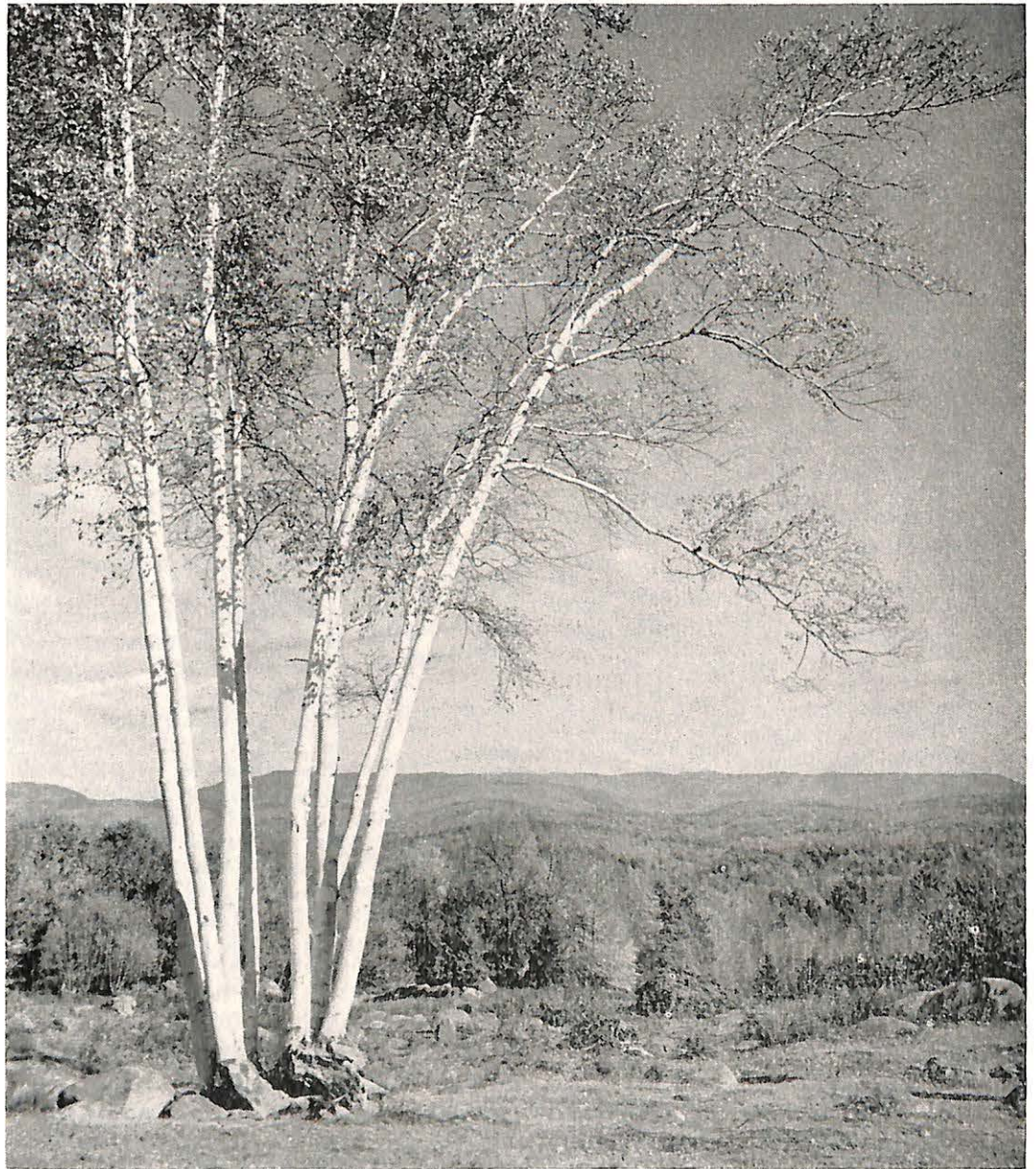


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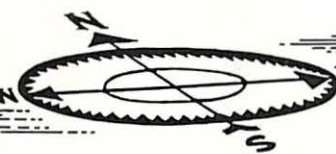
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March



of Events

Plans for a \$1,250,000 headquarters building have been announced by the Church of the Brethren. It will be built on a 56-acre site at Elgin, Illinois. The 60,000 square foot one-story building will house the church's general offices and publishing facilities. This denomination is planning to observe the 250th anniversary of its founding at Schwarzenau, Germany, in 1958.

The 14th World Convention on Christian Education, sponsored by the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association is preparing to receive 2,500 delegates in Tokyo, Japan, from August 6-13, 1958. The meeting will be the largest international conference ever held in Tokyo. At least 3,000 Japanese visitors are expected to join the official delegates.

In Israel, two Chief Rabbis have registered protests at Jerusalem against the desecration of the Wailing Wall, which stands in Jerusalem's Jordan-controlled Old City. The wall, the only remaining part of the ancient Jewish Temple, was called "the holiest site in Judaism." The Chief Rabbis charged that Communist propaganda posters had been pasted on the Wall, and called upon Jordanian authorities to take effective measures against the "defilers."

Twenty-five years ago, when short wave was new in radio, a group of experts went to Quito (in Ecuador) with a small transmitter, to win people of all nations over to the Christian message. Today "The Voice of the Anc'ces" is the oldest and largest Protestant broadcasting station in the world. There are now eight transmitters. A new 50 kilowatt transmitter was erected a few weeks ago. Between them they broadcast for 31 1/2 hours every day, except Monday, in nine languages, and to every country in the world. —Watchman-Examiner.

In France, two thousand Protestant gypsies, including about 1,000 children, attended a four days' rally at Rennes. The rally was held in an open field around which about 200 caravans were pitched. An enormous tent was used for the three daily meetings. (There are about 3,000 Protestant gypsies in France, and a number of evangelists are at work among them. It is mainly owing to the zeal of these evangelists that 200 gypsies were converted last year. As most of the gypsies are illiterate, direct contact is necessary for purposes of evangelism).

More than 2,500 Yale students heard Billy Graham, the evangelist, speak on Feb. 11 on "How to Find God." About 500 remained after the service for more intimate counsel at Dr. Graham's invitation. Dr. Graham spoke at the invitation of the University Christian Mission, an undergraduate body that invites outstanding clergymen to the campus each year. Dr. Graham preached again the next three nights. Last year Dr. Graham addressed students groups at Oxford and Cambridge Universities in England and at Princeton University. After the Yale mission he spoke at Amherst College and the University of Massachusetts.

Nearly \$7,000,000 has been spent in the last 16 months by the American Friends' Service Committee in relief

and service projects in various parts of the world. A report made public late in January revealed that in one recent period of six weeks alone more than \$250,000 in cash and a half-million pounds of supplies had been provided for the Hungarian emergency. A report for the fiscal year ended last September 30 and a supplementary report shows that more than 80,000 persons of many faiths contributed the Quaker agency's work "to prevent discord and sufferings." In a foreword to the report, Dr. Henry J. Cadbury, chairman of the committee, said: "Immediate relief remains vital in many areas. Refugees struggle for clothing and shelter, and even people untouched by war linger near starvation in harsh environments. We continue to provide such necessities as coats, bricks and grain."



Baptist Briefs

Southern Baptists (USA) added three countries to their overseas mission fields in 1956, bringing the total number of territories served to 33. The new countries are Tanganyika and Kenya, in East Africa, and Pakistan, in the Far East. The total number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries at the end of the year is 1,113. This compares with 1,020 at the end of 1955. The Foreign Mission Board appointed 121 new missionaries in 1956 for a net gain of 93.

In a letter from Warsaw, Poland, addressed to the Baptist World Alliance, dated December 18, 1956, President A. Kircun of the Polish Christian Baptist Church wrote as follows: "The Head Council of the Polish Christian Baptist Church sends hearty greetings of God's blessings in the Christmas and New Year holidays to our Brothers in World Headquarters. God bless your Gospel message and give growing and deepening of faith, hope and love in hearts."

Twenty-seven Baptist delegates from 15 countries in Africa met at Old Umtali, Southern Rhodesia, for the first "All Africa Sunday School Curriculum Conference," last fall. The group was divided into committees to study the regional reports and consider religious backgrounds, cultural backgrounds, basic aims of Christian Education in Africa today and needs of persons to be served. Dr. T. G. Dunning of the British Lessons Council, Director of Education, Temper-

ance and Social Service of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland served as consultant.

Scotland's three-year evangelism plan as outlined by the Evangelistic Committee of the Baptist Union of Scotland is well into its first year program. Thirty-two churches are engaged in some form of "visitation evangelism." Literature has been sent out to 63 churches by request. The three-year plan stresses three distinct features: 1) congregational preparation by prayer, Bible study, and investigation of the district; 2) door-to-door visitation equipped with suitable literature; 3) the "follow up work" of subsequent visitation to consolidate initial impressions and gains.

A \$400,000 building program at the Baptist Temple, Akron, Ohio, will add 3,000 to the capacity of "the world's largest Sunday school" which currently has an average attendance of 7,000. The new structure will contain 100 class rooms with a seating capacity of 22 to 25 each. It adds four assembly halls to make a total of 13 for the Temple, the smallest seating over 500. With over 15,000 members, the church has four pastors, seven secretaries, a minister of visitation, 20 part time workers and three custodians. The congregation was started in 1935 when less than 20 persons met in a grade school classroom. Last year offerings averaged over \$10,000 a Sunday.

Editorial



"Lord, Is It I?"

THESE are days of serious reflection and of spiritual inventory, leading us to the joyous observance of Easter Sunday. For every Christian the Cross is central in his thoughts about Christ and in his views on the meaning of life itself. The shadow of that Cross, on which Christ died for him, falls across his pilgrimage. Clearly he hears the call to take his stand at the foot of the Cross. In order to glory in the Cross, every Christian must, first, have experienced its saving power through faith in Christ, and then be crucified with Christ in a sacrificial fellowship that realizes profoundly the meaning of the Cross in every Christian's life.

In Milan, Italy, tens of thousands of visitors have looked on Leonardo da Vinci's world famous painting of "The Last Supper." The same picture is etched more sharply in the pages of the New Testament. It will come into view for you repeatedly during these days before Easter. This thought will often occur to you: What if I had sat at that table, would I, too, be asking, "Lord, is it I?" It may be hard to identify yourself with one of the disciples around the table. Peter would soon be denying Jesus for fear of a maid. Judas was ready to betray him with a blasphemous kiss. Other disciples would flee in his hour of suffering and trial. But what about you? The same words echo fearfully in our souls: "Lord, is it I?"

At the foot of the cross we are always confronted with our sins. We see more clearly the dark and sinister forces with which we wrestle, which have eclipsed God's love from our sight, which have nailed the Lord to the cruel tree. The answer to the question, "Lord, is it I?", is given to us with every sight of the Cross. We cannot escape by looking at someone else or by saying that another group of people crucified him. "All we like sheep have gone astray and have come short of the glory of God." We have to come to grips with this divine struggle that occurred on Golgotha as Christ took upon himself your sins and mine for our redemption. The sincere asking of this question in the presence of Christ and of the Cross, on which he died for the sins of the world, leads to a penitent confession and to a glorious outburst of faith in him as Christ.

At the foot of the Cross we are therefore commended by the grace of God to our Savior. This redemptive love of Christ is for everyone who believes in him. Those who look unto him for forgiveness will be saved. He gives the answer to our question, "Lord, is it I? Is this for me?", with his look of marvelous compassion and divine forgiveness. The wonders of his love and the depths of these riches of God's grace ought to lead us into reflective experiences that all this was "for you and for me."

For the care of your soul and for your spiritual inventory as well as for a closer walk with Christ, there is no more important question to ask than this: "Lord, is it I?"

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The Families of President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon pose for pictures as they leave the National Presbyterian Church after attending a pre-inaugural service.

Left to right: Maj. John Eisenhower and his wife, Barbara Anne; the First Lady; unidentified Clergyman; Pres. Eisenhower; Mrs. Nixon and Patricia, 10; Vice President Nixon, and Julie, 8; and Rev. Edward L. R. Elson, Church Minister.

President Eisenhower, the Christian

The story of the religious atmosphere of Washington, D. C., during Dwight D. Eisenhower's presidency

By Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

THE BRIGHT lights in the great auditorium, the famous Constitution Hall, in Washington, D. C., had been dimmed. On stage, the members of the National Symphony Orchestra, their instruments tuned and poised, sat waiting to play. Behind them stood the Chorus Choir of Howard University. The audience sat hushed.

The people were alert to the significance of the occasion. In a moment, they would hear, for the first time on any program, music by the contemporary composer, M. Robert Rogers. But the people were not thinking primarily about the music. They were thinking about the words that would be sung to it, for the words had been written by the President of the United States. The composition was entitled, "The President's Prayer."

