



The Bethany Church of Camrose, Alberta in the Evening Twilight

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● On Sunday, Oct. 14, the Tabor Baptist Church, a mission of Turtle Lake, No. Dak., held its mission festival with the pastor, Rev. August Rosner, bringing the morning and afternoon messages. Dinner was served by the ladies of the church. A group of young women rendered a special song at the afternoon program. The mission offering of the festival amounted to \$334.00.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Brueckmann of Missoula, Montana observed their golden wedding anniversary on Wednesday, No. 14, at their home with a reception for all friends in the afternoon. Mr. Bruckmann as the representative of the American Bible School has been a frequent and welcome visitor at many of our churches and conferences. Their host of friends everywhere will want to wish them many golden blessings from above for the years ahead!

● Mrs. H. G. Dymmel of Forest Park, Ill., the president of the National Woman's Missionary Union, was the guest speaker at the anniversary program of the Woman's Union of New York and vicinity held in the Ridge-wood Church of Long Island, N. Y., on Thursday evening, Nov. 15. She also visited friends and relatives in the Philadelphia area for several days thereafter.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan has recently secured the services of Miss Charlotte Weber as its missionary and church worker in the church and at the Anthony Wayne Mission. She was formerly a worker at the Hebrew-Christian Mission in Detroit, where she spent four years. She began her ministry in the Ebenezer Church on Oct. 4th. The Rev. E. Arthur McAsh is the pastor.

● Mr. Harold Gieseke of the Baptist Church of Trenton, Illinois, directed the music for revival meetings conducted in the Southside Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo., from Oct. 14 to 28 and also at the St. Louis Park Church of St. Louis, Mo. from Nov. 4 to 18. Mr. Gieseke has been prominently identified with young people's activities in the Central Conference for a number of years.

● The Rev. Ben Fadenrecht, pastor of the Dickinson County Baptist Church near Dillon, Kansas, has resigned and announced his acceptance of the call extended to him by a church in Westbrook, Minnesota. This church is in no way affiliated with our North American Baptist General Conference. Mr. Fadenrecht also expects to continue his studies at a nearby school while serving in this pastorate.

● On Friday evening, Oct. 12, the Immanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas held a surprise celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Meier, Jr., faithful members of the church, on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. An impressive program was rendered of musical selections, readings and an address by the Rev. J. J. Abel, pastor, and a gift from the church was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Meier by Rev. C. Neve. The many friends in attendance extended best wishes and congratulations to the couple at the reception afterwards.

BETHANY CHURCH OF CAMROSE

The story of the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta in this issue of "The Baptist Herald" is the sixth of a series of articles about some of the several churches of our denomination. A sermon by its pastor, Rev. Karl Korella, appears on page 4. The picture of the church graces the front cover of this number.
Editor.

● The following students from our churches are enrolled at the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, Berkeley, Calif.: Rev. Melvin Pekrul and Rev. Lorenz Michelson, graduates of our Rochester Seminary and former students at Sioux Falls College; Rev. Elmer Zachay of Anaheim, Calif., who will finish his work for the B.D. degree in December, 1945; and Mr. Leo Reed of Anaheim, Calif., who is a cadet chaplain in the U. S. Navy. The wives of Lorenz Michelson and Leo Reed are also taking some studies at the school. The Rev. A. S. Felberg of Lodi, Calif., is taking special graduate studies at the school.

● The Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas has been successful in calling a new minister. The Rev. J. H. Kruegel, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church at Lorimer, Iowa has responded favorably to the call and is already on the field. A report of the church's reception for him and his wife appeared among the "Reports from the Field" in the previous issue. Mr. Kruegel is a graduate of the Northwestern Bible School and Theological Seminary of Minneapolis, Minn. He has succeeded the Rev. J. J. Reimer, now the missionary on the Spanish-American field at Saguache, Colorado.

● The Rev. George C. Engelmann of Chicago, Ill., aged 91, the oldest graduate of our Rochester Seminary, passed away on Nov. 3rd at the home of his son, Dr. Victor E. Engelmann. The memorial service was held on Tuesday, Nov. 6, with all of the six sons present, including Rev. Edgar Engelmann, pastor of a Baptist Church in Flint, Mich., Dr. Wm. Kuhn, general missionary secretary, read the 90th

Psalm and offered the prayer at the service. Brother Engelmann was pastor of churches in Kossuth, North Freedom and Ableman, Wis., Parkersburg, Kesley and What Cheer, Iowa, and Alpena, Michigan.

● Evangelistic meetings were held in the Immanuel Church of Kenosha, Wis., from Oct. 28 to Nov. 4 with the Rev. Winfred F. Ruelke of New York, N. Y., as evangelist. The messages were Biblical, challenging and filled with human interest stories. Six Sunday School scholars responded to the invitation. The spiritual life of the entire church has been profoundly affected, as reported by the pastor, Rev. Wm. L. Schoeffel, especially through the Bible reading program. A total of 2255 chapters were read during the week by the church members, a total of more than twice the number of chapters in the Bible!

● Dr. Wm. Kuhn, general missionary secretary, has participated in several important church anniversary programs recently. In October he was guest speaker at the 50th anniversary program in Parkersburg, Ia., where Rev. H. Lohr is pastor. On Thursday and Friday, Nov. 1 and 2, he spoke at the 90th anniversary program of the Second Church of New York, N. Y., of which the Rev. Rudolf Schade is pastor. He addressed the Bethel Church of Buffalo, N. Y., on Sunday morning, Nov. 4, at the 50th anniversary program. The Rev. Paul E. Loth is pastor of the Buffalo Church. From Nov. 15 to 18 he attended the California Association at Lodi, Calif., and was the guest speaker at the 40th anniversary of the First Baptist Church there, of which the Rev. A. S. Felberg is pastor. He will also participate in the 90th anniversary program of the Immanuel Church of Milwaukee, Wis., on Sunday, Dec. 2nd.

● By the time this issue of "The Herald" reaches the reader, four more missionaries will have arrived in the Cameroons of Africa to begin their God-appointed ministry there. On Tuesday, Nov. 20, the Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Ganstrom of St. Paul, Minn., flew by plane from New York, N. Y., to Monrovia, Liberia on the African continent. From there they went by plane to Duala or Lagos in the Cameroons area. Mr. Ganstrom spoke in a union service of our New York area churches on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 18, in the Second Church of New York City. On Tuesday, Nov. 27, the misses Myrtle Hein and Hilda Tobert of Edmonton, Alberta went by plane on the same route to Liberia and the Cameroons. They spoke at an inspiring missionary rally in the Pilgrim Church of Philadelphia, Pa., on Sunday, Nov. 25. The arrival of these missionaries brings the total of our missionaries in the Cameroons to eleven, for whom we want to pray earnestly in these days.

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Coming!

THE BIRTH OF THE KING

The message of the Christmas tidings has been proclaimed annually throughout the years but it has never lost its glory and enchantment. The Rev. John Wobig of the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minnesota has prepared an inspiring sermon for the Christmas season.

WITHOUT CHRIST—NO CHRISTMAS!

A very provocative discussion of the present-day commercialization of the Christmas festival is presented by the Rev. R. Kern, pastor of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta. A really merry Christmas presupposes the enthronement of Christ in our hearts and homes, as Mr. Kern's sermon graphically portrays.

THE CHRISTMAS GLORY

By means of special Christmas pictures, poems and brief articles, the glory of the Christmas festival as it is known to Christians and observed by them will be presented in the next issue of "The Baptist Herald." This will be something different and very colorful for your Christmas enjoyment.

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EDITORIAL

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The Last Full Measure of Devotion

WORLD War No. 2 struck many cruel blows. It snuffed out the lives of many innocent civilians as well as combatants of war. It demanded a heavy toll of missionaries, as many were swept away like chips of wood in the path of a tornado. They languished in internment camps and hid stealthily in the thick jungles. Some even perished with the sword and joined the noble procession of martyrs of the Christian Church.

The story of the eleven Baptist missionaries on the Island of Panay in the Philippines who were faithful with their witness to Christ even unto death on Dec. 19, 1943 will long brighten the annals of missionary history. They demonstrated a unique Christian courage as they gave their last full measure of devotion for a noble and abiding cause. Singing they went home through the shining archway of conquering triumph.

Among these eleven missionaries were Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Meyer, widely known and beloved among our churches. Their zeal for Christ and love for others were like an unquenchable flame. They had found life's greatest purpose for themselves in missionary service at the mission hospital at Capiz, and their winsome, radiant spirits constantly revealed this profound joy in their hearts. The Philippines and their ministry were inextricably bound up together for many of us.

For almost two years after Pearl Harbor they had lived with other missionaries and American refugees in the hidden camp which they had named "Hopevale." They must have expected the speedy rescue by American troops which failed to arrive. The Japanese enemy caught up with them and on Dec. 19, 1943 beheaded them with horrifying bestiality. Only recently the full story has been pieced together and recounted in a memorial tribute entitled, "Through Shining Archway." Copies of this beautifully prepared brochure, edited by Dr. Jesse Wilson and published by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Woman's Foreign Mission Society are available at our Roger Williams Press in Cleveland, Ohio at twenty-five cents each.

On this second anniversary of their homegoing, "The Baptist Herald" is devoting several pages to this stirring story of these faithful martyrs of the Cross. To their three sons, Frederick, Jr., Milton and Richard, now living in the United States, and to Mrs. F. W. C. Meyer of Rochester, N. Y., and Mrs. Schacht of Racine, Wis., we renew our sympathy. On this solemn anniversary we resolve to "follow in their train" of faithful service as we review their last full measure of devotion to Jesus Christ, their Lord!

Stronger Than Darkness

A Sermon by Rev. KARL KORELLA of the Bethany Baptist Church, Camrose, Alberta

THE Church of our Lord Jesus Christ has always been a challenge to men. Today it is still the only institution to offer salvation to the world. It is an institution so important that humanity could not afford to be without it. All the great saints throughout the ages have been nurtured within her fold. All the great accomplishments of the human race have found here their beginnings. If the church were to discontinue her influence upon the world, men would gradually deteriorate into bestiality.

