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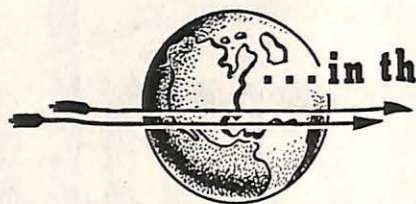
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**An Effective Ministry**

Dr. H. Theodore Sorg

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**...in the course of human events**

● According to the "News Letter from Behind the Iron Curtain," conditions in Estonia parallel those of other eastern European countries. There is no freedom of religion and churches are heavily taxed. For a wedding, christening or confirmation, the people have to pay a tax of from 1000 to 1500 rubbles. The proceeds of these taxes are used for anti-religious propaganda. Church holidays have been abolished. On Christmas Day there is work at all factories and offices as usual. The teaching of divinity at school is forbidden. Pupils and teachers who go to church are publicly abused in the newspapers as "bourgeois nationalists."—The Evangelical Christian.

● These are the conditions under which Chinese Christian Churches and foreign missionaries will be permitted to function: 1. Christian churches and institutions must be purged of all imperialist influence; 2. Christian churches and institutions must, as soon as possible, decline to accept foreign support; 3. Christian churches must, as soon as possible, unify their various sects. (No details are given as to just what this involves; it may mean an over-all federation, such as was formed in Japan under wartime pressure.—The Evangelical Christian.

● The new Mission's headquarters of the "Sudan Interior Mission" in Addis Ababa are nearly completed. It will eventually house the staff, with room for their offices and will have facilities for transient missionaries. Many believers in Ethiopia are subject to unreasonable persecution because of their faith. In one area 47 Christians were locked up in jail after having attended a native conference. Three Bible School students served nine months' jail sentences because they dared to preach. This sort of thing happens in outlying districts, where the central government's influence is not felt.—The Evangelical Christian.

● A new Catholic-Mohammedan front is contemplated which Abdul Rahman Azzam Pasha, secretary-general of the Arab League, is fostering. He declared that "both religions today are threatened by the same foe." (Communism.) He stated further: "A Catholic-Moslem alliance will lead to the setting up of a front, including half the population of the world." It is claimed that there are 450,000,000 Catholics and 400,000,000 Moslems. For the first time in history, three Mohammedan countries, Egypt,

Lebanon, and Indo-Nesia, have opened diplomatic relations with the Vatican.—Prophecy Monthly.

● The accomplishments of Israel in three years of its existence were described as "miraculous" by Moshe Shapira, minister of the interior and head of the health and immigration department. The population of Israel has almost doubled since May 1948. More than 600,000 immigrants have arrived in the state, and new immigrants are coming in at the rate of 1000 a day. "Many of the immigrants come penniless and naked and must be provided with clothing, housing and medical care." Mr. Shapira expressed the belief that Israel will become economically self-sufficient within the next thirty years.—Chicago Daily Sun Times.

● Married life has become more popular in the United States in the last ten years, statisticians of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company reported recently. In 1950 there were about 13,800,000 widowed, divorced, or separated persons in our population. Among those for whom married life has been disrupted, only the divorced group showed an increase, reflecting the record total of more than 4,000,000 marriages legally dissolved under the ten year period. The increase in the proportion divorced has been very small and was ascribed to the high remarriage rate for the divorced, especially for those who had married hastily during the war.—Chicago Daily Tribune.

● The Far Eastern Gospel Crusade reports that within recent months two church groups have become affiliated with it for the purpose of participating in the work in Japan. One is the Evangelical Mennonite Brethren, a group which has a membership of only about 2000, but already supports eighty-five missionaries in other fields and has three ready for Japan. The other is the Missionary Church Association, which also has a candidate accepted for work in Japan. While there are still too few missionaries to meet the needs of the day in Japan, the multiplicity of organizations which have entered is quite confusing and does not lead to the greatest efficiency in operation.—Moody Monthly.

The editor of this department, "In the Course of Human Events," has been the Rev. John Grygo of Chicago, Illinois.

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**Editorial**

**God's Soldiers Never Retire**

THE REFRAIN of an old ballad was recently brought back to fame by the closing remarks of General Douglas MacArthur to the United States Congress. "Old soldiers never die; they just fade away." Those words of the old song have an even wider and more significant application to the soldiers of God and, in particular, to the ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ. They never retire; they just fade into the glory of the heavenlies!

The art of Christian living is a life-long task. There is no retirement from that. This was emphasized by Dr. H. Theodore Sorg in his commencement address at our Seminary, which is published in full in this issue. The task of the Christian minister is so intricately bound up with life that, regardless of the church which he serves or the position which he occupies, he is still preaching and witnessing. He may not get paid for what he is doing, but the glory of the Christian ministry always goes far beyond monetary concerns. In this sense, it can be stated emphatically that God's soldiers never retire; they continue to reflect the glory of the One whose they are and whom they serve.

One of God's most valiant soldiers among us is Dr. William Kuhn. He has held many important denominational positions. As general missionary secretary for more than thirty years and as the first executive secretary of the General Council, he has guided our denominational enterprise and shaped its policies more than any other man. He has enjoyed the acclaim of our entire constituency by his Scriptural and fervent preaching. He has fought the battles of the Lord with unflinching courage.

Now he has stepped aside from active duty. He no longer draws any salary nor clothes any active position other than that of "secretary emeritus." Even his office at the Forest Park headquarters is to be vacated by him if circumstances require it. But this soldier of God, as well as others like him, is not retiring. That is something beyond our ken to grasp, both in our denominational fellowship and in the larger Kingdom of God!

Dr. William Kuhn will continue to share his wise counsels with younger brethren, so long as God gives him breath. His voice with prophetic insight and priestly fervor will continue to ring in the corridors of our denomination. At present, he is serving as chaplain of the Chicago Home for the Aged and as spiritual leader of the devotional services held regularly at the headquarters. His example of life now shines more brightly than ever. He is now with us and a part of us more than ever before as a soldier of God who can never retire.

The General Council through a special committee has taken cognizance of Dr. Kuhn's personal decision "to step aside." Dr. H. Theodore Sorg has prepared a tribute for this issue. An illuminated scroll in Dr. Kuhn's honor will be hung in the conference room at headquarters which is named after him. A recording of his sermon, "The Family of God," was made at the Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa, on June 17. Dr. Kuhn is still radiantly active in God's Kingdom, and that is all that really matters in the ministry of God's soldiers!

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# An Effective Ministry for Our Day

The commencement address delivered at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Sunday afternoon, May 13, 1951

By DR. H. THEODORE SORG of Princeton, New Jersey,  
Legal Counsel of the General Conference

A CHRISTIAN minister generally is considered to be one who devotes all his time and energy to the Gospel ministry. Of course, that is a man made definition. There is nothing in the Scriptures to justify the assumption that the minister has a full-time job, and that the layman is on a part-time basis. Actually, both minister and layman are engaged in one and the same task of being Christians. And it is a full-time occupation for both!

We may concede that, in the average case, neither minister nor layman succeeds in devoting full time to being a Christian. All of us have our off moments, or perhaps we might term them "vacations off the job." This "rest period" from being a Christian may last but a few minutes, as when we lose our temper, or act uncharitably, or are guilty of unseemly behavior. Sometimes, regrettably, we take an extended leave of absence from our profession of Christianity, thereby bringing shame not only upon ourselves, but also upon the cause of HIM whose name we bear.

Nevertheless, there are great numbers, who name themselves Christians, to whom the art of Christian living is of supreme importance, notwithstanding their human failings, and for whom it has first claim upon their time, their energy, their talents and their material possessions.

## DISTINCTIONS IN THE CHURCH

It is not always remembered that the distinction between minister and layman had its inception in the early church, at a time when all members were pooling their assets and when, as stated in the second chapter of the Acts: "All that believed were together, and had all things common; and sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had needed." Christians of today are a great distance from that Utopian state.

Quite naturally, then, at a time when all believers were contributing all they had to the common cause, some were found to be adapted, more than others, to preaching and teaching, and hence gave themselves wholly to those tasks. To the rest of the multitude of disciples was left the business of maintaining the physical

well being of the church membership. We are not told whether or not such communal living was inspired of God. We do know that it did not long continue in its pure state, for very soon one Ananias appeared who, so far as the record indicates, became the first part-time Christian, to his own destruction.

Although the condition under which this differentiation between minister and layman thus had its origin has long since passed from the Christian Church, the distinction itself remains.

We are not attempting today to consider or determine whether, and to what extent, the members of the Christian Church should share their material possessions, particularly with those who, in the words of the Scriptures, give themselves "continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." We can, however, accept the fact that, like in the early church, there are those who, more than others, are adapted to preaching and teaching the Word. More than that, we believe there are some especially ordained of God for that purpose. It is to these that our attention is directed today, in discussing the essentials of an effective ministry.

## COMPREHENSIVE TRAINING

There are three requisites to an effective ministry which we would like to consider briefly. The first of these is the necessity for comprehensive training.

Commencement Day is particularly well named for those who, having spent long, and frequently sacrificial, years in preparation for full-time Christian ministry, find themselves upon the threshold of their appointed task. Unlike other professions, the theological student assumedly has not spent those years of study simply as result of personal choice or preference, but because of an inward compulsion that God has selected him for and called him to such full-time ministry.

It is not unlikely that, at least occasionally during the extended time of making ready, doubts have assailed the student as to whether in fact he had correctly interpreted the vision that impelled him to consecrate his life to the Christian ministry. Sometimes, too, there may have been impatient moments, when the years of

training seemed to be a waste of precious time, and there have been the desire and straining to get at the work.

In fact, many men succumb to the temptation to curtail, or to omit entirely, these preparatory years. The consequences of such ill advised haste and inadequate preparation are evident on all sides, resulting in an unfruitful ministry, and oftentimes in actual harm to the cause intended to be served.

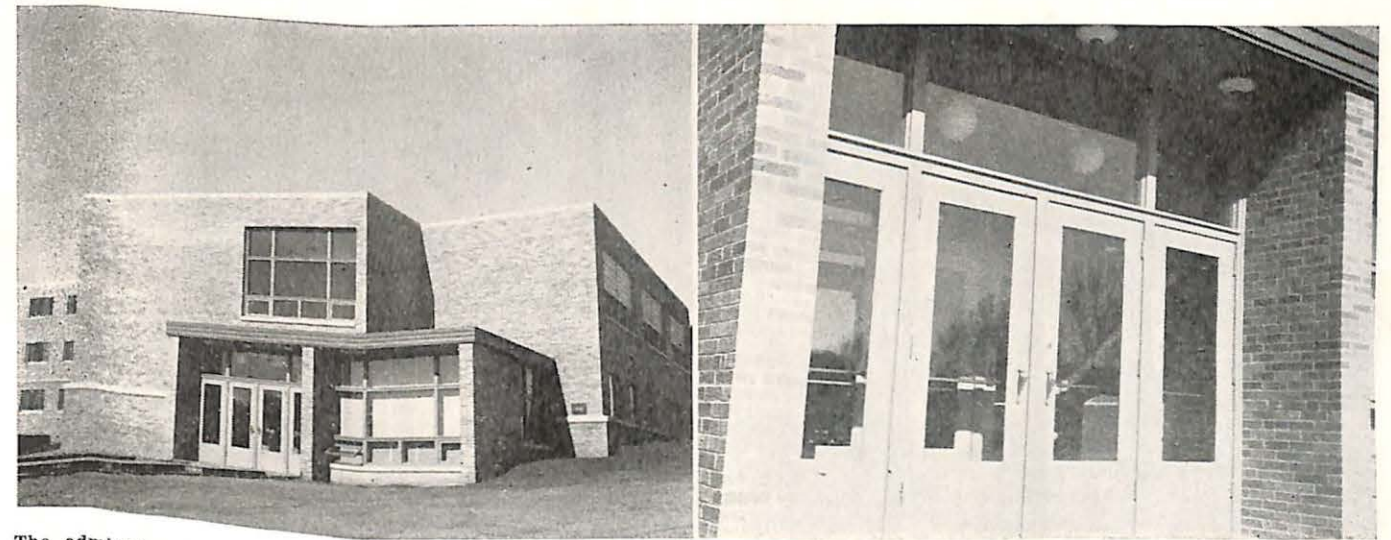
Some who thus dispense with preliminary training, point for their example, or excuse, to the eleven disciples whom Jesus chose to be his apostles. Those disciples admittedly were men who, when Jesus called them, were without the benefit of theological instruction. They were not from the school of prophets. Some were simple fishermen, without educational background whatever. Why did Jesus select those simple men, instead of others who had completed years of study?

## THE COMMON PEOPLE

The answer, of course, is that Jesus then, as now, had to take men who were willing to respond to his call, and accept his leadership; men of courage; not a Nicodemus, who "came to Jesus by night." Who, in that ancient day and country, were those who had had any amount of education and training for teaching? Were they not the Scribes, the Pharisees and the Sadducees? Were they not the rabbis in the synagogues? Was it likely that from among that group of men, Jesus could have secured the nucleus required by him to accept him as Teacher, and Master, and Messiah?

No, indeed. So far as the educated people of his day were concerned, their attitude was clearly indicated when Jesus himself began to teach in the synagogue. We are told that "many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things?—Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him."

Now those who thus were offended at him were not the common people, but the co-called intellectuals of the day. For we are told that "the com-



The administration building of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. (left), photographed on Commencement Sunday (1951) with the imposing front entrance to the Seminary Buildings at the right.

mon people heard him gladly." The only group from among which Jesus could recruit his first disciples was composed of those same common people. In fact, that situation is not too greatly changed today. Our Lord still depends primarily upon those common people, who hear him gladly, and who respond to his invitation to a life wholly consecrated to him. To this day they constitute the bulk of those who take the name of Christian.

## ASSOCIATION WITH CHRIST

It has been pointed out many times that actually Jesus did not immediately send forth his disciples as teachers. They first had the incalculable benefit of personal association with him in his day by day ministry. There are some silent periods in the recorded stories of Christ's ministry on earth. The four Gospels deal almost entirely with the public ministry of Jesus.

But during those three years, there were seasons when the weather did not permit traveling about. We are not told the details of those intervening months. But the disciples were with Jesus, and unquestionably many long hours were spent in discussions, of which we have no record. In fact, we are told by Mark that: "When they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples." Those were indeed hours of preparation and instruction for the disciples, and never was there so great a teacher!

It is therefore entirely correct to say that Jesus, in times past and today, used and may use some for effective ministry who have not had years of academic and theological training. D. L. Moody usually is cited as an outstanding example. He certainly was. But it scarcely requires to be emphasized that there was but one Moody among thousands of trained ministers of his day and generation.

Now there is one aspect of the recorded history of the early church that

sometimes does not command the attention it deserves. After Jesus had ascended into heaven, the work of his disciples and apostles really began. Pentecost was really Commencement Day for Peter and his brother apostles. The work was begun in Jerusalem. But much more was required. The final instruction of Jesus had been to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. The mystery of the Church, as Christ's body, had yet to be unfolded. The inclusion of the Gentile world as part of that church was still unforeseen by the apostles.

