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The Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Denominational Reminders

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. Frank H. Woyke, Executive Sec.
 March 7 — Richmond Hill Baptist Church, Richmond Hill, N. Y.
 March 9—Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 March 10 — Baptist Ministers' Conference of New York and Vicinity.

Rev. M. L. Leuschner, Promotional Sec.
 March 9 — Parkersburg, Iowa.

Rev. Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist
 March 2-9 — Billings, Montana
 March 10-21 — Sidney, Montana.

PROMOTIONAL TOUR

The Reverends Frank H. Woyke, H. G. Dymmel, J. C. Gunst and M. L. Leuschner, secretaries, will visit in Rochester, N. Y., and vicinity from March 13 to 16.

March 13-14 — Seminary and Andrews St. Baptist Church,

BIBLE DAY
 Sunday, March 9, will be observed as Bible Day by our churches.
 Bible Day programs and program material, edited by the Rev. Emanuel Wolff, have been sent to the churches.
 Read the article by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner on "Give Them the Word of God" on page 11 of this issue for the purpose of the offering.

Rochester, N. Y.
 March 16 — Sunday Morning
 Rochester, N. Y. — Rev. J. C. Gunst
 Erie, Penn. — Rev. M. L. Leuschner
 Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y. — Rev. H. G. Dymmel
 Pittsburgh, Penn. — Rev. Frank H. Woyke
 March 16 — Sunday Evening
 Erie Penn. — Rev. H. G. Dymmel

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- (b) Attendance at the Church's Prayer Meetings.
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AMONG OURSELVES

This summer will witness a very intensive and enthusiastic promotional program among our churches, conferences and young people's assemblies. A striking, new denominational leaflet is being prepared for distribution. More general workers than ever will be available for service. The committee planning for the summer visitation work will meet in Rochester, N. Y., on March 15. All dates for the summer gatherings ought to be sent to Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, before March 10 in order to be included in this visitation itinerary.

IN THIS ISSUE

Our Rochester Seminary is well represented in this issue. Dr. Paul Trudel, president of the Seminary's board, reminds our churches of the needs of the Seminary's Endowment Fund. The two new professors, Dr. T. W. Bender and Rev. R. P. Jeschke, add luster to our Seminary faculty with their stimulating messages. We have many airplane enthusiasts among our preachers and missionaries. But the greatest flying parson of them all, Rev. John P. Kuehl, appears in this issue. Bible Day is announced by Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, and another Christian Achievement Goal is reviewed by Rev. J. C. Gunst. Turn the pages of this issue for another bounty of good things!

COMING

The Easter issue will appear on March 15 in order to permit its leisurely reading before April 6. By means of lovely pictures and several timely sermons, the Easter truths will be brought to the aroused attention of the reader.

The five headquarters secretaries and Dr. George Lang will present the needs of the Easter offering in showing how Christ lives today in the ministry of our denomination.

"Christ in His Prophetic Office" is the thought provoking title of the first of a series of three articles to begin in the next issue about Christ as Prophet, Priest and King. These articles by Dr. Donald G. Davis of Wasco, Calif., will be acclaimed by many as "a wonderful blessing."

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EDITORIALS

Martin L. Leuschner

The Turning Point in Life

EVERY LIFE has its turning points which are decisive in determining many events that follow. In every area of life there are critical battlefields where the outcome becomes a Waterloo for the soldier involved. The hour strikes for us, as it did for the prodigal son, when we come to ourselves and face an important turning point in our lives. How important it is that we understand these crises with our eyes wide open as we say: "I will arise and go to my father." Then the turning point becomes a triumphant experience in such a life!

This truth becomes apparent in frequent intervals of life. It is certainly the story of a man's conversion as he turns from darkness to light and as he is changed and made into a new creature by the grace of God. That is the most decisive turning point in a man's pilgrimage. But it is also true as Thoreau has said that "the mass of men live lives of quiet desperation." We get into a rut or find ourselves up against a stone wall of difficulties or fall into a pit of despondency because of some basic anxiety. Our zest of adventure has dimmed, and the light of inspiration has almost gone out.

Then the turning point comes, sometimes unexpectedly, sometimes quietly, sometimes dramatically, but always with certain, overwhelming reality. Like the dawn of a new day, the light breaks upon us and we are led to see things in a new light and to make decisions with ease that sometimes change the entire course of life for us. A new love, a greater zeal, a higher aim take hold of us as we surrender ourselves to the revealed will of our heavenly Father.

In such a turning point experience, three steps are absolutely essential. We must take moral inventory of our lives. What is wrong with us, with our attitudes, with our past? With the prodigal son we must confess: "And I perish with hunger!" We must face ourselves in a thorough spiritual check-up in the light of God's Word. We must recognize the possibilities of spiritual achievement ahead of us. God's will must beckon to us from the heights above.

Then we can make the decision that will effect the turning point in our lives by the complete surrender of ourselves to the will of God. If this is in accordance with his Way, then let all the bridges be burned behind you, forget the past, turn your back upon the world and its temptations, and let your heart's desire and love be focused upon Jesus Christ. God can use such surrendered lives for mighty deeds and great spiritual adventures.

The test of the genuineness of such a spiritual turning point in one's life will be seen by its fruits. The new outlook has come to stay. A happy song is now on the lips. New adventures are to be won. Devotion to the Master's work grows with the days. The stamp of God's radiance is upon the life. The spark of spiritual joy and inspiration now burns brightly.

The most remarkable thing about this experience is that Christ always meets us at the far end of the turning point and walks with us ever afterwards. May each one of our lives find that turning point that will prove to be our blessing in the glory of his Presence!

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BIBLE TEXTS

"The word of the Lord abideth forever." I Peter 1:25.

"The word of our God shall stand forever." Isa. 40:8.

"The word of God is not bound." II Tim. 2:9.

"And the scripture cannot be broken." John 10:35.

The truths of God's Word tower over the wrecks of time. Here is the sure foundation upon which we can stand. Here are promises upon which we can depend. Here are the sources of power which can withstand all opposition. Here "standeth God, keeping watch o'er his own."

Bible Day ought to be a victorious occasion in our churches. Its observance on Sunday, March 9, will recall these truths to us concerning God's Word, which make this Book so precious and filled with life-giving power. The challenge of the Bible Day program ought to arouse us to greater action in making God's Word known to people everywhere. That is the purpose of our Publication Society in Cleveland, Ohio. That will be the purpose of our offerings of this day expressed through the ministry of our Publication Society.

CHURCH NAMES

Have you ever thought about the name of your church? There's an uplifting sermon in many of these names—Immanuel, Bethany, Bethel, Ebenezer, Grace, Temple, Evangel, etc. Some names even call attention to our Christian Faith, or they announce the fact that we are Pilgrims, or they honor the memory of the Pioneers. We ought to be conscious of this spiritual meaning of the name with every entrance into such a church.

The pastor of our Forest Park Church recently asked the members of the congregation if they knew what was on the stained glass windows of the church without looking at them. The correct answers were surprisingly few. We take these things too much for granted and fail to see the meaning of these spiritual symbols for ourselves. Open your eyes and hearts to the meaning behind these things—the name of your church, the symbols on the windows, the memorials in the building, the Scripture verse on the communion table, the Bible texts on the church walls!

EXCUSES

A Christian finds little time or few occasions in his life for excuses. For excuses, like "little foxes that spoil the vineyard," only hide some deeper motive or more important interest from view. The busiest people, who look to God for grace and guidance, are always ready to do the Lord's bidding. Excuses do not belong to their vocabulary!

March 1, 1947

The Gospel We Preach

By Rev. REUBEN P. JESCHKE, Professor-elect of the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York

This Message Represents One of the Final Sermons Preached by Mr. Jeschke to the Congregation of the Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio. It is Also the First of Several Articles to Be Published in "The Herald" from the Pen and Heart of Professor Jeschke.

NOW AND THEN we come across the title, "If I Had Only One Sermon to Preach." The author of it then proceeds to give us what he believes is basic in the Christian Gospel. My intention now is similar, and yet rather different too. I should like to take a second look at the Gospel which I have been preaching to you for almost ten years.

It is "The Gospel We Preach," for this has been a mutual venture. The minister sought to lead. Any measure of success attained was possible because you mightily shared his faith and efforts.

A prominent note in the Gospel we preach, has been our faith in the love of God. The Old Testament makes us aware of his creative power, infinite wisdom, unlimited presence and concern for a Chosen People. But it is in Christ and his Gospel that we really see God's concern for everyone. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son . . ." Not even the worst sinner goes unloved by such a heavenly Father. To all who seek him, he freely grants his grace and blessing.

GOD CARES FOR US

"Gospel" means "good news." What could be better news for a confused and sinful world than to learn that God cares! He would have us know the highest good, a pure life lived in his fellowship. Think again of the wayward prodigal whom the father still loved, of the shepherd who could not forget his lost lamb, of the woman seeking her lost coin. "God is like that," Jesus says. To know it is good news, indeed.

God is just, not in spite of his love, but because of it. Before him all unrighteousness stands condemned, for he desires obedience to his laws. "We live in a moral universe," is a familiar religious phrase. It does not mean that people are so good. Rather does it say that God's laws are so unfailing and just.

Jesus did not speak of a moral universe; it was neither the language of his day, nor adequate to express his intimate knowledge of God. But when we meet the man who buried his lone

talent, become acquainted with the hypocrisy of the Pharisees, hear the word spoken to those who did not feed the hungry, clothe the naked or welcome the stranger — then Christ speaks to us in terms of judgment. It begins now, and it remains for the future as well.

In a wider sense, we see the love of God expressed in his daily care for all creation. The effortless beauty of the lily shows it, or as fully his concern for every falling sparrow and his willingness to let the good rain fall upon the just and the unjust. Only a Christian can really sing:

"How strong and sweet my

Father's care,

That round about me, like the air,
Is with me always, everywhere—
He cares for me."

THE GOSPEL'S REDEMPTIVE POWER

Important in our good news has been the joyous conviction that there is a redemptive power in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It can change man from selfish, sinful ways to a life of purity, unselfishness and love of God. For man's tortured guilt it offers inward peace. Here is a great, new affection which changes the direction of an individual's life, fills him with new content, and drives out from his life what is base.

Well could the Apostle Paul say: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Had he not seen its gracious work in his own life? Had he not witnessed its redeeming power across the length and breadth of the land? Or again he could say: "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Christ lived to serve others. Said he, "I am among you as he that serveth." It is said of him that he went about doing good: healing the sick, comforting the sorrowful, preaching the good news of the Kingdom. His example and his spirit constitute a redemptive force in the world today.

Christ also died for others, gave his life and shed his blood upon the cross. He could not have chosen to do less and yet reveal the whole mind of God. Two emphases have been paramount here in Christian thought. First, that somehow the death of Christ was necessary on God's part, in order that his unswerving judgment upon sin might be effectively manifest. Secondly, that



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it was necessary on man's part, to provide a way of reconciliation and atonement with God. It was a sinless, sacrificial death, in which the love of God reached out to erring man. For man it is the way by which he may once again find God.