But this cannot be and must not be. The church must always stand as a beacon light in the surging changes of time. Jesus himself promised one of his disciples: . . . "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." And to men and women like Peter he says: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven . . . They shall lock in and out whomsoever and wherever they choose to do so.

In these words rests the foundation of the church in the past. Here also lies the hope of the future. Here Christ speaks first of the pillars of the church.

THE PILLARS OF THE CHURCH

"Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church . . ." This institution was not to be constructed upon certain firm principles, not upon an angel world to guard it, not upon the words of Holy Script, not even upon the Spirit of God himself, but upon men with all their infirmities and shortcomings. And yet Scripture simultaneously points to some characteristics of Peter that qualified him for this privilege and the immense task.

There was, first of all, his name. They called him Simon before he was summoned to discipleship. To distinguish him from other Simons he was called Simon Barjona, i.e., the son of Jona. But Jesus gave him a different name. He looked into Simon's eyes. He penetrated his very being. He put him to the test. Then he called him "Peter", a Rock. Oh no, Jesus did not ridicule Simon. He did not wish to have his fun with an impetuous man who would be easily offended. Jesus named Simon "Peter" because there was something in Peter's soul that was reliable, firm, beautifully adamant. He was a rock, indeed!

Another quality of Peter's was brought out on the road to Caesarea one day. Jesus wanted to know what people thought about his Messiahship. Above all, he wanted to know what his own disciples thought about him. And while, perhaps, the men looked at each other confounded, Peter came forth with this glorious testimony, "Thou art Christ, the Son of the living God!"



Rev. and Mrs. Karl Korella of Camrose, Alberta, Canada

These were only two qualities in the character of Peter that made him a pillar of the church of Jesus Christ. He was a man who was firm and reliable. He was one who was not afraid to speak his convictions. Therefore, the words of Christ were spoken: "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church . . ."

To such men and women Christ is eager to entrust his work. He does not search for the great ones of this earth, not necessarily for the talented and erudite. He calls those upon whom he can depend. He uses those who are not afraid nor ashamed to profess him before men. To be sure, there are many Christians. Most of them have found their place in the church. However only few of them can hear their divine Master's promise, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church . . ." God grant us more such pillars in his church.

THE POWER OF THE CHURCH

Furthermore, Christ speaks of the power of the church. "And the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

It is true that the church is built upon human pillars. And these pillars are not always firmly grounded upon the foundation of Christ. On the other hand, the power of darkness stands strong and aggressive. The Evil One has made his attack upon the church through the centuries. He appears in diverse forms and various manners. The portals of hell have never been completely closed.

There was, first of all, the persecution by the Caesars of Rome in the first centuries of the Christian era. Christians were thrown into dungeons. They were decapitated, burned alive, cast to the wild beasts. Thus the church and every remnant of Chris-

tian faith was to be eradicated. Men did not heed the words of Christ, "and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The persecutions rolled past like a mighty thunderstorm and vanished on the horizon of time. But instead of destruction men beheld in its wake a church rising more glorious than before. Even persecutions in modern times in Russia and Japan and other countries have only strengthened and purified the church of Christ.

Then we read of another attack of the forces of evil. Christianity became the religion of the Roman Empire under Constantine the Great in the fourth century. The doors of the church were flung open. Worldliness and heathenism streamed in. The powers of darkness began to gnaw at the heart of the church. But God be praised for the saints who saw the danger and had a vision of the Church Glorious. The church dared not yield completely to the forces of darkness. They knew the promise, ". . . and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

In our days the danger seems less terrifying. We as Christians have learned the lessons of the past. Persecution has strengthened us. Infiltration of worldliness and heathenism has made us vigilant. And yet we are arduously climbing the narrow trail with sharp flint of ridicule scattered over our path, the sand of irritating criticism in our shoes, and the sweltering heat of indifference sapping our strength. These are the obstacles that threaten the church of today. Just because someone will frown, somebody else will lose the courage of his conviction. Many a testimony has been silenced before it could reach the lips. Or, because some of the so-called Christians were indifferent, criticising perhaps every effort others put forth to build the church, many a loyal worker has found his load unbearable.

To be sure, we should not close our eyes to sincere criticism. We should not bury our heads in the sand when we are to look out and up. But let us also go on under other obstacles in the strength of the Lord. He has also given the promise to us, who love the church of Christ, ". . . and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

THE CHURCH'S POTENTIALITY

At last Jesus speaks of the potentiality of the church. This is found in the influence the church is wielding through men among their fellow creatures. "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

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Officers of the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta With Sunday School Teachers and Young People's Leaders (Left) and Members of the Woman's Missionary Society (Right)

A Spiritual Bethany on the Camrose Road

The Story of the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta
by Mr. ROBERT NESKE

THE people of the Bethany Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta wish to pause in order to look back upon the span of time and events connected with the church which they dearly cherish. It is natural to think of something that holds our affection. It is quite natural for many of the Bethany Church members to ponder on the past of their church. For this has truly been their spiritual home and therefore also this retrospect in the pages of "The Baptist Herald."

The Bethany Church is situated seven miles northwest of Camrose. It was founded on August 27, 1901 with the Rev. Mr. Schielke in charge. Like the mustard seed of God's Kingdom, the church was at first small, composed of six families and two single men, a total of sixteen members. This group of pioneers met at the home of Mr. B. C. Weisser. All were interested in the Lord's business. They were building for the future, and therefore obstacles were only a new challenge to them. When Brother Schielke left for his field, the church was ready to launch out with Mr. B. C. Weisser as deacon, Mr. H. Jasmier as secretary-treasurer and Pendleton's Handbook between them!

Time and transportation facilities did not permit Brother Schielke to visit the infant church regularly. Nevertheless it grew. During the following year nineteen members were added, some by letter and others by testimony. This brought added strength to the growing organization. It also necessitated the calling of a minister to shepherd the increasing flock. Thus, the Rev. F. A. Mueller became the first pastor of the church.

But pioneer days were not only times of settling, but also of moving about. Mr. Mueller had to take over other fields and the church welcomed the Rev. A. Baettig on December 18, 1904 as the second pastor. The log cabin on the hill had become too

small. The receptions and other services of the church were now held in the East Bittern Lake schoolhouse.

The church reached out into the neighborhood and in the following year in May 1905 the first baptism was held with nine candidates. It was a momentous occasion. This meant not merely the welcoming of new members but the ingathering of the precious fruits of labor. Many visitors rejoice with the church.

But there were also problems to face! There was a church organization but no church building. Services in the homes and the schoolhouse were unsatisfactory. Something had to be done, and so a church was built. To be sure, progress was slow and the planning required a year's work. But when the plans were completed, construction was speedy. The work began in Spring 1907, and the dedication of the new building took place on August 11, of the same year.

This was another Jubilee for the congregation. Neighboring churches sent their representatives. The Rev. F. A. Mueller brought the dedication message based on Psalm 84. This is still the same church building that is being used and which appears on the front cover of this issue of "The Baptist Herald" with some additions and, of course, extensive renovations.

At this time in 1907 the church members had reached the total of 31. The numerical growth had not been consistent but the spiritual growth was encouraging.

The group of 31 members reached out beyond their surroundings. They organized a station sixty miles away at Forestburg and appropriately called it "Hoffnungsfeld" (A Field of Hope). The very name revealed the quality of their faith in this enterprise.

Many years have passed since these beginnings. The church has grown to a mature organization with a number of branches. There is a Sunday School

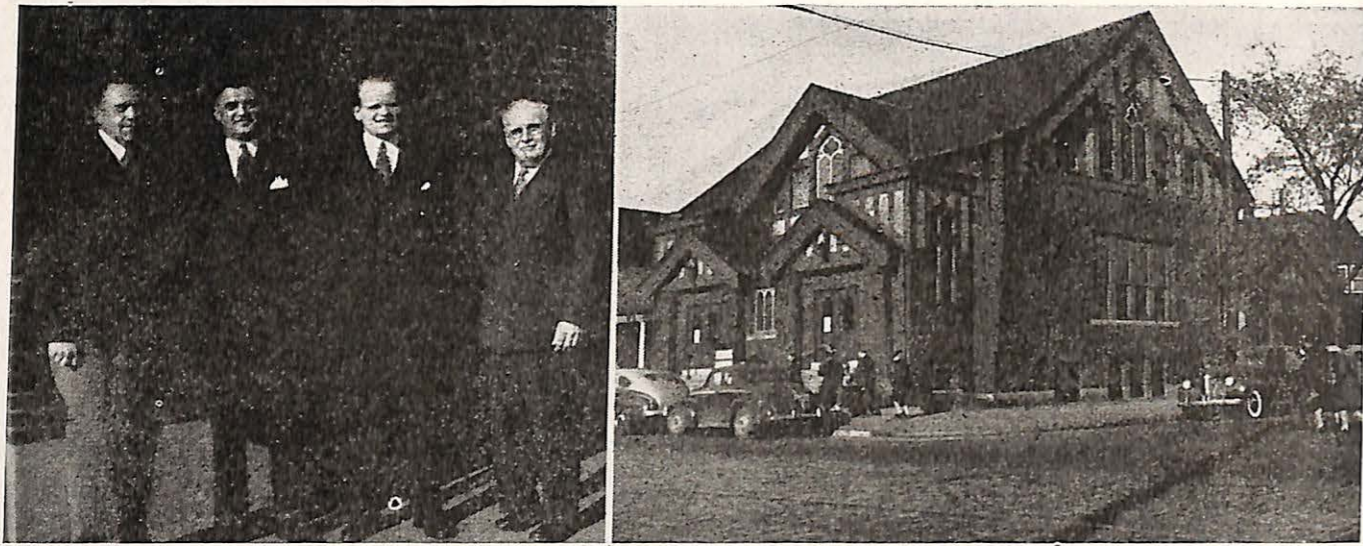
dating back to 1902. At that time, it had already the rudiments of departmentalization. There were three teachers and the superintendent. Unfortunately there followed times of discouragement and deterioration, until later the school took forward steps and became the most progressive Sunday School in the district. For some years it had the reputation of being a model organization under the leadership of Mr. Bennie Link.