It required a giant intellect to lay the foundation for such a world ministry. There were eleven left of those simple disciples whom Jesus himself had trained. Included among them were one or more eloquent preachers, such as Peter. Did Jesus then select one of those eleven to expound this mystery and to lay the foundation for the Christian church? No, he did not.

## AN INTELLECTUAL GIANT

Instead, Jesus selected one who had not had the benefit of association with his personal ministry; one, in fact, who was foremost in persecuting and making havoc of the early church; and who, we are told, went about "breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord," and who, "entering into every house, and haling men and women, committed them to prison."

Yes, the man selected by Jesus for this immense task was not a disciple, but none other than Saul, with a background of many years of the best training and education obtainable in those days, who had studied at the feet of the great Gamaliel, himself a member of the council, "a doctor of the law, had in reputation among all the people."

It required a cataclysmic experience to convert Saul into Paul, and to convince him that Jesus Christ was

the Son of God. But once the eyes of Paul were opened to the truth, the powers of his perception, and of his persuasion, were such that he was granted glimpses of truth as no other human before or since.

With Paul, the call to the Christian ministry was no matter of personal choice. The Lord said to Paul: "I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in which I will appear unto thee." "Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do." And to Ananias, who restored Paul's sight, the Lord said: "For I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake."

Paul was no simple, unlettered fisherman at the time of his conversion. He was a trained theologian. But even so, his active ministry did not follow immediately upon his conversion. There were intervening years, and we know of at least three, during which he retired for further contemplation and study. Once, however, that his active ministry commenced, his preaching and teaching became the very foundation of the church.

## PETER AND PAUL

The Scriptures afford us an interesting sidelight on the contrasting personalities of Peter and Paul, as reflected in their appraisal of each other. The simple fisherman Peter had reached the end of his life and was writing to his brethren that "shortly I must put off this tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me." Peter then added that he had been reading all Paul's epistles, and plaintively comments: "In which are some things hard to be understood."

The record nowhere indicates that the learned Paul ever experienced difficulty understanding Peter's doctrine or teaching. The only difficulty

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Some of the members of the 1951 graduating class of the North American Baptist Seminary (left) which presented a beautiful pulpit for the chapel (shown at right) as its gift to the Seminary. The presentation of this gift was made by Heinz Grabia (third from right in group of students).

# The Seminary's 101st Commencement

Report of the Commencement Exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, by DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER

"THE HEART of the Gospel which is the compelling message of every effective Christian minister is the resurrection of Jesus from the dead," Dr. H. Theodore Sorg of Newark, N. J., stated in his scholarly and deeply spiritual commencement address to the thirteen graduates of the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Sunday afternoon, May 13. "The event that changed the disciples into a body of believers was the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. For the basic purpose of Christ's death on the cross was to demonstrate that he could rise again. Thus, an effective minister has as his objective, with the Apostle Paul, to know HIM (Christ Jesus) and the power of his resurrection."

## SHOWERS OF BLESSING

The Sioux Falls College Chapel was well filled for the 101st commencement exercises of our Seminary. The afternoon rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of the hundreds of Seminary friends who were in attendance. In fact, the rain only symbolized "the showers of blessing" that our school of the prophets is experiencing in the new buildings and with an ever expanding program. The commencement exercises were actually the climax to several days of important deliberations by the Seminary's board of trustees and of festive celebrations in which spiritual challenges were blended with the delights of Christian fellowship.

Following the academic procession into the chapel, Dr. George A. Lang,

president of the Seminary, welcomed friends and guests and graciously presided over the program. The Rev. Donald S. Wipf of Emery, S. Dak., read the Scripture passage of 2 Timothy 2:1-15, and the Rev. Alfred Weisser of Parkston, S. Dak., offered the prayer. The service was lifted to inspirational heights by the Seminary chorus of 20 voices with the rendition of "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte and "Send Out Thy Light" by Gounod. President Lang in his address to the graduating class gave practical suggestions as to the nature of "A Preacher's Task."

Dr. Sorg was also the recipient of the Sigma Rho key which is awarded annually to some layman who has contributed most to the welfare and work of the Seminary. Mr. Arthur Schwerin in presenting the key in behalf of the Seminary Board characterized Dr. Sorg as a good friend of the Seminary whose legal counsels have been invaluable and whose labors in effecting satisfactory arrangements for the seminary in relationship to other schools had been untiring.

## THIRTEEN GRADUATES

This year's graduating class of thirteen men is one of the largest in recent years. It is also a notable class in view of the fact that every student at the time of his graduation was already married or engaged. (This is in marked contrast to "the good old days" of not so many years ago!) Most of the graduates have already accepted calls to our churches, which was also a source of gratitude at graduation time.

Mr. Norman Berkan and Mr. Walter Berkan of Southey, Sask., are "a brother team" in the graduating class. Mr. Lawrence Bienert of Leduc, Alta., is the pastor-elect at Cathay, N. Dak. Mr. Adolph Braun of the Beaver Church of Michigan has begun his ministry at the Plum Creek Church near Emery, S. Dak. Mr. Jacob F. Ehman of Lehr, N. Dak., is going to Bessie, Okla., to serve the Baptist Church in that community. Mr. Bernard F. Fritzke of Orcadia, Sask., and Mr. Heinz Grabia of Leduc, Alta., are among the seven members of the 1951 graduating class whose homes are in Canada.

## BACHELORS OF THEOLOGY

Mr. Eldon Janzen of Morris, Man., is the new pastor of the mission field and church at Valley View, Alta. The Rev. Martin Kroeker is returning to his position as the associate pastor of the Mennonite Church of Marion, S. Dak. Mr. Willy R. Muller of Kelstern, Sask., has become the pastor of the Lauderdale Church of Edmonton, Alta. Mr. Walter Sukut of Napoleon, N. Dak., has accepted the call of the Ebenezer Church near Wessington Springs, S. Dak. Mr. Rubin Stading of Lehr, N. Dak., was also one of the twelve young men who received the Bachelor of Theology degree.

In addition, the Rev. Frank Veninga of the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill. was granted the Bachelor of Theology degree on completion of the requirements and the writing of his thesis on "The Contribution of Friedrich Schleiermacher to Preach-

ing." With the singing of the hymn, "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve," by the audience and benediction of the Rev. M. L. Leuschner, another successful Seminary year was brought to a close.

## BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

On Sunday morning, May 13, the baccalaureate service was held in the Seminary chapel in the attractive new buildings. This was not only the first baccalaureate service in the new edifice, but the day also commemorated Pentecost Sunday and Mother's Day. Mr. Eldon Seibold, the able pianist at all the commencement services, played an effective arrangement of "There's Power in the Blood" and "Fantasia" as a piano prelude. The Seminary chorus directed by Dr. Ralph E. Powell favored the large congregation that overflowed into the adjoining halls by rendering several selections. Two Oregon preachers and members of the Board, the Reverends Rudolph Woyke and John Wobig, read the Scripture passage and offered prayer, respectively.

The baccalaureate sermon was brought by the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of Burlington, Iowa, on the topic, "Unfinished Business." Every true minister of Jesus Christ was challenged to STUDY, to render SERVICE for Christ, to SHOW his faith in his daily walk of life, and to SUGGEST ways and means in which the blessings of the Gospel might be of spiritual benefit to others. The Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alta., closed the service with prayer and the benediction.

## SEMINARY BANQUET

On Friday evening, May 11, more than two hundred people gathered in the social hall of a nearby church for the Seminary's annual commencement banquet. The toastmaster, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., welcomed the guests, entertained the crowd with a choice selection of banquet stories, and ingeniously introduced the numbers on the program. Music was provided by the Seminary Chorus, a Ladies' Trio composed of Bertha Janzen, Irma Meth and Ruth Weiss, and the Seminary quartet, "The King's Stewards." Dr. Frank H. Woyke offered the opening prayer, and Professor Powell led the spirited "sing-spiration."

Professor Albert Bretschneider had the delightful privilege of presenting the Seniors to the banquet crowd which he did with colorful description and spiritual warmth. Mr. Heinz Grabia of the 1951 class responded with gracious words which led up to his announcement of the Senior Class gift to the Seminary and showing the fine chapel pulpit which is pictured elsewhere on these pages. Professor R. P. Jeschke was in charge of the memorial service as the following graduates of the Seminary who had died during the past year were remembered: August

# Session of Seminary Board

Report of the Board of Trustees of the North American Baptist Seminary by the REV. EDGAR W. KLATT of St. Paul, Minnesota, Secretary of the Board

ON SATURDAY, May 12, the board of trustees of the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dakota, met for their sessions in the library of the Seminary. Fourteen of the seventeen members were present, with the executive secretary, Dr. Frank Woyke, the promotional secretary, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, the president of the Seminary, Dr. George A. Lang, and the other members of the faculty, and the treasurer, Mr. E. J. Dirksen, joining in the sessions.

This was the first opportunity presented to the board to spend a few days in the seminary buildings. There was an apparent feeling of thankfulness to God as the different members expressed satisfaction and delight over the fine seminary-dormitory structure. It is like a dream come true!

## NEW SEMINARY BUILDINGS

As the pastors, who were graduated from our Seminary some years ago, invaded the halls, chapel, library, reception room, offices of the faculty, dining room and kitchen, and occupied the students rooms as living quarters for a few days, everything reminded them that this is not the seminary building of a few years ago, that this one is new and beautiful, and that it possesses the potentiality of rendering service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, our beloved denomination, faculty and student body for many years to come.

In looking upon the immediate surroundings of the seminary building, one can imagine the beauty which will surround it after the ground has been leveled, the lawn seed sown, and the trees planted. It is expected that the streets about the school will be paved in the not too distant future, and that the parking space will be made of a concrete foundation. These are some of the things which will add beauty to the building and its surroundings.

During the time of the sessions, the board members had some opportunity

Rosner, William A. Zeckser, Samuel Blum, Edward Niemann und Frank Kaiser, as well as Paul Blosche and Jacob Hermann who were not seminary graduates.

The address of the banquet program was given by Mr. Herman Bleeker of Emery, S. Dak., Baptist layman and lawyer and a member of the Seminary board, on the topic, "Witness." It was a ringing challenge and a stirring message. Dr. George A. Lang spoke as

to visit or, at least, to greet the faculty. The teachers of the Seminary deserve much credit for carrying on in such a fine way during the transition months when they were forced to face many difficulties and privations. They have now established themselves well insofar as each one occupies his office in the Seminary. Our professors merit our prayers and support in word and deed. We have every reason to thank God for them.

## THE STUDENT BODY

Last but not least, we take a brief glance at the student body. These are the young men who have felt God's call to enter the Gospel ministry, and are spending years in preparation for it. The board had the privilege of meeting the new students. A sizeable entrance class is expected to join the ranks of the students next Fall.

And now as we turn our eyes upon the graduating class, we see a group of thirteen fine young men desirous of rendering service for the Lord. Not all of them have been called to churches. Some are therefore awaiting God's guidance with respect to their future service for him. They are well prepared to serve. Churches will do well to call these young men soon. As one after the other of the graduates gave their testimonies to the board, their words rang true to the teaching of God's Word, and revealed a burning zeal to be God's instruments in leading men to Christ and developing their spiritual lives.

With such a fine Seminary building and surroundings, with such consecrated and conscientious professors and a spiritual student body, our Seminary will be greatly instrumental in fostering the growth and the spiritual temperature of our denomination. We urge every church and member of our denomination to stand behind our Seminary to the greatest possible degree, and to support it with whatever means are at your disposal which will benefit the Seminary.

president on "Looking Ahead" wun a hopeful note and an anticipating faith. After the singing of the German "Alma Mater" song, Professor Herbert Hiller pronounced the benediction.

Things are definitely moving forward at our Seminary. A spirit of enthusiasm has taken hold of the student body. A good sized class of new students is expected for next Fall. The landscaping of the Seminary grounds will soon add much beauty to our property.

# "A Hundred Years in Thy Sight"

The Centenary Jubilee of the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., merits a widespread denominational celebration for this church gave twenty of its young men as pastors and missionaries and more than a hundred of its young women as ministers' and missionaries' wives!

By the REV. OTTO E. KRUEGER,  
Pastor of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y.

WE of the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., are planning to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of our church from June 21 to 24. We are looking forward to a time of refreshment and inspiration. We hope to see many old friends and former members, or at least to hear from them if they cannot come. To give a year-to-year account of our church in its work of the century would require a book. We shall have to confine our story to several items of interest.

## OUR BEGINNINGS

A hundred years ago the city of Rochester boasted 36,000 inhabitants, of whom enough were German to support two German newspapers. George M. Engelhardt, employed by the American Tract Society, found among these inhabitants 900 Protestant families who had no Bibles and 360 families who never went to church. He held many meetings, distributed many tracts and won the interest of a few. The Rev. Carl Roos came from Pennsylvania, carried the torch of the Gospel and won the first German converts who were baptized in the Genesee River. Several German Baptists coming from New York City joined the group. Then came Andreas Henrich, a young man from Buffalo, N. Y., whom God had endowed with splendid gifts and had called to preach.

He effected an organization of the church with 21 members on June 5, 1851. On June 24, 1851 the church was recognized by a duly appointed council. At the same meeting the young pastor was ordained.

We had no General Missionary Society of our own at that time to grant aid and to strengthen our work. But the Monroe Baptist Association had a warm heart for our cause. For many years they supported our ministry with large sums of money. Mr. Oren Sage secured a paint shop for us in which to hold our meetings. When we bought the city school building on our present site, the Monroe Association helped us financially. Three members of the First Baptist Church with four

of our own accepted the responsibility of trusteeship. Mrs. Denny gave \$500 toward the building erected in 1870, to replace the old school house. Not until "the eighties," when the church flourished under the Rev. Peter Ritter's ministry, did the church begin to stand on its own feet.

## OUR PASTORS

We were fortunate in the choice of our pastors. They were all men of sterling character, high ideals, talented leadership, marked ability and deep devotion. Several pastorates were very short; others were of good duration. Each pastor made his special contribution to the ongoing of the work in his own way. Without giving the dates of the pastorates, we shall name the pastors as they followed in succession: Andreas Henrich, Gerhard Koopmann, Heinrich Schneider, Ernst Tschirch, Peter Ritter, Lewis Kaiser, Otto Koenig, Carl A. Daniel, Frank Kaiser, David Hamel, Harvey Koester, Daniel Fuchs and Otto E. Krueger. There were two interimships of about a year each in which time professors August Rauschenbusch, H. M. Schaeffer and Lewis Kaiser rendered excellent service.

From the very beginning our ethical standard was raised high above the life of the worldly-minded from whom we had been separated. We had a strict rule against the use of intoxicants as a beverage, of which every new member was informed. Dancing, cards and theater were out of question. To marry an unbeliever brought on discipline. Honesty, kindness and common decency were taken for granted, for which no rules were necessary.

That not everybody succeeded in living up to the high standards may well be believed. Consequently, there

The Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y., is the ONLY church of our conference celebrating its Centenary Jubilee in this year 1951.

were many painful excommunications. We believed that the words of the landowner, "Let both grow together until the harvest," referred to the world and not to the church. We are in the world but not of the world. The world must be kept out of the church. Today we are probably too lenient.

