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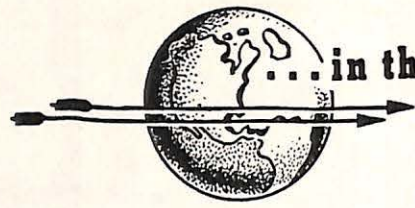
Baptist Waitresses at the Chicago Sunday School Banquet

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And the Lepers Rejoiced!

Miss Laura E. Reddig

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...in the course of human events

● Plans are under way for setting up a Christian radio station "somewhere in Northern Europe" it was announced here by Baron W. T. Frary von Blomberg of Washington, D. C. Baron von Blomberg, who is active in the International Council for Christian Leadership, said the radio outlet will be financed by churchmen in Europe and the United States and will operate on an "interdenominational basis," twenty-four hours a day. He said Christian messages will be broadcast in a variety of languages, with much of the station's efforts aimed at people behind the Iron Curtain. "It is for this reason that we cannot announce the location of the station," he added. Baron von Blomberg said it is hoped broadcasting can begin "sometime next spring."—United Evangelical Action.

● Some 400 youth and adult delegates attended the recent seventh annual conference at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., of Allied Youth, national temperance organization which works mainly through schools. They heard speeches by various leaders, including Kenneth D. Wells of Freedoms Foundation; Daniel Poling, founder of the movement; and J. C. Penney, merchant and chairman of its board of trustees. New programs on personality development were presented, and scientific knowledge on the effects of drinking on the lives of teen-agers was made available. W. Roy Breg, executive secretary, announced that during the preceding week 1000 new members had joined Allied Youth, bringing the total membership to over 16,000. Largest post is that in the Amarillo, Texas, high school; it has 1050 members.—Christian Century.

● Walter H. Smyth, Director of Billy Graham Evangelistic Films, Inc., announced completion of the newest Billy Graham production "Oil Town, USA." Houston, Texas—around which the story was written—will also present the world premiere of "Oiltown, USA" in its 10,000 seat Coliseum with three showings scheduled for March 3, 4 and 5. The national premiere will be held in Constitution Hall, Washington, D. C., with subsequent premieres scheduled in Carnegie Hall, New York; Civic Opera Building, Chicago; and the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. The film, produced in full color, is an hour and twenty-minute picture, centering around the Billy Graham Crusade in Houston which saw in one service 60,000 persons in attendance at Rice Stadium for the

largest meeting ever held in the history of evangelism.—United Evangelical Action.

● Plans for a petition to President-elect Eisenhower by leading Protestant clergymen and other citizens asking him not to extend diplomatic recognition to the Vatican by sending an ambassador or personal representative are being mapped here. The petition was promulgated in connection with the fifth annual Conference on Church and State sponsored by Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State held in Washington, D. C., the week before inauguration. The two-day conference was climaxed by a public mass meeting in Constitution Hall the night of Thursday, January 15. Dr. Charles J. Turck, president of Macalester College, St. Paul, Minn., and Rev. Leland Stark, pastor of Church of the Epiphany (Episcopal) of Washington, D. C., were the principal speakers.—United Evangelical Action.

● President-elect and Mrs. Dwight D. Eisenhower have selected National Presbyterian Church as their place of worship in Washington, D. C. Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor, conducted a pre-inaugural service for members of the immediate family at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 20. Less than three hours later the general became President of the United States. National Presbyterian church traces its ancestry to the White House itself. In 1794, a group of stone masons working on the construction of the future executive mansion held services in a little carpentry shop in a thicket that eventually became part of the White House grounds. First Presbyterian church grew out of this small group of worshippers. Subsequently, the church merged with Church of the Covenant to become the present National Presbyterian church, whose house of worship dates from 1883. Presidents who have worshipped at the church include Andrew Jackson, Franklin Pierce, James K. Polk, James Buchanan, and Grover Cleveland. Presidents Ulysses S. Grant and Benjamin Harrison also worshipped there from time to time.

FRONT COVER PICTURE

The picture shows the North American Baptist waitresses who served at the tables for the recent banquet of the Chicago Sunday School Union. The photographer was Mr. Herman Siemund of the Grace Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois.

ENGAGEMENTS

- Dr. Frank H. Woyke
March 8 (Sunday) — Burlington, Iowa.
- Rev. R. Schilke
March 1 (Sunday)—Missoula, Mont.
March 4 (Wednesday)—Medicine Hat, Alberta.
March 4-5—Northern Conference Mission Committee session at Medicine Hat, Alberta.
- Rev. J. C. Gunst
March 1 (Sunday)—Bethel Church, Indianapolis, Indiana.
March 8 (Sunday)—Central Church, Erie, Pennsylvania.
- Rev. M. L. Leuschner
(All of his engagements have had to be cancelled until after Easter Sunday because of illness.)
- Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist
March 1-13—Chilliwack, B. C.
- Rev. Herman Palfenier, Evangelist
March 1-13—Spring Valley Church, Canistota, South Dakota.

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Editorial

The Observance of Bible Day

WE AS NORTH AMERICAN BAPTISTS are one of very few denominational groups who are continuing the time-honored custom of observing Bible Day as a Sunday School program. Bible Day on Sunday, March 8th, will be the 54th observance in an unbroken series for many years. It is the most natural expression of our spiritual witness as North American Baptists in giving the Bible the high eminence that it deserves in our thinking and in our living.

The late Dr. William Kuhn used to refer to us as "Bible believing Baptists." Our faith is focused on the Bible as God's infallible Guide for our conduct and as God's revelation of his power and grace in Jesus Christ. We have never had any reservations about the inspiration of God's Word "from cover to cover." Every one of us, who has entered actively into the North American Baptist fellowship, has experienced God's saving grace and helping power because the Scriptures have become for him or for her the divine revelation of God in the Lord Jesus Christ. For us personally the Scriptures have been given by inspiration of God "that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Timothy 3:17).

The Bible is not only the key that unlocks the door to the understanding of our personal faith and power, but it is also the secret of our missionary zeal and passion. As North American Baptists we are eagerly advancing on world-wide fronts. We believe earnestly that God's Word must be preached to a lost world. "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14.)

"This preacher" to the peoples of the world is certainly, in the last analysis, the Holy Spirit working through God's Word and made known by the ministry of the missionary. The missionary is only the servant of God who presents the message of truth and grace and love which alone can redeem lives for eternity.

For this reason alone the work of the Publication Society is a missionary and evangelistic ministry. Bibles are sent to the missionaries on our various fields. Read the article by the Rev. E. J. Baumgartner to acquaint yourself with what is being done along these lines. Christian literature is being made available to other peoples in their own languages and dialects. The story of the Good News is being sent forth on the wings of the printed page to all corners of the world. Because of this, our denomination has always regarded the Publication Society, not as a business house, but as a corporate society within our fellowship that is engaged in a great spiritual and evangelistic ministry.

Bible Day on Sunday, March 8th, will remind you of this three-fold emphasis that we are Bible-believing Baptists in our personal faith, that the Bible is the key to our missionary zeal and witness, and that our Publication Society deserves our support because of its spiritual, worldwide ministry. Let all of us join enthusiastically in the observance of Bible Day!

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Facing the Pierced Jesus

This Scriptural sermon is published in response to the urgent request of a number of "Baptist Herald" readers and with the permission of the author

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE, D.D., Litt.D

WHEN THE LORD Jesus died on the cross, the soldiers thrust a spear into his side and there came out blood and water. And thereby hangs a tale, with tender and profound and beautiful lessons from the Word of God. In John 19:30-37 the story is told as follows: "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation, that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day, (for that sabbath day was an high day) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. Then came the soldiers, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water. And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe. For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced."

THE DEATH OF CHRIST

Men are guilty of the death of Christ. In their wicked hearts they hated him and planned to kill him. In their hearts they did kill him. Peter said in Acts 2:23, "Him, being delivered by the determinate council and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain." Again in Acts 3:15 Peter said that they had "killed the Prince of life." But it was significant that in Acts 5:30 Peter again said that God raised up Jesus, "whom ye slew and hanged on a tree." Actually they killed him before they crucified him. They were guilty of his death long before Jesus died.

And yet, in a sense, nobody killed Jesus. He himself "gave up the ghost." Jesus could not die without his own consent. Many a time they had tried to kill him and could not. Jesus himself said, "I lay down my life, that

I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself" (John 10:17-18). So when the time came, Jesus said, "It is finished!" and gave up the ghost.

So Jesus, with a loud cry, dropped his head upon his breast and gave up his Spirit. The stupendous tragedy now is done, except for a last detail. "Without shedding of blood is no remission," so the blood of the God-man, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world, must be shed, poured out for man's sin. So a soldier, not knowing what he did nor why, took a spear and thrust it into the side, into the very heart of Jesus—and there poured out a saving flood of blood and water.

Now with reverent hearts and with unshod feet, let us consider two great themes in this Scripture: first, the piercing of Jesus, why it was and what it meant and second, who will face the pierced Savior. Remember that the text said, "And they shall look on him whom they pierced."

THE PIERCING OF JESUS

These short verses have much to tell us. How weighty they are with meaning!

1. Consider first that Christ must be taken down from the cross for the "high sabbath" which began at sundown.

The day when Jesus was crucified, we are told, "was the preparation," that is, the day of preparation for the passover feast. It was the fourteenth day of Nisan, the first month of the Jewish calendar, when every family in the nation (or two small families together) were to kill the passover lamb and prepare it for eating in the evening. Read the story in Exodus chapters 12 to 18. When Jesus died, the Jewish nation had been observing this annual passover feast for fifteen hundred years.

Every year of the fourteenth day of Nisan, whatever the day of the week, each family would kill its passover lamb in midafternoon. The lamb would be roasted whole with fire and eaten that night with bitter herbs in memory of the passover night when the children of Israel came out of Egypt, and looking forward to the com-

ing Savior, God's passover Lamb, who would deliver all who would trust him from the bondage of sin and Satan. The Jewish day began at sundown. At sundown would begin the fifteenth day of Nisan. The passover lamb would be eaten, and that evening would begin the seven days' feast of unleavened bread.

That approaching fifteenth day of Nisan was a high Sabbath; that is, not a weekly Sabbath, Saturday, but an annual Sabbath. For in Exodus 12:14 we are told, "And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever." It was a Sabbath day, that is, a day of rest; an annual Sabbath, the Sabbath when the passover lamb would be eaten and when the feast of unleavened bread would begin. Hence the Jewish leaders demanded that Christ and the two thieves should be taken down from the cross.

THE PASSOVER LAMB

It becomes clear, then, that Christ himself did not eat the passover lamb. Jesus ate a certain passover meal with them, as you see from Luke 22:8, 15. But it was simply a preliminary meal of the day of preparation, which began at sundown, the day before Jesus was crucified. In that meal they ate bread and drank wine or grapejuice, and did not eat the passover lamb.

The reason that Jesus did not eat the passover lamb was that he himself was the Passover Lamb, and he had to die at the very time appointed for the slaying of the passover lambs throughout the nation. For fifteen hundred years all the Jews had been following the clear instructions of the Lord that the passover lambs should be slain on the fourteenth day of Nisan. How strange it would be if God had sent this prophecy for so many centuries and then had his Son, his Passover Lamb, to die on the wrong day! God forbid! No, that midafternoon when Jesus died, it was the very time for the slaying of passover lambs, the time foretold in prophecy, the time observed for fifteen centuries.

That leads me to say further that the fourteenth day of Nisan, when

Jesus died, must have been Wednesday afternoon. Our Catholic friends think that Jesus was crucified on Friday, because it is said that the next day was a Sabbath day. But I believe they are mistaken. The Sabbath here mentioned in John 19:31 was not the weekly Sabbath on Saturday but the annual Sabbath, which, this year, I think, came on Thursday.

Jesus himself had plainly foretold that "as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 12:40). I am familiar with all the arguments, but I do not see how, if Jesus were crucified on Friday and was in the grave only two nights and one day, this Scripture could have been fulfilled. As Dr. R. A. Torrey has so well explained, Jesus could be in the grave some more than seventy-two hours and fulfill the prophecy that he was "three days and three nights in the heart of the earth," but it seems impossible that he could fulfill the Scripture in less than seventy-two hours.