The Ladies' Missionary Society became another important branch in the life of the church. Organized in 1915 with ten charter members, it has carried on throughout the years with unquenchable zeal. For twenty-five years this society supported a missionary in India and helped along in the Cameroons of Africa as well as our home mission field. A large part of these contributions came from the sale of "Sunday eggs". (One lady still claims her hens laid an extra egg every Sunday.) There are twenty-four members at present, with three charter members still active in this work.

These are only two branches within the church. Space does not permit the mention of what the choir and young people have meant to the church through the years. Other organizations have come into being with the most recent of them being the Men's Brotherhood and the Girls' Auxiliary, both organized in February 1943. Then, too, the Junior Church was begun in September of this year.

The present officers of the church are: deacons, Paul A. Weisser, Arthur Gerber and Frank Lemke; church clerk, Robert Neske; superintendent, Charlie Roth; Ladies' Aid president, Mrs. Rose Weisser; young people's society president, Bennie Schultz; Men's Brotherhood president, Paul Weisser; Girls' Auxiliary leader, Mrs. E. Schmitke; choir president, Philip Link;

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The Reverends A. J. Harms, (Left to Right) Wm. Hoover, E. Arthur McAsh and Wm. Kuhn Preceding the Sunday Afternoon Session of the Great Detroit Missionary Conference Which Was Held in the Ebenezer Baptist Church (Right)

Missionary Conference in Detroit, Mich.

Report by MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Promotional Secretary

THE STORY of our ever expanding mission fields with their increasing challenge was dramatically brought to the attention of the members and friends of our five churches in Detroit, Michigan from Oct. 25 to 28 in a unique missionary conference. On each of these evenings and throughout Sunday, Oct. 28, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, the denomination's mission fields were depicted by representatives and colorful pictures with the result that those who attended were led to say that "ours is a great and challenging task to which God has called us for such an important time like this."

The emphasis did not swerve from the story of our missionary outreach. In fact, the quotation from David Lloyd George as used by Dr. A. J. Harms in his remarks on Sunday afternoon was descriptive of the spirit of the sessions: "Long after the world's captains with their guns and weapons have been silenced, shall these people—the missionaries—shine forth as the world's real benefactors." The missionary of Christ, heralding the gospel of the Cross, was seen as God's most important messenger for a world of darkness and sin.

The Rev. J. J. Reimer, missionary of the San Luis Spanish-American mission at Saguache, Colorado, captivated a large audience on Thursday evening with a passionate plea for missionary work among the Spanish-speaking people and with scores of illustrations taken from his experiences and field as evidence of God's blessing upon this work. Miss Alma Siewert of Toccoa Falls College, Georgia thrilled the large Sunday afternoon audience as she described God's call to her to become one of our missionary-appointees to the Cameroons and his call to us to

go out to the far places of the world. She was ably supported by Miss Ruby Salzman of Kankakee, Ill., another missionary-appointee to the Cameroons, who brought a brief, winsome testimony for Christ.

A real highlight of the conference was the missionary address by the Rev. F. W. Benke of Edmonton, Alberta on Sunday afternoon as he stood before the audience, dramatically dressed in the regalia of an Indian chief, and poured out his soul passionately for support of our missionary work among the Indians of Alberta and among the pioneers of the Peace River Valley. He was assisted by Mr. Raymond Dickau, now a seminary student in Rochester, N. Y., who



Rev. F. W. Benke of Edmonton, Alberta and Mr. Raymond Dickau of Rochester, N. Y., Before Their Presentation of Indian Missionary Work at the Detroit Conference

has helped Mr. Benke in previous missionary work among the Indians.

The young people were in charge of a rousing banquet in the Ebenezer Church's dining room on Saturday evening, over which Mr. Herbert Seipke, Central Conference Union president, presided. An enthusiastic program of musical numbers, spirited singing and a brief message by the Rev. J. C. Gunst, young people's secretary, preceded the stirring missionary challenge by the Rev. John Walkup of St. Paul, Minn., on the text of Matthew 9:35.

The missionary enterprise of our denomination as expressed in our Rochester Seminary and the Edmonton Christian Training Institute was graphically reviewed on Friday evening with a message by Dr. George A. Lang, president of the seminary, and two seminary students who had been former students of the Edmonton Institute, Mr. Raymond Dickau and Isadore Faszer.

The conference was launched in the several churches of Detroit on Wednesday evening, Oct. 27, with messages in the several pulpits by the Reverends William Kuhn, H. G. Dymmel, J. C. Gunst, Fred W. Benke and M. L. Leuschner. On Sunday morning and evening these servants of God and of the denomination, augmented by the help of the Reverends J. J. Reimer and John Walkup, again spoke in the Detroit churches.

Denominational pictures were shown to the appreciative audiences on two evenings with the story of some phases of our missionary enterprise. A large exhibit hall was colorfully arranged with missionary pictures and literature for those who availed themselves of this opportunity. Several new missionary leaflets were generously dis-

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

Miss ESTHER SCHULTZ, 510 Wellington, Chicago 14, Illinois

JUDY'S CHRISTMAS

Christmas was in the air. Judy could just feel all the joy of it in her bones. As she was sliding down the hill, she could turn the curve and see the tree beside the house that was waiting patiently for the trimmings to be put on the branches. Just that morning mother had called to have the turkey ordered for the dinner.

In school all the children were waiting patiently for the time to put on the program. They were having some funny poems about Santa, his sleigh, the reindeer, and, of course, the toys.

In Sunday School they were already getting the songs ready for the caroling which were to be sung. The baskets were being brought for those who would not have any. Judy had brought a scarf for poor crippled Mr. Jones who lived alone at the other end of town.

Best of all was the fun of thinking how they would be spending the hour after church on Christmas Eve. They never had company outside of the family, for it was their very own Christmas program. Mother always played the song, "Silent Night," as they sat around the fireplace watching the flames play on the hearth. Then the whole family sang the song. (Judy could almost hear them as she was sliding down the hill.) Father always told the Christmas story, as only father could do. Judy always could almost see the manger where Christ lay when he was a baby. How she liked to think of the Wise Men who came from such a long way to bring their gifts and to see the King. That star which shone so brightly for them! How on the hillside the shepherds were caring for their sheep and how they, too, went to see Jesus.

Then they would have prayer and each would light the candle and put it in the candle holders. How nice it all looked. But the greatest joy came because all of the family knew the Jesus, who was born so long ago.

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HAVE YOU EVER TRIED THIS?

1. Have you ever taken the word Christmas and tried to see how many words you could spell out of it?

2. Have you ever taken the letters and written a poem, something like this:- C is for Christ, who was born long ago.

H is for hearts filled with joy Christmas day.

R is for rejoicing the whole year through.

I is for icicles showing God's gifts of beauty.

S is for Savior, who came for me and you.

T is for toys the children say.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

I extend to you, readers of this page, my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

ESTHER SCHULTZ, Editor.

M is for Merry Christmas to you and me.

A is for Angels who sang at his birth.

S is for the Star which shone long ago.

the pasture, around the bend, and through the woods.

Skating was very much fun and the ice was just like glass. The wind was on his back so he sailed along. Soon he had gone farther than he had ever gone. As he looked around he saw another boy out on the ice. At first he thought that he would not speak to him, but he was curious to see what the boy looked like; so he went nearer.

Billy also came nearer, and as their eyes fell upon each other they smiled, for both lads were really friendly and jolly.

"What is your name?" asked Carl. "Billy," came back the answer.



CHRISTMAS TIME IN THE ROCKIES WITH A BLANKET OF SNOW COVERING THE EVERGREEN TREES AND THE MOUNTAIN PEAKS

3. If you have the book, "Tell Me About Jesus" by Mary Alice Jones, you will enjoy sitting around your own fireplaces, and reading the Christmas Story. You can also enjoy reading the story from the Bible as it is found in Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 2:1-14.

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CARL'S FRIEND

Carl arose the first day of Christmas vacation, feeling there were so many things he wanted to do, that he did not know which to do first. Sliding was always fun. Skating was not so much fun for he would have to go alone. Sally was not old enough to go with him.

When his chores were finished, he took Sally out for a sleigh ride, but after a while she was cold and had to go back to the house.

Carl picked up his skates and went down to the creek which ran through

"Where do you go to school?" asked Carl.

"Haven't gone yet; we just moved here," replied Billy. "Where do you go?"

"Do you see that red brick building over there?" asked Carl, pointing down the road. "That is our school. We are having vacation now, but school begins in January. Will you come to our school?"

"Yes, I think so for it is the nearest to my home."

"I had better start back, for mother will be looking for me. Maybe your mother might let you come over tomorrow," said Carl.

When Carl told his mother of the new boy who just moved to the next farm she said, "Since they are new neighbors, we will go over and welcome them into the neighborhood. I am sure she will want to join the Woman's Club. Maybe they will even come to church."



Mrs. Ruth Schacht Meyer

OURS FOREVER

I cannot think of them
as dead
Who walk with me no
more.

Along the path of life I
tread;
They have but gone
before.

And still their silent
ministry
Within my heart hath
place,
As when on earth they
walked with me
And met me face to
face.

Mine are they by an
ownership
Nor time nor death can
free,
For God gives me to love
and keep
Mine own eternally. . .

F. L. Hosmer



Dr. F. W. Meyer

Through Shining Archway

The Memorial to Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Meyer Who Lost Their Lives in the Philippine Islands on December 19, 1943

ON Pearl Harbor day, December, 1941, the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society had twenty-one missionaries in the Philippine Islands.