## OUR ORGANIZATIONS

Though the church began as an adult movement, interest soon centered in the children. The first mention of a Sunday School is made in 1852. The presence of many students and the construction of several chapels in various parts of the city by the First and Second Baptist Churches made it possible to maintain several Sunday Schools. The peak was reached in 1885 with five schools, 596 pupils, and 77 officers and teachers. But eight years later there were only two schools with 198 pupils and 36 officers and teachers. Students graduated or went out in summer vacation. Home talent was not able to carry on the work, and thus the great fluctuation.

One mission station and school which had been fostered by two students, Albert Ramaker and Lewis Kaiser, developed into a church organization on Sanford Street, which later built a brick structure on Meigs and South Clinton Streets, where the Church ministered to the community for thirty years and then disbanded to unite with the mother church. Another mission station was maintained for many years at Wilder Street, from where it went to Ries Park and then back to Wilder Street until 1918, when it was abandoned.

Our records for the Woman's Mission Society go back to 1880. In 1882 the number of members is given as 114. That almost looks like a misprint. But for many years the number stood around 75 women.

The young people were organized as "Jünglingsverein" and "Edelweissverein," which is to say, that the young men and the young women were organized into separate groups. The change to have them in one organization was not welcomed by all the oldsters, since they regarded it as



A Sunday School picnic of the Andrews Street Church of Rochester, N. Y., at Ries Park with the Rev. C. A. Daniel, pastor, in back row (right) wearing a straw hat.

a matrimonial bureau. They didn't want them to marry outside the church, and still didn't want them to have a chance to get acquainted.

The choir was organized in 1858. The church has had an appreciation of good music throughout its years. The seminary students throughout have helped in Sunday Schools, in the societies and in the choir, and often occupied the pulpit.

## OUR NUMBERS

We have never been a large church. German soil has never been too productive for Baptists. Some of our first members lost their jobs when their employers discovered they had joined the Baptist Church. Much personal work was done. The members went out two by two and distributed tracts and urged people to attend the services, but the gains were few. The total baptisms did not quite reach 1000, say, ten per year. Only four years were entirely fruitless. By letter we received 718 and transferred 769, a difference of 51. There were almost 500 exclusions and erasures, and over 100 members were reinstated. Death took its toll of 243.

A careful study of the statistics reveals the fact that the trend was consistently upward until 1918. From that time it has been consistently downward. At the peak year the membership was just below 400; today it is just above 200. In five years after the close of the war, 112 names were removed. It is just possible that we clung to the German language too long. The Seminary, still preparing men for German churches, needed a German church.

During the next twelve years again more than 100 names were removed.

We had built an addition to our church and were involved in more than \$30,000 of debt, when the stock-market crashed. We were in need of the loyal support of every member. But a hundred felt no moral obligation. Our reinforcements from Germany were a blessing and they are a strong working force in the church today. How we were ever able to pay that debt is still a marvel in our eyes!

## OUR CONTRIBUTIONS

We are not thinking of the money which we gave to missions when we speak of our contributions. The first record of that is in 1868, long before we had a General Missionary Society. The amount given that year was \$105. The highest amount for a year stands at \$3289. Our great contribution has not been in dollars and cents but in men and women. We have given twenty men as pastors and missionaries. Some of these were young men who had come to the Academy, were converted in our church and entered the ministry.

We gave to the larger kingdom work over one hundred of our girls to be missionaries' or pastors' wives. Fifty-four of these are still living. Many people think the Andrews Street Church with all the students and professors as workers for one hundred years should be a church of a thousand members at the very least. The reasons for not reaching that goal may now be clear.

The most noted man whose Christian life was nurtured in our church was Walter Rauschenbusch. Many have taken exception to the social gospel as he emphasized it. Nothing was farther from his mind than to teach that all you need to make a

child of God are good surroundings. As one of his first students I may be permitted to say that he wholeheartedly supported the truth which Jesus tried to put over to Nicodemus: "Ye must be born again."

The Rev. George Geis, an outstanding missionary of the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, and his wife were nurtured in the bosom of our church. We are proud that Dr. Albert Kaiser, ranking very high in the medical profession in Rochester, N. Y., is also a son of our church. Many other names could be mentioned. We have given much of our life-blood.

## OUR TODAY AND TOMORROW

The removal of the Seminary, with which we had been intertwined for all but a hundred years, is a great loss in material, spiritual and personal values. Some thought we would bleed to death from this wound. However, we have been able to maintain ourselves. New voices have been found for the choir, and new workers were recruited for the Sunday School. The finances are above par. Our slogan is: "Do the best you can where you are with what you have."

What tomorrow holds in store for us, we do not know. We feel we have no future where we are located. There are no children and no young people in the neighborhood of our church. The parking problem is very difficult. Our property is for sale, but our price is too high to invite buyers. The Lord has not given us "money men" who could assume a heavy load in a rebuilding project. But we feel that we are in his will and that he will show the way. Our prayer is: "Lead on, O King Eternal!"

## AN EFFECTIVE MINISTRY FOR OUR DAY

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Paul had with Peter's practice, on the occasion when Peter sought to conceal from his brethren that he had been eating with Gentiles. Paul states: "But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed."

Paul still remains the outstanding example of an effective ministry accomplished because of adequate preliminary training. The very last epistle written by Paul, of which there is record, was addressed to a young minister, named Timothy. Paul therein summed up his idea of what is essential in preparation for effective ministry, and it is equally applicable today. He said: "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

We say, therefore, that the first requisite for effective ministry is comprehensive training.

## A CONSECRATED SPIRIT

The second requisite for an effective ministry is of even greater importance, namely, the need for a consecrated spirit. It has been alleged that, once upon a time, if a younger son could not qualify for a business or professional career, he was placed in the ministry. If that was ever so, then certainly it did not make for an effective ministry. Nor is the opposite true, that any person having ability may qualify for such ministry.

A man may possess every qualification for a business career, or be especially gifted as a physician, or as an architect, or as an engineer, and yet be woefully lacking in the attributes that make for a consecrated and effective ministry. What are those attributes? We are not left in doubt, for the Scriptures clearly indicate them.

Paul speaks of himself as a "minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God,—being sanctified by the Holy Ghost." Thus, a prime essential of a consecrated spirit is that the minister shall have been sanctified, or set apart, for his duties by the Holy Spirit.

Paul indicates a second element when he states: "For they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing." In other words, one consecrated to an effective ministry is not entering upon a part-time task. It requires the utmost concentration, to the exclusion or subordination of every other desire or ambition.

## TOLERANCE AND PATIENCE

Paul states a third element of such a consecrated spirit, requiring complete reliance upon God, who, he said, "also hath made us able ministers of the new testament, not of the letter,

but of the spirit, for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life." The parable, spoken by Jesus, of the Pharisee and the publican, applies to every walk of life, even including the ministry. A self-righteous attitude is not the attribute of a consecrated ministry. There is great necessity for tolerance for those whose views may be "not of the letter, but of the spirit" and whose opinions may differ from our own; and patience for such as are slow to understand.

The twelve apostles, in establishing the early church, set forth their own conception of a consecrated ministry, in these words: "But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word." Any consecrated minister who truly and faithfully fulfills the pattern contained in that one sentence, is certain of an effective ministry.

Possibly the highest test of such a ministry is that propounded by Paul, when he stated: "God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." It is self-evident that a ministry of reconciliation requires a consecrated spirit. If a minister, over the years, continues to bring about the reconciliation of man with God, through Jesus Christ, there is evidence that he is accomplishing an effective ministry. Paul told Timothy: "Do the work of an evangelist; make full proof of thy ministry." As the writer to the Hebrews quoted the Psalmist, God "maketh his ministers a flaming fire."

There can be no higher goal for a consecrated ministry than that set by Paul, namely "to be ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God." And Paul immediately and significantly adds: "Moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." I think we would all agree with Paul in his enumeration of the fruits of a consecrated spirit as "love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." One possessing those attributes should, indeed, have an effective ministry.

## A COMPELLING MESSAGE

But it is not sufficient for effective ministry that a man have a comprehensive training and a consecrated spirit. There is a third requisite, and it transcends in importance those already considered. This third requisite is the necessity for a compelling message. That, of course, implies a positive message, not one that leads to disbelief. As Paul indicated, that message is the Word of God which effectually worketh in them that believe. Some one has stated that the real test of a preaching ministry is whether

the message creates doubt or conviction in the minds of those who listen.

One of the most terrible passages in the Scriptures is that in which Jesus condemned those who sow seeds of doubt. The Master had called a little child to him and said: "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." Then he added this solemn warning: "But whose shall cause to stumble one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea."

Again, a compelling message should not only be a positive message, but it should avoid dealing with inconsequentials. It should prohibit the expenditure of precious time and opportunity upon matters not essential to the welfare of the believer. Admittedly, there is and always will be the temptation to permit sensational subjects to distract from the main objective of the preaching ministry.

## THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

What, then, is the compelling message that is of the very essence of an effective ministry? It should be evident that it must be a message that is centered upon the heart of the Gospel. A general inquiry as to what constitutes the central point of the Gospel possibly would elicit the reply that it is the Cross. Surely, no one here would for a moment detract from the vital importance of the Cross as part of the divine plan of salvation:

"When I survey the wondrous Cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride."

But if the Gospel story had ended with the Cross, there would have been no salvation, and no hope of eternal life. If belief in the Cross is made the center of the Gospel message, the message of salvation may be thrown out of focus. Pilate believed in the Cross, but it availed him nothing. The mob that cried, "Crucify him," believed in the Cross, but to their destruction. The disciples, upon the death of Jesus, believed in the Cross, but were a defeated group of followers. Countless thousands of persons, including some who name themselves Christians, have believed in the death of Jesus on the Cross, and have stopped there. Many, who believe in a crucified Christ, deny his deity.

The fact that Jesus died on the Cross would not have sufficed to produce a living Gospel. It would not even suffice that we believe that Jesus died for, or as result of, the sins of the world. In a loose sense, millions have died as result of the sins of the world. Men are dying in Korea today because of the sins of mankind. But no one dares suggest that their death results in or effects the eternal salvation of the world.

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## A Tribute to Dr. Wm. Kuhn

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at the Request of a Special Committee of the General Council

IT IS NOT given to many men to continue to exercise strong influence upon a denomination for half a century or more, without losing effectiveness. Dr. William Kuhn, by force of his personality, his ability and his Christian fervor, has been such a vital factor in North American Baptist life for more than fifty years.

In 1913, Mr. G. A. Schulte was general missionary secretary of our denomination, and was living in Newark, N. J. Denominational headquarters at that time consisted of an alcove in the apartment in which the Schulte family lived, and from which he directed the missionary activities. His staff consisted of his daughter, who gave part-time to keeping his records straight. The executive committee of the Missionary Society met at intervals at the Schulte home.

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

At one of these executive committee meetings in 1913, I first met Dr. Kuhn. The first impression was that he was a man of strong character; of unusual ability; keen and aggressive; sure of himself and of his subject; a good business man; evidently a man who made thorough plans, and knew how to carry them out. The passing years have not changed that original impression.

While our friendship thus commenced in 1913, it might not have developed as it did but for another event which occurred about the same time. Mr. Walter Staub and his family moved from Oak Park, Ill., to Newark, N. J., and joined our Clinton Hill Church. Walter Staub had grown up in Dr. Kuhn's church in Philadelphia and they, together with Reuben Windisch, were close friends. That friendship was thereupon widened to include three other members of Clinton Hill Church, namely, Christian Schmidt, his son, William Schmidt, and myself.

For more than thirty years, this group enjoyed intimate fellowship with Dr. Kuhn, and participated actively with him in denominational work. It usually required but a telephone call from him to cause Walter, Will and myself, or one or more of us, to drop work, pack bags, and start off for a conference.

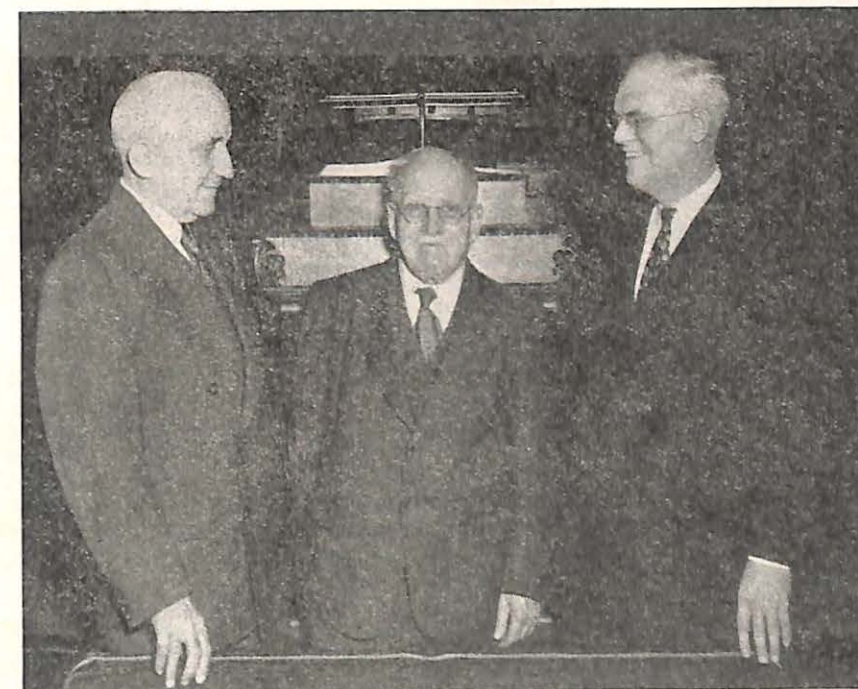
About this same time, Dr. Kuhn was appointed field secretary of the Missionary Society. The "Synzygus Bund" was one of his early denominational projects, and became the forerunner of our denominational

young people's work. Until removal of denominational headquarters to Forest Park, Ill., most of the conferences were held in Philadelphia, in either the Kuhn home or the Windisch home.

After removal of headquarters to Forest Park, those meetings took place wherever Dr. Kuhn happened to be at the moment: Rochester, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, St. Paul, Madison, Canada, and even in Europe. Of

in these words: "Will, deine Buben sind wieder hier." ("Will, your boys are again here!")

In 1916, Dr. Kuhn was elected general missionary secretary. It proved a wise choice. During the more than thirty years following that election, he carried the denominational work to peaks never before deemed possible. In consequence, the denomination today has greater vitality and potentiality than at any time in its



—Photo by Herman Siemund  
Dr. William Kuhn (center) is greeted with smiles at the recent sessions of the General Council by Dr. Theodore Sorg (left), a good friend of many years, and by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, a colleague at the Forest Park headquarters.

course, these conferences frequently included others than our particular group.

