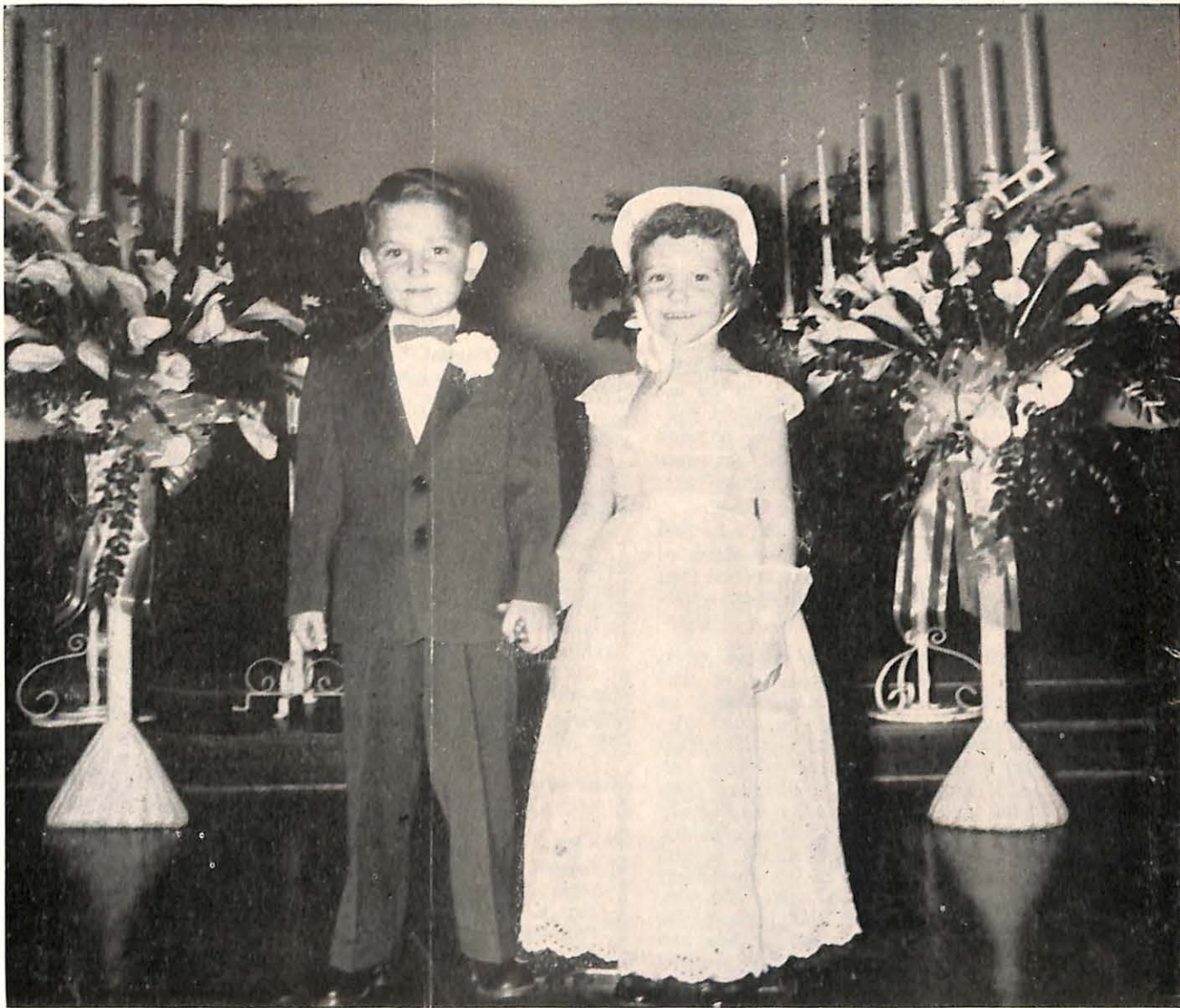


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March of Events

● At least 150 students are enrolled in the seminaries conducted in Chile, South America, by the Methodist, Southern Baptist and Christian Missionary Alliance churches and in the three or four small independent Bible institutes. The Methodists have a new modern seminary building made possible through a special grant from the denomination's "Week of Dedication" offering in the United States. Twenty-three men and women are enrolled. Southern Baptists have purchased from the Methodists and Presbyterians a building which they have remodeled to accommodate their 24 seminary students. However, Methodists and Presbyterians send their most outstanding ministerial candidates to Union Seminary in Buenos Aires, which is considered the leading theological institution in southern Latin America.

● In 1954, \$135,000 was sent to the United States treasurer by people who were troubled with guilty consciences. One donor sent \$30,000 in 1916 as a result of his remorse following his acts of thievery. The peak year was 1950, when \$370,285.47 was paid into the conscience fund. Although most of the contributions are small, the total is of sufficient importance to be included in the President's budget estimates. President Eisenhower included \$75,000 in his budget for this fund. The fund had its beginning in 1811, when President Monroe received a five dollar bill from a person who had declined to send his name. Many of the items are from ex-service men who send it to pay for things they pilfered while in service.

● Dr. Oswald J. Smith celebrated his 25th anniversary as pastor of The Peoples Church, Toronto, Ontario, on March 27. Dr. Smith founded The Peoples Church in 1930 and from that day to this it has progressed in an unusual manner. The auditorium seats 1,700 people comfortably and every Sunday night it is packed to capacity. The Peoples Church is known around the world primarily for its missionary work. In the past 25 years the congregation has contributed \$2,754,000 toward the missionary enterprise and now provides the "personal" support of 365 full-time missionaries on forty different fields of the world. In 1954 the missionary giving of the 3,000 adherents of The Peoples Church amounted to \$280,423. During the same year the local operating budget of the church was \$39,000.00. The total income for all purposes during the past 25 years has been \$3,562,000.

● In 1954, 774 new books published were classified as religious, in the annual announcement of American Book Publication, in *Publishers' Weekly*, New York, January 22, 1955. This compares with 725 in 1953, and 715 in 1952. New books in all categories totaled 9,690 in 1954, and 9,724 in 1953. The receipts of publishers for Bibles and religious books were \$28,900,000 in 1947. Estimates of receipts in 1952 were \$56,800,000, and \$55,000,000 in 1954. The figures of receipts of publishers "do not represent sales at retail except in the case of book clubs and subscription books and a small proportion of mail order sales in other categories," as is noted in the *Weekly*. Religious books were again high on the list of non-fiction "best sellers" in 1954, according to the annual compilation of figures of

publishers announced in *Publishers' Weekly*, New York, January 22, 1955.

● A 1600-year-old Aramaic manuscript, said by several biblical scholars to be the oldest known copy of the New Testament, went on special display at the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C. Public exhibit of the manuscript, the first since it was brought to America in 1930, was arranged by the Aramaic Bible Foundation, a non-profit interdenominational organization. The Foundation is seeking a fund of \$1,500,000 to purchase it from Norman Yonan, its owner, and donate it to the Library of Congress. The Yonan Codex was described to newsmen by Dr. John Shapley, professor of archeology at Catholic University of America, and an authority on the Aramaic language. "It is a manuscript of the whole New Testament in Christian Aramaic, commonly called Syriac," he said. "The Codex is in excellent preservation; there are only a few leaves missing at the beginning and at the end, as is to be expected from ordinary wear and tear."

Baptist Briefs

● Arrangements for the Golden Jubilee World Baptist Congress, to be held in London, England, July 16-22, were completed by the Congress' planning committee at Washington, D. C.

Theme of the assembly will be Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

The Congress will be officially opened with welcoming addresses by Rev. Henry Cook, president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland; Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, on behalf of the British Council of Churches of which he is president; and Dr. F. P. Copland-Simmons, moderator of the Free Church Federal Council.

FRONT COVER

The children on the front cover of this Children's Day issue of the "Baptist Herald" are James and Joyce Edinger, the twins of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Edinger of Missoula, Montana. They served as ringbearer and flower girl at the recent wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fehr in the Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, with Rev. C. Remple officiating. The fine picture was taken by Mrs. Richard Schmautz of the church.

Editorial

"Only One Life to Lose!"

THE STUFF of which martyrs are made is found in every Christ-like life. This does not mean that the Christian counts his life cheaply, but rather that he wants his life to count for Christ in spite of what may happen to him. It is his prayer with the Apostle Paul that Christ shall be magnified in his body, "whether it be by life, or by death" (Philippians 1:20).

On June 6th, the opening day of our General Conference in Waco, Texas, Yale University at New Haven, Conn., will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of one of its most illustrious graduates, Nathan Hale. He was graduated from Yale in 1773 at the age of 18. Three years later this young Revolutionary War hero faced his British executioner with the words: "I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country." These words are not only inscribed in bronze on a statue to his honor on Yale University campus, but they are deeply inscribed in the heart of every American school child.

They are words to remember by every Christian. It is not how long we live or how many decades we cover in our pilgrimage but how faithful we are to Christ's commands and how intensely we let our light shine during our days on this earth that are important. That kind of unswerving faithfulness may lead to a martyr's death, as it did for Nathan Hale, or for the young Christian, Stephen, but such are those who have lost their lives to find it again abundantly.

Konrad Anton Fleischmann, one of our earliest pioneers in our denominational work, was given some advice by an elderly Baptist preacher when he saw how tired and exhausted Fleischmann was from much work. But the answer came quickly and clear that he would rather wear out in the service of Christ than just to rust away. "What difference does it make, even if I am sacrificed on the altar, only so long as Christ is magnified?"

George Dana Boardman, missionary to Burma, had to go through deep waters of affliction with his family until in 1830 he was asked whether, under these circumstances, he regretted going to Burma. His answer still stirs people's hearts to greater yieldedness to Christ. "Even supposing Burma had proved unfavorable to my health, or that of my companion, are the Burmans to be left to ruin because health will be impaired, or life shortened, by our coming hither? To spread the Gospel through Burma is worth a thousand lives." He gave his life's fullest devotion to the task to which Christ had called him!

It is significant that the 200th anniversary of Nathan Hale should fall on the opening day of our General Conference at Waco, Texas. His words open a window to the secret of greatness of a Christian's life and to the witness of our denominational fellowship. Each of us has only one life to give and to lose in the service of Christ. That belongs unequivocally to our Savior. Our only regret can be in not yielding it gladly and completely into Christ's hands to be used as he wills it for his glory!

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A heavenly moment in a child's ecstasy as seen in the face of Judith Ann Benke of Watertown, Wisconsin, the one and a half year old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. G. Benke.

The Child at the Center



It still holds for the Church of Jesus Christ: "Who-so shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me" (Matthew 18:5)

The Christian Home Today

By REV. ADAM HUBER, Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

"Today I must abide at thy house" (Luke 19:5).

THESE words of Jesus cast much light upon God's attitude toward a home. God must be greatly concerned, especially since he is the Creator of mankind. Surely, the concept of the Christian home originated in the mind of God. Hence it is logical to assume that with him are also all the answers to any difficulties and problems that may arise.

What type of a home must God have had in mind when he created man and wife? Is the Christian home of today a worthy example of what God intended it to be? These and other questions may come to our mind as we consider this topic.

CHRIST, THE UNSEEN GUEST

Some people believe that a Christian home is one that is not pagan or sinful. I am certain that you will not agree with this concept. Much that is morally good is not necessarily Christian, even though it appears to be so. I would say that a Christian home is one in which Christians live. They are people in whose hearts the living Christ dwells.

Every home needs an ideal, a natural center about which the home may revolve. There is no more fitting one than Christ. In him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. With him as the Head of the house, that home will experience the "joy unspeakable and full of glory." He who planned and brought the

home into existence, who created both man and wife and loves them with a love as high as heaven and as deep as their every need, will surely fit into any real Christian home as the most honored guest.

There is still another factor to consider. He who wants more than anything else to be the Guest, Counsellor and Head of your home will not enter unbidden. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him and be with me." These words in Revelation 3:20 reveal the fact that he must be invited. This places the responsi-

The Dedication of Children

By Rev. G. E. Friedenber, Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

"For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him:

Therefore also have I lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth he shall be lent unto the Lord" (1 Samuel 1:27, 28).

IN RECENT YEARS, an ever-increasing number of parents among us Baptists are presenting their infants for dedication. Is this something new? Yes and no! It appears as something new if you ask the older generation, but it is the "proper thing to do" for the younger generation of parents.

bility upon the individual. You must decide whether Christ is to be the Head of your home. If you do, things will go well.