A HUMBLE PRAYER

In Box 15 sat President and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower and friends. In a nearby box sat Vice-President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon. All were waiting to hear the musical setting that had been written for the prayer with which Mr. Eisenhower had begun his first inaugural address on January 20, 1953. In a sense, this musical event was the opening occasion that started off the round of festivities in connection with Mr. Eisenhower's second inauguration.

Like the shot of the Lexington farmers heard 'round the world, so the President's prayer had been heard around the world. Greater prayers have been offered, but none more sincerely, and none by a President of the United States on such a conspicuous occasion. This was an unprecedented thing to do. Prayers are always offered during an inaugural ceremony by clergy representing various religious faiths in America. These have always included a Protestant minister, a Catholic priest, and a Jewish rabbi. At the recent inauguration, a cleric representing the Greek Orthodox faith also offered prayer.

But at his first inauguration, Mr. Eisenhower had bowed his head and

DR. CRANFORD

Dr. Clarence W. Cranford of Washington, D. C., is widely known in North American Baptist circles. He was the Bible teacher and guest speaker at one of our first Laymen's Conferences held at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis. In 1952 he was the speaker at the Youth Banquet during the General Conference sessions in Philadelphia, Pa.

He is one of the outstanding Baptist ministers of the American Baptist Convention. His study course book on "The Devotional Life of Young People" has gone into several printings. This inspiring article was prepared by Dr. Cranford expressly for "Baptist Herald" readers.

EDITOR.

led the people in a prayer of his own. The significance of this act of humility and faith will be remembered by many long after they have forgotten the bulk of Mr. Eisenhower's political decisions. Believers in God everywhere could rejoice that the head of such a powerful nation had been so willing to seek divine guidance for himself and his country, and to express so openly his own religious faith.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

A few days before his first inauguration, Mr. Eisenhower had received baptism at the hands of the Rev. Dr. Edward R. Elson who had served as a chaplain with the Eisenhower forces in Europe, and had been received into the membership of the National Presbyterian church. Like one of his illustrious predecessors, Calvin Coolidge, Mr. Eisenhower had made his public profession of faith, and was received into church membership after his election to the presidency of the United States.

Also like Mr. Coolidge, Mr. Eisenhower has been regular in his church attendance, so that almost every Sunday, the crowd of curious admirers who gather at 18th and N Streets in northwest Washington are treated to the familiar sight of President and Mrs. Eisenhower entering and leaving one of the two church services held in the National Presbyterian Church each Sunday morning.

There have been some who have impugned the President's motives, and have accused him of superficial reasons for joining and attending church after his election to his high office. One Congressman, who dared to rush in where angels fear to tread, publicly declared that the President's interest in church is more political than religious. The almost unanimous shocked reaction on the part of people and press has discouraged any other political enemies from making similar charges. The chief refutation, however, has come from Mr. Eisenhower himself, not in words, but in deeds.

CHRISTIAN INTEGRITY

The President's Christian character has been above reproach. Even his political opponents recognize and admire his personal integrity. As has been pointed out, he has taken his church attendance seriously. Even when he is away from Washington, as when he vacations in Georgia or visits his farm in Gettysburg, Pa., he attends a church, usually a Presbyterian one, near where he is staying.

When he arrived back in Washington early on Sunday morning from the famous Geneva Conference, in spite of his weariness due to his arduous duties at the conference and his long trans-Atlantic flight, he took opportunity to attend his church to express his gratitude to God. Since the



The family Bible of the Eisenhowers which was used by President Dwight D. Eisenhower at his second inaugural on January 21, 1957 can be seen at the Eisenhower Museum and old family home in Abilene, Kansas.

official inauguration day for his second term fell on Sunday, he attended the early service of his church so he could return to the White House to take the official oath of office at noon. He placed his hand on his Mother's Bible as he repeated the oath.

Earlier in the month, Mr. Eisenhower with many members of his cabinet, high government officials, and Senators and Congressmen had attended an early morning communion service held annually in the National Presbyterian Church just prior to the reconvening of Congress for the Protestant members of that body. This service is sponsored jointly by the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and the Washington Federation of Churches. Mr. John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State, who along with J. Edgar Hoover and many other government dignitaries is a member of the National Presbyterian Church, was one of those who helped to serve the elements of the Lord's Supper to the congregation on this occasion. When the Eisenhowers attend church, they share the pew with Mrs. Elson and other members of the President's family.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

While the President did not lead in prayer at his second inaugural, his address reflected his sincere desire for peace. There were many who wished that guided missiles had not been in-

THE PRESIDENT'S PRAYER

Almighty God, as we stand here at this moment, my future associates in the executive branch of the Government join me in beseeching that Thou will make full and complete our dedication to the service of the people in this throng and their fellow citizens everywhere.

Give us, we pray, the power to discern clearly right from wrong and allow all our words and actions to be governed thereby and by the laws of this land.

Especially we pray that our concern shall be for all the people, regardless of station, race or calling. May cooperation be permitted and be the mutual aim of those who, under the concept of our Constitution, hold to differing political beliefs — so that all may work for the good of our beloved country and for Thy glory. **Amen**

cluded in the parade that followed his high utterance. While most people agree that America must be kept militarily strong, it seemed somewhat incongruous to flaunt our military power to such an extent after the President had just expressed such a high desire for peace.

Many churches held special services to pray for peace. In many of the Washington churches, special prayers for peace were offered at the Sunday services at precisely the same moment the President was taking his oath of office at the White House. Attendance was up in all the down-town Washington churches, most of which held two services to accommodate their crowds on inauguration Sunday, showing that many who came to en-

joy the inaugural festivities also remembered to worship and pray at this important juncture in the nation's life.

THE PRESIDENT'S PRAYER

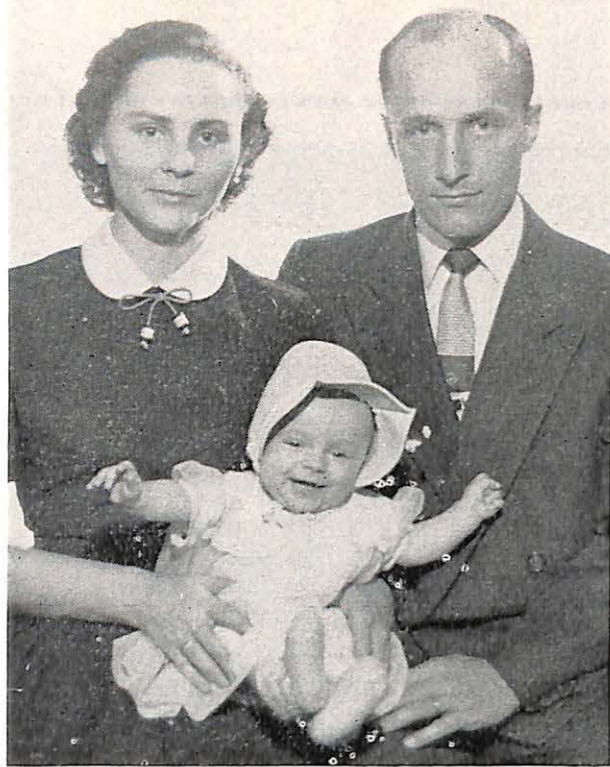
Christians in the United States can well be proud of the Christian witness of their President. In a day when Godless communism is seeking to pervert the minds of men, Christians around the world can take heart at the evidences of his religious faith. Even those who disagree with him politically must admire his Christian character, and honor his frequent requests for prayer.

The impression made by the prayer with which he began his first term of office is indicated in part by the fact that the committee in charge of the second inauguration chose to print the prayer on the back of the official program. Thus, the thousands of people who bought copies of this souvenir program could be reminded again of the religious faith of the President, and be inspired to pray with him, "Almighty God . . . may cooperation be granted . . . so that all may work for the good of our beloved country and thy glory. Amen."

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"No man can tell whether he is rich or poor by turning to his ledger. It is the heart that makes a man rich. He is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has."

—Henry Ward Beecher.



Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rentz, Cameroons missionaries, and their daughter, Karen, before their departure for Africa in January 1957

A Principal for the Soppo Teacher Training Center

The story of
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Rentz,
Missionaries in the Cameroons,
West Africa

By REV. R. SCHILKE, General Missionary Secretary

WRITING about the need for Christian education in the Cameroons at the time that our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang, were introduced to our denominational constituency through the pages of the "Baptist Herald" in its issue of December 29, 1955, I stated in one of the last paragraphs of the article bearing the caption, "Training to Train Others," something about the need of a Teacher Training Center and the further need of a principal for it. I would preface this present article by quoting from that paragraph referred to above.

"Another very important phase in the field of education in the Cameroons, and one which should not be underestimated, is the Christian Day School. For these Christian Day Schools we are much in need of trained native teachers. We are interested in the type of education Cameroons' youth receives, and we greatly desire that the influence upon the boys and girls in these Day Schools be definitely Christian. For that reason we are much in need of a Teacher Training Center to train our own Christian Day School teachers. Such a center has now been established at Soppo. Miss Esther Schultz is the acting principal of this Center this year. Our definite need is for a male principal, and we are praying to God that he might supply for this need and that someone will answer that call."

THE TEACHER TRAINING CENTER

So very often God lays his hands upon his handmaidens to spearhead an advance and to challenge his Church to move forward in the work of the Lord. The need for a training center in the Cameroons where native teach-

ers could be trained had long been apparent. In the year 1954 the preliminary class with an enrollment of 15 students was begun. Upon Miss Eleanor E. Schulert fell the task of becoming the first teacher of this first preliminary class. She performed a notable task during that year and again the following year.

For the year 1955 recognition was received for a Preliminary Training Center (P.T.C.) which consisted of a two-year course in addition to that first preliminary class. For such a center the appointment of a principal was one of the governmental requirements. Again the Lord laid his hand on another of his handmaidens and Miss Esther Schultz was chosen to become acting principal for one year. The enrollment in 1955 was around 40 students. Miss Schultz' previous experience as Supervisor of Schools in the Cameroons from 1948-51 stood her in good stead to cope with the many problems that arose and she discharged her obligations most faithfully and successfully.

NEED OF A MALE PRINCIPAL

Although Miss Schultz showed apt success as acting principal, she herself recommended that in line with government requirements and native customs a male principal should be appointed. Any permanency of recognition of the Training Center depended largely upon meeting these requirements.

For the year 1956 we temporarily appointed Rev. George W. Lang as acting principal in order to gain more time in our continued search for God's man. Brother Lang, after arriving on the field, received the approval of the Cameroons educational officer for the

period of one year. The enrollment for 1956 rose to about 70. By the end of 1956 Mr. Lang could have remained in that position, but the secular field of education was not his primary calling. Ndu's Bible Training Center needed him for which he had originally been appointed.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

God answers prayers! No missionary work could be carried on without faith in God's providence. He knows the need better than any of us, but he still desires that we lay this need before him in prayer and supplication, mostly for the benefit of our own faith in his divine providence. In answer to such prayers, God brings things to pass, though seldom without the instrumentality of human personalities.

The Baptist World Alliance sessions in London, England, in the summer of 1955 provided the setting where God's Spirit brought these human instrumentalities into play to achieve his end. In a conversation between our field superintendent, Dr. Paul Gebauer, and Rev. Wm. Sturbahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba, concerning this very need, the latter mentioned the name of Mr. William Hugo Rentz, principal of the High School at Minitonas, Manitoba, as a possible candidate for the position of principal at the Soppo Teacher Training Center.

Dr. Paul Gebauer wrote at once to Mr. Rentz and further referred him to me. Correspondence began and the processing of the candidate followed with the appointment being made in April of 1956 at the time of the annual session of the General Missionary Committee.