Discussions at these conferences always were open and frank. No one hesitated to disagree with all the others. But Dr. Kuhn's high, strong, tenor voice gave him advantages. Over the tumult of debate, one could hear his voice cry: "You're wrong, Theodore." Both in his sermons, and in personal conversation, he followed the sound principle of emphasis by repetition. So when he repeated "you're wrong" several times, one became convinced that someone was out of step, and it wasn't Dr. Kuhn!

Mrs. Kuhn was always the gracious hostess, when meetings took place at her home. On one occasion, in Forest Park, she ushered our group into the house and went to call her husband. We heard her resignedly summon him

century of activity.

As general secretary, Dr. Kuhn effectively displayed his many and great talents. He stimulated sacrificial giving. He created interest and enthusiasm in foreign missions, particularly in the Cameroons, and in the Danubian countries. His enthusiasm made the Million Dollar Offering a success. He inspired higher spiritual levels in the denominational work.

His organizational ability would have produced rich personal gain in business fields. Instead, he elected to sacrifice personal reward for spiritual accomplishment. We hope he may continue for years as "elder statesman" of the denomination. But whether his remaining days be long or short, we know there awaits him the eternal assurance of his Master: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. William H. Jeschke of Sumner, Iowa, have announced that a daughter will be named Anne Marie. She has been born on April 23rd. This is the third child in their family.

● It has been announced that Mr. Ellsworth J. Schubring has resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church at Unityville, S. Dak. Mr. Schubring was and has therefore brought his student pastorate at Unityville to a close. The church is looking for another pastor for the field.

● The Mowata Baptist Church of Branch, Louisiana, has extended a call to the Rev. Alex Sootzmann of McLaughlin, S. Dak., to which he has responded favorably. He hopes to begin his pastorate in Louisiana on August 20th, succeeding the late Rev. August Rosner. Mr. Sootzmann has served as pastor of the Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., and of Selfridge, N. Dak., since 1944.

● The Rev. R. H. Zepik of Trochu, Alberta, has resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church there and accepted the call of the Baptist Church of St. Rose, Manitoba. He will begin his ministry in the new field on June 17, succeeding Mr. August Kraemer, now living in Edmonton, Alberta. During his ministry of almost 5 years in Trochu, Mr. Zepik was able to baptize 25 converts on confession of their faith in Christ.

● The First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, has called the Rev. John Reimer of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as its pastor to succeed the Rev. J. J. Renz of Ashley, N. Dak. Mr. Reimer began his ministry at the George Church on Sunday, May 20. He was formerly pastor of the Grace Baptist Church and has of Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., and has also served as evangelist in several churches. North American Baptist

● The Rev. John F. Crouthamel of Philadelphia, Pa., after having accepted the call from the First Baptist Church of Somerville, N. J. (as announced in the May 24 issue of the BAPTIST HERALD), asked to be released from his decision. This was done and the Fleischmann Memorial Church of Philadelphia, Pa., enthusiastically reinstated him as its minister. This is "good news," not only for Brother Crouthamel's friends but also for our General Conference constituency.

● The Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Illinois, has extended a call to the Rev. Ruben Kern, pastor of the influential Ebenezer Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, to become its minister. Mr. Kern has responded favorably and hopes to begin his pastorate in the Forest Park Church on August 15. He will succeed the Rev. C. B. Nordland. Mr. Kern has served as pastor of the Vancouver church since 1946.

● Beginning with Sunday, May 20, Mr. Manuel (Money) D. Wolff of Grand Forks, N. Dak., a first year theological student at the North American Baptist Seminary, has been serving as student worker for the summer months at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill. He will bring this ministry to a close on August 31st. The Rev. Ruben Kern of Vancouver, B. C., is the pastor-elect of the Forest Park Church.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of West New York, New Jersey, has changed its name to the Faith Baptist Church. This action was taken by the congregation at a special business meeting on March 28 following almost a year of consideration, as reported by the Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, pastor. It was felt that a name more understandable to the people of the community would greatly help the church's ministry. So it is now the Faith Baptist Church of West New York, N. J.!

● On Sunday, April 29, the Rev. O. W. Brenner presented his resignation as pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Wessington Springs, S. Dak. His resignation was accepted with sincere regrets by the church. Mr. Brenner will bring his pastorate at Wessington Springs of almost seven full years to a close on July 15. In his 75th year of age, Brother Brenner is the oldest active minister in the Dakota Conference. He wants to continue preaching, although his plans for himself and his family are still indefinite.

● On Sunday, May 13, the Rev. Alexander Hart resigned as pastor of the Baptist Church of Swan River, Manitoba, Canada, and announced that he had accepted the call as assistant pastor of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, beginning with May 27. Mr. Hart will minister to the German-speaking immigrants as well as assisting the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, pastor of the church. Mr. Hart served as minister of the

Swan River Church for less than a year. His address in Winnipeg will be published in a forthcoming issue.

● On Sunday, May 13, the Rev. William G. Trow presented his resignation as pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church near Elmo, Kansas, which took effect on May 27. He has become the pastor of the Baptist Church in Roosevelt, Utah. This is a mountain town of 1250 population in the Vinta Basin. The Baptist Church of 80 members is composed mostly of converted Mormons. Mr. Trow's ministry will be largely of a missionary nature. He is in charge of a half-hour radio broadcast every Friday morning. From April 22 to 29 Mr. Trow conducted revival meetings in the state of Utah. Because of the success of these services, the call from the Roosevelt Baptist Church was extended.

● The Walnut Street Church, Newark, N. J., held its first Parent-Teachers' Open House on Friday evening, April 20. The program emphasized what the Sunday School had done in 1950 as to its missionary outreach and teaching ministry. The opening talk was by the superintendent, Mr. Elmer Muller. The Rev. Ira "Daddy" Smith of the Children's Temple, Newark, N. J., was the principal speaker, bringing a message on "Our Children." Refreshments were served afterwards during a time of fellowship among teachers, pupils and parents. The Rev. Richard K. Mercer, Jr., is the pastor of the church.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Missoula, Montana, has extended a call to the Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif., to become its pastor. He has served the church since March 11 as interim pastor with much blessing. Mr. Schroeder has accepted the call and has already begun his ministry as the full-time pastor, succeeding the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, now of Fredonia, N. Dak. On Sunday, May 6, Mr. Schroeder baptized six converts on confession of their faith in Christ. On Sunday, May 13, he received 14 new members. He is serving as choir director and has organized an orchestra which plays every Sunday evening. Mrs. Schroeder is also active in phases of the church's leadership.

● The Rev. Lawrence E. Wegner resigned as pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Wausau, Wis., on Sunday, April 29, and announced that he had accepted the call of the Forrest

Park Baptist Church of Orlando, Florida, where he will begin his pastorate on September 1st. Recently Mr. Wegner held evangelistic meetings in this church of the Southern Baptist Convention which resulted in 16 conversions. It was organized as a Sunday School mission about two years ago. It now has a membership of about 150 and is in the process of erecting a new church building which is to seat 400 people.

● On April 28 a full page spread about the Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., appeared in the "Erie Dispatch," the evening newspaper of the city. This full page illustrated announcement about "The Church of the Week" is sponsored by business concerns of the city. A large picture of the Central Church and a good sized picture of the pastor, the Rev. Reuben A. Houseal, were also a part of this unique story. Information about the church's history included the fact that the church's pipe organ was a gift of the late Andrew Carnegie and that Prof. Albert B. Mehnert has served as the church's organist for 30 years. Prior to that Mr. John A. Zurn had served as organist from boyhood days over a period of 35 years.

● On Sunday evening, May 6, the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., held a "Fellowship Hour" in which its new pastor, Mr. Adolph Braun, was honored and Professor Albert Bretschneider of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought the address. Mr. Edward Juecht, senior deacon, was in charge. Various societies took part in the program with musical numbers and recitations. Mr. Adolph Braun will be married to Miss Muryal Bareis of Rochester, N. Y., on June 23rd. He will be ordained into the Christian ministry on July 2nd by his home church, the Beaver Church of Midland, Mich., with Dr. George A. Lang, seminary president, bringing the ordination sermon.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, Cameroons missionaries stationed at Warwar, Mambila, visited several churches upon their recent return to the United States on their first furlough. On Sunday evening, April 22, Mr. Schneider spoke and showed Cameroons pictures at the Evergreen Church of Brooklyn, N. Y. On Sunday, April 29, he ministered to interested congregations at the Andrews Street and Mt. Olivet Baptist Churches of Rochester, N. Y. He was the guest speaker at a service in the Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton, Ohio, on May 6. Mrs. Mildred Schneider also addressed a women's meeting in Dayton, Ohio, and another women's service in Victor, Iowa, on May 10. The Schneiders stopped off at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on their way to Oregon, where they arrived on May 18 at their home in Dallas, Oregon.

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## HERALD NEWS

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES FOR JULY AND AUGUST

**South Dakota Young People's Camp.** June 26-July 1, Camp Lakodia, South Dakota. Speakers: Dr. Martin Leuschner, Miss Martha Leypoldt.

**Northern North Dakota Young People's Assembly,** June 30-July 7, Lake Bentley Camp, Drake, N. Dak. Speakers: Rev. E. P. Wahl, Rev. Richard Schilke, Miss Esther Schultz.

**Pacific Northwest Young People's Assembly,** July 9-15, Ross Point, East of Spokane, Wash. Speakers: Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. Gilbert Schneider, Missionary.

**Saskatchewan Tri-Union Assembly,** July 9-15, Echo Lake, Sask. Speaker: Rev. Herman Palfenier.

**Central Saskatchewan and Alberta Assembly,** July 16-22, Elk Water Lake, near Medicine Hat, Alberta. Speaker: Rev. Herman Palfenier.

**Alberta Junior Camp,** July 16-22, Sylvan Lake, Alberta.

**Manitoba Young People's Assembly,** July 18-24, Lake Dauphin Camp, Manitoba. Speakers: Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson.

**Alberta Young People's Assembly,** July 22-29, Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Speaker: Rev. Edwin Michelson.

**Oklahoma Young People's Camp,** July 25-29, Roman Nose Park. Speakers: Miss Ruth Bathauer, Mrs. William Wirth.

**Manitoba Junior Camp,** July 25-31, Lake Dauphin Camp, Manitoba. Speakers: Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson.

**California Young People's Assembly,** July 28-August 4, Lake Hume Camp, Calif. Speakers: Prof. Herbert Hiller, Miss Esther Schultz.

**Oklahoma Scripture Memory Camp,** July 29-August 1, Roman Nose Park. Speakers: Miss Ruth Bathauer, Mrs. William Wirth.

**Oregon Youth League Assembly,** August 11-17, Methodist Conference Camp, Suttle Lake Camp, Sisters, Ore. Speakers: Prof. Herbert Hiller, Miss Esther Schultz.

### YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

June 24—TALENT ROUNDUP,  
Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Camrose, Alberta, Canada.  
July 1—GOD OF OUR FATHERS. Miss Agnes Buckles, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

**Chicago and Wisconsin Young People's Assembly,** August 19-25, Salvation Army Camp, Antioch, Illinois. Speaker: Miss Esther Schultz.

### GREEN LAKE LEADERS' RETREAT PROGRAM

At Green Lake, Wis., for all C.Y. and S.S.U. Council Members, C.B.Y. presidents and Sunday School superintendents, July 27-29.

#### Friday—July 27

Afternoon—Registration and assignment of rooms.

6:00 P.M.—Dinner.

7:30 P.M.—Combined meeting with all pastors and youth leaders. Dr. W. W. Adams, speaker.

8:45 P.M.—Campfire meeting with young people in charge.

#### Saturday—July 28

6:55 A.M.—"Begin With God."

8:00 A.M.—Breakfast.

8:45 A.M.—Executive Committee gives brief presentation of all aspects of C.B.Y. and S.S.U. work.

9:45 A.M.—What our Council Representatives can do!

9:55 A.M.—Serving Through our C.B.Y.'s.

10:45 A.M.—Recess.

10:50 A.M.—Serving Through our Sunday Schools.

11:45 A.M.—Lunch.

1:30 P.M.—Open Forum.

2:30 P.M.—Tour of the grounds.

3:30 P.M.—Recreation.

6:00 P.M.—Dinner.

7:30 P.M.—Combined meeting with the Laymen and young people. Dr. A. J. Harms, speaker.

9:00 P.M.—Hour of Prayer.

#### Sunday—July 29

6:55 A.M.—"Begin With God."

8:00 A.M.—Breakfast.

9:30 A.M.—Sunday School.

10:45 A.M.—Morning Worship. Rev. Fred Ferris, Speaker.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Rev. Alex Sootzmann  
Route No. 1  
Branch, Louisiana.

Rev. G. P. Schroeder  
1600 S. 7th St., West  
Missoula, Montana.

Rev. William G. Trow  
Roosevelt, Utah.

Rev. R. H. Zepik  
Ochre River, Manitoba, Canada.

# The Sick Cry for Help

A total of 3714 patients were treated at Mbem in the Cameroons during the past two years. A new dispensary, maternity center and rooms for in-patients are desperately needed NOW!

By MISS LAURA E. REDDIG of Mbem, Africa, Missionary-nurse

FOR almost two years there was no nurse stationed at Mbem in the grass-land interior of the Cameroons. However, on returning here, I was happy to see that many still considered the Baptist Mission as a refuge for physical as well as spiritual ills. Several mothers brought their children for me to see them, for they had once been sick and had been helped at the little dispensary. One feels a definite sharing in the Master's work, as one sees children who are now well and strong, but who at one time were very sick or almost dead.

## THE BETTER MEDICINE

Mbem now has a large school, a growing Bible School, the large church teachers' and school teachers' staffs in the area, and large attendances at the

A Koffa Christian in the Cameroons grass-land country happily beats his drum and shows his best smile!



native markets. This means more and more people needing minor treatments and help for their many complaints. Many of the old medicine men have died, and the younger generations which have been influenced by the mission church and school are asking for the "better medicine" which the white man has to offer.

Three thousand, seven hundred and fourteen patients were treated at Mbem during the past two years. Of these, 142 were in-patients who had to be treated several times daily. There were twenty new little "chocolate-drops" born to gladden the hearts of their parents. A total of 17,232 treatments were given. What a lot of bitter quinine was given. And the gallons of castor oil! Also the pills and ointments and liquids to drink for many different complaints!

## THE MBEM DISPENSARY

The little two-room affair which served as a dispensary since 1939 was urgently needed as a guest house for missionaries helping in the Bible School. The dispensary was moved into the room formerly occupied by some mission chickens. When the Bible School grew and overflowed from the carpenter shop into the horse stable and into the chicken house, the dispensary again sought a working place.

This time it was put into a room in one of the school dormitories. This was unsatisfactory, for there is no separation of the sick from the well. Patients who need special treatments for several days have no place to stay. Occasionally one finds some sick person sleeping in the dormitories with school boys who come from their own town. It is not right to refuse one's countryman a place to sleep and food to eat. But school children have little enough food and are usually living in crowded quarters.

## NEED FOR EXPANSION

Since there is no place for in-patients, many mothers have taken their sick children back to the native medicine man. They do not have the time or patience to come long distances to the mission for just one dose of medicine. If they are given a bottle of medicine, they often drink it at one time. "If a little is good, plenty is better."

