a generation. And who can blame them for that? One becomes attached to a place that meant so much to one's spiritual life and experience, and it is not easy to give it up. Much wisdom and love and kindness and patience as well as a steady hand at the helm of the rocking ship were needed. We are not yet over the hump, but we thank God that we can already see the calmer waters ahead.

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

God's grace is wonderful, and God is working quietly to perform his wonders. What we are and always should be concerned about is whether we are in the will and purpose of God! Then, without hesitation, trust him to lead us to his and our destination. And all to his honor and glory!



The large illuminated sign of the First National Bank of Waco, Texas, welcoming the North American Baptist General Conference to Waco in June 1955, which is published for the first time in the "Baptist Herald."

We would not want it otherwise, nor would we want to arrive anywhere else.

We all have our problems. Sometimes they are of our own making, however. But whether they are of our own making or not, the important thing is how we react to them. How do we face them? How do we deal with them? The important thing is not what the problems do to us, or even what people do to us, but how we react toward them. Through the years I have learned, by the grace of God, that I am not responsible for

what people or things do to me, but for what I do with them. Therein lies our victory.

My experiences of 1955 have only verified for me again that we can be more than conquerors through him who loved us. "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38-39).

What I Remember Most in 1955!

The story of the building of Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp
by REV. HENRY LANG of Napoleon, North Dakota

AS I REVIEW in my mind the happenings of 1955, I always come to a halt when I think of the building of the Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp in North Dakota. It was a tremendous undertaking for the churches of the camp area. The only way it could be completed for our sessions this summer was by "FAITH" and faithfulness of God's people. The verse of Scripture in 2 Chronicles 34:12a, "And the men did the work faithfully; and the overseers of them were Jahath and Obadiah" took on a new meaning for me.

In the fall of 1954 some of the officers and board of directors met to lay out the dimensions of the proposed buildings. The weather was not too pleasant, but there was a determination that was evident, even that early in the building project.

Lumber arrived from Minnesota. The building of the dining room and kitchen was begun. Seemingly there was very little organization, and thus not all things were according to the proposed plan. Yet men worked

faithfully. I shall never forget a cold, blustery day when mostly older men were on hand. It was so cold that we could stand it only a short time on the roof. On this day several of the men came to me and said, "It is so cold, but we are doing this so that our young people may have some privileges we did not have." I felt that this was the power that motivates men to work for God!

BUILDING ACTIVITIES

During the winter there was no activity at camp. Pastors and young people raised funds during these months. A meeting of the directors laid plans for building activity in early spring. Mr. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kansas, was contacted to supervise the building which resumed in March. This man of God came to supervise. It was indeed a privilege to work with him. Time sped by and the weather was against us, so that not as much was accomplished as was desired. When Mr. Hildebrand left there was much to do, but there was no one to supervise.



The chapel of the Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp of North Dakota nearing completion in time for the official opening of the first camp on July 11, 1955.

Interest in the work slackened with the beginning of spring. The board realized that it was running a race with time, for the camp opening dates had been set, with no other place to go. It meant literally putting our shoulders to the wheel involving sacrifice and work. Again it was our older men who came to do the task. Thank God for such faithful men!

Things were going slowly without too much supervision except for that from officers of the project. Men would come, but when they arrived there was no one to tell them what needed to be done. There was discouragement on the part of those coming and of those who saw the need for completing the task.

The first part of May the board of trustees begged me to become the supervisor of the work, which I took very reluctantly because of pressing duties at home. Somehow after prayer and thought, I felt that I should do this. We were working on five different buildings. Many days we had forty men out for work. One day we had 75 men, women and young people present seeking work. There was work for all of them, but it needed to be supervised. There were rafters to cut, trim to put on, doors to fit, stairways to make, painting, bench making, platform in chapel to finish, and so many other things that needed to be done.

BUILDING VICTORIES

The two dormitories are 24 by 90 each. The chapel is 40 by 90 feet. The dining room is 30 by 60 with a 24 by 40 kitchen added in T-shape, and the infirmary building is 24 by 40 feet. To be sure, the dormitories were moved from Garrison in sections and thus saved us a lot of work.

There were many disappointments also encountered in the supervisory end. Some mornings I would leave home feeling that "today there will be many coming out to work." To my surprise no one showed up. Some days I was there alone or with those from my church who went with me. It was good to be alone, for then I

had time to check things and figure out the lumber still needed.

One stormy morning about a dozen men were on hand to finish the boys' dormitory on which rafters had been placed the day before. Rev. Arthur Fischer and I worked until dark cutting veranda rafters and getting samples attached so anyone could work if they should arrive before either of us. At the end of the day we appraised our accomplishments with a sense of pride. The next morning we could not work because it was too windy. The dorm and chapel rafters were standing with only cross bracing.

While eating lunch in the kitchen, we could feel the wind increasing in velocity, and suddenly one of the men shouted, "The boys' dorm has collapsed!" Looking out the other direction, we saw how the wind was whipping the rafters on the chapel back and forth. We decided it would have to have more bracing, so Rev. Edward Oster and I climbed on the roof with the intention of driving more nails, but, alas, we could do nothing but hang on for fear the wind would blow us off. The other men had already nailed braces into the other parts of the chapel.

We all returned to the kitchen, looking out of the windows and passing glances to one another. Mr. Oster, our camp president, finally broke the silence when he said, "Men, how about prayer?" It seemed as though God was really there, for all present fell on their knees before God in prayer asking that his will might be done in this hour. The chapel stayed up, and so did the rest of the buildings!

A COMPLETED TASK

It was only two weeks before camp opening on July 11. We had no tables made and no benches for either dining room or chapel. There were no shelves in the food storage room, no cupboards for the dishes, nor was there running water on the campus, nor was electricity in all the buildings. Oh, yes, the floor was not in the dining room as yet.

The board of directors was beginning to see that it was impossible to be ready. To lessen the task I suggested that we ask churches to bring benches, tables and chairs to use at the camp which worked out very well. However, we had no pews for the chapel. The board instructed me to make them, but, "When?", I asked. Sure, some of the men knew I would figure out some way.

On July 8, the Friday before camp opening, there was activity galore in every building by men and women from many churches, as beds were made ready and other buildings were brought to useful completion. It was on this last day that I started a few men in the storage room building shelves; another group on cupboards and another man and I went to the chapel to start the benches. We made a sample and then continued cutting its parts. On the day camp was officially opened a group of men made enough benches to seat a crowd of 200 people for that evening.

It was a big job entrusted to me. At times my physical strength almost gave out, but by God's grace the task was completed so we could have our camp sessions. I wish to thank the board of directors and the many "faithful" Christians for their helpfulness. I am especially grateful to my own church members of Napoleon who were so faithful in helping us.

LAST LOOK AT 1955

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home base by the erection of new edifices in under-churched areas was viewed from many fascinating photographs. The African hut with its curios erected in the front hallway brought the Cameroons into the foreground of our thinking. Dr. Leuschner's projection of motion and still films was panoramic in scope. Thus we realized that we are doing a great work for God.

As 1955 exits and we see the receding skyline, this highlight of the year will not be lost to us, because it has been ineffably impressed upon our spirits.

Japan Is Calling!

The story of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, missionaries now on their way to Japan

By Rev. R. SCHILKE,
General Missionary Secretary



Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, missionary-appointees for Japan, at the General Conference sessions last summer in Waco, Texas.

ON SUNDAY EVENING of June 12, 1955 at the General Conference of North American Baptists at Waco, Texas, eight appointed missionaries for our mission fields in the Cameroons and in Japan were commissioned for service. Some of them still had some specialized training before them, but all of them were to go to the mission field to which they were appointed before much more than one year would go by. Among these eight were Rev. and Mrs. Edwin C. Kern of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Their calling, choice and appointment were Japan, the land of the Rising Sun. Here is their testimony with regard to that calling.

CALL TO THE MISSION FIELD

"When I was eight years of age," writes Edwin C. Kern, "the Spirit of God first spoke to me in that he assured me that I would some day become a minister of the Gospel. Of course, I was not saved at that time and my heart was filled with indignation and resentment to anything Christian. In spite of this anti-Christian spirit within me, my nickname was 'preacher' throughout my public school days.

"It was during a missionary emphasis day (at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta) that I was challenged by a missionary. He emphasized the fact that it wasn't fair that we on this continent should hear the Gospel more than once while many in other lands have never heard it once.

"My call to the mission field was made definite during some missionary rally meeting in Rochester, New York, at which Dr. Oswald Smith again challenged me with the thought that it was not fair that we in this land should hear the Gospel twice till all have heard it once.

"The next decision to make was the land in which the Lord would want me. This decision was clinched during the informative lectures we received about our own denominational

missionary enterprise from Rev. R. Schilke at the seminary in the spring of 1952. He threw out a challenge to us as students to go into foreign mission work. In connection with this, he especially emphasized our new fertile mission field in Japan. I asked Brother Schilke for a pre-application blank, filled it out, giving Japan as my first preference.

"Throughout these decisions and tests I have been able to claim the assurance of God's presence, even as Isaiah did (Isaiah 41:10). It is with great joy that I look forward to the work of a missionary in Japan."

Mrs. Edwin C. Kern writes: "During the summer of 1944 I attended the Central Dakota Young People's Assembly at Hebron, N. Dak. Miss Laura Reddig, then home on furlough, was the missionary speaker. It was during a consecration service that I decided to dedicate my life to foreign missionary service. The challenge presented was that 'the harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.' As I look back over the years, I realize that this was quite a sudden decision at an early age, but that calling has become more intense and clear through the years. . . .

"It is my desire to serve the Lord effectively, wherever he leads me. Japan is my chosen field because it was through a Christian film that I was challenged by the great spiritual hunger for the Christian Gospel. Many times I was tempted not to consider the mission field, but since I have made a clear-cut decision to follow wherever he leads, I am now anticipating missionary service in Japan."

EARLY YOUTH AND CONVERSION

Edwin C. Kern was born on a farm near Millet, Alberta, Canada, on March 10, 1926 to Herman and Bertha Kern as the oldest of eight children. His parents were very much concerned about the spiritual welfare of

their children and instructed them early in the Christian way of life. Their attendance at Sunday School and church services at the Wiesenthal Baptist Church was always regular.

At the age of six years Edwin started public school at the Wiesenthal School, but at fifteen years of age he quit in order to stay home and help his parents with the farm work. The writer well remembers meeting this farm boy for the first time in the spring of 1944. It was during evangelistic services at the Wiesenthal Baptist Church at which the writer served as evangelist and helped Rev. Robert Schreiber, then pastor of the church. As we visited the home during those days, I met Edwin and his brother out in the yard. I realized at once that anything beyond a friendly invitation to attend the services would meet with an inward opposition and rebellion on the part of those two brothers.

WIESENTHAL CHURCH

In the summer of 1944 our churches in the area of Leduc, Alberta, joined in a united evangelistic campaign with Rev. P. G. Neumann serving as evangelist. Toward the close of the campaign Rev. Robert Schreiber requested prayer for a "group of stubborn boys at Wiesenthal." Edwin was among that group and was present that night. The request and the prayer gripped Edwin's heart and the Holy Spirit began to convict him of his sins.

His stubbornness melted, and before the meetings were over Edwin had yielded and became a child of God. The writer was also present on that night and prayed with him. His previous calling to the ministry was reassured in his conversion. On August 28, 1944 he was baptized by his pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber, and became an active member of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church where since then he served in the church's choir, band and C.B.Y., and as president of the latter.

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Dr. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y.

Memorial Tributes to an Outstanding Denominational Leader Who Was Called Home on Nov. 16, 1955

WE SHALL REMEMBER HIM

By Dr. FRANK H. WOYKE,
Forest Park, Illinois

WHEN I RECEIVED word of the passing of Dr. O. E. Krueger, I could not help but think of the words of a hymn that we often sang years ago:

"We are going down the valley one by one,
We are going toward the setting of the sun."

One by one the great stalwarts of the faith in our fellowship—those who were in places of leadership especially between the two great wars—are leaving our ranks.

Brother O. E. Krueger was an outstanding member of that group. He was a distinguished and beloved pastor for many years; he served on many denominational committees and boards; he was our honored moderator for three terms; and he made a lasting contribution to the ministry of our Seminary as professor of Systematic Theology during the years 1936-1947.

We shall always remember our departed Brother. Why?

1. Brother O. E. Krueger served as a personal example to many of us in the Gospel ministry. He was a "preacher's preacher." In personal conduct, in diligence, in concern for others, in effectiveness of service, in denominational loyalty, in full surrender to his Master—in all of these things he was an example to us. He could say with the Apostle Paul: "Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do; and the God of peace shall be with you" (Phil. 4:9).