George Bernard Shaw, who can hardly be accused of professing Christian faith, has had this to say: "Though men crucified Christ on a stick, he somehow managed to get hold of the right end of it." That is a tribute to the power of the cross.

A CONTINUING STORY

We believe in a Christ whom death could not hold, who is living now. Hence the good news of redemption in Christ is a continuing story. His spirit works in our midst now. We have his promise: "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." He walks with us as Friend, Savior and Example.

Our Gospel has had a further emphasis. It is the free gift of God. But the gift has not been received until its implications are met. "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven." The apostle

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"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

A Personal Message and Prayer by Dr. THORWALD W. BENDER of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Professor-elect of the North American Baptist Seminary, Rochester, New York

WHEN I think of thy goodness, Lord Jesus, my heart grows heavy with guilt and shame. How often I have sung that thou art "all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all," and how many of my waking hours each day, each week, each year, have been devoid of any thought of thee!

But thy strength of joy and hope and assurance sustains my remorseful and troubled heart—even thy understanding and compassionate "Fear not, only believe!" How good to know thou art a High Priest truly touched by my infirmities! How blessed to believe thou wilt complete thy work of grace and mercy begun in me!

In thy divine providence thou hast led me to an open door of new responsibilities. Without the benediction of thy will, my feet should refuse to cross the threshold. Without the comfort of thy mercy, my wayward heart should forbid me to enter. Without the light of thy revealed truth, my finite mind should prove presumptuous for this venture. Make, then, my heart perfect toward thee, and lead me with thine eyes!

As thy servant I have spoken often to others, and thou hast listened; today I long to talk with thee in the hearing of thy people. How differently we should converse with our fellows if the thoughts of our hearts lived moved, and had their birth in fellow-

ship with thee. Indeed, even our discourses concerning thee, whether in the halls of learning or in the places of worship, would more surely serve thy glory if the abstraction of our proud minds were truly wedded to the concretions of humble hearts.

How variant, Lord Jesus, are the thoughts of men concerning thee! The voluminous interpretations of students of philosophy, history and religion burden many shelves in our libraries. Some men address thee "Lord" but deny thy heavenly claims. These accuse thy early disciples of having adored thee too well in asserting thy miraculous birth and in reporting thy supernatural power over unruly waves, diseased organs, evil spirits, and dead bodies.

Pausing at Calvary's cross to view and herald a symbol of self-effacement, these men fail to behold and proclaim thy priestly blood shed for the remission of our sins. They extol thy superior degree of divinity but disavow thy difference from us in kind, even thy glorious and unique deity.

Some teachers alienate us with the arrogance of proud reason; others befuddle us with the fog of suspended judgment and indecision; still others cheer us with the radiance and life of thy Spirit. Some acknowledge thee to be a man of history but a son of

nature; others deny thy history but grant thee mythical reality; still others, who speak for my own heart, find in thee the ground and consummation of history, the only-begotten Son of God and the Ruler of all nature.

"Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown!"

For the new task, Lord, grant me a gracious measure of the bold, witnessing heart of Peter; the humble, incisive intellect of Paul; the penetrating, prophetic vision of John. Possess me through thy Spirit that I may glorify thee: the Christ of God, the Savior of man, the Returning King of kings. Forbid that spiritual integrity should ever be compromised by the lure of worldly intellectual respectability. While I see but through a glass darkly and know only in part, help me to hunger and to labor for that which is perfect to come. In the midst of prophecies, mysteries, and knowledge which shall pass away, establish my heart, in word and in deed, in abiding love.

"Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame."

What Shall I Render Unto Him?

By Rev. HERMAN PALFENIER

Pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

What shall I render unto Him,
Whose love and grace prevailing
Have led by ways, oft bright, oft
dim,
Through thorns and glens un-
failing?

Shall now it be the praise of lips,
The song of adoration,
A word so great it shall eclipse
The wise of every nation?

Or shall it be some shining deed
Surpassing in its splendor,
That coming ages shall repeat
The tale of brave endeavor?

This Poem Was Inspired by the Reading of the Leaflet, "Exceedingly Abundantly," and the Goals of the Denomination's Christian Achievement Plan.

Shall learning take her noble steed
In strength and speed resplendid,
To follow truth where it may lead
Until the quest be ended?

Shall strength assail the mountain
steep
Its brow remote and ageless,
Where glaciers rest and waters
leap
And time turns not her pages?

Where feet of men have never trod
Shall there my feet be roaming,
On foreign shores, on freedom's
road,
And far horizons gleaming?

Beyond my strength, alas, these
things;
In vain is all my longing!
'Tis but His grace that tribute
brings
So fair, it stills my mourning!

O grace of God, come fill my heart,
That I with full surrender
My life redeemed may set apart,
And pleasing tribute render!

We Build for the Future at Rochester

By Dr. PAUL J. TRUDEL, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the North American Baptist Seminary

EVEN the annual balance sheets of the great universities are, as a rule, arid reading except for those who consider themselves spiritual stockholders of these institutions. To them the reputation of their school, whether good, bad or indifferent, is of no small concern. Almost forty thousand keenly interested stockholders now watch with eagerness the development of their only school and seminary, are willing and ready to share its growing pains, and are united in the desire to see it through to a successful and glorious future. Not that its past was without repute and distinction, as a matter of fact the North American Baptist Seminary of Rochester, N. Y., for almost a century, has served as the staunch and sturdy backbone of our denomination.

EDUCATIONAL INDEPENDENCE

When the Baptist Union for Ministerial Education petitioned the Rochester Theological Seminary (now known as the Colgate-Rochester Divinity School) for admission of German students and August Rauschenbusch became the first professor in 1858 that was what may be called our "declaration of spiritual and educational independence." The Baptists of German extraction of North America and the provinces of Canada were then able to train their own pastors and could be served by preachers familiar with the intrinsic psychological and spiritual needs of their congregation.

Operating under the charter granted by the State of New York only 70 years ago, the Seminary has given to our denomination some 700 spiritual leaders, pastors, teachers and missionaries, and has thereby given proof that it actually is one of the prime factors of our denominational strength today.

If some have—at times—lamented that its teachers wore neither Oxford colors nor Harvard hoods, it must also be stated, that they were pedigreed servants of the Lord, courageous and staminal. Their powerful influence has bridged oceans, has penetrated the Bush of Africa and Australia. To be sure it was their lot, too, to wrangle with opposition and reprehension, to face reproach and criticism, but their labor possessed what Elbert Hubbard called "Survival Value." Fair criticism is a wholesome stimulus, and we express our hopes that our Seminary will not live to see the day when its constituency becomes stagnant to

the point where it can no longer offer kind criticism.

By way of constructive protests, our beloved school in recent years has entered a new period of development which we hope and pray will prove itself worthy of the blessing of the Lord. Industry and science in their accelerating neck-to-neck race have set forth a new educational standard, a standard which affected the existence of many schools.

EDUCATIONAL RECOGNITION

The logical question troubling the minds of those who had the special interest in our school was and still is today: "What will the future of our Seminary be?"

In closest cooperation with the faculty and the denomination the Board of Trustees has worked out a long range program that eventually will give our school the strength and prestige needed for well balanced training of our future leaders. Those concerned with vitalizing such a plan do not have to be told that there is a lot of drudgery between the first enthusiasm and the achievement.

In its overture of petitioning for recognition in its home state, the Seminary encountered its first serious impediment. Disappointed but not discouraged, the Board decided that, if a school was good enough to be supported for 95 years, it should be good enough to be provided with the competency satisfying the regulations of the State of New York or any other state, if necessary. Of course, this can neither be rushed nor forced but will require hard labor and untiring effort and determination.

If a denomination can raise an endowment fund of \$150,000 within three short years, that denomination will not fail to help its school to the place it rightfully should occupy. Such cooperation naturally places a twofold responsibility upon the school administration. It must meet the requirement of the state authority and must satisfy the wishes of its supporting constituency. Foursome, therefore, must be the foundation upon which the Seminary should rest: Wisdom, Skill, Virtue and Consecration. Now:

"Wisdom is knowing what to do,
Skill is knowing how to do it,
Virtue is doing it well, and
Consecration is doing it well
To the glory of the Lord."

Were we to stress only wisdom, skill and virtue, we would have no need for a school of our own. Any reputable

institution could serve such demands. But let it be known to our people that our Seminary is determined to educate leaders of whom can be said, what Novalis said of Spinoza, that they are "God intoxicated" men. Faculty and trustees have geared trust, time, tool and talent for this solemn task. There will be great difficulties, many disappointments and gripping heartache ahead of us. Not that we are so much alarmed by the trickeries placed into our path by outside forces. Some of our own good brethren still feel that they should sit back and watch with a shrug of their shoulder, because they did not like a certain action and because they cannot forgive nor forget an unfortunate remark.

DENOMINATIONAL CONFIDENCE

Medicine was unable to conquer cancer because, somewhere in a hidden place of our body, an uncooperative tiny cell has decided to be different and start a malignant destruction. No one can please everyone—preachers ought to know it. This is by no means said to discourage comments or advice, (we depend upon it and must ask for it), but it might be well to remember that "there is more power in the open hand than in the clenched fist."

The confidence we have shown our men by calling them to important posts of leadership should at least be genuine. In a special way our newly appointed teachers, Professors T. W. Bender and R. P. Jeschke, need the assurance that our whole denomination places its fullest trust in them, regardless of personal feelings. These talented and well qualified brethren have been thoroughly investigated, have been interviewed by the Executive Board and are well acquainted with the high aims of our Seminary. They know what the Lord and our denomination expects from them, and they will not disappoint us. We welcome them to their high calling and pray that the Lord's richest blessing may rest upon them and our entire school.

Under the truly great leadership of its president, Dr. George Lang, the Seminary has already shown definite signs of spiritual and physical growth. An unusually large number of new students has chosen our school to be trained as messengers of the King. Some have brought their helpmeets of life with them and they too have

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The Rev. John P. Kuehl in His Pulpit at the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Newark, N. J.

My Pulpit In the Skies

The Story of the Pilot-Preacher
Rev. JOHN P. KUEHL
of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Newark, New Jersey



Pilot Kuehl Alongside the Plane That Has Become Like Another Pulpit to Him in the Skies Above

IT IS a far cry from a barefoot boy to a pilot! But somehow I believe my dreams of flying started when, as a small boy in Europe, I trudged, barefoot, a long distance to school. Did you ever stub your toe on a rock, and sit down beside a dusty road ruefully to contemplate that bleeding, stubbed toe? I did many times, and I would look up enviously at the birds as they flew past. I thought how I could use a pair of wings to take me to my destination, swiftly, comfortably, easily.

Then came World War No. I. Like other children, I viewed the planes with terror, knowing well of the destruction and death they would leave in their wake. I would run and hide until the drone of their engines told me that they were leaving, and then I would peep out, my fear turning to wonder that men could fly so high, so fast.