Hence I believe that Christ died Wednesday afternoon. Some time Wednesday night, allowing for the cleansing of the body, anointing with spices and wrapping in fine linen, and the solemn interment in Joseph's new tomb Jesus was buried. Then Thursday and Friday and Saturday Jesus was in the grave—three days and three nights—and then he arose, fulfilling the Scripture to the letter. The only reason men ever believed he was crucified on Friday is because the following day is said to have been a Sabbath. But since it was the annual Sabbath, which would come on a different day each year, there is no reason to suppose the crucifixion was not on Wednesday, which fulfilled the Scriptures to the letter.

Besides, if Jesus were crucified on Friday, there is no account in the gospels of his activities on certain days of that week.

The anxious haste of the Pharisees to get Jesus down from the cross led to the piercing of the Savior which was foretold in prophecy.

ANOTHER PROPHECY

2. Let us consider next why his bones were not broken as the Jewish leaders intended.

"The Jews, therefore . . . besought Pilate that their legs might be broken," we are told. So I suppose the soldiers took the Roman battle-axe and chopped at the propped-up knees and thighs of the two tormented thieves until they were broken, and those thieves, perhaps with curses on the one hand, and moans on the other hand, died of the shock and agony and the loss of blood.



"The Crucifixion" as graphically pictured by Munkacsy in his famous painting, the original of which is now owned by the Wanamaker Store of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Then the soldier turns to the Savior on the middle cross to do the same task. Will they desecrate further that holy body? Perhaps Mary sobs afresh; the lips of John the beloved move in stony misery. Even the gaping crowd, strangely moved, watches to see them break the bones of the Lamb of God.

But, dear reader, I think all the angels in Heaven looked on with trembling horror as they started to break his legs. I think that demons in the air or fallen angels in Hell may have grinned in anticipation. The weight of all the souls in the universe, for a moment, depend upon that gleaming axe—for if they break the bones of Jesus, then he cannot save anybody. If they break his bones, then there will be no gospel to preach, the Scripture has not been fulfilled, God's plan has failed, and there is no Savior for sinners! For long ago it had been prophesied of the Savior that "a bone of him shall not be broken." If Christ's legs are broken, he is not the promised Messiah, his death is not according to the Scriptures, and he could not save anyone.

The twelfth chapter of Exodus and the ninth of Numbers give many detailed commands about the passover lamb which pictured Christ. It must be a male lamb, since Christ is man, not woman. It must be a lamb of the first year, in its prime, since Christ died about the age of thirty-three. It must be without spot or blemish to picture the sinless Savior. It must be roasted with fire without water, because Christ had no water when he was thirsting on the cross, and the rich man in hell could not get even a drop of water to cool his tongue, and there is no alleviation of the torments of the damned which

Christ tasted for all, The roasted lamb was to be eaten with bitter herbs picturing Christ's sufferings.

And then Numbers 9:12 plainly commands, "They shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break any bone of it." And now for fifteen centuries the Israelites had roasted their lambs whole, hand and legs and all, and not a bone could be broken and maintain the type. And now if Jesus has his bones broken, he is not the promised Passover Lamb, and all of God's plans for saving the world through him would fall through. Oh, how eagerly all the hosts from Heaven must have looked down when the soldiers started to break the legs of the Lord Jesus!

What is the gospel by which we are saved? It is not simply that Christ died for us. That is good news, but that is not all of it. It is not simply that he died and rose again. No, the gospel that Paul preached, we are told in the inspired language of 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, is "That Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." Oh, when Jesus died, it must be according to the Scriptures! If Jesus died any other way, then he could not be the Savior of poor lost sinners.

So John 19:36 tells us, "For these things were done, that the scriptures should be fulfilled. A bone of him shall not be broken."

HIS SIDE PIERCED

3. Jesus must be pierced with a spear because it was foretold in prophecy.

Our text in John 19:37 says, "And again another scripture saith, They

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And the Lepers Rejoiced!

A deeply moving story of the first Christmas at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement with the 44 lepers lighting their candles in praise to God for his gift of love in Jesus Christ!

By MISS LAURA E. REDDIG, Missionary-nurse at the Leper Settlement

THE CHRISTMAS story, with which most of us are so familiar, was a brand-new story for many of our 44 lepers. Love such as this story shows was hard for them to fathom, though they seemed more than eager to believe this good news of a Savior for the world and for them.

For a whole month the various Christmas stories were told over and over again. Jesus, Bethlehem, Mary, Wise Men, Herod and angels became familiar words and names to them. Those who did not quite understand the Settlement vernacular (Pidgin

population, we thought a Christmas program would be impossible. But the five young boys (ages about 10 to 12 years) showed their ability and eagerness to have their own part. For over a month, after bathing in the spring, having their ulcers dressed, and finishing their evening meals, the patients gathered around Sam Gabe, our headman (his wife is a patient), to learn some new songs and to hear the stories of Christmas again and again. Even Ngariba, our little man who wears a happy grin all the time, could take part in the singing and clapping of hands.

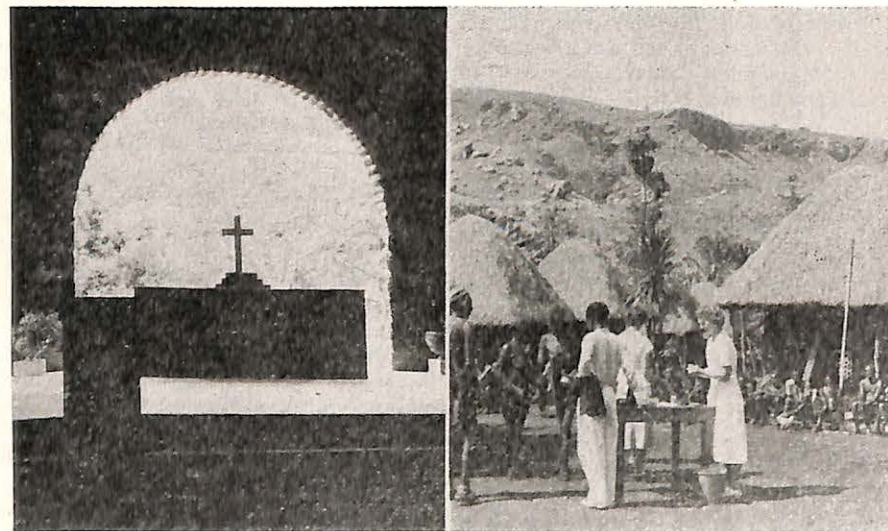
All Christmas Eve their voices could be heard as they sang the Christmas songs and choruses. They were ready for the big day. The entire center of the large compound was sheltered and shaded with banana leaves, which made a colorful and cool shade for all. All patients had their best shirts and shorts clean and ready. Somewhere in a pot in each house was a bit of fresh beef for their Christmas chop-palaver.

How happy everyone looked as they greeted the missionaries with "Happy Christmas!" The "meeting whistle" was sounded by the leper headman, Solomon, and everyone brought his stool to form a large circle under the banana leaves. This circle under the banana palms, with the happy faces, was just enough "decoration" for the large outdoor room. Joshua, a former schoolboy, led many songs and choruses. In the "Hallelujah, Hallelujah" song, the five boys took their part, singing almost as loudly as all the others. A little drum and two calabash rattles were the Settlement's Christmas present, and the boys really made these instruments "talk."

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Once again the beautiful Christmas story was told. "This Jesus came because he loved us and because he wants us to follow him and have a wonderful life with him every day." "He does not mind if we have ulcers on our feet or marks on our bodies." "He came to be your very own Savior." "Just as the medicine is making your bodies well again, so Jesus came to make our souls pure, and our lives useful and beautiful."

After more singing, several "thank you" prayers were offered to God for sending us a Savior. The manger scene appeared, with Sam Gabe as Joseph; Katrina, his wife, as Mary; and their little baby. It seemed just right that here among dark-skinned worshippers, the baby should be a black baby, lying in the manger-box. The five boys surrounded the manger scene and recited their Christmas verses and sang their songs. No Wise Men came with rich gifts for the



The chapel in a leper settlement in Nigeria, visited by Missionary Laura E. Reddig some time ago, who is shown at right giving pills to the lepers at the Bamenda Settlement.

English) were given the stories by their own language. Everyone heard, and everyone knew that this would be a special season for them. Last Christmas, most of these patients were at home, avoided and shunned by the people of their villages because of having leprosy. At this Christmas, many can already boast of improvement, and all have faith that complete healing will be theirs.

Here they are among friends. They are not forbidden to enter other houses in the Settlement, to join in the stories around the fireside, or to share in a meal or a game, for everyone in the Settlement is a leper, and all are here for treatment.

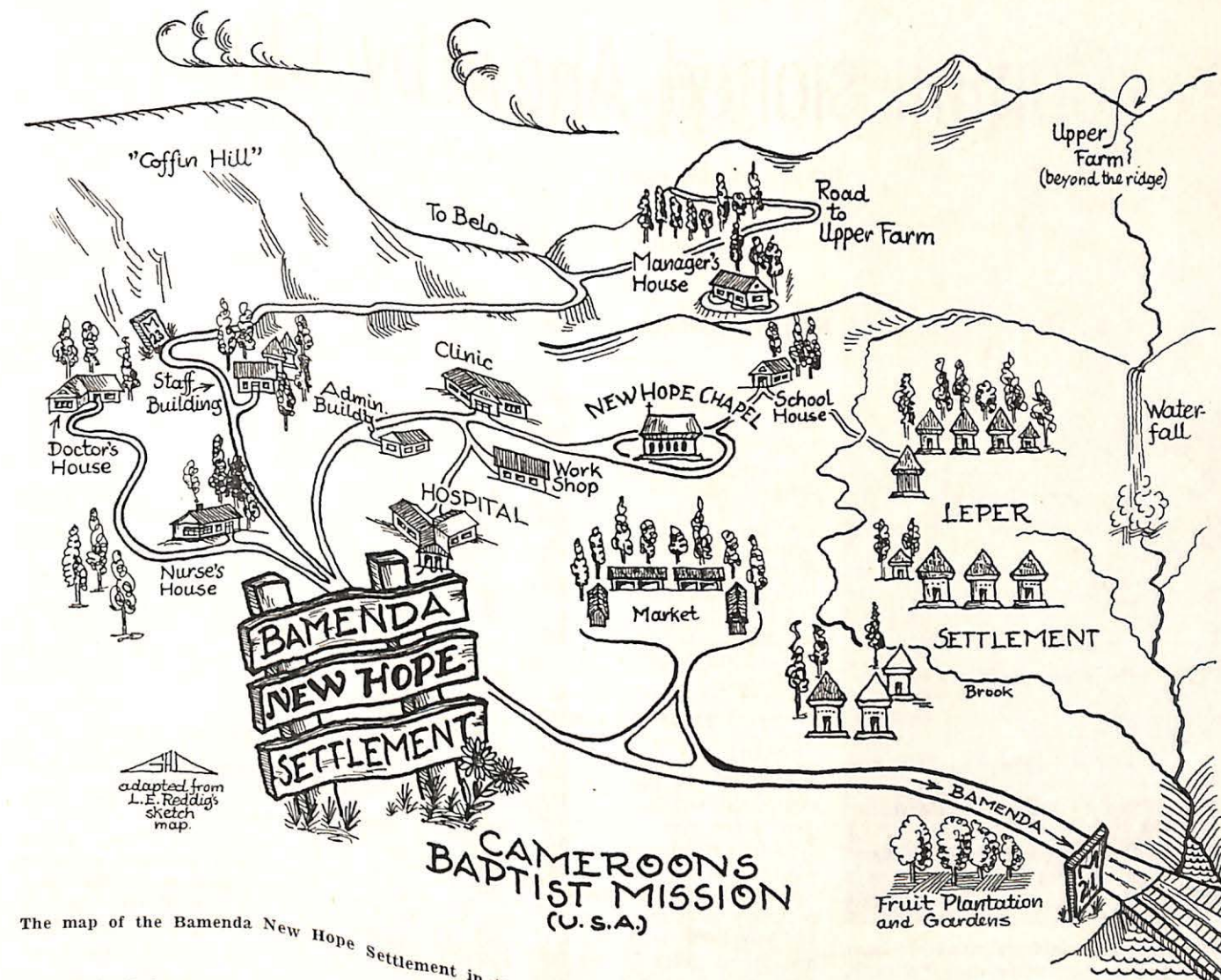
Because of the great varieties of languages represented in our patient

MAP OF LEPER CAMP

The sketch of the Bamenda New Hope Settlement, shown on the next page, was first prepared in rough by Miss Laura E. Reddig for her Christmas letter. It shows the past, present and future, mostly future, of the leper settlement.