Here are some good reasons why

medical work ought to be continued and expanded at Mbem:

1) Mbem is two very long trek-days from our Bansa Hospital. To carry someone who is sick there would require four days.

2) Many minor ailments can be treated here, which do not especially require the busy doctor's attention.

3) The large school and Bible School present their problems of health. Even minor complaints, if untreated, hinder progress.

4) Men can go to Bansa Hospital, but women and children are left to manage for themselves. Women do the farming and so haven't time to travel far with their sick children.

5) Now that we have our own mission doctor, Mbem will be one of the places regularly visited. There must be a place where he can see the sick ones, and even do some minor surgery.

6) There will be more effective medical work done when there is a place for in-patients. This also offers a fertile field for the personal work of the Bible School students.

## BUILDING NEEDS

A little dispensary providing place for treating the many ulcers, burns and wounds, and all other complaints is urgently needed. A space for cupboards and shelves so that medicines and supplies can be found when needed and safely stored must be provided. We also need a place where the doctor can work when he comes for a clinic day.

Rooms for in-patients will do as much to check the power and influence of the medicine men, as the medicine we can give. Here one can watch the progress and be nearby in case of emergencies. These little rooms will allow for isolation of contagious diseases, thus preventing epidemics, especially among school children. As the sick are usually accompanied by relatives, these rooms will help them to feel more at home, and thus hasten recovery. As these sick ones stay at the mission, God's Word can be proclaimed to them, and they can be led to the Great Physician.

## MATERNITY CENTER

Just now, the nurse runs all up and down the valley helping mothers "born" their babies. This is costly in

time and energy. Having our own maternity building would help more mothers come to the mission, and result in better babies, and a decrease in death rates, both of mothers and babies. Special classes can be held for the prospective mothers, helping them to be physically, mentally and spiritually prepared for the arrival of their babies. Diet and feeding charts on the walls will teach more than words can.

Here the mothers can come for deliveries, assisted by a trained midwife, instead of the old grandmothers with their dirty hands and ignorance. Here the mothers can be taught how to care for their babies. Everyone can see that "Mission Babies" are better babies! Here too, little premature babies can be closely watched and cared for, and orphan babies can get their start in life before "adopting" new parents. Here the mothers can bring their growing-up babies for regular check-ups and watching. These "Mission Babies" should be a great asset as the future leaders of this country.

## NOW IS THE TIME!

The Mbem people have given a generous piece of land which is ideal for a medical unit of the required modest size. The Mbem people will assist in making some of the bricks required for the walls, and help in other ways to get the buildings up. Building costs are still fairly cheap at Mbem, but will increase in the near future, just as all other costs are in-

## WHO WILL HELP?

The sum of \$1993 has been set aside for this building program at Mbem, as described by Miss Reddig in the accompanying article. This is included in the total of \$15,000 for the Cameroons building program in the \$75,000 Special Projects (over and above the budget) representing our challenging Advance Program. All inquiries regarding the adoption of this special project for Mbem in part or in its entirety should be addressed to Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

creasing. Now is the time to build! Now is the time to enter into the opportunity of Christian service for these people in the name of the Great Physician.

"When I was sick, you cared for me." In the Master's Name, many hundreds can be relieved from suffering and even saved from death. The Evil One still succeeds in holding many of his own through the power and influence of the medicine men. We must fight him with Christian teaching, knowledge and a place to care for the sick.

## PROGRAM OF THE CENTRAL CONFERENCE,

June 21-24, 1951

Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Conference Theme: "Hear the Word of the Lord."  
Conference Text: "Is there any Word from the Lord? And Jeremiah said: There is" (Jeremiah 37:17).

### THURSDAY

7:45 P.M. Opening Service. Sermon: "God Has Spoken" (Heb. 1:1-2). Rev. Frank Veninga. Address of Welcome and Response.

### FRIDAY

9:30 A.M. Christ's Word on Repentance: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). Rev. W. J. Luebeck.  
10:00 A.M. Organization, Business and Reports.  
11:15 A.M. Christ's Word on Faith: "Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22). Rev. Herman H. Riffel.  
11:45 A.M. Christ's Word on Love: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples" (John 13:35). Rev. John Grygo.  
12:30 P.M. Luncheon.  
2:00-4:00 P.M. Women's Missionary Union.  
2:00-3:00 P.M. Meeting of Ministers and Laymen. Preaching to the Needs of the Individual. "Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee" (Luke 7:40). Prof. T. W. Bender.  
4:00-5:00 P.M. Conference Business.  
5:30 P.M. Dinner.  
7:45 P.M. Evening Service. Sermon: "We Have No Alternative. To whom shall we go? Thou hast words of eternal life" (John 6:68). Rev. A. McAsh.

### SATURDAY

9:30 A.M. Christ's Word on Peace. "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you" (John 14:27). Rev. Monroe Chalfant.  
10:00 A.M. Conference Business, Elections etc.  
11:30 A.M. Christ's Word on the Future. "When shall these things be?" (Matt. 25:3). Rev. Victor H. Prendinger.  
12:00 Noon Young People's Business Meeting.  
1:00 P.M. Lunch and Recreation.  
7:00 P.M. C.B.Y. Banquet. Christ's Word to the Youth of Today. "Young man, I say unto thee . . ." (Luke 17:14). Rev. J. C. Gunst.

### SUNDAY

9:30 A.M. Sunday School.  
9:45 A.M. German Service. Rev. Otto Patzia.  
11:00 A.M. Conference Mission Service. "The Hurry Call of Jesus." I (We) must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work (John 9:4). Prof. R. P. Jeschke. Visiting Pastors in the other Chicago churches.  
12:30 P.M. Dinner in the homes.  
3:00 P.M. Young People's Rally.  
7:45 P.M. Memorial Service. Dr. William Kuhn.  
8:30 P.M. Closing Service. When Is It too Late? "Time shall be no more" (Rev. 10:6). Rev. Edwin Miller.

## PROGRAM OF THE 48th NORTHERN CONFERENCE

July 4th-8th, 1951 at Winnipeg, Manitoba,

McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, 829 McDermot Avenue.

REV. DANIEL FUCHS, Pastor.

The Theme: "THE NEW LIFE IN CHRIST;" "Das neue Leben in Christus."  
The Text: "Behold I Make All Things New" "Siehe, Ich mache alles neu," (Offg. 21:5; Rev. 21:5).

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th

8:00 P.M. Opening Service: Leader: Rev. D. Fuchs, Winnipeg, Man. Welcome: by the pastor, Rev. Fuchs. Response: by the Moderator, Rev. C. H. Seecamp, Leduc, Alta. Message: "Behold I Make All Things New," Rev. J. G. Rott, Carbon, Alta. Substitute Speaker: Rev. R. Rapske, Medicine Hat, Alta.

### THURSDAY, JULY 5th

9:00-9:15 A.M. Singspiration: Rev. Reinh. Kannwischer, Regina, Sask.  
9:15-9:45 A.M. Devotion: Rev. Robert Jaster, Nokomis, Sask. "Ein neuer Name", Offbg. 2, 17; 3, 12.  
9:45-11:30 A.M. List of Delegates. Reading of Church Letters, Reception of new Ministers and Church Workers and Denominational Workers. Rev. C. H. Seecamp, Moderator of the Conference.



11:30-12:00 Quiet Half Hour. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, Editor of Baptist Herald, Forest Park, Ill.  
 12:00-2:00 P.M. Dinner and Fellowship Hour.  
 2:00-2:15 P.M. Singspiration. Rev. Reinh. Kannwischer, Regina, Sask.  
 2:15-2:30 P.M. Devotion. Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Cleveland, Ohio, Editor of "Send-bote. "A New and Living Way" (Heb. 10:20).  
 2:30-3:00 P.M. Continuation of reading of Church Letters.  
 3:00-3:20 P.M. Report. Christian Training Institute Representative, Rev. Karl Korella.  
 3:20-3:40 P.M. Report. Haven of Rest Representative, Rev. R. Milbrandt.  
 3:40-4:00 P.M. Report. North American Baptist Seminary, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner.  
 4:00-5:00 P.M. Mass Choir. Rev. Karl Korella, Edmonton, Alta., Conference Choir Director.  
 5:00-5:30 P.M. Ministers' Conference. Dr. Leuschner, "Denominational Advancement."  
 5:30-7:45 P.M. Supper and Fellowship.  
 8:00 P.M. Song leader, Rev. Henry Schatz, Leduc, Alta. German Message, "Ein neues Herz" (Psalm 51:10), Rev. John Wahl, Onoway, Alta. English Message, "A New Creature" (2 Cor. 5:17), Rev. Henry Schumacher, Wetaskiwin, Alta.

## FRIDAY, JULY 6th

9:00-9:15 A.M. Singspiration. Rev. Reinh. Kannwischer, Regina, Sask.  
 9:15-9:45 A.M. Devotion. "Die neue Hoffnung" (Röm. 12, 12). Rev. E. H. Nikkel, Southey, Sask.  
 9:45-11:00 A.M. Report: Publication Society, Rev. W. J. Luebeck. Report: Mission Secretary Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, Winnipeg, Man. Election: Mission Committee; Mission Secretary; Haven of Rest Officers.  
 11:00-11:30 A.M. Memorial Service. Rev. A. J. Milner, Moosehorn, Man.  
 11:30-12:00 Quiet Half Hour. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner.  
 12:00-2:00 P.M. Dinner and Fellowship Hours.  
 2:00-2:15 P.M. Singspiration. Rev. Reinh. Kannwischer, Regina, Sask.  
 2:15-2:30 P.M. Devotion. "The New Walk of the Christian" (Eph. 5). Rev. G. J. Thiessen, Olds, Alta.  
 2:30-3:00 P.M. Report. Immigration, Rev. Wm. Sturhahn, B.W.A. I. Secretary.  
 3:00-4:30 P.M. Special Program of the Ladies Missionary Union with Mrs. Florence E. Schoeffel, President of the National Woman's Missionary Union as Guest Speaker.  
 4:30-5:00 P.M. Mass Choir Rehearsal. Rev. Karl Korella, Edmonton, Alta.  
 5:00-5:30 P.M. Ministers' Conference. General Discussion of Ministerial Problems. Rev. J. B. Kornalewski, Chairman.  
 8:00 P.M. Song Leader. Rev. Karl Korella, Edmonton, Alta. German Message, "Ein neues Gebot" (John 13:34-35), Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Cleveland, Ohio. English Message, "A New Message" (1 John 1:5), Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Camrose, Alta.

## SATURDAY, JULY 7th

9:00-9:15 A.M. Singspiration. Rev. Reinh. Kannwischer, Regina, Sask.  
 9:15-9:45 A.M. Devotion, "Der neue Bund" (Jer. 31:31-34; Hes. 34:25), Rev. Hugo Lueck, Edmonton, Alta.  
 9:45-10:15 A.M. Report: Denomination, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, Promotional Secretary.  
 10:15-11:30 A.M. Election of Conference Officers; Committee Reports; Unfinished Business.  
 11:30-12:00 Quiet Half Hour. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner.  
 12:00 Noon Dinner.  
 AFTERNOON: Free for Picnic and further plans by the entertaining church.  
 EVENING: This is YOUTH NIGHT. A full inspirational program outlined by the local church young people. Exact time to be announced. Speaker, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner.

## SUNDAY, JULY 8th

9:45 A.M. Sunday School Session. Local Sunday School in Charge. Greetings from other Superintendents and Teachers.  
 11:00 A.M. German Morning Worship. Leader, Rev. Daniel Fuchs. Mission Message: Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, Dr. C. H. Seecamp, substitute.  
 2:30 P.M. Closing Service. Song Leader, Rev. J. B. Kornalewski. German Message, "Das neue Lied" (Ps. 96; Offbg. 15:3), Rev. Philip Daum, Prince George, B. C. English Message, "A New Heaven and A New Earth" (Rev. 21:1-6), Rev. W. J. Luebeck.

## INVITATION

Pastor and people of the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church join the officers of the Northern Conference in extending a most cordial invitation to this year's session to be held from the 4th to the 8th of July. Delegates and visitors are requested to register as soon as possible with either the pastor, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, 829 McDermot Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, or the clerk of the church, Mr. P. Penner, 647 McDermot Avenue.

## AN EFFECTIVE MINISTRY

(Continued from Page 10)

What, then, is the focal point of the Gospel that makes it a compelling message? It is the event which transformed the Gospel message from a mere formula for leading a good, moral life into a power destined to shake the whole world, and to give new meaning to life itself. It is the event which changed the disciples from a group of panic stricken, scattered, disillusioned and defeated followers of Jesus, into a body of believers which, with ever increasing numbers and strength has withstood and survived every known assault over almost twenty centuries of intervening time.

It is, and can only be, the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. Without that, his death on the Cross loses all significance. But once accept his resurrection from the dead as a fact, and the whole pattern of salvation falls into place. Immediately, his supernatural birth, his sinless life, his atoning sacrificial death, and his sacrificial death, and his promised return become meaningful.

Jesus, himself, never claimed that his death alone would accomplish our salvation and bring us eternal life. Jesus said: "I am the resurrection, and the life." Again: "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me but I lay it down myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father." The basic purpose of the death of Christ was to demonstrate his power to rise again. As he said: "Because I live, ye shall live also."

Paul was very specific about this vital point. Not for one moment did he believe or preach that Christ's death accomplished our salvation. He stated: "If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins." And to the Romans, he wrote: "It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again." What Paul was saying is that the death of Christ on the Cross in itself would have been ineffectual; it was his resurrection that gave it efficacy. There could be death, without resurrection and without salvation. But with resurrection, there was death and salvation.

Why do men fear and deny the resurrection? Because, if it be not true, then each man may live an autonomous life unto himself, of which death is the final and eternal sleep. Because if it be not true, then there is no eternal judgment, and no eternal damnation. As Paul said: "If the dead rise not? let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

"But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept." It is only a risen Christ who could, and did, say: "All

ANNUAL MEETING  
of Baptist Haven of Rest for the  
Aged Society.

The annual meeting of the Baptist Haven of Rest for the Aged Society will be held in the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Wednesday, July 4, at 2 P.M.

R. H. ZEPIK, Secretary.

power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." That is the focal point of the Gospel. That is the compelling message that makes for an effective ministry.

Once we accept the risen Christ, we gladly accept discipleship with him, and our own life takes on significance. Once we accept the risen Christ, we have the hope of eternal life for ourselves. Our faith is predicated upon an empty Cross and an empty tomb. Commencement Day for the Christian really will come when we join our Lord and Savior in the resurrection from the dead.

How can there be an effective ministry? By setting as the goal the one to which Paul aspired when he exclaimed: "THAT I MAY KNOW HIM, AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION."

IMPORTANT IMMIGRATION  
NOTICE

Expellees, whether Reichsdeutsche or Volksdeutsche, have the same rights to apply for admission to the United States, Edward M. O'Connor, acting chairman of the Displaced Persons Commission, recently explained.