Mr. William Hugo Rentz was born at Horschik, Russia, on November 19,

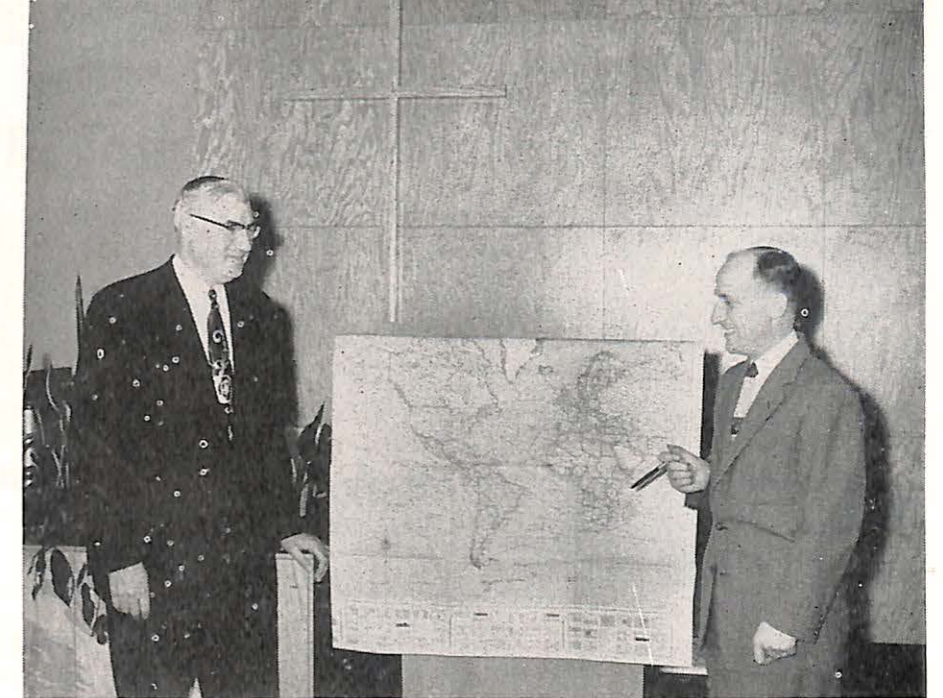
1926 to Adolf and Angela Rentz. He has one older sister, two older brothers and one younger sister. When he was a young child, his parents emigrated to Canada and made their home at Morris, Manitoba. Here at Morris William grew up and received his primary education up to Grade XI. At our church at Morris, William became active in the Sunday School, young people's work, church choir and band. While in Grade X of high school, he accepted Christ as his personal Savior under the ministry of Rev. Henry Schatz by whom he was also baptized in 1942.

FITNESS FOR THE TASK

As president of the young people's organization in his church for a period of time, he gained his first Christian experience in a position of leadership.

After graduation from Grade XII high school in 1944 at Gretna, Manitoba, Mr. Rentz taught school for a trial year and then completed Normal School to obtain his teacher's certificate. Then followed three years of teaching in public schools in the Province of Manitoba. To increase his standing as a teacher, he enrolled as a student at the University of Manitoba in 1949 for a period of two years. From 1953-1956 he gained valuable experience in the field of teaching and administration as principal of the high school at Minitonas, Manitoba. He completed his university work for his B.A. degree in summer courses following the year 1951 at the University of Manitoba, graduating in 1956.

On July 1, 1955 Mr. Rentz married Miss Gladys Martha Holland, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hol-



Mr. William H. Rentz, Cameroons missionary, speaks at the Seminary Chapel on Africa with Dr. George A. Lang (left), North American Baptist Seminary president, in charge of the missionary service.

land of Minitonas, Manitoba. Mrs. Rentz gained valuable Christian experience in practical church work in her home church at Minitonas, where she was active in Sunday School and young people's work. She was born on June 17, 1932 at Minitonas. At the age of fourteen years she accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. Walter Stein in 1946.

As a devoted wife and mother she declared herself most willing to follow her husband wherever the Lord should lead him and to be of help to him in whatever way possible. On April 20, 1956 there was born to them a daughter, Karen Inez.

AN ASSIGNMENT FROM GOD

Brother Rentz in his application for missionary service stated: "I have felt at different times that I would like to go into full-time work for my Lord, but I did not know in what capacity until I learned that our schools are lacking Christian teachers and that there is a decided need. For this reason I have written to you with respect to going to the Cameroons. The Lord has been leading and guiding me thus far, and if it is his will that I go to Africa, then I am ready to go."

The General Missionary Committee in its annual session in April 1956 also saw the leading of the Lord in the life of Brother Rentz in preparing him to fill the need in the field of education in the Cameroons, Africa, and so appointed him to the position of principal at our Soppo Teacher Training Center. The Committee felt that an intensive missionary orientation course of at least one semester at our Seminary would be of invaluable aid to him, and so requested that he take such a course before leaving for the Cameroons. Brother Rentz thus enrolled at our seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for the fall semester of 1956.

SERVING IN AFRICA

On January 5, 1957, Mr. and Mrs. Rentz and Karen Inez sailed out of New York harbor on the SS QUEEN MARY for England and thence on to the Cameroons. May God who calls his servants to the task and gives to each his assignment enrich them with his manifold blessings and give them a far-reaching influence in the building of Christian character among Cameroons youth of which about 90 are expected to enroll at Soppo Teacher Training Center this year.



Prof. George A. Dunger, professor of missions at the North American Baptist Seminary, explains some African curios, with several class members shown: (left to right) Ruby Salzman, Cameroons missionary; Raymond Harsch, former Indian missionary; Harold F. Lang, former exchange student to Germany; and Mr. William H. Rentz, Cameroons missionary.



—Photo by Herman Siemund

Mrs. William Kuhn (left) beams with joy on the occasion (Sept. 17, 1941) of her husband's 25th anniversary as General Missionary Secretary celebrated at a Silver Testimonial Banquet with Dr. and Mrs. H. von Berge, their close personal friends, also bringing congratulations.

Shut-in -- Nevertheless Happy!



*"How rich I am!
God is good to his own shut-ins"*



By Mrs. William Kuhn, a Guest in the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Illinois

TO BE shut-in because of physical disabilities is, indeed, undesirable. At times, life becomes quite monotonous and limits one's usefulness. In order to be a blessing to people, one must get out and mingle with them. No normal person chooses this kind of a cramped life.

Some people look upon shut-ins as "old timers" and "know-nothings". Of course, they cannot go to the store and see the latest fashions, or see holiday decorations, or meet friends by the way who chat awhile and tell them the latest news. But, fortunately, there are other ways of learning, becoming informed and of keeping in contact with God's wide world.

BLESSED MEMORIES

One may still have the mental and spiritual capacities left and so feast on blessed memories which have been stored in the mind from a full life in the past.

It came to me rather forcibly what the Apostle Paul says in 1 Cor. 2 that our spirits can communicate with God's Spirit. Oh, how much joy that can bring! Through the Spirit I can really communicate with the Creator, the Father and my God. How rich I am!

God reveals his Spirit to us through his Word. We can almost hear an audible voice appealing to us when we are in tune with him to hear. The effect is about the same when we come to him in prayer. The consciousness of the divine Presence is there. This can, of course, be true only of born-again believers.

A long life wins many friends, but there is a difference. There are friends and friends. Some stick close and will find you wherever you may be. Others forget you when you are

out of sight. The shut-in years are a time of sifting and testing. You soon know who are real, and also who may fail you some day. It is then that the Friend of friends is most appreciated.

When looking through my many, greeting cards and my collection of photographs, I realize how unworthy I am of my many friends.

Where there is a multitude of friends, there will be no scarcity of such who will occasionally call on the afflicted one to comfort and to cheer. It will also create an opportunity for the shut-in to impart some spiritual uplift to the visitor who may be in need. Rather than be pitied, we would share some of our good things.

Several times callers have said to me on leaving: "I enjoyed the conversation." A young woman said to me as she was ready to go: "We had fun!" I said: "Come again, and we will have some more fun." A shut-in can have wonderful experiences with God alone, but we need people also. We are so made.

MY LIBRARY FRIENDS

Another source of enjoyment for a shut-in may be the possession of a library—a familiar bookcase with some secular as well as religious books. If our spirit can communicate with God's Spirit by reading his Word, we can also do the same by reading the works of the great authors and poets of the world.

Books of travel, with plenty of pictures of places and people, can take us to distant places. Recently I've gone

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on a journey with my mind's eye to South American jungles, seeing sights and smelling odors in some pagan villages.

If the pleasant occupation of reading tires one, one can then sit at the window, rest the eyes by looking into the distance, stretch the imagination, see the Creator's work in the sky and meditate a while.

SPIRITUAL FEAST

One can even have a banquet as a shut-in. In Rev. 3:20 we read that Jesus will come into the heart and "sup" with those who bid him enter. This is true of a church, but it is also true of an individual, a privilege for "Christians only".

A shut-in need not rust from idleness. If not bedfast, one can watch things at home or be a help to the one who has the responsible part of the work to do. Also, when confined to the home, there will be much time to pray. If prayer is power—and we believe it is—then the praying person has indeed a worthy mission to fulfill. That person will not bring gloom into the house but rather sunshine.

Being confined to your room does not make you entirely forgotten. Radio, churches and clubs do much to give shut-ins entertainment. Kindly disposed friends offer them rides, bring them pictures and music into the home, and also remember them with some of the goodies served at church functions. How this humiliates one when recalling how little one did for others when able to do so. The shut-in should indeed be appreciative.

When the time comes to be a shut-in, there comes also the necessary grace from God, an abundance of it! So why be unhappy? God is good to his own shut-ins!



Baptist and Evangelical Hungarian refugees (left) seem to enjoy their chartered bus trip from the Mollardgasse Baptist Church of Vienna to the new Refugee Home, "Quellenhof," sponsored by the Baptist Relief Committee, located at Rekawinkel, Austria

Baptist Relief for Hungarians

The latest news from the Baptist Relief Committee ministering to Hungarian refugees by Dr. William J. Appel of Salzburg, Austria

THE EARLIEST reports of an uprising in Hungary last October had scarcely reached neighboring Austria when the first Hungarian Baptist refugees appeared at Mollardgasse 35, the address of our Baptist Church in Vienna. Having fled the terror of their native land, these folk were seeking aid and comfort. The Baptist pastor's family unhesitatingly responded to the appeal, and within a few days the parsonage was a beehive of activity.

Meals were served the refugees as they came, and the small chapel on the main floor of the building was transformed into a receiving center for the many refugees who were shortly to follow. Little was realized of the magnitude of the problem that was soon to become so vital a part of Austrian life.

The chapel was soon filled with cots and became the sleeping, dining and living quarters for its new residents. Before long it was necessary to find additional quarters. Two rooms in an Art Institute added space for sixteen beds; our Mennonite brethren offered help; and our Executive Secretary kept a number of refugees in his home.

"QUELLENHOF" HOME

In the meantime, the situation having expanded to such a great extent, a committee of representative Baptists was organized. Owing to the inadequacy of even the additional facilities, it became urgent to look for still larger quarters.

After prayerful searching, a 22-room house known as "Quellenhof," in Rekawinkel, eighteen miles west of Vienna, was found to be available and could be rented on a monthly basis at a reasonable figure. The house, which can accommodate 80 to 100 persons, had until a year and a half ago been occupied by Russian troops and was badly in need of repairs. Although much labor and expense would be required to make the building usable,

the Committee voted unanimously to acquire the house and to gather our scattered groups under one roof.

The trip to the new location was made by chartered bus during a heavy snowstorm. Moving day proved to be a bitter cold one and the building, so long without heat, offered slight comfort for the first night. However, the next few days wrought a transformation. Under the able guidance of Mr. Gustav Kunzelmann, a former Army officer and one of our valued Austrian workers, and the willing response of the Hungarians themselves, things began to happen.

In our Baptist Church in Vienna our refugees had lived together in one large room. With so many rooms in the new house, it was possible to separate them into groups so that families with children could be together and young men and women in separate dormitories. Living under these more satisfactory conditions, the Hungarians began to take a personal interest in their new surroundings.

The place was not to be another refugee camp, but a temporary home, and this it has proved to be. Tables were built; curtains, the gift of the families of the Vienna Church, were hung; floors were scrubbed; wood was cut for heating and cooking purposes; and soon the very atmosphere radiated Christian love and fellowship.

SPIRITUAL MINISTRY

A small building in the rear of the main house was made into a recreation room for adults and a playroom for children. At the Baptist Church in Vienna the meals were served in the one large room in which the refugees also had their sleeping quarters, but at "Quellenhof" meals were served in a spacious dining room.

Since most of the refugees are destined for Canada and the United States, some of them have become interested in studying the English language and help is given them under the leadership of one of their own.

A morning session of a recent meeting of the Baptist Relief Committee was held at "Quellenhof," and the members were privileged to inspect the house and share with the refugees their mid-day meal. Two volunteers from the Mollardgasse Church, with the help of the refugees, care for the preparation and serving of the meals. A prayer of thanksgiving precedes each meal, and a period of devotions consisting of Scripture reading, hymns and prayers follows the mid-day meal.

The spiritual ministry at the Home as well as in the various refugee camps throughout Austria has been constant. In the beginning this was cared for by Dr. Sandor Haraszti, one of our Baptist pastors from Budapest, now in St. Louis, Missouri, U.S.A. Later Reverend Frankl, a missionary from Paris who speaks the Hungarian language, served the refugees for a month. At present, Rev. Janos Csercpka, another of our Baptist pastors from Budapest, who is waiting to go to the United States, is ministering. Sunday services are held regularly in the Home, and a number of folk from the community have been in attendance. At one of these services recently two refugees accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior.