2. We shall remember Brother Krueger for his charitable spirit. He was a man of broad sympathies and objective thinking. Constrained by the love of Christ, he was always ready to think well of others and to give them the benefit of the doubt. Serving side by side with him on the Seminary faculty, I was often impressed with his charitable spirit toward his fellow-workers and toward his students.

3. Brother Krueger will also be remembered for his devotion to the larger fellowship. He was basically a "co-operator" and a denominational man. It was his conviction that the will of God is revealed to the fellowship as well as to individuals and once a denominational policy or program had been adopted he was unwavering in his support. In his assignments he was a faithful servant of the fellowship. It was because of this devotion



Dr. Otto E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y.

to duty that the denomination repeatedly entrusted important responsibilities to him.

Our fellowship has been incalculably enriched by the life and work of Otto E. Krueger and his name will long be honored in our ranks.

A BLESSED, LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIP

By DR. H. VON BERGE, Dayton, Ohio

IT WAS IN 1895 that Otto Krueger and I first met, when he entered our Rochester Seminary as a student, where I had already been a student since 1891. And that is where our friendship began, which through the years was to bind us ever closer in our mutual denominational interests. When in 1925 he became one of my successors at the White Avenue Church in Cleveland, Ohio, I learned especially to appreciate his gift of leadership. That church will never forget him and his fine ministerial service rendered there.

I once heard Walter Rauschenbusch give an interesting definition of "influence" in one of his messages: "Influence is the effluence of an affluence" (Einfluss is der Ausfluss eines Ueberflusses). And it is because of the great affluence which our good brother had that he exerted such a blessed influence everywhere. He did it as a minister in his various churches. He did it as a professor at our Seminary. He did it when he served for three triennial periods as moderator of our General Conference. And he did it still in the days of his retirement!

All through the years we kept in contact with each other by correspondence. In my last letter to him I addressed him "Dear Brooder Otto" and told him how much I enjoyed the product of his broodings as shown in his stimulating "Allerlei Brocken" articles in "Der Sendbote." How these will be missed from now on!

He has truly been a valuable servant of God for our denomination. Fare thee well, dear friend, until we meet again!

A NOBLE SOUL, THE LORD'S ANOINTED

By WALTER W. GROSSER,
Oak Park, Ill., General Conference Moderator

THE DEPARTURE from this life of Dr. O. E. Krueger removes from our denominational family a wonderful Christian friend, an able professor, a greatly beloved pastor. Every living person leaves with his associates valuable influences, making death always a painful experience. When God, however, removes from this scene an exceptionally endowed and able servant, it is well for us to remember that God's gifts to him are really his gifts to us.

Few of our ministers have been entrusted with greater responsibilities than was Brother Krueger. He was widely and personally known by thousands of our constituents. His contributions to the churches he served as a pastor, his valuable teaching and counsel as a professor in our Seminary, his able leadership as moderator of the General Conference, his articles appearing in the denominational periodicals, these and many more were but visible evidences of a genuine Christian life. For those of us who were privileged to know him as an intimate friend and relative, his departure has resulted in a great void.

His keen and balanced view of the Christian life, his rare sense of humor, his modest, efficient leadership qualities, his warm and loving Christian concern for others, his devotion to his family, his church and his Lord all made him a constant source of inspiration.

A visit with him in his home, shortly after his return from a long siege of hospitalization during the summer of this year, will be one of the unforgettable experiences in the lifetime of both my wife and me. His spirit, in spite of much suffering, his aspirations for the future, as though most of life was still before him, his

analysis of the turbulent days in which we live, and his confidence in the ultimate triumph of the will of God, his completely unselfish concern for others with no mention of his own afflictions, all of these attributes of a noble soul made us realize that we were in the presence of one of God's anointed.

May our heavenly Father strengthen and sustain Mrs. Krueger, who more than anyone will miss him. His exemplary Christian life will inspire us who knew him well, for years to come.

AN OUTSTANDING SEMINARY TEACHER

By DR. GEORGE A. LANG,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

IN THE PASSING ON of Dr. Otto Edward Krueger an outstanding leader in our denomination and a valuable member of the Seminary family has gone to be with the immortals. For twelve years (1935-1947) Dr. Krueger taught both in the Seminary and in the pre-theological collegiate departments, and for much of that time also served as librarian of the Seminary library.

He was a natural teacher, and he also had training in the normal school at Madison, S. Dak., after which he taught public school a short time before entering our Seminary in Rochester, New York. He will always be remembered by his colleagues and students for his striking teaching methods which made the subjects and truths which he taught vividly in the minds of his hearers, so that they became unforgettable.

We think of Dr. Krueger as a wonderful Christian friend and neighbor; as a preacher of spiritual power with striking and unique presentation through pictures and object lessons; as a teacher of unusual ability who was loved by all his students; as a writer of fascinating articles for the BAPTIST HERALD, DER SENDBOTE, pamphlets and other papers; and as a leader of leaders, serving the North American Baptist General Conference as moderator for ten years in his inimitable way with grace, efficiency, love, and good humor.

Dr. Krueger was loved by all and highly respected by his Seminary colleagues and his own denomination. The world has been richer because of his life. The Christian church has been benefitted because of his influence and service. His church and denomination have profited much because of his splendid leadership. We shall miss him, but his life will remain before us as an example of Christian brotherhood, service, and spirit. "Blessed are they who die in the Lord, henceforth; for their works do follow them."

Memorial Tribute to Dr. Krueger

Obituary by REV. ARTHUR R. WEISSER, Pastor of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y.

Dr. Otto Edward Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., born September 27, 1875 in Kankakee, Ill., went to be with his Lord on Wednesday, November 16, after a long and fruitful life and was laid to rest in the Riverside Cemetery, Rochester, on November 19. During his 54 years of a faithful ministry, he served his Master in all phases of church and denominational work.

He attended the State Normal School, Madison, S. Dak., from 1893 to 1895, after which he attended the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., from 1895 to 1900; Colgate Rochester Divinity School, 1909-1910, and the Theological Seminary of Pittsburgh, Pa., 1932-1934. On June 5, 1900 he was ordained into the Christian ministry.

From 1900 to 1901 he served as

state missionary and evangelist in Texas. Then he answered the call to a pastorate in Queensland, Australia, and served there from 1901 to 1908. He returned to Rochester, N. Y., and became the pastor of the Second Baptist Church from 1908 to 1910. Then he became the pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, and served there from 1910 to 1925. He served the "Baptist Herald" as associate editor from 1922 to 1925, and then became the pastor of the White Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, 1925-1929; and the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., 1929-1935; after which he became Professor of Theology at the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, N. Y., until his retirement in 1947.

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A CROWN OF CHRIST-LIKENESS

By DR. ALBERT BRETSCHNEIDER,
Rochester, New York

IT IS NOT difficult to write a word of tribute to my good friend and brother, Otto E. Krueger, who has often been more like a father in his kindly and generous support.

I knew him for almost fifty years. He came to the Seminary in 1908, the year I was graduated from our German Baptist Seminary. We became friends from the start and have been friends until his death. We took our "last ride together" to the hospital. He said to me: "I shall not return." He knew that he was going to him on "whom he had believed" and was ready for the journey.

Brother Krueger had no fear of dying nor of death, for his soul was "fixed" on the eternal God.

I learned to like Brother Krueger, first, because of his very personal interest in students, because of his excellent preaching ability, and because of his quaint humor. Most of all, however, I liked him because he was a man's man, genuine through and through. I like to think of him as a white diamond in sincerity and like a ruby in his outstanding love.

In my association with him in the Seminary, I found him a delightful colleague, a most helpful counsellor, and an unselfish collaborator. He stood by me "in the night." He was a friend who "sticketh closer than a brother." For that alone I shall always hold him in highest regard.

He loved his work, his students, his fellow-faculty members. He led us in our thinking and in our cooperative Seminary life. He did not seek personal honor but rather the honor of the school and his Lord and Master. As a teacher, as a preacher, as a

friend, he was always the same: modest, faithful, dependable Brother Krueger. The crown of Brother Krueger's life was not a doctor degree but his likeness to Christ.

BELOVED AT BURLINGTON'S OAK STREET CHURCH

By REV. EMANUEL WOLFF,
Burlington, Iowa

DURING THE PAST few weeks members and friends of the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa, prayed often for Dr. and Mrs. Krueger. They waited anxiously for every word that was received from them or about them. Everywhere one sensed a deep, heartfelt concern for them.

When word was received that Brother Krueger had gone on to his heavenly reward, they were saddened by the news. They loved Brother Krueger dearly. However, there was also a deep feeling of gratitude for the privilege of having had Brother Krueger as their pastor. He had led many of them to Christ and had baptized them. He had pronounced many of them "man and wife" as they stood before him. He had brought them words of comfort when they laid loved ones to rest. He had truly been their shepherd.

Dr. Krueger served our Burlington church from 1910 to 1925. He has the distinction of having had the longest pastorate in the church. It was during his ministry that the sanctuary was completely remodeled and the present educational unit, which provides for a departmentalized school, was erected. The Sunday School was re-organized and graded, and the organization of the church perfected. Brother Krueger baptized 368 converts and at the conclusion of his ministry the

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A Christian's Observations in Israel

By DR. FREDERICK J. BERGER, Los Angeles, California

THE PROGRESS in Israel since my previous visit in 1938 has been amazing. Millions of trees are pointing heavenward, covering the once rocky hills; and everywhere Jewish settlements are turning the sand dunes, the plains, and the swamps into beautiful green orchards and farms.

You have to travel through the Arab countries and to have been in Palestine fifteen years ago to appreciate what has taken place.

At that time I thought that the barren, hot, rocky hills were not worth fighting for. But today I realize that almost two million Jewish refugees have found a new home in the land of their fathers, and through their herculean efforts the rocks have been removed from the soil, the swamps have been drained, irrigation ditches have been dug, and the land has been reclaimed.

The plain of Sharon, for example, was once a sand dune and today most of it is a beautiful garden as it had been in Bible times.

RECLAIMING THE NEGEV

In June 1955 we took snapshots of each other standing inside of a large pipe-line which today is conveying water from a river near Tel Aviv southward into the Negev, that great desert stretch toward the Red Sea. Wonderful, fresh water is reclaiming thousands of acres of desert sand into farm land, providing living space for more hundreds of thousands of Jews. Oil too has recently been discovered in the Negev.



Dr. Frederick Berger (right) with his 1955 Bible Lands Tour group in front of the Mosque of Omar in the ancient Temple area in Jerusalem.



Entrance to the Baptist Church in Nazareth in the country of Israel.

Industries of various types are springing up, and Israel may yet become a highly industrialized center.

Evidences of planning and initiative are to be seen everywhere, made possible by Jewish skill from Europe and Jewish dollars from America.

The Jewish National Fund, subsidized largely by American Jews, has been the most important agency in purchasing land from Arabs, as well as equipment and seed from America, and in constructing homes and other buildings.

Refugees still come by the thousands (currently from North Africa) completely destitute. However, all are welcome and are provided housing and opportunity for employment

on land settlements. It is truly amazing how the refugees are absorbed in Israel.

WAR OF LIBERATION

Evidences are occasionally seen of the War of Liberation, fought in 1947 and 1948 when the new Jewish state defended itself successfully against seven Arab armies on three sides. The Jews are very proud of this and justly so. They were victorious in the sense that they were not "driven into the sea," which apparently was the Arab objective. Many tales of heroism are told.

The Christian who has a sense of prophetic interest sees in this victory the hand of God, for the entire Zionist movement was at stake, and God has a prophetic program for the Jew in Palestine.

Although the Arab world is intensely bitter against the new state of Israel, yet there are almost 200,000 Arabs living peacefully in Israel and have representation in the parliament.

One thing is certain, the Jew is determined to stay in Palestine. I once remarked that there were so few Israeli soldiers to be seen as in contrast to Arab countries, which appeared to be armed camps, whereupon our Jewish guide informed us that every Jew is a trained soldier, has a rifle, a uniform and orders.

The Jewish cities of Haifa, Tel Aviv and the Jewish portion of Jerusalem (the city is divided) are modern in every respect. The Occident has indeed been transplanted to the Orient.

RELIGION IN ISRAEL

All of our group noted the absence of large, glorified, gold encrusted religious structures. In Europe we had become weary of trotting from one huge church to another and in Arab lands from one colossal mosque to another amidst abject poverty. Apparently both in Roman Catholic as well as in Moslem countries wealth has been concentrated down through the centuries upon churches, mosques, palaces and fortifications; whereas in Israel wealth is being expended upon housing, the digging of wells, school buildings, hospitals and highways.