In an effort to clarify a misunderstanding relative to the eligibility of these groups, O'Connor emphasized that the Commission has made no distinction between the types of expellees, adding that the Displaced Persons Act guarantees equal treatment to both Volksdeutsche and Reichsdeutsche.

At the same time, he pointed out that the Commission has set no time limit on acceptance of assurances for these expellees, and stressed that "a great many more assurances are needed in order to guarantee that the full number of expellees authorized by Congress will be admitted to the United States." Under the law, he said, visas must be issued prior to June 30, 1952, and assurances will be accepted by the Commission until announced otherwise.

## We, the Women

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



Mrs. Florence E. Schoeffel of Chicago, Ill., president of the National Woman's Missionary Union and editor of the department, "We, the Women."

## TO ANSWER OUR QUESTIONS

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had a magic carpet which could take us in a moment's time from one end of the country to the other, so that we could drop in on your women's meetings, and answer personally all the questions you have concerning the work of our Union and your share in it. That would be a pleasure, indeed, but since it is only "wishful thinking," we must do the next best thing and devote this page of the "Herald" to an explanation of some phases of our work.

**GOALS FOR 1949-1952.** Many questions have been asked about the Seven Goal Achievement Chart. It is to be used as a guide for the work of your society each year during this triennium. A report blank is to be filled out annually, and returned to us at the Forest Park office. (If you have not sent in your report for the year just completed, April 1, 1950—March 31, 1951, you may still do so. We would like to hear from you.) Following are the seven goals, with comments on each, designed to answer questions that have been asked.

**1. Spiritual Life.** No definite percentage of members participating in Daily Bible Reading and Prayer is required, but this goal should be frequently mentioned and whole-hearted cooperation sought.

**2. Missionary Education.** The missionary books read should be at least 150 pages in length. Reading the book aloud in a group, at a time other than the regular meeting will count.

**3. White Cross.** No definite quota is required. Do as much as you wish. Note the revised list in the March issue of "Broadcast." A new White Cross list will be published in the Fall. In the meantime, use the revised list.

**4. Denominational Cooperation.** It is important that our denominational or household budget receives the full amount estimated, so that each cooperating society may be able to carry on its work most efficiently. Be sure that your society sends a regular contribution to the Forest Park office, designated for the denominational budget.

Please remember that the \$3.00 Woman's Union dues should be paid each year to our treasurer, Mrs. T. Lutz, North Freedom, Wis.

**5. Special Missionary Project.** We suggest that your anniversary offering or other special offerings be designated for our two-fold mission project: Cameroons Medical Mission and Seminary Kitchen.

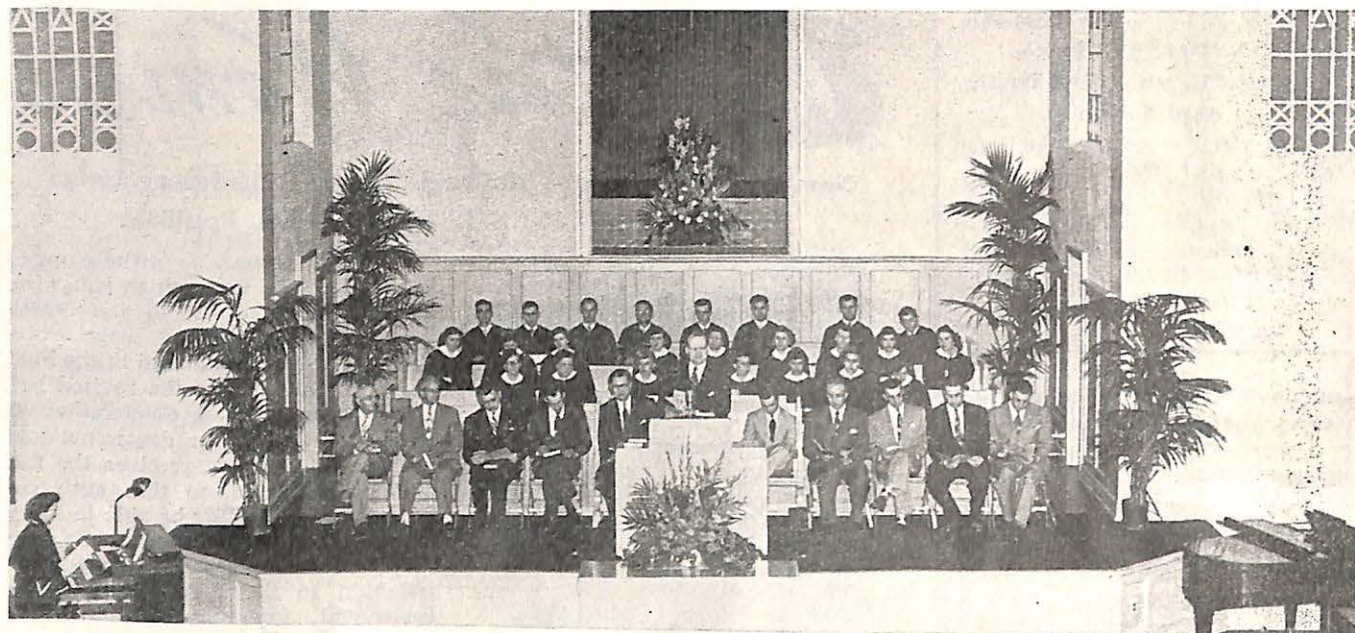
**6. Planned Calendar.** A mimeographed or printed "year book," listing topics for each meeting, program leaders, hostesses and other activities, distributed to each member of the society, is desirable.

**7. Personal Evangelism.** House-to-house visitation, prayer lists, distribution of tracts, special prayer groups are some of the ways in which this goal may be carried out. No definite percentage of members participating is required.

**"BROADCAST."** Have all of you who read the "We-the-Women" page seen a copy of our Union paper, the "Broadcast?" If not, someone in your group is probably falling down on the job! Check up on your president and minister's wife. Both of them should be receiving the paper. If they are not, ask your past president. Perhaps, she is still on the mailing list, because the change in officers was not reported. Someone in your group should be getting it—AND using it! She should pass on the information and inspiration in the paper to the other members of the society.

This is what one reader, Mrs. Leland Friesen of Sherwood, Ore., thinks of the "Broadcast":

Just what pencils are to writers,  
Just what frosting is to cakes,  
Just what tools are to the plumber,  
Just what water is to lakes,  
Just what flavor means to candy,  
Just what gas is to the bus,—  
Oh yes, by now you understand  
What the "Broadcast" means to us!



The platform of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., on the Sunday afternoon of the festive dedication services with the local pastor, Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, guest speakers and Detroit pastors besides the church choir ready to participate in the inspirational program.

# Dedication of Church Buildings

Reports about the dedication of new edifices for the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Mich.; the Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon; the Calvary Church, Billings, Montana

## Dedication of the \$258,000 Edifice of Detroit's Ebenezer Baptist Church

Dedication services for the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., were held the week of April 29th and concluded on Sunday, May 6th. Dr. Frank Woyke was guest speaker for Sunday, April 29th. In the morning and evening services he brought the messages and he was also the principal speaker at the afternoon service when pastors and people of the sister Detroit churches celebrated this happy event with us.

On Thursday, May 3rd, Dr. Martin Leuschner presented the missionary work of our denomination by means of beautiful pictures, and also showed views of the dedication of our Seminary. At this service the Ebenezer projection equipment with a power-driven, 11 by 14 foot, beaded screen, was dedicated. This screen is operated by the projectionist from the balcony, and it drops from a recess above the platform.

Saturday, May 5th, marked a fine banquet and program for youth and Sunday School workers in the basement auditorium. This room has sufficient space for 350 persons at banquet tables, and a large, modern kitchen is a feature of the facilities. David Draewell was master of ceremonies with two neighboring ministers bringing greetings. Dr. Gordon Brown, dean of Central Baptist Seminary and friend and former professor

of the Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, brought a stirring message on the "Person of Christ."

Sunday, May 6th, concluded this glorious week with Dr. Brown as guest preacher for the morning and evening services. A service of baptism was conducted by the Rev. E. Arthur McAsh on this Sunday night when ten converts obeyed the Lord in baptism. Modern robing facilities and a tiled, beautifully situated baptistry add to the impressiveness of this ordinance.

Ebenezer people have looked forward to the relocation and building of their new church for several years. We praise God that it is now an accomplished reality.

The building of our present church was first conceived in 1939 since a large number of Ebenezer people were moving away from our old neighborhood. Beginning in 1939, sacrificial offerings were taken to create a strong building fund.

Late in 1947 one of our Building Board members spotted our present land. When it was made known to the church membership that we could own this property (4½ acres) at the incredibly small sum of \$15,000, on Wednesday 5, 1947 we purchased the land through action of the congregation.

On Saturday, June 5, 1948, we began to clear our property which at that time was dense woods and underbrush. All through the summer, on Saturday and evenings, we worked

hard to clear our site. In the meantime, plans and specifications were rushed to hurry actual construction. Then on Sunday afternoon, October 10, 1948, ground breaking ceremonies were conducted with the pastor and representative officers of the church each turning the sod. It was a beautiful Fall day as the brilliant leaves swayed gently in the sunshine. A large percentage of our membership was on hand to join in dedicating the property to our Savior's glory. Actual excavation began on Monday, October 18, 1948.

All through the winter construction continued. On Easter Sunday afternoon, April 17, 1949 the cornerstone was laid. Our pastor, Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, spoke to a large group of our people who braved a continual drizzle to be on hand. In the heavy copper box, which was sealed inside the cornerstone, there was placed a Bible, 50th Anniversary Book, 1948-49 Directory, newspaper clippings of that date, and a program of the occasion.

Through the spring and summer construction progressed steadily. Finally on Sunday, November 13, 1949, we moved into our new home. From that time until last Easter we worshiped downstairs in our basement. We were very happy there, since the Holy Spirit was with us and many were added to the church through conversion, faith and transfer of membership. Early in 1950, however, it became evident that our facilities were not large enough. Our basement was

repeatedly filled for worship services and our Sunday School classes were conflicting with each other. Construction was begun anew last Fall to complete our new auditorium.

We have a beautiful sanctuary and a practical work-shop for the service of the Lord. But we would glory in HIM who is our Savior and for Whom we live and labor. This building is but a means to an end.

The complete capacity of the sanctuary including the Chapel used as overflow is 741 persons. Lighting and ventilation arrangements are unique features. The Chapel accommodates 135 persons. The off-street parking-lot will hold 165 cars, and this must be enlarged before Fall. The cost of the building construction was \$212,000. Together with property, furniture, equipment, etc., the total expenditure for this project was \$258,000. The Building Committee consists of Herman Skubick, chairman; Rev. Arthur McAsh, Otto Nitsch, Emil Witt, Irvin Draewell and Ben Russell. Our church can sincerely say, "Here I'll raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come." To our God be the praise!

—Building Dedication Committee.

## Trinity Church of Portland, Ore., Holds Its First Services at New Location

Final services were held by the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., at its previous location at S.W. 4th Avenue and Mill Street on Sunday, April 8th. At the morning service our pastor, the Rev. John Wobig, spoke on "Christianity and You." In the evening Mrs. Margaret Billeter, organist, gave a short recital. The choir directed by Arthur G. M. Strowger gave an all request program and the pastor spoke on "The Past and Future."

Trinity Church, originally the First German Baptist Church, was organized on Sunday, January 4, 1891. The Rev. F. Reichle was the first pastor. Of the 17 charter members, one is still living—Conrad Wyss. A Sunday School was organized in May 1891 with F. Maulbetsch as superintendent.



—Photo by Eric A. Pohl

The last service held in the old building of the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., on Sunday, April 8, which had been in continuous service since 1911. The pastor, Rev. John Wobig (third from left, front row) and the church deacons and assistant pastor are seated in the two front pews, facing the camera.

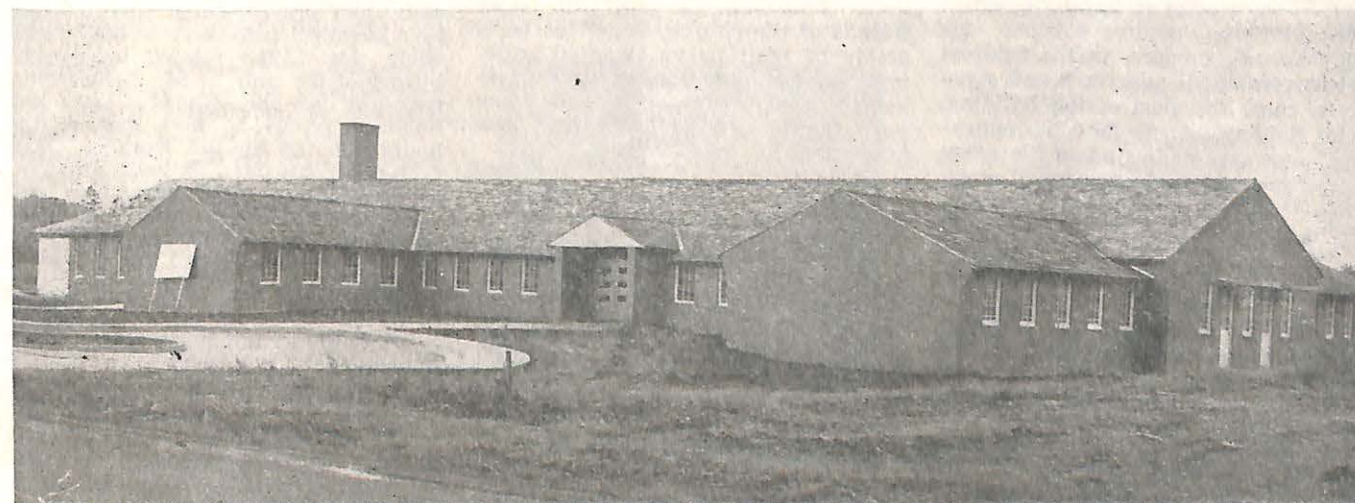
During the ministry of the Rev. W. C. Rabe the property at 4th Avenue and Mill Street was purchased, and the old church was then erected.

In 1911 the church was remodeled and enlarged as it appeared when final services were held there. It is interesting to note the contrast in the cost of building materials then and now. The old church, including erection and remodeling, cost approximately \$28,000. The educational unit alone of the new church at present costs approximately \$140,000.

In July of 1896, the Rev. Jacob Kratt began his pastorate of 40 years. During his years of ministry the church membership increased from 85 to 657. The present membership is 560. This does not include the Gencullen Mission. At one time Trinity Church was the largest congregation in our Baptist fellowship.

Ranch type homes are the vogue these days in the West. Trinity's new home is a ranch type church on a four acre tract at S.E. 67th Ave. and Clinton Street. The project is a long way from completion since the sanctuary has not yet been started. The spacious one-story rambling building provides ample facilities for every Sunday School department. On a second floor room is a large recreation hall. Construction has been under way since last August. Much work was done by volunteers.

The Sunday School is completely departmentalized. There are large auditoriums for general gatherings and four department assembly rooms with classrooms adjoining. The 32-room unit includes modern kitchen facilities, a church parlor, library, Sunday School office, small and large classrooms and assembly halls. The



—Photo by Eric A. Pohl

The new \$140,000 educational unit or Sunday School building of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., which will also be used for such services for the present. This building was used for the first time on Sunday, April 15, 1951.