The near approach of the Japanese to Panay ended the work of the staff of the hospital which had evacuated from Capiz. All buildings and equipment were destroyed by our military in accordance with the adopted scorched-earth policy. This released Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Meyer and Miss Jennie Adams, and left them with no alternative except that of fleeing to a retreat in the mountains which they and the other missionaries had previously selected and prepared for just such an emergency as this, which was called "Hopevale."

Some Japanese troops seemingly knew all along where the missionaries were hiding and had decided not to molest them. Other troops, however, persistently sought where they were. Locating them was not easy. The camp had been well chosen, and the Filipino people who knew its location loyally kept the secret even at great risk to themselves. Finally, a detachment of soldiers came to a village at the foot of the mountain on which the camp was located. The people of this village refused to give any information whatsoever and suffered for it. The search continued, however, and the camp was located.

At the time, our eleven missionaries, five other adults, and several children, including Erle Douglas Rounds, were

there. It was the week before Christmas, and everyone was busy preparing for the Christian season. When the soldiers came, the camp was completely surprised. All fled. Some of the men could easily have escaped, but when the women and children were taken all surrendered.

Either that same day (Dec. 19, 1943) or the next they were told that they would be put to death. At their request, they were given time for prayer. After praying for about an hour, they all came forward saying, "Now we are ready!" At some time in the whole proceeding, it is reported that Mr. Covell or Mrs. Covell (perhaps both) pleaded eloquently in Japanese for the lives of all. They having served as missionaries in Japan knew the Japanese language well. The soldiers were affected by the appeal, but said that they must carry out their orders, and this they did.

Surely this is one of the most tragic episodes in missionary history. The above summary of it may not prove to be exact in every detail, but it is essentially true. Some day, perchance, one fully certified as an eye-witness may appear.

THE BROCHURE
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A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

When Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Meyer returned to the Philippines in 1938, to begin their fourth term as missionaries, they were honored with an invitation from President Manuel F. Quezon to have tea with him at the Executive Mansion. When they reached Capiz, Dr. Meyer received an even greater honor. At a reception in the home of the Capiz Provincial Governor, he was adopted as "a worthy son of Capiz."

The 313-word citation read on this occasion noted among other things Dr. Meyer's devotion to the general health of the people, his service to sufferers in Emmanuel Hospital, his "charitable disposition towards the poor," his kindness, patience, generosity, and his interest in social, athletic, and cultural enterprises. Reference was also made to him as "an evangelical teacher and preacher," as "a brilliant example as a husband and father," a "noble gentleman," sportsman, educator, and neighbor.

The encomium ended by saying that Dr. Meyer, in his contact with people of different race, creed, nationality, and temperament had "captured their esteem and friendship and won the admiration of the people of Capiz from the highest official in the government to the simplest peasant."

Surely he must have lived among the people as one who loved and served to have called forth such an expression of esteem as this. Emmanuel Hospital was the center out from which his medical ministry extended to the whole

province. Day and night the care of his patients came first. Every year saw the number of patients increase until wards, porches, and corridors overflowed with them. Then he undertook the erection of more buildings with funds personally solicited from the Filipinos themselves. In Dr. Meyer one sees the burning, cleansing, healing, redeeming power of a great light steadily focussed to high ends in the name of One who to him was the source of all light and of all power.

But there was a ministry other than medicine and surgery by which Dr. and Mrs. Meyer won people to themselves and to their living faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour: the ministry of music. Friends will never forget hearing Mrs. Meyer sing at one of our Northern Baptist Conventions. Some, not having heard her name announced, wondered what operatic star had been found thus to sing so marvellously to us. Surely this was no ordinary voice with ordinary training. And so it was not, but neither was it "professional." It was art, the highest art, with an overplus of beauty and power because of the life of love out of which it came.

And so, as Dr. Meyer put it, Mrs. Meyer opened people's hearts with her song while he had to resort to the scalpel. Her great gift was brought into captivity to her Lord and was made to serve his cause. She taught voice, and some pupils could afford to pay. She sang on many public occasions, and sometimes the honorarium was substantial. But fees and honoraria went toward making the nurses' home more comfortable and attractive. During one long period, Mrs. Meyer travelled seventy-five miles each week to Central Philippine College at Iloilo where she contributed greatly to the development of the Department of Music.

Dr. Meyer, too, was musical. He played the piano and helped to develop choirs. In the spring of 1941, as a result of Dr. and Mrs. Meyer's untiring efforts, the sacred cantata, "Holy City," was given by eight choirs and several other individual singers from all over the Islands of Panay and Negros. Dr. Meyer had traveled to each choir during the preceding months of the hot season giving rehearsals. Seventy-five voices accompanied by two pianos and a pipe-organ gave to the audiences such music as they had not known existed.

Mrs. Meyer sang beautifully the soprano solo, and in the quartets were our missionaries J. H. Covell, Ruth Harris, Francis Rose, Erle and Louise Rounds, and Mrs. Hazel Bigelow. "We were all lifted up in the spirit to the throne of God that night," wrote Mrs. Bigelow, "in a fellowship as beautiful as any possible on earth; and how blessed is that memory so shinningly vivid against the black background of the days that followed soon. It was a foretaste of what shall yet be when we all meet again in the Holy City."

The young people of Capiz found in the Meyer home a type of Christian love and service they longed to imitate, and no convention of Baptist Young People was complete without the Meyer family leading in song, at the piano, or starting the wholesome

A TRIBUTE OF HONOR

A Report of the Memorial Service for the Meyers Held in Rochester, N. Y.

"Honor to whom honor is due." For some time we here in Rochester, New York, have felt that some public tribute of honor should be given to the late Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Meyer who laid down their lives upon the altar of the eternal Christ, paying the supreme price at the hands of Japanese soldiers a year ago last December in the Philippine Islands.

In a service of high altitude such tribute found expression in the Andrews Street Church under the leadership the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, pastor, on Sunday night, October 28, and in cooperation with the Meyer Fellowship, a group of six woman's missionary circles of our city. Beautiful flowers decorated the platform on which were seated the several persons who participated in the tribute of honor in song and the spoken word. A photograph enlarged by Professor Schade and placed in a vantage-point helped to visualize the spiritual presence of these two devoted servants of God.

Professor G. A. Lehman of the Divinity School rendered beautiful solo selections. Our own large excellent choir also participated. The Rev. F. W. Davidson of the First Baptist Church read the obituary; the Rev. A. R. DeMott of the Monroe County Baptist Association offered prayer; Dr. Geo. A. Lang of our seminary read the Scriptures passage; Dr. Jesse Wilson of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society gave the main address; and Mrs. A. R. DeMott spoke on behalf of the Meyer Fellowship.

The audience followed the service with marked attention and appreciated especially a letter read by Mrs. David E. Haglund written to Mrs. F. W. C. Meyer by Mrs. Louise Reid Spencer, author of "Guerrilla Wife," in which she related many incidents which occurred at "Hopedale," where the eleven missionaries spent their last months. We all felt we were honoring God while we were evaluating the fine qualities of these vessels of his, whom he had chosen to carry His Name in sermon, song, and healing to isles of the sea.

The whole service was not carried out "with dirges due, in sad array,"

fun at a banquet. The future of the Baptist work in Capiz will rest upon the shoulders of those who grew up in the wholesome sunlight of the Meyers' victorious Christian faith.

The note of joy seemed to be dominant in all that Dr. and Mrs. Meyer were and did—joy in the service "of Him who taught and preached and healed," the joy of talking to people "in the vernacular," of bringing to them "the message" of the gospel, of seeing the lame walk and the leper cleansed and restored to society. How fortunate it was that they could give expression to their deep joy in music and song.

In the hills during the period of exile and hiding, the Meyers still carried on their ministry of healing and music. "Bed patients are scattered all over the jungle barrios," he wrote.

but under the spell of a triumphant note. Naturally, we think it all loss when such useful people are cut down in the midst of their years. Having served a quarter of a century, they might have normally served another quarter, and how much good they could have done! But the death of the martyrs brings forth its own fruitage. Though God calls his workmen home, he continues his work.

The large congregation responded in an offering of \$200.00 for the Meyer Memorial Fund to be used in the reconstruction of the Emmanuel Hospital at Capiz.

O. E. Krueger, Reporter.

THEIR MEMORY IS SACRED

A Report of the Memorial Service for the Meyers Held in Racine, Wisconsin

A memorial service in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Meyer was held on Sunday afternoon, October 28, in the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wisconsin, with the pastor, Rev. Ray L. Schlader, in charge. Mrs. Ruth Schacht Meyer was a member of the Racine Church at the time of her passing.

The memorial message was given by Rev. Henry W. Munger, a missionary in the Philippines since 1904 and a close friend of the Meyers for many years. Dr. Thorwald W. Bender of Milwaukee, Wisconsin read several appropriate Scripture passages and Dr. Ezra G. Roth, Baptist secretary of Wisconsin, pronounced the benediction.

Pew Bibles were dedicated during the service as a memorial to Dr. and Mrs. Meyer by members and friends of the church with the following dedication: "In loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Meyer and to the glory of God whom they served and the enlightenment of this congregation, these Holy Bibles are hereby dedicated. May humble tongues pronounce the words of the sacred lines and receptive hearts receive the message they give, in Jesus' name."

The church choir presented a sacred cantata, "The Holy City," on Sunday, November 25, as their tribute to the Meyers. The choir also sang the anthems, "Open Our Eyes" by MacFarlane and "Souls of the Righteous" by Noble at the memorial service on October 28.

"Plenty of long hikes keep me thin but happy . . . Emmanuel Hospital, with no equipment, hardly any medicine, with its missionary residue of personnel living in grass huts built in a jungle, sends to our home folks loving greetings . . . We carry on . . . because of the Emmanuel—God with us."