When Jesus had discovered Zacchaeus in the sycamore tree, knowing his need, he said, "Today I must abide at thy house." Zacchaeus came down out of the tree quickly "and received him joyfully" (Luke 19:6). Then we read farther the commendation of Jesus. "This day is salvation come to this house." Zacchaeus' home took on a new appearance as his life became transformed. He must have undertaken a program of house-cleaning to make his home a suitable abode for Christ.

Think of the marvelous change that was wrought there. We rejoice with Zacchaeus. Formerly the home atmosphere

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Why is it done? Is the dedication of children possibly a substitute for infant baptism? Flatly no. But, as everyone who knows his Bible well knows: godly people everywhere, throughout history, have thought of parenthood as a signal honor and great blessing of God upon them. They have welcomed the new-born child with great joy and lavished their love upon him, caring for him to the point of heavy sacrifices as the most precious gift of life, a specially entrusted gift of God to them.

The most beautiful instance of the dedication of a child to God we have in the account of Hannah's dedication of her son Samuel saying, "... as

long as he liveth he shall be lent unto the Lord" (1 Samuel 1:28).

A HOLY RELATIONSHIP

As I see it, it is both significant and beautiful that parents think of God in connection with the birth of their children that they publicly acknowledge God as the Giver and Sustainer of life and the Keeper of our destiny, upon whom we are always dependent for the blessings of life.

It has always appeared to me that dedication or consecration implies a three-way relationship: the parent-child and God relationship. For nothing can be more significant and hardly more beautiful than parents to have the grace to seek the blessings of God upon so holy a relationship as that between parent and child.

The value of the dedication depends very largely upon the spiritual insight and maturity of the parents who bring their child for dedication. A ceremony, no matter how deeply rooted in the past, no matter how beautiful its detail of itself and in itself, has any meaning whatsoever. The dedication of the child to God must at the same time signify the consecration of the parents to the most intimate and sacred of all human fidelities; to keep faith with the child as a dependent upon his father and mother; to love and cherish him, give him protection and guidance until he can make his own way through life without fear.

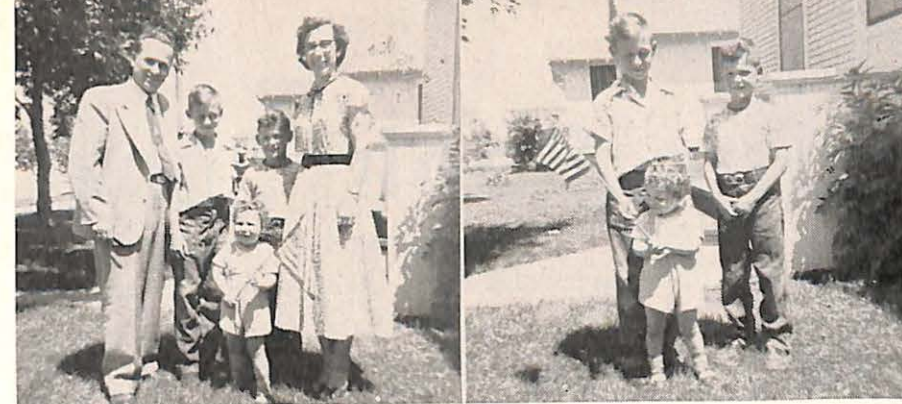
The dedication of children is a beautiful act, when it presupposes the parents bringing the child to God, as if to say, "God, our Father, you gave us this child; he is still yours! We thank you for sending him to our home and we promise to treat him with the proper respect, as befits a child of yours. Make us faithful guardians of his soul."

BLESSING FOR THE CHURCH

Not only is the dedication of children significant and beautiful in that it dramatizes the consecration of the parents to the spiritual welfare of the child. The service of dedication is significant in its appeal to the church. In the service of dedication, the child is once again "set in the midst of them" at the church. And for the church of Jesus Christ it still holds, "Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name receiveth Me."

Jesus himself was dedicated to the welfare of the child "in the midst." He warned, "See that ye despise not one of these little ones." And when mothers brought their children to him, he took them into his arms and blessed them.

I think it pleases God and blesses us when we acknowledge him as the Giver and Sustainer of life, declare our dependence upon him and consecrate ourselves and our children to him and ask him to work in what is well pleasing in his sight.



Rev. and Mrs. Adam Huber of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota, with their fine family of three sons: Douglas, age 13, Wallace, 9, and James Jay 3 (shown at right).

Children Memorize the Scriptures

By MISS RUTH BATHAUER of Forest Park, Illinois, Children's Worker

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word" (Ps. 119:9).

IN ORDER FOR THE CHILD to take heed to God's Word, that Word must have a certain amount of meaning to him. Children's needs are different than adults. Therefore we must select carefully from the Bible's abundant wealth that which will be of most value to the age group concerned.

The Scripture Memory Course of our denomination has been revised so that it might become more meaningful to our boys and girls. The course in its revised form has been in use for one season, and the response from the memorizers and leaders has been most encouraging. Next fall Primary Course II, Junior Course II, and Junior High Course II will be mailed for use. Course III for all departments will be mailed out in the fall of 1956.

GRADED MEMORIZATION

It is so vitally important that early in their lives boys and girls become acquainted with God's Word because the Bible serves as one of the best channels for children to become acquainted with God. It is also true that one of the best ways to turn children against the Bible is to force more Bible material upon them than they are ready for at their various stages of growth.

A Primary child has become accustomed to the idea that God cares for him because he has experienced that in his home. He has seen examples of that care revealed in the care and love of his parents for him. As the Primary child enters school, suddenly the whole world is broadened and he must discover ways of getting along with others. That child is ready for Bible suggestions about one's relationship with others.

The Junior and Senior High children have learned to accept certain rules of living to some extent; therefore in addition to learning to live the Christian life, their interest is growing. Perhaps their interest is stronger in people who do things in the world.

They are ready to see how God used great leaders to carry out his plan in this world and what God expects of us. In choosing Scripture portions for the Scripture Memory course we have tried to keep these various stages of growth in mind.

Perhaps some of the leaders and even parents have questioned why there are fewer verses to be learned in the revised Scripture Memory course. We have chosen less so that the verses might be discussed, recited and finally practiced. When God's Word becomes a part of their daily life, then the children have really learned the verses.

One of the best ways to memorize God's Word is to learn the verses in units. The course is now designed to include units of learning on some very important phases of children's lives. The units include salvation, Christian living, prayer, church membership, baptism, God's precious promises, worship and many others.

MEMORIZING WITH MEANING

The sponsors are encouraged to correlate the units of verses with units they may be studying in their Sunday School classes or Junior CBY. The selection of Scripture for worship should be used in the graded worship services. Some of the longer passages from the Psalms and the Beatitudes lend themselves to choral speaking.

Boys and girls enjoy choral speaking, and it is a wonderful means of memorizing portions of Scripture in a way which provides real meaning. Divide the group into two parts, with the dark or alto voices in one group and the light or soprano voices in another. The portion of Scripture may be read antiphonally or responsively.

As we strive to make learning more meaningful to boys and girls who earnestly strive to hide God's Word in their hearts, we may have a part in helping boys and girls learn to know God better. Is Scripture memory work worthwhile? Do we receive any results? The ultimate goal of helping children to know God and to follow the Christian way of life certainly makes the Scripture memory work worthwhile.

The Book That Is Alive

By PROFESSOR HERBERT HILLER,

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"The Bible is the Book of books
On which who looks
As he should do, aright, shall never
need
Wish for a better light
To guide him in the night."

"Search the scriptures; for in them
ye think ye have eternal life: and
they are they which testify of me"
(John 5:39).

"HE THAT BELIEVETH on me, as
the scripture hath said, from within
him shall flow rivers of living water"
(John 7:39).

Books, like men, are mortal. As one generation makes room for another, so new publications crowd older volumes off the market and the shelf, until neglected and forgotten they lie silent with their writer's dust. Old catalogues are monumental inscriptions of departed glory. Probably not more than one percent of all literature is called worthy of being reprinted five years after its issue. A careful estimate has resulted in the following well-authenticated statement: "Out of every 1000 volumes published, 650 do not see the end of their first year, 150 do not see the end of the third, and only 57 survive seven years' publicity."

There may be somewhat of a grim satisfaction in this mortality rate of books. How could one ever keep up with the times and read all that is published? Emerson calculated that, assuming one's ability, under most favorable circumstances, to read for 60 years, every day, from dawn to dark, in the Imperial Library at Paris with its more than one million volumes, (of which 700,000 are fortunately no longer in print) the reader would die in the first alcoves.

Books, like the seeds of springtime, grow, flower and wither, some bearing precious seed, others being utterly forgotten in the great harvest. Whatever their life-span and destiny in the rise and fall of libraries, there is one deathless Book that is very much alive with phenomenal vitality, singular beauty, and cleansing, redemptive power.

THE BOOK OF BOOKS

"The Bible," says Luthardt, "is the most magnificent literary work existing in the world."

The word "Bible" comes from the Greek word "biblos" which at first meant the bark of the papyrus plant used for writing, then applied to the writings themselves. However, the Bible is not in the strictest sense a book, but a literature, a collection of

the most varied and venerable volumes, a library of 66 books or pamphlets on very different themes, and the work of perhaps 40 authors.

Publishers determine the value of a book by three factors: 1) the number of sales; 2) its length of life; and 3) the number of languages into which it is translated. The Bible meets this test on all three counts. It is a well-known fact that it is the world's best seller. Associated originally with only two languages, Hebrew and Greek, and known only in narrow lands, it is now available in whole or part in 1118 languages and dialects and sold at the rate of more than six million copies a year. It is read in a million pulpits every Sunday and in the homes of men everywhere, so that the sun never sets on its gleaming pages. At first an oriental book of primary importance, it has become the Book of all races, and bears translation into all languages, because the language of the deepest things of the soul is one the world over.

It has survived false friends and savage enemies, superstitious veneration, wild interpretations, perils of transmission and translation, misuse and abuse, neglect and criticism. It has stood all the wear and wash of centuries. Nations rose and perished, states flourished and disappeared, languages lived and died, thrones toppled, but the Bible stands, a monument of truth and beauty. It contains the loftiest lyrics, saddest tragedies, best short stories, exquisite proverbs and noblest letters. Their stately charm and haunting music, their grand simplicity, matchless imagery and grace give the Bible everlasting distinction.

When Heinrich Heine read it in a time of desperation, he exclaimed: "What a book! Vast and wide as the world! rooted in the abysses of creation and towering up beyond the blue secrets of heaven! Sunrise and sunset, birth and death, promise and fulfillment, the whole drama of humanity are all in this Book!"

THE BOOK OF LIFE

Distilled and crystallized out of more than a thousand years of experience of the most gifted people, who because of their willfulness and waywardness had to pass through the deepest waters and fiercest trials, able, believing men poured forth into this Book their burning, throbbing souls, so that it flames with ardent dreams, hopes and triumphs in life which round about was stained with sin and tears, darkened with tragedies, sobs and sorrows.

There comes to mind the lines of the Yiddish poet, Morris Rosenfeld, who said regarding the Bible:

"Is it a book, a world, a heaven?
Are those words, or flames, or shining stars,
Or burning torches, or clouds of fire?
What is it, I ask you,—the Bible?"

Indeed, it is the Book of Life, a veritable transcript of experience, flashing before our eyes vital situations, frail, sinful human nature in its struggle for holiness and light, with the Eternal coming to its aid. Out of the rushing life-stream it springs; to life it speaks. Rooted deeply in the every-day life of plain folks, "deep calleth unto deep."

We hear the thunders roll and lightnings flash as the law is given at Sinai, the sighs and complaints of the weary wanderers through the howling wilderness, the idolatrous cries in scenic Canaan as well as the sound of rejoicing in the huts of the righteous, the seraphic eloquence and passionate pleadings of the prophets, the wise sayings of the sages, gladdening tidings of the Messiah's coming and the Golden Age, and then at last the angelic announcement of the Savior's birth. We witness the drama of his redemptive task in the Gospels, the birth and growth of the Church in Acts. We ponder the re-echoing words of apostolic direction and admonition in the epistles, and from beyond the veil we catch glimpses of the Golden City, "undimmed by human tears."

What a variety the Bible presents, and yet through it all there is a deep underlying unity—a scarlet thread of divine purpose from Genesis to Revelation, binding all these volumes into one—God's redemptive activity to bring all believers from Paradise Lost to Paradise Regained.