The newly dedicated edifice of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Mont., of which the Rev. David Littke is the pastor.

school is supervised by Mr. James D. Billeter.

The first services were held on Sunday, April 15th. At 11:00 A.M. the Rev. John Wobig, pastor, spoke on "What Meaneth This Building?", and at 7:45 P.M. on "Playing the Game Together." The combined youth groups met at 6:45 P.M. for a service through visual aid when the film, "The Life of the Apostle Paul," was shown.

The first Sunday had a most auspicious beginning. Our Bible School attendance showed a 25 percent increase from that at the old location, and the first worship service found every available seat occupied with some even standing. Visitors were in evidence throughout the worshipping congregation. We praise God for this.

The old pipe organ is to be rebuilt for the new church as an electric three manual, pneumatic action organ. A new two manual Hammond Organ is now being used. Present plans are to use the old stained glass windows from the old church in the new sanctuary unit. At the new location the church has a large parking lot, which will provide ample parking for motorists. A modern public address system carries all programs and services to most any part of the building.

On Sunday, April 29, the educational unit was dedicated to the glory of the Lord and to the service of mankind. Dr. J. F. Olthoff of Tacoma, Wash., was our guest speaker for the day. He spoke at the morning worship service and brought a brief dedicatory message in the afternoon at which time the churches of the Oregon Association had been invited. Pastors from these churches gave words of greetings and Dr. T. W. Millikan of the Western Baptist Seminary delivered the dedicatory prayer.

We plan to have open house for the public on Sunday afternoon, June 27th. We feel the Lord has given us a wonderful field in which to work, and we look forward to days of blessings and increase under his guidance.

Martha Kepl, Reporter.

### Dedication of New Edifice of the Calvary Baptist Church, Billings, Montana

A dream of more than two decades became a reality on Sunday, April 8th, when the new Calvary Baptist Church in Billings, Mont., was dedicated "to the glory of God." Even though the beginning of this splendid mission field goes back to the time when the Reverends Gruhn, Eichler, and Niemann served as Dakota Conference missionaries, the church actually took a foothold in 1944 when a small group of our people purchased a building 16 by 22 feet for a few hundred dollars and converted it into a place of worship.

The Rev. R. Sigmund, then pastor at Hettinger, N. Dak., was asked by the Dakota Conference Missionary Committee to undertake this work. On September 8, 1944 he moved with his family to Billings. That same Fall the foundation of the present beautiful edifice was laid. On New Year's Day in 1945 the Calvary Baptist Church was organized with 15 members. This same group, with other friends of the church, under the leadership of their pastor, worked untiringly to complete their church basement so that on Feb. 11th of the same year they could dedicate their new sanctuary.

The Sunday School increased rapidly and became the life, joy and hope of the church. Within one year the church was debt free. Immediately the members, though few in number and financially weak, adopted a building budget ever bearing in mind the bigger and better church. In the summer of 1948 Mr. Sigmund left the field to become the superintendent of the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak.

A few months later the Rev. David Littke of Plevna, Mont., accepted the challenge of this marvelous mission field. He, together with his building committee, became the master architect and builder of the beautiful, impressive and practical new edifice.

With practically all labor contributed, the cost of the new church was approximately \$19,000. The church has a capacity of about 290 persons, including 65 balcony seats and a choir loft for 25. In addition there are ten Sunday School rooms which will provide ample accommodations for all classes, with room for growth. A fine kitchen has two gas ranges, large double sink, built-in cabinets with 200 cubic feet of space and other facilities for special occasions. The baptistry, behind the choir loft, is arranged so that candidates may approach from either side of the church. In back of the baptistry is an oil painting of a river winding through rocks and trees, with a ridge of mountains framed with clouds in a blue sky in the background. The picture, painted by the Rev. Charles Wagner of Portland, Ore., is recessed to allow soft, indirect lighting, and sets off the church interior.

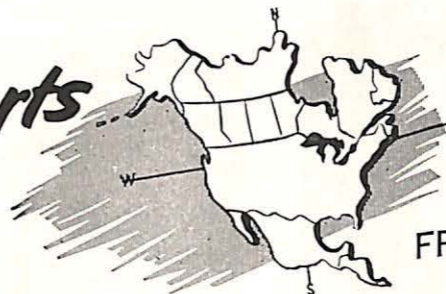
Sunday, April 8th, will never be forgotten by the members and friends of the church. In the morning the congregation and friends gathered at the door of the church and sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." The guest speaker for the day, Dr. George Lang, president of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., invoked God's blessing and read Psalm 24. The doors were unlocked and swung open by the deacons, Herman Fuchs and Ray Seidel, and we all marched into this glorious sanctuary to the music of "Onward Christian Soldiers" played on the piano by Miss Darlene Littke. Mr. Daniel Fuchs, superintendent of the Sunday School, introduced the Rev. R. Sigmund who spoke of the privileges and challenge of the school. In the morning service Dr. Lang spoke on "Our Church Family" based on Eph. 2:13-22.

After a delicious ham dinner, prepared and served by the ladies of the church in the dining room, we again met at 2:30 P.M. for the dedication service. After the reading of the Scripture passage by Mr. Sigmund, the keys of the church were presented to Mr. Littke by Mr. Herman Fuchs. Dr. R. H. Moorman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Billings, spoke the dedicatory prayer which was followed by a beautiful anthem from the church choir. Mr. Littke related briefly the history of the church. Mr. Ernest Otis, treasurer of the church, gave the financial report as also that of the hours donated by the workers. Mrs. G. Beutler and Mrs. Wilmer Huber of Plevna sang a duet. Greetings and good wishes followed from the representatives of our churches from Hettinger, N. Dak.; Plevna, Mont.; Vida, Mont.; Sidney, Mont.; and Bismarck, North Dakota.

After the reading of God's Word and prayer in the evening service, we were favored with two numbers by the male chorus. Dr. Lang lifted our hearts once more with his message on "The Dynamic Christ." We arose to sing "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds" and thus ended a perfect day. The mission offering throughout the day amounted to \$495.

E. Sigmund, Reporter.

## Reports



### FROM THE FIELD

#### Pacific Conference

#### Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the King's Daughters School Class at Anaheim, Calif.

On Thursday evening, April 26, fifty guests and members of the King's Daughters Class of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California, gathered around tables, beautifully decorated with white sweet peas and silver ribbons, in honor of the 25th anniversary of the class.

Mr. Dan Wedel, the superintendent when the class was organized, led in the opening prayer. A delicious dinner was served by the class and afterwards a program was given of musical numbers, a short talk by our first teacher, Mrs. Emma Leuschner, informal talks by former presidents, teachers and the superintendent.

Mrs. Dora Quast gave a report on the class' 25 years of activities. Our class has been very busy in the Master's vineyard. Mrs. Frieda Hartman, who has been our faithful treasurer for most of the 25 years, brought a financial report.

Our present officers are: Mrs. Olga Meyer, president; Mrs. Lula Vester, vice-president; Mrs. Frieda Hartman, treasurer; Mrs. Amanda Stankey, secretary; and Mrs. Elizabeth Wedel, teacher. A joyful evening was spent by all, and with closing prayer by our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Menno Thiessen, we left with happy hearts. May we be faithful during the coming 25 years!

Mrs. Amanda Stankey, Secretary.

#### Spring Rally of the Oregon Baptist League at the Bethany Baptist Church

The 24th annual Spring Conference of the Oregon Baptist League was held April 6, 7 and 8 at the Bethany Baptist Church, Portland, Ore.

The Friday evening meeting was opened with a song service led by Ernest Bauder of Trinity Church and Scripture and prayer by Roland Rich of the Bethany Baptist Church. A wonderful message was brought to us through the film, "Again Pioneers." This story of migrants and our duty to spread the Gospel to them as servants of Jesus Christ is certainly a great challenge to us as Christians.

On Saturday evening a delicious ham dinner was served by the Bethany Church. Business and the election of a vice-president and secretary for the coming two years was conducted after the banquet. Carlton Egiman of Bethany was elected vice-

president and Bernietta Wobig of Trinity was elected to the office of secretary. They will take office after the summer assembly which will be held in August, 1951. President George Bauder presided at all the meetings and special numbers were provided by the Trinity, Salt Creek, Bethany, Salem and Immanuel Churches.

Two stirring messages were delivered to us on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon by Dr. Arthur M. Collins, professor at Western Baptist Theological Seminary and the Rev. Herman Palfenier, evangelist.

We thank the Bethany Church for their hospitality and, most of all, we thank our Lord Jesus Christ for these opportunities of fellowship in his Name.

Margie Lou Lawrence, Secretary.

#### Dakota Conference

#### Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harm Weeldreyer, Emery, South Dakota

One of the pleasant events at the Emery Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., was the 50th wedding anniversary on April 18th of Mr. and Mrs. Harm Weeldreyer, parents of Myrtle Weeldreyer, missionary nurse in the Weeldreyer, open house was held in Camerons. Open house was held in the afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock at their home in Emery.

In the evening a dinner was given in their honor in the dining room of the church, which was attended by about 55 relatives and close friends. The bridal table was decorated with a gold trimmed, three-tiered wedding cake, gold candies and yellow jon-cake. Later in the evening nieces and



Mr. and Mrs. Harm Weeldreyer of Emery, South Dakota, at the 50th wedding anniversary dinner held in their honor in the dining room of the church.

nephews came to offer congratulations and best wishes.

A program consisting of various numbers was given by members of the family and the Rev. D. S. Wipf read Scripture, offered a few appropriate remarks and congratulations, closing with prayer. This was followed by colored slides of their daughter Myrtle's trip to Africa, where she is a missionary nurse. At the close of the evening lunch was served to all present. Many lovely gifts were received.

Five of their eight children were present for the occasion. Of their 19 grandchildren 13 were present, and of their three great-grandchildren two were present that evening. To be privileged to share the joys and sorrows of home life for 50 or more years is a rare occurrence. The Weeldreyers are to be congratulated and the Lord praised for his grace and mercy.

D. S. Wipf, Pastor.

#### Reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Emil Becker at New Leipzig, N. Dak.

Sunday, May 6th, was a great day for the New Leipzig Baptist Church of New Leipzig, N. Dak., for on that day they were privileged to welcome their new minister, the Rev. Emil Becker, and his wife. As a church they had been pastorless ever since the Rev. and Mrs. Bruno Schreiber left them last Fall. During those months since the Schreibers left them, they have been very active in many ways. They have kept up all the services and also remodeled their church completely. They now have a beautiful church in which to worship God. Congratulations to an active church as New Leipzig!

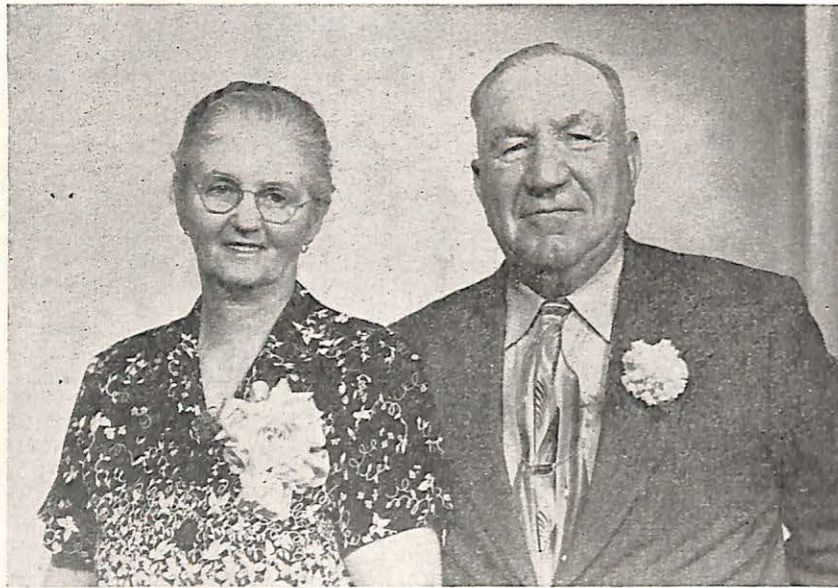
On Sunday morning, long before the Sunday School was to start, the people came from far and near and filled the new church. Some people were disappointed since they came too late to find a seat. Because of the great crowd the Sunday School could not divide into classes, but all were addressed by the Rev. C. T. Rempel from Hebron.

The morning and afternoon services were under the leadership of Mr. Rempel who had been invited for that purpose. In the morning service the new minister of the church brought an impressive message based on Phil. 3:10. His first sermon in that church was well received.

After that morning service all people were invited to stay for a delicious dinner. Those ladies of our churches in North Dakota know how to prepare meals! Hundreds of people were fed, not only at noontime, but also after the service in the afternoon.

Then at 2:00 P.M. the real reception service for the Beckers started. It was a great afternoon. New Leipzig is noted for good singing and we heard much of it that afternoon. Then the representatives of the various organizations of the church spoke fitting words of welcome to the Beckers and assured them of their prayers and cooperation. Finally the Beckers spoke and thanked the church for kindness which had been manifested to them.

C. T. Rempel, Reporter.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Renschler of Linton, N. Dak., who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary with their six children and with members of the Linton Baptist Church.

**Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Renschler of Linton, N. Dak.**

On April 5th it was fifty years since Mr. and Mrs. Charles Renschler of Linton, N. Dak., gave each other their marriage vows. Since then they have lived on their farm near Linton and God has blessed them. Besides the temporal blessings, God also gave them six children who are all living. These children put much effort and planning in preparation for this Golden Wedding Jubilee in honor of their parents. Even though it was rather early in the Spring, the day was beautiful so that many guests from the community and out of state could attend. A brother and sister of the bride came as far away as the state of Washington.

The anniversary celebration was held in the Baptist Church at Linton on the evening of April 5th. The parents were escorted to seats of honor on the platform by their two oldest children. Then followed a planned program of greetings, singing and a

message by the pastor, the Rev. A. Huber. When the bridal couple was called upon, they expressed their joy and sincere appreciation to God, their children, relatives and many friends who made this occasion possible.

All the children and families, except the youngest son were able to be present at this gathering. They are: Bertha (Walther) at Linton; Otto residing at Mandan, N. Dak.; Albert and Esther at home; Adolph at Rifle, Colo.; and Marie (Cordes) at Bismarck, N. Dak. The bridal couple received many beautiful and useful gifts that will ever remind them of their Jubilee and of the faithfulness of God throughout the years. May the Lord richly bless them!

A. Huber, Pastor.

**Pentecost and Mother's Day Services at the Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota**

The Venturia Baptist Church of Venturia, North Dakota, has again experienced some of the rich blessings

that God has in store for all, if we but ask for them.

Pentecost Sunday on May 13 was a day filled with gladness and blessings from God. It was our privilege to see nine persons follow the Lord through the waters of baptism. These had come forward to make their public confession of Christ as their Savior during our evangelistic meetings last Fall. Following the baptismal service, on Pentecost Sunday morning, the hand of fellowship was extended to these and to two others who came by letter. This was followed by all gathering around the Lord's table to observe communion.

