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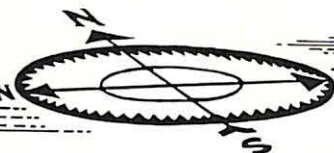
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"Love's Redeeming Work Is Done!"

*Because He Lives!
We Serve a Risen Savior
Witnesses of Christ's Resurrection*



● Enrollment in the nation's theological seminaries and schools of religious education of the United States has passed the 30,000 mark, showing an increase of 2.3 per cent over last year, but there is a decline of 5.5 per cent in the number of first-year students enrolling for ministerial training. General enrollment in all colleges and universities is up ten per cent over last year.

● A Negro has been elected chairman of the Minnesota State Pastors' Conference for the first time in its 25-year history. He is Dr. Floyd Massey, pastor of Pilgrim Baptist church, Saint Paul. Dr. Massey served as program chairman for the 1957 conference at which Dr. Martin Luther King, Negro pastor of Montgomery, Alabama, and leader of the fight to integrate that city's buses, was the principal speaker.

● A number of new churches are under construction in Reykjavik, Iceland, which since 1900 has grown from 4,000 to 64,000 population. One of the most unique is the Nes Church, which was consecrated at New Year's. It is built on modern lines, with a massive tower and cross. The nave, lowest at the entrance, slopes up toward the altar. Walls and ceilings are of elmwood, except the wall behind the altar, which is covered with blue tiles and continues to the top of the tower, creating a sense of infinity.

—Christian Century.

● At the Leprosarium in Athens, Greece, successful experiments are now being carried on in plastic surgery on patients whose noses had been destroyed by the ravages of Hansen's Disease. This is reported by Rev. Donald Miller, General Secretary of the Mission to Lepers. This operation is performed by Dr. Berkos, of the Athens Sanatorium, and consists of fixing an arillic frame into the nose cavity, and slowly grafting skin to this frame. Each case is a long and arduous process, but the patients thus transformed are quite vocal in proclaiming their joy and gratitude.

● Dr. Oswald J. Smith of Toronto, Ontario, will hold evangelistic campaigns, deeper life conferences and missionary conventions in South America during September, October and November. While away from his missionary-minded church (The Peoples Church, Toronto, 350 missionaries), Dr. Smith will speak in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Sao Paulo, Brazil; Curitiba, Brazil; Asuncion, Paraguay; Montevideo, Uruguay; Rosario, Argentina; Santiago, Chile; Lima, Peru;

Quito, Ecuador; Panama, Panama; and Costa Rica, Central America.

—Christianity Today

● When Harold Stassen called the Sunday School "The Child's Best Hour" at Cincinnati, Ohio, recently he voiced the majority opinion of the estimated 1600 Christian educators who attended the annual meeting of the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches, from Feb. 11 to 14. By implication this was disagreement with Wesley Shrader in Life Magazine that it was "the most wasted hour of the week." "Dr. Shrader doesn't know what he's talking about," said Division Chairman Rev. Dr. Paul Calvin Payne of



Baptist Briefs

● **Baptist Church on Wheels.** "Take the Church to the people" is a bit of good advice that has been taken literally by members of the Salisbury Baptist Church of Southern Rhodesia. The new venture consists of a huge caravan, once a mobile cafe, which has been converted into a "church on wheels." The interior has been tastefully decorated and it can seat over 50 adults. It is used in the vast unchurched areas in and surrounding Salisbury. Its pulpit will be utilized not only by the ministers in that area but also by the 24 members of the newly-formed "Kerusso Fellowship," a brotherhood of lay preachers in training. Many of these are taking the lay preacher's course of the Baptist Union of South Africa.

● **Gaza Baptist Hospital Praised.** The work of the staff of the Baptist hospital, Gaza, has received a tribute in a special report of the director of UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency) for Palestine refugees in the Near East. The report, presented to the UN General Assembly, covers the period from November to mid-December, 1956. It says that "particular mention should be made of the work of the medical staff of the Baptist hospital in caring for the many serious surgical cases caused by the fighting and the subsequent incidents at Khan Yunis and Rafah, where a number of refugees were severely wounded."

● **Burman Leaders of Tomorrow.** Sem'nary Hill in the suburbs of Rangoon is the home of the "central school's" for the training of Christian

Philadelphia, Presbyterian USA Christian education head. "We're not smug about our churches or Sunday church schools, and deplore what hasn't been done, but thousands of Sunday schools throughout the country are doing a remarkable job with up-to-the-minute text books and excellent teachers." Dr. Richard Hoiland, American Baptist education head and chairman of the Commission on General Christian Education, pointed out the article's "narrow framework." He declared "tremendous learnings flow" from youth fellowships, summer camps, weekday religious education programs, daily vacation Bible schools, and conferences.

workers for Burma. To this Hill come students from many races and tribes. Instruction is carried on in three languages (Burmese, Karen, and English) and at two levels—that of the Bible schools and seminaries and that of the Divinity School. Seminary Hill is only one part of the Christian training program in Burma. Regional Bible schools are scattered throughout the country. They range from rather temporary institutions such as the "Jung's Bible School" near Tavoy, to the impressive Kachin Bible School in Kutkai. Twelve races are represented among 53 students in Divinity School alone.

● **Dr. Johnson in Australia.** A tribute to Dr. C. Oscar Johnson in "The Victorian Baptist Witness" describes him as the most colorful and forceful Baptist world personality at the present time. Dr. Johnson recently completed a successful evangelistic tour of Australia. Pastor of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo., and former president of the Baptist World Alliance he is lauded by the "Witness" as "a man with a big heart, whose humanity and deep spirituality appeals to Australians." Since Dr. Johnson became pastor of the St. Louis church in 1931, he has adhered to a five-point gospel: "God is the Creator; Jesus Christ is the Savior; His work is my business; His people are my associates; Heaven is my home." During his ministry there he has led more than 10,000 persons into membership of the church, and has inspired his people to give more than \$5,000,000 for the work of the Kingdom.

Editorial



Christ's Living Presence

THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT in every life is meeting Jesus face to face, knowing that he lives, awakening to the glory of Easter Sunday. Whenever this awareness of Christ's living Presence overwhelmingly falls upon us, then it is Easter, indeed.

This was the experience of the early disciples. After Jesus' death on the Cross, they had returned to their daily round of tasks. They were out fishing on the Sea of Tiberius. "But when morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore" (John 21:4). John's Gospel tells us that "the disciples knew not that it was Jesus." But how quickly everything was changed when Peter said, "It is the Lord!," and they found themselves there on the shore in Christ's living Presence.

One of the most remarkable facts of the resurrection account is the way in which the initiative of Jesus dominates the whole story. Dr. Albert D. Belden has clearly portrayed this truth. "It is Jesus who breaks the power of death. It is Jesus who accosts Mary in the garden. It is Jesus who draws near to Cleopas and his companion. It is Jesus who introduces himself in the upper room where the disciples are gathered together. It is Jesus who says, 'Tell Peter,' and goes before them into Galilee, where he takes his stand upon the shore, to be discovered by them as they return disheartened at daybreak. The Son of Man who came to seek and to save the lost is still seeking and still finding."

Christ's resurrection from the dead is a fact. His living, triumphant Presence is here. This is a glorious spiritual reality. But we have to open our eyes in faith to his Presence and companionship. We have to make the Easter discovery as we too say: "It is the Lord!" Our souls must be flooded with the reassuring experience that Christ is "nearer than breathing, closer than hands or feet" to each one of us. That is the greatest glory of Easter.

Dr. Dale of Birmingham, England, has left us a vivid record of a remarkable experience that came to him early one Easter Sunday morning. While in the vestry, before he took up the preaching tasks of the day, there suddenly fell upon him an entirely new consciousness that Jesus was alive. That realization transformed his preaching and remained with him for the rest of his days. Before he died, he said: "When the conflict reached its worst, it seemed as though Christ himself came, and, standing close beside me, said: 'Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions—I go to prepare a place for you!' That steadied me and I felt strong and safe in the love of Christ."

Every Easter dramatizes anew the spiritual glory of Christ's living Presence. Wherever we go, Christ is near at hand, eager to reveal himself to discerning hearts. If we will but seek him patiently in our life, if we will bring our gifts faithfully to the altar of service, we shall find his Presence dawning gloriously upon us. Like Mary, we may even hear him call us by name!

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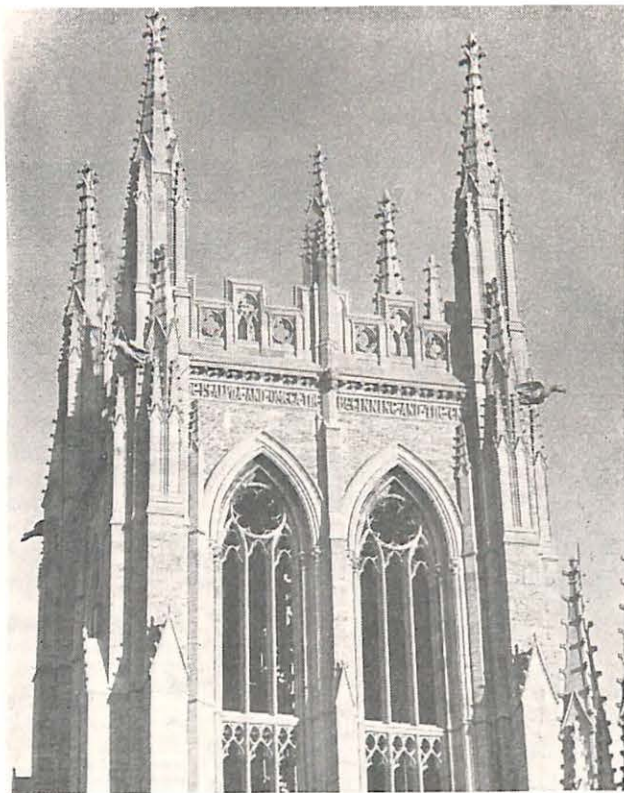
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"The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God."

WHEN EASTER comes we rejoice to sing with Christians everywhere: "I serve a Risen Savior!" Although we may not be able to understand or explain fully how Christ rose from the dead, we do know this: the resurrection of Christ, that final step in his work of redemption, is the basis for our faith, our work and our hope.

A RISEN SAVIOR

The resurrection has been a central part of Christian preaching from the beginning. On the day of Pentecost, in his mighty sermon, the Apostle Peter stated: "Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it . . . This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we are all witnesses!" (Acts 2:24, 32).

Peter and John, continuing to preach in the name of the risen Savior, later were persecuted and imprisoned for this offense. The leaders of Israel came upon them and "being grieved that they taught the people, and preached through Jesus the resurrection from the dead, . . . they laid hands on them, and put them in hold until the next day" (Acts 4:2-3).

The Apostle Paul, after he had personally encountered the risen Savior, was to emphasize for all time the importance of the resurrection for our Christian faith. Writing to the Corinthian church, he said: "And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching in vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God . . . If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept" (I Cor. 15:14-15, 19-20).

Why has the resurrection always been so important for Christians? One reason surely is given in the Scripture passages already quoted: without the resurrection, Christ's work of redemption would appear incomplete. He would then still have been a great teacher and a martyr who shed his blood for his ideals and for his friends, but he would have been merely this and nothing more.

But now he is risen from the dead and this makes all the difference in the world for our faith in this life and for our hope for eternity! He lives—and he is present with us and gives us assurance of victory over sin. He lives—and because he lives, we too shall live. For this life, the resurrection tells us that right and light will surely triumph over wrong and darkness; and for eternity the risen Christ proclaims eternal joy and peace for all who come to him in faith believing.

Practically speaking, the greatest significance of Christ's resurrection is connected with our service. Without a risen Savior, we would not have the full incentive to serve him. The Apostle Paul concludes his great discussion of the resurrection with this compelling admonition: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (I Corinthians 15:58).

Again Paul writes: "And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again" (II Corinthians 5:15). The love revealed in the death

and resurrection of Christ, and the victory achieved in them, are our incentive for Christian service. We owe our Savior nothing less than our life, for we would have no eternal life without him.

Since a servant has a master, Christ is our Lord as well as our Savior. Although the Bible speaks of us as "bondservants", our Lord is not a hard and cruel taskmaster. He gave himself for us in love and he is still our loving leader and friend. Serving Jesus is a great honor as well as a required duty, for we are permitted to share in the ministry of reconciliation to a lost world.

OUR EASTER OFFERING

For many years the churches of our General Conference have united in receiving a missionary offering on Easter Sunday. It is most appropriate that we do this at a time when we are especially reminded of all that God has done for us and of our responsibility for proclaiming the risen Christ to those who do not know him.

It is interesting to note what the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthian church immediately following his discussion of the resurrection: "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come" (I Cor. 16:1-2).

The first day of the week is our Sunday—the day on which we worship God in remembrance of Christ's resurrection. Let us therefore observe the admonition of the Bible and receive our Easter Offering "as God hath prospered".

We Serve a Risen Savior

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Through the Easter Offering
we proclaim the Risen Christ
to those who do not know
him as Savior

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By DR. FRANK H. WOYKE,
Executive Secretary



The glory of Springtime comes to the shores of Lake Lemán at Montreaux, Switzerland, symbolizing anew Christ's resurrection from the dead.

TORTURED by misgivings and perplexities about the future, Peter, John and the disciples groped their way through the necessary chores of the morning. Life had lost all of its meaning. Their lot had been cast, and now it seemed as though their very faithfulness and loyalty would mock them. Needless suffering! Could they not have remembered: "Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men," and that he said: "But after I am risen again, I will go before you into Galilee."

CHRIST LIVES!