DREAMS OF YESTERDAY

As I grew older and spent some time at sea and finally came to America, I learned to drive a car and to operate a motorcycle, but always somewhere back in my mind was that intense desire to pilot a plane. It was like the small boy's ambition to drive the fire engine. I took a few short sightseeing flights, the first being in an open sea plane with Bob Fogg in New Hampshire, and each flight increased my desire to fly myself. Finally, I had to keep an appointment to preach a series of evangelistic messages in Maine, and I made the trip from Boston by plane. A few air pockets, bad weather conditions, and the vigorous objections from the pit of my stomach dulled my ambition to fly, at least temporarily, and I made the return trip by train.

My pastorate at the Walnut Street Church of Newark, New Jersey brought me close to the Newark Airport. For nearly eleven years airplanes, — huge ones, small ones, fast ones, even fighter and pursuit ships during the war, — have been droning over my roof and I have observed the growing popularity of flying, its speed, and its convenience. My desire to fly increased; but it was only a desire at first, because, like most pastors, my budget does not allow for the expense of flying instructions. There were other barriers, too, for I heard that only the very young, preferably between eighteen and twenty-one, can hope to be efficient pilots, that the physical test is so rigid that only a limited few could pass it, and that the wearing of eyeglasses would be a real handicap.

One by one these barriers were broken down or hurdled. First, through a good friend, to whom I shall always be grateful, the opportunity was presented to take a specified number of hours of instruction at Hadley Field, New Jersey. I soon learned, too, that the saying, "Flying is a young man's game," has been disproved by the large number of pilots who have learned to fly or continued to fly after reaching sixty or seventy years of age, and their records have been exceptionally fine. James W. Montee of California, for instance, is now eighty-four years of age, and he enjoys piloting his own ship, which is obviously a lot faster than driving three yoke of oxen as he did in Kansas, back in 1871. Incidentally, he made his solo flight on his sixtieth birthday. A competent physician did give me a rigid test, but fortunately my record came back favorably. And the wearing of glasses

is permitted for a private license, so those barriers were hurdled.

FIRST LESSONS IN FLYING

The day dawned when I was to take my first lesson in flying! At the field I met my instructor, Bill, a well-qualified flyer himself, serious about his work, conscientious about details, but disconcertingly gruff and matter-of-fact. Of course, to him I was only another student to be taught a thousand and one things about planes and flying, and it was a case of "Let's get started." However, he has proved to be a fine instructor and an equally fine friend, for he is quite another person "off duty."

At last, I took my place in the dual-controlled ship, feeling very much like a little boy with a "super" toy. I fastened the belt around me, trying to be casual, and soon, with a roar of the motor, we were speeding down the run-way, and then I saw that we were off the ground and steadily rising. Ah, this was IT! Bill was shouting all kinds of directions into the ear phones which had been provided, and I was trying desperately to understand at least part of what he was explaining.

Soon I had the controls in my own hands, and the smooth flying of the ship changed. It began to wobble, to the right, to the left, like a canoe caught in the wake of a speed boat. And Bill was instructing, "Take it easy, relax," (even at the time like that), "ease the ship into a level position!" "Keep it flying straight!" There was a lot more, all about the intricacies of coordination, use of the left stick and left rudder, or right stick and right rudder, how to bank or turn, how to come in for a landing with a minimum of bounces, how to make pylons, 720

degree turns, to navigate by the compass, make spot landings, climbing turns, — all these maneuvers and more!

One day as we were about to climb into a plane, my instructor told me to get a parachute strapped on. He did not have to explain that this was the day for the initial spins, a day which could conclude my flying lessons, because the spins are something that really have to be conquered. My family and two parishioners were visiting the field that day, and I knew from their expressions that the contraption strapped on me was anything but becoming. One admonished the instructor, "That's my pastor, take good care of him up there!"

FLYING ADVENTURES

The next thing I knew we really were "up there," about 3500 feet, and then we stalled the plane. It seemed suspended in thin air, for a moment, and then it flipped over to one side, and we were spinning around and around, faster and faster, — downward until the ground seemed to be coming closer at an alarming rate. How many turns we made, I do not know, and to analyze my feelings would be impossible. I know there was some sort of mingling of trepidation and excitement and thrill, such as I never experienced, and then I managed to pull the plane out of the spin and our ship was once more gliding along smoothly, level. I realized then that although I did not "black out" as some do, my stomach was still doing spins, and did for some moments afterwards. But I also knew that a little practice would overcome this, and my enthusiasm reached new heights, for now I knew I was a potential pilot.

Next my attention was directed to soloing, and even though the first solo flights were limited to short distances from the field, they were an important step toward my goal, for their successful operation netted me a Student's License. This gave me the right to fly anywhere within one hundred and fifty miles, although I could not yet take passengers along. Every would-be pilot is required to make two cross-country flights, one with the instructor, one alone. My instructor mapped out a route with me, and I was to find two specified landing fields, be checked out at each, and find my way back to Hadley.

The weather was against us on that first flight, and I really found out what it means to "ride out" the storm, a never-to-be-forgotten experience. Oftentimes we were right in the midst of dense clouds, and at other times we found ourselves above the cloud formations, or below them, with rain blurring out vision. Somehow, even in our small Piper Cub, we reached our destination and returned to Hadley without mishap.

It was a pleasant day when I made my solo cross-country flight, flying to



Our Camerons Missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, About to Take Off With Alma, an Experienced Pilot, at the Controls

Atlantic City, N. J. I looked with new wonder at the great canopy of blue above me, at the drifting white clouds here and there, at the wide expanse of ocean to one side. I was high above the earth, alone, closer to God, it seemed to me, than ever before. It was hard to think then of all the confusion, the despair, the struggles back down there! Before me was only magnitude of God's creation; the majesty of his universe! It is not often that any person is completely alone, separated from all other persons, devoid of any communication or fellowship with humanity, and it is in such a moment that one can feel the presence of God and realize more fully his might and power and our dependence upon him.

A MAJOR TOOL OF PROGRESS

Why fly? Why not? People ask me again and again why I want to be a pilot. What possible interest can a minister have in flying? I might just say that it is a source of satisfaction for me to learn to fly, just as it was to drive a car a few years ago. To me it is a pleasant hobby, sort of a side-line, for my first calling is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and I do not intend that anything shall interfere with that life-endavor. Whether I, personally, will ever use my knowledge of flying in my work remains to be seen, but I will always have the satisfaction of knowing how to operate the most spectacular, the most up-to-date transport available.

But my interest goes beyond mere self-satisfaction! In every line of activity there has been progress, great strides ahead to new methods. There was the time when men relied on the most primitive methods of transportation; then came the horse-and-buggy days; then the steam engines and the first automobiles; and today we have the luxurious locomotives and fine new automobiles, that are so streamlined and superior to old methods. There is

no question that it was time to discard the ancient modes of travel for the newer, more efficient ones.

And right along with these, the airplane has come into its own. It has surpassed all other methods for speed and convenience. Air progress cannot be retarded. The highways of the air will some day be very important for individual convenience and advancement and for the future of communities and countries. More civilians are recognizing the future of flying and are preparing for the day when the plane will be just as much a part of their possessions as the family car is today. Even those who are not yet quite convinced that air travel is advantageous will come to accept it for business and pleasure. Someone has said that "every flying field is an open road to anywhere," and soon that statement will be taken quite literally by a large segment of the people of the world. I trust, also, that the airplane, "a major tool of progress," may be "capable of bringing the people of the world closer together."

PLANES FOR MISSIONARIES

The plane is also an instrument to advance the Kingdom of God. Even as we recognize the use of the plane for businessmen, many of us wonder what it will mean to the cause of Christianity, to our missionaries, to the advancement of God's Kingdom. Already we who are in Christian service employ modern techniques to make our work more efficient, to reach more people. We have not hesitated to make use of up-to-date office machines, printing presses and other equipment. We can compete with any business enterprise in supplying our ambassadors abroad with funds or instructions by making use of telephones and cables. We take it for granted that our workers will make use of streamlined trains and modern ocean liners.

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Bible Study for Every Christian

The Second Goal of the Christian Achievement Plan Interpreted by
Rev. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary of the National Y. P.
and S. S. Workers' Union

THIS IS the second in a series of five articles on "the Christian Achievement Plan" which will appear in "The Baptist Herald." All five spiritual goals in this plan are of vital importance to the members of our constituency. At the same time, no goal in the Christian life and training can be more important than Bible study.

Truly, this Book of books is "the most enlightening and ennobling force in the world," as someone has well stated. In these days of religious confusion, spiritual uncertainty, and false prophecy which are everywhere prevalent, the Bible, as never before, needs to be read, studied, taught, understood and lived. Church leaders and workers must not only know the Bible, but they must be able to present a living message that can and will affect the lives of people.

EMPHASIS ON FUNDAMENTALS

As a body of Christian believers and workers we need to be greatly concerned at this time that proper emphasis be placed on those fundamentals in Christianity which give evidence of a strong spiritual impact on a world which is in dire need of the Word of God. After a most crucial and depressing period in world history, it is definitely our task as Christians to uphold and to carry forth, as never before, the lighted torch of the true Word of God, which alone will bring light and salvation to a world lost in sin and utter darkness.

Really to enjoy the Bible, we must get into the habit of reading it daily and living by the teachings of the Bible. It must be read in your home, privately, and used in family worship. It must be studied in your church services such as prayer meetings and Sunday School. One must learn to appreciate the teaching through the exposition of the Word by the pastor as he preaches the Word from the pulpit. To get the most out of this gift of God, the Bible, certain steps must be followed and observed by each Christian.

MEDITATIVELY

Read and study your Bible meditatively. Take time for thoughtful consideration. Unless we take time for meditation, our Bible study will profit us little. We must take heed of these words as they appear in Joshua 1:8. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate thereon day and night, that thou mayest observe to do ac-

ording to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Once you have formed the habit of reading your Bible meditatively, you will find yourself at a loss if for some reason you fail to read a portion each day. Always the Bible portion for the day which you will select is bound to start the day off right. It will give you confidence, courage and often victory for the matter that will confront you as you go about your daily duties.

General Robert E. Lee expressed himself thus: "In all my perplexities and distresses the Bible has never failed to give me light and strength." This can be true in your life and my life in every experience of life. Lord Tennyson once made the statement: "Bible reading is an education in itself." Ah, but how much more Bible reading can mean to the average Christian when at that Fount there is inspiration to undertake, wisdom to cope with difficult problems, strength to overcome temptations and adversities, and also give direction in life.

PRAYERFULLY

Read your Bible prayerfully. Unless we approach God's Word with humble, prayerful spirit, we cannot expect to enjoy or to be profited by our Bible reading. The prayer of the Psalmist needs to be our prayer: "Open thou my eyes, that I might behold wondrous things out of thy law." Ps. 119:18.

How better can we develop a prayerful attitude toward the study of God's Word than by attending the church worship services and the prayer meetings regularly. It is in the prayer meeting where the individual approaches the Bible for the purpose of personal Christian growth. Here we feast upon the "Bread of Life" and thus receive the nourishment for which our soul longs. "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the Word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified," Acts 20:32.

The admonition of Jesus was: "Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life and they are they which testify of me." John 5:39. How else can this exhortation of our Lord be fulfilled except by prayerful and faithful participation in those services which the church so freely provides? Prayer meeting night is THE special night for church members where they come with the Bible

to be filled with the spirit revealed in the Bible, coming away from daily tasks to search for treasures that can be found in the Bible.