PARCELS INTO HUNGARY

After many attempts to ship food and clothing into Hungary had proved fruitless, the way has finally been opened to send small parcels of clothing to individuals by parcel post. For the month of February these shipments can be made duty-free. To take advantage of this opportunity, a group of Hungarians has been feverishly preparing and mailing parcels. More than 200 such parcels have gone into Hungary, and thus far 50 letters have come giving assurance that the clothing has been received and gratefully appreciated.

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—Photo by A. Devancy, Inc., N. Y.
"Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known."

The North American Hymnal

Wonderful worship experiences await those churches and congregations which make use of this new denominational hymnal

By MISS IRMA L. GRIEGER of Forest Park, Illinois

IF YOU have ever served on a committee for selecting a hymnal for your church, you are well aware of the fact that many hymnals are recommended and endorsed by members primarily because they contain their pet hymn. No matter what other excellent features a hymnal might have, it's "thumbs down" if it doesn't include "The Old Rugged Cross" or some other favorite.

In browsing through the new NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL, I sincerely believe most "favorites" are contained therein, for there is a large assortment of hymns for worship services as well as a good selection of Gospel songs.

VARIETY OF SONGS

The songs are arranged in the hymnal according to a wide variety of topics. In addition to songs for such special occasions as Mother's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas (I counted 32 songs under the subject "Advent-Nativity" alone!), there are also a number suitable for baptismal and communion services. The latter two categories are sometimes incomplete, inadequate, or lacking entirely in so-called non-denominational hymnals. The use of proper hymns can add much to a worship service.

Congregations which are still using hymnals published during or immediately after the war will welcome the excellent quality of paper to be found in our new hymnal. The print is clear on the smooth white paper, and the book when open lies flat. The cover is a pleasing maroon color.

The only objections I have to the hymnal are the lack of children's songs and the incomplete metrical index of tunes. Undoubtedly since this is primarily a church hymnal, and church schools for the most part now use graded hymnals, the lack of songs for children will not be too noticeable. However, I was disappointed to find that the metrical index of tunes does

not include all meters found in the hymnal nor does it contain the tune names.

What fascinated me most in the hymnal was the large number of German hymns translated into the English. It was most interesting to go through the book and meet old friends in new dress, as it were. While a child attending what is now the Forest Park Baptist Church, the morning worship services were conducted in German. Granted, I would have preferred an English service, but it is surprising how many of the German songs "registered" in my memory! It was like a game for me to leaf through the pages of the NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL to see how many of the English translations I could quote in German!

MR. WENGEL'S TRANSLATIONS

While doing this, I became aware that most of the translations were made by Rev. Paul Wengel, who was chairman of the committee which compiled the NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL. As a matter of curiosity, I counted his translations, and as far as I could ascertain I believe 53 songs were translated by Mr. Wengel in their entirety, and he collaborated on four others. This is a stupendous job! Have you ever tried to translate prose from German into English? At times that is a trifle complicated, but to translate poetry and retain the original meaning and meter—that is an astonishing feat.

If you come from a German Baptist background and are familiar with the hymns to be found in the "Neue Glaubensharfe" und "Singvoegelein," you will no doubt be interested in making the same comparisons I did. And if you should be a newcomer in our midst, you will want to acquaint yourself with these "new" songs, for they will prove to be a blessing to you.

Perhaps you would like to know the names of some of the more familiar

hymns which have been translated by Mr. Wengel: I Know God Loves Me (Gott ist die Liebe); My Evening Prayer (Muede bin ich, geh' zu Ruh); I View With Contrition and Wonder (Ich blicke voll Beugung und Staunen); In His Love Abiding, Wait On the Lord (Harre meine Seele); Let Our Hearts Be Ever Happy (Lasst die Herzen immer fröhlich); Zion, Bring Thy Diadem (Tochter Zion, freue dich); I Know Whom I Believed (Ich weiss, an wen ich glaube); The One True Friend (Der beste Freund ist in dem Himmel); Our Life Is Like a Summer Day (Das Leben gleicht dem Sommertag); 'Tis Well With Me (Wie ist mir wohl; wenn bei verschlossener Tuere); Thou Art the Bread of Heaven (Zermalmtes Brot des Lebens); O Let My Heart an Altar Be (O, dass mein Herz ein Altar waer'); Whom Jesus Loves (Wen Jesus liebt); A Thousand Tongues to Tell the Story (O, dass ich tausend Zungen haette); On Zion's Hill (Nach Zions Huegel zieht's mich hin).

Halleluja, Fairest Morning (Halleluja, schoener Morgen); Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me (So nimm denn meine Hände); and I Sing the Praise of Love Unbounded (Ich bete an die Macht der Liebe) are several songs translated by others than Mr. Wengel.

RESPONSIVE READINGS

Much could be written about the complete responsive readings to be found at the back of the book as well as the calls to worship and the outlines for dedication and installation services, but space does not permit.

So—whether you find yourself on a "hymnal committee" or appoint yourself a "committee of one", by all means give consideration to the NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL.

One last thing! When you do get your NORTH AMERICAN HYMNALS (and I'm sure you eventually
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"Come, Let Our Joys Be Known"

Testimonials of Praise for the New Denominational Hymnal

THE SALE of the "North American Hymnal" has become almost a stampede. Between 9,000 and 10,000 copies have been sold out of the first printing of 15,000. A second printing was hoped for after several years. Now it appears as if a second printing will be necessary within less than a year after its publication date.

ORDER FOR 650 COPIES

The hymnal is being acclaimed in our churches, among our friends, and even in the larger field of hymnody, as "exceptionally fine." A great many single copies have been ordered from the Roger Williams Press. The hymnal is enriching the musical life of homes and families. It is being studied by leaders of churches as a prelude to larger orders for congregations.

Recently the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, ordered 650 copies of the "North American Hymnal." That represents the largest order for the hymnal by a North American Baptist church. Dr. John Wobig, pastor, has reported that the church is exceedingly well pleased with its new songbook.

Two hundred copies of the hymnal have been ordered by the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., of which Rev. D. Donald Ganstrom is the pastor. An order for 182 copies has been received from the Bethany Church of Milwaukee, Wis., with Rev. Wilmer Quiring, pastor.

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

Rev. W. W. Knauf, minister of the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., has sent an unsolicited testimonial with some constructive suggestions for its improvements after receiving a large shipment of the hymnals for use in his church. Mr. Knauf wrote: "I think it is an outstanding hymnal in almost every respect. Naturally, I would have favored a few more hymns on Christ's return. Others seem to be of the same opinion. We have enjoyed the use of the hymnal immensely in our Elk Grove church and I know that we shall appreciate it more and more in the future."

Another unusual order has been received from an American Baptist Convention church. It will be remembered that the First Baptist Church of Garden Grove, Calif., with Dr. A. J. Harms, pastor, ordered 450 copies. (See "Baptist Herald," Dec. 27, 1956 issue). Recently the First Baptist Church of Chillicothe, Ohio, ordered 200 copies for use in its services. Dr. A. E. Kannwischer, chaplain at the Federal Penitentiary of

Chillicothe, is a member of that church and was instrumental in placing this order.

"WATCHMAN-EXAMINER" REVIEW

"The Watchman-Examiner" has reviewed the hymnal with carefully chosen words of praise. The editor, Dr. John Bradbury, has given the hymnal a high place of recognition in the field of Christian hymnody. "Published for The North American Baptist General Conference whose headquarters are at Forest Park, Ill., this gracious hymnal has universal attractions. Not only are the standard hymns of the church embodied in it but a large number of approved songs of an evangelistic strain are added. Included also, are some new hymns which are the result of translation and creative aspiration. Altogether it is a very attractive hymn book, strongly bound and satisfying in appearance. It is a valuable contribution to the hymnody of the church."

Further testimonials from pastors and leaders appear on this page. It is literally true that the "North American Hymnal" is singing its way into the hearts of our people. Come, let us sing together and find that our church life is enriched musically and our Christian faith strengthened by the hymns we sing from the new "North American Hymnal."

Delighted With the New Hymnal

By Miss Alethea S. Kose of Chicago Illinois

Have you seen the new "North American Hymnal"? If you have not, order a copy right away, so you may join the many who are delighted with our new denominational hymnal. It is a beautiful hymn-book in every sense of the word. In format, organization and content, it ranks with the best.

For those of us, who grew up in our German Sunday Schools and churches, the hymnal has an added attraction. It preserves part of our rich heritage for us. Translations of many of our favorite German hymns, which we enjoyed in our childhood and youth, make this hymnal especially valuable and meaningful for our denomination. The hymnal committee is to be congratulated! The dream, which they had, has become a very worthy reality.

A Superbly Fine Hymnal

By Rev. H. J. WALTEREIT, Pastor of the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

After having used the "North American Hymnal" in our church for a num-

ber of weeks, it is hard to keep from saying too many good things about it. We are pleased with the high quality binding, paper, and printing, at such a reasonable price. Furthermore, we believe that this hymnal contains more "singable" numbers than any other we have compared with it. The selection is superb.

Ours being a bi-lingual church, we are especially pleased to be able to use this hymnal and the "Glaubensharfe" together for special occasions. We are deeply indebted to Rev. P. Wengel and all others who labored faithfully and long to give us this excellent hymnal, of which we can be justly proud as a denomination.

A Masterpiece of a Hymnal

By Rev. John Heer of Rochester, New York

Since I had to be taken to the Strong Memorial Hospital on January 1st and had to undergo surgery which put me on my back for 22 days, I had much time on my hands to think, to read and to look things over. While I was at the hospital I received many cards from friends, especially from the young people of our church here. They also presented me with a copy of the "North American Hymnal," a song book which I shall prize as long as I live.

While I was in the hospital, and had time to read and think, I looked through this hymnal of ours. I have had occasion to examine many a hymnal while serving churches, in fact, as many as six at a time before any conclusion was reached as to the one we would choose for our church. And so I think I saw quite a few hymnals in my life and know of what I am speaking.

However, and this takes on a new paragraph, I have yet to find a hymnal that exceeds this one in composition, in the style of printing, in neatness and in accuracy. But most of all that which stirred my soul were the selections. I showed it to Rev. F. Livingstone, the associate pastor of Lake Ave. Baptist Church, and he said: "Simply marvelous!"

I want to express my deep appreciation and gratitude to the committee for the selection of such a fine hymnal, that has the quality "Non-excelled." It is simply a masterpiece, and if I would ever have the chance to serve another church, and they would be in need of a hymnal, our "North American Hymnal" would be the choice without a doubt. Again, many, many thanks for such a fine hymnal!



Members of "God's Volunteers" team congratulate one another on their safe arrival in Sidney, Montana, for meetings at the First Baptist Church.

"God's Volunteers" in Montana

By Miss Eunice Kern, Reporter

AFTER a brief recess over the Christmas season, which we were able to spend in our separate homes, we as "God's Volunteers" are once more back on duty. This time duty called us to Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana, where Rev. W. Gerber is the pastor. We spent the days from December 30 to January 13 working in this area. During this time we were able to help along with the Watchnight Service and the mid-week prayer meeting. Also it was our privilege to help along with one of the C.B.Y. Fellowship meetings.

However, our main concern was to contact those in the area who at one time knew Christ as their own personal Savior, but who have drifted away, and others who never knew Christ. Some of our time was also spent in canvassing the area, since the church is in a new part of the town and therefore there are many people who do not have a church home. In some of our former churches we were able to have just one children's rally, but here in Billings we were able to hold two, the second one featuring a Gospel film strip.

As in other churches, our campaign ended with one week of evangelistic meetings with Rev. D. Fuchs as the evangelist. At the last meeting many reconsecrated their lives to the Lord, and two young girls took their stand for the Lord.

Monday morning saw us on our way to our new field of service at Sidney, Montana. During the course of our trip we were able to stop and visit Custer's Battlefield. There we were reminded that we are not fighting with guns, since Christ is our Leader and the Word of God is our ammunition. On Tuesday, January 15, we be-

gan our work in First Baptist Church, Sidney, Montana, where Rev. J. Ehman is the pastor. Upon our arrival, we were greatly encouraged to hear that the people of the church had been praying for the coming visitation work and meetings.

Here as in Billings we kept busy contacting folks in the surrounding area who attend the church at times but as yet have not made their decision for Christ. We were greatly helped in this since a good number of the church members went with us as we made these calls. Here too we were able to have two children's rallies with a fine attendance.