Since this map is tremendously important, the editor requested Dr. George A. Dunger of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to prepare an artistic drawing of the sketch which he has done admirably, noting the important places still to be built and set up in the camp.

You will want to save this issue or clip these pages of the HERALD so that you can refer to the map again and again.



The map of the Bamenda New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons adapted from Laura E. Reddig's sketch map by Prof. George A. Dunger of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Christ-child, but into the little basket in front of the manger, every leper, young and old, came to drop his lovenies, pennies, three pence and six pence coins, and even a few shillings. This was the first money for the new leper church which will some day be built here at Bamenda New Hope Settlement. The patients were happy that they could start this fund at their first Christmas in the Settlement.

The rest of the day was spent in singing, retelling the stories, and enjoying their Christmas beef. As Fun-first Christmas here had been "just tions, the songs had the same devotion of the morning. One by one, the lepers who were Christians, spoke of their joy, and of their praise to God for his goodness. Some told of the number of years they had enjoyed of friends that they might walk closer to him. Koningong, a former church teacher praised God for his faithfulness in answering prayer.

A large candle was lit, representing Christ, the Light of the world. The Christians lighted smaller candles from the large candle, thereby giving witness of their desire to shine more brightly for Jesus. The many who had never made definite decisions to follow Christ stood around listening. The invitation went out to all who were very happy because of Jesus coming for them, and who wanted to love him and follow him. Not a whisper or sound was heard as the circle grew larger and larger with tiny candles burning. So many lights gave witness to the joy which the Savior brought to many lives at their first Christmas in the Settlement.

The following evening, the two leper watchmen came to say they were ready to light their candles. They had to miss the service of the previous evening, but everyone had told them, and they had already told others that they had given their hearts and lives to Christ. As we face the new year, may we be faithfully concerned that everyone entering this Settlement may one day say as did the two leper watchmen: "We are ready to light our candles."

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THANKS, BROTHER GUNST!

The final preparation of the last issue (Feb. 12) of the BAPTIST HERALD, including the setup of the dummy, etc., was ably taken care of by the Rev. J. C. Gunst while the editor was trying to feel comfortable in a hospital. Mrs. Leuschner assisted Mr. Gunst at the proof-reading job. Thanks! EDITOR.

Commissioned Anew by Christ

The missionary's prayer as she caught her first glimpse of Africa was:
 "Help me so to interpret Jesus Christ to these Africans that they might
 come to accept him and my God become their God"

By MISS MINNIE KUHN, Missionary-nurse at the Banso Baptist Hospital

"OH, GOD, help me to accept this as my homeland; these people as my people. Help me so to interpret Jesus Christ to them that they might come to accept him, and my God become their God."

This was my prayer over and over again as we approached the Cameroons, Africa, and the tasks that lay ahead.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

On the night of October 10th as we looked out over the water and saw the lights of Fernando Po and knew that very early the next morning we would catch our first glimpse of Africa, my feelings were rather mixed up. Was I truly ready for the tasks ahead? What really was it going to be like? These were only some of the questions I asked myself.

At 5:40 A.M. on October 11th, I was awakened by someone calling, "Minnie, look out your porthole quickly. There is Africa, our new home!" This was Tina Schmidt's way of awakening me and as we walked up on deck both our hearts were full, and I am sure we prayed the same prayer that we might be adequate for the tasks before us.

On looking over this new land, I could not help but think that God certainly has blessed it with nature's beauty and bounty. The hills are beautifully green, palm trees wave in the breeze, and towering over all is Mount Cameroons raising its lofty peak up and up into the clouds reminding me of Psalm 121.

At Victoria we were met by a barge from which came a very motley crew of men who were to prepare the ship's holds for the oncoming cargo. How poorly they were dressed in rags, tatters, patches, little or nothing of what we would really call clothes! What there was had certainly seen its best days.

Here too was my first introduction to ulcers, yaws and it seems the almost ever present crow crawl. Faces looked alike and yet were not alike except that they all had almost the same blank look of hopelessness on them. As I looked on them in all their filth and poverty, I could not help but think that God loves them and has a

plan and purpose for them too. I was here to help fulfill that plan and I knew that he would be with me to strengthen and guide in the fulfilling of that plan.

Coming up the river to Tiko, we noticed the native huts on the shore, children playing in front of these and the fishermen out in their dugout canoes trying to catch enough fish to provide both food and clothing. Everything pointed to poverty and ignorance.

TIKO TO SOPPO

Finally, we reached Tiko, and on the wharf we saw Berneice Westerman, Don Ganstrom and Ed Michelson. Here were friends who would help us get adjusted to this new land with all its new faces, customs, problems and opportunities. We waited patiently as our cargo was unloaded and our turn came to go through immigration. Finally we set foot on African soil. What a thrill, but we did not have long to wait before we were introduced to African rainy season as a regular cloud burst came down, but even this did not daunt our spirits or enthusiasm.

At 3:00 P.M. we reached our first mission station, Soppo. It was at Soppo that we had our first spiritual mountaintop experience in Africa. We gathered for the Sunday morning worship service in the Bender Memorial Church. As we were presented and introduced, we were challenged anew not only by the memory of those great workers who had gone on before, but also by the native Christians who were carrying on the work at the present time.

In the Sunday School hour especially we were challenged anew to give forth the Gospel message. The Sunday School superintendent welcomed us to Africa and to a great work with all its joys, sorrows and problems. After this the congregation sang that beautiful old hymn, "Be not dismayed, whatever betide; God will take care of you." Yes, God is very near, even out here in Africa.

On Tuesday we found ourselves on our way inland to Bamenda and Banso. Although the road is a far cry from any roads back home and often

we were discouraged, thinking it was impossible to get out of this particular mud hole, only to fall into another, we did eventually reach our destination and the place where our work was to begin.

Banso, the station of friendliness, beauty, hard work and opportunity, had many blessings waiting for me. My first morning at devotions with our native nurses in training was a blessed one. I felt "commissioned anew" as they sang such old favorites as "Send the Light," "Jesus Paid It All" and "I have decided to follow Jesus; no turning back, no turning back."

MY WORK AT BANSO

This was followed by the Scripture reading by one of the students from Matthew 28:16-20, adding that "we will all go out and tell others but we are very glad that our new missionary has come to help us in this great task—a task we would do together with Christ, for he has promised to be with us always." How eager these young men are to go and tell others and how Satan tries in every way and through all manner of temptations to thwart the work of God's Kingdom!

Not only are the morning devotions with the nurses a challenge to all but the 6:30 A.M. prayers in charge of our church teacher spur one on to greater tasks. Such simple illustrations taken from the everyday life of the people are made meaningful to all. For example, "You cannot be a Christian who is like a turtle, pulling himself into his own little shell at the first sign of trouble. Even as a turtle cannot draw all but one foot into the shell, so a Christian cannot be in Christ and still have one foot in the world. A Christian, like a turtle, however, can persevere in the face of an obstacle, and slowly and patiently he will come out on top." Such simple illustrations speak to all our hearts, native or European.

When one goes to the native market one sees the very great need of spiritual and temporal help that these people need. One observes the many "drink houses" on the market grounds and the number of people patronizing

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Bible Day Observance

The blessings of Bible Day programs and offerings on Sunday,
 March 8, 1953

By the REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER, Business Manager
 of the Roger Williams Press

THE BIBLE DAY offering is designated for use by the Roger Williams Press for the free distribution of Bibles and Christian literature. Through the very gracious generosity of the North American Baptists during the past year, the Publication Society was again able to carry out the commission of sowing the printed word wherever and whenever occasion arose.

Through the goodness of God, it was our privilege to act for the denomination in sending a large shipment of Basic English Bibles to Africa for use in our Cameroons mission field. This particular version of the Bible is especially useful among the Christians on our mission stations. We plan another shipment in the near future. In fact, we hope to make the provision of this Bible one of the major objectives of the Bible Fund in 1953.

PUBLICATION SOCIETY'S MINISTRY

Another of our major activities during the past year was the free distribution of the German bi-weekly paper, "Der Sendbote," to newly arrived immigrants in the United States and in Canada. More than 500 families have thus far received a year's free subscription. The purpose of these subscriptions is two-fold. First and foremost it gives these people, who are living in the midst of a strange land and language, spiritual reading matter in their mother tongue. Letters on file at the Publishing House clearly demonstrate how much "Der Sendbote" has meant to these German families. The second reason is that through the reading of this paper, they become acquainted with our North American Baptist churches, and that too is very important.

The one requirement for the receipt of a free subscription for one year is that one of our local ministers or the immigration secretary must sign a certificate in which he expresses the belief that a free subscription will be helpful. Free subscriptions have been provided on this basis to German immigrants. We have received many very encouraging reports from ministers about the good accomplished

by this German paper among the immigrants.

We also continued, through the past year, the ministry of supplying tracts in German for the mission fields of Austria and wherever there was occasion to serve in this manner. Our own mission fields among the Indians and Mexicans were also remembered with Bibles and Christian literature. No one can ever evaluate the real meaning of the printed word, and we as Christians are deeply concerned that the unsaved become acquainted with God's Word. Therefore, it is our prayer and earnest effort to do all we possibly can that others might find Christ through the reading of the printed word.

BIBLE DAY OFFERINGS

Your contributions on Bible Day will help to bring a tract, a religious paper, or perhaps even a Testament or Bible to someone in need of God.

Recently a large paper manufacturing company headed an advertisement with these words. "In the light of the printed word, people form their ways of living." They then pointed out that the farmer, the business executive, the salesman, the doctor, the student and many others are guided in their work and manner of living by a printed word of some kind. The point made in the advertisement is that the text book, the magazine, or the instructions and rules are very important and constitute the guide for our way of living and doing things.

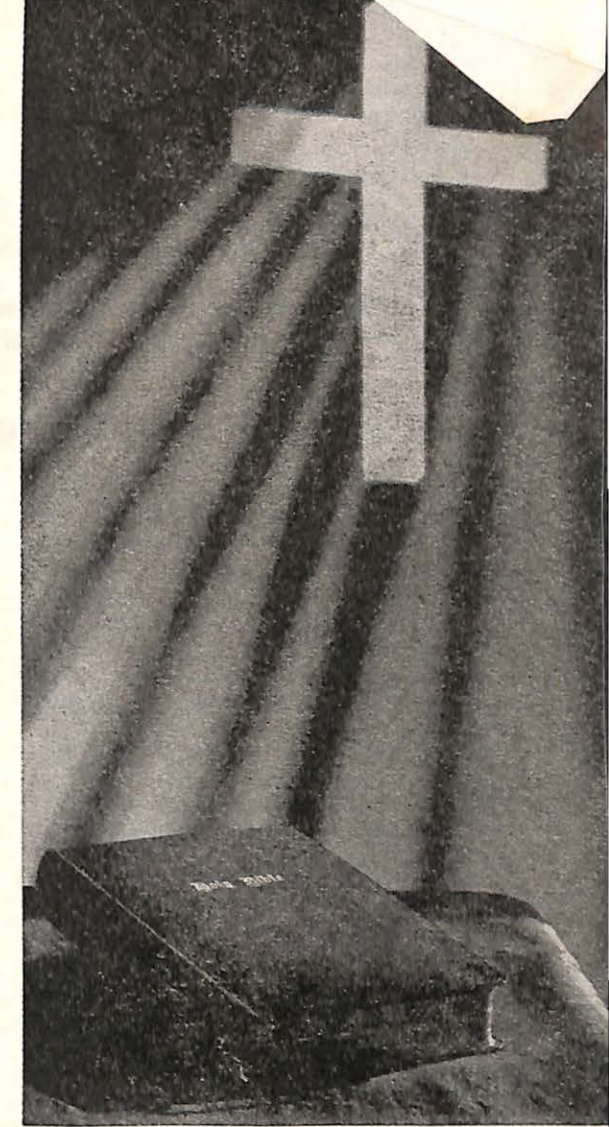
The true foundation of happy and useful living is a spiritual manner of life. The Holy Bible is the Book which

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them. Mimbo and corn beer flow freely. Recently the Banso church has been given permission by the Fon (as the chief of Banso area is called), to hold meetings at the market and although very grateful for this opportunity we notice with concern that no longer is the message received without someone in the crowd mocking and laughing and attempting to break up the brief meeting.