The apparent dangers and defeats about them seemed to cut their souls and fog their minds until they could not remember God's promises. The disciples are not alone in this tragic experience. We with more light often travel this troubled way. It was fear that made them lose sight of all their fondest hopes. These dark hours were so different from the refreshing hours by the seaside, the quiet moments on the mountain top, or the little talks by the way. There the Master had thrilled them as he spoke, lifting the clouds of doubt and clearing the understanding. But now, confused, crushed, and stricken with doubt and uncertainty, they moved as in a dream, seeking some sure anchor for the moments before them.

Is it any wonder that their hearts leaped with a gladdening hope when first they heard these wonderful words, HE LIVES! So with desperate hope they hurried to see if it were so. Their troubled minds and bleak hearts could not grasp the full meaning of this great truth in a moment. But when they saw him, despair and doubt fled, making full room for God's gift of peace and joy.

For truly he does live! It is real! What a profound change this truth,

when fully accepted into life, does make! Then we will bow before him and say with firm conviction, ". . . we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God." Because he lives, we too may live. His atonement suffices! The blood of Christ has prevailed! We can be cleansed from all unrighteousness.

CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Most of us have often wished that we could have been sitting with the disciples on the mountain when Jesus gave to them the beatitudes. Or, we may wish that we could have spent at least one night with him under the stars, listening to him pray. Wouldn't it have thrilled our hearts too, if we could have witnessed the feeding of the five thousand, or if we could have sailed the seas with him and watched him still the storm? How our hearts would have been warmed to walk the familiar paths with him, as he, in his love and wisdom, unfolded to the disciples the wonder of God's love!

But we have not been robbed! For Christ lives, and because he lives we may know his Presence every passing moment. Our fellowship with him today is no less real than that of those who saw him in the flesh. The knowledge of the power of his resurrection will bring him into every experience of life. We never need to be tortured by misgivings and perplexities about the future, for the power of his resurrection has made a way of escape from sin. Through it we may possess an eternal joy and peace that transcends any earthly care or sorrow.

THE EASTER OFFERING
will be for our denominational
enterprise in making the Gospel
of the Risen Lord and his saving
power known to people
everywhere!

Because He Lives!

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An Easter Sermon by Rev. L. O.
Wahl, Pastor of the First Baptist
Church, Wishek, North Dakota

When the heart begins to tremble in fear for loved ones who are in danger, whether the danger be spiritual or physical, anchor your hope in the power of his resurrection. When the mind is tortured by the uncertainties of an age that does not seem to be able to keep in step morally with its scientific achievements, "let . . . the peace of God . . . keep your . . . mind through Christ Jesus."

When the soul is perplexed about the many duties, needs and cares that seem to come its way as a flood, you can take all of your burdens to the Lord and leave them there. For in the power of his resurrection we find in him what the disciples found on that first Easter day. Yes, Christ does live and we too may "know him and the power of his resurrection". We too may forget those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

CHRIST'S POWER

Today, more than ever, the message of the power of his resurrection is needed. This power must be very real to the child of God, for it alone can withstand the pressures of the day. Spiritual strength and leadership are not found in merely following an accepted form of worship, but in the regenerated heart and the renewed mind.

Today God is calling us once again to declare that CHRIST LIVES! To do so we must know the power of his resurrection. So let us be done with fears that so easily beset us, and let us boldly capture the precious truths of God's Word. Let us not be afraid to think the thoughts of Christ, for his are living thoughts. In so doing we shall become more like him.

Remember how Peter wanted to be
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Easter's Message for God's Stewards

Easter Testimonies by Several Members of the General Council

OUR CHRISTIAN WITNESS TODAY

By Rev. Herbert J. Freeman of West New York, N. J. a Member of the General Council

No event of history has made its impact upon our age quite equal to that made by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Without it there would be no explanation for the existence and persistence of the Church. For us, as for the apostles, it is the foundation of our witness. Apart from it, the Cross loses its significance and the life of our Lord is meaningless.

The apostolic witness was related directly to the historical event and was limited to a comparatively small number of persons. (I Cor. 15:5-8). The fact of the resurrection has once and for all time been established by the witness of those who talked and walked with our risen Lord.

Our witness today, however, is not so much verbal as it is demonstrative. Only to the extent that we live Christ, do we truly witness to his resurrection. The most effective witness has always been a life "dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 6:11).

Christian service is another broad area for effective witnessing. Our daily tasks as well as our church responsibilities provide much opportunity to witness. If the Apostle Paul could say to servants, "Ye serve the Lord Christ," (Col. 3:24) how much ought we serve Christ in all things!

A most important test of our faith is in the realm of Christian stewardship. The giving of time, talent and treasure is both an obligation and an opportunity. No generation of Christians can do better than those of Macedonia who "first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God" (II Cor. 8:5). Our churches at home and our witness abroad need the practical assistance of all our people who by living, serving and giving truly show forth the power of his resurrection!

WE HAVE A JOB TO DO!

By Mr. Edward J. Russell of Detroit, Mich., a Member of the General Council

WE AS NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS HAVE A JOB TO DO! Several months ago I found myself faced with the necessity for major surgery. It was natural for me to commit myself unto the Lord, which I did. The operation was a success, and all went well until about a week later when a bad infection set in.

It was not until then that I really

looked to the Crucified One and asked him to deal with me as he saw fit. Only a short time later most of the pain was gone and I was quite comfortable. My heart was filled with appreciation and thankfulness that Christ would concern himself about one Edward Russell.

During my stay in the hospital, I had time to think about my church, our denominational work, and what a wonderful Lord and Savior we have. I thought of our mission fields, the Leper Colony and the Banso Hospital in the Cameroons, and of the new work in Japan, and I became very concerned when I realized that our mission giving was \$60,000 less during that year than it had been the year before.

God is just as concerned about the many souls on our mission fields as he was about me in the hospital and as he is about each one of us when we call upon him. I became convinced that the Lord has given us a job to do and, that unless we North American Baptists do it, it will not be done.

I have again dedicated my life to him. Whatever the Lord has for me to do, with his help, I shall do it.



—Sketch by Harmon
"Let strains of heav'nly music rise,
While all their anthems sing
To Christ, my precious Sacrifice,
And ever living King."

THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

By Mrs. Frank Veninga of Pittsburgh, Pa., a Member of the General Council

The wonder of the Easter story has been told over and over again through the centuries in art, music, drama and literature. It was a happening that so gripped the first followers of Christ that they could not keep it to themselves and soon the influence of the story spread into all the corners of the known world.

As we think of this first Easter story, we are reminded of its first recipients. We as women have always been delighted that God chose women to herald the "Greatest Story Ever Told." Yes, this story laid the cornerstone of Christianity.

For a moment let us center our thoughts on the women as they were walking the lonely road to the tomb. Their hearts were heavy, their heads were bowed and their shoulders were bent beneath the load of despair. Utter gloom had surrounded them as they trudged along with the belief in their hearts that their Master and his cause had suffered total defeat.

However, a glorious experience awaited them at the tomb as they heard the message from the angel saying, "He is not here; he is risen." This was the message that would revolutionize their thinking and forever turn the blackness of despair into the glorious brightness of a new day. With lives illuminated with LIGHT, HOPE and COURAGE, they hurried back to convey the message to the beaten and bewildered disciples.

Even though centuries have passed since that day, we as women must echo that keynote message of the glorious Easter morn. We must take the message of Light, Hope and Courage to those who stand in need. Many need LIGHT, for they have passed through dark valleys and they are groping in darkness looking for the bright tomorrow. Others are in need of material help and they need COURAGE to go on. We can share with such in our Easter offering.

We can give courage to those in need by giving necessary assistance. Still others stand in need of HOPE, for they have lost loved ones and earthly ties have been broken. May we with all assurance proclaim the message of hope that came directly from the lips of Christ when he said, "I am the resurrection and the life... whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

The Lord Truly Has Risen!

The Testimony of a Japanese Christian, Mr. Sanae Kubota of Ise-Shi, Japan

Translated by Rev. Clemence Auch, Missionary

"O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth forever" (Psalm 118:1).

HALLELUJAH! To us who are small creatures, the Lord has granted grace and mercy. When I remember how God led me, even before I was a Christian, by his mercy and grace, and now as a Christian see his unfailing grace, I cannot praise him sufficiently.

At the age of two, my father died in battle, and one year later my mother also passed away. From that time we, my older brother and younger brother, were in the care of my grandfather. Because of loneliness I often had the desire to be alone. I would sit at my desk and look at the pictures of my parents for long intervals.

DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

Although I did not remember my parents, I would sometimes gaze at the passing clouds and imagine what type of father and mother they were. Sometimes at night I would gaze at the stars and call the name of my father and mother. Where did my parents go? What is death?

Usually Japanese think of the dead as sleeping in their graves. Then during the festival of "O Bon," they return to their homes. Many of such festivals had come and gone, but my parents did not return. This is the kind of life I lived from the time I was small.

At the close of World War II I got up one morning and heard the air raid warning. Without taking anything from my home, I fled to the bomb shelter. Returning to my home, I found only a few remains. A desolate feeling came over me and I stood there speechless for a long time. Because only my older brother was able to work, we had many hardships.

At this time I began to feel that neither God nor Buddha existed. Bad people who were dishonest and the rich became more numerous. This caused more hardships for the poor, honest and weaker people. Why did not God punish these wicked people and why did wickedness become so great? Perhaps that is so because there is no God, I thought.

After graduating from Middle School, I got a job and began to work. At that time my older brother became a Christian. He prayed for me and told me about his new faith, but my heart was hard. I could not believe the virgin birth, the death on the Cross, the resurrection. I began to



Mr. Sanae Kubota of Ise-Shi, Japan, one of the Japanese Christians at the Ise Baptist Church, whose glowing testimony of Christ's resurrection power in his life appears on this page.

fight the teaching that only those who accepted Jesus would enter heaven and be saved from hell. To me that seemed only as superstitions and human desires, but not really true. Looking at my brother's faithfulness in his faith, I felt sorry for him and laughed at him. I then began to follow only my own desires. I lived this type of life for the next two years.

WHAT IS LIFE?

At a certain time I began to start thinking about life. What is it, and what is happiness? If I had property or position, honor, ability and health, I still would not have happiness. But where there is love, there is happiness. Even though I have no worldly goods or possessions but I can love and be loved, I knew I could be happy.

Love is changeable. If the father does not show his love to his child, the child's love breaks down. At that time hatred enters into the relationship. Where is perfect love, unchangeable love, eternal love? As a poet once said, beyond the mountains lives happiness, so I am told by people. I went with toil and labor, but returned with tear-stained eyes.

When must man leave this world? What can one attain in this world? When we die, our attainments fade away. I do not know how long I shall live. But death will come. Until that time, I shall live. After death, what shall there be? Will God cast away all mankind? To think of God doing that is a sad thought. We cannot help but think there is something after death. Is there a Heaven? Is there a

hell? At that time I denied the existence of both.

I am living in this world. This life is more dangerous than a small boat in a large storm. Will death come tonight or tomorrow? Thinking about these things I became very nervous—to the point of needing medications at night. In order to forget these thoughts, I began drinking "sake" (Japanese wine).

Although I was able to forget for a time, later it became more unbearable. If I would continue like this I might commit suicide, but death is fearful because I knew not what would follow. I came to the place where I was more dead than alive. That experience I shall never forget.

At that time I began to understand the meaning of unfailing grace and mercy. At that time I found the love I had been searching for but had never found. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

"NOW I BELIEVED!"

God melted down my hard heart. True happiness is not in the distant mountains, but true happiness can be found as we look to Calvary's Cross. The Cross and Resurrection at which before I had laughed, now through the Spirit I believed.

"I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I; but Christ liveth in me" (Gal. 2:20a). Christ died on the Cross to redeem my sins. This Christ died, was buried, but in three days resurrected. This living Christ has given to me eternal life. I believe in this Christ who was and is and some day will come again to this earth. Amen!

Though I am poor, I shall not worry. Though I am not wise nor strong, I am not sad. I glory and am grateful that I am poor, unwise, and weak because even though I do not understand it fully, God through his marvelous power created all things and rules over all. Furthermore, this God became man and died for my sins upon the Cross and is a Resurrected Savior. Let us all praise this wonderful Lord! Hallelujah!

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). Although I am weak and of little faith, I believe that God will guide me through his mercy and grace that I may live eternally with him. With all that is in me I say, "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses!"



Every year thousands of people fill the Hollywood Bowl near Los Angeles, Calif., for the annual Easter Sunrise Service to witness to the glorious truth that Christ is risen from the dead.

THE GOLDEN WINDOW IN THE CHURCH TOWER

By Rev. Ernst Schiffer, Pastor of the Salzburg Baptist Church, Salzburg, Austria

It was very early one Easter morning. The sun had not yet risen, but its rays were beginning to brighten the eastern sky giving promise of a glorious Easter morning. With the happy assurance in my heart that Jesus lives, I walked through the city streets on my way to the railroad station. On the way I met a neighbor. Joyously I greeted him with the words that were ringing in my heart, "Christ is risen indeed!"

"And you believe that?" he answered.

"Indeed, I do," I returned.

"That is what you say, but can you prove to me that Christ is risen? If you can, then I too will believe in the resurrection," came the answer.

"Fine," I said, "That I will do at once."

Pointing to the tower of a nearby church, I said, "Do you see the golden window up yonder! Although the sun cannot yet be seen from where we stand, it is reflected in all its glory in that window. The golden glow proves to me that there is a sun; it is just coming over the horizon. No shadow of doubt can rob me of that assurance. There are many genuine Christians in whose lives the glory of Jesus Christ is reflected. Daily contact with them reveals a grace and kindness which is more than human, and in their attitudes, whether in joy or sorrow, the grace and love of Jesus shine through. These devoted Christians prove to me that Jesus Christ lives; that he is risen from the grave. The number of such Christians may be few, but there are such and I am happy that I know some of them personally. And now I ask you, 'Do you not

Witnesses of Christ's Resurrection

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"This Jesus hath God raised up whereof we all are witnesses" (Acts 2:32)

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know some Christians who not only make a profession of their faith but in whom the power of a living Savior is manifest?"