DEPENDENTLY

The author of the Book, the Holy Spirit, is our Teacher. If we depend upon him, and not upon man, for guidance and illumination, the sacred pages will be filled with visions that will rejoice our hearts.

We must come to our Bible depending on the Holy Spirit to guide us, to open our minds and hearts that we may understand, and to clarify the truth which is revealed in the Word of God. "How be it when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth," John 15:13. There is more power in the Bible to save men, to purify and to gladden their lives than in all literature put together. The reader must come to the Bible depending to receive that power which is in store for him.

It is therefore important that we memorize some of the choice passages of the Word of God. Some time ago the writer of this article heard an older Christian say: "I am too old to memorize Bible verses." Do we ever get too old to learn about some of the things that will add comfort and happiness to our earthly life? Never! Why should this not be true when it comes to spiritual matters? It is not how much or many verses will a person memorize during the year, but it is important that the Word of God DWELL in our hearts. A new phrase, verse or one word a day is bound to make our life richer and sweeter concerning the things of God.

The Bible ought to be on the MUST reading list in every Christian home. We know that this has not been true in many of our so-called Christian homes in America. If the Bible will have the proper place in your and my life, the results will be most gratifying in our private lives and so will our witness result in a great blessing as we minister in and through the church and in our daily life.

The results of the practical and proper use of the Bible will lead to increased knowledge and understanding of the Bible. It will result in personal development in Christian faith and character, and influence one's whole personal life. It will bring enrichment for those who are active in that field. It will result in greater helpfulness to others who come seeking assistance from us.

May we recommend four helpful leaflets available from headquarters, free of charge for the asking, to be used in connection with your Bible emphasis during these months.

"The Bible in the Home."
"Let's Have a Family Altar."
"The Irresistible Word of God."
"Helping your Child Know the Bible."

RECENTLY one of our devoted members sent a remittance to the Roger Williams Press with the statement that five dollars of this money was to be used for the purpose of giving the people the Word of God. In other words, the money was to be placed in our Bible Fund. This is a typical illustration of numerous letters conveying the same wish. How we should rejoice that our people are interested in making the Word of God available to people lost in sin! It is also a good sign when the people realize that the Word of God offers the only abiding solution in the way of salvation for the sins and troubles of this world.

In order to bring the written Word to all people, our denomination maintains a Publishing House in Cleveland, Ohio, whose primary objective is to make all forms of Christian literature available with the hope and prayer that it might serve to strengthen Christian character and to lead the unsaved to the foot of the cross. Much of the work done at the Publishing House is paid for by the members of our denomination in the form of subscriptions to our periodicals and in the purchasing of Christian books and other Christian literature.

Part of the work, however, is a free service made possible by the contributions of our Bible Day offering. The purpose of this offering is to make money available for the purchase of Bibles and Christian literature for free distribution and also to help in the support of a colporter. The response on the part of the North American Baptists for this important work has been most generous. They have, indeed, tried to give the Word of God through the printed page.

Bible Day this year is again an opportunity for Christian service through our gifts. Perhaps, a brief review of what is being done and also of what is being contemplated will challenge us to do our utmost. Bibles, Testaments and Christian literature are being sent free of charge to our Mexican mission in Colorado, to our mission fields in Africa, to refugee camps in Denmark and wherever there is need. Much German literature is being sent to South America and especially into localities where there is a promise of future development.

Recently, your Publishing House entered into an agreement with several other Christian groups and individuals whereby approximately 100,000 Sunday School lesson leaflets printed in German are being sent to Germany. Roger Williams Press translates the lessons from English to German and provides all the German composition. The printing is done at Indianapolis. Who can tell how much good these lesson leaflets will do in a country that has been so devastated by war? It certainly is our hope and

Give Them the Word of God!

An Announcement and Challenge for Bible Day, March 9, by Rev. E. J. BAUMGARTNER, Business Mgr. of Our Publication Society

prayer that through these leaflets many shall yet be led to the Cross. Your Bible Day offering will help this worthy cause.

Very frequently, we, at the Publishing House, receive a letter which informs us that the writer, owing to certain circumstances, is no longer

look on life, but the most important testimonials were those that told how through the reading of this tract they were led to Jesus Christ as their Savior. That is why the North American Baptists want to give the Word of God in printed form to everyone who will receive it.



Stapling Copies of "The Baptist Herald" at Our Publishing House in Cleveland, Ohio Prior to Their Cutting and Mailing to Almost 10,000 Addresses in the United States and Canada

able to pay for religious publications. After due consideration of the matter, your Publishing House invariably continues the publication using the funds received in the Bible Day offering. Thus we try to serve.

Plans are now under way greatly to increase the ministry of the Bible Day fund. What doors will open to us in the future are still unknown, but with eagerness we turn our eyes and hearts to Europe and South America, for we believe that in these two parts of the world there is a very special missionary task to be performed in the German language and it seems God is leading us to this task. One thing, however, is certain, be it at home or abroad, it shall be the purpose of your Publishing House to be ready in every possible way to bring the Word of God in printed form.

During the war, thousands of copies of the "Wegweiser" were sent to Prisoners of War Camps. Many testimonials were received from the men who read this paper. They told how much they were strengthened in their faith and how they received a new out-

My Pulpit in the Skies

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We can also make use of the fastest, most comfortable and safest vehicle the world has ever known, — the plane. Safe, you ask? Certainly! Safe in spite of all the tragic accidents. Flying is still comparatively new, is still dramatic and, consequently, it gets much attention when anything goes wrong. But with all the operating difficulties, the moving of troops for speedy demobilization, the rising demand of the public air service, the National Safety Council sets the percentage at 2.12 fatalities for each 100 million passenger miles flown during the past year.

Flying, I believe, will eventually play a vital part in the progress of missions on many fronts. A few months ago a missionary of another denomination had a plane presented to him for his work, and it meant that he would save days and even weeks of traveling to the interior regions. It would transport much needed med-

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● Recently the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Oregon raised the salary of its pastor, the Rev. Otto Nalinger, to \$3000 a year and gave him a gift of \$1200 toward the purchase of a new Oldsmobile car. Such evidence of love and appreciation between a church and its pastor are most commendable.

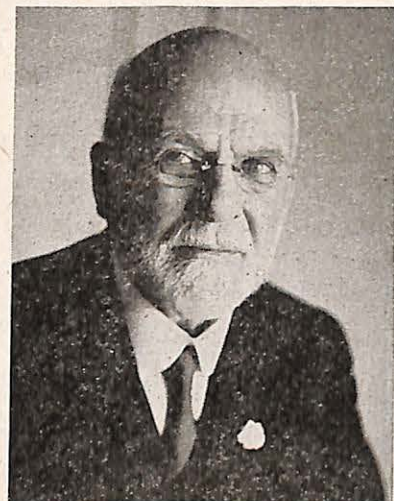
● The new officers of the Baptist Ladies' Aid of Vida, Montana are Mrs. Henry Lang, president; Mrs. Albert Reich, vice-president; Mrs. Gary Buechler, treasurer; and Mrs. Rudolph Buechler, secretary. The society received a total income of \$404.25 during the past year. A gift of \$200 was donated for the new parsonage at Wolf Point, Mont. The Rev. Henry Lang is pastor of the Vida Church.

● At the Watch Night service held in the Baptist Church of Camrose, Alta., the young people had charge of the first part of the service and presented the play, "Seek and Ye Shall Find," under the leadership of Mrs. K. Korrella. After the social hour a Communion Service was held conducted by the Rev. K. Korrella. The church was beautifully lighted by candles with a lighted cross in the background for this impressive occasion.

● On Wednesday, Feb. 12, the members of the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., heard Mr. C. H. Jaeger, executive vice-president of "The Sunday School Times," and saw his motion picture report of a recent tour of all major African mission fields. On Sunday evening, Feb. 2, the Rev. John F. Crouthamel began a series of talks at the Senior B. Y. P. U. meetings on Comparative Religions. The series extending for several weeks is entitled, "Seekers After God."

● Miss Frances Thiesen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Panter of the Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., is in charge of the Braille library at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles where she is busy supervising and translating a complete library for the blind. This library serves Braille readers in Los Angeles and Southern California. One of its main purposes is to make this literature available to blind service men. This library also has the New Testament on records, which makes it possible for the blind students to hear the Word.

● At the Watch Night service of the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ontario, the observance of the Lord's



Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke of London, England, President of the Baptist World Alliance, Who Died on Feb. 1st at the Age of 77 Years. He had been ill for about a week after suffering a stroke. He had been associated with the Alliance since 1920 and had travelled extensively as a Baptist statesman in China, New Zealand, Australia, India, Europe, and North and South America

Supper was held, conducted by the Rev. Carl R. Weisser. "White Gifts for the King" was the theme of the Christmas program of the Sunday School with the superintendent, Mr. Lawrence Getz, in charge. The young people hold their meetings regularly on Tuesday evenings. Cheer in the form of gift baskets and the singing of carols was brought to the sick and shut-ins during the holidays by the Young People's Society.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Dale Bjork recently arrived at Tsingtau, North China after a five weeks' voyage on the S. S. Marine Lynx. They are Swedish Baptist missionaries under appointment of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Mrs. Bjork will be remembered as the former Miss Alma Iblings of New Leipzig, North Dakota, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. John Iblings, who was prominent in young people's activities in the Dakota Conference area before her student days in the Twin Cities of Minnesota.

● "The Echoes of Heaven" radio program is now being broadcast directly from the auditorium of the Burns Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich., on Sunday evenings from 7:30 to 8:00 P. M. over CKLW of Windsor, Ontario. Letters in response to the programs come from as far away as Florida, Oklahoma and Texas in the United States and as far as Nova Scotia in Canada. Men in the State penitentiary at Jackson, Mich., listen regularly to the many musical numbers and messages by Dr. A. J. Harms, pastor. The advertisement of the radio broadcast appears on page 21 of this issue of "The Herald."

● For two weeks from Jan. 27 to February 7 the Rev. William Hoover served as evangelist in the Mennonite Church of Shafter, California. In attendance in the large congregations were some of the members of the nearby Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif. Mr. Hoover brought his ministry in the Conners Ave. Church of Detroit, Mich., to a close on Feb. 23 and began his pastorate in the Clay Street Church of Benton Harbor, Mich., on Sunday, March 2nd.

● A Christian Youth Conference was held in Unityville, South Dakota from Jan. 28 to 31 with the Baptist Church, of which the Rev. Fred Trautner is the pastor, cooperating with five other community churches. The sound film, "The Life of Paul," was shown each evening following messages by Mr. E. W. Crockett, executive secretary of the Christian Youth of America. On Sunday, Feb. 2, the Unityville Baptist Church received its offering from the Edmonton Christian Training Institute building fund.

● The Rev. Otto R. Schmidt, a 1945 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary of Rochester, New York, has successfully completed his college work in January, and he is now eligible to receive the B. A. degree from the University of Rochester. The First Baptist Church of Fessenden, North Dakota recently extended a call to him to which he responded favorably. He intends to take up the work of the church at Fessenden on the 16th of March, where he will succeed the Rev. G. W. Pust, now of Startup, Washington.