The great climax of our campaign came on Sunday, January 27. When the invitation was given at one of our last meetings, two persons stepped out as first time decisions and others came in an act of reconsecration. It is with thankful hearts that we look back upon the blessings of the past, and with great anticipation to harvest fields that lie waiting before us.

MATRON WANTED FOR PHILADELPHIA HOME

The North American Baptist Home for the Aged of Philadelphia, Pa., is seeking a matron. Mrs. Lucie Fuchs, the present matron, is expecting to leave not later than June 1957. For further information, applicants may direct their correspondence to the undersigned at 7023 Rising Sun Ave., Philadelphia 11, Pa.

William C. Esenwein,
Secretary of the Board.

DONATION DAY at Chicago's Home for the Aged, April 29, 1957.

The annual Donation Day for the benefit of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., will be observed on Monday, April 29, 1957 at 3 P.M. at the Home. A very interesting program will be rendered under the auspices of the Woman's Service Union of Chicago and Vicinity. Donations will be gratefully accepted and may be sent directly to: Central Baptist Home for the Aged, 7901 W. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago 31, Illinois.

Hildegard Wuttke Schieber,
President.

REMEMBER TO PRAY

(Prayer requests to be remembered by our North American Baptist Churches)

"In actual life every great enterprise begins with and takes its first step forward in faith."—Schlegel.

● Pray for the guests in our various Homes for the Aged that the sunset years of their lives might be happy and that they might be faithful "prayer warriors."

● Pray for our missionaries in Japan, at Ise and Kyoto, that souls might be won for Christ, that language difficulties might be overcome, and that the young Japanese Christians might be glowing witnesses for their Savior.

RELIEF FOR HUNGARIANS

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been made possible by the generous gifts of clothing and money from Baptist friends around the world. Your prayers and assistance are appreciated by the Committee and your continued interest and response are sincerely enlisted. The need in Hungary itself continues to increase, and the Committee is looking forward to the time when larger shipments of food and clothing may be sent to our fellow-believers whose suffering and need are so great.

The Committee's headquarters will continue to be maintained at our Vienna Baptist Church, Mollardgasse 35, Vienna, Austria.

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

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structive and provocative book, written from a sane, objective, scholarly and Biblical standpoint. Even if the reader may not agree with every detail, he will find this book tremendously helpful and stimulating. Long has there been the need for such a work as this, which combines deep loyalty to the Word of God with a wide knowledge of science.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

March 14—Christian Training Institute Board meeting, Edmonton, Alberta.

March 17 (Sunday)—Colfax, Washington.

March 28-29—Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.

Rev. R. Schilke

March 19—Anamoose, N. Dak.

March 20—Harvey, N. Dak.

March 21—Fessenden, N. Dak.

March 22—Germantown Church, North Dakota.

March 24 (Sunday A.M.)—West Fargo, North Dakota.

March 24 (Sunday P.M.)—Grand Forks, North Dakota.

March 31 (Sunday A.M.)—Faith Church, Minneapolis, Minn.

March 31 (Sunday P.M.)—Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

March 24 (Sunday A.M.)—Eureka, South Dakota.

March 24 (Sunday P.M.)—Leola, South Dakota.

March 31 (Sunday A.M.)—Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

March 31 (Sunday P.M.)—Parkersburg, Iowa.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

March 20 (Wednesday)—Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

March 21, 23-24—Missionary Conference, Walnut Street Church, Newark, New Jersey.

March 31 (Sunday)—Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Penn.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

March 23—Central Conference Sunday School Committee meeting, Lansing, Michigan.

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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. Is there any mystical or magical meaning in any numbers, such as three? Is seven "a holy number"?

The use of numbers with symbolic meaning, sacred or otherwise, was widespread in ancient times. Such use in the Bible cannot be doubted, although some people have certainly gone too far in their speculations. It would be best to call this use of numbers "symbolical," perhaps "mystical," but not "magical".

Numbers which are unmistakably used with more or less symbolic meaning are 3, 4, 7 (and its multiples), 10 and 12. Three is regarded as symbolic of a complete and ordered whole, or of fullness of manifestation and realization, being used largely of the Godhead. By far the most prominent is the number seven, which signifies totality and completeness. Its Biblical use is conspicuous in connection with sacred rituals, history, teaching, literary forms, and apocalyptic passages.

Two extremes should be avoided. First, the denial of any particular meaning to numbers, which indicates a lack of acquaintance with ancient literature. Second, an undue or super-

stitious speculation regarding the meaning of numbers.

2. What is the best and most profitable book (next to the Bible) that you have read during the past year?

The most profitable book which I have read in quite a long time is the recent volume by Bernard Ramm, **THE CHRISTIAN VIEW OF SCIENCE AND SCRIPTURE**, published by Eerdmans Publishing Company (\$4.00). This is a strategically important volume from an evangelical viewpoint and will remain as a landmark in this area of thought for a good many years.

Acutely aware of the imperative necessity for a harmony of science and Scripture, Ramm calls for a return to conservative scholarship on the one hand and a fairness and adequacy of understanding of modern science on the other hand.

Informed Bible-believers should not have closed minds with respect to the facts of science, urges Ramm, and no man of science has a proper reason for not becoming a Christian on the grounds of his science. Here is a con-

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We the Women

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

Mrs. Frank Armbruster of Burton, Texas, president of the Southern Conference Woman's Missionary Union, writes for us today. We do appreciate the work that these women do for us as Conference presidents.

THREE WAYS OF LIFE

In Matthew 7:13 we read of a BROAD WAY which is the way of sin. People in general don't like to call sinful habits or deeds sin anymore, but God still declares it to be such.

This way is crowded with people of the world. Glitter and glamor and beautiful signs on every hand attract the eyes of all classes and ages. The adorning of the outward appearance which is the pride of life indicates that each wants to look more attractive than the other. Riches, fame, ease, and the urge for a good time is the general desire, but the end of this way is eternal death. (Prov. 14:12; Rom. 6:23).

Matthew 7:14 tells us of a NARROW WAY, which is the way of eternal life. It is neither crowded nor does it portray that which is appealing to the eyes of the world, but it is a sure way. It leads to a different destination. God in his infinite love, not willing that any should perish, arranged it so that the broad and the narrow way intersect. The travelers look for signs indicating the right way to take. The Lord wants each Christian to be a sign at these intersections. Have we been the kind of sign which definitely points to Christ? He is the narrow way! If not, why not?

A truck came along a certain highway on which a bridge had been torn up. A danger sign had been placed in an obscure corner. That, plus fog, caused an accident. The driver failed to see the sign and plunged to his death. (Luke 11:33-36; Matt. 5:14-16).

There is another way, the WAY OF FULL CONSECRATION, but so few are willing to take it because it is a way of sacrifice. (Rom. 12:1-2). The Wise Men presented themselves first, then their costly gifts, after which they took another way in obedience to God. (Matt. 2:11-12). O, that Christians today would choose this way! It is costly, but there is joy unspeakable in giving our best. We will be able to say with Paul: "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live" (Gal. 2:20). We will then walk by faith, in love, and in the unity of the Spirit and will be enabled to lock the door to all indifferences of the past and

CBY FELLOWSHIP

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, General Secretary

THERE are big plans in the making for all CBY Fellowship members for the year 1957-1958. The Executive Committee, which met on February 1 and 2, 1957, gave serious and prayerful consideration to the carrying out of the work of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

PLANS FOR 1957-1958

The emphasis this past year has been on our personal relationship to God, using the theme, "That I May Know Him." We felt that the next step for us is to show our love to Christ by some practical Christian service. God's Word has often emphasized that we should be obedient to the command of our Lord. The great command is that we should go and make disciples—not only in foreign lands but within our own community.

Therefore we felt led to choose for our 1957-1958 theme the words, "EVERY BELIEVER A WINNER." Our desire is that every Christian young person is to become a soul winner. We have set for our goal 1,000 souls to be won for Christ. This entire venture of soul winning is to be called OPERATION TFC. The letters TFC stand for "Thousand For Christ." Operation TFC will begin on August 1, 1957 and conclude by General Conference time.

You may think that this goal is rather high. Is it really? We have 372 local CBY Fellowships. If each Fellowship would win three people to Christ during the year we would go over our goal. The God whom we serve is a great God. If we have faith and yield ourselves to the leading of the Holy Spirit, we will far surpass the goal set before us.

OPERATION TFC

How is Operation TFC to be put into effect? The big "kick-off" will be launched at our Christian Leaders' Conference to be held at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from August 5-9, 1957. (We hope to see at least one member of each CBY Fellowship at this conference.) During this time the entire operation will be explained in detail. "Soul Winners Packets" will be available for everyone who enlists in Operation TFC.

We are asking the local Fellowship president and pastor to arrange for a

love those who do not love us. (Matt. 5:44). Then "the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace" (1 John 1:7).

Working, praying, and giving will become a great joy. We will no longer be satisfied to be an obscure, dim

study course using the book by C. E. Matthews, "Every Christian's Job." The following schedule is suggested for this study course to be conducted during the days of September 8-22, 1957. Two class periods on each of the following evenings: Sunday, Sept. 8; Wednesday, Sept. 11; Friday, Sept. 13; Sunday, Sept. 15; and Tuesday, Sept. 17. On Wednesday evening, Sept. 18, the young people are to meet for prayer. On Thursday and Friday of that week the young people are to go out to do personal visitation evangelism. A Youth Revival is to be conducted Saturday night and Sunday.

We are asking you to clear these dates now with your church board. If the above mentioned dates are not suitable, then select some that are. Every CBY Fellowship is encouraged to participate in this training period so that Operation TFC will be a real success. Adults of the church are also encouraged to give their support to this program through prayer.

REPORT ON YOUTH WEEK 1957

I wish that all of you could read the reports on Youth Week, 1957. More youth groups than ever before have followed through with the suggestions presented by our CBY Fellowship. The blessings experienced throughout this week were in proportion to the time, effort and prayer invested by our young people. Please send your report to our office too if you have not done so yet. We are interested in what you have done.

CHRISTIAN LEADERS' CONFERENCE

August 5-9, 1957 are the dates for you to reserve for the Christian Leaders' Conference to be held in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. A real treat is in store for you and everyone else who is coming. There will be Bible study, a course on "The Devotional Life of Young People," discussion groups on various topics related to youth work, pictures, planned recreation and inspirational speakers. This is an opportunity you cannot afford to miss. Bring a car full of young people to Sioux Falls. Single young people will find lodging at our beautiful seminary dormitories. Remember the date—August 5-9, 1957.

sign, but we will count it a privilege to bear the testimony of our blessed Lord and be a bright sign pointing the way to Christ. We would point out the blood-sprinkled Way of the Cross, for we know it leads to our eternal home.



Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 31, 1957

Theme: THE LAST JUDGMENT

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: There is something wonderful and terrible about God's judgment—wonderful to be on the winning side; terrible to be on the losing side.

INTRODUCTION: Some Christians believe that the judgment of Jesus Christ is some far off event that has nothing to do with the present. Actually, Jesus is trying to teach us that our lives are constantly being judged, and that we will receive God's gracious approval in the final judgment, depending on our daily attitudes and practices toward God and our fellowmen.

Just before this final judgment scene, Jesus told the parables of the virgins and the talents. The two primary truths which Jesus wished to call forth were watchfulness and usefulness. It is extremely difficult to be alert and patient when it seems there is nothing to do but wait for the Lord. "They also serve, who only stand and wait" is not an enviable position. We would rather be in the thick of the fight. In the same way it is often just as difficult to try to use a single insignificant talent in the shadow of those whose abilities are ten-fold.

In the parable of the Last Judgment, Jesus dramatically and realistically sets forth the importance and the duty of service. The truths in all of these parables overlap to a degree, but the ultimate and final truth is that there is no middle position. You are either in or out; the door is either open or closed; you are either saved or lost.

I. CHRIST AS JUDGE. Matt. 25: 31-33.

When we think of Christ's coming, we think of him as the world's Savior. In the beginning of his ministry he said that God had not made him a judge or a divider (Lk. 12:14; John 8:15). But the ministry and mission of Jesus would be incomplete if he came only as Savior. To be just, he must also come in judgment, not only for those who accepted him, but also for those who rejected him. It was probably the most difficult truth to bring to the attention of the leaders of Israel, who thought of themselves as sitting in the seat of judgment.

II. JUDGMENT OF THE RIGHTEOUS. Matt. 25:34-40.

Many people are afraid of the word "judgment" because they associate it with crime and punishment. It is good

to remember that judgment also has something to do with virtue and reward.