"Yes," he answered, "I do know such people, even though their number may be small. Come to think of it, I must admit that you are quite right, Christ is risen indeed!"

I left my neighbor, rejoicing in a personal experience of the living Savior whose presence has been my comfort, not only in times of sunshine but during years of suffering and loneliness in Russian imprisonment. I know my Savior lives!

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION HAS GIVEN US HOPE

By Dicke Baca, a Spanish-American High School Student of Del Norte, Colorado

Jesus Christ was crucified for us, so we could be saved and have our sins forgiven. He was willing to die for us. He was taken down from the Cross and buried, but Jesus could not stay buried. As he told the people, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The people did not understand just what he meant. Orders were given to guard the tomb, but Jesus could not be kept there. On the third day, as he promised, he arose with a great triumph.

Jesus said, "Because I live, ye shall live also." We can be sure that when we die we will live eternally with him. He has given us hope and something to live for. We as Christians are not perfect, but we can be cleansed by him. Satan is against us, but with the help of Jesus we can live through trials and temptations. Mary and Thomas had sorrow and doubt in their hearts, but when they saw Jesus they were glad. We can rejoice because we know Jesus is always with us.

There was a gang of girls who

thought they could have things their way. They were all Catholics. Some were my friends, until they learned I was Baptist. That day they began calling me names. I prayed to God, and he really answered my prayers. All that day they teased me and one of them pushed me. She said I was surely going with Satan.

I remembered a Bible verse and repeated it to her. She kept quiet but that evening the girls followed me until out of sight of the school, and then grabbed me and decided to beat me. I was praying to God for help. Again I repeated a verse out loud. I guess Jesus had that verse picked out for me. They just looked at me and said, "Why, that's the verse Father read to us. Is your Bible the same as ours?" I said, "Yes."

I am glad Jesus has risen and is always helping us in every way and all the time!

MANY INDIANS LOVE THE RISEN CHRIST

By Miss Margaret Gambler, Daughter of Chief John Gambler, of the Muscowpetung Reserve, Edenwald, Sask.

"This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses" (Acts 2:32). This is the verse I am basing my testimony on. This same Jesus, about whom the Bible tells us, is my Savior and Lord. I thank God that he has given his Son Jesus Christ to be the wonderful Savior of all who will put their trust and faith in him. Jesus came down from heaven to die for my sins. I am very thankful to my heavenly Father for the missionaries who first came on this Reserve to tell us about the Gospel of God's wonderful love.

When I first heard about the Savior Jesus I used to sit and listen and wonder if it was for a poor wretched

sinful Indian like me. And after I heard more, that it was anyone who would open their heart's door and invite him in, I gladly and willingly accepted him as my own personal Savior.

I know I am not a perfect Christian, but I am so happy to know his wonderful love and mercy towards me. He has answered many prayers of mine which has truly humbled me. I am so unworthy of him.

I have the assurance that Jesus Christ is my Savior from God's Word and the Holy Spirit. He will always be my God and Savior. Even though I fail and fall I shall reach forth for his guiding love and mercy.

May these few words reach some sinner's heart and cause him to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Yes, some may laugh and scoff and ridicule, but Jesus experienced it too, and even more. He was crucified and put to death for my sins, and if he had not loved a terrible sinner like me, I would still be a poor lost sinner. All praise and glory to my wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ!

WHAT EASTER MEANS TO ME

By Doris Rabbitt of the Bull Reserve (Indian) near Wetaskiwin, Alberta

Easter is a day to celebrate life, not death. It speaks of tomorrow, not yesterday. It is the day of the Lord, not a night of doom.

On Easter we remember Christ died for everyone on earth in order to be saved from sin. He had risen on Easter for our salvation. But all the wealth of all the world, all the yield of forest, field and factory, all the products of man's brawn and brain could not purchase salvation for a single soul. It was necessary for the Lord Jesus to go to the Cross and die for you and me.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse, for it is written, "Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree" (Gal. 3:13). It was our sins that took him there.



Richard West, famous Indian artist, whose Indian name is Wah-Pah-Nah-Yah, tells a story of a buffalo hunt in sign language on "Off To Adventure," a new children's religious program, presented over many television stations of the country.

as I prayed to God, he answered my prayers. Today I am always happy, because of Jesus Christ, my personal Savior.

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). This is an ideal time to accept the Gift. It costs nothing to receive it.

But the Gift itself is free. It comes from the tree on which the Savior suffered, bled and died. It comes wrapped in all the love of the gracious Giver and tied with the cords of divine assurance.

It is for you! Will you accept it now?

"As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name" (John 1:12).

JESUS IS A ROCK IN A WEARY LAND

By Viola Antal, a Hungarian Refugee from the "Quellenhof" Camp, Rekawinkel, Austria

For the people of Hungary, October 23, 1956, the beginning of the revolution, will always be a memorable day. The lovely city of Budapest, on the beautiful Blue Danube river, the capital of the country, was in flames. With tears in their eyes and sadly singing their national hymn, "God Save Hungary", workers joined students in their march of revolt through the streets. The blood of thousands of dead flowed like water and, as in the time of Abel, cried to heaven in protest.

Our long and anxious journey into freedom cannot easily be related. God alone was our constant Guide and Helper. Our children asked, "Mother, where are we going?" and "Why do we have to go away?"

The day was a very cold and blustery one. We had to wait for the shades of night to draw about us before we could start out on our long flight. The night wind burned our faces and our children cried, "Please (Continued on Page 14)



Dr. Frankl (extreme left) reads the Scriptures with some Hungarian refugees at the Baptist camp, "Quellenhof," near Vienna, Austria, and (right) a group of the Hungarian refugees leave Austria for their "new homeland" in the U.S. Escapee Program.

An Open Letter to Our Churches

An Important Statement on Loyalty in Mission Support Toward Those of Our Own Household of Faith

IN RESPONSE to a request from the deputation secretary of an interdenominational missionary society asking for an opportunity to visit a North American Baptist Church, the pastor prepared and send the following letter. His name has been withheld for obvious reasons, but he has given permission to publish this as an "Open Letter" in the "Baptist Herald."

It is a kind, Christian missive with Scriptural reasoning that cannot easily be refuted. It deserves the attention of all North American Baptists.

THE OPEN LETTER

Your letter under recent date, along with a prayer reminder calendar, quarterly publication, pamphlet describing your work, self-addressed and stamped envelope and a fine picture of your family, has been received.

You suggested several days when you could visit the church which I pastor to tell about your work and show pictures. You further stated

that you were not asking for an offering, but that you leave that to the leading of the Lord.

I note that your work is interdenominational. Our church has been a member of the North American Baptist General Conference for over 75 years. As a part of this fellowship, we have joined our hands with sister churches and launched a large foreign and home missionary program which gives evidence to us of the Lord's blessing through the years. The open door which he has set before us is still a tremendous challenge. Our missionary contributions continue to increase, but so do the needs. Our missionaries tell how and where the work needs to be expanded, but we lack the finances to meet these many challenges.

OUR OWN HOUSEHOLD

Now I am aware, as you stated, that you are not seeking an offering. But what would be your attitude towards this church if after learning of

your needs, and I assume that is included in your presentation, we did not respond to them? Would you want to see our work curtailed at the expense of supporting your work? The Scripture says that one who does not look after his own household is worse than an infidel. Can we be expected to leave our "children" to those who have no parental love for them? Are not love and provisions to be expected from a father?

We seek only our own members to support our own work. My suggestion would be that since you have chosen to be interdenominational that you seek churches which have also chosen to be interdenominational for your support.

My reply to you may cause me to be listed as a pastor who lacks vision, is narrow-minded, does not preach the Gospel of the grace of God through the sacrifice of Christ and many other things. I am willing to be misunderstood, but I do want to be faithful and provide for my own household. However, my prayer does include the Lord's work and his servants everywhere, but especially those of our North American Baptist General Conference.

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EASTER MORNING

Tomb, thou shalt not hold him longer;
Death is strong, but life is stronger;
Stronger than the dark, the light;
Stronger than the wrong, the right;
Faith and hope triumphant say,
"Christ will rise on Easter Day!"

And when the sunrise smites the mountains,
Pouring light from heavenly fountains,
Then the earth blooms out to greet
Once again the blessed feet;
And her countless voices say:
"Christ has risen on Easter Day!"

—Phillips Brooks.

EASTER

Sing, soul of mine, this day of days.
The Lord is risen.
Toward the sunrising set thy face.
The Lord is risen.
Behold he giveth strength and grace;
For darkness, light; for mourning, praise;
For sin, his holiness; for conflict, peace.

Arise, O soul, this Easter Day!
Forget the tomb of yesterday,
For thou from bondage art set free;
Thou sharest in his victory,
And life eternal is for thee,
Because the Lord is risen.

—Author Unknown.

MIRACLE

By Lois Snelling

I do not know how a shriveled bulb,
That seems so dry and dead,
Can spring to life when April comes
And be a flower instead.
I do not know how Christ, our Lord,
Could lie in the quiet tomb
And then come forth to meet his friends
Again in the upper room.
I do not know, I need not know,
Why death takes life anew.
Suffice my heart to understand
That these strange things are true.

—Home Life.

I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES

I know that my Redeemer lives,
And ever prays for me;
A token of his love he gives,
A pledge of liberty.
He lives, triumphant o'er the grave,
At God's right hand on high.
My ransomed soul to keep and save,
To bless and glorify.
He lives, that I may also live,
And now his grace proclaim;
He lives that I may honor give
To his most holy Name.

Let strains of heavenly music rise,
While all their anthem sing
To Christ, my precious sacrifice,
And everliving King.

—Charles Wesley.

OUR SHARE IN CALVARY

I see the crowd in Pilate's hall,
I mark their wrathful mien;
Their shouts of "Crucify" appall,
With blasphemy between.
And of that shouting multitude
I feel that I am one;
And in that din of voices rude
I recognize my own.
'Twas I that shed the sacred blood;
I nailed him to the tree;
I crucified the Christ of God;
I joined the mockery.
Around the cross the throng I see
Mocking the Sufferer's groan;
Yet still my voice, it seems to be
As if I mocked alone.
But not the less that blood avails
To cleanse away my sin;
And not the less that cross prevails
To give me peace within.

—Horatius Bonar.

DON'T WORRY SO

By Thirna M. Domberg of
Tonawanda, N. Y., a Member of the
Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear child of God, don't worry so,
Christ died upon the Cross, you know;
He died to bear your sin and shame,
And let you proudly wear his Name.

Dear child of God, don't worry so,
Christ sits at God's right hand, you know;
He intercedes for you and me,
And in his hand is Heaven's key.

Dear child of God, don't worry so,
The Lord's will must be done, you know;
And when your worrying is through,
You'll find he's done what's best for you.

Dear child of God, be happy now,
Lift up your heart and make this vow,
To always listen and be still,
Ready to do his Holy Will.

LET US ALL REJOICE

In the bonds of death he lay
Who for our offense was slain;
But the Lord is risen today,
Christ hath brought us life again,
Therefore let us all rejoice,
Singing loud, with cheerful voice,
Hallelujah!

—Martin Luther.

MEMORIES OF EASTER

I wonder if at Easter time
He comes to Calvary
To see the places where long ago
He died to set men free.

And if he stops at Joseph's tomb,
To pass the time of day;
Where Mary and her friends did come,
To roll the stone away.

And does he walk Emmaus' road,
When night is drawing near,
And does he hear them say again,
Art thou a stranger here?

Perhaps he'll stop at eventide
To bless some poor man's fare,
Just as he blessed the bread and wine
With his disciples there.

And maybe they will sing a hymn,
'Twould cheer his heart I know;
I wonder what it was he sang,
That night so long ago.

—Ivan W. Hupman

GETHSEMANE

By Emil E. Wilde,
of Detroit, Michigan

Gethsemane, O Lord, from thee
Took heaven's glory shine,
It robbed thee of thy deity
And all that was divine!
Death was a bitter cup to drink,
Full pain and agony,
But deeper was the lonely fight
In dark Gethsemane!

Vile sin looked in thy guiltless face —
It tossed to Hell thee deep,
Thy heart felt all the cruel hate,
And all that sin must reap.
Death still to face was terror not,
'Twas not the cursed tree —
The awful battle of the night
Was dark Gethsemane!

Yet, Pilgrim, know your day draws nigh
When you must pass this way;
The lights grow dim, and clouds hang low
That sad and final day.

Your wealth, your work, all stays behind,
For all Eternity,
Your loved ones see with tearful eyes
Your own Gethsemane.

But in that dark and lonely night,
When you can't see the way,
To meet and cross dark Jordan's sight,
HIS staff won't let you stray;
The flood must carry without loss
You, where the light shall be,
Because the battle of the Cross
Raged in Gethsemane!

Church Extension Victories in Hamilton

The Story of the Church Extension Projects in Hamilton and St. Catharines, Ontario, by Rev. John Wahl, Pastor

HAMILTON, ONTARIO, is a city of many smokestacks, since some of the largest steel mills of Canada are located here. But it is also a city of many church steeples. There are 28 Baptist churches in Hamilton besides many churches of other denominations in this city of more than 250,000 population.

Before January 1954 there was no North American Baptist church in this teeming metropolitan center. In the spring of that year a congregation of 17 members was organized. Some time later as a result of Church Extension funds granted by the North American Baptist General Conference, the little church could plan for its own building. This was the inspiration which the church received to carry on an aggressive missionary and evangelistic outreach among the 15,000 German-speaking people of Hamilton.

MANY OPEN DOORS

At first, our small church invited and brought others to the services. In the mornings the children were brought to Sunday School in the few old cars belonging to our brethren or even in taxis which were expensive to use. By means of "travel cards" given to these strangers in our city

and people through these instruction classes. Quite a number came to these studies as complete strangers to us, but as a result have come to our youth meetings and through them have found the Lord as their Savior and Friend.