However, we also felt that there was great religious indifference in Israel as evidenced by too few synagogues. Some of the older people might have a religious concern, but very few young people have this concern as it seems. The holidays are observed, to be sure, but as one Jew (Continued on Page 11)

A Saint's Autumn Splendor

The story of a visit to the home of Rev. Frank S. Goergens, a 92-year old minister of God

By MISS RUTH C. DOESCHER of Chicago, Illinois

ONE BEAUTIFUL OCTOBER day, when all nature was resplendent with its multi-colored grandeur of leaves, azure sky and snowy puffs of clouds, we drove slowly through the "fairy-land" of autumn to Sawyer, Mich. There we sought out a house called, "The Manor," in a lonely and lovely setting near the lake.

We were welcomed by the lady of the house, Miss Helen Goergens. There were four of us visitors, so two by two we chatted with Rev. Frank S. Goergens, a 92-year-old minister of God, well known and beloved by our denominational family. Confined to his bed and totally blind, he conveyed to us such a radiant warmth of Christ-likeness that our souls were thrilled, shamed and challenged.

CHILDREN'S HOME SUPER-INTENDENT

Brother Goergens is gratefully and lovingly remembered by many of our people as a former "father of the Children's Home", where he and Mrs. Goergens served so admirably for many years. They were house parents when the Home was transferred to St. Joseph, Mich., from Kentucky, and were instrumental in the construction of the Home, as we now know it. May the Lord richly bless him and his family for the noble work accomplished by the grace of the Lord!

That work is still going on in the life of each child who knew and loved this family and through them learned to know Jesus as Savior and Lord. And yet another task is at present being carried out by Brother Goergens to the glory of God. He is a Prayer Warrior, with a prayer burden for each and every branch of our denominational activity, missionary, pastor, evangelist, teacher and Christian worker. Prayer of this nature is WORK!

Our brother spends many hours storming the Mercy Seat of God, often while most of us are asleep. His mind is keen and alert, and his intercessions are intelligent and meaningful. It is a joy to publicly acknowledge that every bit of success



Rev. Frank Goergens of Sawyer, Mich., in his student days at the German Department of the Rochester Theological Seminary, Rochester, New York.

achieved in our denominational program, every soul won for Christ, each young person called to Christian service, at home and in other lands, all progress in Kingdom work, are due in part to our brother's prayers, and those of others who, like him, believe that "prayer changes things" and that Jesus meant what he said, "Ask and ye shall receive!"

SEND FRIENDLY GREETINGS

Mr. Goergens has a sweet and contented spirit, and although his physical eyes cannot see, his spiritual vision is keen and accurate. His daughter, Miss Helen Goergens, exhibited the same tranquil spirit as her father. As she cares for him through these autumn days of life, they are both experiencing the marvelous grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and his sustaining power.

Close contact with the present generation is difficult for our brother, and the companions and friends of his active years have, for the most part, been called Home. He himself said

that he is looking for the "Upper Taker" one of these days—looking joyfully and expectantly.

In the meantime, let us remember him and Miss Goergens in daily prayer. A card or note sent to him with your signature would bring joy, cheer and courage to these valiant servants of the Lord Jesus. We left "The Manor" with a clearer vision of the autumn glory of life, made possible by the presence of the Holy Spirit. Address your letters and cards to Rev. Frank S. Goergens, Rt. 1, Bridgman, Michigan.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Like a bird singing in the rain, let grateful memories survive in time of sorrow.

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

OBSERVATIONS IN ISRAEL

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stated, "It is a time for feasting and dancing." Apparently only the extreme orthodox are "religious," and their type of religion does not seem to be acceptable to the masses.

Jewish Christians are not popular and are subject to persecution in the form of social ostracism and even loss of employment. A Jew has freedom to be agnostic and to be indifferent and even atheistic, but he is not tolerated if he openly believes in Jesus as the Messiah of Israel.

Since foreign missionaries are not welcome and their visas ultimately are not renewed, the need of the hour is for God to raise up missionaries who are now citizens of Israel. There are over three hundred open believers, according to the International Hebrew Christian Alliance, and perhaps thousands of secret believers.

Let us pray for the peace of Jerusalem!

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"WALKING WHERE JESUS WALKED"

Rev. Frederick J. Berger, D.D., will again conduct a tour to the Bible lands during the summer of 1956. Cost will be all inclusive—23 days by air—\$1375.

A Spiritual Adventure to Be Long Remembered!

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Vignettes of Church History

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

23. CHRISTIANITY TO THE COUNCIL OF NICAEA

By the end of the first quarter of the fourth century, that is, by the time the Council of Nicaea met in 325 A.D., the Church had completed its early history. This series of "Vignettes of Church History" will conclude at this point, with the possibility of resuming the story of the Church after Nicaea at a later date in these columns.

The Church had now spread through missionary endeavor to every section of the Roman Empire, both east and west, and to the adjacent lands of India, Armenia, Germany, and Scandinavia. The Gospel of Jesus Christ had proven its power to change hearts and lives among all sorts of peoples, and as preached by different types of Christian groups.

The long period of the Roman imperial persecution had come to a close with Constantine in the year 313. From that time the Church became a part of the established life of the peoples of the empire—government was no longer an enemy of the Church but an ally. Kings and emperors were within her fold and gave prestige to her activities. This was not an unmixed blessing, for the Church tended to become self-satisfied, wealthy, and worldly.

Governmentally, the Church had now become definitely episcopal in administration. The all-powerful bishop exercised full authority within his area or diocese. This was an early departure from the autonomy of the local church in New Testament days. From time to time individuals and groups objected to this non-scriptural program, but they thereby separated themselves from the Catholic (general) Church, as the whole was known.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper by this time had become sacraments nec-

VIGNETTES OF HISTORY

With this issue the interesting and popular department, "Vignettes of History," will be discontinued for awhile. Dr. Davis, teacher at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Calif., and pastor of the Berean Baptist Church of that city, has rendered a memorable service in opening the pages of Church History for many of our readers and making it exceedingly fascinating.

We shall be happy to continue these "Vignettes of Church History" after a lapse of six months or a year. If you are interested in seeing more of them in print, please write to Dr. Donald G. Davis, 170 S. Virgil Ave., Los Angeles 4, Calif., or to the editor with your expression of appreciation.

Beginning with the January 13, 1956 issue, this page will feature the first of a series of illustrated stories about "Our Home Mission Fields" to be found in the mission-supported churches of our denomination.

EDITOR.

essary to salvation, likewise a forsaking of the simple New Testament ordinances. Here also were to be found those who felt that this sacramentalism constituted a decided corruption of the early apostolic teaching and practice. Those who urged a return to the early simplicity of church government and the ordinances may be looked upon as heralds of the modern Baptist movement, although in many cases they held other doctrines and practices which Baptists do not consider Scriptural.

The Church in Rome by the early fourth century was very powerful in the west, and the Bishop of Rome was looked upon as western Europe's spiritual leader. The Churches of the east were willing to give him a "preference of honor" among the bishops, because of the glorious name of Rome, but did not see in him the father of the whole church. This is a later development.

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist

ENGAGEMENTS:

January 8-20, 1956—Lethbridge, Alta., Canada. Rev. O. Ertis, Pastor.

January 22-February 3, 1956—First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., Canada. Rev. J. Kraenzler, Pastor.

WE THANK GOD:

What would you think of firemen who slept and let the whole city burn down? We praise God for the faithful workers in all of our churches who

are wide awake, and who are busy under God, helping "with the shield of faith to quench the fiery darts of the wicked."

PRAYER REQUEST:

Charles Finney was right when he said: "Even though hell boils over and spits forth more devils than you can count, that will not stop a revival as long as God's people really pray!" Will you pray?

Spice of Life

A speech that's full of sparkling wit will keep its hearers grinning, providing that the end of it is close to the beginning!

Opera Star: "Yes, twenty long years I have sung in ze Metropolitan."

Admirer: "My, you musta known Madame Butterfly when she was only a caterpillar."

Lawyer: "Don't you think you are straining a point in your explanation?"

Witness: "Maybe I am, but you often have to strain things to make them clear."

Two big scientists were intently scanning the heavens through a big telescope. Busily they whirled the numerous dials; suddenly one spoke: "It's going to rain."

"What makes you think so?" asked the other.

"Corns hurt," said the first.

"I," said the general, "am a firm believer in fighting the enemy with his own weapons."

"Really? How long does it take you to sting a bee?"

Englishman: "Why is it that you Canadians always ask a question instead of answering one?"

Canadian: "Do we?"

A pompous man missed his silk handkerchief and accused an Irishman of stealing it. After some confusion the man found the handkerchief in his pocket and apologized for having accused the Irishman.

"Never mind at all," said the latter. "Ye thought I was a thafe, and I thought you was a gentleman, an' we both are mistaken."

"Have you ever been married?" asked the judge.

"Yes," stammered the prisoner.

"To whom?"

"A woman."

"Of course it was a woman. Did you ever hear of any one marrying a man?"

"Yes, sir; my sister did."

Two autoists met in an alley too narrow to permit them to pass each other. One of the autoists rose in the car and shouted: "I never back up for any fool!"

The other driver put his car in reverse, backed out, and said: "That's all right, I always do."

Roger Williams Press

By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER

The news regarding the new hymnal is much better now. About three weeks ago the Rev. Paul Wengel, who is chairman of the hymnal committee, reported that there were only about 41 pages of music to be set. By the time you read these lines, the music will probably all be set for our new hymnal.

Difficulties have been encountered which delayed the hope for a date of publishing our new hymnal. A number of these difficulties were due to the scarcity of music setters and other problems. We have the promise of the printers, a well-known publishing house in Philadelphia which has the proper equipment to publish books, that every effort will be made to print the book as soon as possible. When we have definite word from the publishing house regarding the publication date, we will announce it in the "Baptist Herald" and otherwise give the matter publicity.

Of the many churches and individuals who have already ordered their hymn book, we would ask for their patience regarding delivery. It usually takes two or three years to produce a song book such as our new book will be. Our committee and its chairman, the Reverend Paul Wengel, are to be commended for the splendid progress made to date, in spite of delays and difficulties. Be assured that the publication society and the hymnal committee are deeply concerned that this splendid new song book be made available at the earliest possible time.

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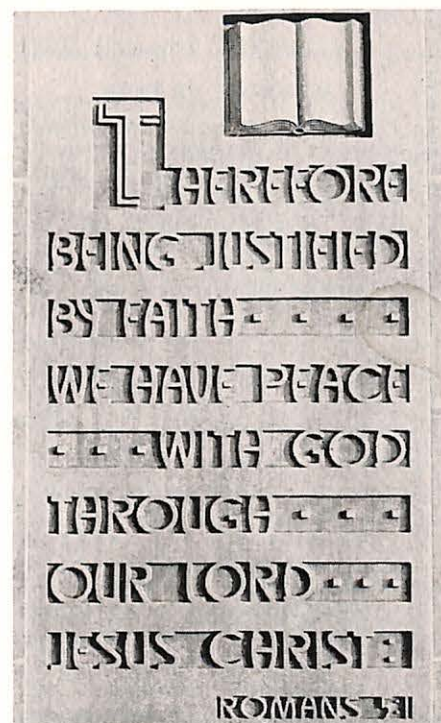
1956 DIRECTORY

The 1956 North American Baptist DIRECTORY is now ready for distribution. Copies can be secured from your Publication Society agent or from the Roger Williams Press at 75 cents a copy.

A Prayer of Dedication

A poem inspired by the dedication services of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, held from September 18 to 25, 1955

By MR. EMIL E. WILDE of East Detroit, Michigan



The message of Romans 5:1 inscribed in stone at the front entrance to the newly dedicated Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., which is the witness of the church and its pastor to the community.

This house, O Lord, we give to thee,
This house of brick and stone,
For worship true, in liberty,
Forever be thy throne;
Thy presence we implore to be
Within these walls sublime;
Thus when we humbly bow our knee,
We'll know thy will divine.

And then, O Master, we do bring
Our hearts, some weak, some strong;
This fickle, ever evil thing — —
To thee it shall belong!
The altar be it, where our will
Be sacrificed anew,
That humbly we may serve until
We are and walk with YOU.

Thy glory and thy majesty
Let never, Lord, depart;
Our God, forever thou shalt be
Our Pilot, Compass, Chart;
In days when clouds do dim the light
We'll see in thee our Guide,
Who leads in sunshine, and through
night — —
Do with us, Lord, abide.

New Year's Greeting to Baptists

From the President and Secretaries of the Baptist World Alliance

Dear Fellow-Baptists around the world:

As we look back at 1955 we have great reason for joy and gratitude. God gave us the most representative Congress the Alliance has ever had, and it proved successful beyond expectations. It crowned half a century of unparalleled progress throughout the world and opened new vistas of growing fellowship, service and co-operation in the years to come.