THE BOOK OF POWER

No other book has taken such a hold on the world, has entered so widely, so steadily and so decisively into the thought and life of the world, going hand in hand with civilization, science, law, music, medicine, and all moral and intellectual cultivation of the race, always supporting and often leading the way. This marvelous Book has guided the brush of the painter, and steadied the chisel of the sculptor, supplied sublime themes to the great masters of literature and music, inspiring arias and oratorios, hymns of hope and salvation for men's earthly pilgrimage, and symphonies of heaven.

This vitalizing book has also become the transforming and preserving power in nations hastening to decay,

fashioning languages and constitutions, and laying the cornerstone of liberty. It has become the emancipator of women, children and slaves, the standard of morality, the Magna Charta for the poor and oppressed, the classic for conscience, carrying the clearest accents of certainty to philosophers, formers and reformers.

Personal refinement and purity exist only where this volume has paved the way. No permanent good has been accomplished where the Book has been forgotten. Every age that neglects the Bible is a Dark Age. Indeed, the world's oldest and best-read volume is a living monument; not a feeble child begging in the streets of Vanity Fair, but a mighty giant to shape the destinies of men and nations.

Go on, blessed old Book! Teach the rich man how to use his wealth, the poor man how to be happy in his cabin, the men of thought and skills to show forth the Word of Truth. Stir living thoughts in dying brains, and teach all men the way to salvation. And when they come to die, kindle a light at their graves which all hell cannot blow out!

THE WORD OF GOD

The chief worth of the Bible is still untold when we speak only of its literary, moral and civilizing effects. It is not disclosed until we come to realize that it is pre-eminently a Book of divine revelation, beyond the power of man to originate. There is nothing like this in any other collection of books in the world. To be sure, God has many ways of revealing himself. His glory shines in every star and gleams from the faces of the lilies. His majesty can be sensed in the mountains' towering heights, the ocean's vast expanse, the foaming waters of the cataract hurling themselves on the rocky cliffs below. His guiding hand is felt in life's varied experiences and at the unexpected turns in the road.

However, here in the Bible we have a progressive revelation of God's unfolding purpose in history, working up to a goal in the full-orbed manifestation of his will for man's salvation in his Son Jesus Christ. "It has," as the English philosopher John Locke put it, "God for its author, salvation for its end and truth for its matter. . . ." Herein lies the uniqueness, distinction and inestimable worth of the Bible that it is the Living Word of the Living God, offering to men who are dead in trespasses and sins new life through Jesus Christ, stamping its divineness upon man's immortal spirit, answering his craving for pardon and peace, light and leading.

For God's people it has ever been a "lamp unto their feet and a light unto their path," chart, compass and life-belt in the gales of doubts and controversy, the Rock of Truth in a weary world of confusion, suspicion, anxiety and lies, the Book of hope and



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promise, blessedness and good cheer, offering the golden keys to happiness, usefulness and the abundant life, and a staff upon which to lean in weary hours. The Book of God, proving its power with the living, is at the same time the solace in the darkest of all earthly hours when the brightest things on earth begin to fade, until beyond the reading of its pages there shall burst upon the overcoming soul immortal visions of glories bright, and joys that shall never end.

While paying this tribute to the Bible, we become aware that this undertaking is both gratifying and dangerous. All too easily an unreal halo is made to encircle the sacred Volume and people are satisfied to have it lie on the table unopened, unread, unknown. It should not be considered a fetish, but a friend. It has charmed, but it is not a charm; it is an ideal book, but should not be used as an idol. It is not an end in itself, but a means to an end—fullness of life in Christ by coming into understanding of his thoughts, feelings, purposes, acts and into harmony with them, and thus being molded into his likeness by persistent association.

"And this is life eternal, that they should know thee, the only true God, and him whom thou didst send, even Jesus Christ," thus the Master prayed. Again, with keen insight into the deep need of his own, Jesus challenged them: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." How true! The Scriptures are full of him and no earnest seeker can fail to see that Jesus is "The Way, the

Truth, the Life," leading to the Father and home.

Clearly, the issue is nothing less than true spirituality at the cost of searching the Scriptures in faith, spirituality that is like a sparkling fountain overflowing with melodious joy and "springing up into everlasting life." The vigor of the spiritual life will be in exact proportion to the place which is held by the Bible in our life and thoughts. Read your Bible faithfully, search each book diligently, come to it with a sense of responsibility, expectancy and appreciation. And if we believe on him, as the Scripture says, there will result—what the world and we all need so much—streams of blessing, a spiritual renaissance.

THE BOOK THAT IS ALIVE

The Bible is not a "back number," a stale antique, and outgrown product. Rather it is God's Book for all mankind, needing its energizing and transforming content. No book in the world is as much alive today. Every sincere, receptive reader can experience its cleansing power. In Proverbs 6:22 the wise man said: "When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee, for the law of the Lord is a lamp and a light."

It will impart assurance of forgiveness, take the gloom out of life, fill heart and home with cheering sunshine and victory, cause roses to bloom in life's garden and in the valley of service, and lift to heights of inspiration from which to glimpse the pinnacles of the eternal city.

Lucas Ndichofah, First Ordained Pastor in the Cameroons

By REV. GILBERT SCHNEIDER, Cameroons Missionary



Lucas Ndichofah and his wife of Belo, Cameroons, Africa.

JANUARY 23rd and February 6th marked another great first in the work of the Baptist Mission in the grasslands of the Cameroons, Africa. On January 23rd Rev. Howard Roth, Miss Myrtle Weeldreyer, Miss Bernice Westerman and I traveled to Bamessi for the examination of Mr. Lucas Ndichofah. The Bangolan Baptist Church had invited us to be members of the ordination council.

You will be interested to read the following personal testimony which was given by Lucas and recorded by myself.

MY CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Before the year 1927, I was staying in the compound with my maternal grandfather and grandmother, a distance of about one and one-half miles from my father's compound. During 1927 Mr. Daniel Hango brought the Word of God to Bangolan from the native Baptist Church of Victoria. The services were held in his father's compound not far from my father's place. This news came to my ears and I was moved in the spirit. I wanted to go to the meetings but my grandfather strongly refused. Despite his refusal, I was anxious to go.

I escaped from him one evening and joined the believers. Not long after, I completely surrendered to the Lord, and about noon of that day, I entered into a closed room and knelt down to pray alone. There the Lord spoke to me in an unusual way.

I rose up from prayer and was greatly inspired and felt filled with the Spirit of God. I went out and met my late half-sister and told her of my experience and asked her to accompany me to pray again on the same spot. It seemed to me that day as if God was very near, and my experience was almost like that of Jacob on his way to Padan-aram, "Surely, the Lord is in this place!"

She willingly accepted my invitation, and we went both to the same spot. I prayed again and asked her to pray, too, and she gladly did so. That was the day I was saved completely and it was to me as a dream.

My joy was very great and I could not help telling others of the joy of my salvation. I then went to Mr. Daniel Hango, the preacher, and asked him to teach me how to read and write so that I might be able to teach others more of the Word of God. This he willingly agreed to do. I was so anxious to learn that within a year I was able to read parts of the Scriptures.

My zeal in expressing to others the experience of my salvation encouraged Mr. Daniel Hango so much that one day he asked me to preach in one of the services and I joyously did so. Not long afterwards I was taken to a

LUCAS NDICHOFAH

This is a remarkable testimony by one of the Africans who was led to a saving knowledge of Christ by Baptist missionaries, trained in our mission schools and now ordained to the Gospel ministry in the Cameroons, Africa. You will be thrilled by his account of refusing to worship the Juju, overcoming temptation in the form of offers to make more money in other positions, and then following God's call unswervingly. His clear confession of faith, expressed in his own words, is a stirring challenge to every one of us to give a reason for our faith. This article deserves to be placed in your Bible or at your writing desk where you can read it often! EDITOR.

Baptist Mission School where I received my early education and training under the late Rev. John Sieber, a missionary from Germany.

My zeal and desire to tell others the Gospel message increased. In 1931 I was taken to a village, named Wanti in Mbaw Area, by the late Rev. J. Sieber for preaching services. There I saw many people who were very eager to hear the Word of God. The need of a Savior by these people became a burden in my heart. I felt I should start a church there at once, although I was still in school. Not long afterward the school was transferred to Ndu and I was still anxious to obey the call of the Lord to go and preach.

CALL TO THE MINISTRY

This all-absorbing desire was intensified when Rev. W. Schirmacher started a special Bible study in the book of Acts. One day when I returned from holiday the missionary granted my request and I was sent to work under Brother Sieber at Mbirkpa-Mbaw Area. Then I was asked to make a choice between two villages, Ngongko and Wanti. I quickly chose Wanti where their eagerness to hear the Word of God was a heavy burden in my heart. The missionary took me there and the people were very pleased to have me as their teacher.

As the church was growing, the leaders of the village gathered together at the chief's compound and planned to overthrow the church. Announcement was made that all Christians should worship and pay homage to a certain Juju. Two alternatives were given us: either to worship the Juju, or to leave the village. This was during planting season, which meant a great sacrifice. The whole village rose up to fight against us, and because we persistently refused to worship the Juju, we were forced to leave the village.



An impressive baptismal service in the Cameroons, Africa, photographed by Dr. Paul Gebauer, with a native evangelist baptizing several converts, and (right) Christians returning to the church from the baptismal service singing praises to their Savior.



We settled in a new land where we could have freedom of worship. We went to a village named Nguri. Not long afterwards the Government intervened for us and we returned and had a strong church again in Wanti.

In 1936 the church at Binka in Nsungli was divided, and I was asked by Missionary J. Sieber in 1937 to go there. By the grace of God, after three months the dispute came to an end and the church was again united and peace was maintained.

There are many evidences in my life which show that the Lord has directed my ways. Two out of many instances could be mentioned. My elder brother, who was then a Police Corporal, once came home on leave, sent for me and asked me to resign "from such a poor work" and accompany him to Calabar where a motorcycle, bicycle and a horse were in his possession. He said that at Calabar I could be in charge of these things plus learning how to sow on a foot-sowing machine.

But, this was to me as Satan tempting Jesus on the mountain of temptation after his baptism—"All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me." On my refusal to his offer, he was very angry with me, but I left the compound to my station rejoicing that the Lord had strengthened me to resist this temptation.

REJOICING IN VICTORY

Secondly, in 1946, my father died and I went home for the death ceremony. This brother came again on leave for the same ceremony. This time in the presence of my late mother, sister, and other members of the family, he offered me 30 Pounds (about \$72) and asked me to resign and take care of the compound until my father's successor could be installed according to the native laws and customs.

At once I thought of what had happened to the rich fool, and the warning of our Lord, "Take heed and beware of covetousness for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

My zeal and ardent desire to help spread the Gospel of our Lord had permeated my whole being and I could say with the Apostle Paul, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." So I refused the gentleman's offer and this intensified my brother's anger toward me. I left the compound for my preaching, rejoicing for the victory I had won by the grace of God.

From that time until today, various things have happened to me which indeed prove that I was divinely called and ordained to be used of God to spread the Gospel of Jesus.

KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD

I believe wholeheartedly that the Holy Bible from Genesis to Revelation is the true Word of God, truth without any error, for it was given to us by the inspiration of God, written by men who were divinely inspired. I believe that there is no other book which will be equal to the Bible, for God, who spoke by the prophets, has last of all spoken to us by his Son, and that is final. It is outrageous to add or subtract anything from it.

I believe that when I read the Bible, God is speaking directly to me. I believe that in the Bible are found all the essential teachings and knowledge of God and also the way of salvation. Jesus Christ, our Lord, proved the authenticity of the Old Testament as the true Word of God by his frequent reference to it.

I believe that no man, black or white, rich or poor, or any person in any exalted position in the world can save himself. All human efforts, our works of righteousness, are but filthy rags in the sight of God. We are only saved by our living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ who came down from heaven with the main purpose of seeking and saving those who were lost in sins and in trespasses. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Salvation is a free gift of God through our Lord Jesus Christ. It can not be earned or bought with money.

I believe that the death of Christ on the Cross was my death, for he died as my substitute. My punishment, crimes and iniquities were laid on him and he died that I might live. We are

miserable sinners, but Jesus Christ is our righteousness, for his righteousness has been imputed to us and his precious blood has cleansed us from all sins, and we are standing before the most Holy God.

I believe that there is no magic in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper. It is not the means of salvation; otherwise we should have been compelling all people to partake of it and so be saved. It is entirely for the saved, those who have been regenerated by the Spirit of God and are baptized in obedience to Christ's command. It is a symbol representing the body and blood of the Lord that was shed on the Calvary Cross.