The ramp which connected the old building of Emmanuel Hospital with the second floor of the Jose Fernandez Memorial Annex is called "The Bridge of Song." That bridge now becomes the symbol of another bridge, fashioned by the life and death of Dr. and Mrs. F. W. Meyer, the bridge between the hearts of a shining multitude of Filipinos and the loving heart of God. The bridge-builders have gone on before to prepare a place in the heavenly choir for that multitude.

My Tribute to Walter A. Staub

By Dr. WILLIAM KUHN, General Missionary Secretary

IT WAS a shock to a multitude of friends to hear that Mr. Walter A. Staub of Newark, New Jersey, had died suddenly of a coronary thrombosis while visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs. Clara Mawhinnney, in Philadelphia, Pa., on Sunday, November 4. His was the third recent death in his immediate family. Only a few months ago his wife, Ida Staub, had died after a lingering illness. A short time later his mother-in-law, Mrs. Fleury, died at a ripe old age. These three deaths are the first to have entered the immediate family circle of seven children and eleven grandchildren.

Although his home call was so unexpected, it had not reached him unprepared. Almost fifty years ago as a young lad, upon his graduation from Girard College, that large school for orphan boys in Philadelphia, he made that wonderful experience of having been born again into the family of God. In my first baptism at the Second Church in Philadelphia, I had the great joy of baptizing him.

During all these many years and in different circumstances of life he has never wavered in his Christian discipleship. From the very beginning of his Christian life he has held definite Christian convictions and has never failed to express them. During his Christian life of almost half a century he has consistently grown in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. From those early days on he was an ardent and enlightened student of the Bible.

During his lifetime, he has been a member with his family of the following churches: Second Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; our churches in Pittsburgh, Pa., Forest Park, Illinois, and later in the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, New Jersey. Everywhere he has been a vital and active spiritual force, rendering an unstinted and unselfish ministry in those departments for which he was peculiarly endowed.

Having been an orphan boy himself, he was ever ready to help others in need. These benefactions that were prompted by his sympathetic heart were never publicly announced. Our heavenly Father, who sees in secret, will on Christ's Day bring all those many gifts and deeds of helpfulness into the light, and they will constitute for him a crown of rejoicing.

Although Walter Staub proved to be a devoted member to every church to which he belonged, his interest could not be confined within those narrow boundaries. His interest extended into the far horizons. Our own denomination has been a beneficiary of many services that only he could render because of his professional knowledge and experience.

I remember the time very well, when he gave as his personal missionary contribution as much as \$10,000 in one single year. Being a child of Swiss parents, he was always ready to provide



Mr. WALTER A. STAUB
of Newark, New Jersey
† 1881 — 1945 †

help for the needs of our Swiss Baptists. Not long before his passing I had written him and laid it upon his heart to help a number of Swiss Baptist young men who were endeavoring to complete their education. If the Lord had not called him, I am sure that he would have responded very favorably.

In the younger years of his life he had a keen interest in foreign missions, and there are many evidences that he never lost this interests. In his wisdom God had entrusted to him great wealth, and during his entire life he proved himself a good steward of this trust. Whether consciously or unconsciously, he followed the advise of our Lord, when he said: "Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations." When he entered the Father's House on that Sunday morning, there were doubtless many there to welcome him who had been blessed by his ministry, either directly or indirectly.

Since being a member of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., during these later years, he was highly honored and regarded as a very valuable and appreciated co-worker in the Northern Baptist Convention. Because of his professional knowledge and skill and his wise counsel, he served on some of the most important committees of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Early in his life he made contact with the public accounting firm of Lybrand Ross Brothers and Montgomery. Because of his outstanding ability in this profession and his unquestioned reliability, he had been promoted from

one position to another and assumed ever growing responsibilities until he had become senior partner in that firm. As a Certified Public Accountant and tax expert he was recognized as an authority, nationally and internationally.

In some intimate conversations with him, I had asked him how he accounted for that phenomenal progress that he had made in his profession. In unfeigned humility he would the reply: "Well, I was at the right place at the right time when the door was opened with Lybrand Ross Brothers and Montgomery." Then I would reply: "And you are the right man equipped with those talents and endowments of mentality and personality to fill that place." When I told him that God and he accounted for his phenomenal success in his profession, then he humbly bowed and approved that statement.

No one could really know Walter A. Staub who did not know him as a personal friend. That privilege had been given to me. This friendship covered a period of almost fifty years. There were many concrete and tangible expressions of this friendship which can never be forgotten. It was always a delight to be in his home and see his love for his family.

It was last Spring when I spent a Saturday afternoon in his home at his invitation. The grandmother, Mrs. Fleury; his wife, Ida Staub; and he himself were there. Beside these, some of his children and grandchildren were there. As the four of us sat at the dinner table, we all drank of the lovecup of intimate fellowship and friendship. Three of that group at that Saturday evening dinner party are now in the Father's House, and we who linger sorrow because of their leaving, but not as those without hope.

A SPIRITUAL BETHANY

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choir director, Robert Neske; Junior Church leader, Mrs. Karl Korella.

We would like to add that besides serving our church as choir director, Mr. Neske has also served as music director on the faculty of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta for the past five years.

The ministers who have served in our church are as follows: F. A. Mueller, 1902-1904 and 1914-1921; A. Baetig, 1904-1913; A. Knaut, 1923-1925; J. Toyne, 1926-1928; A. Kujath, 1929-1933; H. Schatz, 1934-1936; H. Waltereit, 1939-1941; R. Kern, 1941-1942; A. W. Teske, 1942-1944; and K. Korella 1945—.

We have also sent forth a number of young men to prepare for the Christian ministry, among whom are the Reverends Alfred, Arthur and Carl Weisser; as well as the church missionaries, the former Miss Frieda L. Weisser, (now Mrs. Dennis Brown); and Miss Mary Schmidtko.

As we have turned the pages of the years, our hearts break forth into praise and thanksgiving for God's many blessings and the manifestation of his power to establish his Kingdom here. Our prayer is that we may continue to be faithful messengers of his Good News.

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

New Officers and Plans of the Tabor B.Y.P.U. in North Dakota

We as young people of the Tabor B. Y. P. U. of North Dakota can truly say that we have had blessed times in fellowship with our God. Our membership roll consists of 18 young people, including three new members gained during the year.

On Tuesday, November 9, we held our annual election of officers for the coming year. Our new officers are as follows: president, Erdina Rust; vice-president, Mrs. Herbert Fiedler; asst. secretary, Willard Littke; librarian, Erdina Rust; ushers, Willard Littke and Harold Knippleberg.

We came to the conclusion that our society should take up reading of library books in the coming year. We also decided to follow the Uniform Bible Reading. The Rev. and Mrs. August Rosner attended all our meetings and were a great inspiration to us.

Norma Meyer, Secretary.

Mission Festival at Napoleon, No. Dak., With Rev. H. J. Waltereit as Guest Speaker

On Sunday, October 7, we as a church of Napoleon, No. Dak., celebrated our annual Harvest and Mission Festival. Our hearts were still sad because on the preceding Sunday we had to bid farewell to our beloved former pastor, the Rev. Ed. Kary, and his family.

Nevertheless, we were able to give thanks unto God for the manifold blessings bestowed upon us during the past year. The Rev. H. J. Waltereit of Lehr, No. Dak., was our guest speaker for the day. Through his inspiring messages we were moved to prove our gratitude and missionary eagerness in a practical way. The offering taken during the services amounted to \$812.23. May it serve to further the cause of God's Kingdom!

We would like to thank the Rev. H. J. Waltereit for his services and the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr for giving us their pastor for the day.

Julius Grenz, Church Clerk.

Mission Conference at Emery, So. Dak., With Missionary J. J. Reimer of Colorado

From September 26 to October 2 the Emery Baptist Church of Emery, So. Dakota observed Mission and Gospel Week. We had the privilege of having Missionary J. J. Reimer of Saguache, Colorado with us. He spoke to large audiences gathered to hear of his interesting mission experiences and God's definite leadings in his life while working among the Spanish-American people in the San Luis Valley in Colorado.

Brother Reimer also knew how to present the gospel story in his mission



Three Service Men of the Bertsch Station of the Baptist Church of Venturia, No. Dak., Who Were Recently Home on Furlough

messages with great blessings to Christians and to the unsaved. Offerings were taken on Sunday, Sept. 30, for the Spanish-American work as well as for the Fellowship Fund by both church and Sunday School which amounted to nearly a thousand dollars. We thank God for the blessings we all received through Brother Reimer.

Practically every society of the Emery church is engaged in promoting or supporting some mission project or mission worker. Our prayer is that many mission opportunities and challenges offered today may be accepted, for "the night cometh when no man can work."

Arthur Ittermann, Pastor.

Three Service Men from the Bertsch Station of Venturia, No. Dak., on Furlough

The Bertsch Station of the Baptist Church of Venturia, No. Dak., recently had three of its soldiers home on furlough. The accompanying picture was taken on the porch of our remodeled church. We were all very glad to have them at home.

Pfc. Albert Schrenk, who entered the service on June 20, 1944, was shipped overseas to the European theater of war in January 1945, serving in France and Germany for eight months. Sgt. Albert J. Bertsch entered the service on April 8, 1942, and after three months of basic training he was sent to the Hawaiian Islands. He spent thirty-one months there working mostly in the Medical Supply Depot before being shipped to Saipan where he spent six months, after which he set sail on a twenty-six day journey for home. He certainly enjoyed his first furlough at home in three and one-half years: Pvt. Albert Dohn entered the service on April 23, 1945 and has been at Camp Robinson, Ark., for his basic training. He has now been sent to Camp Adair,

Oregon where he is helping to reconvert the camp.

May God protect them wherever they may have to go and, if it be his will, that they will return to us safely.

Martha Dohn, Reporter.

Mission Festivals, Vacation Services and Evangelistic Meetings at Hebron, North Dakota

At our business meeting last May, we of the First Baptist Church of Hebron, No. Dak., voted a vacation of the month of July for our pastor and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Benke, to permit them to return to Rochester to visit her parents. However, we did not find it necessary to put a padlock on our church door, but continued services as usual, inviting our older retired ministers from Bismarck to visit us, so that on the three Sundays in July, we had the privilege of having Rev. J. R. Matz, Rev. H. G. Bens and Rev. Emanuel Broeckel with us.