Opportunities to witness and serve



—Photo by A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.
 "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 4:6).

describes this manner of life, and also leads us to the source of power through which we may attain it. On this Bible Day, God calls you to share in the great endeavor to bring the Holy Word to people, that they might, through it, be enabled to form a way of living that is pleasing to him.

Bible Day will be observed on March 8 or any Sunday near that date which the church might choose. Program material has been sent to our churches during the first week in February.

are on every hand. Our hospital which has a bed capacity of 30 is now housing no less than 50 to 60 patients. Pray that our nurses may not grow weary of serving even in the face of limited supplies and staff adequately to provide for the needs of these patients. It seems at times as if the work is never ending, yet always there is some blessing in store as some patient inquires about Christ and the Christian fashion, as they see the change Christ has made in the lives of these young men.

Christmas on the Bull Reserve

Christmas and Watchnight Services on one of our Indian Mission Fields,
on the Bull Reserve of Alberta, Canada

By MR. RAYMOND HARSCH, Indian Missionary, of Wetaskiwin, Alberta

CHRISTMAS has again been a great time of joy and blessing for the Indians of Alberta, Canada. We can certainly rejoice with the angels who on that first Christmas heralded, "Glory to God in the highest." For several weeks before Christmas, the boys and girls as well as the young people gathered to practice their songs, recitations and plays, which they wanted to present on Christmas Eve.

Our first service of the Christmas season was a devotional service when at the same time three of the Indian mission films taken by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, a great friend of the Indians, were shown to a full chapel of Indian friends. Seeing these pictures reminded many of the Indians of the sacrificial pioneer work which the late Rev. F. W. Benke had done for them in order for them to have the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ today.

Some have expressed their desire to follow the Lord because they had seen on these pictures Indians who dared to be the first to step out for Jesus. Many of the "Baptist Herald" readers have already seen these films, but it was the first time for the Indians. The young people sang two Christmas carols as a choir at this service. The Rev. R. Neuman brought the message on, "The Wise Men Seeking Jesus."

CHRISTMAS EVE

On Christmas Eve the children and young people of the Bull Reserve rendered a fine Christmas program to a large audience in the form of plays, recitations, pantomime and song. The Benke Memorial Chapel was filled at this memorable occasion. It was a joy for the parents to see their children perform in this way as they recited and sang very heartily. A pantomime entitled, "The Christmas Story," was presented by several of the young people. The boys and girls sang various carols and closed their program with the chorus, "Let's Talk About Jesus."

The gifts and treats, which were made possible by various Baptist churches in Canada and the United States were then distributed. A Scripture Art Calendar was placed into each home on the Reserve. These were sent to us by Miss Roxanna Kohrs of Geneseo, Kansas. To these

kind and generous people we say, "Thank you," and pray that God will bless you richly in every way in 1953 in his honor and glory.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On Christmas morning a beautiful service was held in the Benke Memorial Chapel. The Rev. H. Schumacher of the Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church was present and brought the message on the topic, "If Thou Knewest the Gift of God." We were also very happy to have the Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman of the Montana Reserve with us as well as some of the young people of the Pleasant Prairie Church who brought special musical numbers. At the close of this heart searching service, the Lord's Supper was served.

The Christmas season was a blessed one on the Bull Reserve. Christ was in the very center of our Christmas. While the world was at many places celebrating "Xmas," we celebrated "Christmas." What a joy to know that Christ was born so that we might have

life. Our prayer is that God's unspeakable gift will be accepted into the hearts of everyone while there is yet time.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

Many were assembled at the chapel to usher in the new year on New Year's Eve. Six young people of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., were out to help along in this service. Their testimonies and songs were a real blessing to us all. Several of the Christian Indians gave their testimonies also. Lunch was served to the Indian friends on this evening.

Our hearts were stirred to a closer walk with God as we gathered in his House of Prayer on this last day of the year. In 1952 several found the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior. May 1953 be a year with a still larger harvest of souls into his Kingdom! May all our people everywhere have this upon their prayer list for our dear Indian people throughout this year!

Watchnight With the Indians

By MR. NORMAN TAYLOR, a Student at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta

IN THE CLOSING HOURS of the year 1952 I was privileged to take part in a Watchnight Service with the Indians on the Montana Reserve near Hobbe-ma, Alberta.

It was wonderful to see the Indian families gather together to thank God for the blessings received in the past year as the closing hours were fast slipping away. The Indians, through testimony and prayer, thanked God for the missionary work started there, for the church, for the groups who go out to meet them and hold services from time to time, for Brother and Sister Neuman, who are the missionaries on that field.

All these messages were wonderful to hear and thereby to know that the efforts of the faithful have been appreciated but, most of all, they thanked God for the salvation they

have in believing on the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the song service, the hymns were sung in English and in Cree. In that little group, white men and Indians praised God together. The Indian children sang the choruses of some of their favorite hymns in Cree while Chief John Bear read the Scriptures in Cree.

I couldn't help but see the Hand of God at work and I praised him for it. From children to the Chief, "yes," all took part in the praising of the Lord. In knowing that a number of these Indians have accepted Christ as Savior, I was reminded of Isaiah 55:11. "So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the things whereto I send it."

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FACING THE PIERCED JESUS

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shall look on him whom they pierced." How meticulously careful God was to fulfill all his promises in Christ! Many, many times in the life story of Jesus as told in the gospels we find words like these: "That the scripture might be fulfilled which saith . . ." So not only was it imperative that the bones of the Savior must not be broken if he were the Son of God, but it was equally imperative that the spear should pierce his side. The Scripture has said it, and therefore God would fulfill it!

The Scripture referred to is Zechariah 12:10. We are clearly told that at Christ's second coming he will appear at Jerusalem to be seen and recognized by the Jews; "and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced." Any careful student must be profoundly impressed with the thoroughness God used in proving his case that Jesus was the promised Messiah. Born of a virgin, of the house of David, of the tribe of Judah, in Bethlehem; dying on the appointed day, hands and feet pierced with nails after having been betrayed by a friend, fulfilling the picture of Psalm 22 perfectly, with soldiers casting lots for his garments, with the elders mocking him, he fulfilled every detail of prophecy. And then, when he gave up the ghost, a soldier, surely not knowing what he did, took the spear and pierced his side! Thus the Scripture was fulfilled. Thus, then, "they shall look upon me whom they have pierced."

BLOOD AND WATER

4. "And forthwith came there out blood and water" when the spear pierced the Savior's side.

We miss much blessing when we pass over thoughtlessly any statement of the Word of God. I confess that for years I preached on the blood and never preached on the water that came from the Savior's side. Then I became convicted and prayed for God to open my heart to the truth he meant to reveal by this double flow from Calvary.

Oh, may we never forget to preach the blood! This is a fulfillment of all the prophecies! Here comes to an end that stream of blood that has trickled down through the centuries, when millions of animals gave their innocent blood to picture the coming Lamb of God! Oh, it is true that "without shedding of blood is no remission" (Heb. 9:22). So the blood of Jesus Christ must be poured out.

But when Jesus died, "forthwith came there out blood and water." What is the meaning of the water?

Here is the meaning, I believe. In John 7:37-39 is this pointed Scripture:

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given, because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"

Are you thirsty? Then you are invited to come to Jesus and drink. "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." And then we are told that "This spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive." The promise is for the indwelling of the Spirit. Yes, and more. For every Christian may have not only the indwelling of the Spirit, which is the heritage of every born again one, but he may have the Holy Spirit's fulness and power.

Out from the heart and life of a Christian may flow a stream of the water of life to dying souls all about us! So if the blood is for salvation, the water that poured out of the side of Jesus is for power, the wonderful power of the Holy Spirit. Salvation was purchased for us at Calvary, but the marvelous power to do his will in the fulness of the Spirit is also bought for us there. This two-fold power is also bought for us there.

Multitudes of Christians know about the blood of Christ and have been redeemed by the precious blood. But oh, how few of us know the power of the Holy Ghost! You have the blood that poured from the wounded side of Jesus on the cross. Now make sure that you have also the water, symbolizing the fulness of the Holy Spirit which is the birthright of every Christian.

II. WHO WILL FACE THE PIERCED JESUS?

We have been studying how and why Jesus was pierced with a spear in his side, and the precious meaning pictured for us in that event. But the text says, "They shall look on him whom they pierced." Just as certainly as Jesus was pierced with a spear, that certainly people shall face the pierced Jesus. Let us consider, then, who must stand and face the crucified Savior, and how and when.

1. The Jews must face Jesus, their rejected Messiah.

The last chapters of Zechariah tell of the return of Christ in glory to fight the Battle of Armageddon, deliver Jerusalem and the Jews from their enemies, and set up his kingdom on earth. Zechariah 12:10 says,

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn."

Here is a picture of the beginning of the greatest revival the world will ever see! The remnant of Jews left alive on the earth will see their Messiah. Many Jews even today look for his coming not believing that he has already come. But when he comes in power and destroys the Antichrist and his armies defend Jerusalem and regather the Jews, God will "pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication." Then they will see Jesus, really see him, and recognize him for the Messiah that he is! Today there is a blindness on the hearts of Israel, but when Jesus comes that blindness will be removed.

CHRIST-REJECTING SINNERS

2. All Christ-rejecting lost sinners will face the crucified Savior, will bow the knee to him, in condemnation and despair.

The promise in Zechariah 12 that "they shall look on him whom they have pierced," and quoted in John 19:37 referred primarily to the Jews. But many, many Scriptures make clear that all the unconverted dead must face the pierced Jesus; and oh, with what grief and shame and terror they will meet him! That is what Revelation 1:7 says: "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen." Note that this is at his second coming when he returns bodily to reign on the earth. And note that this time will be one of terror, and "all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him."

Do you mean that unconverted people who are already in hell will face Jesus Christ? Yes, that is exactly what the Scripture teaches.

First, the very people who crucified Jesus: the members of the Sanhedrin, the high priests, the Roman soldiers, Pilate and Herod, all who combined in that sin will face the Savior. Those who pierced Jesus will see him, face him, give an account to him!

And so will every other Christ-rejecting sinner face the Lord Jesus there. "For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God" (Rom. 14:11).

3. Christians, through eternity, will see the pierced Jesus.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. and Mrs. Alex Elsesser of Dayton, Ohio, have announced that a son was born to them on Jan. 20 who has been named Paul Henry. This is their third child. The Rev. Alex Elsesser is pastor of the Shroyer Road Baptist Church of Dayton. Mrs. Elsesser is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur A. Schade of South Dakota. On Sunday, Jan. 25, the Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, served as guest speaker at the morning worship service and evening youth hour.

● From Friday, Jan. 23, to Sunday, Feb. 8, the Glee Club of Augustana College in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., presented musical programs in fifteen churches. The chorus of 62 voices is directed by Dr. Carl R. Youngdahl, who is a brother of the Honorable Luther Youngdahl, former governor of Minnesota. Two of our North American Baptist students sang in the chorus on this extensive trip. They are Mr. Ed Kern of the Wiesenthal Church, Millet, Alberta, and Mr. Eldean Kohrs of Lorraine, Kansas.

● The Baptist Church of McIntosh, South Dakota, has extended a call to the Rev. Walter Klempel of Lambert, Montana, to become its full time pastor. He has responded favorably and he and his family have been on the McIntosh field since February 1st. He has succeeded the Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, now pastor of the Stafford Church, Sherwood, Oregon. Mr. Klempel was formerly pastor of the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Nebraska. He has been inactive during the past few years.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin, at its annual business meeting on Jan. 14 extended a call to the Rev. Charles J. Anderson to become its pastor. He has accepted the call and will begin his ministry at the church on Easter Sunday, April 5th, succeeding the Rev. Ed McKernan. Mr. Anderson and his family have been members of the church for some time. The Kenosha Church ordained him into the Gospel ministry in 1952. At the present time he is a regional director for "Youth for Christ International."