The most outstanding virtue of the righteous was the fact that they were so unaware of their righteousness. They had no special prepared formulas for doing good, nor did they keep account of their good works. (Compare this with the self-righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees). They were surprised and amazed that Jesus should extend to them such a warm welcome and such a great reward. The needs of their fellowmen were a source of constant awareness, but they were not aware that they were doing anything out of the ordinary by fulfilling those needs. Jesus did not single out anyone who performed great feats of courage, or who were great soul-winners, or who made unusual sacrifices. All were simply and reverently addressed as "blessed of my Father."

III. JUDGMENT OF THE UN-RIGHTEOUS. Matt. 25:41-46.

Here the judgment seems even more surprising. None of these people appear in the courts of our land. They were not accused of being murderers, robbers, liars or immoral. Most of them were no doubt looked upon as respectable citizens, who simply minded their own business. These people were condemned, not because they had done any evil, but because they had failed to do good. Not once did they ask, "Who is my neighbor?", or "Am I my brother's keeper?"

Jesus wants to teach us that sin is a horrible thing, whether it is the sin of commission or of omission. Until he comes, he expects us to be watchful, to be faithful, and to serve him and our fellowmen.

We are divided into hundreds of denominations and sects. Jesus makes the division very simple—the righteous and the unrighteous.

A LESSON GUIDE

Date: April 7, 1957

Theme: JESUS FACES THE CROSS

Scripture: Matthew 26:26-29, 36-40.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The most difficult decisions in life are those which concern our will and God's will.

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: It has always been a major temptation in the lives of men everywhere to avoid hardship and suffering. In the minds of many, the will of God is associated with the greatest difficulty, the greatest unpleasantness and the keenest suffering. Our own will is tempted to let this cup pass from us, to run from the cross, to avoid the problem, to take the easy way out, and to find peace in some remote retreat.

If Moses would have followed his own will, he would have been content to live undisturbedly as a shepherd for the rest of his life. Elijah prayed for death rather than face the struggle between those who worshipped Jehovah and those who worshipped Baal. Jonah thought the easiest way to follow his own will was to run away from the will of God. Yet in each instance the destiny of thousands of people was affected by the obedience of one man to the will of God. What a tragedy to the world it would have been if Jesus Christ had turned his face away from the cross! But there was never any question in his mind. He set his face steadfastly toward Jerusalem and the cross.

This lesson should help us overcome our fear, selfishness and doubt when our wills conflict with the will of God. No one can deny that God's will often brings suffering. But the suffering we endure in the end by following our own wills is multiplied a hundredfold.

I. THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST AND ITS MEANING FOR US. Matthew 26:26-29.

Much of the suffering in the world has no redemptive value. It has no moral purpose, nor does it have an unselfish aim. It is simply the result of sin and evil. In the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, Jesus gives the meaning of his suffering as the greatest redemptive act in the world. The cup and the bread are the symbols of his body and blood for the remission of sins. In this New Testament Passover there is greater deliverance than the people of Israel experienced when they were released from the bondage of Egypt. It is a release from death unto life.

II. THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST AND PRAYER. Matt. 26:36-44.

When we think of Christ and his suffering, we commonly think of his physical suffering on the cross. In the Garden of Gethsemane he went through a more intense spiritual suffering. He was in agony of soul until, through prayer, he became fully submitted to the will of the Father. It was an index to the humanity of Jesus when he prayed, "Not my will, but thine be done." To be in agony in sorrow and in need of God's presence in

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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
San Francisco, California



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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 asks John to get in touch with her at her cousin's place in Monterey. On the way there, her car is halted and she is taken secretly to a hide-out where two men try to force her to reveal the whereabouts of the necklace. They leave her for a while and she tries to escape. But all doors and windows are locked.

CHAPTER SIX

KATHRYN made coffee, drank it and warmed her hands by the flame of the gas burner. The basement felt damp and clammy. How long would her captors leave her alone? How long would they hold her? Would they kill her to escape detection? What had happened to her car? Was anyone looking for her?

Then Kathryn's heart began to beat faster. There were footsteps overhead. She listened. The footsteps sounded now on a stairway. They were coming downstairs. She turned, facing the door. It opened and the two black cloaked figures stood in the doorway. Their faces were masked and they still carried the revolver.

Kathryn clenched her fist! Her head was clear now and she faced them with scorn. Cowards! That's what they were!

"Miss Spunky!" said the Beetle mockingly. He came toward her and said, "Does the name John Rowland mean anything to you?"

Kathryn gasped. Swiftly she reached up a hand to tear off the

mask of the face so close to hers but the fellow caught her wrist and held her. "Not so fast."

The Frog was jumping up and down, "You've got to be careful if you want to keep on living."

The Beetle shoved her roughly back to the cot. "Sit down," he roared.

Then the grueling started again. What had she done with the jewels? Where were the jewels? And Kathryn knew that whatever they had discovered, they did not have the diamond-emerald necklace.

Her head ached with the barrage of questions. Finally in desperation she said, "I don't know." It was the truth. She did not know where the jewels were. But she saw that the men did not believe her.

Finally the Beetle said grimly, "If you won't talk, John Rowland will!"

Kathryn felt sick with horror. She had involved John in this!

She watched the men disappear through the door and heard the heavy bolt slide into place. Left alone with her despair, she threw herself on the couch, pillowing her head in her arms. She could weep her heart out. But what good were tears? Her clenched fists beat the pillow futilely. Why had tragedy followed her ever since her marriage to Howard? Was there no happiness in life for her?

And John? He would hate her forever for involving him in this mesh of intrigue and crime. Diamonds! Emeralds! A few glittering stones! Why should they endure while human lives were snuffed out?

And if she were killed . . . a little paper reposing in a bank in London would make sure that the necklace reached its rightful owner . . . unless these fellows got it and tore it apart . . . stone by stone.

Thursday morning John Rowland was having breakfast in his hotel dining room. Picking up the Chronicle which was lying on the table, his attention was riveted to a short item on the front page.

Jeweler Links Name of Prominent Woman to Monterey Auto Mystery! Won Long, well-known San Francisco jeweler, told police yesterday that Kathryn Lockwood may have been the victim in the Monterey abandoned car mystery.

Early Wednesday morning a wrecked car was found on the rocks near Monterey with all identification removed. A small lace handkerchief was found wedged under the front seat. The handkerchief bore the initials, "K.L."

Kathryn Lockwood is the widow of the late Howard Lockwood, scion of a distinguished British family and youngest grandson of the late Lord and Lady Malcolm Lockwood. Lockwood died in India a year ago. Mrs. Lockwood is famed for her remarkable beauty and is said to have turned down munificent offers for the stage.

Unbelievably John read the article over and over. It just couldn't be. Yet there it was, in black and white. There could be no doubt but that the Kathryn Lockwood referred to was Kathryn Greig.

Visions of Kathryn filled his thoughts and his imagination ran riot. He saw Kathryn borne upon the waves of the mighty Pacific, dashed to her death against the great rocks that bordered the shoreline. He felt her terror as, intentionally or otherwise, her car had jumped the highway and she was hurled into space and instant death.

John groaned. How did it happen that she was on the highway at that

time? She must have fled immediately after giving him the jewels. If only he had succeeded in talking with her that evening, if only he had brought her the radiant joy and hope contained in the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. If only she had confided in him. He might have been able to help her, to save her from the terrible fate which seemingly had befallen her.

But what was the mystery of the jewels and why had her apartment vanished into thin air? He remembered Kathryn's lovely face as she entreated him, "Promise me you'll be my friend—whatever happens!" Had she expected something to happen? It would seem so.

How strange that she had given him a fake address to which to deliver the jewels. And that she had left no message for him. There was no hint in the newspaper story that she might have come by the jewels in any dishonorable way. And yet, of course, a jeweler would have no way of knowing this. He would have confidence in her because of who she was.

How vibrant and alive she had seemed! It was unthinkable that she was the victim of suicide. But then again, suppose this evidence had been planted to assure her escape?

What should he do? Should he go at once to the police and tell them of his meeting with Kathryn Lockwood? Should he turn over to them the necklace? And if he did so would he be involving Kathryn in a crime?

He remembered Paul Ames and that Paul had mentioned the news article about the abandoned auto and that he said he feared a friend of his was the victim. Was Paul thinking of Kathryn Lockwood? Did Paul know Kathryn?

Hurriedly, John pushed aside his chair. He would ask Paul about it. John entered a public telephone booth in the lobby of his hotel. In a short time he heard Paul's voice. "I want to see you right away, Paul. This morning." John could not keep the urgency out of his voice.

There was silence at the other end of the wire and John said impatiently, "Are you there, Paul?"

"I'm tied up this morning," Paul answered.

"I must see you," John insisted. "It's about that newspaper item in the paper. Remember you were worried about it?"

"I told you I couldn't get involved in that," Paul's tone was irritable.

"You're involved in it whether you want to be or not," John said sharply. "I must see you or the police."

"Look here, John," Paul said placatingly, "there's more in this than you think. Don't stick your neck out."

"Don't talk in conundrums," John said.

"Listen, John. I want to help you," Paul said. There was a long pause.

"What's stopping you?" John asked.

"I want to put you wise. Meet me in the lobby of the Fairmont at seven tonight. We'll have dinner with some friends of mine. You'll get the right steer."

This was all that John could get out of Paul. John had a heavy business day ahead of him. He decided to wait until after the dinner at the Fairmont to decide what course to take in regard to the jewels.

At ten minutes to seven John was waiting in the lobby of the Fairmont. Then he saw Paul approaching him, accompanied by a large, sandy-haired fellow. Paul introduced his companion as Bruce Farningham. John remembered reading an article about him in the Chronicle written by Tom Wiley.

He mentioned the article and expressed his pleasure at meeting Farningham in person.

As he spoke he noticed that Farningham was looking at him in an appraising way. "You're younger than I thought," he said. John wondered at the remark but before he had much time to think about it he saw Tom Wiley and Adrienne Lennox come toward them.

"Adrienne! Tom! This is an unexpected pleasure," John said. He was delighted to see them and he looked at Farningham appreciatively. "I see we have the same friends," he said.

Paul's quick, bird-like glance darted from one face to another. Farningham glanced at his watch. "I'm waiting for Sabra," he said, turning to Paul, "Oh, here she comes now!"

John stared in astonishment as he saw, moving toward them, the dark, oriental beauty he had seen in Kathryn's apartment.

She wore a creamy satin gown under her short ermine jacket which emphasized her clear dark skin. The unusual olive green of her eyes were shadowed by long, dark lashes, longer and darker with skillful tinting. With her every movement the heavy bracelets which covered her arms tinkled musically. She gave a swift glance over the group but her eyes lingered on John. "Introduce me, Farningham," she ordered imperiously. "It isn't every day that Lochinvar crosses my path!" Her voice, rich and resonant, was mocking.

"Sabra Kingsbury, John Rowland," Farningham said obediently.

John bowed slightly, meeting all the while the level gaze of her eyes. "Could I hope," he asked, "that you would remember our brief meeting of Tuesday night?"

Sabra looked puzzled. "Tuesday night? Where, may I ask?"

"Kathryn Lockwood's apartment," John said boldly, his eyes never leaving her face.

There was a moment of tense silence when something like a small moan escaped Paul. Sabra looked at John with tolerant, amused eyes. "I'm sor-

ry, Mr. Rowland. I have not had that pleasure." She spoke deliberately. Then she smiled and said softly, "A pleasure so great that if I had had it, I could never forget."

Her tone more than her words brought a flush to John's face, a flush which showed even beneath his tan. The group laughed and Farningham introduced Sabra to Adrienne and Tom.

"It's so easy to confuse people," Sabra said, walking along beside John and giving him a brilliant smile.

Farningham had engaged a private dining room. Comfortable chairs, a grand piano and a table set for six gave the room a homey atmosphere.

"When Bruce entertains, he always does it up brown," said Sabra, giving Farningham an approving glance.

Farningham looked pleased. He glanced at Adrienne as he said, "Well, you know we bachelors have to do the best we can and that's a mighty poor job alongside married folk."

"If a man's a bachelor, it's his own fault," said Sabra archly. "Now we women have a harder time. We have to wait until we're asked."

Sabra slipped into an upholstered chair and sighed contentedly. "Adrienne and I should be perfectly happy tonight. We've each two men apiece which will you have Adrienne?"

Adrienne flushed, then tried to match Sabra's banter. "Oh, I'll have the two I know best, Tom and John."

Sabra pouted. "You have a rival for one of them, Adrienne." She looked at John.

Farningham pretended to be grieved. "What's the matter with me? I'm a good, eligible bachelor."

"Confirmed bachelor would be a better description," Sabra said.

"Oh, I wouldn't say that," Farningham responded. "I'm just waiting for the right girl. I think I've met her," he added softly, glancing toward Adrienne.

Involuntarily Adrienne moved closer to Tom. Tom gave her hand a reassuring squeeze.