Our mission festivals are now a matter of history. We had the honor and privilege of having Dr. Wm. Kuhn for our services at Hebron. Some people may think Dr. Kuhn is up in years, but he spoke at our services in the morning, afternoon and evening, and taught a Sunday School class in the morning, for good measure! For our Antelope Station Church the Rev. Alex Sootzman of McLaughlin, So. Dak., had accepted our invitation, and also spoke to us morning, afternoon, and in town of Hebron in the evening, with a Sunday School class to make it a full day. Our offerings up to now for general missions, Old People's Home at Bismarck and Building Fund were \$2838.72. A number of our people were not at home, so that our total offerings may very nearly reach our goal of \$3000.

Our evangelist, Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, was with us for two weeks in October. The attendance at these meetings was very good. Every effort was made to reach the unchurched and the unsaved, and the message of salvation through Jesus Christ was brought to all in very plain and unmistakable words. While it would have pleased us if more had made a decision for Christ during these meetings, we believe the seed has been sown, and in due time will bring a harvest.

We again had the pleasure of sending one of our "sons" to our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., prepare himself for the ministry. Milton Vietz had long felt the call of God to enter the ministry, and would have done so a year ago, but due to an injury to his foot sustained while riding a horse, he could not leave until recently. We hope and pray that our two boys, Victor Stading, now in his second year, and Milton Vietz, will make good outstanding ministers of the Gospel in the years to come.

The work in our church goes on without interruption, and all departments function very well.

I. E. Giedt, Correspondent.

Activities and Programs of the Woman's Missionary Society of Madison, South Dakota

We as the Woman's Missionary Society of the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, South Dakota hold our meetings in the church parlors on the first Thursday of each month with 20 to 25 members present. Program booklets outlining the work for the year were made and presented to each member. Our meetings are opened with group singing and devotions. A different program chairman is appointed for each month. In this way we enjoy a variety of missionary studies and special musical numbers.

Some of the missionary topics studied were, "Mission Work Among the Indians in Canada," "Black Womanhood of the Belgium Congo," "The Philippine Trail of Blood and Tears." "Experiences of Interned Missionaries" and



Officers of the Woman's Missionary Society of the West Center Street Baptist Church of Madison, So. Dak., with Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Schroeder in back row (Mrs. Edith Bauman, Treasurer, is missing from picture)

others. Among the highlights of the year's programs were the Day of Prayer, observed at the February meeting with Rev. H. R. Schroeder speaking on "Our Attitude Towards Things of Today." At the April meeting the Easter theme was carried out in the devotions program and special music. The annual birthday party celebrating our birthdays was held in June.

Our annual program was held on Sunday evening, October 21. This year we were fortunate in securing Rev. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. Several musical numbers were presented and the missionary offering taken amounted to \$38.46. A total of \$196.00 were given to various missionary enterprises and \$130.00 were given by the society for redecorating the church kitchen.

Our White Cross work was under the leadership of Mrs. Fred Kruse. Articles made were hospital gowns, baby layette, bandages and surgical dressings of various sizes, towels and wash clothes. All this was sent to our missionary nurse Laura E. Reddig and our Cameroons mission field in Africa. Hulda Stier, Secretary.

Important Improvements and Special Services at the Germantown Baptist Church of No. Dak.

Although it has been some time since you have read anything about the Germantown Baptist Church near Cathay, North Dakota, don't think for a moment that nothing has happened since then. Even before the new pastor arrived, the church was freshly painted and shiny new benches had replaced the old chairs. The parsonage was likewise redecorated.

Even though the Germantown Church is one of the oldest in the West, it is most certainly up-to-date, since only a few weeks ago a modern air conditioning system was installed.

Many miss the steeple which until last year served as a well known landmark in the community, but instead an illuminated sign has been erected beside the highway which beckons the

passerby to enter.

The reorganized young people's group presents interesting programs at its regular evening meetings which are attended by old and young alike. The new orchestra, under its able director, has helped by providing special music at various occasions.

We were especially favored to have the former minister, Rev. Daniel Klein, serve us on October 14th with an inspiring message.

The most recent surprise came when during the morning service, on Sunday, October 21st, the new children's Choir rendered "The Children's Prayer" and "Follow the Gleam" from the church balcony.

Mrs. W. G. Gerthe, Reporter.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

Urgent Need for Full Time Pastor at the Mt. Sterling Church of Missouri

Ninety years ago the late Professor August Rauschenbusch organized the

First German Baptist Church in Missouri, then known as the Pin Oak Creek Church, today called the Mt. Sterling Baptist Church. It has the distinction of being the only one of a group of German Baptist churches in that state that is still affiliated with our fellowship.

The church has had a varied and checkered history through the years. Poor leadership, and often none at all, added to their many other difficulties. Often its light fluttered like a flickering candle in the storm and seemed about to go out. But always there was a loyal remnant, which kept the light burning and refused to give up.

Three years ago the writer became interested in this historic group, and spent his vacation among them. (If preaching every night and two or three times on Sunday can be called a vacation.) He became profoundly convinced that as a denomination we ought to do something to preserve its historic continuity. The war and other obligations prevented us from taking any great forward steps in that direction. This summer, at the earnest request of the church and the mission committee of the Central Conference, we agreed to visit them occasionally, minister to them, and counsel with them. The Trenton Church graciously concurred in the request.

The most urgent need was a full time pastor and a parsonage. This Fall it was decided to build a new, fully modern parsonage in order to make possible the calling of a resident pastor. Work on it has already been begun, and it is expected that it will be completed by Spring, free of debt.

The next step is to secure a full time pastor for the field. He must be a man who is "rural-minded," a trained leader, with a deep, genuine love for people, who is willing to sow, even though others may reap the fruits of his labor. Like so many other rural churches with limited opportunities it can never hope to become a strong church. But it will continue to make its contribution to the larger cause, by sending out its young men and women to other churches of the denomination. This calls for faith, courage, and patience, but only eternity can evaluate its worth.

Chas. F. Zummach, Reporter.

Sessions of the Central Conference Held at Kankakee, Ill. from August 23 to 26

The Central Conference of the North American Baptist Churches was held at Kankakee, Illinois from August 23 to 26 in the Immanuel Baptist Church.

The message of the first session was given by the Rev. C. B. Nordland of Forest Park, Illinois on the conference theme, "Christ's Message for Today."

By Friday morning most of the delegates had arrived, and under the leadership of vice-moderator, Rev. Thomas Stoeri of Gladwin, Michigan, the conference progressed as scheduled. Rev. Gideon Zimmerman of Midland, Mich., brought a fine devotional at the 9:00 A. M. hour, and the conference was organized by Mr. Stoeri at 9:30 A. M. The annual reading of the church let-

ters was presented in a very interesting way by Rev. Eric Gutsche of Benton Harbor, Michigan. At 11:00 A. M. Rev. Henry Hirsch of Cleveland, Ohio, gave the conference mission report, following which there was an interesting discussion of the financial report. The peak moment of the morning session was the inspiration received from the message of Dr. William Kuhn, our general mission secretary, on "Christ's Message to His Servants."

While the Woman's Mission Union was in session, the pastor's clinic was held in one of the commodious rooms of the church, and they were led in a pastors' meeting by Prof. O. E. Krueger of our Seminary. From 4:00 P. M. until 5:15 P. M. the conference heard the reports of the Rochester Seminary by Prof. O. E. Krueger, of the Publication Society by Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, and all joined in the annual election of officers. The delegates were then served a spiritual feast by Dr. A. J. Harms of Detroit, Michigan, who spoke on the subject, "Present Day Problems of the Christian Life." The climax of the day came at the great evening service when Rev. E. Gutsche spoke to a full house on "Christ's Message to Those Bereaved and Anxious."

On Saturday morning many were up bright and early to hear the 9:00 A. M. devotion of Rev. H. H. Riffel of Lansing, Michigan. Rev. A. E. McAsh of Detroit, Michigan followed with a challenging message on, "Christ's Message to a World at War."

After the session of unfinished business we again sat at the feet of our Lord under the leadership of the Rev. H. J. Dymmel, home mission secretary. Saturday afternoon was spent in fellowship and recreation, looking forward to the great young people's and Sunday School workers' banquet of the evening. This banquet was held at the Masonic Temple in Kankakee and was arranged and served by the young people of the host church. Rev. L. H. Broeker of St. Joseph, Michigan, with excellent tact and humor, served as toastmaster, and a varied program was presented with ventriloquist Jimmy Nelson of Chicago; Miss Margurite Pletz, vocal soloist from Lansing, Mich.; and Charles Haube of St. Joseph, Mich., the capable song leader. All this was climaxed with a dynamic message by Rev. Reuben Jeschke of Dayton, Ohio, on the subject, "Getting Your Second Wind."

On Sunday morning a number of the conference guests spoke in the various departments of the Sunday School. Mr. Walter Grosser of Chicago led the Adult Department in a most interesting discussion of the lesson. In the worship service Prof. O. E. Krueger spoke on the subject, "Comfort or Character."

Naturally, the Sunday School rally at 3:00 P. M. drew a great crowd, and Mr. Harold Johns of Chicago, Illinois, led the meeting in his usual congenial manner. Mrs. Paul Frederickson, missionary to the Philippines, related her experiences as a missionary.

The closing service of the conference was held in the First Baptist Church. Rev. E. J. Baumgartner brought the closing address on the subject, "Christ's Message to Man."

Owen L. Miller, Reporter.