● At the Watchnight Service on Dec. 31st the Rev. E. S. Fenske, pastor of the Herreid Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., baptized ten converts and received them into the fellowship of the church. Three of these were con-

verted in the revival meetings held last November with the Rev. John Engel of Martin, N. Dak., serving as evangelist. He was assisted by a nephew, Mr. Le Roy Engel, as song leader and soloist. The services of these brethren was deeply appreciated by the Herreid church people and pastor.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, has extended a call to the Rev. Erich Gutsche of Hettinger, N. Dak., to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Gutsche, who has served the Hettinger Church for the past year, will succeed the Rev. R. Rapske, now of Hutchinson, Minn., in April 1953 when he will begin his pastorate. In the meantime, the Rev. R. Milbrandt, Northern Conference missionary and director of the Baptist Haven of Rest, is serving as interim pastor and supplying the pulpit.

● The Rev. Raymond F. Kahle of Dallas, Texas, a member of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of that city, died suddenly in his 46th year on Dec. 6, 1952. He was formerly a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill. His mother, Mrs. Ella Kahle Rieke, is still residing in Burlington, Iowa. At the time of his homegoing Brother Kahle was the director of the Dallas Tenach Forum, a missionary ministry to the Jews in Greater Dallas. The obituary by his pastor, the Rev. Harold W. Giesecke, appears on page 23 of this issue.

● Miss Esther Krombein of Eureka, S. Dak., and Mr. George W. Breitkreutz of Springside, Sask., have announced their engagement. Miss Krombein, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Krombein, is the present secretary of the C.B.Y. and S. S. Union and is serving as laboratory technologist and instructor at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Mr. Breitkreutz is a Senior student at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. These promising young people are making plans for a June wedding following the Seminary's commencement exercises.

● The Rev. Karl Feldmeth of Los Angeles, Calif., was called to his heavenly Home on Dec. 19, 1952. He was the founder and first pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., of which he was a

revered member at the time of his homegoing. He was a quiet and devoted servant of the Lord whose spiritual influence over others is still felt in their lives. The editor of the "Baptist Herald" is among the host of people who were spiritually blessed by Brother Feldmeth's ministry. The obituary appears on page 23 of this issue.

● On Sunday, Feb. 15, the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, baptized 18 persons on confession of their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior. A community Gospel service was held in the Oak Street Church on Wednesday evening, Jan. 28, under the sponsorship of the Christian Men's Association of Burlington, Special music was furnished by the Old Fashioned Revival Hour Quartet and the guest speaker was Dr. Torrey Johnson of Youth for Christ, International. A large crowd was on hand for this unusual service.

● The editor of the "Baptist Herald," Mr. M. L. Leuschner, can look with gratitude to God upon an unusual experience for him of spending several days in the Oak Park Hospital. Instead of returning home after a busy day and conference at the headquarters office on Jan. 27, he found himself as an emergency case in the hospital. He was released after three days with doctor's orders to "take it easy." All of his engagements until after Easter Sunday have been cancelled. The editor is grateful to God for his watchcare over him and for the many prayers in his behalf of friends.

● Mr. Leland H. Schantz, a member of the Salem Baptist Church of Gotebo, Oklahoma, is now ready for the active pastorate in a North American Baptist Church. He is graduate of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., in the class of 1950. Since that time he has completed his studies at the University of Oklahoma at Norman, Okla., and has earned the Bachelor of Arts degree. In a commendable humble way, Mr. Schantz has stated: "I suppose this is one time in life when one is wholly dependent on friends and the guidance of our heavenly Father." His address is Box 474, 501 S. Santa Fe, Norman, Okla. Further information about him can be received from the denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Ill.

● Miss Ida Forsch of Calgary, Alberta, Cameroons missionary, arrived in the Cameroons from England on Jan. 3rd. She is serving as manager of schools at Mbem in the grassland area. Dr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee and their family of three children and Miss Berneice Westerman, missionaries, sailed from Tiko, Africa, on the "S. S. Reventazon" on Jan. 10 and arrived on the "S. S. America" in New York City on Feb. 5th. Miss Westerman returned to her home in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The Chaffees traveled in a new car, purchased for a relative, from New York via the Southland to their home in the Pacific Northwest. The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman will sail from New York City on March 13 on their return to the Cameroons, Africa. They are scheduled to be stationed on the War-war Field in the Cameroons.

● Youth Week was opened at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., with messages by the Rev. R. Kern, pastor, on "Live Christ" and by Mr. Fred Sonnenberg of Swan River, Manitoba, a student at Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago. At the Youth Banquet on Saturday, Jan. 31, Dr. Ben Richardson, an outstanding Negro Christian leader and director of the Beacon Community House, was the speaker. Special Tuesday night services have been planned entitled, "Looking Toward Calvary," with the following guest speakers scheduled: March 3, Dr. C. Dale Ihrie of Detroit, Mich.; March 10, Rev. Wm. Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich.; March 17, Dr. Ralph E. Powell of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; March 24, Rev. Edwin Miller of Cleveland, Ohio; March 31, Dr. T. W. Bender of Chicago, Ill.; April 3, Rev. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Ill.

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This I have seen, and as the old passed into an eternal memory and the new year came in, placing wonderings and new hope in our hearts, we were led in a service of consecration which yielded forth blessings with seven Indians as well as those of our group consecrating our lives for a closer walk with the Lord.

To me this signified the working of the Holy Spirit. Here were people whose background is not comparable with us but who are working and praising God together with us.

May God continue to use this work in the glorification of his Kingdom and may we take to heart the example set forth. How often people will say, "It's no use," but let us be reminded of the never failing word of God in Isaiah 55:11, "My word shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please."

C.B.Y. and S.S.U.

HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

March 1, 1953—"Missions Make Headlines" by Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, Kyle, Texas.

March 8, 1953—"Seeking As We Go" by Rev. Henry Smuland, Sheffield, Iowa.

UP CANADIAN WAY YORKTON, SASKATCHEWAN

In Yorkton, Sask., there is a fast growing Sunday School. A new church building has just been completed. The pastor, the Rev. Alfred Lueck, reports that 400 people attended the Christmas Eve Sunday School Christmas program. Here is a large group of youth who will require much leadership and Christian teaching in days ahead.

SPRINGSIDE, SASKATCHEWAN

At the Springside and Ebenezer West Churches a gratifying and aggressive work is carried on in both the Sunday School and the CBY. Under the able leadership of the capable president of the CBY, Miss Joyce Pullman, with the counsel of the pastor, the Rev. M. DeBoer, a successful and strenuous training program for one full week was carried out early in January. The general secretary, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, served this group in afternoon studies on the subject, "Stewardship in the Life of Youth."

Every evening the youth leaders and Sunday School leaders of the two churches united in an extensive study and discussion of Sunday School and CBY organization and activities. The young people have adopted a challenging mission project for the coming year. They look forward to their summer camp activities. It is expected that there will be a good representation from those churches at the Christian Workers' Training Conference in Sioux Falls in July.

SWAN RIVER CHURCH

The Swan River Church in Manitoba is one of our newer or more recent churches. A new church building and parsonage have been built only recently. A live Sunday School under the fine leadership of the superintendent, Mr. Erwin Henkelman, is making rapid progress. The CBY under the leadership of John Dahl, the

alert president, has a challenging program for the score of young people in that church. As a special project this new group had as their mission project \$600 for the Leper Work in the Cameroons last year. Because of a live interest in missions, they presented the mission play, "The Unbroken Circle," in various places. As a result they over-subscribed that mission project. This year again they accepted a larger mission project. Besides their CBY activities, this group constitutes the church choir, serving the church twice every Sunday.

MINITONAS CBY

At Minitonas, Man., we have a large church of over 500 members. This gives us a large Sunday School, therefore the demands are great for leaders and teachers. The church leaders are vitally interested in training leaders for this purpose from among their own group. Each year a two-week "Bible School," actually a leadership training conference, is held in the church. The day sessions, beginning at 9:00 A.M. through 4:00 P.M., are devoted to training in Bible, stewardship, music, evangelism and Baptist principles. The evening sessions are devoted to information on "how to improve our training and teaching organization in our church." This is followed by a period of devotionals and inspirational messages. A large group of young people are enrolled in the study session. As many as 90 persons participated in this excellent training program. The pastors, the Rev. Alfred Lueck (music teacher), the Rev. H. Zepik, the Rev. H. Nikkel, the Rev. I. Faszer (local pastor), and the general secretary, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, served on the faculty this year.

The CBY and Sunday School have also adopted a sizable mission project for the coming year.

Here is a commendable training program carried on in these Canadian churches. We recommend similar training programs to all of our churches. Training our church workers is a perennial task, but a most important phase and responsibility for every Christian church.

A THOUGHT FOR TODAY

God is a kind Father. He sets us in all the places where he wishes us to be employed; and that employment is truly "our Father's business."—John Ruskin.



Of Men and of Angels

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SYNOPSIS

Home is a magic word to all of us. To Steve Glen it meant Phoebe and Jason Gray, his foster parents, and the little town of Gold Springs, California. After years of army service, battle-weary and frustrated Steve decided to return. On the highway not far from home, he met Dian Lockwood, whose car had a flat tire. He took her into town and learned all the latest news from her. She was the rich man's daughter in town. She even invited him to dinner but he said he was going to be busy elsewhere. As he left, she smiled beautifully at him!

CHAPTER TWO

CLIMBED into my car and drove out the driveway, through the gates. A far-off anger stirred in me. Maybe it was covetousness. Perhaps I resented all this wealth belonging to one man and his daughter. But I shrugged my shoulders for it came to me that Adam Lockwood had worked hard to acquire the things he had. Besides, he was considered a liberal man, for he gave freely to both the church and to charity.

My mind soon edged Lockwood out as it concentrated on Gold Springs in general. There was one main street where the business district was located, and I came down it, headed for the

Gold Springs Chronicle. I passed the California Bar, a tavern which was pretty big for a town the size of Gold Springs, and the sign over the door had the name: Jack Gopher. Jack's father, now dead, had run the place. The Gophers were liquor people, and card people, from 'way back. But one thing, the older Gopher had chased the boys away that hung about the door. He had chased Tony Granite and me away. A man stepped out on the porch as I drove by. He was well-dressed, smoking a cigar, and wore no hat; I recognized him as Jack Gopher. He eyed my car, but I felt he wouldn't remember me, so I drove on. We had gone to school together, but he had never liked me. He had been smart in school, though, rather polished and smoothtongued. He had made friends.

My car drew up in front of the Chronicle office. I sat a moment looking at the familiar sight, a faint smile coming to me. From up the street I saw a girl in a pale blue dress which blended with the spring sky to perfection walking toward me. She walked with a free swinging gait, her heels clicking in a feminine way on the sidewalk. Her hair was rusty-

blonde. I knew her before she was abreast of my car.

"Hello, Jenny," I said. I touched my hatbrim above my grin.

She hesitated, stared. Then she moved forward with a cry. "No, it can't be!"

"Could be!" I said, thinking: You've changed into a lovely woman, Jenny!

"Steve Glen! What do you know!" she cried holding out her hand.

Her hand was warm. "You could put in a big book what I don't know, Jenny! You've made a few changes since I saw you last, but I'd have known you on Broadway."

"Same rusty-looking hair," I mused looking at her carefully. "Same little old nose. Same eyes. But you've definitely improved."

"You always were an old meany!" she pouted nicely. "You even slapped me once!"

"I didn't! I just started to."

"You shoved me into a pond once!"

"I did?"

"And do you think I've ever forgiven you?"

"Your pop is a preacher, girl. Didn't he ever tell you about forgiveness?"

"It's good to see you, Steve. Have you come back to stay?"

I shook my head slowly. "I'm afraid not. Just came back to see how everything was getting along. I imagine you had a tough time without me!"

She wrinkled her nose at me, just the way she did when she still wore braids. She lifted her hand and said, "Maybe I'll see you again, Steve."

I can't explain it, but I was suddenly sorry I had ever mistreated her when she was a kid! I even felt like running after her and saying, "Look, Jenny, you were more important than I realized. I shouldn't have pushed you around like that!"

Of course all I did was turn my head and watch her go on down the street. But something was nibbling around inside me like a mouse on a hunk of cheese. Her eyes were so clear! Funny how you see things like that all at once. Her sensitive face was — well, spiritual. There struggled though my mind the memory of an angel, painted by someone I'd forgotten, and Jenny's face had made me think of that.