On Sunday, Jan. 6, we attempted to hold a departmentalized Sunday School with the result that our little church building was much too small. We are hoping for continued growth, especially during the spring and summer months of 1957. Undoubtedly, we shall have to plan for larger and new facilities for our Sunday School and church during this year. We must enlarge our work as God's blessings multiply!

MORE THAN 100 MEMBERS

It is therefore no wonder that the little group of 17 members has grown to 117 in less than two years, that the young people's group has been enlarged from 10 to more than 50, and that our Sunday School has increased from 7 to 70. We are especially proud of our juniors and intermediates of 10 to 14 years, who are like "little ministers" as they make important contacts for our church, distribute literature and announcements, and invite many others to our services.



Sunday School children with some of their teachers of the German Baptist Mission Church, Hamilton, Ontario, present a program to a large crowd that fills the church.

who were out of work, we hoped to win them for Christ after they had heard the Gospel. All of this meant many sacrifices for our church people. But the love for Christ helped us not to count the cost. The spiritual rewards since then have been great!

Through this sacrificial ministry by our people, God has opened influential doors to some of the largest fac-

During the winter months our church has been a bee hive of constant activity. Besides our spiritual ministry, we have also held classes in English instruction for the new immigrants in which we have tried to acquaint them with Canadian customs, traditions and history. About 100 have come to know more about their new homeland and to love this land

and people through these instruction classes. Quite a number came to these studies as complete strangers to us, but as a result have come to our youth meetings and through them have found the Lord as their Savior and Friend.

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ST. CATHARINES, ONTARIO

The town of St. Catharines, about 20 miles from Hamilton, is a booming industrial center on the Welland Canal. With its suburbs it has a population of 80,000, and among these are at least 8,000 German-speaking people. About two years ago with the coming of some Baptist immigrant families, a small mission was begun under the leadership of Rev. W. J. Gutsche. Later this became a mission station of our Hamilton Baptist Church.

In the fall of 1955 a group of 17 members met in homes and rented quarters for their services, but always under great difficulties. After worshipping in one place for three or four weeks, the group was then told that it had to go elsewhere.

Finally, the St. Catharines Mission Group has been able to secure its own place of worship. The house which was bought reasonably has been transformed into an attractive, worshipful church. It is near the center of the city so that the people can reach it easily on foot or by bus. It has a capacity for about 100 persons in the main rooms, and in the basement there are facilities for Sunday School classes and youth meetings.

During the past few months the St. Catharines Mission has grown remarkably. At present, there are 30 members with 16 Sunday School scholars and 10 active young people. Rev. Peter Blatt, formerly of Vienna, Austria, served the church for a while in an appreciated spiritual ministry. It has a promising future, when you consider the possibilities for work for new immigrant families and the attractive features of the church that are most inviting to newcomers.

In February 1957 the mission was organized as an independent Baptist church. This group is now looking forward with great eagerness to other

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ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
April 2-4—General Commission on Chaplains, Washington, D. C.
April 7 (Sunday)—100th Anniversary Celebration, Central Church, New Haven, Connecticut.
April 9—Baptist Jubilee Advance, St. Louis, Missouri.
April 11—BWA Executive Committee, Washington, D. C.
April 25-27—Seminary Board meeting, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Rev. R. Schilke
April 7 (Sunday)—Humboldt Park Church, Chicago, Illinois.
April 12 (Friday)—Church Extension Committee, Forest Park, Ill.
April 14 (Sunday)—Conner and Ridgmont Churches, Detroit, Michigan.
April 23-25—General Missionary Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
April 7 (Sunday A.M.)—Grace Church, Chicago, Illinois.
April 11 (Thursday)—Glencullen Church, Portland, Oregon.
April 12-13—Christian Workers' Conference, Tacoma, Wash.
April 14 (Sunday)—Cornerstone Laying Exercises, Calvary Church, Tacoma, Washington.
April 19 (Good Friday)—Forest Park, Illinois.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner
April 7 (Sunday)—Corona, South Dakota.
April 14 (Sunday A.M.)—Humboldt Park Church, Chicago, Illinois.
April 25-27—Atlantic Conference Sessions, Jamesburg, New Jersey.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Team of Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, S.S. Secretary; Rev. Bernard R. Fritze, West Fargo, N. D.; and Rev. Norman Miller, Durham, Kansas.
April 1—Bessie, Oklahoma.
April 3—Lorraine, Kansas.
April 5—Shell Creek Church, Okla.
April 7—La Salie, Colorado.

Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker.

April 9—Berean Church, Los Angeles, California.
April 10—Milo Terrace Church, Los Angeles, California.
April 11—Inglewood Knolls Church, Los Angeles, California.
April 12—Upper Bay Church, Santa Ana Heights, California.
April 14 (Sunday)—Harbor Trinity Church, Costa Mesa, California.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If a man seeks for greatness, let him forget greatness and ask for truth, and he will find both."
—Horace Mann.

What's your problem?

Answers by DR. RALPH E. POWELL, Professor at the North American Baptist Seminary. (Send all questions to him at 1605 S. Euclid Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.)

1. Am I commanded by the Scriptures to forgive someone else when that person shows no such spirit toward me?

Christ taught that forgiveness is a duty which is not dependent upon another person's attitude. Furthermore, no limit can be set upon the extent of forgiveness required by God—"until seventy times seven" (Matt. 18:21, 22). It must be granted without reserve, according to our Lord's teaching. There is no wrong so great or so often repeated that we are not obligated to forgive (Matt. 5:44). A Christian who has been wronged must have a forgiving spirit, even if forgiveness is not asked.

To Jesus Christ an unforgiving spirit is one of the most offensive sins (Matt. 18:34, 35). No bitterness or resentment should be permitted in the believer's heart. Rather, a generous, forgiving spirit should be cultivated by the grace of God.

However, there are conditions to be met before the wrongdoer can enjoy the fruits of forgiveness. The offender must repent in order to be restored to full favor and to a proper relationship; such restoration requires the cooperation of both parties. By the very nature of human relations, forgiveness can actually be received only where there is a sincere desire for pardon.

April 16—Lincoln Village Church, Stockton, California.
April 17—Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, California.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 23-25—General Missionary Committee, Forest Park, Illinois.
April 24 (Wednesday, 8:00 P.M.)—Public Missionary Rally, Forest Park, Ill. Speakers: Miss Florence Miller, Japan; Rev. Gilbert Schneider, Camerouns, Africa.

Commencement Exercises, Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta., April 14 to 17.

Baccalaureate Service, Sunday afternoon, April 14: Rev. Herbert Hiller, Edmonton, Alberta, Speaker.

Monday, April 15, Alberta College Auditorium, the Annual School Play: "The Betrayal."

Tuesday, April 16, College Auditorium, the Sacred Concert.

Wednesday, April 17, College Auditorium, the Commencement Exercises; Rev. H. J. Waltereit, Winnipeg, Man., Speaker.

2. How can I regain "the first love" of my Christian life that now seems to have faded away?

If it is sin that has caused you to lose your "first love", there must be a confession and forsaking of it (I John 1:9; Psalm 51). This may involve sins of omission, such as the neglect of duties toward God; or sins of commission, as positive evil acts which violate God's holiness. Restitution may be necessary—returning things to their rightful owner; making good for losses or damage done; asking forgiveness of one whom you have offended or harmed; seeking reconciliation of one from whom you have been alienated or estranged.

Above all, there must be a complete surrender to God and obedience to his commands and will. The reading of his precious Word will kindle love. Talking to God in prayer and listening to him talk to you will cultivate personal intimacy. Telling others how much your heavenly Father loves you in Christ will generate a new affection toward him and will draw out your soul in loving relations to all the things of God, the Church, and the world for which the Savior died. Definitely relating this to specific efforts to win lost souls to the Lord Jesus will not only be a witness before men, but will help revive your own soul.

April 25-27—Seminary Board meeting, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
April 25-28—Atlantic Conference Sessions, Jamesburg, N. J.

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"God's Volunteers" in Detroit

Report by Miss Eunice Kern

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Having recently completed our work as "God's Volunteers" in another two of our churches, we are assured of the promise of this verse. From January 31 to February 17 we were privileged to work in two of the churches in Detroit, Mich. Two of this group worked for ten days in the First Baptist Church of Center Line where Rev. Adolph Braun is the pastor, while the other four worked in the Conner and Ridgemont churches where Rev. Otto Patzia and Rev. Robert Fuchs are the pastors.

In the Center Line area a program of visitation was carried out and several good contacts were made, and we are confident that God's Word will not return void. Also during that time we were able to help along with their "Youth Week" services and then to participate in their annual youth banquet. On Friday afternoon we

were able to have a children's rally with 75 children in attendance. These were children from the church and also those who attend elsewhere.

In the Conner and Ridgemont area, a program of visitation and canvass work was carried out. Many of those contacted are very indifferent towards the Gospel. We trust that as a result of much prayer on the part of the Christians in that area and the working of the Holy Spirit that they in time will make their decision for Christ. Here also we were able to have a children's rally with a fair number of children coming out.

During the evangelistic meetings, when Rev. Daniel Fuchs again was the evangelist, thirteen persons were saved. For these we thank God! We trust that, as a result of the efforts that were put forth, many more will make their decisions for Christ in the days to come. With Paul we can say, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."

VICTORIES IN HAMILTON

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opportunities of fellowship with other churches of the province of Ontario, and especially to the sessions of the Eastern Conference when it will be recognized as another promising North American Baptist church.

Pray for this work in Hamilton and St. Catharines, Ontario. Because of Church Extension Funds and the prayers of our church people, God has opened doors wide for a great work in this area and given his assurance of "blessings untold" upon the preaching of his Gospel to the tens of thousands of people here!

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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and the continual proclamation of the news to all the world — "We Won!" The message was for those whose hope needed restoration and whose faith needed rekindling. One of the most comforting thoughts in the lesson is the fact that Jesus met with them in the line of duty, "As they went — Jesus met them."

IV. THE VICTORIOUS COMMISSION. Matt. 28:16-20.

Our faith is not something that is kept and grasped and hid, but something that is shared. Easter would have been a deep, dark secret without the great commissioning service. The future of the Kingdom was put into our hands and its victory is sure with the promise of the risen and living Lord, "Lo, I am with you always."

Letter Box

(All letters for the "Letter Box" must be signed and should be limited to 100-150 words.)

INFORMATIVE LITERATURE

Thank you for all the informative literature concerning our denomination. We were also pleased at the "new" Baptist Herald. I like the style of its new "dress". Keep up the good work. We appreciate all the work done at headquarters.

N. G. Ramus, Minister,
Neustadt, Ontario

THANKS FOR THE SERIAL STORY!

Over the years I have enjoyed the "Baptist Herald" very much for we keep in contact thereby with friends who have touched our lives and whom we very seldom see. When I receive my "Herald," about the first thing I read is the editorial. It is an inspiration for what is to follow, and I thank you. It is good that we again have a serial story; one needs good Christian novels.

Olga M. Justin, Chicago, Ill.

WITNESSES OF CHRIST

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wrap us up better or we will die from the cold."

Our boy of four years became ill one day, and in his fever he spoke only of home. We were greatly concerned for his life and asked God to make him well. On the way we saw a light in a window and knocked at the door of a friendly home where it was warm and cosy.

After a few days of loving care, our little lad became well again. We thanked God from the bottom of our hearts for answered prayer in returning health to our precious child.

We started off on our journey again. Where we would go we did not know, but again we looked to God to lead us safely to our unknown destination. We cannot describe the feeling of thankfulness that overtook us as we saw in the distance the red and white lights in the lanterns of Austrian soldiers, the signal welcoming us to a friendly land.

We are now at "Quellenhof", the Baptist refugee home outside of Vienna. We trust that God will give us the grace patiently to wait for our prayers again to be answered and that we might soon find our way to the U.S.A. to begin life anew there.

Our Lord Jesus, the Risen Christ, has been with us until now, and forgetting those things that are behind we look forward to our future with hope and renewed faith in our loving and ever living Savior.

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Eldon Janzen of Fenwood, Sask., have announced the birth of a son on Feb. 25 who has been named Douglas Cameron.

● On Sunday morning, Feb. 24, Rev. Wilmer Quiring and the choir of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., participated in a television broadcast over station WTMJ-TV. It was a service with the choir taking the place of the audience. Mr. Quiring reported that they "found it to be a grand opportunity to witness in the city of Milwaukee and in the surrounding area".

● The members of the Men's Brotherhood of the Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., entertained their wives at a Valentine's Day banquet at the Lawler Hotel, Mitchell, South Dakota. Forty couples were present. John Terveen acted as toastmaster. Elmer Olthoff, the president, welcomed the guests. Rev. Leland H. Friesen, pastor, sang a solo. Rev. D. Hendrixson of the Baptist Church at Mitchell, was the guest speaker.

● The First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba, has extended a call to Rev. H. Schatz of Morris, Manitoba, to serve as its pastor. Mr. Schatz is the Northern Conference worker, who has helped to organize the new Church Extension project in Saskatoon, Sask., and has served as its interim pastor since the fall of 1955. He has accepted the call of the Minitonas Church and will begin his ministry there on May 1st, succeeding Rev. Isador Faszer, now pastor of the Bethany Church, Vancouver, B. C.

● Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of Erie, Pa., has presented his resignation as pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., effective April 22nd. He has also announced that he has accepted the call from a Community Church in a small but growing community west of Racine, Wisconsin. His new address will be Box 195, Union Grove, Wis. He has served as pastor of the Central Church of Erie, Pa., since 1953. Mrs. Pfeiffer has also resigned as the secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union.