—Photo by Mr. Herman Siemund
Young Women of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee, Illinois Who Served as Waitresses at the Tables During the Days of the Central Conference Held at the Church

The Bulletin Board of the Forest Park Baptist Church Preaches the Gospel

"We have the passer-by in mind," was the answer to an inquiry of a friend who asked why the Forest Park Church of Forest Park, Ill., invested in a new and larger bulletin board. The vision of a "silent messenger" came to some of us in the church many months ago, but it seemed that we probably would have to wait until after the war before realizing our hopes. But one day last Spring we learned that the Ashtabula Sign Company of Ashtabula, Ohio, was able to provide a limited number of the largest size, illuminated sign boards. A hasty inquiry brought the necessary information and our order was filled.

In due course, the board came and our men joined in the happy task of erecting it on Memorial Day. Then, following a morning church service, the congregation gathered around it as it was dedicated to the service of God in bearing witness to the glorious Good News of the gospel. Since then there have been many reasons for rejoicing. People have come into our services because of its invitation.

Early on Monday morning the board is changed and a carefully chosen passage of Scripture is put on the board. It is usually a verse that reminds us of our soul's deep need of God, a word of encouragement to those with troubled hearts or a reminder for the wonder of God's love as revealed in Christ. Day and night it bears its silent witness, since, equipped with an automatic time clock, the board is flooded by fluorescent light from sundown until midnight.

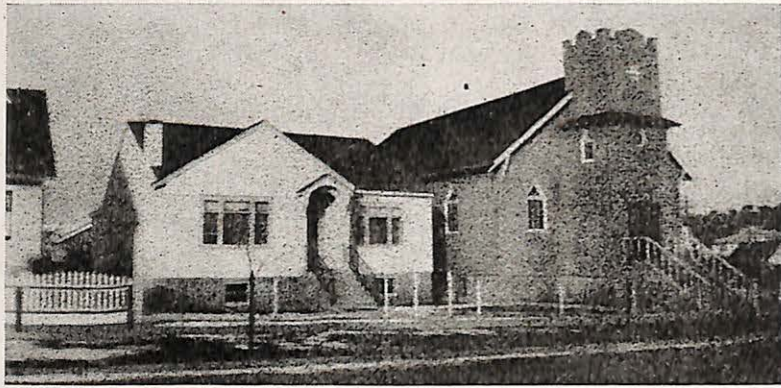
Standing on a slight angle, facing north, it can be seen for several blocks and various sized type enables us to make it attractive and attention-getting. On Saturday it is changed so that for the week-end it presents an invitation to attend our services.

In an endeavor to get away from the stereotyped this message varies. Some recent examples of messages used are the following: "This is a friendly church. Every member of your family will enjoy our services," and "This will be a better week for you if you plan to spend some of Sunday in Church." The time of services are also given. With each change of the board the blessing of God is invoked in prayer.

C. B. Nordland, Pastor.



The Impressive Bulletin Board of the Forest Park Baptist Church Facing the Heavy Traffic on Harlem Avenue



The New Parsonage of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta, Now Occupied by the Rev. and Mrs. R. Kern

NORTHERN CONFERENCE

The New Parsonage of Calgary's Bridgeland Baptist Church Is Dedicated

Last February the congregation of the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alberta decided to proceed with the construction of a new parsonage. When the new church was built four years ago, the adjacent lot was purchased with the thought of some day building a parsonage on it. Now that wish has become a reality. A beautiful seven room stucco bungalow, costing approximately \$7,000, fills this vacancy and greatly adds to the attraction of our church property.

Although the construction was given entirely into the hands of a building contractor, the responsibility of having the work properly carried out, as also the financing of the project was in the hands of our church. However, the Lord gave us grace and a sacrificial heart so that we were able to dedicate to his honor this new parsonage with a remaining debt of approximately \$1,000. We wish to mention here that the former parsonage, being the property of our Mission Board, was sold and the amount of this sale transferred to the new house.

On Sunday, Oct. 21, the members and friends of the church gathered with pastors and friends of the neighboring churches. Rev. C. T. Rempel of Trochu was the guest speaker at the morning worship service, after which the women of the church served a satisfying lunch in the dining room of the church. During the noon hour an opportunity was given to all to view and inspect the interior of the new home. The general opinion expressed was one of great satisfaction.

Due to the severe autumn wind, it was impossible to have an outdoor ceremony, as had been planned. The dedication service was held at 3:00 P. M. in the church. Miss Marjorie Thomas sang "Bless This House" followed by the dedicatory prayer by the pastor. Rev. J. P. Schultz of Olds then brought a most fitting message. The church choir brought this impressive service to a close singing "O Israel Rejoice."

R. Kern, Pastor.

SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Mission Festival and \$851 Offering at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Oklahoma

It was the plan of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Oklahoma to hold its Mission Festival on October 7th and to invite the Rev. J. J. Abel, pastor of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas, as guest speaker.

Weeks of preparation towards this project and towards the understanding of the tremendous needs were devoted, and different speakers, such as Sunday School teachers, gave talks on the meaning of the Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies a few Sundays previous to this day. No one was left in the dark at any one point as to where the money goes, who receives it, and who distributes it. Special attention was given to the fact that we have our own mission, and that God has given us many blessings and we must give him what is his.

Together with our Mission Festival, because it was the first Sunday in the month, we observed the Lord's Supper. It brought almost everyone into an atmosphere of worship to listen to the wonderful morning's message and to observe the Lord's Supper together.

After our fellowship dinner, which was enjoyed out in the open, at which our sisters wonderfully showed their skill and dexterity, we gathered in the church auditorium, listened to a program which was worked out by our Sunday School executive committee, and rendered by our children. At this time we were privileged to listen to a mission talk by Mr. Abel. Mrs. Abel and their daughter also helped tremendously to make the day a success with their talent of music.

The evening service was again enjoyed by everyone present. Many opened not only their hearts to the message that was brought, but also their hands to give. Three offerings were brought on the altar of the Lord this day which amounted to \$851.20, which is only a part of what our church intends to do for this year. Even though we are only 82 members, we feel that we have a great part in the building of the Kingdom of God. We covet the prayers of our sister churches.

John Heer, Pastor.

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

New Parsonage and Evangelistic Meetings Bring Joy to Church in Elberta, Alabama

We as church in Elberta, Alabama have many reasons to praise the Lord and make known his deeds among the people. Soon it will be two years since we took up the work on this field and many have been the blessings received. Here is a group of true and faithful believers, who have shown much love and kindness to their pastor's family, not only in words, but often with deeds. Nineteen new members have been added to the church since we came to the field.

In recent months it was our joy to complete a six room modern parsonage valued at \$4000. Great was this undertaking for our small group of members. Our deacon, who owns a sawmill, made the undertaking possible since all the lumber was prepared there. With his supervision and the good will of members and friends, this beautiful home was built and it is now the pride of the church and community. Best of all we were able to complete it free of debt.

On Sunday, Sept. 30th, we had the joy to welcome our evangelist, Rev. F. W. Bartel, to our congregation. Faithfully he labored on our field for two weeks on a treefold program, which proved a great blessing to young and old. Eight promising young people accepted Jesus as their Savior and others have rededicated themselves anew to him. Brother Bartel's service was not in vain.

Another day of great joy for our church was Sunday, Oct. 21st. After a timely message from our pastor, Rev. L. Hoeffner, he had the joy to baptize eight young people on their confession of faith in Jesus. In the evening at the Lord's table they received the hand of fellowship.

L. Hoeffner, Pastor.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Farewell Programs and Installation of B.Y.P.U. Officers at Portland's Trinity Church

The Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon gave a farewell party in honor of its church worker, Martha Roth, on a recent date. Miss Roth, who served for a year as church worker, made many friends in the church with her friendly smile, her visits to the church members and her faithful service to her Lord. Representatives of the different church organizations brought short messages of farewell sealed with gifts which would help her in her new undertaking. As a church, Trinity will miss Martha but we rejoice that she has gotten a position as pastor's secretary to Rev. Albert Felberg of Lodi, California where she can be of service to the King.

The young people of the Trinity Baptist Church opened their fiscal year

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STRONGER THAN DARKNESS

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Of course, Christ did not mean to say, "Peter, when I build my church I shall give you a key with which you will have the power to excommunicate whomsoever will stand in your way. And if they are locked out of the folds of the church they will perish." Neither did Christ want to say, "This key will give you the power to take people into the fold. And whomsoever is inside will be sure of eternal salvation."

Christ meant to say this: "Because you, Peter, possess the joy and courage to confess me before the disciples you shall also confess me before other men. Through the power of the Holy Spirit I shall put the keys of the gospel of salvation into your hands. With them you shall unlock the doors of doubt and darkness that the Light of the World may stream in. You shall be my witness." This promise was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost.

Peter was the first one to receive this commission. But he was not the only one. Others, too, were entrusted with the keys of salvation. And these keys are put into my hand and your hands today. With them we are to lock out the darkness and lock in a portion of heaven in the hearts of men. There lies the influence of the church. There is her potentiality.

To be sure, everyone has to search for his own salvation. The man behind the pulpit cannot do it for his audience. Those who distribute the bread and the wine cannot impart it to the communicants. The one who keeps the church records cannot write it into the hearts of visitors and members. Not even the decision of a church can deprive of, or give to men salvation. It is a personal affair between the individual and his God.

But you and I carry the keys of the good news of salvation. We can be witnesses, whether it is behind the pulpit or in the fields, in the office or in the home. In the courage and joy to witness lies the potentiality of the church.

THE CHALLENGE OF THE CHURCH

Here is a challenge which the church puts to you and me in the words of Clarence W. Cranford: "I am your church. Make of me what you will. I shall reflect you as clearly as a mirror. If outwardly, my appearance is pleasing and inviting, it is because you have made me so. If within, my spiritual atmosphere is kindly . . . reverent . . . worshipful . . . sympathetic . . . divine . . . it is but the manifestation of the spirit of those who constitute my membership. But if you should, by chance, find me a bit cold or dull, I beg of you not to condemn me, for I show forth only the kind of life I receive from you. I have no life or spirit apart from you. Of this you may always be assured: I will respond instantly to your every wish practically expressed, for I am the reflected image of your own soul. Make of me what you will."