Finally I brought my eyes back around to face the office of the Gold Springs Chronicle.

"Easy, Glen," I grinned to myself. "Don't break your neck!"

I looked just once again down the street before I got out and went into the newspaper office, which was empty. Some old familiar sounds were coming out of the shop, and so I walked out there. The first thing I saw was a shock of white hair under

a light. Jason Bray glanced up from the task of arranging some advertising type; then he was on his feet, his broad shoulders towering, his grayblue eyes lighting up.

"Steve, boy!" he said, coming to meet me.

"How are you, Jason?" I said.

He came to me and caught both my shoulders in his big hands, looking at me, emotion showing in him. Jason had never been one to hide his true feelings too much. I stood there under his warm look with a fine feeling going through me, pushing the grin out on my face, conscious of the fact that I loved this big, whole-hearted man as much as any son could love a father. There was affection shining out of him, too, like a light.

"Steve, boy," he repeated. "It's been a long time."

"Not so long," I laughed easily.

"It has seemed like a long time."

There was no sophistry about Jason Gray, but there was a power of plain goodness and kindness which showed in him like a campfire on a dark night. It was as warm as a campfire, too. You can travel far and see many things but finally you see nothing more intriguing than unaffected goodness in a man. I hadn't expected to get excited about this homecoming, for after all, when you've covered a lot of territory and experienced some pretty terrific things you don't expect to get greatly aroused over seeing some folks again in a little town. But the feeling that seeped out of Jason was contagious and I felt my own pulse bounce up a bit.

"Looks all right," I said waving my hand about the place, seeing that there had been few changes in the Gold Springs Chronicle printing department since I was a kid. After all, a paper like the Chronicle would have its limitations. It would never change much, even as it hadn't changed. The old sights and sounds and smells were all there.

"It's about the same as when you left, Steve," said Jason. "No big expansions, you know."

"Well," I said. "This sort of business doesn't really have anything to do with high ambitions, anyhow, as you used to say."

"You never make any money at it, Steve. You never get big. But you make a living — if you happen to have a little on the side, as I have."

"But you're what you want to be — a newspaper man!" I grinned.

"I'm what I want to be."

"And I never knew you to consult a psychiatrist to get over any frustrated ambitions!"

I moved about the place, fingering various objects, making unimportant comments, and Jason moved about after me, answering all my questions, and telling me about the history of

Gold Springs since I had left. Nothing, in fact, had really happened. For what could happen in a town like this?

"Well, Steve, you'd better run over and see Phoebe," said Jason suddenly. "She'll be on edge waiting for you."

I said, "I'm not exactly opposed to seeing Phoebe."

"Me, I'll be the forgotten man now that you've got back!"

"You're not getting jealous of me, are you, Jason?" I laughed.

"I'm too glad to see you right now. Maybe I'll get jealous later," he said smiling his affection at me.

We went out into the office just as a man came through the door. He was bald and he was wearing clothes that symbolized prosperity. I knew who he was.

"Hello, Adam," said Jason.

"How are you, Jason? Look, I want a halfspread page with just the words, 'The Church is one of the things that made America great.' At the bottom you can say ad was sponsored by the Lockwood Door Company. All right?"

"I was wondering who would take that halfpage," replied Jason. "Say, Adam, you remember Steve Glen, don't you?"

Lockwood put a look on me and said, "Sure, sure. How are you, Steve? You haven't been around for quite a while."

"I've been traveling a little," I answered.

"And don't forget the matter of licking Hitler!" Jason put in, with a little pride.

"I heard a few reports about you, Steve," said Lockwood. "Looks like they didn't use you too badly, though."

"I was one of the lucky ones."

"Well, it's good to see you back home," Lockwood smiled, and I remembered hearing some people say it was amazing how much friendliness Lockwood could put into a smile —

and how much coldness, too. "I haven't forgotten you worked at the mill for me, Steve." He swung about abruptly and went out.

"He's still the big fellow around here, I imagine," I said to Jason.

"He's still the big fellow."

When my car rolled to a stop at Jason's house, gray-haired Phoebe came down from the porch, and by the time I was out from under the wheel she reached me. I held her close and she put her head down and cried

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softly on my chest, like a woman such as she is supposed to do. Then, her emotions regained, she lifted her face.

"Stevie," she said.

That was her name for me. She was the only one who could get away with it; not even Jason ever tried it. But Phoebe could do it. For Phoebe was someone special. She had proved beyond all doubting that a woman could be a mother, and topflight at that, to the boy to whom another woman had given birth. I grinned down at her, took her chin in my hand, and planted a kiss on her brow. Then I put my arm about her and we went into the house walking in step.

Inside she said, "There are a couple of things I have to tell you, Stevie."

"All right. One at a time — and the first one better be that you have beans cooking!"

"They're cooking, honey. That's one thing. The other —"

"Beans!" I said. "Wonderful! You can wander from Nome to the Horn and nobody ever offers you beans to eat. And if they do offer you beans they won't be fixed like Mrs. Gray, my Mom, fixes 'em! You have ham with the beans?"

"Ham," she smiled. "And onions."

"You're out of this world."

"Steve, darling! It's so good to have you home again!"

"It's nice being home."

She eyed me with a question jumping into her look. "You've come to stay—haven't you?"

I made a thin grimace. "Look now. Don't start worrying about that. Maybe I'll stay a long time."

"What you call long may seem short to me," she complained.

"So—we have beans cooking. With ham and onions. What's the other thing you had to tell me?"

"Well—you have a brother!"

I gaped at her. "I have a what?"

"I'll tell you how it is, Stevie. This poor kid's father died when he was a week old—and his mother died when he was a year old—"

"Let's take it slow," I said. "What kid?"

"Oh. His name is Dick Reubens. He really is a good boy. An uncle took him after his mother died and kept him till he was twelve—which was a year ago—and the uncle came to Gold Springs last summer. Then he got a divorce from his wife and, well, Dick didn't have a place to stay. So I asked Jason if it would be all right if I took him."

"And Jason, of course, said it was all right."

"Well, you know how Jason is about things like that."

"I know how you both are. Orphans just don't have a chance to stay orphans with you two around!"

"You know what I think, Stevie? I think when we quit caring for people we've lost the tracks of the Galilean!"

"You'll never lose His tracks!"

Just then the front door banged and a boy of thirteen came in, uncombed and unwashed, his dark hair mussed.

"Here's Dick now," said Phoebe.

Dick stood in the doorway letting his brown eyes study me, his manner questioning, not too friendly.

"Dick, this is Steve, who I've been telling you so much about," said Phoebe.

"Hello, Dick," I said.

"Hi," he said without enthusiasm.

I might have said something more but he went past me to his room.

"He's not the over-chummy type," I said to Phoebe.

"Well, he's a little hard to get acquainted with. But he's really a good boy."

"I heard something about beans," I said. "Would there be a chance of sampling them?"

"I think they're done," she said going out to the kitchen.

The living room was just as I had remembered it, clean as it had been when I was growing up. I found the big chair close to the fireplace with the book-stand at its arm, where I used to sit and read. Some of the old favorites—Shakespeare and William James and Kipling—were still there between the book-ends. I fingered them almost reverently and then sank back in the chair with a sigh, my eyes closed.

The house of Jason and Phoebe Gray. The house where home was more a feeling than a word, where love had left its breath on the walls, and loyalty lived, a peaceful haven from the world. A house where a man and a woman loved each other so much they had love to spare for others, in full measure and running over.

My eyes opened, and there on the wall I saw the motto that had been hanging in the same place for years. It was gold against black. I had seen it there all these years, but its meaning had suddenly come to life for me. God is Love, said the motto.

The sign was the symbol of the lives of Jason and Phoebe. They were love, too. Love wasn't just a word, it was personality, it was life walking through the world looking at you without either fear or hatred. That was the way it was with the Grays. I got up and went to the kitchen. Phoebe was dishing up the beans in a white bowl.

"This is it," I said and sat down. I dipped in a spoon, inhaling the aroma from the contents, then I remembered, and bowed my head while Phoebe asked a blessing in her quiet voice. She might have been talking to me the way she addressed God. I had always marveled at the way she prayed. She never lifted her voice to attract His attention. He always seemed very close to her.

"Who do you think I saw on my way to Gold Springs?" I asked after the first mouthful of beans, not waiting for her answer. "Dian Lockwood."

"Dian is a pretty girl, isn't she?" said Phoebe.

"She is that. And when I got into town I saw Jenny Grant."

"Jenny is awfully sweet."

"I suppose her old—I mean her father, is still giving them the truth at St. Paul's."

"Every Sunday. He's a wonderful minister. Oh, by the way, he and Mrs. Grant and Jenny are coming over for dinner tonight."

"Still entertaining the parson, huh?"

"It's always nice to have them. Jason and Allan enjoy each other so much. They talk about everything."

"Nobody else gets in a word, as I remember it," I said.

Dick Reubens came into the kitchen. "I'm hungry too," he said eyeing me as if I were an intruder.

Phoebe set his place across the table and gave him some beans. He ate in utter silence for a time; then suddenly he said, "What was it like on Normandy Beach?"

I smiled at him, shrugged. "Tough, Dick."

"What happened?" he asked.

"What happened? Quite a lot happened, fella."

"I mean did you see any men shot?"

"Well—sure. You couldn't take a spot like Normandy Beach without a few men getting shot. Good beans, aren't they?"

"How does a man look when a bullet hits him?"

I put a quick look on him. "Look, Dick, what does it matter how a man looks when a bullet hits him?"

"I saw a man shot!"

"Let's talk about something else," Phoebe put in.

"Some bank robbers held up the First National Bank here in Gold Springs," said Dick. "George Henn, the town marshal, shot one of them."

"I didn't think Henn was the kind of guy to shoot it out with bank robbers," I said.

"He was behind a porch. He shot the robber as he was driving by. Boy, it was something."

"You like excitement, huh?"

"Sure. But nothing ever happens much in this town. When I get older I'm going to leave here."

Abruptly an idea came to me. "Dick," I said, "did you ever go swimming in San Carlos Creek?"

He fixed his attention on me over a spoonful of beans. "Did I ever! Boy, it's swell. I know the best place on San Carlos. Hey, you want to go swimming?"

"Could be," I grinned.

"Okay. Let's go now."

"Not this minute, but we'll go."

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THE PIERCED JESUS

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Christ when he returns to reign. Seeing him, they will be convicted and saved. And every unconverted sinner in the world will face Jesus. They will see his return and later will be judged by him. But Christians, too, will see the Lord Jesus, and through the countless ages of eternity the pierced Jesus will be our delight and our joy.

Jesus will be the only One in Heaven with scars. His wounds will be the eternal reminder of salvation by God's wonderful grace through faith in the death of his Son.

We have good reason to believe that when Jesus comes and our vile bodies are changed and glorified, we will have no more scars. In Isaiah 35:5-6 we are told that in the happy day of the resurrection "the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing."

But with Jesus it will be different. He will still have the scars. When he rose from the dead, Jesus saw the doubting disciples, and "showed unto them his hands and his side." He encouraged the doubting Thomas to thrust his finger into the prints of the nails in his hands, and to thrust his hand into the wound made by the spear in his side. Jesus still had the scars in his resurrection body.

HEAVEN'S ASSURANCES

Suppose that after I have been in Heaven a thousand years, somebody suggests that I do not deserve Heaven, that surely God's mercy has gone too far in taking a sinner like me to glory.

If such a question could be raised in Heaven, I know what I would do! I would run to the Lord Jesus and beg him that I might see again his wounded hands, that I might put my hand into his side and feel the wound made by the spear. And as long as the scars are in the hands and feet and in the side of the Savior, then that long, be it a million times a million years, my soul will still be safe in Heaven, because I will have the constant proof that my sins are all paid for, and that I am bought with a precious price that satisfied all the demands of God. "They shall look on him whom they pierced."

You see, in Heaven Jesus will be the only sinner. Of course he never sinned, but he will be the only one who will retain the marks of sin, as I see it. He suffered the punishment of all the sinners in the world and he will always have the eternal reminder of the price he has paid as a blessed assurance for saved sinners.