Christians are to take it by faith. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup." It is essential that a Christian, a true child of God, should seek to join the believers in participating in the Lord's Supper in remembrance of his great love for us. To ignore the symbol would mean to ignore the reality.

I believe that baptism can not save a person, for we baptize only believers. Christ was not baptized so as to be saved, for he is holy and sinless. Baptism by immersion is the scriptural teaching of the true form of baptism, for the literal meaning of the word is "to dip," "submerge." It indicates the death, burial and resurrection of the believer and newness of life. It is the sin that is in man that caused the perversion, misinterpretation of the teaching of the Holy Scriptures. Therefore we should treat the Holy Bible with reverence, for it is the Word of God that liveth and abideth forever.

ORDAINED AS BAPTIST PASTOR

The ordination service for Lucas Ndichofah was held on February 6, 1955. Rev. Howard Roth brought the ordination message, Dr. L. M. Chaffee offered the prayer of ordination. Rev. Earl Ahrens gave the charge to the candidate, and I gave the charge to the church. Rev. Earl Ahrens welcomed Pastor Lucas Ndichofah into the fellowship of the Christian ministry.

At the close of this inspiring service, the deacons of Bangolan Church presented their new pastor with a Bible. The meeting was closed with prayer by the Rev. Lucas Ndichofah.

Anniversaries and Special Events

Reports from Our Churches in Their Service for Christ

Dedication of New Class Rooms and Remodeled Lower Auditorium, Venturia, North Dakota

Over a year ago we of the Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota, began making plans how we might improve our Sunday School. We felt that graded Sunday School material for our Junior department would be an added improvement, and the efforts have been richly rewarded. This, however, brought another problem before us and needed consideration and action. We needed more class-rooms and plans had to be made.

Shortly before Christmas the brethren began to work, and enthusiasm grew as the work progressed. Thus five new class-rooms were made in the lower auditorium of the church. All are beautifully decorated. Our thanks go to the ladies for their choice of colors. The entire lower auditorium was also decorated. All this was done at a cost of little over \$700.

The dedication service was held on Sunday evening, April 10. Part of the evening program was held upstairs and the dedication service proper was downstairs. Several musical numbers were sung and a violin solo was rendered. A message by the pastor, Rev. R. Dickau, was based on 1 Cor. 3: 10b. The rest of the program consisted of a dedication litany, the dedicatory prayer and two films on evangelism. Everyone was invited to inspect the new class-rooms, and numerous favorable comments were heard.

The enthusiasm and interest of the children have already proven to us that this work was not in vain. Thus we seek to serve our children in the Name of Christ who gave his life for them too. The Leadership Training Course just completed has deepened the desire of the teachers and officers of the Sunday School to serve the Lord better through the school.

R. Dickau, Pastor



Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, pastor, Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., who will be the speaker at the General Conference banquet, Waco, Texas, on June 11th.

Talitha Society of First Baptist Church, Streeter, N. Dak., Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

The Talitha Society of the First Baptist Church, Streeter, N. Dak., celebrated its 25th anniversary on March 11. The program was opened by the president, Mrs. Edwin M. Iszler, with words of welcome to our guests who were our former members. Scripture was read by Mrs. Paul Galambos from Mark 5. A trio was sung by Norma Jean Brenneise, Iva Jean Docktor and Darlene Schultz. Our pastor, Rev. Paul Galambos, gave a talk on "Jesus and the Women." Mrs. Ted Miesch gave a report of the origin and progress of the Society. Mrs. LeRoy Lang read communications of former members who could not be present to share with us this happy time.



Members of the Talitha Society of the Baptist Church, Streeter, N. Dak., on the occasion of the Society's twenty-fifth anniversary.

Our service was climaxed with a candle-lighting ceremony. Mrs. Ben Schuler lighted the center candle for our Society and for what it stands. Mrs. Philip Docktor lighted a candle for the charter members while music was played by Norma Jean Brenneise. The only charter member who was present, Mrs. Paul Schelske, was given a corsage. Mrs. Ervin Becker lighted a candle for those who have gone to their heavenly reward. Mrs. Harlyn Brenneise lighted a candle for those of our members who are ill. Mrs. Eddie Haas lighted a candle for the loyal active members of today. Linda Lang recited a poem entitled "Years of Service."

After the program guests and members gathered in the basement of the church for refreshments, where beautifully decorated banquet tables were prepared. The husbands of the Talitha members served as waiters. During the course of the refreshments, a solo was rendered by Mrs. Ben Schuler and a trio by Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Docktor and Mrs. Galambos accompanied by Mrs. Miesch. God has richly blessed our Talitha Society the past 25 years and we ask for his guidance for the future.

Mrs. Edwin M. Iszler, Reporter

Inspirational Easter Services at the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

The resurrection morning began for the Calvary Church of Bethlehem, Pa., with a sunrise service at 6:30 A.M. Members of the CBY took part while Mr. Harry Mills, advisor to our Calvary youth group, gave the message. Mr. Mills is attending the Berean Bible School in Allentown. There were approximately 100 persons, both young and old, in attendance. Following the service about 50 people remained for a breakfast which was served in the lower auditorium.

At the regular Sunday School hour, a program of Easter recitations was presented by the children of the Sunday School to a capacity audience. This was followed by our regular morning worship service. At the evening service we were privileged to witness seven young men giving public profession of faith through believer's baptism. They were: Albert Laube, Harold Masteller, Ronald Faust, William Faust, Ronald Williams, Wayne Williams, and Eugene Weatherby. We praise God for these young lives!

On Tuesday, April 12, we were thrilled to hear the Northeastern Bible Institute Choral Ensemble under the direction of Mr. John Hallett. They presented a symphony of sacred music which truly gave praise to our God and blessed the hearts of his people. Jean and Bob Lewis, both from this church, were among those sing-

A GOLDEN ILLUSTRATION

One day Holman Hunt, the painter, told his artist friends that he intended to paint a picture of Christ. They said that it was impossible, exclaiming, "You can paint only what you can see; it can't be done." "But I am going to see him," said Hunt. "I will work by his side in the carpenter shop, I will walk with him on the shores of Galilee. I will go with him among the poor and blind, I will even go with him to Gethsemane. I will climb Calvary with him, and be with him as he dies. I will stay with him until I see him, and then I will paint him." The time came when Hunt painted a great picture of Jesus, which he called "The Light of the World."

—Baptist Leader.

ing. A supper was served to the group before the program, and a time for refreshments and Christian fellowship followed.

Mrs. Doris Dorozowski, Reporter

Ground Breaking Exercises for the New Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, North Dakota

On April 3rd, Palm Sunday morning, we entered the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., for our last services prior to its dismantling. With mixed emotions, we sang "We're Marching to Zion" to open a memorial service led by Rev. H. Schauer, our pastor. Following the services, we partook of the Lord's Supper and with the singing of "Blest be the Tie that Binds," we left our sanctuary with many precious memories bringing tears to our eyes, but with even more anticipated joy in knowing we were to begin our new church building!

The following Monday, a crew of men began dismantling and by Saturday the task was completed. We thank God for beautiful weather and his protecting hand over the men while at work.

On Easter Sunday, we gathered at the new church site for ground-breaking services. God again gave us lovely, sunny skies and a fine attendance. After several choruses led by our pastor, one of our seminary students, Norman Schlafmann, read Scripture and offered the prayer. A saxophone trio played "Stand Up for Jesus" and "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Rev. H. Schmuland of Goodrich, North Dakota, brought a most inspiring message on the text, Nehemiah 4:6, 9, and on the topic, "What Are You Building For?"

The literature taken from the cornerstone was read and we felt again the fellowship of those who have labored and gone on before. Members



Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary (right), exchanging greeting with Rev. Herbert J. Freeman (left), pastor of the Faith Church, West New York, N. J., at the 27th anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society as Mrs. H. J. Freeman (left) and Mrs. William Klein, president (right), look on with smiling approval.

of the building committee, the senior deacon, trustee, and two pastors each turned the new ground and Rev. H. Schmuland dismissed us with prayer.

We are at present holding services in our city hall and are looking forward to the day when we will again be in our own church home.

Mrs. Arnold Franke, Reporter

Woman's Society, Faith Church of West New York, New Jersey, Celebrates 27th Anniversary

On March 4th the Woman's Missionary Society of Faith Baptist Church, West New York, New Jersey, celebrated its 27th anniversary. Dr. Frank Woyke, executive secretary, was guest speaker and spoke on "Five Inspirations for Victorious Living."

Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, pastor, gave the invocation. Guests included Rev. Herman G. Kuhl, of Willow Ave. Baptist Church, Hoboken, N. J., who

gave the offertory prayer and Rev. Donald Mostrom, pastor of Pilgrim Church, Jersey City and Grace Baptist of Union City, who offered the prayer at the table. A trio comprised of Mrs. Herbert Freeman, Mrs. Eleanor Klein and Miss Edith Wagner sang "Only a Touch."

Our meetings are held the last Friday of every month and are led by Mrs. Eleanor Klein, our president. Although we are a small group, we are very active. One of our main projects is our White Cross work. We meet once a month to roll bandages from old sheets and pack various useful articles for the missionaries in Africa.

Officers for 1955 are: president, Mrs. Eleanor Klein; vice-president, Mrs. Ethel Dembeck; secretary, Mrs. Lillian Wilson; treasurer, Miss Martha Schaufelberger; love offering treasurer, Miss Edith Wagner.

Lillian Wilson, Secretary



Ground breaking exercises for the new edifice of the Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, North Dakota, with Rev. Herbert Schauer, pastor at the left.

Left to right: Rev. Herbert Schauer, Rev. Irvin Schmuland, Julius Haas, Ted Haas, Mrs. Arnold Franke, Jake Schlafmann, Fred Miller and John Schlaht. (Mrs. Ruben Bauer was unable to attend.)



Vignettes of Church History

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

12. THE APOSTOLIC FATHERS—OTHER EARLY WRITINGS

IN ADDITION to the writings of Clement, Ignatius, and Polycarp, notice must be taken of several other early writings during the period of the Apostolic Father. The Epistle of Barnabas, once thought to have been written by the associate of the Apostle Paul, was composed about the year 130 A.D. by an Alexandrian Christian. The letter seeks to teach young Christians that they need not attempt to keep the law of Moses, as some Judaizing teachers would have them do. The Cross of Christ ended the law. Much allegorizing of simple Old Testament incidents to teach Church truth characterizes the epistle.

The Shepherd of Hermas was written about 150 A.D. in the form of an allegory as instruction in the way of salvation and the Christian life. The author appears to have been a brother of Pius, Bishop of Rome at the middle of the second century. Visions, with

symbols and angels, abound in the work, and everything has a hidden meaning for the reader. Newman says that "its position in the early church was somewhat analogous to that of 'Pilgrim's Progress' in modern times." Baptism appears as a saving rite, and sins committed after baptism are strictly dealt with. No distinction between elders and bishops appears.

The Didache, or Teaching of the Twelve Apostles, was discovered in Constantinople in 1875. It dates back to about 150 A.D. This is a church manual of instruction and deals with baptism, communion, fasting and other spiritual activities in the church. While manifestly not the work of the twelve apostles it does represent a very early period in the history of the church. The full English text of all the Apostolic Fathers will be found in the volume *The Writings of the Apostolic Fathers in the Ante-Nicene Christian Library*, available in most libraries. (Newman, I, 219-222, 228-231, 233-237.)

BOOK REVIEWS

WHEN THE HEART IS HUNGRY. By Charles L. Allen. Revell Co. 159 pages. \$2.00.

There have been numerous books on Christ's parables. These have been called "earthly stories with heavenly meanings." This deeply spiritual volume deserves a place alongside the other books on the parables of Jesus. The author who is the young minister of the Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga., first presented the messages to his Sunday evening congregations with an average attendance of a thousand or more people. Parts of the messages appeared on the editorial pages of "The Atlanta Constitution," the city's newspaper. Each sermon is a sincere, fervent effort to feed the hunger of hearts of those who need spiritual help. In as simple a manner as possible, in down-to-earth language, the preacher interprets Jesus' parables and lets the light of God's eternal truths shine through them. After the sermons were preached in his church, virtually about 600 came forward each evening to kneel and to pray at the altar. The reading of this book will also bring you to your knees in reverent prayer.

FRIENDLY ENEMIES. By Robert R. Brown. Revell Co. 159 pages. \$2.50.