The Seminary Endowment Fund of \$150,000 Needs to Be Completed!
A Special Seminary Issue of "The Baptist Herald" Will Appear on April 15th.
Seminary Sunday Will Be Observed by Our Churches on May 4th.

● The Rev. Hugo Lueck of Manitowoc, Wis., welcomed his wife and two daughters from Germany on the S. S. Marine Perch which arrived in New York City's harbor on Feb. 8th. He had not seen his family since June 1939 when he went to Atlanta, Georgia from Poland to attend the Baptist World Congress sessions. His family had been in an UNRRA Camp in Berlin since Nov. 1946. Their residence plans are still indefinite since Mr. Lueck's interim ministry at the Manitowoc Church was brought to a close with the arrival of the Rev. John Schweitzer on March 1st as the pastor.

● The First Church of Chicago, Ill., recently held a series of denominational programs on three successive Sunday evenings. On Jan. 26th the Rev. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, spoke at the young people's meeting and church service about the Edmonton Bible School and Christian Achievement Plan. On Feb. 2 the Rev. M. L. Leuschner showed pictures of the Mexican mission field in Colorado and the Southern Conference churches. An offering of \$85 for the Edmonton Institute was also received. On Feb. 9 Mr. Herman Siemund, the General Conference's photographer, showed pictures of his western trip to Tacoma, Wash. The Rev. John Schmidt is the pastor of the church.

● A farewell dinner held in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Reuben P. Jeschke and sons, Paul and Tommy, was given by the Fourth Street Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio on Wednesday evening, January 22. Mr. Jeschke, who served as the church's pastor for nine years, resigned to accept a teaching position on the faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary in Rochester, New York. A check for \$200 from the church, a radio, flowers and several other gifts were presented to them. Miss Alma Krueger, assistant clerk, wrote: "It was with regret that we saw the Jeschke's leave Dayton, and it is our sincere prayer that God's blessing be with them in this new endeavor to serve Christ."

● At a recent banquet of the Sunday School Teachers and Workers' Union of Chicago, Illinois, held at the Austin Y. M. C. A., the Rev. Frank Woyke, executive secretary, addressed a gathering of over 200 teachers and workers of the Chicago area, urging the people to "stir up the gift within them." Mr. Herman Siemund, president, and Mr. Fred S. Grosser, vice-president, presided at the meeting. The food and decorations were excellent, and other highlights included a trio from the East Side Baptist Church and a group of thirty men from the Humboldt Park Church, who made their debut as a men's chorus. The Rev. E. R. Lengefeld is the director of the chorus and the Rev. A. Schlesinger is the pastor of the Humboldt Park Church.

Beside the Still Waters

Devotional Nuggets of Truth by Dr. JOHN LEYPOLDT, Pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

THE MOST SUBLIME symbol in the world is the cross. It was not always so. On that eventful Good Friday morning three crosses were planted on Golgotha. Each one was a symbol of shame and disgrace. Cicero said, "Far be the very name of a cross not only from the bodies of Roman citizens, but from their imagination, eyes and ears." What a contrast is exemplified on those three crosses! The One crucified in the center died for sin; the one criminal, who turned to Christ in a repentant mood, died to sin; and the other criminal, who scoffed at Jesus, died in sin.

The cross in the center has an unique significance for us. Sacrifice is the law of life. John 12:24. But nowhere is this law manifested more wonderfully, more beautifully and more redemptively than on that central cross.

There the Son of God, the miracle of miracles, poured out his matchless life for the redemption of mankind.

Since Christ's sacrificial death, the cross has been changed into a symbol of honor and salvation. Our danger is to think more of the cross than of him who hung upon the cross. It is not the cross but the **Person** who hung there, who saves from the guilt and power of sin.

On the steeple of our church in Milwaukee is an attractive cross. A lady in the neighborhood said to me that every time she looked at that illuminated cross it gave her a lift. If we look with the eyes of faith to the Crucified and Risen One, he will lift us out of our sins and despairs into the realm of forgiveness, joy and peace. God forbid that we should die in sin. May we as Christ's followers die to sin!

Pointed Paragraphs

By Rev. C. B. NORDLAND of Forest Park, Illinois

¶ The unchurched masses of earth are increasing 6,000,000 faster each year than all the churches combined. That is to say, from 1890 to 1935 the unchurched heathen population of the world made a net gain of 270,000,000 over the gains of all churches combined, or an average gain of 6,000,000 for this forty-five year period! 10,240,000 souls without Christ are dying each year! 2,000,000 are being killed in battle every year! 2,000,000 are being made prisoners of war every year! 10,000 are starving to death every year! Is it not time to start all over again to win this broken, suffering world to Christ?

—Missionary Digest.

¶ "Well," said the minister, "let me tell you about the pig and the cow. The pig was lamenting to the cow one day about how popular he was. 'People are always talking about your gentleness and your kind eyes,' said the pig. 'True, you give milk and cream, but I give even more. I give bacon and ham. I give bristles and they even pickle my feet! Still nobody likes me. I am just a pig. Why is this?' The cow thought a minute and then said, 'Well, maybe it is because I give while I am still living.'"

—N. Y. Young for Christ Bulletin.

¶ Twenty rabbis of the mid-west area met at Cincinnati as the vanguard of the November (1946) "spiritual caval-

cade," to be conducted by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. Director Maurice N. Eisendrath explained the group was setting up a program of religious emphasis similar to evangelistic efforts of Christian groups. Purpose of the Cavalcade is to win back unaffiliated Jews and to interpret modern Judaism to the estimated 5,000,000 American Jews. A schedule was drawn up for addresses by 80 Jewish leaders in 40 American cities in November.

—Protestant Voice.

¶ Reports from Europe indicate that malnutrition is taking its deadly toll. Certain deficiencies in the diets of people take away immunity from disease and exhaustion. The center of European infection will be Germany. Some may blithely say this is what the Germans deserve. But no hang-over of war-hate should cause us to be blind to the possibility of epidemics which will not be confined within any border. The evidence of a deterioration in German physique over the last few months as a result of malnutrition is irresistible, and of all the forces inhibiting economic recovery in Germany this inevitably is the most far-reaching. Exhaustion, disillusionment and despair are the forerunners of anarchy. If we are ever to heal the wounds of war, the hungry must be fed without discrimination.

—Watchman-Examiner.

CHARIOTEER

by GERTRUDE EBERLE



SYNOPSIS

A long caravan of Ishmaelite merchantmen crawled through deep valleys on the ancient roadway between Chaldea and Egypt. In a pit on a nearby field some of the men, Egibe and Dahmru, found a Hebrew slave named Joseph who was then bought from the Midianites. Raanah, another slave, and Joseph became good friends. It was currently known in the caravan that Raanah was protected against harm by the goddess Ishtar by carrying her moonstone image in his pocket. One day it even seemed to protect Raanah from a mad wolf dog which terrorized the camp. Everyone except Joseph was afraid of the image.

CHAPTER THREE

ALTHOUGH no word has been spoken of their intention, all afternoon there was a gleam of anticipation in the merchantmen's eyes and an air of expectancy among the slaves. Sleek cattle and sheep grazed over the broad plain of the Jordan River through which they traveled, and scattered about were herdsmen's tents, black and squat; and landholders' huts, surrounded by olive trees and vineyards, their garden plots fresh and growing.

Happily, the caravan chanced upon a grove of trees. Without argument they made camp, and for the first time in weeks the slaves were ordered to build fires. The women immediately kneaded bread dough and set it to raise while they prepared cake batter. All members had long hungered for the feshpots, and in such a favorable situation they were not to be denied. Yet the merchantmen, humanlike, found excuses for their lawlessness.

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"Dry bread and dates grow stale to the palate and leave a sour rising in the mouth," Kihai-Del declared.

"Aye," Kedar asserted, "a man's health wanes on monotonous fare, and he grows resentful."

Egiba raised ecstatic eyes to the tree-tops. "Ah—give me a leg of lamb, a tenderloin of yearling, a juicy fowl, and fresh vegetables!" He touched his lips with his finger tips and gave a loud smack.

Isme-Dagan growled from habit, though his eager eyes belied his words. "Any man can thrive without such dainty food. There will be danger in despoiling the country."

Dahmru shivered at the mention of danger, yet was all aflutter with anticipation.

Accid-Adab clinched the matter with irrational heat. "It will be their own fault if the herdsmen and landholders do not look to their possessions. Besides, we shall be away before dawn when they discover their loss."

Without more ado, Raanah, the lucky, adept and venturesome, was appointed to lead the raiding party. As the slaves selected lined up for instructions, they were plainly told that at one bleat of a sheep or squawk of a fowl the owners and dogs would be upon them. Joseph wanted to go with Raanah, but was ordered to mind the fires. Accid-Adab felt he was too near his home to be trusted out of sight.

As soon as dusk set in deeply, but before the moon arose, the party started out. The next hour was an anxious one for the merchantmen. They paced the camp. They spoke only in hoarse whispers. They shivered at the least unusual sound. Yet, should any trouble arise, they were ready to a man to proclaim their own innocence.

But their tension gradually eased as raiding groups came straggling in with the plunder. Soon all but Raanah were accounted for. Zerah and Obal reported that after helping them get the fowl, he told them to take the birds into camp. Then he cut across the fields again. He did not tell them what he had in mind.

A half-hour passed. The merchantmen became alarmed. So far they had been lucky that no mishap had occurred. Now Raanah's carelessness might get them into trouble. They argued as to what he could be up to.

Joseph strode between the fires snapping his fingers. Several times he stepped to the edge of the glade and whistled softly, but no answer from Raanah eased his fears.

Then, when they had all persuaded themselves that Raanah would have to be ransomed from some indignant landholder, he burst into camp. He was all aglow with excitement. His breath was short from running. His eyes were snapping. Both arms encircled a large bundle wrapped in a calfskin.

"Are you being chased?" they asked in suspense as they gathered around him.

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"No!" he cried to relieve them. "But see what I have brought you!" He laid the bundle on the ground, spread the skin open, and beamed up at them.

"A gift from the gods!" gasped Egiba.

"Hum—honey!" Isme-Dagan grinned, poking a finger into the middle of a comb, then sucking it.

The other men pressed forward to sample the delicacy and quickly forgave the youth for the anxiety he had caused them. Even Accid-Adab's frigid face relaxed as he sucked a dirty finger.

"Where did you find it?" Asaph inquired, smacking his lips appreciatively.

"Up the road apiece." Raanah was still panting. "I saw the hives just before we turned into camp. After we got the fowl, I sent Zerah and Obal back, because I knew the bees would fight them, and they would set up a howl. For myself, I was not afraid. And not one stinger even lighted on me, although they were angry enough when I lifted the combs from the hives." The youth's eyes were dancing. He threw back his head and laughed. "Tomorrow, when the landholder sees the bees swarming, he will wonder what happened to them."