As we enter 1956 we would say to our fellow-believers in a hundred countries: May the Lord, who is rich enough for each one who calls upon his Name, bless us with a fulness of his spirit and make 1956 fruitful for his Kingdom cause beyond everything human abilities and efforts could bring about.

Baptist World Alliance Sunday in 1956 will be the fifth of February. Will you not prepare now to make it a day of thanksgiving for the mercies of the past, for the opportunities lying ahead, and for the never-failing promises of God? A special message is being prepared for Alliance Sunday, to be published shortly. We

would be very grateful if arrangements were made to have it read in churches that day, and if your church could be one of the growing company of congregations that designate the fellowship offering on the first Sunday of February to the cause of our world-wide fellowship.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

Your brothers in Christ,

Theodore F. Adams,
President.

Arnold T. Ohrn,
General Secretary.

Henry Cook,
Acting Associate Secretary in Europe.

Robert S. Denny,
Associate Secretary for Youth Work.

We...the Women

By MRS. THOMAS D. LUTZ of Aberdeen, South Dakota, President

LOOK! Oh, won't you look at the statistics on this page?

The statistical records on this page are history. "We, the Women," were the ones who worked to make these records. Almost unconsciously we wrote these things in the past. How? It was "the love of Christ that Constrained Us." It was by giving God first place and asking him to lead us in this work, his work for us.

Someone has said, "The history of the world is not a record of great wars and conquest but the history of its households." We think of Mark's mother who lent her upper room, where Pentecost began shaking all history into new patterns; of Priscilla and Aquila; of Lydia, whose hospitality to Paul helped him write pages for Christendom.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR CHRIST

We think of our own blessed societies, the large, the small, the German and the English, and we are glad. We think of the societies that are thrilled and encouraged because they have grown in numbers and in ability to do great work for their Master. Alas, we think of the discouraged, and we do want to encourage them. Many of you have been the pioneers and the sacrificial contributors to our societies.

We would look at these figures very humbly. We want to imagine our God looking out of the windows of heaven over our shoulders. "It is he that hath made us and not we ourselves. We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture" (Ps. 100:3). Turning to Genesis we read several places in the story of creation . . . "And God saw that it was good." As he looks over our shoulders now, we trust that he is saying, "It was good!"

We have had before us during the past triennium seven goals. They

WEEK OF PRAYER

Program material for the observance of Week of Prayer from January 2 to 6, 1956, has been prepared by Rev. John Wobig, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., and vice-moderator of the General Conference, and has been sent in mimeographed form to all North American Baptist pastors. We trust that many churches will remember to observe this week with its theme of "Intercessory Prayers."

spurred us to greater and united service. They are:

1. Spiritual Life
2. Missionary Education
3. White Cross
4. Denominational Cooperation
5. Missionary Project (\$30,000)
6. A Planned Calendar
7. Christian Friendliness

During the next triennium we shall carry on the same goals as the last triennium with a few additions. We have chosen to observe the Baptist Woman's Day of Prayer, to send annual reports on the form prepared by our W.M.U., to include Japan as a new field to help support, and to increase our financial goal to \$40,000. I do hope you have access to our Chart and will compare.

Even as we rejoice over the blessed opportunities of the past, we take warning. We would not look back in the way that Lot's wife looked back lest we too should be made into a pillar of salt. We must not boast or be proud as was the Pharisee. We would open our Bible and read Ephesians 2: 8-10.

To accomplish our task we must work together. "We, the Women," are a body of Christian workers. We

are like the human body with its many parts. The mouth must work or the stomach cannot work. The legs must go or the feet cannot walk. As co-laborers working together, we can do this work. Alone we cannot. Come, let us join forces and work together.

JOYOUS SERVICE

Let us look back once more. When you gave that regular offering in your society, when you contributed to the local project, when you gave that special birthday offering, when you made a love gift, when you brought your missionary mite box, when you made your sacrifice offering, how did you feel?

As you made baby clothes, bandages, etc., as you wrapped those relief packages, and brought gifts for all denominational enterprises, how did you feel?

And one more question: as you look at this statistical record, how do you feel? Altogether we would say, "It was good. Let's do it again. It doesn't seem that I did much."

I think I can hear God say, "It was good!"

Perhaps before we read this article the New Year's bells will have tolled. Let us take inventory of our lives and resolve that with God's help we will go forward to do all we can this year and in the years to come.

We made history in the past triennium with "The Love of God Constrains Us" as our theme. We shall go forward to give, to pray, to witness, that the theme, "Christ for the Whole Wide World", (1955-1958), might be proclaimed. It will become history. What kind of history will it be? It depends on you. It depends on me. May God be with us!

Your W.M.U. president with the other members of the Executive Committee wish you many blessings throughout the New Year.

NOTICE

We are getting many inquiries about the 1955 Packet. It went on sale June 1955 and is still available. Write Woman's Union, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois. English Packet, \$1.50; German, \$1.00.

C.B.Y. Fellowship

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, General Secretary

YOUTH WEEK,

January 29-February 5, 1956

Our National CBY Fellowship theme for the current year, STRIVE TO WIN, is also the theme of our Youth Week emphasis. Youth Week will be observed in most of our churches from January 29 to February 5. Others will choose another week which will best suit their local needs.

STRIVE TO WIN presents a tremendous challenge to all of our young people. As you think about this theme and follow through with the suggestions which have been presented to you, you should come to some definite decision in your life regarding your relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Advance suggestions have been mailed to all pastors and CBYF presidents. We trust that you will prayerfully plan each detail of the program well in advance. Youth Week should be something special which will prove to be a decisive turning point in the lives of many of our young people.

The following is an outline of the suggestions we offer you for your Youth Week preparations.

WORSHIP. For Sunday, January 29, ask your pastor to bring a sermon which will help youth to live a victorious Christian life. Spend the afternoon in doing some special service, such as visiting the sick and others in special need. Make a recording of the morning message and play it back to the shut-ins. You may wish to adopt such a service project for the entire year.

Follow the suggestions from "Youth Compass" for your evening program. A singspiration will bring to a close your first day of Youth Week.

FAMILY NIGHT. Monday night is Family Night. The purpose of this evening is to strengthen the ties between our youth and their homes. Plan to spend an evening at home with the entire family present. A discussion on personal responsibilities toward each other in the home would be very worth-while. Conclude this evening with family devotions.

VISITATION. Tuesday night would be a good time to present a film strip on visitation. Conclude your plans for a visitation program for Thursday. This is a time for instruction and prayer.

WITNESS. Meet at the church on Thursday evening for a pot-luck supper, devotions and final instructions for your visitation and witness emphasis. Use appropriate tracts as you visit and witness to your unsaved friends. Gather at the church about 9:30 P.M. to share your experiences of the evening.

MISSIONS. Friday can be your missions night. Our theme stresses winning the lost to Christ. Missions is a part of this emphasis. Present a program on the mission field which you as a conference, state, or regional assembly have adopted as your mission project for this year. Hold a special offering for your mission project.

FELLOWSHIP. Saturday night is a good night for a banquet or progressive supper. Invite all of your young people, friends, and prospective members to this time of fellowship.

VICTORY. Be on hand early Sunday morning to greet all visitors. Ask your pastor to preach a consecration message. Search your own heart at this time. Plan a candlelight communion service for the evening. This would be a climax of an entire week of special emphasis.

Watch for the Jan. 26, 1956 issue of the "Baptist Herald." This will be another special Youth Week edition. We have received many encouraging letters and comments regarding the 1955 Youth Week edition of the "Baptist Herald." We feel confident that this year's issue will also be full of helpful suggestions and inspiring testimonies. Don't miss it!

YOUTH COMPASS RENEWALS

Has your subscription to Youth Compass expired? Renewal notices have been sent out to all whose subscription have expired. Please take care of this immediately if you wish to have your "Youth Compass" in time to plan for your future programs. Your February 1956 issue will be ready soon.

CBYF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of our Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship will hold its annual meeting at Forest Park, Ill., on February 3 and 4, 1956. At that time plans will be made for the coming year. Please remember these meetings in your prayers.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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future growth, according to President Harold K. Graves. The first phase of construction on Strawberry Point is expected to be finished in 1959 at a cost of \$4½ million. Ultimately provision is for 1,200 to 1,500 students, according to seminary officials.

● A week at Cambridge University in England, three days at Oxford, and two weeks of work with television producers in England were on Dr. Billy Graham's itinerary for November, following his month-long Greater Toronto Crusade. A total of 362,000 persons attended meetings which he addressed in Canada, and 7,348 made "decisions for Christ." The offerings during the 27 meetings held at the Coliseum, the Maple Leaf Gardens and the grandstand totaled \$195,000. India is Dr. Graham's destination early in 1956. He has received an invitation from more than 25 representative church leaders.

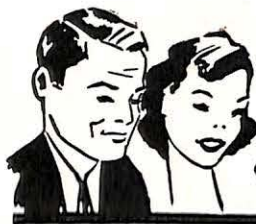
● The Baptist Church in Elche, Spain, in the province of Alicante was closed and sealed October 5, by order of the governor of the province. The explanation given by the authorities for this action was that the church did not have written permission to hold services. The Elche Church, after many months of worship in the homes of the members, erected a chapel in which to worship. It was completed in 1954, and official request for permission to occupy the building and conduct regular services in it was made immediately. For almost a year the church waited for the answer. At last, the congregation voted to move into the building and begin services. On Wednesday following the Sunday when services began, the police closed the building.

● According to a report of September 23 received by the Baptist World Alliance office, Henry Prochazka of Czechoslovakia has been released from prison. This Czechoslovakian leader, together with three of his fellow workers, was sentenced to a prison term in June, 1953, for alleged espionage on behalf of the Baptist World Alliance. Dr. Prochazka was given twelve years on this absurd charge. The state of his health has been very poor, and earnest attempts have been made by his friends, Baptists and others, to persuade the authorities to release him. More than a generation ago Dr. Prochazka became active in the work of the Baptist World Alliance. At the Atlanta congress in 1939 he represented his country at the roll call of nations, and electrified the great audience in the Ponce de Leon ball park with his opening words: "I come from a country which was, and is not, and still shall be, in the justice of God."

Contributions from Woman's Organizations—North American Baptist General Conference

August 1, 1952 through July 31, 1955

Project	CONFERENCES										Totals
	Atlantic	Central	Dakota	Eastern	Northern	North-western	Pacific	Southern	South-western	General	
Woman's Worker in the Cameroons	\$ 664.31	\$ 1,423.80	\$ 3,298.73	\$ 151.99	\$ 1,530.42	\$ 1,720.29	\$ 2,078.44	\$ 465.26	\$ 1,390.69	\$ 267.99	\$12,991.92
Leper Missions	2,288.58	2,618.82	5,948.58	442.28	3,396.68	2,910.33	3,599.31	705.84	2,141.66	267.99	24,329.97
Home Mission Expansion	464.94	1,351.19	2,999.18	70.01	1,013.75	1,323.94	1,547.06	774.09	1,183.08	268.00	10,995.24
Total Project	\$ 3,417.83	\$ 5,393.81	\$12,246.49	\$ 664.28	\$ 5,954.85	\$ 5,954.56	\$ 7,224.81	\$1,945.19	\$ 4,715.43	\$803.98	\$48,307.23
Giving	5,451.58	4,384.96	9,600.45	3,228.31	5,861.31	757.71	436.49	183.34	529.63	—	4,108.45
Other Denominational	—	—	—	—	—	3,982.05	6,092.22	1,523.84	4,799.81	—	44,924.53
White Cross	347.58	542.87	951.20	230.16	129.47	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	\$9,216.99	\$10,321.64	\$22,798.14	\$4,122.75	\$11,931.63	\$10,694.32	\$13,753.52	\$3,652.37	\$10,044.87	\$803.98	\$97,340.21
Contributions for White Cross Supplies	—	—	—	—	—	\$ 2,426.23	—	—	—	—	\$ 2,426.23
White Cross Shipments (8) 30,800 lbs., valued at	—	—	—	—	—	\$14,938.53	—	—	—	—	\$14,938.53
Relief Shipments (10) 63,305 lbs., valued at	—	—	—	—	—	\$59,215.10	—	—	—	—	\$59,215.10



Sunday School Lessons

A LESSON PLAN

Date: January 8, 1956

Theme: CONFIDENCE IN GOD

SCRIPTURE: Luke 12:22-34.

PURPOSE: To discover the things that make for confident living.