This is a remarkable book for nearly all of us who have to face obstacles and troubles each day of our lives. The author who is minister of historic old St. Paul's Church, Richmond, Va., considers those elements in life which are regarded as millstones about the neck of humanity, foredooming all men to evil fortune and defeat. They are such things as temptation, doubt, pain, handicaps, despondency, grief, tragedy, criticism, lack of time, drudgery, etc. He then shows how God works to bring victory out of even the most devastating of such defeats and that ultimately all disasters can be "friendly enemies," both in strengthening our moral characters and training our spirits for courageous battle. He quotes Karle Wilson Baker, "Courage is also Faith that has said its prayers." In the light of God's Word and by the power of his grace, the reading of this book can show you how the darkest defeats of life can become the sunrise of your greatest victories! It's a thought-provoking, inspiring volume!

EVENTS IN JUNE

June 6-12—General Conference at Baylor University Campus, Waco, Texas. July 14th issue of the "Baptist Herald" will give complete, illustrated report.

June 12 (Sunday)—Children's Day. Sunday School Observance on June 12 or 19. Offerings for the Chapel Building Fund.

June 19 (Sunday)—Dedication of new edifice of Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Michigan. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.

CONFERENCE GATHERINGS

(Also denominational representatives at these sessions)

June 22-26—Dakota Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Rev. R. Schilke and Miss Laura E. Reddig.

June 23-26—Alberta Association at Olds, Alberta. Dr. Ralph E. Powell.

June 23-26—Manitoba Tri-Union Association at McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Rev. W. J. Luebeck and Rev. E. P. Wahl.

June 25-26—Baptist Youth Fellowship of New York and Vicinity at Bradley Beach, New Jersey. Rev. L. Bienert.

June 30-July 3—Alberta-Saskatchewan Association at Grace Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta. Dr. John Leyboldt and Rev. O. R. Schmidt.

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Two-year-old Barbara Konstanski of the Sunday School of the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., has a big job ahead of her with the sprinkling can.

Roger Williams Press

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

A NEW and important book which contains a sketch of the life and work of James Henry Rushbrooke has just been received from England and is now available at Roger Williams Press for \$1.00. Perhaps no one has done more than Dr. Rushbrooke for the creation and maintenance of the Baptist World Alliance. Since this is the year the Alliance meets in London, and many of our people plan to attend, reading this 88-page book on the life and work of Dr. Rushbrooke will serve greatly to a better understanding of the Alliance and the work it does. Order this book now; it will be a dollar well invested.

PLEASE NOTE!

The Children's Day Programs have been mailed to our church schools. Please notify us immediately if your church school has not received their supply. Also, please notify us if we are sending the material to the wrong person. We are working on a revision of our mailing list.

THE CHRISTIAN HOME

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There was worldly and the friends that frequented it were people of the world. Now Christ and followers of Christ were invited. Formerly the conversations of the home were centered around worldly matters and things concerning the pleasures of the flesh. Now all interests centered around the Kingdom of God. Formerly no thought was given to the spiritual welfare of the family. Now a family altar was established. What a glorious transformation!

CHRISTIAN HOME BUILDERS

This topic should be a most interesting and helpful subject for discussion in a group of Christian home builders. We would likely discover that most Christian homes of today need to undertake an intense program of house-cleaning. What should we expect a Christian home to be like?

(1) It ought to look like a Christian home. When Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, shortly after being married, built a new home, his father came to visit. It was a beautiful home in every respect, and yet when the elder gentleman had made his inspection he said to his son, "My son, this could just as well be the home of a pagan. I found nothing in it to remind me of the Lord Jesus Christ." Then Morgan got busy and saw to it that a picture, a motto, a Bible or something else was placed in every room to suggest the fact that the Lord Jesus was honored in that home.



A garden in your own back yard can speak with God's message to every listening heart!

Let's Have a Garden In Our Church This Year

First, plant four rows of peas.
Presence, Promptness, Preparation,
Perseverance.

Next plant three rows of squash.
Squash gossip.
Squash indifference.
Squash criticism.

Then plant five rows of lettuce.
Let us obey rules and regulations.
Let us be true to our obligations.
Let us be faithful to duty.
Let us be loyal and unselfish.
Let us love one another.

No garden complete without turnips.
Turn up at meetings.
Turn up with a smile.
Turn up with new ideas.
Turn up with determination to make
everything count for something good
and worth-while.

—Contributed by Mrs. Esther Moorehead
Nurse at the Mercy Hospital, Saint Joseph, Michigan

The Bible must occupy an honorable place in it. Wall plaques and God-honoring pictures should adorn the walls. Literature and magazines should be such that Christ would approve. The radio and television sets should be controlled, because Christ views everything in the home as well as you.

(2) It ought to be a hospitable home. "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Heb. 13: 2). It is our Christian duty that others may be helped by our example, may lead a soul to Christ. It is also

and in the privacy of your home you one of the most effective tools of attracting people to your church.

(3) It ought to be a home where love reigns supreme. It should be a type of heaven and our aim should be to make it a real love-nest where love prompts every word, thought and action. When love rules the household, it detects needs, corrects misunderstandings, cherishes a forgiving spirit, forgets injuries, remembers kindnesses and wipes away tears. Love binds together members of the family with chords that are stronger than
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We...the Women

By MRS. ALBERT E. REDDIG of Cathay, North Dakota,
Missionary Education Chairman of the Woman's Missionary Union

I felt it was strictly a "man's world" as I walked into the Conference Room at Forest Park, Ill., to represent our Woman's Missionary Union at the annual sessions (Apr. 26 to 28) of the General Missionary Committee, along with our president, Mrs. Walter W. Grosser. For the third year our Union had been invited to send two representatives to sit in on these important deliberations, and we came away with a feeling that we had learned much about the scope and progress of our missionary enterprises at home and on the foreign fields.

As the sessions progressed, it became increasingly clear to me that we women have a vital share in each denominational missionary endeavor, even though our organizational make-up is such that we are not voting members of this important committee. It was heartening to learn that our women contributed White Cross supplies valued at approximately \$7,763 the past year, besides thousands of dollars for other missionary purposes.

WHITE CROSS SUPPLIES

It was pointed out by the mission secretary, Rev. R. Schilke, that there is an increasing need for White Cross supplies. Recently 68 new patients were admitted to the New Hope Leper Settlement. With an ultimate goal in view of admitting a total of 500 patients, more White Cross supplies will be in demand proportionately. We, the women, must supply these needs.

It was thrilling to hear the reports of progress in our Cameroons fields as gleaned from first-hand experiences of Mr. Schilke. His visit to the Cameroons last year was a source of inspiration to the missionaries there, and served to bring the needs of this important enterprise into clearer perspective to those at home. His wise evaluation of every phase of the work achieved a unity of purpose which could not have been gained in any other way. The development of the Cameroons work is a glowing star in the crown of our denominational achievement. We women have had a definite part in this progress through our gifts of money and White Cross work. May we strive to do even more in the future.

PROGRESS ON MISSION FIELDS

The mission work in Japan, though still in its infancy, also shows definite progress. Until our missionaries have acquired the use of a difficult language, they are handicapped in their

work. There is also the problem of securing adequate housing for them, as well as chapels in which to conduct services. Pray much for these pioneer missionaries. Their task is so difficult; their number so few!

Our missionaries to the Indians reported gains through baptisms and increased church activities. The work
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THE SEMINARY GUILD

By MRS. IVER WALKER and
CLARENCE WALTH

THE MEMBERS of the Seminary Guild of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., thought that the readers of the "Baptist Herald" might be interested in knowing about their organization and its projects.

It was in December 1949 when the wives of the Seminary faculty and students decided to form this organization in order to become better acquainted with one another, and also to bring before the group such discussions and information as would be helpful to all. It was decided to elect a senior student's wife to lead the



Seminary Guild composed of faculty and students' wives of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

group each year. Those wives serving as presidents in the past were Mrs. Heinz Grabia, Mrs. Harold Weiss, Mrs. LeRoy Schauer and Mrs. Elton Kerstein.

This year under the leadership of Mrs. Wesley Gerber, the group has met regularly every month. Each program was centered around the life and work of a pastor's wife. Subjects covered were: "Growth and Depth of Christian Life," "Etiquette In the Parsonage," "A Christmas Drama," "Mission Society Work," a book review on "The Pastor's Wife," and "Sunday School and Youth Work."

The April and May meetings are usually spent preparing decorations for the annual Seminary banquet, which is held in connection with the graduation activities. The members of the Guild put forth much time and effort in developing the theme which has been chosen, and carrying it out in the decorations. Mrs. John Wollenberg, banquet chairman, has the great responsibility of supervising this year's banquet.

A new project, under the direction of Dr. George A. Lang, was started this year. Evening classes were arranged for the purpose of instructing the wives in subjects vital to their future work in serving the Lord. Some of the topics covered under the instruction of members of the Seminary faculty were: "Baptist Distinctives," "Baptist Beliefs," "Music in the Church," "Books Useful to a Minister's Wife," "Junior Church Groups and Materials," "How to Prepare a Message for a Public Devotion," "Mission Beginnings" and "North American Baptists and other Religious Bodies."

Letters from former Guild members reveal the benefits gained through this organization. Along with the educational values received, much is gained during the informal discussions and exchange of ideas, and, too, the Christian fellowship is most enjoyable.

C.B.Y. Fellowship

By LAWRENCE BIENERT, Youth Director

WE HEARTILY encourage all young people to spend the entire week at one of our regional youth camps. At the same time we realize that there will be some young people who will find it impossible to spend a week at camp this summer. Some will be employed full time. Some will have other obligations which will occupy their time. Must these young people miss out on the spiritual blessings enjoyed by others? They need not. Is there any program or consideration for them?

DAY CAMPS

The February 1955 issue of "Youth Compass" contains some very informative material on "Your Day at Camp." This program is designed especially to meet this need.

Spending a day at camp is not a new idea. Many churches in our land have found this to be an answer to a vital need. Some of the young people will be able to attend the Saturday and Sunday program of their regional camp. While this provides for a time of fellowship and inspiration, they do not gain the most from the study courses taught during the week. These courses are geared to a program planned for an entire week. In addition to this week-end visit, we would suggest that you plan for a Day Camp.

What is the advantage and purpose of spending one day at camp? The main purpose is to provide a time for study, for inspiration, for recreation and fellowship for young people who find it impossible to attend the regular camp. A day should be chosen when all young people are free to attend. Usually a Saturday or a legal holiday is most suitable.

The cost is much less because those who attend do not have to provide for overnight lodging. Food can be packed and taken along for the entire day. As a rule, a place nearby is chosen so that the destination may be reached within an hour. A local CBY can plan for such a day, or plans may be made in conjunction with some of the neighboring churches.

For program details, refer to your February 1955 issue of "Youth Compass," pages 31-34. I am sure that you will seriously want to consider a day camp for your young people, especially for those who are unable to attend our regional camps.

There is another phase of day camps. Churches which find it impossible to send their juniors and in-

termediates to a regular youth camp often provide a day camp to meet this phase of a child's Christian education program.

In a plan such as this, trained adult leaders will take the youngsters to some park, picnic area, or farm for three or four days a week, for one of several weeks. They will leave early each morning and return home each evening. Lunch brought from home will be eaten on some days. On other days there will be cook-outs for lunch. The activities will include hikes, nature studies, crafts, music, worship and study.

Plans for such a camp should be made well in advance by qualified leaders. Make detailed plans. Don't leave anything to chance.

FAMILY CAMPS

We hear a lot about camps—youth camps, junior camps, day camps, scout camps, and camps that are just camps. Why not also consider a family camp?

In these days a great stress is placed upon the family as a unit, working and playing together. Therefore, we should give some thought to a camp where family life will be emphasized and enriched; where every member of the family will be camper in his own right; where the program will include what each person and each family likes to do. It is a time when a group of Christian families live for a few days or a week in an atmosphere through which they can discover the values of Christian family life.

The purpose of the camp centers in the enrichment of family life. The family rather than the individual is the unit of administration. The program features family activities. Even the age group features and the interest group activities are related to family life and relationships. Christian family life education is itself a very basic phase of Christian education as a whole.

One of the needs of young people is for a greater appreciation of their own family relationships and for a more wholehearted and constructive participation in the activities and interests of their own households. We want our young people to attend the youth camps for their particular age level. We also desire to see them have an opportunity at some time to participate in a family camp. The experience would be invaluable.

WE, THE WOMEN

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has also been extended to include the Muscowpetung Reserve in Saskatchewan. The Spanish-American field has been expanded, and plans were submitted for a chapel and parsonage to house our new missionaries there. A new field among Spanish-Americans in Rio Grande City, Texas, is being supported by the Southern Conference.