Already a half-dozen spits were turning. Their fires were glowing red, and the savor of the cooking meats was appetizing enough, they thought, to entice the gods from heaven. The tradesmen sniffed and could not wait. The freshly baked bread was still warm. They broke the loaves apart, spread a hunk with dripping honey, laughed for sheer ecstasy, and threw quips at each other between mouthfuls. Never did anything taste so good. Then, impatiently they sliced off the roasted sides of the meats and ate them while the rest cooked deeper within. For weeks, they had longed for such luxuries, and now they could not get enough.

Raanah selected several unfingered honey squares, folded them in a napkin and started toward the women's camp. He found Bashia bending over the fires, her cheeks rosy from the heat. Her eyes met his shyly as he placed the bundle in her hands.

"This is rightfully yours," he told her, "because when I set out for it, my thoughts were of you. Not that you need honey to make you sweeter," he teased, though with a feeling that what he said was true.

"Flatterer," she mocked. "Now I question your sincerity. But please do not doubt my appreciation for the gift," she added quickly. "It is an unusual treat."

"'Tis only a trifle," Raanah protested, stirred by her flushed beauty. He liked her unaffected manner and her voice with its husky undertone.

"Indeed, no," she contradicted, "yet I must admit that I am more grateful because you are back safely. You take

great chances," she scolded him lightly. "Most of the time I am in as much of a stew over you as a kettle of porridge over the fire."

Raanah was immensely pleased over her solicitude, yet treated the matter with masculine nonchalance. "But I take no chances—." He hesitated. This was no time to tell her of Ishtar.

"Certainly you do," she disagreed flatly. "And this evening you had the entire camp fretting for fear some irate herdsman had pierced you with his dagger, or some peeved shepherd had turned you over to the wolf."

They both laughed. She dipped a curtsy. "Thank you." She was the first to remember that it was not seemly for him to linger near the women's quarters.

Most of the night the roaring fires were burning. Masters and slaves alike napped from sheer fullness, then awoke to feast again. By morning all were in a heavy stupor, and dawn did not awaken them.

But the herdsmen and landholders awoke at daybreak as usual and discovered their losses. Gathering their helpers, they strode wrathfully into the camp while the company was snoring its loudest.

It was a rude awakening. Dazed by sleep, the merchantmen emerged from their tent and stood in huddled silence. Even Egiba could find no adequate words to deny the herdsmen's charge. It would have been futile anyway, for the smoldering fires gave mute evidence of their use, and the refuse of animal and garden plunder was strewn about the camp.

The chief herder, a fiery Ammonite, exuding physical energy, advanced toward the merchantmen. He waved a spiked club, made from the bole and roots of a tree. He was frightening just a look at. His red hair stood up in coarse shocks, and his beard grew raggedly down over his throat and chest. An unshorn sheepskin hung crosswise on his body, leaving his arms bare. He looked, as indeed he was, a primitive wild man bent on revenge.

"You must pay," he roared, "or we will break your bones and leave them for the jackals to clean."

To the stupefied merchantmen it was a dire threat.

The shepherd, the landholder, and the helpers also waved their vicious-looking clubs, and shouted their displeasure. They were all dressed alike and looked as rough and savage as the gaunt dogs that trailed at their heels.

At the sound of the rumpus, Raanah and Joseph arose from their pallets and stood with the others looking on. But realizing the seriousness of the occasion, they became alert to its opportunities. Joseph slipped away unnoticed. The slaves of the caravan armed themselves with axes and long grass knives and gathered beside the merchantmen. The herdsmen were a mere handful in comparison, and the spirits of the tradesmen arose.

"You spout threats too brazenly," Asaph's hawk eyes glared at them. "It is a rare ranger who knows every animal of his herds. You cannot prove that what we used was yours, for we are a large company and take along many animals of our own." The merchantmen snickered at Asaph's cleverness.

Knowing themselves to be no match for the shrewd merchantmen in wits, the herdsmen yelled louder and shook their clubs menacingly.

The dry-souled Kedar waved them off. "Begone, or our slaves will tie you to the trees!"

But the chief herdsman could not be intimidated by words. The smirks of the merchantmen fueled his rage. He beckoned his followers with a jerk of his head and rushed at Accid-Adab as if his dour face especially invited attack. Raanah sprang between them, but before he could grapple with the assailant there came a whirl through the air. The Ammonite staggered as if some invisible hand had struck him, and crumpled to the ground. His followers halted in bewilderment beside his prostrate form. A murmur of amazement arose from the merchantmen.

"Ah, 'tis the vengeance of Ishtar," Egiba exclaimed. "He was cut down by a bolt from the sky." The merchantmen nodded and jabbered.

Raanah was no less amazed than the others. He had not touched the man. He glanced about, but could see nothing unusual. Although armed, the slaves were standing by passively. Raanah looked at his hands, suspecting them of some mesmeric power, then, by way of experiment, reached out toward the fallen man.

But the Ammonite was only partially stunned. He had heard Egiba's remark about the vengeance of Ishtar. He, too, believed in the chicanery of gods, so when Raanah made a second pass at him he crouched back. Seeing his fear, Raanah pressed his advantage and made a fierce lunge at him. With a frightened yell the man rolled over like a ball, then bounded to his feet and ran. The other herdsmen, catching his panic, followed him. They could stand up to the brawn of any man, but not against a tricky god.

Raanah took after them, whooping with delight, hurling stones and sending the dogs after them to increase their speed.

When he returned, elated and breathless, the merchantmen were still laughing over the encounter and discussing the astounding intervention of Ishtar. After a night of feasting no one cared for breakfast, so the slaves broke camp, for it was desirable to get away quickly.

Although elated over his victory, a puzzled expression lurked in Raanah's eyes. He looked at his hands again, but could see nothing unusual about

them. Deep in thought, he sauntered over to Uruk. He glanced about furtively. No one was looking his way. He raised both hands and made a pass at Uruk, just as he had done at the Ammonite. The donkey flopped one long ear at him, but paid no further attention. Raanah made another pass at him, a fiercer one, curling his fingers and screwing up his face.

Uruk switched his tail a couple of times, but was otherwise so stolidly unmoved that he did not even blink an eye.

Then Accid-Adab called, and Raanah was obliged to give up his experiment, but a happy thought struck him. Nothing had happened to Uruk when he tried to befuddle him because the donkey had not menaced him. Only when it was necessary to protect him would Ishtar exert her power. Satisfied with his reasoning, he ran to assist his master.

Soon the caravan began to stretch itself into the roadway and Raanah and Joseph stepped ahead of it briskly.

"I missed you for a spell," Raanah said casually.

"Yes," Joseph's voice was constricted, "but I was not far away."

"Did you see the Ammonite when I sprang at him?" Raanah chuckled.

Joseph looked embarrassed. Evidently, something troubled him. "You must believe me—I did not realize —." He began in such a faltering way that Raanah stared in surprise. "But I must confess," Joseph stammered, "that it was I—not Ishtar—who downed the Ammonite."

"You?" Raanah's laugh rang out heartily. "But—"

"You see," Joseph explained, relieved by Raanah's mirth, "when I saw the herdsmen fuming for a tussle; I, like you, wanted to help our party, but I knew those burly men were too heavy for you or me to handle in a fight. There must be other ways to deal with them, so I made for the rise by the camp, where I could both see what was happening and have room to whirl my sling."

"It was a fine shot," Raanah declared, "and it came just in the nick of time."

Joseph looked grateful, yet troubled. "I had not thought that anyone would credit Ishtar with the bolt."

"Oh, but I do not doubt my goddess, even now. I feel that you were the instrument of her power. Of course, I know you are an excellent shot," Raanah added courteously, "but shots foul easily. And in such an emergency Ishtar's hand must have guided yours."

Joseph did not reply. It was such a splendid faith the Chaldean youth professed, even though the object of that faith was a false god, and he must be wise in trying to win this soul for the true religion.

For a time they trudged along in silence, each deep in thought. Then Raanah chuckled. Joseph's confession

had cleared up the mystery where Uruk was concerned.

Although Joseph's muscles were hardening to the trail, there were days when his troubles pressed heavily upon him. After the caravan passed Beersheba and snaked out of the Jordan Valley, he left behind all that was dearest to him. That night Raanah was aroused by a slight sound. He put a hand in sympathy on Joseph's pallet and found it empty. He raised himself and looked about. Joseph was kneeling a short distance away with head bowed.

Raanah partly arose, then fell back, for Joseph raised his head. Raanah knew that he was praying and caught his closing words.

"Cherish and sustain me by thy love and grace, and be with me always, O Lord God, and give comfort to my father's sorrowing heart. Amen."

Raanah turned over quickly, so when Joseph returned to his pallet, he would not know that he, too, had been awake.

But several days later, Raanah's curiosity got the better of him. "To whom do you pray?" he asked as they scuffed along the dusty road.

"To the Lord God of my fathers," Joseph replied simply.

"Do you care to show me his image?"

"I would, but He has no image."

"No image—But how do you know about Him if you cannot see Him?"

My Pulpit in the Skies

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ical supplies without delay, and persons needing hospitalization could be moved quickly and easily, and lives could be saved.

In Brazil a missionary was able to use a club plane to reach another area, and within fifty minutes he had reached his destination, where meetings were held, including a baptismal service and an evangelistic service where souls were converted to Christ. His return trip, however, by foot and by truck, took two days of precious time, besides the toll of physical and nervous energy.

During World War II many of us were impressed by the wonderful work of the so-called flying medics. In those areas inaccessible by other vehicles, the plane, the helicopter type especially, proved to be the unsurpassed method for removing casualties with a minimum of jar, and thus many lives were saved. So our missionary doctors and nurses can reach those who are ill and bring the needed medical supplies to whole communities without the delay which so often means death.

Our missionaries do spend much time trekking from one village to another to take the Gospel to more people. Would not valuable time and effort be conserved if a plane were available to transport them at least to some of the far-away stations? I do not advocate by any means that

"I do not need to see Him, because I know Him in my heart. But really, I do see Him in the grass, in the trees, and in my own breath on a frosty morning, for my God is Life. So for protection I pray Him to be with me always. Besides," Joseph's eyes lighted, "I can hear His voice in my heart."

"Why, it must be wonderful to have him talk to you."

"It is," Joseph agreed.

"Does he always tell you what to do when you ask him?"

"He tells me always, whether I ask Him or not. But sometimes, I am ashamed to say, I do not listen to Him. You know how that is. When people are determined on a course, they turn deaf ears to any voice that says 'no.' And usually they get into trouble because of their stubbornness."

"Does he destroy your enemies as Ishtar destroys mine?"

"My God is terrible in His judgments; but He is also full of compassion, and He heals men of their hurts."

"You mean that your God heals me when I do not even pray to him?"

"Yes, without the help of my God, your wounds would never heal."

"H'mm, I guess I have always taken the healing for granted. I have never thought of it as being a miracle of some god." A thoughtful pucker deepened between Raanah's eyes.

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every missionary should be a pilot. Too many would lack the aptitude for flying. And incompetent pilots do increase the element of danger.