GETTING STARTED: A recent best seller in the non-fiction field was a book entitled, "A Guide to Confident Living." One cannot but wonder why such a book should have become a best seller. A few years ago, it is doubtful whether a book with such a title could even have been published. Today it is eagerly bought up and read by the hundreds of thousands. Why? Isn't it because it speaks to one of the basic problems of our day? Men with anxiety gnawing away at the very roots of their lives, they cannot enjoy the abundance of things they possess. Therefore they are searching for something that will give a solid basis to their lives and enable them to live confidently. Thus today's lesson speaks to one of the major needs of our day, and these words of our Lord have a special relevance for our anxiety driven world.

1. Men are anxious because—

- They have the wrong point of reference (v. 22); for they begin with themselves and make the universe to revolve around their own person;
- They have a false standard of values (v. 23); for they make things and possessions the measure of life;
- They have an inadequate goal v. 29; for they make comfort, well-being, abundance of things, material security the goal of all their striving.

2. As a result—

- God is pushed into the background and life deprived of any help that he is able to give (v. 30);
- Men become blinded to even the most obvious truths (vv. 24, 27);
- They have no true knowledge concerning themselves: their limitations (vv. 25-26), their true worth (vv. 24, 28), God's plan for them (vv. 31-32);
- Thus they are left with a disjointed, anxiety-ridden life.

II. THE FOUNDATIONS FOR CONFIDENCE.

1. We shall live confidently—

- When we begin with God and make him the center of life (vv. 24, 28, 30, 32);

MANY THANKS!

Rev. Berthold Jacksteit of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., has served as the capable editor of these "Sunday School Lessons" during the past two years. Many of our readers have expressed their profound appreciation for the provocative and helpful Sunday School material that has appeared on these pages.

Upon the advice of his doctor and friends, Mr. Jacksteit felt constrained to bring this editorial ministry to a close and to focus his energies upon the pastorate of the Anaheim church. We realize that he has been "burning the candle at both ends" and deserves to take it easier, if that is possible for him.

Thank you, Brother Jacksteit, for your ministry in "dividing the Word of truth" for the spiritual blessing of Sunday School teachers and workers!

EDITOR.

- When we come to know God as he is revealed in Jesus Christ; for the better we know him, the more confidence he inspires within us;

- When we seek first the Kingdom and make God's glory, his purpose and plan for our lives the goal of all our striving (v. 31).

2. When we do this—

- We shall live in the confidence that our lives are in the hands of a God who is concerned about us and looks after our every need (vv. 24, 28, 30);
- Everything in the world about us will serve to strengthen this confidence of ours in a confidence-inspiring God (vv. 24, 27);
- We shall find our true worth as the children of God and shall know that our Father intends for us everything that is good (vv. 24, 32);
- Everything in life will have its proper scale of values and fall into its proper place (vv. 22, 23, 33-34);
- Experience will prove that when we do our part toward God, he will never fail to provide for our every need (v. 31).

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A LESSON PLAN

Date: January 15, 1956

Theme: NEED FOR REPENTANCE TODAY

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:1-9, 31-35.

PURPOSE: To show that the very tragedies of our day are God's call to us to repent and turn to him.

GETTING STARTED: There's nothing new about atrocity stories. Long before Hitler or the Communists appeared upon the scene, man has been guilty of demonic inhumanity to his fellow man, even as in this incident of the senseless butchering of some Galileans by Pilate. Nor is there anything new about tragic accidents that claim the lives of many people, as in the case of the falling of the tower of Siloam. These things have always been; and always they fill the minds of thoughtful men with questions. Unfortunately—as was the case with the men who spoke to Jesus—our questions concerning such tragic happenings are generally far too superficial and the answers we give to them just as shallow and invalid. In this lesson, therefore, Jesus would have us dig deeper in our thinking and have us come up with these profounder truths concerning human events and great natural disasters that so often puzzle us;

I. THESE TRAGIC EVENTS ARE SYMPTOMS OF A TERRIBLE DISEASE THAT AFFLICTS THE WHOLE OF MANKIND—THE DISEASE OF SIN AND SINFULNESS.

- They do not indicate that some are guilty and others innocent, but rather that all men are guilty before God and stand under his judgment (vv. 2-5).

- Thus they should never be occasions for heaping blame on others or making boasts concerning our own goodness; rather they should make us realize our own involvement in the disease and our common guilt before God (vv. 3, 5).

II. THESE TRAGIC EVENTS ARE WARNINGS THAT WE TAKE STEPS TO BE DELIVERED FROM THIS DISEASE AND ITS TRAGIC CONSEQUENCES.

- They warn us all to repent of our sinful ways and turn to God (vv. 3, 5). Otherwise there is no cure for the disease nor hope for escaping its consequences.

- They warn us that God expects us to bring forth fruits worthy of repentance and to live lives that honor and serve him (vv. 6-9).

- Thus these tragic events call us to a true repentance that will cause us to turn to God and away from sin (Continued on Page 24)

What's Happening

● The Bethany Baptist Church of Vesper, Kans., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 9th., with Dr. Ralph E. Powell of the North American Baptist Seminary faculty, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speaker. A basket lunch was enjoyed by the congregation and guests at the noon hour. A display of White Cross articles was prepared by the women of the church. The missionary offerings amounted to \$922, as reported by Mrs. Leslie Van Amburg. Rev. John Wood is pastor of the church.

● Dr. H. Theodore Sorg of Princeton, N. J., that legal counsel of the North American Baptist General Conference, died unexpectedly of a heart attack on Saturday, Dec. 10. The memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church of Princeton on Tuesday, Dec. 13. Mr. Walter W. Grosser, of Oak Park, Ill., the moderator of the General Conference, participated in the service. Dr. Sorg was an influential member of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., until the short time ago. A memorial tribute will appear in a forthcoming issue.

● Since February 1955 Rev. Leland H. Schantz of Lawton, Okla., has been serving as the weekend pastor of the Lincoln Valley Baptist Church near Walters, Oklahoma. This church is cooperating with the Southern Baptist Association. Mr. Schantz is a graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary and a former pastor of the Baptist Church in Vida, Montana. He has also announced that a daughter was born to them on Nov. 4, to whom the name Enid Annette has been given. This is their second child.

● Mr. Richard Oller, a former member of the Spring Valley Baptist Church, Canistota, S. Dak., was publicly ordained into the Gospel ministry on November 11 at the Bible Baptist Church, Huron, South Dakota. Mr. Oller graduated from the Omaha Bible Institute in the spring of 1954. He also received one year of advanced training at the Grace Bible Institute in Omaha, Nebraska. Rev. and Mrs. Richard Oller at the present time are serving a mission station in De Smet, S. Dak., as reported by Rev. Gordon C. Huisinga.

● The Rev. Theo. W. Dons of Sterling, Kans., has announced that he has resigned as the president's assistant

and promotional representative of Sterling College, Sterling, Kans., and that he has retired from active service. However, he writes that he is not idle, for he has a great deal of substitute preaching to render, for which he is happy. His extensive and strenuous tours for the college have borne much fruit, but the condition of Mrs. Dons now requires his stay at home more or less. His residence in Sterling, Kans., remains the same.

● Rev. G. P. Schroeder brought his interim ministry at the Grace Baptist Church of West Fargo, N. Dak., to a close on Dec. 12. On Sunday evening, Nov. 20, he baptized five converts on profession of their faith in Christ in an impressive service at the First Baptist Church. Mr. Schroeder also spoke for several weeks over radio station KFNW of Fargo, bringing brief messages in English, German, and Russian. On Tuesday, Dec. 13, he served as chapel speaker at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on his way to Lodi, California. Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke began his ministry as pastor of the West Fargo church on Sunday, December 11.

● At a business meeting of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., on Oct. 6 a recommendation of the church's Extension Committee was accepted to start a project in Short Hills, N. J. This is a six months' experimental project, the cost of which will be financed through the Extension Fund. The nature of the work at the outset will be a Bible Class meeting in the home of Mrs. and Mrs. George Wagner. The first session was held on Wednesday, Nov. 2, with Rev. Everett Barker, assistant pastor, in charge. Plans have been made for the beginning of a Sunday School and the holding of morning worship services there in the future. Rev. Sidney Larson is pastor of the church.

● The First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho, observed its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Nov. 20, with 86 persons in attendance at the morning service and almost 90 at the evening service. Rev. John Broeder, pastor, reported that the missionary offering of \$477.40 was the largest in many years for the church. In addition \$74.65 were given to the church's building fund. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald," served as guest speaker and showed missionary pictures. On Sunday evening, Dec. 25, the Baptist

young people presented the play, "No Room in the Hotel," with Miss Lorene Kraus serving as director. A cast of ten young people took part in the impressive Christmas play.

● Evangelistic meetings were held at the First Baptist Church of Springside, Sask., from Nov. 16 to 27 with Rev.

J. B. Kornalewski of Kelowna, British Columbia, serving as evangelist. Special meetings were also held at the West Ebenezer Baptist Church of Saskatchewan from Nov. 6 to 11 with four confessions of faith in Christ. A pantry shower was held by the West Ebenezer Baptist Church for Rev. and Mrs. Bert E. Milner early in November. From January 9 to 13, 1956 a Christian Workers' Conference will be held in the area for the Ebenezer, West Ebenezer, Yorkton, Springside, and Fenwood Baptist Churches. Miss Martha Leyboldt of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will serve as instructor.

● The North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., held a memorial service for Dr. O. E. Krueger, a former faculty member, on Tuesday morning, Nov. 22. Dr. Krueger's relatives from Madison, S. Dak., and friends from Sioux Falls were present with the Seminary faculty, students and their wives. Every member of the faculty participated in the memorial program. A student quartet sang. Testimonies were given by Professors Martha Leyboldt, Herbert Hiller, and George A. Dunger. President George A. Lang brought a tribute reviewing Dr. Krueger's life, services to the Seminary, and achievements. A more detailed report about this service is being prepared by Professor Roy W. Seibel for the next issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The ordination service for the Rev. Eleon Sandau, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church near Loyal, Okla., was held on Friday, Nov. 25th. Delegates from all of the Oklahoma Association churches, except one, were present at the council session, of which Rev. Leland Friesen was the moderator and Rev. Oliver K. Ringering the secretary. The council was well pleased with the fundamental doctrinal statement of the candidate and "his generous love toward the denomination." Rev. Jacob Ehman, a former schoolmate, brought the ordination message. Rev. Leland Friesen offered the ordination prayer and brought the charge to the pastor. Rev. Oliver K. Ringering presented the charge to the church. Mr. Sandau is a 1955 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

● Mrs. Hedwig Bender of Pasadena, Calif., who for 25 years with her (Continued on Page 24)

JAPAN IS CALLING FOR REV. AND MRS. EDWIN KERN

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Meraleen Elizabeth Huber was born at Artas, S. Dak., on January 7, 1930 to Philip and Louise Huber as the oldest of three children. That same fall her parents moved to a farm at Bison, S. Dak. Her parents were much concerned about the spiritual welfare of their children and made it a practice regularly to attend Sunday School and church services at the Bison Baptist Church.

At the age of eleven, Meraleen accepted Christ as her personal Savior during evangelistic services held in her church in February, 1941 at which Rev. Jacob Renz served as evangelist and helped the pastor who was then Rev. R. Sigmund. But she was not baptized until her first year at college, when on December 7, 1947 Rev. Maurice Wessman of the Central Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., baptized her. She remained a member of the Central Baptist Church at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, until the organization of Trinity Baptist Church took place where she then became a charter member.

TRAINING AND PREPARATION

In the fall of 1945 Edwin C. Kern enrolled at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. During his one year there the conviction of God's call ripened to fruition. The following year he completed his high school training at Alberta College of Edmonton and then sought admission to the academy of the Rochester Baptist Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., where he enrolled in the fall of 1948.

With the removal of our seminary from Rochester, N. Y., to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in 1949 the academy was also dropped. Edwin then enrolled at Sioux Falls College at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and later Augustana College at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., graduating with a B.A. degree from the latter in the spring of 1952.

His seminary training was completed at our seminary in Sioux Falls, and he graduated with a B.D. degree in the spring of 1955. During the years of his training he served as student pastor in various capacities, especially so during the summer months. His home church at Wiesenthal, Alberta, ordained him into the Christian ministry.

Mrs. Edwin Kern, nee Meraleen E. Huber, began her high school education in her home town at the Bison High School in 1943 and was graduated in May 1947 as salutatorian of her class. In the fall of 1947 she enrolled at Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and graduated in 1951 with a B.A. degree, majoring in Christian education and in music. During that time she also received her High School Teaching Certificate.

For the next few years she desired to gain practical experience as a church missionary but no door opened for that service and God led in a different direction. She accepted a teaching position first in the high school of her home town and then at Monroe, S. Dak. In the fall of 1954 she enrolled in the missionary course at our seminary.