From Mr. Schilke's report of his visit to the Austrian field, we learned that the work is progressing slowly because the country is predominantly Catholic. There is a great need for more trained missionaries and pastors to bring the Gospel message to a kindred people who hunger for it.

The Church Extension program has yielded the establishment of five new churches, and given aid to a number of others. Two churches which formerly received mission aid became self-supporting.

NEW MISSIONARIES

To me, the most interesting session of this committee was the day when three new missionary appointees appeared before the brethren to give their testimonies. Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Geraldine Glasenapp of Milwaukee, Wis., were accepted for service in the Cameroons. Their glowing testimonies were an inspiration to all who heard them.

Getting a more intimate view of the work which God has entrusted to us as North American Baptists gave me a better understanding of our problems, our joys and our triumphs. God has blessed our work far beyond our comprehension. To Him we owe a debt of gratitude for the opportunities which are ours. May we women be challenged anew to redouble our efforts to *make, give, send and pray*, so that many thousands more may be led to a saving knowledge of Christ our Lord.

PROGRAM PACKETS FOR 1955

The new Program Packet is nearing completion, and will be ready for distribution by June 1, 1955. In it you will find a wealth of varied materials to help make your missionary society meetings more appealing. Contained in the packet are devotional materials, more than a dozen monthly programs, a set of biographical sketches of famous living Christians, special helps, and a unique banquet idea based on the theme for our next triennium, "Christ for the Whole Wide World." The price for the English Packet is \$1.50, and \$1.00 for the German Packet. Please place your orders early. Send to Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.



Sunday School Lessons

A LESSON PLAN

Date: June 12, 1955

Theme: PREPARING YOUTH FOR GOD'S SERVICE

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 34:1-12a.

PURPOSE: To point up the need for training youth for Christian service.

GETTING STARTED: Every branch of our country's Armed Services, every large business corporation, and almost every other enterprise of any consequence carries on a continuous and well-directed recruiting program to enlist the ablest and most promising young people in its service and employ. Almost the only exception to this rule is the church—at least the Protestant Church. Entrusted with the most important business in the world, called to carry on a world-wide mission that demands a continual flow of qualified and dedicated personnel, it has no definite, well-planned program for enlisting the best of youth in the service of Christ, but is willing simply to drift along and take the "leavings," while "the cream of the crop" goes to the military or the ranks of business and the professions, and the cause of Christ goes begging and moves haltingly along for lack of able, well-trained, dedicated recruits.

Developing the Theme:

I. YOUTH MUST BE ENLISTED IN GOD'S SERVICE.

1. From the moment of birth, Josiah was set aside to be king, and all his training was directed toward that end—to fit him for his high calling.

2. Christian parents must be led to dedicate their children to God, to set them aside for his service, and to direct their thinking and training toward that end.

3. The church must have a continuing program of enlisting young people in the service of God, pointing out that—

- God calls every man into his service;
- Every vocation can and must be used as a means of serving God;
- The highest service open to man is the service of God.

II. YOUTH MUST BE TRAINED FOR GOD'S SERVICE.

1. Surround young people with definite Christian influences (vv. 1-2).

- Somehow—we do not know just how—Josiah was influenced for God. Perhaps it was his mother, or his grandfather, or the priest, Hilkiah.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The grandest homage we pay to truth is to use it."

—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

b) We, too, must provide youth with a Christian influence—in the home, the church, the school, the community.

2. Give them the best Christian teaching and training possible (v. 3a). Especially does the Bible need to be made a part of their lives (vv. 14-33).

3. Provide them with inspiring Christian leadership. No doubt Jeremiah greatly influenced Josiah (Jer. 1:1-2).

4. Lead them to the place of personal acceptance of and commitment to Christ (v. 3).

5. Implant strong Christian conviction in them (vv. 2b-7).

6. Enlist their devotion in the cause of Christ (v. 8).

7. Provide opportunities for definite Christian service (vv. 9-12).

Applying the Lesson:

How does a call from God fit in with a program of recruiting young people for Christian service?

A LESSON PLAN

Date: June 19, 1955

Theme: PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 35:1-6, 16-19.

PURPOSE: To set forth the need for and requirements of worship.

GETTING STARTED: Among us Baptists there is a tendency at times to confuse informality with spiritual vitality. So violently have we reacted against the formalism and ritual prevalent in certain churches, that we have gone to the other extreme and are inclined to feel that we are worshiping the Lord worthily and have spiritual warmth and vitality in our worship services only when there is a great deal of confusion, noise, informality and "pep." Nothing could be farther from the truth! To be sure, there is no spiritual vitality in formalism and ritualism but just as sure, there is manifest nothing more than

spiritual pernicious anaemia in informality's and "pep's" sake. God is the God of order, of beauty, of harmony. And any worship service that does not have in it the qualities of reverence, of dignity, of orderliness and that does not offer to God the best that we are capable of giving is not worthy of him! Neither is it real worship!

Developing the Theme:

I. THE NEED FOR WORSHIP

1. After leading the people into a covenant with God (2 Chronicles 34: 31-32), Josiah established regular services of worship again (2 Chron. 35:1); for only a worshiping people should keep the covenant and remain spiritually a live.

2. We, too, need regular worship—private and public—to grow and remain strong spiritually; as individuals, as churches, as a nation.

II. THE REQUIREMENTS OF WORSHIP.

1. Times and places set aside for worship (vv. 1-2).

a) Without regular times set aside for worship, we soon neglect the practice of worship—as individuals and as a people.

b) The places of worship and all their arrangements must be conducive to a sense of reverence and real worship.

2. Personal experience of the grace and love of God.

a) The Passover was a recognition of divine deliverance; and only as the people realized what God had done for them could they truly worship him.

b) Unless we have personally experienced the grace and love of God, we cannot worship him in a vital, real way.

3. A dedicated and holy life (vv. 4 and 6).

a) Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

b) Without personal commitment to God and earnest striving after righteousness, we cannot worship God aright.

4. God's Word must have a central place in it (v. 3b). It is our guide, our teacher, our best help for worshiping God.

5. A spirit of love and unity among the worshippers (v. 5).

Applying the Lesson:

1. Why is worship so essential to the life of the Christian?

2. How can we make our places of worship more conducive to a spirit of reverence and real worship?

The editor of these Sunday School Lessons is Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California.

What's Happening

● On Easter Sunday, April 10, attendance in the Emery Baptist Sunday School of Emery, S. Dak., reached a new record of 350 present. The Easter offering for missions was \$600. In the evening a cantata, "God's Son," was presented by the choir under the direction of Mrs. Roy Seibel and accompanied by Mrs. Arthur Edzards. Rev. Roy Seibel is pastor of the church.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin, has extended a call to Rev. E. W. Klatt of Edmonton, Alberta, to which he has responded favorably. Mr. Klatt at present is a member of the teaching staff of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton. He will begin his pastorate in the Kenosha church late in June, succeeding Rev. Charles J. Anderson. The church dedicated its beautiful new building in the fall of last year.

● The First Baptist Church of Hilda, Alberta, has extended a call to Mr. Arthur Gellert, a student at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta. He has accepted the call and he and his wife have been on the field since April 22. Mr. Gellert formerly served the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church near Edmonton, Alberta, as a student pastor. At Hilda he has succeeded Rev. G. J. Thiessen, now of the Lauderdale Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

● The climax to the impressive Easter Sunday services on April 10 at the Bethany Church near Vesper, Kansas, was the baptismal service in the evening. Rev. John Wood, pastor, baptized four converts, three of whom were adults. At the communion service that followed, the right hand of fellowship was extended to these four new members. An instruction class was held for six weeks prior to Easter Sunday by the pastor, as reported by Mrs. Leslie Van Amburg.

● On Palm Sunday evening, April 3, Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, baptized 19 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. On Easter Sunday 288 persons attended the morning service and 270 were present that evening. The Easter offering designated for missions amounted to \$957.80. On Sunday evening, April 17, the film "Beyond Our Own," was shown with the church orchestra furnishing the music.

● The First Baptist Church of Plevna, Montana, has extended a call to Rev. R. H. Zepik of Ochre River,

Manitoba, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Ochre River for the past four years. He presented his resignation on Sunday, April 24, and announced that he had accepted the call from Plevna, Montana. Mr. Zepik will bring his ministry at Ochre River to a close on June 26 and hopes to begin his ministry in Plevna on July 3rd, where he will succeed Rev. G. Beutler, now of Chilliwack, B. C., Canada.

● On a Sunday evening after Easter the choir of the Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Okla., presented the cantata, "The Resurrection Story," at a service in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Okla. A supper was also served by the women. Rev. and Mrs. Oliver K. Ringering of the Shattuck Church reported that "fellowship and denominational ties were strengthened in this manner and the cantata was greatly enjoyed by all." Rev. Leiland Friesen is pastor of the Okeene church.

● On Palm Sunday evening, April 3, six persons were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ at the Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y. Rev. G. E. Friedenbergh, pastor, received these and another person into the church's fellowship at the communion service that followed. On Easter Sunday evening, the church choir, directed by Mr. Arthur Muelner, rendered a special musical program which was repeated on Sunday evening, April 17, at the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, New York.

● On Friday evening, April 29, the Pin Oak Creek Woman's Missionary Society of Mt. Sterling, Missouri, held its anniversary program with Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroons missionary, as guest speaker. Rev. Olland F. Cole, pastor, conducted evangelistic meetings at the Southern Baptist Church of Useful, Mo., from April 18 to 24. The Pin Oak Creek Church is making elaborate plans for its Centenary Jubilee to be held from September 11 to 18, 1955. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, will be one of the guest speakers.

● On Sunday, April 17, the choir of the First Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak., presented the Easter cantata, "Peter and the Resurrection," under the direction of Mrs. Albert Reddig. Mrs. David Zimmerman assisted at the organ. Mr. Eldon Leitner served as Peter, the narrator. The inspirational program was enjoyed by a capacity congregation, including friends

of the neighboring Fessenden, Germantown and Carrington Baptist Churches and the Methodist Church of Cathay. Rev. David Zimmerman is the pastor of the Cathay Baptist Church.

● On Easter Sunday morning, April 10, Rev. L. B. Holzer of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., baptized twelve persons on confession of their faith in Christ and received these and three others into the church's fellowship at the communion service. On Sunday evening, April 17, the Heinz Chapel choir of the University of Pittsburgh rendered a sacred concert at the Temple Church sponsored by the Brotherhood Class. On Sunday, April 24, a service of dedication for the new Moeller pipe organ was held with Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., as the guest speaker.

● The Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, has called Mr. Ervin B. Strauss of Edmonton, Alberta, a member of the 1955 graduating class of the North American Baptist Seminary, as the assistant pastor. He will be associated with Rev. Edwin Miller, pastor. Mr. Strauss will begin his ministry at Cleveland early in July, several weeks following the Seminary's commencement exercises at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. There are two preaching places for this Cleveland church, the Erin Avenue Church and the Parma Heights Church which was dedicated at festive services on Sunday, May 1.

● From March 21 to April 1 evangelistic services were held at the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, with Rev. E. J. Faul of Calgary, Alta., serving as evangelist. Five persons took a stand for Christ as Savior. On Easter Sunday evening the choir rendered the cantata, "The Conquering King" by Alfred Judson, to an appreciative audience. Mr. Wm. Peters is the choir director. On Sunday morning, April 17, Rev. George Henderson of the Cameroons, Africa, inspired the large audience with his challenging messages. In the afternoon Mrs. Henderson joined her husband when he again spoke at the Clover Lawn Mission. Rev. J. C. Kraenzler is the pastor.

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 10, Rev. Henry W. Barnett, pastor of the Immanuel Church, Portland, Oregon, baptized four young people on confession of their faith in Christ. After the baptismal service the church choir rendered the cantata, "The Christ Everlasting," by Roger C. Wilson. Special parts were sung by Joehannah Sauer, Florence Rattay and Rev. Charles Wagner. The traditional number, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from Handel's "Messiah," was also sung with Helen Goble

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Northwestern Conference

Pre-Easter Services and Easter Cantata at the Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa

Pre-Easter services were held each evening at the First Baptist, Elgin, Iowa, April 4-8. The theme for the week was "The Suffering Savior." On Monday night our pastor, Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, spoke on the topic, "Lord, Is It I?" Guest speakers Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were Rev. Frank Veninga, Aplington, "Conflict and Victory"; and Rev. Fred Mashner, Sumner, "Peter's Tears." After a brief meditation on Thursday evening, Mrs. Paul Zurbruggen gave a chalk drawing, "Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane."