OBITUARY

MRS. WILHELMINA RUNTZ of the Lyndock District, Ontario

Mrs. Wilhelmina Runtz was born at Brandenburg, Germany, on April 23, 1861, and died on October 13, 1945, at the age of 84 years, 5 months and 20 days.

She came to Canada with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hein, when about 3 years of age settling in the Sebastopol district in Ontario. Later they moved to the Lyndock district. For the past thirty-five years she had resided with her youngest daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kauffeldt. With loving hands these dear ones ministered to their mother until she passed away to her heavenly home.

On January 17, 1881 she was united in marriage to Mr. Karl Runtz, who preceded her in death in 1909. To this union there were born 6 children, 2 sons, and 4 daughters, of whom one daughter has also preceded her mother in death.

It was in her youth that she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior and was baptized and added to the Lyndock Baptist Church, of which church she has been a faithful member.

Those who are left to mourn her departure are 2 sons, William and Robert; 3 daughters, Bertha, Mrs. Willie Webber and Mrs. Herman Kauffeldt; 29 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren; 4 brothers, Joe, August, John and Henry Hein; one sister, Mrs. Ferdinand Kuehl; and many other relatives and friends.

Lyndock Baptist Church, Cormac, Ontario.

J. KUEHN, Pastor.

MRS. KATHRINE VOIGT of Avon, South Dakota

Mrs. Kathrine Voigt, nee Denger, of Avon, South Dakota, was born on July 18, 1856 at Syracuse, New York. At two years of age she went with her parents to Davenport, Iowa, where she first went to school. At the age of 12 years she came to know Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized in the fellowship of the Baptist Church by the late Rev. Edward Johannes Deckman on April 15, 1868. As a young woman of 22 years on March 19, 1879 she was united in marriage to Reinhold Robert Voigt of Sheffield, Illinois where they made their home and lived for 4 years.

In the year 1883 they came to South Dakota and made their home on a farm eight miles south-east of Avon. Here they lived more than 40 years. In 1925 they retired and moved to the town of Avon. For only two years they had enjoyed a more quiet and less strenuous life when her dear husband was called to the home above on March 19, 1928. Their very happy union was blessed by the Lord with 8 children, two of whom

Farewell Programs in Portland

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with a supper on September 24th. A short business meeting was led by our new president, Victor Steinfeld, after 125 persons had enjoyed the delicious meal prepared for the occasion. After a song service led by Mr. Reinhold Sichau, an installation of new officers was held with the charge being given by the pastor, Rev. John Leyboldt. In closing, Mr. Steinfeld spoke briefly.

On Wednesday evening, September 27, the members of the Trinity Baptist Church said farewell to their sexton and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. John Tacholsky. After 12 years of faithful service to the church, the Tacholskys have purchased a home in Dallas, Oregon where they plan to take a much needed rest. Representatives of the various societies and church offices presented them with gifts of remembrance and wished them well. Trinity will miss the Tacholskys and their many help-

died in infancy. Six remain to mourn the passing of mother. They are Fredrick of Avon; Louisa (Mrs. Herman Bangert) of Tyndall; Walter of Avon; Kathrine (Mrs. Rev. Herman Loehr) of Parkersburg, Iowa; Herbert and George of Avon; three daughters-in-law; 13 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. She wrote her own obituary, and I am now quoting her own words, addressed to her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. "We will meet again over yonder. I'll be waiting for you with Pa."

Mrs. Voigt was a Charter-Member of this church, loved and very highly esteemed by young and old. How she enjoyed the fellowship of God's children. It was a rare thing for her to miss a service. Though we shall miss her more than words can tell, we thank God for having given her to us for so many years. At the ripe age of 89 years, 2 months and 7 days it pleased God to call her home. She is now with the Lord, and we rejoice with her in the sure hope of a blessed reunion in the presence of God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Avon, So. Dak. P. GEISLER, Pastor.

MRS. CAROLINA LAFRENZ of New York, N. Y.

Mrs. Carolina Lafrenz (Steffens) of New York, N. Y., was born in Hamburg, Germany, on May 26, 1867. She came to America in 1890. It was in Hoboken, New Jersey, a year later, that she was united in marriage to Mr. Henry Lafrenz, who preceded her in death by eleven years. Their home was blessed with two sons and a daughter. She was baptized in the Hoboken Baptist Church and was one of the early members of the church.

Throughout the years she was a good wife and devoted mother. She taught her children Christian truths and set for them an example of Christian living. They grew up, under her guidance, to have high ideals, to be upright and highly respected. They reflected their fine training as they cared for their mother with tenderness and love, granting every possible desire to make her final years peaceful and happy.

The divine Hand saw fit to close her life on October 20, 1945, after an illness of two years. The funeral service took place in the Frank E. Campbell "Funeral Church" of New York City. Mr. John Rock was the organist and he gave a recital preceding the service. Miss Lydia Sumers, soloist, rendered three numbers, "The Twenty-third Psalm," "The Stranger of Galilee," and "The Lord's Prayer." Rev. John P. Kuehl of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., officiated at the service. Interment took place the following day, at Ocean View Cemetery Staten Island, New York.

Mrs. Lafrenz is survived by her daughter, Mrs. A. H. Halding, and two sons, Henry and Walter Lafrenz.

REV. JOHN P. KUEHL, Officiating Minister.

ful services to the church.

Dorothy Torner, Reporter.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

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tributed at all of the sessions.

This was the first attempt at such a denominational missionary conference on a large scale in one of our urban centers. The splendid cooperation of the Detroit church pastors and the aggressive leadership of the Rev. E. Arthur McAsh of the Ebenezer host church contributed greatly to the success of the meetings. A number of pastors in other large cities have already requested a similar conference for their areas. The Detroit sessions left their imprint of blessing upon many listeners who will be praying more earnestly and giving more intelligently for our great missionary work and for Christ's Kingdom because of this conference. Certainly, God must have willed the conference plans since He blessed them so bountifully!

World-wide Bible Reading

ITH the challenging theme, "Marching Orders for a New Day," the American Bible Society launched a World-wide Bible Reading campaign during the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The thirty-four passages for the days between Thanksgiving and Christmas were chosen through a world-wide canvass of Service Men and Women, for whom the Scriptures have attained deep significance. The program has widely pledged support from churches, business and labor organizations, social groups and state governments.

The Society believes that thousands who have not read the Bible regularly will find new faith and hope through this World-wide Bible Reading.

Sunday, Dec. 2	1 Corinthians 13
Monday	Psalm 24
Tuesday	Hebrews 11; 12:1, 2
Wednesday	Matthew 6
Thursday	Romans 8
Friday	Matthew 7
Saturday	Psalm 91
Sunday, Dec. 9	Galatians 6
Monday	Colossians 3
Tuesday	Ephesians 4
Wednesday	Philippians 3
Thursday	1 Corinthians 3
Friday	Philippians 4
Saturday	John 15
Sunday, Dec. 16	Psalm 1
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15
Wednesday	Psalm 46
Thursday	Matthew 28
Friday	2 Timothy 2
Saturday	John 17
Sunday, Dec. 23	Revelation 21
Monday	Revelation 22
Christmas, Dec. 25	Luke 2



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Do You Know That...?

Column Edited by the
REV. A. R. BERNADT
of Burlington, Iowa



Christianity is a wonderful medicine for the entire world, but it must be applied "full strength."

Before putting on her hat the chieftress will make sure it is her hat. If it has money in it, it's her purse.

Protestants in Italy have united for reconstruction in their country and exhibit great vitality in facing their problems.

Times had become so bad with him that he didn't scratch his matches on his shoes anymore, because they always tore his socks.

In France the State is seeking to diminish the Church's control over education.

In the old days a bad man would go around with knives in his gun handle instead of in his fenders.

Synthetic rubber production in 1946 will approximate 1,200,000 tons—more than all the natural rubber consumed by the whole world in 1941.

You might as well do your Christmas hunting early.

8,000 of the 12,000 jail commitments in Washington, D. C., last year were for alcoholism; with that city exceeding the national average for alcohol consumption by 36%.

There are three applause periods in a speech. Applause at the beginning expresses faith; applause in the middle expresses hope; and applause at the end of the speech expresses charity.

Men from an allied glider unit in France recently gave money for the reconstruction of Germany and Japan.

The government not only has the bad habit of living beyond its income, but also beyond ours.

There is a Catholic Guild of the Liquor, Beer, and Wine Industry of New York.

The customer just for his own information wanted to know if the waiter who took his order left any family.

A friend forgives your defects, and if he is very fond of you, he doesn't see any.

A Florida Supreme Court held that the slot machine was not a lottery, and we agree that there isn't much of the element of chance about it.

A Protestant in Argentina is ineligible for the Presidency.

All that stands between the college graduate and the top of the ladder is the ladder.

Someone has pointed out that an AB degree nowadays means that the holder has mastered the first two letters of the alphabet.

The war to end all wars will not be fought with guns.

OCTOBER CONTRIBUTIONS — NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conference	OCTOBER 1945	OCTOBER 1944
Atlantic	\$ 1,598.08	\$ 3,656.47
Eastern	1,666.66	957.36
Central	5,067.58	6,817.09
Northwestern	3,529.10	2,346.92
Southwestern	2,188.00	3,018.19
Southern	574.30	1,082.96
Pacific	5,185.49	5,212.09
Northern	4,265.69	4,002.16
Dakota	9,414.04	8,838.48
Totals	\$33,488.94	\$35,931.72

Fellowship Fund for World Emergencies

October 1945	\$ 10,893.59
October 1944	8,050.55
Total to Oct. 31, 1945	\$153,007.58

Seminary Endowment Fund

October 1945	\$ 4,066.19
October 1944	9,274.73
Total to October 31, 1945	\$91,210.94

Christian Training Institute Building Fund

October 1945	\$ 691.63
Total to Oct. 31, 1945	\$17,064.37