While at Sioux Falls College, Edwin and Meraleen met. Courting days followed. In the summer of 1952 they became engaged. On August 28, 1953 they were married at Bison, S. Dak., and became one in their marriage vows but also in their goals of life, for both felt called to the mission field of Japan.

During their training for the mission field they frequently consulted the mission board under which they sought appointment. In accord with advice received, they also enrolled at the Linguistic Summer Course at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks during this past summer in order to receive a better basis of language study for service in Japan.

THEY SAIL FOR JAPAN

The General Missionary Committee of North American Baptists in session during the days of the General Conference at Waco, Texas, heard the testimony of Edwin and Meraleen Kern and appointed them to missionary service in Japan. On the last day of the conference they were commissioned and henceforth their eye was definitely set for Japan.

Our missionary personnel in Japan has received several set-backs in these early years of our beginning. First, our pioneers in this mission field, Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Hirth, had to come home after less than two years on the field for the reason of illness of Mrs. Hirth, and after due deliberation they ended their missionary status. Next, Miss Lois Lechner left the force after less than one year on the field, realizing that the mission field was not for her. And next, Rev. and Mrs. John Rhoads, after three years on the field, giving the major portion of their time to the program of Youth for Christ, felt led to enter missionary work on an independent basis with greater personal liberty than is possible under a mission board, and so terminated their affiliation with our mission.

The sailing of Rev. and Mrs. Edwin C. Kern for Japan is thus very timely to strengthen our missionary force. With them we shall still have seven missionaries in Japan. God is supplying his servants and filling the vacancies. We are much in need of another lady missionary and our prayer is

APPRECIATION FROM MRS. OTTO E. KRUEGER

During my husband's long illness, we received so many cards and comforting letters and expressions of love from all over the United States and Canada. Otto enjoyed his mail so much during those trying months, and would have liked our friends to know how much they were all appreciated. It would be impossible for me to acknowledge these cards and letters as well as the many expressions of sympathy sent to me, even though I would love to do so. May God bless you, dear friends in Christ, for your kind and comforting words!

Sincerely,

Alma Krueger,
Rochester, New York.

BELOVED AT BURLINGTON

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membership of the church stood at 532. In 1953 the Kruegers came back to serve six months while the church was without a pastor. They brought with them a spirit of love and understanding and peace, that makes itself felt among the members even now.

The church recently remodeled one of its rooms to serve as a meeting place for committees, Service Guild and other smaller groups. In seeking a name for this room, it very naturally, enthusiastically and unanimously became the "Krueger Lounge." It is a beautiful room and will be an incentive to the loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. O. E. Krueger.

All of us at Oak Street Church are deeply grateful to God that he sent "Brother Krueger" and his loving wife into our midst.

constantly that God might supply in due time.

Rev. and Mrs. Edwin C. Kern sailed for Japan on November 25th from Seattle, Wash. They will live at Kyoto for the first two years, during which their time will be mostly occupied with language study. After that they will go out into active missionary work as the Lord will lead them.

As they sailed forth, many prayers have followed them. Before their sailing, the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., adopted them for partial support and more personalized missionary interest and promotion. The prayer support through such adoption also becomes more personalized and our missionaries are thus more conscious of those who have banded themselves together to pray for them. Let us all join in this prayer support on behalf of them and all our missionaries in Japan and elsewhere.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Central Conference

Ordination Service for Rev. Fred Sonnenberg and Rev. Arnold Rapske in Chicago, Illinois

When two young men kneel in holy reverence and dedication and when a minister of the Gospel utters the prayer setting them aside for the Gospel ministry and when a number of fellow-ministers add their approval and blessing by the united laying on of hands, then one will find it to be an unusually inspiring service.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 30, Fred Sonnenberg and Arnold Rapske were fully ordained and set apart for the Gospel ministry. Ten days before a council of delegates from sister churches had thoroughly examined the two young men regarding their Christian experience, call to the ministry and their convictions and interpretations of Christian beliefs and teachings. The council was under the leadership of moderator Rubin Kern of the Forest Park Baptist Church and Rev. Wilmer Quiring of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., as secretary.

On the appointed hour friends and members of various churches gathered in the well filled auditorium of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., and were inspired by the various numbers rendered by the strong and well trained choir under the leadership of Mr. Herbert Pankratz. Prof. T. W. Bender brought a profound and stirring message on Heb. 13:8. Rev. J. C. Gunst offered the dedicatory prayer with the Reverends O. Kuhn, J. Knechtel, A. Schlesinger, J. Hirth, W. Schoeffel, and Joe Sonnenberg laying the hands on the candidates as they kneeled. Perhaps the high moment of the service was the welcoming into the ranks of the fellow-ministers of the two candidates by their own ministers, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, and also the brother of one of the candidates.

Arnold Rapske is a native of Morris, Man., Canada. He was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, and after spending one year at our own Seminary, he finished his preparatory education at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago.

Fred Sonnenberg is a native of Swan River, Man., Canada, and held membership in the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Man., Canada. His preparatory work was done at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, at our own Seminary at Sioux Falls and received his degree from the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. At present, he is the pastor at the Ogden Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

William L. Schoeffel, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Joint Baptismal Service at the Calvary Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada

The Calvary Baptist Church at Wetaskiwin, Alta., was the scene of a wonderful joint baptismal service by the Forestburg Baptist Church of Forestburg, Alta., and the Calvary Church of Wetaskiwin, on Sunday, Oct. 16. The service was held in the afternoon and was led by the pastor of the Calvary Church, Rev. H. Schumacher. After a hearty song service led by Rev. Earl Silver of Forestburg, and a solo by Mrs. Florence Silver, a challenging message was brought by Rev. F. Schimke of the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta.

Then twelve candidates followed the Lord in baptism, six of them from Wetaskiwin and six from Forestburg, each group being baptized by their own pastor. It was a day of rejoicing for both churches and we praise the Lord that he still calls those who are willing to follow him all the way!

Agnes Doering, Reporter.

Chief Francis Bull of the Indian Bull Reserve, Alberta Is Called "Home"

We laid Chief Francis Bull of the Indian Bull Reserve of Alberta, Canada, to rest on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13th. He was ailing with a heart condition for several years and died in his home on November 11th at 6:30 A.M. He wasn't down in bed until about three weeks ago. I visited him for two weeks till his death al-



Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, pastor of the Ogden Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill. (left), and Rev. Arnold Rapske (right) who were ordained into the Gospel ministry at the Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill., on Sunday evening, October 30th.

most every day. His faith was grounded firmly in God and he said he was ready and willing to leave.

He died at the age of 82. He married in 1885. His wife is still living. They had ten children: six girls and four boys. Only two boys are living now. Left to mourn his homegoing are 43 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was chief for 26 years and a very humble servant indeed. He exercised his authority in the right spirit. We shall miss him greatly. He was one of the most faithful church attenders.

The Indian chapel was crowded. The Holy Spirit was working and God spoke through his precious Word. Joe White paid a fine tribute in his speech. I shall publish it in the next issue of "The Light."

What the outcome will be for the future of Bull Reserve is or will be determined by the decision of the people. We are praying definitely for a God-fearing Christian leader. This is the only Reserve yet abiding by the old system. The other Reserves have adopted the "three-year term of voting." This may now also be accepted by this band. Whatever the case, may it please God to guide in these very important issues.

R. Neuman, Missionary.

Saskatchewan Association at the Nokomis Baptist Church Considers "The Advancing Church"

The Saskatchewan Association convened with the Nokomis Baptist Church from October 24 to 26. Our gracious Father in heaven provided ideal weather conditions, enabling the delegates and visitors to make their way to Nokomis without difficulty. The opening session was in the hands of Rev. O. Fritzke, the host pastor, who extended a warm welcome to all the assembled guests. The moderator, Rev. Fred Ohlmann, replied with fitting words. The Nokomis choir sang at the opening service. Rev. Hildebrand, the guest speaker, delivered the message of the evening, "The Dynamics of the Gospel," based on Romans 1:16.

Tuesday morning Rev. A. J. Milner brought the devotional with thoughts taken from the life of Moses as God's man. The Association then convened for the opening business session. The moments of prayer and praise were led by Mr. B. Bonney. Then the first of the Association messages, under the brought by Rev. Walter Hoffman on "The Advancing Church in Fellowship." This theme was further developed on, "The Advancing Church in Preaching Christ," by Rev. R. Grabke; "The Advancing Church as a United Body," by Rev. B. Milner; "The Advancing Church in Service," by Rev. E. L. Thiessen; "The Advancing Church in Faith and Doctrine," by Rev. R. Jaster; "The Advancing Church in Prayer," by Rev. E. Janzen; and "The Advancing Church in Stewardship," by Rev. Fred Ohlmann.

In further devotional periods Rev. Oscar Fritzke reminded us of our all-

sufficing heavenly Father, Rev. Waldemar Ertis pointed up the leading of God in the life of Moses, Brother Kramer expressed the blessings of the righteous man, and our guest speaker, Rev. Hildebrand used Jeremiah 18 as the basis for his message. The last service was held in the Legion Hall because the Nokomis church had been packed to overflowing the previous evening.

During the business sessions we were reminded of the sacrificial work being done on the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve, where our Association men have been laboring in groups to help in the erection of the chapel and living quarters for the missionaries and Indians of that field. The work has been progressing very well under the able direction of Mr. Ed. Rumpel, and with the financial assistance from headquarters in Forest Park, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. P. Grabke are doing a good work there.

The Association officers for the coming year are as follows: moderator, Rev. E. L. Thiessen; vice-moderator,

Brygger and their sons, James and Daniel. Following the supper, a reception was held for them. Mr. Harvey Schmidt, moderator, read the Scripture passage and led the song service.

The following special musical selections were enjoyed: a duet by Marcy Kix and Glenda Van Briesen; a duet by Mrs. Harvey Schmidt and Miss Alma Schrick; a solo by Jake Cassens; and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Schrick. Two of the deacons, Ed Bartels and George De Neui, led the congregation in prayer. Harvey Schmidt brought a short message and welcome after which Brother Brygger responded.

A pantry shower was held for Rev. and Mrs. James Brygger during the week after their arrival. The parsonage also was redecorated. We are very grateful that God has answered our prayers by sending us a pastor and we covet many happy and blessed years of service with him and his family.

Mrs. Kenneth Harms, Reporter.



Rev. and Mrs. Gottlieb Ittermann of Orlando, Florida (standing), at their golden wedding anniversary celebration held at the First Baptist Church, George, Iowa, with Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Ittermann to their right and Rev. and Mrs. John Reimer to their left.

Rev. W. Hoffman; secretary, Rev. E. Janzen; treasurer, R. Ziolkowski; Mission Committee members: Robert Jaster, Oscar Fritzke, and Fred Ohlmann. The Ebenezer Baptist Church extended an invitation for the next year's Association, which was accepted.

B. E. Milner, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. James Brygger at Central Church, George, Iowa

On Thursday evening, Nov. 3, the members and friends of Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa, met in the church parlors to enjoy a fellowship supper honoring Rev. and Mrs. James

Golden Wedding Celebration for Rev. and Mrs. G. Ittermann at First Church, George, Iowa

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 2nd, the members of the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Gottlieb Ittermann of Orlando, Fla., along with their children and grandchildren. Mrs. G. Ittermann wearing a lavender suit with a corsage of yellow roses was escorted down the church aisle on the arm of her son, Dr. Arthur Ittermann, while Rev. G. Ittermann wearing a gray suit with a yellow rosebud in his lapel came down the adjacent aisle escorted by his daughter, Mrs. John Reimer, to the strains of the Lohengrin Wedding March, played by Mrs. Henry Eben.

An appropriate program consisting of solos, duets, and trios sung by the children and grandchildren followed.

The Ladies' Chorus of the church also dedicated a number to the honored couple. Dr. Ittermann expressed words of thanks and tribute on behalf of the children for the parental love, care, and prayers bestowed and for having impressed the importance of eternal life and the Name of Jesus on the children. Rev. John Reimer, the son-in-law and pastor of the church, reminisced upon the pastoral work that Brother Ittermann had enjoyed before his retirement and paid tribute to the warrior of the Cross with whom at different times he had served and cooperated for 26 weeks of evangelistic services.

In the church parlors a table had been prepared for the honored couple. The central attraction on the table was the lovely wedding cake from which sprays of greens extended down the table ending with bouquets of asters. The many guests were served a tray lunch by the ladies of the Christian Hour Circle.