A union Good Friday service was held in the Methodist Church. Easter Sunday morning a sunrise service was held in the Lutheran Church with the Methodist and Baptist Churches participating.

The choir of First Baptist Church, under the direction of Mr. Harry Johnson, presented the cantata, "Redemption's Song," at the Palm Sunday evening service in Sumner, Iowa, and at the Easter Sunday evening service in Elgin.

Mrs. Fred Schaer, Reporter.

Baldwin Electric Organ Dedicated by the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn.

The Easter season this year held more than unusual interest for the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., and its pastor, Rev. D. S. Wipf. Some months ago the church was the recipient of a new Baldwin electric organ. Since the donors, friends of the church, wished their names withheld until the dedicatory services, suspense was in the air. The mystery, however, was cleared up on Palm Sunday, April 3, at which time one of the family donating the organ was able to be in attendance.

As a memorial to their mother and sister, the organ was donated by Emil and Augusta Mau of Young America, Minnesota. A small bronze plaque bearing the names of Mrs. Augusta W. Mau, the mother, and Emma Mau, the sister, as well as those of the donors will be affixed to the beautiful memorial organ.

Community business people expressed their good wishes to the congregation in floral gifts. To further add to the musical potential of the organ, church chimes which were given by Mr. and Mrs. Hans Meyer were installed the following week.

Both organ and chimes greatly enhanced the beauty of the Easter services. At the evening service the young

people under the direction of the music committee presented an Easter pageant, "The Risen Lord."

Mildred I. Krenke, Clerk.

Spring Rally of the Minnesota Women's Missionary Union at St. Paul's Riverview Church

The annual spring rally of the North American Baptist Women's Missionary Union of Minnesota and LaCrosse, Wis., was held at the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., on Sunday afternoon, April 17.

The state union president, who is also the local society president, Mrs. William Stassen, extended a warm welcome to the large gathering. Miss Lillian Patet of St. Paul, the vice-president, led in devotions, after which Mrs. Donald Patet of Randolph, the secretary-treasurer, called the roll. Musical selections were rendered by the Mounds-Midway Nurses' chorus. Mrs. Frank Stassen and Mrs. Herbert Legler of the Riverview Church favored the group with an organ and piano duet for the offertory.

We felt highly privileged in being able to secure our Cameroons missionary, Laura Reddig, as the speaker of the afternoon. She challenged our hearts with the work that is dear to her own heart—the New Hope Settlement. "New Hope" has been adopted by our state union as its project for the year. Slides, portraying vividly the leper work, enlightened our minds concerning the ministry in which we have had a share.

The local pastor's wife, Mrs. Donald Ganstrom, closed the meeting with prayer, after which refreshments were served in the church basement by the Riverview society. The afternoon offering of \$107.47 was designated for the state project, in addition to \$630.04, which the local societies had contributed.

Mrs. Donald Patet, Secretary.



The new pulpit, pulpit pews and communion table dedicated by the Baptist Church, Victor, Iowa.

Baptismal Service and Inspirational Easter Programs at Zion Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

Sunday, March 13, was a day of blessing and rejoicing for the Zion Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Nine persons, for whom the church had been praying followed the Lord in baptism. On the following Sunday at the Lord's Supper, Rev. Ernst Sakowski extended the hand of fellowship to them. Three others were also received into our membership by letter. Our church now has 120 members.

The brethren of our church redecorated the church. We want to honor our Lord thus, so that we keep our sanctuary clean and beautiful.

We were also greatly blessed at Easter time. Our choirs rendered a fine musical program. We rejoice with our risen Lord for we know that some day we, too, will be with our Lord and with our loved ones who have gone before us. Our Easter offering, amounting to \$126, will be designated for the "New Hope Settlement" Leper Mission in Africa.

Hermine Klempel, Reporter.

New Pulpit and Communion Furniture Are Dedicated at Baptist Church, Victor, Iowa

At a communion service held in the Victor Baptist Church, Victor, Iowa, on Sunday evening, March 27, a new pulpit, a communion table and two pulpit pews were dedicated to the work of the Lord and to the beauty of his sanctuary. The pulpit was given by Mrs. Herman Muller in memory of her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Frazer gave a pulpit pew as a memorial to Mrs. Frazer's father, John H. Muller. The purchase of the remainder of the furniture was made possible through the efforts of the CBY and an adult Sunday School Class taught by Mrs. Clement Daniels.

Special music for the occasion included a duet by the pastor, Rev. Alvin Wetter, and Emmet Bohstedt, "Shall I Crucify My Savior?" and a number by the choir. Speaking on "Building Temples and Being Temples," Mr. Wetter urged the people of his congregation to sanctify themselves. There was a time for meditation in memory of loved ones.

For three weeks following April 18, a group of six young people from "God's Invasion Army," a home missions project of the Baptist General Conference of America, came to Victor and surrounding communities conducting a personal visitation campaign. Going in groups of two (a member of the Victor church at times accompanied one of the workers), individuals and families were personally contacted as to their relationship with Christ. Climaxing these activities, special services were held from May 1 to 8 with Rev. Wm. H. Jeschke of St. Paul, Minn., as guest speaker, and Gospel Magic provided by God's Invasion Army proved most successful as a definite, uncompromising witness for Christ.

Mrs. M. Betz, Reporter.

Dedication of New Organ and Annual Meeting of Central Church, George, Iowa

A blessed Easter Sunday and the annual meeting which followed on April 14th evidenced the resurrection power of Christ in work well done at the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa. A packed house on Easter Sunday evening heard Mr. George De Boer of Hastings, Neb. (a former resident of George and member of our fellowship), use his God-given talents in a beautiful organ concert to dedicate our new Baldwin Model 5 organ. The Organ Fund Committee, composed of Mr. Jacob Kruse, Mr. Elmer Klinkenborg, Mrs. Bernard Kix, Mrs. Harvey Schmidt, Miss Alma Schrick, and Mrs. Raymond Sudenga, was publicly recognized along with the generous contributors for this fine addition to the musical life and ministry of the church.

The new, matching Baldwin piano, a gift of the Sunday School, was also accepted with hearty thanks and dedicated for sacred use. The choir climaxed the evening with the presentation of a cantata, "The Victorious Christ." The faithful choir members; the former director, Mrs. Harvey Schmidt; the new director, Mr. Wendell Schaefer; and the piano accompanist, Mrs. Raymond Sudenga, had as large and appreciative an audience as one could desire to join them in worthy praise to the resurrected Lord.

Election of officers at the annual meeting was accomplished with smoothness and satisfaction due to the diligence of the nominating committee, Mr. John E. Klinkenborg, Chairman, Mr. Jacob Kruse, Mr. Herman Feldman, Mr. George De Neui, and Mr. Harvey Schmidt. Reports of the treasurers of the church and its organizations revealed a year of large giving with total expenditures of \$16,000. Of this sum approximately \$5,000 was given to missions.

We covet the prayers of our sister churches that we may continue and increase in the demonstration of Christ's power, that souls may be saved and added to the church, and that our 150 members and 200 Sunday School pupils may faithfully serve the Lord.

John W. Walkup, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Baptism of Eight Persons on Easter Sunday at Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho

Easter Sunday was a red letter day for the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho, as we gathered in large numbers in the morning for the Easter service. Once again we were impressed by the fact of the resurrection of our Lord. Then in the evening it was our joy to see how the Lord adds to the church such as are saved.

We gathered for a baptismal service in which eight converts followed the Lord in baptism on the confession of faith in their Savior. Six of these are



Members of the Tabitha Circle, the young women's organization of the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Montana.

Sunday School scholars, and two are an older couple for whom we had been praying. The Sunday School scholars were the fruits of the evangelistic meetings conducted in February by Rev. Robert Penner of Dallas, Oregon.

Following the baptismal service we observed the Lord's Supper at which these with another elderly lady, whom we received on confession of her faith, were received into the church.

John Broeder, Pastor.

Baptism of Sixteen Converts and \$200,000 Building Fund Campaign at Tacoma, Washington

The annual business meeting of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., revealed spiritual gains in membership and service. Our pastor's salary was raised \$400, and his car allowance increased \$300. A love gift of \$200 was given to Rev. and Mrs. Robert S. Hess. The church authorized our pastor to attend the General Conference in Waco, Texas, underwriting the expense involved.

Two weeks of "New Life" meetings with the Gaverluks proved a blessing and challenge to the church. The attendance was excellent. A number responded in renewal of dedication and confession of faith.

The youth groups meeting weekly on Monday and Thursday evenings now number more than 100. There are 40 participating in the Scripture Memorization Course headed by Elfriede Gudelius. These folk anticipate a week at camp this summer as their



Eight converts who were baptized at the Baptist Church, Paul, Idaho, and received by the pastor, Rev. John Broeder.

reward. The church has authorized the purchase of a bus for the Sunday School and youth work.

Plans for the new church edifice are progressing. An architect is busy at work, and a campaign to raise \$200,000 has been started.

Palm Sunday witnessed 16 adults and young people follow the Lord in baptism. Easter Sunday was a day of crowds and blessing at the church and chapel. The two Sunday Schools reached 540 attendance. Twenty people were received into the membership. In the evening the choir presented "The Easter Story" to an appreciative congregation.

Elsie O. Blandau, Reporter.

Recent Activities of the Young Women's Tabitha Circle, Bethel Church, Missoula, Mont.

In April 1954, the young women's organization of the Bethel Baptist Church, Missoula, Mont., became officially affiliated with the church. Also in April, they became members of the Pacific Conference.

This group, known as the Tabitha Circle, has a membership of 33 young women. They take an active part in all church activities. In January of this year we presented a program. Two songs were sung by the entire group under the direction of our pastor's wife, Mrs. C. T. Remple. Following the singing of these numbers, a skit entitled, "The Garden of Prayer," was given. A lovely decoration of roses winding their way over the entrance into the garden was the setting for this wonderful spiritual play.

A silver tea was given to which neighboring churches were invited. Preceding the tea, a special program was presented. All the members of the Tabitha Circle have taken a deep interest in the White Cross work done by our church. Much time and effort have been given to this work in order to help those who are badly in need of bandages and clothes.

A delicious ham dinner was also given by this group, at which there were over 200 in attendance. After all the expenses of the dinner were paid for, the remainder was given to missions.

We feel that the Lord has truly led this group in his path, and as we do his work a stronger and a more spiritual bond draws us closer to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Joann Schmutz, Reporter.

Oregon Baptist League Spring Rally Is Held at the Stafford Baptist Church

The Oregon Baptist League held its annual Spring Rally at the Stafford Baptist Church on April 15, 16 and 17, using as the theme, "Training For Service," taken from 2 Timothy 2:15. On Friday evening we had Sunday School night. Diplomas were given to the teachers who had completed our Sunday School Teacher Training Institute held in March. The special music was provided by the Glencullen Church trio. Dr. Tunnell from Western Baptist Seminary in Portland brought the message.

On Saturday afternoon we held the first session of our Counselor Training classes, with the teacher being Rev. Paul Finlay from Western Seminary. We held the closing session at our camp ground on May 6 and 7.

That evening we had a delicious banquet prepared and served by the Stafford Church. The song service was led by Marian Giese from our Bethel Church in Salem. Bob Chamberlain from the Stafford Church read Scripture and led in prayer. We then held our business meeting led by our president, Don Rich.

We held our election with the following results: president, Bruce Rich from our Bethany Church; first vice-president, Harlan Buhler from our Salt Creek Church; and second vice-president, Rev. Albert Warden from our Glencullen Church. The other item of business was the selection of a project which is the completion of a recreational building on our camp ground. Also we are going to raise money for the Oregon Baptist Conference Grounds, Inc., to use as they see fit. Following our business meeting, we had a talent night in which various churches participated.

On Sunday afternoon the song service was led by Bruce Rich. Scripture and prayer were led by our new first vice-president, Harlan Buhler. Rev. Arthur Schulz, dean, led the installation service of our new officers who will take office immediately after our summer assemblies. The speaker for the afternoon was Mr. Kenneth Grapham from Australia who is now a student at Western Seminary.

Sharon Le Clair, Secretary.

Baptism of 33 Converts and Easter Services at First Church, Lodi, California

Since February 6th, the dedication day of our church, we of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., have had bountiful blessings from God. The two weeks following the dedication services, we united our efforts in evangelistic meetings with Rev. P. G. Neumann of Costa Mesa, Calif., as our evangelist. Our spacious church was well filled every night, and 22 persons responded to the invitation and accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

On Sunday evening, March 27th, our pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, had the privilege of baptizing 33 converts, among whom were three married couples, and two middle aged ladies.