But if a missionary does have the ability and training that make him a first class pilot, he could be placed so as to serve a fairly large area, going on assignments as directed by the missionaries, helping to meet emergencies in various places, and at the same time witnessing for Christ as he contacted individuals. In this way it is possible that more physical bodies could know the ministry of healing and more sick souls could know the story of salvation for eternity.

I am convinced that our denomination, with the vision it has for spreading the Gospel to "the uttermost parts of the earth" will recognize that the airplane has a place in its planning also. If the pastor or missionary can reach more people by carrying his pulpit in the sky, he must be ready to meet the challenge. I often think about Paul, and all the time he spent on his three missionary journeys, traveling mostly by foot, becoming weary and worn on the long, dusty roads. A plane would have whisked him from Antioch to Jerusalem or Ephesus or Corinth, or even to Rome, in a few short hours. And somehow, I believe that the Apostle Paul would have enthusiastically accepted the plane as an ideal way to make a journey for the cause of Christ.



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We Build for the Future

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registered in certain courses, offered by the school. This might well be the beginning of a co-educational program, for there is no reason why the intellectually and spiritually equipped women of our denomination should have to choose outside schools with the obvious danger that they will be lost for our own important work.

The problem of housing married students has been at least temporarily solved by the Board of Trustees by converting Professor Krueger's home, after it becomes vacated, into a number of small apartments. There is now an excellent spirit and the finest co-operation between faculty members and students and a visit to the school of prophets would convince our denomination that the spirit of Christ is present in its halls.

The question of relocating our school is now in a very acute state. Administration and the Board of Trustees are working hard to compile facts and information to get a clear picture of the situation. No definite move has been made nor will be made without the fullest consent of our people. If there ever was a time when our school needed the sincere and prayerful support of its people it is most certainly now, when such far-reaching decisions have to be made. But we place our trust in the Lord who at the right time opened the Sea for his people to go through safely. The road he will tell us to take, we shall travel, and it will be the Way to Glory.

We, the Women

Views and News of the National Woman's Missionary Union
By MRS. FLORENCE E. SCHOEFFEL, President

?? SACRIFICE OR PRIVILEGE ??

Recently I overheard someone say to his friend, who was not in the habit of attending the Sunday evening services of his church, "Why not make a special sacrifice during Lent and attend the evening services?" That is one attitude.

Pastor Martin Niemoeller, at a mass meeting held on a recent Sunday afternoon in Cleveland, when 15,000 persons crowded the large auditorium, strikingly emphasized another attitude.

One Christmas Eve, after having been confined in a concentration camp for seven years, several of them in solitary confinement, twelve prisoners were given special permission by the guard to conduct a Protestant worship service. There they were, twelve men of different nationalities and different religious creeds. Pastor Niemoeller, the only clergyman among them—and the only German—was chosen to conduct the service. Not only that, but by special request of the others he was to conduct Holy Communion at the close of the service.

What unsurmountable barriers these would be in civilian life—a Lutheran serving Communion to Episcopalians, Presbyterians, etc. And he a clergy-

man from an enemy nation! However, the desire to gather together at the Throne of Grace in united worship, for the first time in seven years, was so strong within them, that all these differences were forgotten, as they met in a service that will remain in their memories as long as they live. Truly the Son of God himself was there.

Must we wait until we are deprived of the opportunity, to realize what a privilege it is to meet again and again in God's House of Worship? We "sacrifice" our time, yes, but in turn we receive the rich blessings awaiting all who meet in His name.

"KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK—IT IS A GODSEND." So says Mrs. A. Vogt of the Forest Park Church, head of packaging the relief at our general headquarters, when asked if the cloth bags sent in by our women's societies are still needed. About four or five bags go in each package, filled with lentils, rice, and many other staples. Since about 100 parcels go out each day, you can see the great number of bags need. So, please, ladies, keep on making these little bags, and sending them in to Forest Park. Directions were given in the November "Broadcast."

Bethany's Fifteenth Anniversary

The Story of the 15th Anniversary of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Pictured on the Front Cover of This Issue

THE BETHANY Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin was organized on March 3, 1932 with 49 charter members. They met in a store for almost 7 years. Then they decided to erect their own edifice during a period of financial depression and unemployment. They chose a site in a new and attractive location of the city.

The people had a mind to work. The church was very fortunate in having men who did all the work gratuitously in the erection of the edifice, with the exception of the heating plant and the electrical wiring.

The front cover picture shows lovely view of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis.

Since January 6, 1946 Dr. John Leyboldt is pastor. During the present pastorate 30 new members have been received into our fellowship. The present membership is 159.

On Sunday, March 2, the church observed its 15th anniversary. The former pastor, Rev. Frank Veninga, gave an interesting address to the members of our Bible School. Dr. Wm. Kuhn delivered the anniversary sermon.



Dr. and Mrs. John Leyboldt of the Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin With Their Twin Daughters, Mary (Right) and Martha (Left)

On Sunday, June 11, 1939, the new church was dedicated. Prof. Otto E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., was the guest speaker for the festivities. The Rev. E. H. Otto of Watertown, Wisconsin served as interim pastor from March 3, 1932 until May 27, 1934.

The Rev. Herbert Hiller became pastor on June 1, 1934. The church ordained him on July 11, 1935. During his ministry the congregation grew to 105 members. After 6½ years of fruitful service he accepted a call from the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y.

The Rev. Frank Veninga began his pastorate in June 1941. During the four years of his ministry the church grew. He was assisted by his able wife. The bilingual problem was solved. In May 1945 he resigned to accept a call from the State Park Church, Peoria, Illinois. The Rev. Hugo Lueck was interim pastor until January 1946.

Rev. H. Hiller spoke to the Young People's Society and gave an inspiring sermon at the evening service. It was a memorable day in the history of our young church.

We are grateful to God for all our leaders. Mr. Reinhold Fechner is moderator of our church; Mr. A. W. Giesecke, superintendent of our Bible School; Mrs. Martha Fechner, president of our Ladies' Missionary Society; Mr. Fred Abitz, president of our Young People's Society; Mr. Harold Schielke, president of the Brotherhood; Miss Dorothy Schaeffer, leader of the Junior Church; and Mr. Ben. Anderson, choir director.

Several of our young people are preparing themselves for Christian service. Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, missionaries-elect, are members of our congregation. By the grace of God we have come thus far. By his grace alone shall we climb new heights and win more victories for Christ and his Kingdom.

The Gospel We Preach

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James very succinctly says: "Faith without works is dead."

Those who spend much time on this facet of Christianity have sometimes been told to preach the Gospel. At the worst they should be asked to preach all of the gospel. For this part—our response—is a vital part in making the good news effective.

A minimum demand is that we shall love one another, those near to us and those farther away. There can be no hatred, for we must love our neighbors as ourselves. The man who hates his brother cannot truthfully claim to love God.

A legend has it that a man saw a moving object in the distance. He took it to be a beast. Soon he discovered it to be a man. Finally he recognized his own brother! Jesus says that and more: "A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another."

The Gospel gives a challenge to unselfish service. That was Christ's way; it is to be ours. At long last that will not be a losing of life, but of finding it in new abundance. By serving we are obeying our Lord, who asked us to take up our cross and follow him. The good pleasure of God rests upon it. Even our ambitions to greatness shall be resolved there: "He that would be greatest among you shall be the servant of all."

Not all that should be said on such a subject can be said in one brief sermon. Whatever avenue of expression our faith may take, we are to live as harmonious, devoted members of the Kingdom of God. Its spirit is our spirit, its standards our standards.

One of our labors shall be the bringing of the message to others. Methods may vary widely. But pity the church that does not possess an enthusiasm for winning others to its incomparable faith. We are enjoying less than a full Christian experience if we do not feel impelled to have our faith speak in word and deed.

This, then, is the Gospel we preach, the power of God unto salvation. Men still hunger for it; it is still the answer for their need. More widely distributed than ever, giving constant new evidence of its influence and power, it is still the best news that the world has ever heard.

And it must inevitably be victorious, for it is of God. Let it first be supreme in our own hearts. In God's good time his Kingdom shall come and this his truth shall prevail in all the world. We need not waste time quarreling over time, place, or exact manner of fulfillment. Enough that it is the object of our sincere devotion and faith. It behooves us daily to pray as our Master taught us: "Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven."

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Northwestern Conference

Annual Business Meeting and Election of B. Y. P. U. Officers at North Freedom, Wisconsin

On December 17th the young people of the Baptist Church of North Freedom, Wisconsin held their annual business meeting and election of officers. The results of the election were: Walter Kopf, president; William Stangohr, vice-president; Shirley Seils, secretary; Erwin Goetzke, treasurer; ushers, Lewis Borck and Harold Kopf; pianists, Edna Voeck and Shirley Seils.

On Sunday evening, January 5th, during the Young People's meeting the installation service took place. The elected and re-elected officers were challenged to follow the Lord's guidance in their work as leaders for the following year. A most heart-felt message of inspiring and encouraging words was given by our pastor, the Rev. Thomas Lutz.

Genevieve Brilllott, Reporter.

Banquet for the Out-of-Town Young People in the Twin Cities in Minneapolis

On Friday, January 31, the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., was host at a banquet for all North American Baptist young people in the Twin Cities. A delicious dinner was served by the women of the Faith Church, and after partaking of this food, everyone enjoyed singing a few of the favorite choruses under the direction of the Rev. John Walkup. We were favored with two musical selections—a vocal solo by Violet Schultz of the Faith Church and a girls' trio of the Daytons Bluff Church in St. Paul.

We were pleasantly surprised to have Rev. H. G. Dymmel from Forest Park, Ill., as our guest speaker. After bringing the group up-to-date on the latest news, such as relief work, missionaries, etc., he presented the message in three points—Failure, Faith and Fullness; the text being Luke 5:5.

The hour to follow was devoted to playing games and getting better acquainted with one another. The last few minutes were spent in testimony.

Young people who attended this banquet were all from our North American Baptist churches. Some are working in the Twin Cities; others are attending school at Bethel College in St. Paul, Northwestern Bible School in Minneapolis, or the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. The young people from the Faith Church of Minneapolis and Daytons Bluff and River-view Churches in St. Paul were also present.

Carolyn J. Stassen, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

News of the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke of Sacramento, Calif., in His Continued Illness

The family of the Rev. J. A. H. Wuttke of Sacramento, Calif., has asked me to convey their greetings and expressions of gratitude to the many readers of "The Baptist Herald" who have remembered them with cards, letters and prayers. While it will not be possible for them to answer each card and letter received, they wish to acknowledge in this way that the many words of encouragement have given added strength during this long siege of illness for Mr. Wuttke.

It can be said that our beloved Brother Wuttke does not show any great signs of improvement. He has been confined to bed now for the last six months and is almost completely helpless. The stroke which he suffered last summer has not only paralyzed his right side but also impaired his speaking organs. This condition makes it impossible for him to utter words intelligibly and creates unlimited difficulties in caring for him.

However, Mrs. Wuttke and her daughters, Naomi and Theodora, are bearing up splendidly in ministering to husband and father to the best of their ability. The continued prayer support of God's children is earnestly coveted.