Congratulatory words were spoken by Rev. J. J. Jordan, also an aged warrior of the Cross, and Mr. Harry DeBoer, a church deacon. Mr. Winter, senior deacon, expressed words of best wishes in behalf of the church and presented the couple with a gift of money. Rev. Gottlieb Ittermann then reminisced upon God's unfailing faithfulness and wonderful watch-care during their 50 years of married life thanking the guests for having made such a memorable day for them. Rev. J. J. Jordan closed the program with prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Ittermann greatly appreciated the many loving greeting cards and letters sent by former church members and friends and churches that Brother Ittermann had served during the years of his ministry. These kind and pleasant tokens of love will continue to fill the lives of this couple with sunshine and gladness.

Mrs. John Reimer, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Sessions of the California Association at the Fifteenth Street Church of Los Angeles

Many pastors, delegates, and friends from North American Baptist churches in California gathered in Los Angeles at the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church from November 3 to 6 for the California Association. The fine hospitality shown by the host church and its pastor, Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, will always be a splendid example for our entire fellowship. The excellent ministry of the church choir under the direction of their pastor was a thrilling experience for those who were present. The Association theme that so impressively stirred both speaker and listener was, "The Believer's Life in Christ." The basis for the theme was Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Dr. George A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the guest

speaker. Dr. Lang, Rev. W. W. Knauf, Association moderator, and seven other California pastors brought inspiring messages during the days of the Association meetings. Other guests in attendance included Rev. Richard Schilke, general missionary secretary, and Mr. Edwin Marklein, chairman of the Church Extension Committee. The presence and counsel of these men were greatly appreciated.

The Woman's Missionary Union held its business meeting on Friday afternoon and sponsored the program that evening with Dr. Lang as the speaker. The Association business sessions Friday and Saturday included the election of new officers, reports from churches, and plans for the forthcoming year. The invitation for next year's Association meeting was given by the Temple Church of Lodi, California. The offering taken at the Sunday service was designated for the Church Extension fund of the denomination.

The four-day meeting was a time of great inspiration. We thank God for the many blessings that were bestowed upon the churches of our fellowship this past year and we trust him for guidance in the future.

Clarence H. Walth, Secretary.

Dakota Conference

Harvest and Mission Sunday at Plevna, Montana, With Missionary Offering of \$6920

On Sunday, October 16, the Plevna Baptist Church, Plevna, Mont., observed Harvest Mission Sunday. Attendance was, as expected, a full house. The choir furnished the special music for the occasion and the pastor, Rev. R. H. Zepik, brought the messages in which were listed some of God's blessings and some of the needs before us.

The combined offerings of the day reached an all time high in giving. The sum of \$6920 was laid on the altar for the Lord's cause. All these gifts were designated to the various branches of our denominational missionary enterprise and for Church Extension.

Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alta., was our evangelist for two weeks of meetings from Oct. 17 to 28. The services were well attended and the church was strengthened. One young man confessed Christ as his Savior.

R. H. Zepik, Pastor.

Ground Breaking Church Service and Dedication of New Parsonage at Billings, Montana

The Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Mont., broke ground on Sunday, November 13, at 2:30 P.M. for the erection of a new church edifice. Because of the inclement weather, we met for the first part of the service in the present church building. Rev. R. H. Zepik, pastor of the First Baptist



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blumhardt of Fredonia, North Dakota, whose golden wedding anniversary was recently celebrated by the Berlin Baptist Church.

Church of Plevna, Mont., brought us a challenging message from Psalm 127: "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

The choir and Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fuchs brought fitting musical numbers for the occasion. Immediately after the service at the church we proceeded to the new church site at 2215 Broadwater Ave., where the ground breaking exercises took place. Those taking part in this ceremony were the chairmen of the Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees, Building Committee, and presidents of the Woman's Missionary Society, CBYF, the pastor, Rev. Wesley Gerber, and the contractor.

On the front steps of the newly purchased parsonage, an impressive dedication service was also held. Rev. R. H. Zepik opened with few fitting words after which Mr. Dan Fuchs presented the parsonage to Rev. Wesley Gerber and his family. Mrs. R. Lowry

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The newly dedicated parsonage of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, of which Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Gerber are the first occupants.

of Roberts, Mont., sang, "Bless This House." Rev. E. Goosen, pastor of the Conservative Baptist Church of Billings, offered the dedicatory prayer.

The door was then opened and all present were given the opportunity to view the house. The ladies of the church then served a tasty lunch and a good time of fellowship was had.

Mrs. Wesley Gerber, Reporter.

Berlin Church, Fredonia, N. Dak., Celebrates Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. Blumhardt

Golden wedding bells rang on Oct. 23rd at the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., for Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blumhardt. Their children and the members of the church prepared a surprise program for them on the afternoon of Oct. 23rd. At 1:30 P.M. there was a short program in the main auditorium, with singing and a message by the pastor, Rev. V. H. Prendering.

After that the couple was led to the basement of the church for the main program. They were seated under a canopy of gold and white streamers, and before them was a wedding cake decorated with gold. The opening prayer by deacon G. Grenz was followed by many vocal and musical selections, poems, and a humorous account of the past by Mrs. V. Prendering.

The children then brought a testimony of the blessings that came to them through their Christian parents. The two youngest sons and their wives were recently converted and gave a touching testimony of the faithful prayer and love of their parents. The brothers and sisters of the bridal pair and many friends wished them God's continued blessings. Mr. and Mrs. Blumhardt thanked everyone and praised God for his blessings. After this program, the children served lunch for more than 200 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Blumhardt have been members of this church since 1907. They have eight children, 26 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. We wish them God's richest blessings for the coming years.

V. H. Prendering, Pastor.

TRIBUTE TO DR. KRUEGER

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During his Seminary term he also served as moderator of the General Conference, 1934-1944. After retirement he was far too much in demand to be left idle. He became the pastor of the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., and with his steady leadership piloted it through the transition years from a Seminary church to a progressive church on its own.

For many years he wrote the popular column "Allerlei Brocken" for "Der Sendbote," under the pen name of "Bruder Praktikus." Some of his other writings include a fine booklet on "Who Are the Baptists?" and a History of North American Baptists, which has not appeared in print as yet. His writings, preaching, and teaching bristled with practical fibre for life.

In 1953 he was honored with the degree of Doctor of Divinity by the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He became the interim pastor at the Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa, in 1952, and from there went to Winnipeg, Man., Canada, as interim pastor. After his return to Rochester, N. Y., abdominal distress called for medical aid. Surgery proved a malignancy that led to his death ten months later.

Surviving him are his faithful wife; two sons: Chester of Kansas City, Mo., and Ernest of Syracuse, N. Y.; two daughters: Mrs. Philip Vormelker and Mrs. Wallace Shoup; a sister, Mrs. Arthur Kirstein; two brothers: Charles and Robert Bachus, Madison, S. Dak.; and eight grandchildren.

We mourn the passing of a pastor who loved life, his God, the church, and his fellow-man. He never wavered from preaching the redeeming love of God through Christ Jesus. Those of us who were privileged to sit at his feet at the Seminary benefited from his timely, practical advice, his sincerity, and wonderful

OBITUARY

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

MR. ARTHUR EGGERT of Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

The funeral service for Mr. Arthur Eggert of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, was held at Bakers Funeral Chapel in the city of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, on Nov. 16. Mr. Arthur Eggert was born on January 6, 1900 in Schitomor, Russia. He migrated to Germany in 1943 and from there came to Canada on May 30, 1952. He was baptized by Rev. Wuerch in 1921 in Neudorf in the Ukraine. He lost his first wife and seven children somewhere in the Russian Zone. On August 23, 1955 he was married to Martha Krenz.

He died at his home in Wetaskiwin on Nov. 12, 1955 at 2:30 a.m. from a heart attack. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Martha; one sister, Mrs. Leona Bel-

Christian example. As a retired pastor he worked in closest harmony with the pastor. His counsel was wise, his aim high, his character beyond reproach.

In suffering he was most patient, and he fulfilled his life-long wish to grow old and pass on gracefully. We have lost a good man. Scripture says, "Blessed in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

He is followed by a beautiful Christian character, an overflowing happy disposition, a triumphant faith in God and a love for the church and his fellow-man, along with an ardent love for his life-long companion, his wife, and the respect and love of his children, as well as the honor and esteem of a host of friends. Words of comfort and tribute were given at his funeral in the Andrews Street Baptist Church by Dr. Albert Bretschneider, Rev. G. E. Friedenberg of Buffalo, N. Y., and Rev. Arthur R. Weisser, pastor of the church.

ter of Edmonton, Alta.; a brother, Edmund, of Vancouver, B. C.; his aunt, Olga Kuhn of Vancouver, B.C.; and a host of relatives and friends.

Calvary Baptist Church,
Wetaskiwin, Alberta
HENRY SCHUMACHER, Pastor.

MRS. LYDIA SCHWEIGERT HUBER of McIntosh, South Dakota

Mrs. Lydia Schweigert Huber of McIntosh, S. Dak., was born to Daniel and Carolyn Schweigert on August 15, 1885, near Odessa, Russia. She was married to Andrew F. Huber on July 23, 1906. To this union were born eleven children, seven sons and four daughters. Two daughters and one son died in infancy. Another son, Andrew, died at the age of 15 in November 1931. In 1910 the family immigrated to the United States, first residing in Herreid, S. Dak., and later at McIntosh, South Dakota.

Mrs. Huber suffered a stroke October 14, 1955. After a short illness, she passed to her eternal reward and home October 29, 1955, at the age of 70 years, 2 months and 14 days. Her parents, two brothers and one sister, as well as her husband, preceded her in death.

She leaves to mourn her departure the following children: Fred of Rupert, Idaho; Margaret (Mrs. John Arnold), Albert, Jacob, Phillip and Dan, all of McIntosh; and Lydia (Mrs. Sam Walker) of Selfridge, N. Dak.; 20 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

Sister Huber was the only remaining charter member of the First Baptist Church of McIntosh. As often as health permitted she was active in her church attendance and work. At the time of her last illness, she expressed the desire to depart and be with her Lord, which as Paul said "is far better." Words of comfort were spoken from Psalm 23.

McIntosh, South Dakota
WALTER H. KLEMPPEL, Pastor.

MR. RENOLD NEHER of Carbon, Alberta.

Mr. Renold Neher of Carbon, Alberta, was born in Carbon on May 24, 1915. Under the faithful ministry of Rev. A. Kujath he found eternal salvation in 1927 and was baptized on August 7 of that same year. He united with the Freudental Baptist Church where he remained an active member until his recent home-going.

In December of 1943 he was united in marriage with Mabel Rinas. God blessed this union with five children. In June 1952 he took ill and never regained health again. In all of his suffering he never complained but bore his lot patiently, keeping faith and trust in his Savior. He passed on to his eternal rest on November 3, 1955, at the age of 40 years, 5 months and 10 days.

To mourn his passing, he leaves his wife, Mabel; three daughters: Marilyn, Gwendolyn and Colleen; two sons: John and Garth; his mother, Mrs. Christ Perman; five sisters: Mrs. E. Bettcher, Mrs. W. Bettcher, Mrs. R. Kraenzler, all of Carbon, Alberta; Mrs. A. Gieck of Swolwell, Alberta; and Mrs. S. Hoffman of Morris, Manitoba; one brother, Emmanuel of Carbon, Alberta; and a host of relatives and friends.

Rev. A. Kujath and the undersigned brought words of comfort at the service held in the Carbon Baptist Church. May the God of all comfort strengthen and establish all those who are mourning the loss of their loved ones.

Carbon Baptist Church,
Carbon, Alberta

WILLY R. MULLER, Pastor.

MR. OTTO MARKUSCHAT of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Otto Markuschat of Cleveland, Ohio, was born in Memel, Germany, February 9, 1867 and passed away here in Cleveland on November 7, 1955 at the age of 88 years. As a young man he came to America and made his home here in Cleveland, Ohio, where he was engaged in his chosen profession as a painter. He was united in marriage to Emilie Vogt and with her

shared the joys and sorrows of life until she passed away in 1928. Three children were born to this union. Two of them, one son and a daughter, perished in a tragic school fire here in Cleveland which claimed the lives of many children. His one remaining daughter escaped and he had made his home with her these past years.

His parents were staunch members of the Baptist Church in Germany and it was there that he also gave his life to his Lord and was received into the Baptist Church through baptism. Soon after his arrival in Cleveland, he was received into the membership of the Second German Baptist Church, now known as the White Avenue Baptist Church. For 62 years he was a faithful member, serving his Lord according to his ability.

His daughter, May, and one sister, Marie Roeger, and one half-sister in Germany remain to mourn his passing. At the memorial services, conducted by Rev. Edward Kary, words of comfort were spoken based on the words, "The Master has come and calleth for thee."

White Avenue Baptist Church,
Cleveland, Ohio
EDWARD KARY, Pastor.

MR. JACOB SCHOPP of Plevna, Montana.