● The Temple Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta, has extended a call to Rev. Walter Hoffman of Ebenezer, Saskatchewan. He has responded favorably and announced that he would begin his pastorate there on May 1st. He has served the Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask., since 1953. Since its organization in 1955, the Temple Church of Medicine Hat, Alta., has not had a full time pastor. Rev. R. Milbrandt has served

as the supply pastor and a fine, new edifice has been built and dedicated.

● The Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., has extended a call to Rev. Norman H. Klann, pastor of the Second Church, Union City, to which he has responded favorably. He hopes to begin his ministry in the Philadelphia church on Sunday, April 7. He has served at the Second Church of Union City, N. J., since 1948. The Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia is the oldest church in the North American Baptist General Conference, having been organized in 1843.

● The former Villa Ridge Church of Portland Oregon, has officially changed its name to the Southwood Park Baptist Church of Portland and is located at 11585 S. W. 67th St., Tigard, Oregon, a suburb of Portland. Rev. Frank Friesen, pastor, has reported that the church is engaged in a building program with the construction of the first unit of the Educational Unit to be completed about July 1957. It will have a seating capacity of 125 for Sunday School and church services. The entire building will ultimately cost more than \$60,000.

● Rev. Alfred Bernadt has resigned as pastor of the Central Baptist Church, New Haven, Conn., and has announced that he has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Southington, Conn., a church of the American Baptist Convention. He brought his closing message at the New Haven church on Sunday, March 3rd, completing a ministry of three years. The 100th anniversary of the Central Church of New Haven will be observed on Sunday, April 7, with Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, and Rev. Julius Kaaz, former pastor, taking part in the program.

● Early in March the first edition of a new mimeographed publication, entitled, BAPTIST MEN, was sent to several hundred laymen of our churches. This is the official publication of the "Baptist Men's" organization with Mr. Herbert Stabbert of Anaheim, Calif., executive vice-president, serving as editor. The three-page paper featured an introductory greeting from Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht of Waco, Texas, president of "Baptist Men", news items, program hints and inspirational features including a poem by Edgar A. Guest, "The Layman on the Job." The publication is scheduled to appear quarterly.

● The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, has called Rev. Alfred Gross, pastor of the East Side Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, to which

he has responded favorably. Mr. Gross was formerly a member of the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, B.C., where his parents still are active members. He studied at the Fuller Theological Seminary of Pasadena, Calif., and was graduated from the California Baptist Theological Seminary of Covina, Calif. He has served the Calgary church for the past two years. He will begin his ministry at the First Church of Leduc in May 1957, succeeding Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, now of Sumner, Iowa.

● A Christian Leadership Training Course was held at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, from Feb. 25 to 28 with Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., teaching the course, "Partnership With Christ" by Paul H. Conrad. The high attendance was 74 with an average attendance of 66. Forty-four persons took the course for credit. In addition to members from the Ebenezer Church, the students also included those from the Bethany, Immanuel and West Point Grey Baptist Churches of Vancouver. Dr. A. S. Felberg, pastor of the Ebenezer Church, was in charge of the opening worship services.

● The guest speaker at the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sunday, Feb. 24, was Dr. Arthur A. Schade of Spearfish, S. Dak. He served the church as its pastor from 1922 to 1929. At present he is the executive secretary of the South Dakota Hospital and Home Association. Mrs. Schade accompanied her husband on this trip to Pittsburgh. Sunday, Feb. 24, was also observed by the church as the first anniversary of its pastor, Rev. Frank Veninga. A fellowship dinner for those who affiliated with the church during the pastor's first year of service was held on Sunday evening with 41 new members and their families invited.

● The 1957 ANNUAL of the North American Baptist General Conference is being widely quoted by Christian journals. "Christianity Today", with Dr. Carl F. H. Henry as editor, quoted extensively from Rev. Bruno Schreiber's fine article, "500th Anniversary of the Moravians" in its issue of March 4, 1957. MISSIONS magazine with Dr. John C. Slemph, editor, used a portion of Dr. Emanuel H. Giedt's article, "China Opened to Protestant Missions 150 Years Ago", in writing editorially on "The Outlook for Christianity in Communist China." Several other publications have asked for permission to reprint all or parts of other articles that appeared in the 1957 ANNUAL.

● A farewell reception for Miss Ruby Salzman, Cameroons missionary, was held by the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., on Sunday evening, March 10. An illustrated message on the Cameroons (Continued on Page 24)

We the Women

By MRS. T. D. LUTZ, President
of the Woman's Missionary Union

HE LIVES!

"He is risen" is the message proclaimed first of all by the angel at the tomb on that first Easter morn. (Matt. 28:6). Later it was told by Mary Magdalene to those who had been with him... "and they... believed not" (Mark 16:10-11). After that he appeared in another form unto two of them, . . . and they went and told it unto the residue. "Neither believed they them" (Mark 16:12-13).

Why then did this story continue to live? Because, there were witnesses.

"We, the Women" are witnesses to this resurrection story. We would say with the song writer, "I know Christ lives, because he lives within my heart."

We must do more than say; we must ACT.

1957-1958 PACKETS

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Recently I received a letter from Mrs. Earl Ahrens, our Interim Women's Worker in the Cameroons. I am giving a portion of her report here. To me it is one of the many ways in which we are witnessing for our risen Lord. We pray, work, and give. Through our united efforts and because someone was willing to go, others are beginning to know "He Lives."

Space will not allow us to mention other places but we know there are other places hearing the WORD because you and I are witnessing and proclaiming that "He Lives".

MRS. EARL AHRENS REPORTS

The Cameroons Baptist Convention of December 1956 was a great thrill to us in that it included a women's meeting for the first time. Thirty women's representatives were in attendance. The greater part of these were sent by their local women's group at sacrificial cost. Many of the grassland women were frightened at such a venture, never having been far from home before. Those from the farthest places traveled more than a week just to get there . . . several days on foot, and three days' journey by truck on peril-
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Baptist Men

By Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht of Waco, Texas, President of "Baptist Men"

By the time you receive this issue of the "Baptist Herald," all of our churches will have received the new and revised packet, containing material helpful to local men's groups to organize. If you have not received your packet or if additional copies are needed, please write to Baptist Men, P.O. Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, and these will be sent to you upon receipt of your request.

In this issue we are pleased to report testimonies of two laymen who have been interested and active in men's organizations for a number of years. We trust that these contributions will inspire and create a desire in more of our laymen to become active in "Brotherhoods" or "Men's Fellowships" in their local church.

WHAT "BAPTIST MEN" HAS MEANT TO ME

By Mr. Harry H. Geis of Okeene, Okla., Immediate Past President of "Baptist Men."

The great conquests of Christianity have been by men. Jesus did not choose his followers from the priesthood but selected them from plain average laymen. The tragedy of modern Christianity is that so often the men have been overlooked and their power lost to Christ and his Kingdom.

To me one of the most encouraging signs of our day is the rediscovery of laymen by our churches. We have all along realized our deep need of an agency that would attract and hold the men, challenging them to a greater loyalty to Christ and the church and utilizing them in essential Christian activities.

"Baptist Men" is designed to be such an organization. It represents all the men of the church working at all the tasks of the church and seeking to bring men to Christ and into all the work of the church, thus expanding and strengthening every department of the church as well as all enterprises of our denomination.

Some observations I have made in our Southwestern Conference churches are that, when the need of a "Baptist Men's" organization has been presented, men will show an interest, which is evidenced by the number of churches organized as well as their support for a missionary project.

Men need to be restored to their rightful place of leadership within the local church. The need is twofold—first, the church needs the men and, second, the men need the church. Our churches are suffering today not because we are over-organized but because we are undermanned.

Although we are the youngest organization in our denomination yet we have the greatest possibilities, because men represent power and influence. May these possibilities be turned into realities in all of our churches.

WHAT MY LOCAL MEN'S FELLOWSHIP HAS MEANT TO ME

By Mr. Walter C. Pankratz of Chicago, Ill. Member of Board of Directors of "Baptist Men"

The Christian Fellowship Club of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., now in its 27th year, has deeply influenced my life, and, I am sure, that of the other members. This club has drawn men together from different walks of life and of varying skills and degrees of education, and has molded them into a closely-knit body having many common interests, goals and aspirations.

At each monthly meeting we have a period of singing, followed by devotions, usually conducted by one of our members, after which we engage in a season of prayer. We never omit this spiritual emphasis, for we feel it is essential to the continued success of our club. The main topic, also presented by one of the members, is usually of a secular nature, and is interesting, stimulating and educational.

Our insistence upon a spiritual emphasis at meetings has in no way diminished the joys of our social fellowship. Visitors to our meetings have always been impressed by the fact that here is a group of men that can combine singing, meditation, prayer, study, and jolly, care-free fellowship into one happy and richly profitable evening. Certainly, our club has proved that Christianity is not a long-faced religion!

The experience gained by members in planning and presenting topics at club meetings has helped to equip them for leadership in the church, and the pastor has always been able to count on their assistance, individually and collectively. As a male chorus, too, we have had many opportunities for service, both within and outside the church.

Many of our churches have no men's fellowship. Having received so many benefits, spiritual and otherwise, from my own local group, I would strongly urge the pastors and laymen of such churches to organize a similar fellowship, keeping it Christ-centered and church-centered. "Baptist Men" will gladly help you get started.

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 14, 1957

Theme: JESUS PRAISED AND CONDEMNED

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11; 27:20-26.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: If you are swayed by the multitude, you find yourself first on one side and then on the other. If your faith is centered on Christ, you are on a sure foundation, not influenced by every wind of doctrine and opinion.

INTRODUCTION: A truth is often better understood when it is taught to us in contrast. On the one hand, we have the cheering and enthusiastic followers of Jesus, who accept and welcome him on the merits of his kingship. But how quickly they retreat when they realize that to gain a kingdom for the King often takes "blood, sweat and tears." They are willing to embrace a king who they hope will give them freedom, privilege, honor and position. But at the first sign of danger, they refuse to stand with him. They wish to accept a king, but they do not want to fight for the kingdom.

On the other hand, we have the people in power. They do not want a political change, nor a social change, nor an ecclesiastical change. Because of the position, prestige and power they already hold, they want to preserve the status quo. To them it is not a question of righteousness or unrighteousness, but a question of holding on to the possessions they gained, whether by honest or dishonest means. Jesus was a threat to the chief priests and elders and he had to be done away with. And the only way they could do it was to use their voices to make so much noise that the voices of truth would be drowned out.

I. CHRIST AND HIS WELCOME COMMITTEE. Matt. 20:1-11.

When a great and famous person comes for a visit he is usually greeted by the mayor, governor, or even the president. But no such distinguished rulers welcomed Jesus. The common people and children were the ones who cheered him as he entered Jerusalem.

Certain points in connection with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem should be emphasized:

(a) Jesus referred to himself as Lord (vs. 3). Often he referred to himself as the Son of Man. Now he revealed himself more fully.

(b) He accepted his kingship (vss. 5, 9). After the feeding of the multitude, they wanted to take him by

force and make him a king (John 6:15), but he would not accept the office at that time under those conditions.

(c) As Lord and King Jesus expects obedience and sacrifice. "And the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them." Our possessions no matter how lowly, can serve the King (vs. 3). It is not the splendor of the world that served Jesus best, but the common gifts that came from a heart full of love.

II. CHRIST AND HIS ACCUSERS. Matt. 27:20-23.

It is a strange fact that those who should have been Jesus' staunchest defenders were his most virulent accusers. Not the so-called ungodly and idolatrous people brought him to trial, but the elders and priests, the Scripture authorities and so-called saints of the house of Israel passed the sentence of death upon him. The most incorrigible insurrectionist and criminal served their purposes better than Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

III. CHRIST AND HIS JUDGE. Matt. 27:24-26.

To Pilate's credit it must be said that he had good sense and sound judgment, but he lacked the courage of his conviction. His greatest error lay in the fact that he thought he could be immune to his responsibility and sin by simply washing his hands. His heart needed washing, and the only One who could do it he condemned to the cross.

IV. THE ALL-IMPORTANT QUESTION. Matt. 27:22.

"What shall I do with Jesus?" is not Pilate's question only. Each one of us must answer it, for it is impossible to ignore Christ. His rejection is sure to bring ruin just as his acceptance is sure to bring salvation.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 21, 1957

Theme: JESUS' VICTORY AND COMMISSION (EASTER)

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20.

THE CENTRAL TRUTH: The living and victorious Christ brings life and power to a dying world.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

The 1957 editor of this page of Sunday School Lessons is Rev. Bruno Schreiber, a Sunday School teacher in the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois. His address is 1026 S. Harvey, Oak Park, Ill.

INTRODUCTION: The importance of the resurrection is strikingly evident in our calendar. Christmas comes but once a year. Good Friday is also an annual event. Actually, the death of our Lord should be given a more prominent place in our Christian and national calendars. Many industries do not declare it a holiday, while others conveniently give the employees a few hours off to attend a Good Friday service. But Easter is with us every first day of the week, even though we remember the event in a special way once a year.

Christmas brings us the "good news" that the long awaited Messiah had come to earth. Good Friday points to the suffering Savior, who died for the sins of the world. But Easter is the day of eternal hope, eternal life, where "death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Cor. 15:54).

With such a hope the great commission of Jesus Christ should inspire and empower us to spread the good news of the living Savior to the ends of the earth.

I. THE VICTORIOUS DAY. Matt. 28:1-4.

There are many battles recorded in history in which seemingly everything was lost. But the tide suddenly turned and the nations whose freedom was threatened were saved from a life of submission and slavery. What great rejoicing on those days!

The disciples and followers of Jesus felt the pain and fear of defeat. In their sorrow and humiliation the words of Jesus were forgotten, "On the third day I will rise again." To think of victory in the face of such unquestionable defeat seemed utterly impossible. Yet the dawn of the first day of the week turned out to be the greatest day of victory in the history of mankind. This was the day that brought life and immortality to light!