FROM THE FIELD

Southwestern Conference

Mission Programs and Offering of \$1335 and Watchnight Service at Bison, Kansas

"Enter Into His Gates With Thanksgiving and Into His Courts With Praise" was the theme by which we of the Baptist Church in Bison, Kans., observed our Mission Festival on Sunday, Nov. 30. Our guest speaker for the day was the Rev. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Illinois. The 100th Psalm was chosen by Mr. Schilke as his text for the morning message. The mission offering for the day was \$1,335.60.

At noon a basket dinner was held in the church basement. A short mission program was held in the afternoon. The evening program was in charge of the Rev. R. Schilke who brought the message and also showed pictures of the Leper Colony in our Cameroons Mission.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 2, we were privileged to have with us Miss Eleanor Weisenburger of the Cameroons Mission. She gave us a very interesting report of her work and also showed pictures of the mission field.

The Watchnight Service was held at the church with the Loyal Daughters Class in charge. The program consisted of a reading, musical numbers, a play, "Burning Pews," and a religious film, "Guiding Star," after which refreshments were served in the church basement. The last hour of the old year was in charge of our pastor, the Rev. Jack Block, who brought the message, followed by testimonies and prayer.

Clara Niedenthal, Reporter.

Christmas Programs and Radio Ministry of the Shell Creek Church, Columbus, Nebraska

The Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., opened the fall and winter season with Rally Day on September 28, 1952. On the morning of Thanksgiving Day, we had our Harvest and Mission festival program, and then our minister, the Rev. P. T. Hunsicker, delivered to us the Thanksgiving day messages, after which the entire church enjoyed a delicious fellowship dinner in our church basement which had been prepared by the ladies. Dr. Ralph E. Powell from our Seminary was to have been our guest speaker on this day, but due to weather and road conditions, he was not able to come until the following day, so we were happy to have him with us for

Sunday, November 30, and to hear his challenging messages. The total of the Thanksgiving Day offerings was \$1922.

On the evening of December 4, the children of the Sunday School had a White Christmas party when they brought gifts for the children in our Home at St. Joseph, Michigan. Their happy faces showed they had learned what the Lord meant when he taught, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." The Christmas season brought many happy activities, especially when we were able to sing carols to those in the hospitals and aged friends, as well as pass gift boxes of food to some who are less privileged than we. On Christmas Eve, the children presented their program, which included the pageant, "Once upon a Christmas Time."

The German Gospel Hour under the direction of our minister, the Rev. P. T. Hunsicker, which has been on the air over our local station, KJSK for almost two years, is now heard weekly over two additional stations: KWAT, Watertown, S. Dak., and KNBR, North Platte, Neb., and will soon be heard over a new station in Newton, Kansas. Only the Lord knows of all the blessings being derived from this work.

Gertrude Lange, Reporter.

Dedication of Sunday School Workers and Servicemen's Project at Strassburg Church, Kansas

Recently an impressive service was held in the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kans., as the Sunday School workers were installed for the new year. Each one took his or her position as a responsibility to God and the church. This was followed by a dedicatory prayer by the Rev. L. B. Hinz. After this service the Deacon brethren and the Rev. L. B. Hinz by the unanimous consent of the church



Sunday School pupils of the Shell Creek Baptist Church near Columbus, Neb., at the White Christmas party.

licensed our Brother Dan Wiens to the Gospel ministry. Mr. and Mrs. Wiens are doing an outstanding piece of work in our Sunday School, choir and CBY. Brother Wiens also serves as assistant pastor. They are awaiting a call to some field of service.

In November we had two blessed weeks of meetings conducted by Dr. John Leyboldt. The church experienced a spiritual growth as the result of these services.

Our "Baptist Men" and our Woman's Missionary Union are cooperating in a project for the soldiers at Ft. Riley, Kansas. The women bake pies and bring coffee which they served to the soldiers. The men go out in the streets of the city and invite them to come to the Welcome House for a free piece of pie and coffee. Then the men give a Gospel program and visit with the men. Some evenings more than a 100 men are given pie and the Gospel. At the last meeting two persons accepted Christ as Savior.

Mrs. L. B. Hinz, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Dr. Emanuel Giedt, Missionary, Is Home Again As Related By His Wife

The news that Dr. Emanuel H. Giedt, American Baptist missionary in China for 32 years, has reached Hongkong after 21 months in solitary confinement, has brought great joy to his wife, who was able to leave China in August 1950, and to his many friends around the world, as well as in Rochester, New York.

During the first year he was imprisoned, I didn't receive any letters from him at all. Then the following year I received four letters. In his Christmas letter he said, "As another Christmas is approaching my thoughts naturally dwell more than ever on home and loved ones and friends. May God richly bless you and keep us all safe and well till we meet again. Christmas greetings to you all."

Then on New Year's Day 1953 he was released and on January 3rd came the radiogram, "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand, third stanza my sentiments. Sailing Cleveland thirteenth. Emanuel."

"O then what raptured greetings On Canaan's happy shore! What knitting severed friendships up, Where partings are no more! Then eyes with joy shall sparkle, That brimmed with tears of late, Orphans no longer fatherless, Nor widows desolate."

I met my husband in San Francisco, Calif., when the "S.S. President Cleveland" arrived on January 31, after which we visited our children and friends and relatives. We pray that everything may be to the glory of God who doeth all things well. Also pray for the Chinese Christians that they may be steadfast in the faith during these trying times.

Mrs. Emanuel Giedt, Correspondent.
Editor's Note: Dr. and Mrs. Giedt's address is 673 S. Goodman St., Rochester 20, New York.

Mission Sunday Is Observed at Temple Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York

On Sunday, November 30th, Temple Church of Buffalo, N. Y., celebrated Mission Sunday. Our Sunday School observed its usual "Fifth Sunday Mission Day," as we received an offering of more than \$62.00 toward our Bender Memorial Fund. It is on these Sundays that Mrs. H. Hartman tells us so well about our work in the Camerouns.

Our morning worship service followed, as our pastor, the Rev. G. E. Friedenbergh, brought an inspiring sermon on the missionary message of the book of Jonah. He depicted Jonah as the reluctant missionary who could not run away from God or from his responsibilities.

Our guest at the evening service was Dr. Martin Leuschner of Forest Park, Illinois. This service was conducted by the Ladies' Mission Society, with Mrs. Carl Haeusser and Mrs. H. Hartman presiding. Dr. Leuschner showed several films on the Camerouns' work, including a remarkable portrayal of the courageous work of Laura Reddig among the lepers there. Many of us were happy to see our friends on the film of the General Conference, which was also presented. We met downstairs in the Sunday School room after the service to enjoy a time of fellowship and refreshment. This was truly a day of great blessing.

On December 7th we were privileged to have an impressive baptism service. We know our pastor experienced great joy in baptizing eleven candidates! These eleven, along with one member who came by letter, were received into our church fellowship at the Lord's Supper which followed. Our new members were presented with Bibles at a reception held for them after the service.

We thank God for the uplifting experience of days like these. It is our prayer that we may work together for the glory of God in the furtherance of his work.

Eleanor A. Hodgson, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Men's Brotherhood Is Organized at First Baptist Church, Emery, South Dakota

On Wednesday evening, December 3, the men of the First Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., held a banquet in the dining room of the church. The men served a delicious ham dinner.

The program, which followed the banquet, consisted of choruses led by Ed Roskens. Scripture was read by Bert Terveen. Elmer Olthoff led in prayer. The group was then organized under the direction of the Rev. Roy Seibel, pastor.

The following officers were elected: Harry Bleeker, president; John Mote, vice-president; John Terveen, secretary; Herman Tammen, treasurer.

Mr. Seibel suggested a number of different projects which could be worked out by the men for the betterment of the church and community.

John Terveen, Secretary.



Mr. Roland Weisenburger, a brother of Missionary Eleanor Weisenburger, at the new Hammond Organ of the Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota.

Christmas Program and New Officers for Commissioned Baptist Youth of Plevna, Montana

On Sunday evening, Dec. 21, the Plevna CBY of Plevna, Mont., presented its Christmas program to a large audience under the leadership of the vice-president, Richard Opp. The highlights of the program were a pantomime, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," for which Ben Sieler made a chalk drawing of Bethlehem; a play entitled, "No Room in the Inn," and a Christmas message by the Rev. G. Beutler on the topic, "Room for Jesus in the World Today." The Ladies' Chorus sang, "O Holy Night" and "Room in a Manger" and the mixed chorus sang, "Chime On, Sweet Bells."

On New Year's Day, the CBY spent a wonderful day together. Several hours of good ice skating were enjoyed at a nearby lake after which a happy and hungry crowd of about 50 young people gathered in the church basement for a treat of sandwiches, nuts, candies, etc.

Officers for 1953 are as follows: president, Willmer Huber; vice-president, Edward Burkle; secretary, Ella Hepperle; treasurer, David Sieler; pianists, Anita Beutler and Ruth Bechtold; ushers, Paul Losing and Robert Hepperle; flower committee, Ruth Sieler and Vaniline Raseler; program committee, Mrs. Beutler, Amillia Groff and Anna Bechtold.

Anna Bechtold, Reporter.

Holiday Programs and New Organ at the Baptist Church, Venturia, North Dakota

Many have been the blessings which the Lord has bestowed upon us at the Baptist Church of Venturia, North Dakota. To know that the Lord has been near in many ways has urged us a church to go on doing greater things for him.

The choir had a very busy but blessed time during the months preceding the Christmas season. As has been our custom during the last years, when we present an evening of special music the Sunday before Christmas, so we did again this year. Much work was spent on the cantata, "King All Glorious" by Roy E. Nolte, and was sung to a full church who voiced their appreciation for the efforts that the choir

put forth in glorifying God in song. This cantata was also given in our neighboring church at Eureka, South Dakota.

The church spent a blessed time in fellowship during the waning hours of 1952. A large group gathered at the church for this service. Highlights of the program were a talk given by our missionary, Miss Eleanor Weisenburger, and two talks given by our young people who were home for the Christmas season. Miss Hulda Dockter gave a talk on "The Responsibilities of a Christian Teacher" (to be published in the "Baptist Herald") and Mr. Harry Haas, a student at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., also gave an inspiring talk. Christmas Day as well as New Year's Day were observed with services.

Another thrilling advance that the church at Venturia, N. Dak., has made, was the purchase of a spinet Hammond Organ. The church had decided to have a demonstration of this instrument, and after hearing how much it could add to the services, the people decided to buy it. The following Sunday, January 11, a dedication service was held, dedicating it to the glory of God. God has been good to us as a church and we look to him for greater blessings this coming year.

R. F. Dickau, Pastor.

Recent Events and Programs at the Baptist Church Hettinger, North Dakota

On Sunday, Nev. 2nd, we of the Grace Baptist Church, Hettinger, N. Dak., held our annual Harvest and Mission Festival. The various Sunday School departments took an active part in the program. We rejoice and are thankful for the bountiful blessings God has given us in the past year.

A birthday party was held on Dec. 14th for our ministerial couple, Rev. and Mrs. E. Gutsche, whose birthdays are in December. A table was presented to them as a gift. Following the social gathering, lunch was served by the Woman's Missionary Society.

The young people's society has also been active in the past few months. The Junior and Senior members have combined their meetings. We have been having two meetings a month and once a month we have charge of the evening service. Various types of programs have been presented including singspirations, Bible quizzes, short plays and sermonettes. The offering from these meetings is being used for our Camerouns Crusade.

Several social gatherings have been enjoyed by the CBY members. Among these was a treasure hunt, and on Oct. 28th a Halloween social. Following an evening of games, a Bible "spell down" was held. Towards the climax of the evening a devotional was planned. Each member invited another boy or girl who did not belong to our society.

For our annual Christmas program the young people gave the pageant, "The Prophecy Fulfilled." Most of the CBY members, under the direction of the president, Ella Mae Schneider, took part in the pageant.

Ella Mae Schneider, Reporter.

Programs by the Church, Sunday School and CBY at Fessenden, North Dakota

Easter Sunday of 1952 was set aside by the Baptist Church of Fessenden, North Dakota, as a day of special offerings for our General Repair Fund. The sum of \$1129.70 was raised. This was used to build a new chimney and to repaint the outside of the church. A very successful Vacation Bible School was sponsored by our Sunday School after public school had been dismissed. In October we had an attendance contest with the Carlington Sunday School. Even though we lost the contest by a narrow margin, we had the joy of seeing our attendance climb from 70 to 150.