Mr. Jacob Schopp of Plevna, Montana, was born May 11, 1876 at Odessa, Russia, to Jacob and Margerate Schopp. He was married to Caroline Prior in 1898 and they came to the United States in 1903, staying at Bridgewater, S. Dak., until 1912. They went west to Plevna, Montana, to homestead and farmed till 1927 when he retired to Plevna. His wife died in 1935, and he was married again to Kathrine Lechtner Frieh.

In his early years he was converted and baptized, joining the Plevna Baptist Church. He supported it faithfully and served it in several capacities. After a long illness and much suffering, he entered into eternal rest on Nov. 5, 1955.

Surviving are his wife, Kathrine; three daughters: Mrs. Elizabeth Hoffman, Baker, Mont.; Mrs. Caroline Wagner, Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Rose Sieler, Plevna; three sons: Adam of Plevna, Fred and Christian of Baker, Mont.; four stepchildren: Mrs. Martha Clemenson, Conde, S. Dak.; Mrs. Lydia Bertsch, Isabel, S. Dak.; Mrs. Le-nora Reich and Mr. Reynold Frieh, both of Bakersfield, Calif.; one sister, Mrs. Kath-rine Schweigert, Plevna; a brother, John, Lemmon, S. Dak.; 28 grandchildren, and 23 great-grandchildren. Three children: Jaeger, Jr., Mrs. Anna Christman and Kath-rine, preceded their father.

Services were held at the Plevna Baptist Church. May the Lord comfort the bereaved and give joy for sorrow.

Plevna Baptist Church,
Plevna, Montana
R. H. ZEPIK, Pastor.

MRS. PAULINE BADKE of West Ebenezzer, Sask.

Mrs. Pauline Badke, nee Dreger, of West Ebenezzer, Sask., was born February 11, 1875, at Machulik, Russia. In the year 1894 she came to Canada, settling in the West Ebenezzer area as one of the pioneers. She was united in bonds of holy matrimony to Gottlieb Badke in the following year.

In the year 1897 she accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Savior, and followed him through the waters of baptism under the ministry of Rev. Miller of Winnipeg. Her life was a life of Christian service, having served in the choirs of the Yorkton and West Ebenezzer churches, as president of the Woman's Missionary Society (she was the oldest member of the West Ebenezzer society at the time of her passing), and as Sunday School teacher. At the time of her departure, she was also a member of the West Ebenezzer Baptist Church. As a faithful Christian mother, she had pointed others to the Savior Jesus Christ.

Pauline Badke passed away in the Yorkton General Hospital on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 1955, at the age of 80 years, 7 months, 3 weeks and 6 days. She leaves to mourn: two sisters, Mrs. Falkenberg of Rochester, N. Y.; and Mrs. Hoffman of Yorkton; one daughter, Mrs. Cecilia Parno, Yorkton.

Sask.; one son, Irving, Orcadia, Sask.; five grandchildren; and a host of relatives and friends.

The undersigned conducted the funeral service from the Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, with Rev. A. J. Milner calling forth the Christian virtues of the deceased. The West Ebenezzer Male Quartet rendered two very fitting songs. The message was based on Phil. 3:20, "The Christian Heavenly," delivered by the undersigned. The Lord is the Comforter of the bereaved!

West Ebenezzer Baptist Church,
Orcadia, Sask., Canada
BERT E. MILNER, Pastor.

MRS. MARTHA SAUER of Washburn, North Dakota.

Mrs. Martha Sauer, nee Martha Lindstadt, of Washburn, N. Dak., was born on Oct. 14, 1876 in Wangerin, near Stettin, Germany, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lindstadt. She came with her parents to Hutchinson, Minn., as a girl and was married to Andrew E. Sauer on June 4, 1896. He preceded her in death in 1929.

Mrs. Sauer received Jesus Christ as her Savior at the age of 12 and was baptized and received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church at Hutchinson, Minn. After moving to Washburn, N. Dak., in 1906 she joined the Washburn Baptist Church and was a charter member of the Ladies Missionary Society, of which she was president for more than 25 years. She had a radiant testimony for Christ and was a zealous worker in her church as well as in the community.

Mrs. Sauer moved to the Baptist Old People's Home at Bismarck, N. Dak., about four months ago from Washburn. On Tuesday, Oct. 18th, at the age of 79 she departed in the Bismarck Hospital to be with her Lord. She leaves to mourn her passing one son, Harold, of Washburn; five daughters: Lydia, Mrs. A. B. Rieder, Townner; Ellen, Mrs. Leonard Hensrud, Wolf Point, Mont.; Edna, Mrs. Albert Wille, Washburn, N. Dak.; Clara, Mrs. Val Rieder, New Rockford, N. Dak.; Freda, Mrs. Reinholdt Rothman, Washburn, N. Dak.; eleven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. John Reiser of Washburn, N. Dak., and Mrs. Ruben Joekes of Hutchinson, Minn.; one brother, Paul Lindstadt of Jamestown, N. Dakota.

The Baptist Church members and a host of friends also mourn her departure. Rev. E. Broeckel, a former pastor and friend of the family, brought the comforting message. Pastor O. Fiesel presided. The mixed quartet from the Methodist Church rendered three appropriate numbers in song. May the wonderful Lord graciously comfort the bereaved!

Washburn, North Dakota
OTTO FIESEL, Pastor.

MR. FRED FORSCH of Lodi, California.

Mr. Fred Forsch of Lodi, Calif., was born on Feb. 1, 1889 in Long Lake, S. Dak. In 1916 he left the place of his birth and moved to Isabel, S. Dak., and in 1937 to Lodi, Calif., where he resided until he was called to his heavenly home above. On Dec. 9, 1915 he was united in marriage with Lizzie Wolff. The Lord blessed this union with five children who are all residents of this fair city.

At the age of 16 years he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized on profession of his faith by Rev. John Bischoff and received into the Ashley Baptist Church, Station Jewell. Since 1937, after coming to Lodi, he has been a faithful member of the First Baptist Church here.

Our brother loved his Savior and was willing to serve him in whatever capacity he was able to do so. The house of the Lord was sacred to him and he visited the services very regularly as long as his health permitted. He was very appreciative of the preaching of the Word of God. His words were never critical but always commending. In the last weeks of his life he spent much time in prayer. In recent weeks when his pastor was engaged in evangelistic meetings in Bismarck, N. Dak., he set his alarm clock to indicate for him the time of the meeting and then would engage in prayer for the pastor and

the service so that precious souls might accept Jesus Christ.

He passed away very quietly in the peace of his Savior early on Thursday morning, Nov. 10th, after a long illness and much suffering. He reached the age of 66 years, nine months and nine days. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Lizzie Forsch; and two sons and three daughters who are Mrs. Adeline Zimmerman, Mrs. Thelma Fischer, Clifford Forsch, Miss Loretta Forsch, all of Lodi, and Burdette Forsch, attending the University of Wyoming at Laramie, Wyo. He also leaves six grandchildren; one brother, John Forsch of Carbon, Alta.; four sisters: Mrs. Sophie Tichi, Freewater, Oregon; Mrs. Martha Heupel, Long Lake, S. Dak.; Mrs. Freda Grenz and Mrs. Christian Weisser, both of Lodi, Calif.; and many other relatives and friends. The funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church on Monday, Nov. 14, with a large crowd showing their sympathy to the family and their respect to our departed brother in Christ.

First Baptist Church,
Lodi, California

GUSTAVE G. RAUSER, Pastor.

MR. ADAM HODEL of Crawford, Texas.

Mr. Adam Hodel of Crawford, Texas, was born to John and Lucy Ludwike in Altfrantz Buckowina, Austria, on May 16, 1877. It the fall of 1889, at the age of 12 years, he came to America with his parents. They first settled in McLennan County which is in Central Texas. Soon afterward they located in Coryell County in the community east of Coryell City. Here Adam Hodel lived all of his life, except the last 26 years during which time he resided near his parents' home, where he also died.

When he was twenty years old he made his peace with God, and upon confession of his faith in Christ he was baptized by Rev. Sydow and accepted into the Canaan Baptist Church, Crawford, Texas.

On August 21, 1929 he was united in marriage with Miss Minnie Mack. His two favorable delights were going to God's House and enjoying humble home life. When bad weather or illness would prompt him to stay at home, he would turn to his Bible and to "Der Sendbote." No matter how urgent or rushing his field work on the farm would be, he would be mindful of the thought, "Nimm Zeit dir zur Andacht und Ruh' zum Gebet." Finally his strength failed and his eyes became too dim so that he was compelled to say to me, his wife, "Ich kann nicht mehr sehen; lies du von jetzt an", which also I did. He was a "Sendbote" reader for sixty years, of which time his mother had been a subscriber for thirty-five years.

Though it was not our fortune to ever have had much savings, Adam's first concern always was in behalf of the needy, missions, and church expenses. He was also conscientious regarding indebtedness, having no debts at the time of his death. He had suggested that money be given for charitable or mission purposes rather than in the form of foral gifts at his funeral.

He was bed-ridden during the last few years of his life. Most of the time he had little or no pain, only he was wasting away in strength and fullness of stature. He departed from this life on October 24, 1955, reaching the age of seventy-eight years, five months and eight days.

He is survived by his wife, Minnie Hodel; four brothers: John Hodel, Lockney, Texas; Frank Hodel, Crawford, Texas; Jacob Hodel, Gatesville, Texas; Henry Hodel, McGregor, Texas; two sisters: Mrs. Ferdinand Schantz, Gotebo, Okla.; Mrs. Frank Jaekle, Waco, Texas; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Rev. Joe Bob Alexander, pastor, took charge of the funeral services in the home and in the church. He sang as a solo, "When I Get to the End of the Road." Rev. J. K. Warkentin, former pastor, sang a German solo, a request of the deceased, and he then also brought the memorial message, "The Death of His Saints."

Canaan Baptist Church,
Crawford, Texas

MRS. ADAM HODEL,
Correspondent.

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Conferences	Oct., 1955	Oct., 1954	Oct., 1953
Atlantic	\$ 2,445.49	\$ 2,728.17	\$ 5,283.31
Central	5,753.40	10,389.49	11,386.65
Dakota	14,723.50	19,489.54	10,951.81
Eastern	1,603.27	2,824.97	2,608.23
Northern	9,410.44	9,018.89	8,462.55
Northwestern	5,230.76	8,579.69	10,414.81
Pacific	13,388.51	19,362.55	8,364.53
Southern	1,115.52	1,315.80	1,643.61
Southwestern	7,079.49	11,018.41	5,719.91
Total Contributions	\$60,750.38	\$84,727.51	\$64,835.41

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of October, 1955	\$48,370.07	\$12,380.31	\$60,750.38
For the month of October, 1954	47,074.31	57,653.20	84,727.51
For the month of October, 1953	63,200.14	1,635.27	64,835.41

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1955 to October 31, 1955	\$247,414.79	\$35,658.82	\$283,073.61
April 1, 1954 to October 31, 1954	258,158.17	69,330.79	327,488.96
April 1, 1953 to October 31, 1953	284,504.35	14,218.49	298,722.84

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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husband, the late Rev. Carl J. Bender, served as missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa, was called to her heavenly home on Nov. 16. She was ill for only a brief period. She lived in Pasadena with her daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Carl F. H. Henry. Funeral services were conducted on Monday, Nov. 21, at the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., with Rev. Jothan G. Benke of Watertown and Rev. Henry R. Schroeder of Chicago, Ill., taking part in the program. Interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery of Watertown, Wisconsin. Among the other children surviving her is Dr. Thorwald W. Bender, professor at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. The obituary prepared by Mr. Benke of Watertown, Wis., will appear in the next issue.

● The Dayton's Bluff Church of St. Paul, Minn., held a farewell reception for Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroons missionary, on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 6th, with Rev. William H. Jeschke, pastor, in charge of the reception program. Miss Reddig as a member of the church is being supported by the Dayton's Bluff Church. On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 20, a farewell tea

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was held by the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn., for Miss Delores Henne, missionary-appointee for the Cameroons field in Africa. Miss Henne, whose home is in Alfred, N. Dak., and who was trained as a nurse at Minneapolis Northwestern College

and General Hospital has gone to New York in the meantime for further study before leaving for the Cameroons field in 1956. Rev. Donald S. Ganstrom, pastor of the Riverview Church, extended the church's best wishes to Miss Henne. She receives her full support as a missionary from the Riverview Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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and to put the law of God to work in every area of man's life.

III. THESE TRAGIC EVENTS ARE BUT TOKENS OF THE GREATER TRAGEDY AND DESTRUCTION THAT WILL OVERTAKE US IF WE DO NOT HEED THE WARNING AND CONTINUE IN OUR SINFUL WAYS.

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