II. THE VICTORIOUS MESSAGE. Matthew 28:5-7.

It is interesting to note that the keepers, who were Roman soldiers, became as dead men. The sight of the angel of the Lord paralyzed them. They were blind and helpless in the power and light of heaven. The women, who were the seekers, were filled with fear and great joy. They heard the most victorious message that anyone on earth had ever heard, "He is not here: for he is risen." It is a message that has proved to be a comfort at the grave of every Christian in the last two thousand years.

III. THE VICTORIOUS MESSENGERS. Matt. 28:8-10.

It was no "top secret" which the women received, but a victorious message which had to be shared. Victory is never accepted calmly. It is always accompanied by much rejoicing

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—Ewing Galloway Photo
San Francisco with its steep hills, cable cars, exotic buildings of Chinatown and the San Francisco Bay Bridge in the distance.

The Emerald Necklace

By ELISE FRASER



A Christian mystery novel
laid in the exciting city of
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SYNOPSIS

When John Rowland slips his Bible into his pocket and walks out of the mission hall that November night in San Francisco, he begins a strange adventure. For out of the mist steps a woman of breath-taking beauty who calls his name and brings to his startled remembrance his lovely school classmate, Kathryn Greig. Kathryn begs him to have dinner with her, saying she needs help. She asks him to return a small trinket to a friend, hastily scribbling an address on a card. He opens the box and discovers a valuable emerald necklace in it. In the meantime, Kathryn is kidnapped by two thugs and taken to a hide-out. Then John Rowland, reading about a mysterious auto wreck, arranges for a dinner engagement with his friend, Paul Ames, only to learn that other "friends" had joined them, including Bruce Farningham, a strange man of the world. He is very talkative!

CHAPTER SEVEN

Farningham whispered, "I understand that a necklace of fabulous worth, composed of alternating diamonds and emeralds has been stolen from some famous Rajah of India and has been smuggled into this country. Other jewels, too, stolen from His Highness, any one of which is worth a fortune, have likewise been brought illegally to this country."

The eyes of each person were fixed on Farningham. John felt a cold and clammy perspiration and his lips were dry. Was this the mystery behind the necklace? Was this the reason Kathryn had fled? The reason Paul had cautioned him?

"Why shouldn't the newspapers have the story?" Tom asked.

Farningham gave Sabra a significant look. She said softly, "There are several private detectives working on the case. A necklace like that can't readily be disposed of."

"They think they'll have a better chance if publicity is kept out of the newspapers," Farningham explained.

Adrienne sighed. "Imagine a necklace like that! I'd love to have just one look at it."

"So would I," said Farningham. "They say the crown jewels of England have nothing on it."

"Jewels are my weakness," Adrienne said.

"Mine, too," said Sabra, tinkling her bracelets. She leaned toward John. "How'd you like to have someone hand you a necklace like that, Mr. Rowland?" There was something more than disquieting about her glance.

John's eyes met hers. "That would be an experience, wouldn't it?" he asked calmly.

But although John's outward appearance was calm, his thoughts were in a tumult. He began to piece together a story and in its light the events of Tuesday night seemed painfully clear. Kathryn was connected guiltily in some way with the jewel smuggling. Sabra Kingsbury, John was certain, was in the secret service. She had entered Kathryn's employ ostensibly as a servant but she was in reality on the trail of the jewels. The phone call had been a warning to Kathryn who had disposed of the jewels by giving them to him. She had then fled from the city.

In a tide of remembrance Kathryn's lovely face rose before him. John groaned inwardly. What was Kathryn thinking of to try such a dangerous game? What should he do? He remembered a rule he had always used, "When in doubt, don't." Yes, it was best to keep his own counsel. Nothing would be gained by betraying Kathryn now. Maybe, Kathryn had some explanation, that is, if she were still alive. Maybe.

But certainly there was nothing official about this group. Let Sabra show her credentials. Besides, how much did she know? Had she seen Kathryn give him the jewels? He was certain that she had not. Still, he felt uneasy.

Sabra knew Kathryn Lockwood and she had lied about it. Did she think he was an idiot? Paul had said he knew her. Maybe Farningham knew her, too. They knew her and about the jewels. And maybe they had a suspicion that Kathryn had given the jewels to him. Maybe that was why Paul had come to his room, had looked around with more than ordinary interest. But Kathryn, where was she? Was she living or dead?

John looked up as Farningham reached in his pocket for his cigarette lighter. As he pulled it out a small newspaper clipping fluttered to the floor. The paper fell by John's shoe and he stooped to pick it up. He saw that it was the clipping from the morning's Chronicle about Kathryn Lockwood.

As John handed the clipping to Farningham he looked into his face and was startled to see Farningham's jaw snap shut like a vise, his ice-blue eyes flash menacingly. All at once his face had seemed like the face of a devil, malevolent, evil. But the expression passed quickly and John wondered vaguely if he had only imagined it.

Lightly, easily Farningham shifted the topic of conversation from jewels to the latest novels.

John longed to get away by himself where he could think things through. He was conscious of the buzz of conversation around him, conscious of the warm room, conscious of the heavy,

exotic perfume enveloping Sabra. He glanced at his watch. He had promised to be at the mission at eleven. He was glad of the engagement. He made it his excuse to leave the party.

Tom stood up. He had no idea it was so late. He must get Adrienne home. But Farningham demurred. He had some photos he wanted to show them. Couldn't they wait another few minutes? Tom agreed but John said he must be on his way to keep his appointment.

John looked up at the new moon as he walked along Powell Street. He breathed deeply of the night air. It was a relief to be away from Sabra and Farningham, to be going back to his old familiar haunts. He felt much happier at the mission center than he did with the exotic Sabra and the widely-traveled Farningham.

But Tom and Adrienne! How did they happen to be mixed up with Farningham? No doubt it had started with Tom's interview. But Tom was foolish to get Adrienne mixed up with it. And what about Paul? Had his interest in religion been genuine or had it been trumped up for a purpose?

If the jeweler, Won Long, was right and the newspaper article concerned Kathryn Lockwood, where was she now? Had her beauty vanished as a passing dream? Had her thoughts ever turned to the Savior? Did she know how to call on the Lord and be saved? Or was she lost forever because he had failed to fulfill his mission the one time they met?

And what of himself? What was he to do with the valuable necklace, the fabulous necklace of emeralds and diamonds which Farningham said had been stolen from a famous Rajah of India and smuggled into this country . . . the necklace which even now reposed in a cache in the wall of his hotel room? And if he should tell the police, would they believe his fantastic story?

In whom should he place his faith? In Kathryn who had begged him to be her friend, to understand no matter what happened and who might even now be dead? Or in Sabra who had lied about being at Kathryn's? In Paul who had professed an interest in Christianity? Or in the jovial Farningham?

If only some visible sign would point the way. If only he could know the right course. He must ask the Lord for wisdom in this.

Wrapped in his thoughts, John mechanically took a short cut to the mission, down a little-frequented alley. Suddenly he was aware of footsteps behind him, light, stealthy steps. He wheeled around and in the same moment felt a heavy blow on his head . . . then darkness.

When he became conscious, two men were bending over him. He heard

"As God hath prospered" you,
give to the EASTER OFFER-
ING on Sunday, April 21st.

the words "victim . . . hold up" and fought for consciousness. Gradually the haze cleared away and he sat up.

"You got a nasty blow, fellow," said one of the men.

John felt in his pockets. His wallet and his watch were gone. Had he been a chance victim of a robbery or had he been purposely followed?

"Let me take you to the emergency hospital, fellow. This blow might cause you trouble."

John struggled to his feet. He had a weak feeling in the pit of his stomach. "You're a good Samaritan," he said to the man who helped him into his car.

At the hospital, the doctor joked, "You've got good thick scalp, brother. Lucky for you. You can take it. But you'd better get a good night's rest. If you have any trouble later, come back and see me."

"I'll take you home," said John's friend of the night.

John glanced at the clock on the hospital wall. Nearly two. It was too late to go to the mission now. It was the first time he had failed to keep his appointment.

When John Rowland had left the party at the Fairmount, Bruce Farningham turned to Adrienne and said, "Since both you and Sabra are so interested in jewelry perhaps you'd like to see the jade exhibit of my friend, Won Long."

"I'd love to," exclaimed Adrienne. "Jade fascinates me."

"Won has some interesting pieces," Farningham said. "White and green jade, some of it naturally shaped in odd images. Won says that some of these pieces were worshiped as gods centuries ago and some of them were claimed to have healing influences."

Farningham leaned toward Tom as he spoke. "How about it, Tom, are you interested in jade?"

Tom smiled. "I'm more interested in the Pearl of great price," he answered.

Farningham, Paul and Sabra stared at him. "Why," said Farningham in astonishment, "I didn't know you were a collector of jewels."

"Of one Jewel," Tom said. "There's only One that I'm interested in."

"Which one is that," said Farningham in an excited tone. "Tell us about it."

"The Pearl of great price," said Tom, "is the beauty and holiness of the Lord Jesus Christ, made known to us through the gospel. 'Who in his own self bare our sins in his own

body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.'

"Oh," said Farningham, obviously disappointed, "I thought you were speaking of a real jewel."

"I am," said Tom calmly. "The only real Jewel. This is the Jewel which the merchant sought and when he had found it, he sold all that he had that he might buy it."

"I can understand that," Farningham said, "I'd sell all that I have for that diamond and emerald necklace."

"You'd even sell your own soul," Paul Ames interposed.

Farningham shrugged. "The emerald necklace is worth it."

"Is it?" Tom asked. "What would it profit you? 'What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?'"

"You're too religious for my palate," Farningham answered.

"Religious?" Tom looked doubtful. "I'm not any more religious than you are. I do not call myself a religious man. I say I am a Christian."

"What's the difference?" Farningham asked. "Christianity is a religion, isn't it?"

"Christianity is a religion but religion isn't necessarily Christianity," Tom replied.

"Now you're talking in conundrums," Farningham said. "What's the difference?"

"Religion is man seeking God. Christianity is God seeking man."

Farningham shrugged. "Same difference."

Sabra looked bored. "Let's get back to jade," she suggested.

"Go ahead Tom. This is interesting," Paul said.

Farningham looked at Paul scathingly. "Anything that comes along interests Paul—for at least ten minutes."

"Thanks, Pal," Paul said.

"Now to get back to the jade exhibit," Farningham said, "how about tomorrow evening?"

Tom looked at Adrienne. "There might be a story in it," he said. "Could you take the time?"

"I shouldn't," Adrienne said, "but I will."

Farningham agreed to meet them in front of Old St. Mary's at eight o'clock.

All day Friday Adrienne had a pleasantly exhilarated feeling as she thought of seeing the jade exhibit. Farningham, too, was interested. He had a way of making her feel beautiful, important.

Sabra and Paul failed to show up at the meeting place and only Tom, Adrienne and Farningham went to see the jade exhibit. "They've seen it before," Farningham explained, "and Sabra said she had a headache."

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Northwestern Conference

Birthday Party by Woman's Missionary Society, Victor, Iowa

The Woman's Missionary Society of Victor, Iowa, welcomed their families and friends to their annual "birthday party" with a program held at the church on Friday evening, Feb. 8th, followed by a time of fellowship in the church basement. A Valentine theme was carried out in decorations, forming the words of greeting, "Happy Birthday." February had been designated as the birthday month for the group and this year it was decided to make it a family affair, with the dads and youngsters joining in the fun.

With Mrs. Rayma Davis acting as chairman, twelve numbers were presented, one for each month of the year, by those whose birthdays were in each month, respectively. The Junior and Senior C.B.Y. groups were on hand to supply talent for the two months which registered no birth dates.

Vocal selections included a solo, two duets, a trio and a boys' quartet. There were several numbers by a newly formed orchestra and an instrumental trio, besides two skits, the story of a hymn with accompanying solo, a chalk talk and a reading.

Mrs. Merwyn Betz, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Building Fund Projects at Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

Recently, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Temple Baptist Church, (Buffalo) Cheektowaga, N. Y., presented the church with a check for \$1000 to be added to the Building Fund. In raising this sum, the group did not neglect their regular missionary endeavors, but enlisted in projects over and above the ones in which they regularly engage. Their zeal is inspired by the very definite need for a larger "House of Worship", which they hope to see erected in the near future.

The "Ready-Now-Class" of Temple Church has given \$325 to the Building Fund. This is in addition to the projects regularly occupying the attention of this small group. They happily report that within the past year and a half, two of the leper children whom they were supporting, have been dismissed as completely healed, both in body and spirit. As they undertake the support of two more of these children, their prayer is that God will continue to bless the ministry of those whom he has chosen to work in this field.

Thirma M. Domberg, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Special Services at the Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas

The Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper Kansas, observed the Week of Prayer from Jan. 7 to 12 by holding cottage prayer meetings in the homes of members. From Feb. 3 to 10, evangelistic meetings were held with Rev. J. K. Warkentin of Wichita, Kansas, bringing the messages. Each evening a contest was held before the message, consisting of Bible Quizzes, "Sword" drills and major Bible questions, which created much interest and increased the attendance. We were strengthened spiritually by the heart-searching messages brought by the evangelist.

On Sunday, Feb. 17, the Ladies' Mission Circle observed its 36th anniversary with a fellowship supper. For the evening service a program was presented by the women, consisting of a humorous skit, "Something Different," and the pageant, "They That Be Wise Shall Serve". An offering was received for the projects of the denominational Woman's Missionary Union.

Thirty-five Sunday School teachers, officers and C.B.Y.F. members are enrolled in the study course, "Baptists: Their Message and Mission." Teachers for the course are Rev. John Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gabelmann, Robert Wirth and Ben Schulz.

Mrs. Jacob Stussy, Reporter.