Farningham and Sabra kept up a gay banter during the course of the dinner. After the table was cleared, the men drew up the chairs in a close and friendly circle. Languidly leaning back in her chair, Sabra commanded Farningham, "Tell us some of your stories, Bruce."

Farningham said softly, "You don't have to go to the South Seas to find adventure. Here's a story, stranger than fiction, happening right in the midst of us in this fair city by the Golden Gate." Farningham paused, looking around the circle at each face. Then he cautioned, "Tom, this isn't for publication. I must have your word you won't turn this over to any paper. There are reasons."

"Okay, Farningham. Just as you say," Tom promised.

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What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Waldemar Ertis of Calgary, Alberta, have announced the birth of a son on Dec. 8th who has been named Alexander Jacob. Mr. Ertis is pastor of the German Baptist Church of Calgary.

● The Southey, Serath and Raymore churches of Saskatchewan, Canada, have called Mr. A. Browatzki of Davin, Sask., to serve as the assistant to the pastor, Rev. E. L. Thiessen. He was welcomed to the field on Sunday, Feb. 3rd. He has the special responsibility of conducting services at the Raymore Mission. He was formerly pastor of the Baptist Church at Davin, Sask.

● The Victor Baptist Church, Victor, Iowa, has extended a call to Rev. Fred Schmidt of Madison, S. Dak., to which he has responded favorably. He has served as pastor of the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison since 1951. In Victor, Iowa, where he will begin his ministry on May 1st, he will succeed Rev. Alvin Wetter, now of Benton Harbor, Michigan.

● Mr. Gunther Wahl, a son of Rev. and Mrs. John Wahl of Hamilton, Ontario, is supplying the pulpit of the Baptist Church of Sebastopol, Ontario, every other Sunday. He is teaching school at Eganville, Ontario, about 15 miles from Sebastopol. He served the Sebastopol church several years ago as student pastor for the summer months. His present ministry is appreciated by the Sebastopol congregation.

● On Feb. 3rd Rev. Olland F. Cole presented his resignation as pastor to the Pin Oak Creek Church, Mt. Sterling, Mo. At the business meeting on Feb. 9th the church voted to accept the resignation and to seek the services of "a retired pastor" for the pulpit. Mr. Cole has served this congregation for three years since Feb. 14, 1954. His resignation will be effective "after May 31, 1957."

● Rev. Edwin F. Voigt has resigned as pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Bison, South Dakota, bringing his ministry there to a close on Jan. 27. Early in February he and his family moved to Huron, S. Dak., where he is now employed by the South Dakota State Employment Service. His address is given elsewhere in this issue. He had served the Bison church since his graduation from the North American Baptist Seminary in May 1955.

● Sunday, Feb. 3, marked the ninth year of the ministry of Rev. J. G. Benke as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis. The attendance of 166 in the morning service

was the highest during Mr. Benke's pastorate in the church. A recent picture in the Watertown newspaper showed Mr. Benke and other residents of the community greeting City Manager Claire C. Congdon who has assumed his duties as the city's administrator. Mr. and Mrs. Congdon are Baptist church members.

● Evangelistic meetings were held at the Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y., from March 10 to 17 with Rev. Otto Patzia of Detroit, Mich., serving as evangelist. The Washington's Birthday Rally on Feb. 22 for all North American Baptist young people of New York and vicinity was held at the Immanuel Church. Recently 55 young people of the church conducted an inspiring program at the Bronx Baptist Home for its guests. Rev. A. Husmann, pastor, is conducting a Leadership Training class for a group of the church's young people.

● The Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, joined a number of Baptist churches of southeast Iowa in a simultaneous effort of evangelism, teaching and church edification. On Sunday, Feb. 17, Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker at the opening service of this "crusade." Rev. H. John Vanderbeck of Elgin, Iowa, was the guest leader from Feb. 20 to 24. On Feb. 3rd the church observed the third anniversary of its pastor, Rev. Emanuel Wolff, and his wife in the ministry of the church.

● Chaplain (Major) George W. Zinz, Jr., is serving as regimental chaplain of the Specialist Training Regiment at Fort Dix, New Jersey. This regiment is made up of many different specialist schools. In addition to this assignment, he is in charge of the entire Moral Leadership Program (formerly the Character Guidance Program) for the post. He sets up the program for what could be the equivalent of three divisions. His new address is given elsewhere in this issue of "The Baptist Herald."

● The edifice of the former Salem Baptist Church of Scottsbluff, Nebr., has been sold by the General Missionary Society on a cash basis for \$4,500 to the Trinity Baptist Church of the Southern Baptist Convention in the city. This means the official closing of our North American Baptist witness in Scottsbluff, Neb., and the dissolution of the church there. The denominational Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee recommended that the offer for the sale be accepted.

● An Estey portable organ belonging to the First Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois, has been sent as a gift to the new Church Extension field in Kitimat, British Columbia, where it is now being used in the church's services. The portable organ was most gratefully received by the Kitimat congregation, composed mostly of Central European immigrants and refugees, as reported by Rev. G. P. Schroeder, the interim pastor. Rev. J. R. Kruegel is the new minister at the Trenton church.

● Mrs. Fred L. Paul a member of the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota, was elected president of the Minnesota School Board Association on Feb. 7, 1957. She is at present vice-president of the St. Paul School board and has been active in school affairs for many years. Mrs. Paul was a representative to the National School board convention in Atlantic City, N. J., held in February. The "Baptist Herald" extends hearty congratulations on this fine achievement. Rev. Wm. H. Jeschke is her pastor.

● The last two weeks of January were a time of spiritual blessing for the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver B. C. A revival campaign was conducted with Rev. E. J. Faul of Calgary, Alta., as guest speaker. Despite inclement weather, both weeks of services were well attended and the messages brought were of great spiritual benefit and inspiration to the entire church. A group of four persons made their decisions for Christ and are looking forward to witnessing for their Lord in baptism. Dr. A. S. Felberg is the pastor.

● A farewell reception for three Kansas pastors was held by 22 of their colleagues and their wives in Kansas churches on Monday, Jan. 28, at the Warren Hotel, McPherson, Kansas. Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Stafford served as toastmaster for the program with many of the brethren expressing their regrets over the departure of these pastors from Kansas: Rev. L. B. Hinz to Waco, Texas; Rev. J. R. Kruegel to Trenton, Ill.; and Rev. Norman Berkan to Killoe, Ontario. The arrangements for the dinner and program were made by Rev. Elmer Strauss of Ellinwood, Kansas.

● The White Ave. Baptist Sunday School teachers and officers of Cleveland, Ohio, held a testimonial dinner on Tuesday evening, Feb. 12, for Mr. Fred Linsz on the occasion of his 80th birthday and for Mr. and Mrs. William Wilcke for 20 years of consecutive service in the Sunday School. Mr. Earl Hinshaw, superintendent, served as toastmaster, with Mr. Herbert Zion, former vice-superintendent, bringing a brief message. Mr. Linsz was superintendent for 14 years, a teacher for many years and for 68 years a member

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Northwestern Conference

New Pastor and Wife Welcomed to Sumner, Iowa

A reception for Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler was held on Thursday evening, Jan. 17th, by the First Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa. Mr. M. B. Potratz, vice-moderator, was in charge of the festive program. He also extended a hearty welcome and best wishes for a long and happy pastorate to Mr. and Mrs. Kraenzler. Thirty-five members of the mother church from Elgin with their pastor were also in attendance. Mr. Vanderbeck brought a welcome speech in behalf of his church.

Other greetings and good wishes were brought by several pastors from local churches, and by Rev. Fred Witt of Waterloo, who served us as interim pastor. Special music from the Elgin Male Quartet, from our choir and a vocal solo by Mr. Louis Horsley helped to beautify the evening service. In response, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler expressed words of appreciation for the warm welcome. We as a church are very thankful that our prayers have been answered and wish that through our combined efforts the Lord's work will prosper.

Mrs. W. O. Potratz, Church Clerk

Atlantic Conference

"Youth Week" at the Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

During "Youth Week" at the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., the midweek prayer service was led by Miss Norma Klausen, president. Sermonettes were given by Marlene Mosteller, David Stangl and William Stangl on "Christ in the Home, Office and Labor." A vocal selection was rendered by Beverly Schuyler and Dianne Leet. All those who felt led by the Spirit prayed audibly. Family night was on Friday with each young person spending the evening with their family.

The annual banquet was held at the Walp restaurant on Saturday evening. The guest speaker was Prof. Ralph Keiper of the Philadelphia Bible Institute. A young men's quartet from the Institute sang several beautiful selections. Rev. Robert W. Cook, our pastor, served as master of ceremonies for the evening.

Sunday evening, Feb. 3, brought "Youth Week" to a close. Dr. James Heller of the Moravian Theological Seminary gave the message. At this service the Junior young people participated.

Betty Masteller, Reporter

Appreciation Night for Mr. F. C. Arnold, Ridgewood, New York

We at the Ridgewood Church of Brooklyn, N. Y., are fortunate in having had many able leaders. One of these is Mr. Frank Arnold and upon the occasion of his recent retirement as Sunday School superintendent the church met on Wednesday evening, Feb. 6, to express in concrete form our appreciation for his consecrated service in various capacities.

Rev. Paul Wengel, pastor, led the meeting and introduced Mr. William Schirmer, our new superintendent, who expressed the gratitude of the Sunday School for Mr. Arnold and his personal thanks for the fine example of his predecessor. A solo was beautifully sung by Mrs. Ella Beck, and Miss Elizabeth Goecke played a fine piano solo.

Rev. Stanley B. Hazzard recounted his long association with the church and with Mr. Arnold, who then responded with poignant recollections of his 58 years in the Sunday School and 40 years of active service. A bouquet was sent Mrs. F. C. Arnold, who was ill at home, and the Arnolds were presented with a TV set from members and friends.

Marion von Ahnen, Reporter

Southern Conference

Reception for New Pastor, Central Church, Waco, Texas

Friends and members of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, gathered on Friday evening, Feb. 1st, to welcome their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Leonard B. Hinz, and their daughters, Maxine and Lavonda. Mr. Vernon Ekru, chairman of the Board of Deacons, presided and spoke words of welcome to the large group in attendance. Words of welcome were also spoken by representatives of the various organizations of the church as follows: Sunday School, Eugene McGlasson; W.M.U., Mrs. J. J. Lippert; Training Union, Carlton Springfield; Brotherhood, Milton Lippert; Church Council, Edwin Gummelt. After a selection by the choir, Rev. J. E. Roth, interim pastor for the past five months, spoke briefly.

Rev. Howard C. Schenk, pastor of the Cottonwood church, brought the welcome address. He directed his message to both pastor and members, urging them to "pull together" through prayer. Rev. L. B. Hinz responded briefly, after which the congregation gathered in the Sunday School annex for fellowship and refreshments. A pantry shower was given Mr. and Mrs. Hinz in connection with the reception. It is with

much joy and gladness that we welcome our new pastor and family, and we praise God for his wonderful leading in bringing to us his consecrated servants.

Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter

Southwestern Conference

Special Programs at the Dickinson County Church, Kansas

On Sunday, Oct. 7, the First Baptist Church of Dickinson County, Elmo, Kansas, held its Harvest Mission Festival to which our neighboring churches had been invited. We held three services with Dr. Frank Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., as the speaker. In November we were richly blessed by an evangelistic campaign with the Rev. J. A. "Bird" Petersen of Omaha, Nebraska, in charge.

Our church and the Ebenezer Baptist Church held a joint baptismal service on Sunday, Dec. 9. There were six candidates from the Ebenezer church and three from our church. Rev. Norman Berkan brought the message of the evening. The hand of fellowship was extended to the three new converts on Jan. 6, the first Sunday of the new year. The year 1956 also marked the 90th anniversary of our church, although we held no special observance.

Mrs. C. A. Piper, Reporter

Pacific Conference

Anniversary Program of Missionary Society, Chilliwack, B. C.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church, Chilliwack, B. C., held its annual program on January 27th. Mrs. Milton Falkenberg, our president, extended a hearty welcome to all. The group sang, "Since the Fullness of His Love Came In," followed by Scripture reading and prayer.

Our secretary gave a report of an active year's work in White Cross and other missionary projects including the purchasing of two electric stoves for our church kitchen together with our German Society.

Following "Just a Closer Walk With Thee" sung as a trio, we had the film, "Shelter in the Cumberland," portraying a Christian Children's Home and winning them to Christ. The responsibility of leading our children to the Lord was keenly felt by all. A duet, "The Garden of Love," was sung and Rev. G. Beutler closed in prayer. The offering of \$112.94 is to be divided between Japan and our Camp Project at Kelowna, B. C.