W. W. Knauf, Pastor.

Missionary Service and Farewell for Rev. and Mrs. R. Dilworth at Los Angeles

Sunday, January 12, was filled with blessings for both young and old at the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif. It was a joy and privilege to have the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Dilworth, missionaries in the East African field, in our midst. They have labored faithfully in Butundwe, Africa for the past seven years, and during the last year they have been home on a much needed furlough.

We were happy to see such a large host of members and friends who attended the morning worship. Mr. Dilworth delivered a heart-searching message giving his own personal testimony based on the words, "He's My Savior."

ATTENTION, REPORTERS

All reports must be received within one month after the event to be eligible for publication. No annual reports will be published. Reports should be limited to approximately 250 words. They must be signed by the pastor or reporter.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the B. Y. P. U. met for another inspiring service. This was really a farewell meeting as Mr. and Mrs. Dilworth will soon be returning to their mission field. This time they are going back with three lovely children. Margaret Stark, group leader, was in charge of the program. We enjoyed a short musical program by our men's quartet. Helene and Lydia Wiebe sang a duet, "Oh, To Be Like Thee."

Mr. and Mrs. Dilworth both spoke during this afternoon meeting. Mrs. Dilworth told of her decision to enter into the mission field eight years ago using as her motto the words: "The word of God commands us to go. The love of Christ constrains us to go. The voice of dying men entreats us to go." Mr. Dilworth spoke on "A Call Into the Mission Field," based on the text found in John 15:16. Their messages during these inspiring meetings have brought us closer to Christ and the work of his kingdom.

A love offering was taken for Mr. and Mrs. Dilworth amounting to \$200. We wish them God's richest blessing as they again take up their great work of proclaiming God's love in the dark continent of Africa.

Mrs. Esther Johnston, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Activities of the Ladies' Mission Circle of the Spring Valley Baptist Church

It has been a long time since the Ladies' Mission Circle of the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, South Dakota has sent a report. We are only ten members but we meet regularly once a month. Our minister's wife, Mrs. Kenneth Nelson, is our president and under her leadership we have been inspired to do more for our Lord and also to do more for missions. Our planned program for this year is a study of missions in the Cameroons of Africa.

In November we gave our annual mission program consisting of two plays, a reading and several vocal selections. One play entitled, "Lift Up Your Eyes to the World," showed us how spiritually blind some of us are. Our offering was \$88.00 which was given for missions in the Cameroons. On December 8th we had the privilege of giving this program at the Plum Creek Church, southwest of Emery, So. Dak.

Our women were also busy before our State Convention which met in our church. They redecorated the church, doing most of the work themselves. We also sponsored the remodeling of the parsonage last Fall.

Mrs. Katie Buseman, Secretary.

The Choir's Ministry and Gifts for the Fellowship Fund at McLaughlin, South Dakota

The Sunday School of the Baptist Church of McLaughlin, South Dakota is divided into five classes, and our pastor, the Rev. Alex Sootzmann, has a part to teach the Seniors each Sunday.

The choir, which renders special



The Choir of the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, South Dakota

Southwestern Conference

"Closing My Seven Year Ministry at Okeene, Oklahoma" by Evangelist Henry Pfeifer

Under the leadership of God we were privileged to serve the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Oklahoma for

blessings came to us. We were privileged to baptize two ladies. One, a mother of 4 children, had been ill for some time and was eagerly looking forward to the day when she could follow her Lord and Savior in obedience. The other lady was a convert of our revival services in Southard and is a most outstanding and much beloved school teacher and a mother of a lovely girl. Her husband came with her and united with our church at the same time. After the baptismal service we observed the Lord's Supper and the new year arrived during this lovely service.

With new faith and determination we declare to live for Christ and to serve him better. In our hearts we have been thinking of him who said, "Behold, I make all things new." To him be all honor and glory and all of our love, regardless of where our steps shall be directed.

Henry Pfeifer, Evangelist.

THE EASTER OFFERING

Will Be Received by Our Churches From Palm Sunday, March 30, to Easter Sunday, April 6.

Watch for the Easter Announcements in the Next Issue!

Atlantic Conference

Plans of Our Congregation at Wilmington, Del., for New Church at Elsmere Manor

This is a brief report of the latest work which we of the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware are carrying on in Elsmere Manor, a fast growing development with the Township of Elsmere and a suburb of Wilmington. This rapidly growing community owes much of its growth to the large influx of people who found good employment in and around the city of Wilmington during the war years.

The accompanying picture shows a part of our new and spacious lot which measures 244 by 150 feet. This lot adjoins Elsmere Manor which now has 364 houses, of which every one is occupied. According to our building contractor, plans have been made and building has already begun for another 1000 new homes in the immediate vicinity. This means a new and promising field with few other churches in the community.

During the summer months we were permitted to hold open air services on the lot. At present, we are holding Junior B. Y. P. U. services in the basement of the pastor's home every Sunday evening at 7:00 P. M. These children took part in the regular Christmas entertainment of the Sunday School, held at the church at 5th and Walnut Streets.

God willing, we shall soon start with the building of our new church. A new application for a basement is before the CPA Board now. We expect that priorities will be granted without further delay.

Christian Peters, Pastor.



The New Site of the East Baptist Church of Wilmington, Delaware in the New Elsmere Manor District

blessings in the Sunday morning worship services, meets every Monday evening in the church for practice. Recently the election of officers for the choir was held as follows: president, Andrew Bertsch; vice-president, Reuben Friez; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Rudolph Schulz; pianist, Mrs. Andrew Bertsch.

Our Sunday School rendered its annual Christmas program on December 24th with various recitations, exercises, and songs by the pupils. The Rev. Alex Sootzmann gave an inspiring talk about the dire needs in Europe. The offering of \$230.00 was designated for the Fellowship Fund.

Upon receipt of a personal letter to our pastor from a desperate war refugee family in Denmark, we got busy and gathered clothing which might be used. To our friends in Europe we have also shipped food. Recently with a "lard-drive" we gathered 16 gallons and sent this to headquarters for relief.

Mrs. C. E. Aldinger, Reporter.

nearly 7 years. These years were filled with many blessings of God, and his goodness and love to us have been most astounding. In spite of our shortcomings and weaknesses, the Lord was very gracious and led us in green pastures and to refreshing waters so that these years were years of fruitfulness unto him.

The church was very good to us also, and as we look back over these years we must say that the success experienced has been possible only because of the splendid support and the lovely loyalty on the part of God's people. Both material and spiritual blessings were showered upon us and in gratitude to God we shall cherish every memory thereof. Even the closing month and days were filled to overflowing with the mercies of God. Christmas celebrations thrilled our hearts and every remembrance and expression of good will will live long in our hearts.

For the Watch Night service special

Central Conference

The Women's Glee Club of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill.

The Women's Glee Club of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., under the direction of Mrs. Roy B. Anderson, presented a Christmas candle-light pageant in the church on Sunday evening, December 22nd.

The music consisted of Christmas carols and hymns based upon the Scripture account of the birth of Christ in Luke's Gospel. Miss Edith Frish was narrator of the program. Solos were rendered by Miss Margaret Thompson, soprano, and Miss Hilda Woceck, contralto. Mrs. Otto Horn, the church organist, was the accompanist for the program. There were four usherettes.

Members of the Glee Club as shown on the accompanying picture, are: Back row: (left to right) Mrs. O. Horn, Mrs. Robert Vollmar, Miss E. Ainsworth, Miss R. Frish, Mrs. S. Davis, Miss R. Moench, Mrs. J. Nixon, Mrs. R. Anderson. Second row: Miss H. Woceck, Miss M. Thompson, Mrs. W. Thompson, Miss R. Koffinke, Miss R. Bushor. Front row: Miss G. Thompson, Miss E. Frish, Mrs. C. Thompson, and Mrs. A. Kuhns.

The platform of the church was lighted by two candelabras, the Christmas tree, and a lighted silver star. Following the program all members and friends were invited to the parsonage for open house, and to see the newly furnished church lounge room.

Roy B. Anderson, Pastor.

"Christ for the Crisis" Campaign With Dr. H. Savage at Detroit's Burns Ave. Church

We, of the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., have been greatly blessed and inspired during our recent evangelistic campaign, "Christ for the Crisis," with Dr. H. Savage from Pontiac, Michigan. During these two weeks 23 persons came forward for salvation.

Four weeks preceding our evangelistic meetings a group of about 100 volunteer workers gathered together one night each week for visitation. During these four nights over 580 people were visited, some recalls made and out of these 329 promised to attend our meetings, of which a great number did. By actual count the attendance at the last meeting was 622. We began to see the fruits of this campaign long before our evangelistic meetings started when a goodly number came forward for salvation and church membership.

On Sunday evening, January 26th, our pastor, Dr. A. J. Harms, had the privilege of baptizing seven of these new converts. Others are still coming for examination to the Board of Deacons. We are looking forward to our Spring evangelistic campaign with Dr. Russell Brougher of Long Beach, California with great anticipation to win others to Christ.

Mildred Wolfe, Reporter.



The Women's Glee Club of the Ogden Park Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois With Mrs. Roy B. Anderson, Directress, at the Extreme Right

New Chimes for the St. Joseph Baptist Church and New Car for Pastor

The First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Michigan has been looking forward for several years to the time when organ chimes could be installed to further enhance and beautify the organ accompaniment. During the war the chimes were not available, but the time finally arrived when it was possible to place the order, and finally the chimes were received.

They were recently dedicated in conjunction with a Sunday morning service, at which time the regular organist, Mrs. Blanche Newton Hill, presided and played a number of selections suitable to the occasion. This latest addition to the church was provided by, and dedicated to, the memory of "Aunt Emma" Habel and her daughter, Carrie Freitag, both lifelong members of the church.

In accordance with the usual custom a very impressive baptism service constituted an important part and highlighted the third one-hour period of the Watch Night service. There were 7 adults who went into the waters of baptism during the last minutes of the old year—certainly a most unusual

and sacred, as well as commendable, act just prior to the birth of a new year. Two of the number baptized on New Year's Eve were young men who had previously been in the service of our country. Those coming into the church were extended the hand of fellowship on the first Sunday of the new year, bringing the present membership of the church to a new high of 448 members.

The Rev. L. H. Broeker, our pastor, received a most unique Christmas gift from the members of his church when he made public an announcement from the Board of Trustees, in the form of a Christmas greeting, that a new automobile had been ordered for him for his convenience. This is the third time during Mr. Broeker's pastorate that his flock has bestowed such a gift upon a most faithful and loyal servant of God.

A. B. Abraham, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Eighty-fifth Anniversary of the Greenvine Baptist Church of Texas

We had the privilege of observing the 85th anniversary recently of the founding of the Greenvine Baptist Church, (the mother church of our Southern Conference), at Greenvine, Texas. The following helped to make the program most interesting and inspiring: Rev. W. Helwig of the Carroll Ave. Church of Dallas; Rev. D. Zimmermann of Kyle; Rev. G. Sprock of Houston; and Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, missionary-appointees to the Cameroons. There were also a number of visitors from our neighboring churches. Among these was a son of a former pastor, Mr. Charles L. Staub, and his wife, who still have the

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