Southern Conference

North Texas Association at the Gatesville Church

The churches of the North Texas Association of the Southern Conference met for their annual meeting on Feb. 15 and 16. The Bethel Heights Baptist Church of Gatesville, Texas, was the host church. The program was directed by Rev. D. H. Gallagher, vice-moderator. The officers elected for the new year are as follows: moderator, Rev. John F. Lubeck; vice-moderator, Rev. Leonard Hinz; secretary and treasurer, Rev. D. H. Gallagher.

The program was built around the theme, "How To Do It". Messages by the pastors on "How To Study Your Bible", "How To Pray", and "How To Give" brought the Associational meetings to a climax on Saturday evening at which time, Rev. Leonard Hinz spoke on "How To Go!"

Concerning plans made for the future year, special emphasis was given to inter-church youth activities and the increasing importance of the Sunday School and C.B.Y.F. in the work of evangelism. We are thankful to the Lord for showers of rain during these

meetings as well as showers of spiritual blessings.

Walter G. Gummelt, Sec'y

South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association Meetings

The South Texas, Louisiana, and Alabama Association met at the Greenvine Baptist Church, Feb. 21-24. All of the churches sent messengers; all except one of the pastors attended; and in addition, Rev. Raymond Castro, the Association's missionary at Rio Grande City, and his family were present.

The theme of the program was "Our Christian Life" and many of the pastors spoke on such aspects of "Our Christian Life" as "A Fellowship," "A Sonship," "A Walk," "A Warfare," and "A Race." Other portions of the program were presented by laymen from some of the churches, the W. M. U. of Greenvine, Mrs. Raymond Castro, Rev. Robert L. Schmeltekopf of Houston, the Sunday School workers, the young people of Greenvine, and the Baptist Men.

The Program Committee was composed of Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder of Kyle, moderator; Mrs. Emil Schmeltekopf of Kyle, secretary-treasurer; and Rev. Frank Armbruster of Greenvine, host pastor. The guest speaker was Rev. L. B. Hinz, pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Waco.

W. E. Schubert, Reporter

Pacific Conference

Evangelistic Meetings at First Church, Lodi, California

From January 20 to 27 we of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., were privileged to have Dr. Pete Riggs, known to many thousands the world over, as our evangelist for one week of spirit filled services. From night to night the auditorium, which has a capacity of seating 840 people, was filled. There were many who accepted Christ for the first time during these meetings, and many young and old who rededicated their lives to Christ for a closer walk with him. On Sunday evening, Feb. 17, our pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, had the joy of baptizing 21 boys and girls.

Our young people recently traveled to Pine Croft together with the young people from Temple Baptist, First Church of Elk Grove, and the Willow Rancho Church of Sacramento for a week-end retreat. The Men's Brotherhood is working wherever their services can be used. They sponsor activities for the young people of the church both in softball teams during the summer and basketball teams in the winter months. They conduct one program each month at the Stockton Rescue Mission and help with regular monthly financial support of the Mission.

Mrs. Thelma Fischer, Reporter

Baptism at Harbor Trinity Church, Costa Mesa, Calif.

On Sunday, Feb. 17th, Rev. Wm. Acton, pastor of the Harbor Trinity Baptist Church of Costa Mesa, Calif., baptized five converts on confession of their faith in Christ. These are the first converts since Mr. Acton's recent ordination into the ministry. So it was with a great deal of joy for our pastor, as well as for the members and friends present, to realize the progress we are making.

Since we are still meeting at the Orange County Fair grounds, the Southern Baptists of Costa Mesa extended to us the courtesy of allowing us to use their church for this occasion. We are in the planning stage of building a church in a new tract close to our present location where we purchased three acres of ground recently. God has richly blessed us in the past and we know he will lead us on to new heights in the future.

H. B. Herzfeldt, Reporter.

Minister's Tenth Anniversary Is Celebrated at Colfax, Wash.

Ten years of service of Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Klein at the First Baptist Church at Colfax, Wash., was celebrated in a unique manner. The Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve was in charge of the young people and was progressing according to plan, when an unexpected change occurred. Rev. R. M. Klingbeil, pastor emeritus of the church, was given the floor. He began by saying, "Tonight we want to surprise Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Klein by celebrating the anniversary of their ten years of service in our midst."

During the special program that followed, messages of appreciation and congratulation were offered by all the departments of the church. A variety of musical numbers were given, and a gift presented to the honored couple. A fellowship hour followed.

One does not evaluate in words the services of faithful servants of the Lord, such as Mr. and Mrs. Klein. Indicative of our progress is the fact that 211 persons have been added to the church. Regular choir concerts, a vital Scripture memorization program, as well as seven years of radio ministry are among the activities that deserve mention.

Mrs. Paul Kruger, Reporter.

Birthday Celebration for Mr. G. Kroll, Lodi, California

On Saturday evening, Jan. 26th, the Adult Bible Class of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., surprised Mr. Gottfried Kroll by calling at his home to help him celebrate his 80th birthday. Mr. Kroll had already received over 100 cards and letters of congratulation, but a visit by his Sunday School Class brought a few tears to his eyes.

In 1919 the Kroll family moved to Lodi Calif., where they have operated a fruit ranch. A son, Gordon, now 46, lives with his parents, and has been an invalid for over eight

years, due to a paralyzed condition, and all these years the parents have taken care of him in a wonderful way. Another son, Curtis, now operates the family fruit ranch, and a daughter, Edna Bensmer, lives in Oakland, where her husband is a high school teacher.

The class spent a very enjoyable evening with this family; after a few songs, a few messages of congratulations were expressed by our deacon, Mr. D. J. Weigum; our teacher, Mr. I. E. Giedt; also Dr. John E. Mehlhoff and others, with a concluding message and prayer by our pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber.

Mrs. August Auch, Correspondent

Ceremonies at Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, California

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held on Sunday, Feb. 3, in Anaheim, Calif., for the first unit of a contemporary campus-type, \$68,000 church plant to house the Magnolia Baptist Church, an extension project of the Bethel Baptist Church and of the North American Baptist General Conference.

Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, pastor of Bethel Church, read Scripture and led in prayer while Rev. Fred David of Santa Ana Heights spoke briefly. Mrs. Emma Leuschner, a member of Bethel Church who donated a portion of the site, turned the first shovel full of dirt.

Also participating were members of the Extension Committee: Mrs. Adeline Smith, secretary; Mrs. Ruth Klutow, Philip Boettcher, Harvey Nelson, Joe Love, Walter Gooden, Otto Trapp, James Clear, Superintendent Duane Black, Bethel Moderator Herbert Stabbert, and Mr. Jacksteit as well as Rev. Kenneth Fischer, organizing pastor of Magnolia Church.

When completed, the plant will include sanctuary with seating capacity of 400, social hall to seat 220, kitchen facilities, Sunday School classrooms, and administrative offices built around a patio to be used for outdoor services, children's play area, and social affairs.

Mrs. Iris Fallon, Reporter



Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Kroll of Lodi, Calif., at the 80th birthday celebration arranged by the Sunday School Class for Mr. Kroll.

Central Conference

Farewell for Missionaries at Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Ill.

The farewell service honoring the two missionaries from the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee Illinois, was held on Sunday evening, March 3rd, at the church. Miss Ruby Salzman is in charge of education at the Baptist Mission, the Cameroons, British West Africa. Miss Esther Salzman is director of nursing at the Iloilo City Mission Hospital, Iloilo City, Philippine Islands. Miss Salzman is serving under the Mission Board of the American Baptist Convention.

The evening program consisted of instrumental numbers by Miss Sharon Salzman and Miss Anita Richards, a violin duet; a saxophone solo by David Salzman; baritone solo by Thomas Moody; and selections by the adult and junior choirs of the church, directed by Miss Richards. Tributes were given by Mrs. J. Burton Hertz, representing the Salzman Guild, who sponsored the reception following the service; Mr. W. T. Edwards, chairman of the Board of Deacons; and the Rev. H. H. Riffel. Mr. Gilbert Luhrs, moderator, presented the two missionaries with checks from the church members and friends.

At the reception both of the missionaries wore costumes representing their respective fields of service. Mrs. W. T. Edwards paid them a tribute in verse. Mrs. Leo Hull, president of the Salzman Guild, welcomed the guests to the reception.

Alice Luhrs, Church Clerk.

Youth Week Program and Building Plans, Peoria, Illinois

The State Park Baptist C.B.Y. of Peoria, Ill., observed Youth Week, Feb. 10-17. On Tuesday evening of this week a banquet was held for the young people by the Sunday School. Jerry Stafford, home from the Army on leave, was the speaker.

Kenneth Kohrs, one of our very promising young people, was elected by the students of the three Peoria high schools to serve as mayor of the city of Peoria for one day. Kenneth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kohrs. Mr. Kohrs is a member of our Publication Board. Kenneth, while he was mayor of Peoria, elected two other young men from the State Park Baptist Church to serve the city: Norman Parker, son of our Sunday School superintendent, to serve on the city council, and James Beal to serve as Chief of Police. This all happened on January 29.

About a year ago, the State Park Church purchased a very promising two-acre site, for its future relocation, in a new area of the city. The building committee has diligently been at work planning for a new church. In December, the architectural firm of Phillips and Swager, in Peoria, was engaged to begin drawing plans for the new church building.

Edgar B. Wesner, Pastor.

Fellowship Dinner and Baptism at Indianapolis, Indiana

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 29, the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, held its annual fellowship dinner. The dinner was prepared and served by the members of the Ladies' Missionary Society.

Afterwards the business meeting was called to order by the pastor, Rev. Lawrence George. After several items of business were taken care of, the pastor presented a five-point program to the church, "Building Bethel for God." Each member was given a mimeographed paper with a complete outline of the plan, and all members were challenged to put forth greater efforts toward the spiritual growth of the church.

A baptismal service was held on Sunday morning, Feb. 17, during the worship service. Six converts followed their Lord in baptism. They were received into the fellowship of the church on March 3rd at the communion service.

Mrs. Mary Presley, Reporter.

God's Blessings on Trinity Baptist Church, Warren, Michigan

We, of the Trinity Baptist Church, Warren, Mich., sold our old church in Detroit for \$18,000 cash. We paid \$7,000 as a down-payment on three acres of land which we bought for \$14,500. We erected a 40 by 100 foot basement unit of our proposed church with a fine glass entrance. At the time we started building, we only had 70 members on our roll with almost half of these children and young people.

After our church was completed, so that we could hold services, we had already spent \$26,000 and as yet had not completed the interior. Our small church was forced to raise and give about \$16,000. This they did wonderfully!

After being in our new location for three months, our Sunday School has jumped from 125 to 172 as an average. Our church attendance has

doubled, always averaging around 115 to 120 in the morning services and about 75 at night. We have received 10 new members in December and now have 80 members. For all this, we rejoice exceedingly in the Lord and praise him for his faithfulness.

R. F. DeRenzo, Pastor

Northern Conference

Stewardship Month and Loyalty Dinner, Faith Church, Regina

January was Stewardship Month at the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., and in conjunction with this a Loyalty Dinner was held January 24. Some 200 members, adherents and friends were in attendance. Special guests included Rev. and Mrs. Reinhold Neuman from the Muscowpetung Indian Reservation, Mr. and Mrs. Art Browatzke, now serving the Raymore church, Mr. and Mrs. Chalmers Wirth of Edenwold, and the pastors and wives of Regina Baptist churches.

A singspiration and program followed the dinner. At this time a gift was presented to Art and Margaret Browatzke from the members of Faith Church as a token of appreciation for their dedicated work while members of our church, and expressing our joy in seeing them go to their work at Raymore. They are the first members of our church to enter the full-time ministry.

Rev. Richard Schilke of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker, and brought a very challenging message at the close of the program. He emphasized that every Christian has a responsibility to enter into partnership with God in his Christian living.

Tillie Muller, Reporter.

Sunday School Advance at Winnipeg's McDermot Ave. Church

At the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, from Feb. 4 to 8, a study on "The Work of the Sunday School," with Dr. M. L. Leuschner and

Obituary

(Obituaries are to be limited to about 150 words. A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries.)

MRS. LLOYD BUENNING of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Lloyd Buening of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, passed away at her home in Milwaukee on January 29. She was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee. The funeral services were on Feb. 1st from the Raasch Funeral Home, with her pastor, Rev. Harold Tietjen, officiating.

Mrs. Buening was the daughter of the late Rev. H. W. Wedel, who worked under the North American Baptist Conference from 1900 to 1940. He was pastor of Immanuel Baptist from 1930 to 1940. Left to mourn her departure was a loving Christian wife and mother are her husband; one son, Bruce; and a daughter, Judith; all of Milwaukee.

Immanuel Baptist Church,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

BARBARA HARE, Correspondent.

Rev. Wm. Sturhahn as teachers, enveloped the thinking of approximately 75 teachers and officers together with Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Waltereit, our pastor and his wife.

There are undoubtedly numerous phases of the Sunday School work which we shall never begin to bring into realization, but it would not be because we did not know about these possibilities. Comparing our Sunday School with requirements set forth by the writer of our study engendered in us the need to create facilities for expansion. The great importance of the Sunday School in our present era causes us to take inventory to see just where we can improve.

On Sunday morning, Feb. 10, our superintendent, Mr. Wm. Patzia, handed a cheque to the Building Fund Treasurer of the church to mark the beginning of a fund for our Educational Unit, which we hope it will please God to give us in the very near future.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Baptist Church Choir, Eureka, S. Dak., Sings at Ventura

On Sunday, Feb. 24, we of the Volunteer Choir of the First Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak., presented a musical program at the Ventura Baptist Church on an exchange basis. We had a wonderful time singing for them, and we sincerely hope and pray that they received a blessing from this program.

We also hope that they enjoyed listening to us as much as we did, when they presented their Christmas Cantata in our church of Eureka on Dec. 30th. May the Lord richly bless each one of the choir members, as we continue to us our voices to sing praises to him. May he also bless our able choir director, Rev. Adolf Reeh, and pianist, Barbara Brockel.