Since it was also Mother's Day, our Commissioned Baptist Youth presented a Mother's Day program in the evening. The program was made up of group singing, quartet and instrumental numbers and a short talk by the pastor, the Rev. Raymond Dickau. A corsage of roses was presented to the oldest mother of our church, who is ninety years old and is in good health. Since we had decided to give half of our offering to missions to the Bender Memorial Crusade, we also had a film from Forest Park on "Indians on the Jesus Way," presenting one aspect of our missions as a denomination.

The church at Venturia again has shown its kindness and love in a visible way toward its pastor and family. Recently a love offering was taken which amounted to \$207.77, which was given to the pastor and family. As a church, they have shown their love in innumerable ways to us and to the Kingdom's Work. May the Lord richly bless his children for their love and kindness.

Raymond Dickau, Pastor.

**Northwestern Conference**

**Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis., Observes 60th Anniversary With Festive Services**

The members of the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., spent Sunday, May 6, in an all-day observance of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the congregation. The full-day program opened with an an-

niversary session of the Sunday School at 9:00 A.M., and a special service at 10:45 A.M. A dinner followed at noon and the official anniversary service took place at 2:30 P.M. Supper was served at the church at 5:00 P.M. and an evening service held at 7:00 P.M., completing the anniversary observance.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., and the pastor, Dr. M. Vanderbeck, heralded the anniversary with inspiring messages at the various services. During the morning service, Dr. Leuschner cited the need for a firm foundation in the church, pointing out that a church can not continue to grow and serve the Lord unless it is built on faith and the Word of the Bible. The faith of those who started the church, he declared, has made it possible for the church to continue its growth. "A church built on God's Word," he said, "cannot fail." That is how we, the members of the Bethel Baptist Church, feel as we place our faith and trust in the Lord to carry us through the years ahead.

During the morning service, two babies were dedicated to the Lord at a special dedication ceremony. They were brought to the House of the Lord by their parents, who pledged to bring these children to a knowledge of the One who died for them, and for all. Special music during the morning service consisted of a solo by Mr. Roland Bathauer and a selection by the choir.

During the afternoon services, the Bethel Men's quartet, consisting of Mr. Francis Guenther, Mr. Ottar Rohrstaff, Mr. Roland Bathauer, and Mr. Charles Bellmer, presented two selections, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schulze rendered a duet. Gerald Schmidt also presented a solo, "Bring Them In."

The evening service was the most beautiful service of the entire day, as six candidates were baptized during an impressive service. They were Mr. Jerome Hansen, Mrs. Betty Hansen, Miss Ruth Ann Krause, Ottar Rohrstaff, Jr., Thomas Oldenburg and James Oldenburg. The Gibbsville Men's Quartet presented several numbers, as did Phyllis and Edith De-Smith, and Miss Marilyn Ramaker in the evening service.

The church was filled to capacity on this day, and the sliding doors of the Sunday School room had to be moved aside to accommodate the overflow. This room also filled up in a hurry. The church auditorium was filled with the most beautiful array of flowers from many business places of the city and also from several families of the church. There was a shortage of space to take care of the many fine bouquets.

The day was filled with many happy moments and it will be remembered for a long time to come. We were happy to have Mr. Leuschner as the guest speaker, for he is known and loved by all in Bethel. Now as we go into our 61st year as a church, we rejoice together in unity of spirit and hearts, as we look to our Lord as our Guide. We know that God will use Bethel Church in a mighty way to win souls for his Kingdom.

—Anniversary Committee.

**Obituary**

**MISS EMILY KLEPPE of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.**

Miss Emily Kleppe of Milwaukee, Wis., daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Carl Kleppe, was born on February 9, 1862 in Manitowoc, Wis. Her father organized the First German Baptist Church in Milwaukee in 1855. She was converted in her childhood and reached the age of 89 years. She was a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church for almost 79 years.

She passed away on April 27. In the absence of the pastor, the undersigned conducted the memorial service on April 30. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Emma Riesen, 95 years of age, and many nieces and nephews. She possessed a radiant nature and her life was full of good works. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin  
DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT, Correspondent.

**MISS ELSIE GOLTZ of Benton Harbor, Michigan.**

Miss Elsie Goltz of Benton Harbor, Mich., aged 38 years, born to Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Goltz on March 21, 1913 at Saint Joseph, Mich., went to her eternal reward on Saturday, April 21st, in the Saint Joseph Sanitarium. Having been reared and nurtured in a Christian home and atmosphere, she became conscious of her need of the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ at the early age of nine. Her genuine Christian experience was soon followed by baptism performed by Rev. Jacob Hermann.

By nature she was an unassuming and unpretentious individual. Her faith in the cardinal truths of God's Word were evidenced by a consistent Christian walk and testimony. In her quiet manner she led a most active and effective Christian life. She faithfully discharged the duties incumbent upon her as a member of the church in the varied activities that became her responsibility. For years she played her violin in the Sunday School and also the piano; she also served as a Sunday School teacher. In recent years she rendered a most appreciative service as church organist. She was a member of the choir and also sang with the Sunshine Choristers. She rendered invaluable service as a faithful member of the Sunshine Sisters organization.

Her active life for her church and Savior could only be lessened by the on-coming, insidiously encroaching disease of brain cancer that eventuated in her redemption from the world of sorrow and woe. Her passing is being mourned by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Goltz, and a host of friends. Words of comfort were spoken by the undersigned based on Matt. 5:8.

Clay St. Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Michigan  
WILLIAM HOOVER, Pastor.

**Annual Spring Rally of the Minnesota Woman's Missionary Union at St. Paul**

The annual Spring Rally of the North American Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Minnesota and LaCrosse, Wis., met at the Riverview Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., on May 6. The theme chosen was, "She Hath Done What She Could" (Mark 14:8).

The program consisted of a variety of interesting numbers, all pertaining to the thought of missions. Each society contributed a number such as devotions, flannelgraph, musical reading, chalk drawing or music. We were thankful that the Rev. Richard Schilke, newly appointed denominational

**MRS. KATHERINE LAUBACH of Okeene, Oklahoma.**

Mrs. Katherine Irion Laubach of Okeene, Okla., was born April 18, 1868 in Russia and died in the local hospital of Okeene on Tuesday morning, April 24, at the age of 83 years and 6 days.

In the year 1879 she came to the United States with her parents, settling in Kansas. On February 7, 1886 she was united in marriage to John Laubach. To this union were born 14 children, five preceding their mother in death. Those remaining children to mourn her passing are: Emanuel and William Laubach of Houston, Texas; Bertha (Mrs. Jake Geis) of Okeene, Okla.; Emma (Mrs. Vogt) of Kansas City, Mo.; Ed Laubach of Los Angeles, Calif.; Hannah (Mrs. Wm. Geis) of Okeene; Lydia (Mrs. Ricard), Los Angeles, Calif.; Elsie (Mrs. Phil. Hammer), Topeka, Kans.; and Olivia Laubach of Ponca City, Okla. Eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren, two brothers: Ed Irion of Basset, Neb., and August Irion of Okeene; three sisters: Mrs. Mary Sharp of Topeka, Kans., Mrs. Minnie Fox, Raton, N. M., and Mrs. Jake Armbricht, Fort Collins, Colo., also mourn her home-going.

The Laubachs came to Oklahoma the year the territory was opened. Mr. Laubach passed away in 1941. Mrs. Laubach was converted in 1887 and lived a faithful Christian life. She was a member of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene at the time of death.

Zion Baptist Church, Okeene, Oklahoma  
MRS. HERMAN LAUBACH, Church Clerk.

**MR. JOHN HENRY MULLER of Victor, Iowa.**

Mr. John Henry Muller of Victor, Iowa, was born into the home of Henry and Adelaide Muller of Victor, Iowa, on April 2, 1881. He grew up at home on the farm and farmed at Victor all his life.

He accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior while a boy and was baptized and became a member of the Victor Baptist Church in 1927, being an active member the rest of his life.

He married Freda Skersies of Dallas, Ore., on Christmas Day, 1923. To this union two daughters were born. They are Mrs. Joy Henriette Boren and Miss Shirley Anne Muller, both of Des Moines, Iowa.

The Muller family was very closely bound together as few families are. Mr. Muller was a good Christian example and a wonderful father. He was very loving to his wife and daughters.

He was ill for a long time and finally succumbed to his illness on Tuesday evening, January 30, at 9:00 P.M. Left to mourn his passing are his wife; two daughters; four sisters: Mrs. Nellie Zirbes, Mrs. Anna Bohstedt, Miss Mattie Muller, and Mrs. Adelaide Folkerts; and four brothers: Herman, Harry, Walter, and Louis, all of Victor. Also there are a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted by the pastor at the Victor Baptist Church.

Victor, Iowa  
DALE CHADDOCK, Pastor.



The Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., with its pastor, Dr. M. Vanderbeck, pointing to the bulletin board announcing the church's observance of its sixtieth anniversary on Sunday, May 6, 1951.

## Southwestern Conference

### Christian Workers' Conference at Shell Creek Baptist Church Near Columbus, Nebraska

The following churches were represented at the northern division of the Southwestern Conference Workers' meeting, held on April 9 and 10 at the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb.: Bethany, First Dickinson County, Lorraine, Mt. Zion, West Side Beatrice, Creston, and La Salle. There were 55 Sunday School workers and young people's leaders present beside those from the host church.

The session opened on Monday evening, April 9, with the Rev. John Borchers leading the song service. The Rev. P. Hunsicker, pastor of the host church, welcomed all and the president, Miss Evelyn Meyer of the Southwestern C.B.Y. and S.S. Union responded. The Rev. J. C. Gunst brought the opening message as well as all other main messages.

The following day was divided into two main clinics. Mr. Gunst led the C.B.Y. and various pastors led the Sunday School classes. The topics discussed by Mr. Gunst were: "A Youth Group and Organized Group," "A Planned and Trained Group," "A Participating, Growing, Missionary Group," and "A Sharing, Friendly, Church-centered Group," using the new standard as the background.

The Sunday School topics discussed were: "A Growing and Evangelistic School" by Rev. J. Kruegel; "A Baptist and Missionary School" by Rev. G. Neubert; "A Graded Church-going School" by Rev. J. Broeder; "A Leader Trained and Planned School" by Rev. H. Schauer.

Mr. Gunst led an open forum in the afternoon on the problems of both groups. He also tied the efforts of the conference together with the message at the closing service by presenting the challenge for all of the workers to go out and be "doers."

H. Schauer, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### Activities of the Men's Crusaders in Christ at Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich.

Saturday, April 28, was a joyous occasion for the "Men's Crusaders in Christ" of the Holmes Street Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich. It was our pleasure to entertain the wives of our members and others guests that evening at a pancake supper. After the supper, all the guests were invited to attend our regular monthly meeting.

The "Men's Crusaders in Christ" is a new organization banded together for Christian fellowship to prepare ourselves through Bible study and prayer to win the lost for Christ by personal work, jail service, hospital calls, mission services and any other means possible. On the third Saturday evening of each month we have

## NEW SUBSCRIPTION PRICES FOR OUR PUBLICATIONS

Owing to the tremendous increase in paper and production costs, the Board of Trustees of the Roger Williams Press has found it necessary to increase the price of the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote." Effective July 1, 1951, the price will be as follows: "Baptist Herald", \$3.00 per year, Club Plan \$2.50. Foreign countries (except Canada and South America) \$3.50 per year. The same rates apply to "Der Sendbote."

This decision has been reached after much thought, and was finally made with the sincere trust that our people will understand the absolute necessity of this action.

The editor will announce in a forthcoming issue the special features which are now being planned for the "Baptist Herald" in 1952 which will make this publication, even at an increased cost, more indispensable and inspirational than ever.

taken charge of the meeting at the City Rescue Mission. Our prayer is that we may grow in God's grace and be a better witness for him, so that others may be brought to the saving knowledge of Christ.

Albert Draher, Reporter.

### Recent Programs Conducted by the Harmony Club of Cleveland's White Avenue Church

The kitchen of the White Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, was the center of activity as members of the Harmony Club made preparations for the annual Father's and Son's banquet, which was held on April 27th.

The evening's program included an interesting and informative talk by a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a comedy skit including a barber shop quartet, and several musical numbers by the Girls' Chorus Group.

The banquet was well attended, the food was delicious and plentiful, and a spirit of good fellowship prevailed throughout the evening. The young adults, who comprise the membership of the Harmony Club, felt that the banquet was well worth the time and effort that were put forth.

On Easter Sunday morning a sunrise service was conducted by the Harmony Club. The program contained an inspiring meditation by the Rev. Paul Zoschke and a soprano-alto duet entitled, "The Lord Is Risen." At the close of the service an attractive and nourishing breakfast, prepared by members of the Harmony Club, was served in the Fellowship Hall to approximately 75 members and friends of the church.

Hazel Mader, Reporter.

## CONFERENCE DATES

June 20-24—DAKOTA CONFERENCE at Aberdeen, South Dakota. Dr. George A. Lang, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, and Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Missionaries, Speakers.

June 21-24—CENTRAL CONFERENCE at the Foster Ave. Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois. Prof. R. P. Jeschke, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. W. J. Luebeck and Miss Esther Schultz, Missionary, Speakers.

June 21-24—ONTARIO ASSOCIATION at Killaloe, Ontario. Rev. Herman Palfenier, Guest Speaker.

June 25-29—BADLANDS YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY at New Leipzig, North Dakota. Prof. R. P. Jeschke and Miss Esther Schultz, Missionary, Speakers.

June 25-July 1—CENTRAL DAKOTA YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY at Jamestown College, Jamestown, N. Dak. Rev. E. P. Wahl, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, and Miss Esther Schultz, Missionary, Speakers.

June 26-30—MINNESOTA YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY at Camp Lebanon, Upsala, Minn. Prof. Herbert Hiller and Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Missionaries, Speakers.

June 26-July 1—SOUTH DAKOTA YOUNG PEOPLE'S CAMP at Camp Lakodia, S. Dak. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner and Miss Martha Leypoldt, Speakers.

June 27-July 1—PACIFIC CONFERENCE at Bethel Church, Salem, Oregon. Prof. Ralph E. Powell and Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert Schneider, Missionaries, Speakers.

June 30-July 7—NORTHERN NORTH DAKOTA YOUNG PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY at Lake Bentley Camp, Drake, N. Dak. Rev. E. P. Wahl, Rev. Richard Schilke and Miss Esther Schultz, Missionary, Speakers.

July 4-8—NORTHERN CONFERENCE at McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Dr. Martin Leuschner and Mrs. William L. Schoeffel, Speakers.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS

June 21-24—CENTENARY JUBILEE of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N.Y. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Representing the Denomination.

June 25-29—ATLANTIC CONFERENCE. Ministers' Retreat at Young People's Cottage, Bradley Beach, New Jersey.

July 8 (Sunday)—Paul, Idaho. Dedication of new church. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Guest Speaker.