Mrs. Ed Schinkel, Secretary

Glencullen Church, Portland, Ore., Welcomes New Members

The Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, was pleased to extend the hand of fellowship to twelve new members on Sunday, January 6. Nine of these new members came by baptism, two by experience, and one by church letter. The entire group of those who came by baptism had been baptized during the same service in December. It was indeed a joyous occasion to have these fine folk welcomed into the body of the church and to become public witnesses and testimonies of their salvation through Christ Jesus.

On the left of the accompanying picture are the Alfred McLain family: Mr. and Mrs. McLain, Martin, and Patricia; middle: Mrs. Anita Nett and Jerald Pierce; right: Mr. and Mrs. Albert Houck and Alan. This group includes those who were received into the church by baptism. Rev. Eldon Seibold is pastor of the church.

Virginia D. Jones, Church Clerk



Nine persons who were recently baptized by Rev. Eldon Seibold and received into the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

Dedication of Parsonage, Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, Cal.

Professor Roy Seibel from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the guest speaker at the dedication of the new parsonage of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif. On Jan. 20 this home was reverently dedicated to the Lord. Gratefully we acknowledged the goodness of God for having given us so much joy and blessing in completing the first unit of a much larger and more practical meeting place which we hope to have in the very near future. The next goal is a reasonably adequate chapel with classrooms for the continually growing Sunday School. The building of this second unit is already in progress.

For the afternoon services the neighboring pastors and friends came to rejoice with us and to bring greetings. They were: Rev. Orville Methers of Stockton; Rev. Robert Schreiber of Lodi; Rev. W. W. Knauf from the mother church in Elk Grove; Rev. G.

Rausser of Lodi. Rev. Clarence Walth was in charge. The 18-voice choir under Wilfred Rueb's able leadership brought suitable messages in song at both services. Rev. G. W. Rutsch led in the closing prayer.

Linda Rutsch, Reporter

Nine Months of Church Extension Work, Kitimat, B. C.

The Lord has done marvelous things here in Kitimat in the northern part of British Columbia. When I close my ministry as interim pastor of this church, the Lord willing, on March 31, it will be nine months of pioneering in a new city with about 14,000 population. This figure has been reached in only about five years, and we as a new church already have a membership of 62.

On Dec. 14 Mrs. Schroeder and I took the train to Prince Rupert, about 130 miles from here, along with three candidates for baptism, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Hugi and Willi Godlinski. Until now there is no church in Kitimat that has facilities for baptism. On Dec. 15 we were privileged to baptize these three candidates in Prince Rupert.

On Sunday night, Dec. 23, our Sunday School, the young people and the mixed choir rendered a well prepared Christmas program. We also observed the Watchnight Service on the last night of the year. We are blessed with a fine group of young people, over twenty in number, with various talents who are willing to memorize poems, prepare songs and help in the various capacities.

We have recently observed the Week of Prayer. We were grateful for the mimeographed programs sent to us from the Forest Park headquarters in both languages, and it was a thrill and a real inspiration to see so many people—up to 56—coming out for prayer each night.

G. P. Schroeder, Pastor

Northern Conference

Youth Week at Winnipeg's McDermot Avenue Church

The young people of the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Man., took full advantage of Youth Week, starting the ball rolling with "Pleasant Sunday Evening" in a home, and with our pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit, addressing the group and "That I May Know Him" as our theme.

An evening was devoted to distributing tracts and inviting people to our services. On two nights the film, "Martin Luther," was shown and Saturday was our traditional banquet, with the feast again prepared by the Woman's Mission Society for approximately 110 young people and highlighting Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as special guest speaker.

Sunday proved to be a full day. The young people participated in the Sunday School, morning worship service,



Rev. and Mrs. G. P. Schroeder relaxing on the train from Prince Rupert to Kitimat, B. C., as photographed by Willy Godlinski, one of 3 converts baptized in Prince Rupert.

conducted an extensive visitation program in the afternoon (meeting in the lower church auditorium for supper and reports), and helping in the evening service at which Dr. Leuschner showed films on our mission work in the Cameroons and among the Indians in Alberta. At our combined C.B.Y. meeting after the service Dr. Leuschner again spoke to us, concluding with a Consecration Service.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter

Baptism of 20 Converts at Calgary's Bridgeland Church

On December 31 with an edifying air of expectancy 600 members and friends assembled to witness an impressive New Year's Eve service and to pay homage to God for all the benefits bestowed in the past year at the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta. An inspiring play, "From the Cradle to the Grave," in addition to several musical numbers was presented by the German Young People's Society.

At the baptismal service Rev. David Kroeker clearly defined scriptural baptism in the German language. Rev. E. J. Faul, pastor of the church, brought a message. In succession, twenty persons robed in white, stepped humbly into the baptismal waters to emerge triumphantly having been raised with Christ to a new life. The right hand of fellowship was extended to 37 persons.

In addition, many improvements in the church and parsonage have taken place. The lower auditorium of the church was completed and soundproofed, facilitating better services. Various renovations on the parsonage including a new coat of stucco, reabout a striking change in its appearance. Simultaneously the Woman's Mission Society furnished new draw drapes which greatly enhance the interior. In a week of intense study, Menno Neufeld of Forest Park, B. C., instructed the various musical organizations of the church. A sacred concert by the choir, band and orchestra culminated these activities, thrilling everyone.

E. J. Faul, Pastor

Rabbit Hill Baptist Church Welcomes Minnie Kuhn Home

In December our missionary nurse in Africa, Miss Minnie Kuhn, arrived home at the Rabbit Hill Church of Alberta for a furlough. She has added much to the missionary emphasis of our Woman's Missionary Society by speaking and showing slides of her work in Africa. The children have been enjoying stories in "Pidgin English" and other African tales. For the first time in many years a Watchnight Service was held at the Rabbit Hill Church. The program consisted of many musical numbers in song and instrument, poems, short speeches, and the showing of slides and a talk by Minnie Kuhn.

In a recent Sunday School contest held, approximately 75 percent of the enrolled children were first prize winners which indicates a hearty participation by all. Our branch station, Telfordville, worked hard to present a Christmas program, and under the direction of Mrs. A. Hubscher, they contributed much to the meaning of Christmas by presentations that were Christ-centered.

Although our pastor, Rev. F. W. Pahl, has been with us for only six months, we as a church are experiencing with him times of fellowship in the Lord, and we trust that through our united efforts the work in this corner of the Master's vineyard will prosper and increase.

Wesley Kuhn, Reporter

Dakota Conference

Evangelistic Meetings at Plum Creek Church, Emery, S. Dak.

A "Spiritual Advance Crusade" was held at the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., from Jan. 8 to 17 with Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor of the Colonial Village Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., serving as evangelist. Special illustrations for the children were brought each evening by Mr. Buhler. Musical numbers were given by different members. On Sunday evening a quartet from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., favored us with several numbers.

One of the highlights of these days was the youth banquet held on Saturday evening, Jan. 12. Verle Jucht was the toastmistress. Young people from neighboring churches were also present. Mr. Buhler brought us messages each night during the Crusade which were taken from the book of Acts. We praise the Lord that ten persons accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

A Men's Brotherhood was organized at the Plum Creek Church recently with a charter membership of 25. Raymond Lang was elected president; Fred Triebwasser as vice-president; and Lester Jucht as secretary-treasurer. Meetings are held once each month. Rev. Willis Potratz is pastor of the Plum Creek Church.

Mrs. Vernon Janssen, Reporter



Rev. A. Krombein, pastor of the Baptist churches at Anamoose and Lincoln Valley, N. Dak., and six converts whom he recently baptized in the Anamoose Baptist Church.

50th Anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Kruger, Madison, S. Dak.

God's blessing of fifty years of wedded life! This was the occasion celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Kruger of Madison, S. Dak., on Sunday, Jan. 21, when the West Center Street Baptist Church held open house in their honor with 130 guests in attendance.

A brief program was given with Rev. Fred Schmidt as toastmaster. The program featured numbers by a ladies' and men's quartet. A niece, Joyce Harter, played a piano selection. Charles Backhaus and Rev. Fred Schmidt brought short talks. A reading was given by Mrs. F. Schmidt. A gift was presented from the church by Mrs. Bertha Krueger.

Mr. and Mrs. Kruger were married on Jan. 22, 1907 at Canova, S. Dak. Most of their married life was spent in and around Madison. Both have been active church members, and Mr. Kruger is now serving as honorary deacon. The Krugers have two children: Mildred of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Dennis Begley of Wichita, Kansas; and five grandchildren.

Mrs. Graydon Rohrer, Reporter



Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Kruger of Madison, S. Dak., at their Golden Wedding Anniversary celebration.

Baptismal Service for Baptist Church, Anamoose, North Dak.

Sunday, January 13th, was a special day of rejoicing in the Lord for the Baptist Church of Anamoose, N. Dak., when six candidates were baptized on confession of their faith in the Lord. Since we have no baptistry in our church, we went to Fessenden, N. Dak. It was a cold "below zero weather" day, but our hearts were warm and we had a blessed time together with the Baptist Church of Martin, N. Dak., who joined us and also had a candidate for baptism.

Both Rev. A. Krombein of Anamoose and Rev. L. Potratz of Martin spoke encouraging words to the audience. A duet from Anamoose and the Men's Chorus from Martin rendered special music. Two other women were received as members of the Anamoose Church upon confession. We are happy to report that the Lord's work is progressing.

Mrs. A. Krombein, Reporter.

Election of Officers and Youth Week, Herreid, S. Dakota

The C.B.Y. Fellowship of Herreid, S. Dak., held its election as follows: president, Mr. Walter Kramlich; vice-president, Mrs. E. S. Fenske; secretary, Mrs. E. Fjeldheim; treasurer, Mr. Labolt Berndt; and reporter, Miss Mary Lou Rueb.

Our Youth Week services were a success under the capable leadership of our president. On Jan. 27, the young people assisted in the evening service, at which Rev. E. S. Fenske spoke on "The Strength of Youth." Thursday night the young people had charge of the prayer service. Speakers were Mr. Walter Kramlich and Mr. Labolt Berndt. A duet by our junior girls helped to beautify the meeting. Friday night at a Mission service Mrs. Fenske led a panel discussion on our Indian, Japanese, Spanish and African Missions, and was assisted by four ladies of the C. B. Y. F.

On Sunday night a film, "The Master's Face," was shown. A girls' trio supplied the music. Offerings were taken at all meetings which amounted to \$87.03.

Mary Lou Rueb, Reporter

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the face of death is human. The most natural and normal longing for a person in the prime of life is to wish for a longer life, particularly if he sincerely and honestly believes that his life can be useful for others. It is just at such a time that it is difficult to know God's will, and only a true and humble attitude of prayer will help us get our wills out of God's way.

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The disciples of Jesus slept through the most critical part of Jesus' life and they were entirely unprepared for the consequences. Jesus, on the other

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hand, prayed through the danger and was therefore ready for any peril, even the peril of death. He had fought a great spiritual battle and he was now prepared for the physical battle. "Rise, let us be going" is the marching order of the Captain of our salvation, even though he must march into the hands of those who betray him.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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of the church. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., delivered the address on "God's Diamonds." Rev. Edward Kary, pastor, pronounced the benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ludwig, Sr., of Parma, Ohio, were involved in an auto accident near Edgerton, Ohio, on Feb. 7th. Mrs. Ludwig was killed almost instantly and several days later on Feb. 17, as a result of injuries suffered in the accident, Mr. Ludwig also died. Both were prominent members of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma, Ohio, and were frequent attendants at General Conference sessions, Laymen's Conferences and other denominational

gatherings. Mr. Ludwig was an influential member of the Publication Board, having recently served as chairman of the committee that recommended the Every Family Subscription Plan. The obituary of Mrs. Ludwig appears on page 23 of this issue. That of her husband will follow in the next issue.

REPORT, BENTON HARBOR

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Hoover. The candidates were led to the Lord as a result of personal evangelism and a constant program of evangelism in the Sunday services. On Sunday evening, Jan. 27, the above baptized candidates, with 9 others, making 25 in all, received the hand of fellowship at a communion service.

On March 1st our pastor celebrated his 10th anniversary with the church. These have indeed been glorious years in every phase of the church's program. More than 650 members have been added to the church roll, and the entire membership has grown spiritually as well.

A beautiful five-acre site has been purchased and a new parsonage constructed. All this has been paid for, and in addition over \$125,000 has been collected of the \$172,000 pledged. All indications are that the new building program will begin this spring. With the first of the year, Rev. Reginald Shepley of Benton Harbor was appointed by the church to assist as Visitation and Associate Pastor.

Mrs. Dan Bittner, Reporter

Books for the Easter Season

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