Mrs. Clarence H. Hoff, Sec.

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MRS. EVA VIOLA ELWOOD of Wilmington, Delaware.

Mrs. Eva Viola Elwood of Wilmington, Del., was born Feb. 14, 1887 in Fort Deposit, Maryland, and passed to her eternal rest on Jan. 22, 1957 at the age of 70 years. During her early youth she came with her parents to Wilmington, Del., and lived here for 60 years. Under the faithful ministry of Rev. Erving Young, she was converted and united with the North Baptist Church of this city.

For the last several years she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Elsmere, where she remained a faithful member until her death. She was a true and loving mother of 13 children, 11 of whom are living to mourn her departure. Besides these she is survived by 33 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. Through Psalm 23 words of comfort were rendered to the bereaved.

First Baptist Church,
Elsmere, Delaware

CHRISTIAN PETERS, Pastor.

JUDY ANN SCHLENKER of McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Judy Ann Schlenker was born at McLaughlin, South Dakota, on August 9, 1956. Her brief sojourn upon earth came to a close as she went to be with the Savior on February 20, 1957 at the tender age of six months and eleven days. The first six weeks and the last two weeks of her life were spent in the McLaughlin Hospital where loving care surrounded her. The remaining two thirds of her time she used in brightening the home of the Reuben Schlenkers which she had come to bless. She accomplished her purpose in life quickly, and we are assured that she is "safe in the arms of Jesus." It is he who so lovingly said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Judy Ann Schlenker leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Schlenker; and brothers: Larry and Rolly; sisters: Vivian, Shirley, Kathy and her twin, Jane Marie, as well as a host of relatives and admirers.

McLaughlin, South Dakota

EDWIN MICHELSON, Pastor.

MR. OTTO KUEHL of Killaloe, Ontario.

Mr. Otto Kuehl of Killaloe, Ontario, better known as "Archie" Kuehl, was born in the township of Lyndock on Dec. 17, 1878 and passed away at Killaloe on Feb. 13 at the age of 78 years and almost 2 months. He was converted and baptized in Hagarty in July 1924 by Rev. Christian Peters and was received into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario. Our departed brother worked hard as a laborer during his life time. He had no material wealth but he was rich as a child of God. He suffered much during the last months of his life.

The funeral service was held on Friday afternoon, Feb. 15, at the First Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario. The undersigned preached on John 14:1-3. The remains were buried in the church cemetery.

He leaves to mourn one sister, Mrs. Lena Walter of Killaloe; and one brother, William Kuehl of Pembroke, Ontario, besides many relatives and friends.

Killaloe, Ontario

John Leypoldt, Interim Pastor.

MR. HARVEY RABENHORST of Watertown, Wisconsin.

Injuries received while sawing wood with a circle saw proved fatal to Mr. Harvey Rabenhorst of Watertown, Wis., on Friday, Feb. 15. Mr. Rabenhorst was born in the town of Emmet, Wis., on Aug. 26, 1898, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rabenhorst. He lived on the homestead all his life.

On Oct. 17, 1929 he was married to Miss Rose Feske at Unityville, S. Dak. This union was blessed with two children. In 1914 he accepted the Lord as his personal Savior and on May 21 of that year was baptized by Rev. Wm. Schmitt and joined the Lebanon Baptist Church. On Jan. 8, 1932 his membership was transferred to the First Baptist Church in Watertown.

He is survived by his wife, two children, two sisters, many relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted on Feb. 19. Words of comfort were based on the

words of the Apostle Paul as recorded in I Corinthians 13:7.

Watertown, Wisconsin

J. G. BENKE, Pastor.

MRS. JOHN SANDAU of La Crescent, Minnesota.

Mrs. John Sandau of La Crescent, Minn., aged 55, recently died in a LaCrosse hospital. She is survived by her husband; three sons: Eleon Sandau of Loyal, Oklahoma; Kletus Sandau of LaCrosse; Ivan Sandau of Minneapolis; four daughters: Misses Priscilla and Shirley Sandau, both at home; Alberta Sandau of Lester, Iowa; Mrs. Gerald (Deloris) Goldbeck of LaCrosse; eight grandchildren; her mother, Mrs. Christ Jenner of Wessington Springs, S. Dak.; two brothers, three sisters.

At the age of 14 Lydia (Jenner) Sandau accepted Christ as her personal Savior when she was attending the Congregational Church in North Dakota where she lived until 1919 when she moved to South Dakota. She met and was married to John Sandau on Sept. 17, 1922. The family moved to the state of Minnesota in the spring of 1941 and in the fall of 1942 moved to Mound Prairie Township where they have attended the Mound Prairie Baptist Church.

Mound Prairie, Minn.

REV. CARL ZIMMERMAN,
Correspondent.

MRS. JAKE MEHRER of Harvey, North Dakota.

Mrs. Jake Mehrer of Harvey, N. Dak., went to be with Christ on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 23, at the Harvey Hospital. She had been a "shut-in" for about 5 years.

Mrs. Mehrer was born in Romania and came to America in 1899. She was married in Fessenden, N. Dak. She and her husband settled on the farm in Kief, N. Dak., after they came from Europe. In 1946 they moved to McClusky, N. Dak., and lived there for 12 years. They moved to Harvey in 1955. Mr. and Mrs. Mehrer became members of the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey. Mrs. Mehrer was 77 years and 4 months old when she died. She was converted to Christ in the Rosenfeld Baptist Church.

She leaves to mourn the following members of her family: her husband, Jake, of Harvey; 9 children: Lydia (Mrs. Emil Pepple) of Harvey; Herman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Marie (Mrs. Ludwig Schilke) of Tuttle, N. Dak.; Walter of Portland, Oregon; Sophie (Mrs. A'ek Machellenko) of Kief, N. Dak.; Lorra (Mrs. Jake Moser) of Minot, N. Dak.; Ruth (Mrs. Guss Mitleider) of Balfour, N. Dak.; Manda (Mrs. Art Moser) of Portland, Oregon; and Benny of Kief, N. Dakota.

Harvey, North Dakota

JOHN C. KASTELEIN, Pastor.

MR. AUGUST KAAZ of La Crosse, Wisconsin.

Mr. August Kaaz of LaCrosse, Wis., was born in Germany, July 3, 1871. In 1885 his family came to this country, settling in Atchinson, Kansas. In 1901 he moved to LaCrosse, Wis., where he lived until the Lord called him home on Jan. 13, 1957.

He was united in marriage to Frances Splitter on Feb. 23, 1899, and their home was blessed with four children: Samuel of Cincinnati, Ohio; Esther, who preceded him in death; Ruth Tichenor and Helen Phillips, both of LaCrosse. Mr. Kaaz found Christ as his personal Savior as a young man and, obedient to the Lord's command, was baptized, and joined the Atchinson German Baptist Church, later transferring his membership to the LaCrosse Church.

A building contractor by trade, he enjoyed his work, but most of all he loved the sincere preaching of God's Word and the House of God. His life was one of devotion to his Lord and service to his fellowman. He served as deacon, Sunday School superintendent and teacher, choir director, and filled the pulpit in the pastor's absence or when the church was without a minister. He was laid to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery on Wednesday, Jan. 16, after services at the LaCrosse Church.

Bible Baptist Church,
LaCrosse, Wisconsin

MISS RUTH SCHOENFELD,
Church Clerk.

MR. CARL WITT of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Carl Witt of Detroit, Michigan, was called home on December 31, 1956 after a year's illness. He was born in Lodz, Poland, on June 1, 1896. Having emigrated to the U.S.A. in August of 1913, he settled in Detroit, Michigan. At the age of eighteen he was born again at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit where he was baptized by the Rev. Fred Mengel. He was a member of the same church for 42 years and sang in the choir and served as deacon. He was united in marriage in 1923 to Sarah Majeske. They had one son, Carl, Jr., who is now in the ministry serving the Radnor Baptist Church of Radnor, Ohio.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. E. A. McCash and the message was given by Rev. Carl Witt, Jr. Though earthly ties are hard to sever, "we sorrow not as those without hope." He is survived by his wife, Sarah; son Carl; three brothers: Emil, Edward, Josef; and three sisters: Augusta, Matilda, and Marie.

Ebenezer Baptist Church,
Detroit, Michigan

REV. E. A. McCASH, Pastor.

MR. ALBERT BINDER of Beulah, North Dakota.

Mr. Albert Binder of Beulah, N. Dak., was born on Jan. 18, 1883 in Lutzanoh, Russia. His life came to a sudden end through a heart attack on Feb. 1, 1957 in his home at Beulah. He was 74 years and 15 days old.

In the year of 1894 at the age of eleven he came to Canada with his parents. Three years later he came to the United States. He was married to Amelia Winkler on Nov. 10, 1907, who together with her three sons: Bill, Harry of Beulah, and John of Sacramento, Calif., and three daughters: Lillian, Mrs. R. Kling; Esther, Mrs. I. Schmid of Beulah; and Lorraine, Mrs. James Bryon, grieve his departure.

At the age of 40 he accepted the Lord as his Savior and followed the Lord in baptism, thereby becoming a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah. The memorial service was conducted by the pastor and Rev. Arthur Fischer from Linton, a former pastor. The body was put to rest in the Beulah Cemetery.

Immanuel Baptist Church,
Beulah, North Dakota

ERNEST LAUTT, Pastor.

MR. PAUL LUDWIG, SR., of Parma, Ohio.

Mr. Paul Ludwig, Sr., of Parma, Ohio, was born on Jan. 31, 1897 in Baden, Germany. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior at the age of 23 and was baptized on May 20, 1920 by Rev. Hofmeister in Massenbach.

He emigrated from Germany to Cleveland in 1925. He immediately associated himself with the Erin Avenue Baptist Church and gave himself wholeheartedly to the Lord's work. He served in many capacities as deacon, trustee, S.S. superintendent and teacher, and of both the mixed and male choirs. He was a founder and charter member of the Parma Heights Baptist Church where he served as chairman of the Finance Committee, a member of the Building Committee, and a trustee. He also served the North American Baptist General Conference as a member of the Board of the Publication Society.

On March 6, 1930, he left Cleveland for California where he took unto himself Martha Shober as his bride. They established a Christian home in Cleveland where two sons were born to bless their home, Paul, Jr., and Ralph. Paul and Martha were devoted to each other. Friends coming into their home were warmly welcomed and experienced genuine Christian fellowship. The Ludwigs endeared themselves to the hearts of all who knew them and loved them.

On Feb. 17, 1957, at the age of 60, Mr. Ludwig, because of a heart attack, went to be with his Lord. Left to mourn his passing, but not as those without hope are his two sons: Paul, Jr., and Ralph; his daughter-in-law, Jean; his brother, Joseph; and his sister, Hannah Bonkowsky, all of Parma, Ohio.

Parma Heights Baptist Church,
Parma Heights, Ohio

EDWIN W. MILLER, Pastor.



Rev. Richard Grabke (left), pastor of the Faith Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., presents Mr. and Mrs. Art Browatzke with a gift from the church before their departure for their new field of service at Raymore, Sask.

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mission field was given by Miss Salzman. A corsage was presented to her by Mrs. R. Schilke on behalf of the Woman's Missionary Guild, and a gift of money by Mr. Carl Jenkins in the name of the church. Rev. R. Schilke, missionary secretary, was in charge of the service. Refreshments at the fellowship hour were served by members of the Omicron Sunday School class. Miss Salzman and Miss Ardice Ziolkowski sailed from New York City for the Cameroons, Africa, via England on March 18th.

● Rev. Lemuel Peterson became Minister of Education and Community Outreach of the Hyde Park Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., on March 16. Mrs. Peterson is the former Melba F. Runtz, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Runtz of St. Joseph, Mich. Mr. Petersen has been associate director in the Chicago office of the National Conference of Christians and Jews for two years. From 1951 to 1955 he was associate executive of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago, and from 1947 to 1950 he was Director of Public Relations of the old International Council of Religious Education. He was ordained by the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn. At the Hyde Park church, Mr. Petersen will be responsible for the Church School, for youth groups, and for developing a community outreach.

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WE, THE WOMEN

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ous roads. There were five husband-wife teams, also a FIRST for the Cameroons! We praise God for this sign of growth.

At the convention also the groundwork was laid for the establishing of the convention's Woman's Missionary Union. October 1955 showed 86 women's meetings and no association women's meetings. The year 1956 showed 155 women's meetings and 8 association women's meetings.

On behalf of our Missionary Women's Workers I would like to thank you and all our faithful women at home for so consistently remembering us in prayer, for the time and effort involved in the many White Cross boxes we have received, for interest, letters, and faithful giving. Our constant prayer is that God will make us worthy stewards of all this.

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Dedication of Church Memorials, Madison, South Dakota

Sunday, Jan. 27, was designated by the West Center Street Baptist Church, Madison, S. Dak., as Memorial Dedication Sunday for all memorials given since 1950. A special service was planned with Dr. Ralph Powell of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speaker.

Special music was rendered by the choir and a man's quartet. Mrs. William Moose, church clerk, read the list of memorials. They are: the chimes given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. John Olthoff for their devoted ministry; the pulpit chairs in memory of Oliver Schrepel; the bulletin board in memory of Sophia Robeck; the bronze cornerstone plaque in memory of August Wiese; the pulpit lamp in memory of Paul Krug; the grand piano and two projectors in memory of Anna Stier; the two rocking chairs for the Loyce Kaye Meinerts; two coat racks and mirror in memory of Sidney Somnars; the organ lamp given for John Bauman; the floor and pedestal vases for Anna Fischer; and a silver coffee service in memory of Art Krueger.

Rev. F. Schmidt led the congregation in the dedicatory prayer. Dr. Powell presented an inspiring message from Psalm 121.

Mrs. Graydon Rohrer, Reporter

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