The remaining were juniors and some intermediate children. To climax these blessings, our pastor extended the hand of fellowship to 35 people on Palm Sunday morning.

On February 22nd we had the privilege of having Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. L. G. Bienert with us for a one-night Christian Workers' Conference, which proved to be a real inspiration to everyone present. We were also privileged to have Mr. Gunst bring us the message on Sunday evening, February 20th.

Easter Sunday morning, April 10, dawned beautifully and many were the people who thronged the churches. In our own church our pastor spoke to more than 1,000 people on Easter Sunday morning. On Sunday evening our CBY presented a very fine play entitled, "My Son Lives," which told the story of a doctor and his Christian wife and daughter, who lost their only son and brother. The father could not accept his son's death as could the mother and sister and almost gave up his entire life's work to "get away from it all," but through the prayers of his family and the resurrection message brought on Easter Sunday, he too found Christ and placed his burden at the feet of Jesus. Our young people are active in their own services, in the services of the church, and have given their services to the Stockton Rescue Mission.

Thelma Fischer, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Annual Program of the King's Daughters' Society, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas

On Sunday evening, April 17, the annual program of the King's Daughters' Missionary Society of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kans., was held. The theme of the presentation was "Walking With Jesus." The program consisted of a pleasing variety of solos, group singing, and messages. This inspiring program was written by Miss Alma Zimmerman, Bismarck, N. Dak., and our pastor's wife, Mrs. Fred Knalson.

The congregation was doubly blessed by the program as it fell on the eve of our evangelistic meetings for two weeks featuring Rev. J. K. Warkentin of Corn, Oklahoma. After the service an offering was received for Teacher David Williams of the Cameroons, whom the society sponsors and supports.

Mrs. Albert Hart, Secretary.

Easter Sunday Services and Missionary Conference at Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas

This Easter season was a time of unusual blessing for the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas. On Palm Sunday evening, April 3, our pastor, Rev. Harold Gieseke, had the joy of baptizing twelve persons on confession of their faith. On Good Friday, a 28-voice choir, under our pastor's

direction, presented Stainer's "The Crucifixion."

Easter began with a sunrise service sponsored by our CBY, with the BYF of the Lyons Baptist Church invited. Our Easter offering amounted to \$2772.44, with all but \$120 going for the support of Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee. Our Easter celebration was climaxed Sunday evening with the observance of the Lord's Supper.

A missionary conference was held April 17-19, with Rev. Eldon Schroeder, Rev. Paul Appel, and Misses Margaret Kittlitz and Laura Reddig as our guest speakers. Sunday morning, Mr. Schroeder of Kyle, Texas, spoke on "Why World-Wide Missions?" That evening, Miss Kittlitz spoke of her work at Banson Baptist Hospital, Africa. A missionary tea, sponsored by the King's Daughters Society, was held Monday afternoon. Miss Reddig and Miss Kittlitz spoke at this meeting, attended by 150 women from the Lorraine, Lyons, Frederick, Bison, Bethany, Stafford, and Ellinwood churches.

Monday evening, Rev. Paul Appel and Rev. Eldon Schroeder gave brief reports on home mission projects in Colorado and Texas and recent pictures of the Cameroons field were shown by our nurses, Misses Kittlitz and Reddig. An all-church supper, sponsored by the Dorcas Society, was held in our fellowship hall on Tuesday evening. Following the supper, Miss Laura Reddig gave us an illustrated talk on the Bamenda New Hope Settlement.

Mrs. Theodore Wilkens, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Evangelistic Meetings and Easter Sunday Baptismal Service at Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ont.

We as the members and friends of the Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ont., had the privilege of having the Richie party with us for evangelistic meetings from March 5 to 16. Mrs. Richie played on various bells and glasses assisted by Miss Allister at the piano. Some decisions were made for Christ and many reconsecrated themselves to the Lord.

Tuesday evening, March 15, was testimonial night when a large number of those who had attended the services brought glowing testimonies for their Master. We are all very thankful to the Lord for the blessings which we received, and we are looking forward to even greater blessings in our next evangelistic campaign in the fall when Rev. H. Palfenier, denominational evangelist, will be with us.

On Good Friday evening, April 8, our church choir rendered a sacred cantata which was well received. On Easter Sunday morning three Sunday School scholars were baptized by our pastor, Rev. George A. McLean, and received into the fellowship of the church.

Reuben Hahn, Reporter.

Central Conference

Baptism of Fifteen Converts and Easter Sunday, White Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio

Easter Sunday was a lovely day for us in the White Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. On this day, which, the weatherman said, was the most beautiful Easter in nine years, a goodly number of people were present for the sunrise service at 7:00 A.M.

A ray of light streamed from the stained window on the east to the altar below as we sat listening to the words of the speakers and to the beautiful music of the singers, who stood in a veritable garden of spring flowers with the exotic fragrance of the lily and the hyacinth pervading the atmosphere. We could not help but be lifted to higher planes.

In the morning worship service later on this Easter Day, we were privileged to give recognition to one of our distinguished members, Mr. H. P. Donner, who after five long months of illness, was able not only to be back in the services with us again, but was also back at his post as the much-loved and highly-esteemed teacher of his Sunday School class. In view of his 94th birthday which was on the following Wednesday, April 13th, the church presented Mr. Donner with a bouquet of his favorite red roses.

On February 27th, in an impressively beautiful service, our pastor, Rev. Edward Kary, baptized 15 people on confession of their faith. One of the baptismal candidates had been attending services here for a period of 43 years! What a glorious surrender—and glowing tribute to the ever-patient, loving, forceful, drawing-power of our Lord!

Ethel T. Kary, Reporter.

Pre-Easter and Easter Services at the Erin Ave. Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

On April 4 we of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, began our second annual pre-Easter children's meetings. These were held for one hour every morning for a full week. The children were in charge of the programs, except for the devotions which were given by an older person. The average attendance was 58. Eleven boys and girls entered the prayer room to receive Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. We pray that these young lives may grow into Christ-likeness. Rewards were given for bringing the most visitors during the week.

Our Good Friday service was conducted by our pastor, Rev. Edwin Miller, with a communion meditation on "Christ, Our Sin Bearer." New members were welcomed into the congregation by receiving the right hand of fellowship. The communion service was attended by 236 members and friends.

On Easter Sunday morning, April 10, our young people held the annual sun-



Fifteen converts who were baptized on Sunday, Feb. 27th, at the White Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, by Rev. Edward Kary, pastor (left, back row).

rise service with a well planned program consisting of special musical numbers and readings. A fine group of 120 young people participated in the delicious breakfast that was prepared for them. The children of our Sunday School presented their Easter program with each department participating and with 435 Easter worshippers present.

The Easter worship service was well attended with 421 persons present. Our pastor spoke on "My Lord and My God." German services were conducted in the church basement by Rev. W. J. Luebeck. The service closed appropriately with the "Hallelujah Chorus." This Easter season was a joyous one for us all. A congregation of 225 witnessed three men obeying Christ by following him in baptism during the evening service.

The true spirit of the resurrection with Christ was manifested in the sacrificial giving of our people amounting to \$1,772.24 which will be used to help finance the new mission church, the Parma Heights Baptist Church.

Delores Ziemann, Reporter.

Easter Services and Exciting Anticipations at Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich.

"Praise God from whom all blessings flow." With the singing of this hymn, the members and friends of the Colonial Village Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., came together on Easter Sunday morning, April 10, in the first service in our own new church building. The services are held in our unusually beautiful and commodious basement.

We were joyful in reaching record attendances of 285 in Sunday School, and 502 in the morning service. Special music was furnished by the choir for our Easter service, and a consecration prayer was given by Rev. Ewald Roloff, a long-time friend of the church. Our pastor, Rev. Aaron Buhler, presented a heart-warming message on "The Master of Death."

A film on tithing entitled, "God Is My Landlord" by Perry Hayden, was enjoyed by a congregation of over 200 in our evening service. Music was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Baier and Mr. Wilbert Dachtler, a student of the Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary. Mr. Dachtler is a member of our church.

To help forward the work in our new location, a calling program is be-

ing organized with 35 already registered for this work. In anticipation of many more Sunday School scholars, a teachers' training class for the training of teachers in taking on new classes has been established, with Mr. Buhler as instructor. This class meets during the Sunday School hour. A teen-age group, under the very capable guidance of Miss Bonnie Morgan, our church missionary, has been established for over a year, and many young lives are being won for the Lord through this endeavor.

We as a church are anxiously looking forward to the day of completion of our church home. At that time we will move into our spacious upstairs auditorium. We hope to be able to have it ready by June 19, when we will officially dedicate it to the glory of God.

Mrs. Evelyn Stobert, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Evangelistic Services and Easter Programs at the Lauderdale Church, Edmonton, Alberta

For the past three months God's richest blessings have been with us in the work of the Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta. The meetings have been very well attended both in the Sunday School and the worship services. It was also our privilege to receive eleven new members by letter and experience. From March 20 to April 3 evangelistic meetings were held with the pastor, Rev. G. Thiessen, serving as the evangelist. Four persons were saved during the campaign. Many of the church members were revived. During the meetings the choir and orchestra served.

The young people have been very active in their weekly meetings. The Junior Choir sings once a month during the evening service. For these groups the pastor conducts an instruction class with the book, "New Life," as text.

For Easter Sunday morning, April 10, the Sunday School rendered a program of songs and recitations. It was our privilege to have Rev. George Henderson, missionary to the Cameroons, with us for that occasion. He gave us an Easter message and a story for the boys and girls.

G. Thiessen, Pastor

Our New "North American Hymnal"

By MR. HERBERT R. PANKRATZ of Chicago, Illinois,
Member of the Denomination's Hymnal Committee

IN AUGUST, 1916, an editorial committee consisting of H. von Berge, W. Rauschenbusch, O. Koenig, F. Friedrich, and W. Appel put their signatures to the revised edition of our denominational hymnal, the **Neue Glaubensharfe**. In 1955, another editorial committee expects to release a new denominational hymnal, the first one with a completely English text (!), to be called **North American Hymnal**.

NEED FOR A HYMNAL

The first book, the **Neue Glaubensharfe**, was a very fine publication and represented a most significant contribution to the work of our denomination which was then largely German-speaking—even in the young people's societies. The same book is still doing a great service today in some of our churches—particularly those which have received into their membership newcomers from abroad.

However, the need has long been felt for a new hymnal that would serve the overall worship needs of our churches in the English language and at the same time represent something of an answer to the special needs and characteristics of our fellowship. The long-awaited result should be in your hands soon under the title, **North American Hymnal**.

It is perhaps natural to ask why our denomination has felt it advis-

able to issue such a hymnal when there are some fairly good hymnals available on the market. Several reasons might be offered.

1. The best hymnals are those issued under denominational labels—Methodist, Presbyterian, Covenant, etc. We would clearly not wish to adopt the official hymnal of another denomination as our own. At the same time, the fact that these denominations have seen the need for a hymnal of their own and that they have indeed benefited greatly from such would suggest that we might similarly profit by issuing our own.

2. Most of the other generally acceptable hymnals are not worship hymnals in the fullest sense but rather a Sunday School type of book with an inadequate selection of songs (or a total absence of songs) in certain categories. Our hymnal, while including a sufficient number of the old favorites, will include songs to represent all the important phases of church life and worship. These songs, furthermore, will be grouped together within the body of the hymnal under the appropriate subject headings.

3. Next, it was felt that we have at our disposal a rich heritage of hymnody which might be lost forever if we did not take steps now to preserve it for generations to come. This is not being done out of mere sentimentality

or worship of the past. Rather, it is our conviction that many of these hymns are equal or even superior in quality to those available in other hymnals. They should need no special pleading but will stand on their own merits.

A HERITAGE OF HYMNODY

4. Ours is a peculiar fellowship with characteristics that are dear to us. Though we have not attained all that we might have desired in certain directions, we are nevertheless grateful to God for accomplishments made in other areas—notably the African mission field. We are persuaded that by maintaining our separate identity we have managed, so far at least, to achieve goals which otherwise might never have been reached. In order to progress further, we need to intensify our devotion to duty, our sense of mission. This must, in turn, be supported by a strong feeling of identity and unity.

It is here that the **North American Hymnal** can make an inestimable contribution. What a glorious thought to envision our many congregations throughout the United States and Canada raising voices in united praise and testimony to our God and his Christ! Through such unity we may hope to forge ahead, under divine guidance, to further victories in his Name.

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