Our CBY was re-organized in June with many of our younger married couples joining. The New Year's Eve Watchnight service was under the sponsorship of our CBY. The pageant, "Garden of Prayer," was given with several readings and musical numbers. After the program a social hour was held in the church parlors. May we all go forth with greater effort to serve our Lord in the coming year!

Esther McBain, Reporter.

Ten New Members Received into the First Baptist Church, Hebron, North Dakota

New Year's Day was another day of special blessings from our heavenly Father for the Baptist Church of Hebron, North Dakota. We had been looking forward to a baptismal service for some time, and the church decided it would be wonderful to start the New Year in this way.

At the close of the service in the morning, the candidates for baptism were presented to the church for examination by the Rev. C. T. Remple. A mother and her daughter, another high school girl, and another mother gave their testimony and request for baptism, to follow in the footsteps of our Lord Jesus Christ. Another father and mother and daughter and another young lady were accepted into the fellowship of our church on confession, and another young married couple were received through letters.

After a stirring message to a packed house in the afternoon by Mr. Remple, he had the honor of baptizing these four people, and then extending the hand of fellowship to this new group of ten, followed by the communion service. It was a great day for our church and the presence of the Holy Spirit was evident throughout the day. The new converts are the result of the evangelistic meetings held here in October with the Rev. J. J. Renz of Ashley as evangelist.

We feel that the Lord has been good to us in the past year under the able leadership of our pastor and his wife. The attendance has been encouraging, and we are making good use of our enlarged church. The language problem is giving us some trouble, as in other Dakota churches, but a satisfactory solution will be worked out in time. The salary of our pastor was increased, a bonus allowed for 1952, and the

church has installed a Deep Freeze in the parsonage for the use of our pastor's family. Suitable money gifts were also made to Mrs. Remple in appreciation of her untiring services with the choir, Woman's Mission Society, Guild and young people's work. We look forward to a pleasant and blessed year in the service of Lord and Master.

I. E. Giedt, Correspondent.

Northwestern Conference

Christmas and Watchnight Programs at the Bethel Church of Sheboygan, Wisconsin

A news report from the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, Wis., is not



Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., with the president, Mrs. E. S. Fenske, directly in back of the pulpit.

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society at Herreid, South Dakota

We as members of the Baptist Ladies' Aid of Herreid, S. Dak., can surely say with the Psalmist of old: "The Lord has done great things for us." On Sunday evening, November 30, we celebrated our 43rd anniversary before a large audience. A fine program was given under the leadership of our president, Mrs. E. S. Fenske, who through her faithfulness has often been an inspiration to us.

The program consisted of musical readings, recitations and songs. Our pastor, the Rev. E. S. Fenske, spoke to us on "Women of the New Testament," and encouraged us to keep on serving the Master. The reports given by our secretary and treasurer showed that our women had been faithfully at work in 1952. The sick were remembered. The boys in the armed forces received Christmas parcels. Over \$700.00 were given for home and foreign missions.

At the close of our program a beautiful birthday cake was lighted as each member answered with a favorite Bible verse. Also those who had gone to be with the Lord were remembered as the pastor led in prayer. A fine lunch was served in the church parlor to all present. May the Lord, whose we are and whom we serve, continue to bless our work in the new year!

Mrs. R. H. Ackermann, Reporter.

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out of place at this time, as the memory of the Christmas season still lingers. The Sunday School presented a very fine program on the Sunday evening before Christmas. It was given before a well filled church and Sunday School room. The Nursery, Beginners' and Primary classes as well as some of the Juniors gave their Christmas recitations and then the story of Christmas was given by other Juniors and Intermediates as well as those of High School age. A picture was shown of the birth of the Savior, and which was more impressive because of the Scripture verses and recitations told by the Sunday School scholars as the different colored pictures appeared.

Mr. Francis Guenther led the service and brought the message of welcome. The pastor, Dr. M. Vanderbeck, brought a message on "No Room for Christ." Presents were distributed and a happy evening came to an end.

At the New Year's Eve service, we again met in the House of God. A fellowship hour was enjoyed beginning at 8:30 P.M., which was followed by an organ solo by Mrs. Ottar Rohrstaff. Vocal selections were rendered by Don Vasselos, James Joselyn, Mr. Ottar Rohrstaff and a girls' quartet from the Junior Choir. The Junior Choir is an addition to the church that is very much appreciated.

Don Vasselos led in the singspiration of the evening, after which all enjoyed the Billy Graham picture, "Portland Crusade." Following the picture, our pastor, Dr. M. Vanderbeck, brought the message of the evening, "Hiding in Christ." Then a memorable moment came when we sat at the Lord's Table. At the close, the bells signaled the birth of a new year. As our pastor wished every one "A Happy New Year" in the Lord, so we also wish all readers the same.

Elaine Vasselos, Reporter.

Baptismal Service and Birthday Party at Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa

The First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, has recently added four new members, three of whom were immersed upon their confession of faith, by our pastor, the Rev. F. W. Mashner, and one received by letter from the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles, California. In October and November the candidates for baptism were given a short course of instruction.

We have enjoyed having Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Ill., with us, instructing a Teachers Training Course of which class eight were awarded certificates upon completing the course.

A Family Night Birthday Party was sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society recently. A penny offering was

Louis Wedemeyer, Jr., led the singing and also brought a few words of welcome. Mrs. Ted Nehring had charge of the program, which was presented by various groups of children and young people. The young people presented a play, "The Extra Gift."

On Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, we had a farewell service for the Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Zillen, our beloved pastor and his wife and family, who have left us for a new field of work at Elm Mott, Texas. Each branch of the church brought a few words of farewell and best wishes for them. It is with real regret that we saw them leave us, but we extend to them our best wishes. The evening was climaxed with a social period in the basement and the ladies presented Mrs. Zillen with a few gifts.

Mrs. H. D. Lynn, Reporter.



Seven converts baptized by the Rev. H. Schatz (fourth from left), pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, Canada.

had our own native missionary, John Nsame in the Cameroons, Africa, to support.

We, the members of the Carbon Missionary Society have been putting our pennies, one for each meal, in a missionary box for such a purpose. Since we cannot all be foreign missionaries, we can help support and carry on the work that is being done there.

Under the capable leadership of our president, Mrs. Adam Buyer, we presented recently the pantomime, "Room for Christ." At the close of the program, everyone placed his or her offering in a gilt covered box which had streamers leading to each one of our Cameroons mission stations on the map. This offering of \$260.00 is going towards the leper hospital and the support of Miss Tina Schmidt.

In this new year we are endeavoring to carry on the work more faithfully so that God's work may prosper. At our New Year's session, we turned over "new leaves" and planted them in larger pots (based on the material in "The Broadcast"). Our earnest prayer is that these new resolutions or leaves will find room to grow in the days to come.

Mrs. Martha Neher, Reporter.

White Christmas and CBY Banquet for the McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alberta

An impressive White Christmas Service was held on Dec. 14 in the chapel at the Christian Training Institute for the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta. In the glow of soft candlelight, against a navy backdrop, sprinkled with silver stars, and a manger scene, members of the McKernan CBY, assisted by the choir, presented a pantomime. Entitled "When Christmas Comes," it was arranged and directed by Misses Cecilia Priebe and Lillian Peter. In this setting, with organ carol music, givers laid their gifts and their monetary offerings at the altar. At another time during the week, Christmas hampers were packed and delivered to needy people living in our city.

A climaxing event for the year is an annual CBY banquet. This year our banquet was catered at a local restaurant. We especially enjoyed having with us Seminary students from Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as our guests, as well as members of the staff at the Christian Training Institute. Our CBY president, Miss Cecilia Priebe, was mistress of ceremonies.

A varied and interesting program included musical numbers; a humorous monologue by Miss Lucille Fillenberg; a toast for the occasion proposed by Miss Isabel Bresch; and quartet numbers by the Seminary students: Rubin Herrmann, Bert Ifterman, Victor Priebe and Erwin Strauss. A timely and challenging address was presented by our guest speaker, the Rev. A. Johnson. Further remarks were also given by our pastor, the Rev. O. Schmidt. The time spent in planning and preparation made this occasion one of the most successful and happy events of the past year.

Lillian Peter, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Seven Converts Baptized and 19 New Members Received, Temple Church, Leduc, Alberta

The Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., held its fall evangelistic meetings from Oct. 12 to 24 with the Rev. D. Berg of Trochu, Alta., as evangelist. The inspiring and heart searching messages were brought in the German language during the first week and in English for the second week.

We praise God for the seven converts who were brought to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and for the seven who followed the Lord in baptism on Sunday, Nov. 23rd. On the following Sunday, Nov. 30, at the communion service, 19 new members were given the hand of fellowship by our pastor, the Rev. H. Schatz, and welcomed by the deacons.

It is our aim to continue to remember those on our prayer list who are in our church territory and who are without Christ and without a church home.

Mrs. H. Schatz, Reporter.

Woman's Missionary Society at Carbon, Alta., Supports Cameroons Native Worker, John Nsame

There was great rejoicing in our hearts as members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Carbon, Alta., when we received the good news from the Forest Park headquarters that we

Many Improvements and Spiritual Blessings at the Baptist Church, Southey, Saskatchewan

The Southey Baptist Church of Southey, Sask., has been a beehive of activity. The big project of renovating the church called for many volunteer laborers. Workmen repaired the foundations and basement floor, a new wall was put in one of the large rooms to divide it into two conveniently sized classrooms for our growing Sunday School. Then the whole basement was given a fresh coat of paint to bring a warm, friendly atmosphere to every room.

Outside the church, several days were spent improving the grounds. A fence was removed to provide a larger playground for our annual Vacation Bible School, and when the town began building a new cement sidewalk past the church and parsonage we decided that this was the time to do the needed landscaping job in front of the parsonage. Neither did the parsonage escape the paintbrush, and the study, bedrooms and halls were much improved by the ladies' efforts.

We were very fortunate in having Miss Erna Schwanke from the Christian Training Institute as director of our Vacation Bible School. The Serath young people came to Southey to attend classes, and so we had a very fine attendance. The enthusiasm of the boys and girls ran so high that we felt we could not stop the work begun in the one week of school. A Junior Young People's Class was started with regular meetings every second Tuesday evening.

The girls, under the leadership of Mrs. Fred McIlmoyl, have made some beautiful shell broaches, wall plaques, and wool toys. The boys made an outstanding sign for the church and it now faces the highway to let passersby know our identity. For 1953 the Junior Young People hope to make a number of useful articles for mission purposes.

The year came to a close with a combined program and social evening. Our special guests were the young people from Serath with their presentation of the play, "What Would Jesus Do?"

Stuart C. Thomas, Pastor.

Central Conference

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Sommerschild by Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

For over a year and a half, during which the Bethel Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., was without a pastor, we as a church family were deep in prayer, seeking to know God's will for Bethel's people. Because we trusted in his wisdom rather than our own, God did answer our prayers in his own time.

At a reception held Friday evening, Dec. 7th, the Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Sommerschild and their four children were welcomed into Bethel Church's family. With Brother Sommerschild as our new pastor and spiritual leader, truly God has blessed us with a man within whose heart burns a great desire to serve God by preaching the



The "Southey Baptist Church" sign made by the Junior Young People's group for the Baptist Church, Southey, Sask., with several members of the class in front.

Gospel of the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

God grant that as Mr. Sommerschild ministers to his people, we as a church family would be drawn closer to God through a great spiritual awakening, and may our one purpose be to win others to the Christ.

E. H. Giessler, Reporter.

Watchnight Service, Sunday School Contests and Stewardship Program at Lansing, Michigan

On New Year's Eve members and friends of the Holmes St. Baptist Church, Lansing, Mich., enjoyed a blessed time during the Watchnight Service. The first hour a film, "The Prodigal Son," was shown. Then we gathered in the lower auditorium for lunch served by the ladies of the church. In the last hour of the old year, we witnessed the baptism of eleven converts by our pastor, the Rev. A. Buhler. Four others were taken into the church through letter and testimony. The converts were extended the hand of fellowship and welcomed into the church.

The Men's Crusaders for Christ sponsored the installation of an out-

side lighted bulletin board. Holmes St. Church has entered the Christian Life Sunday School Contest. We also entered the Central Michigan Bible Conference Contest. Our Church took first place in the Central Michigan Contest. Our final Sunday's attendance was 273, which was 21 over the previous record. On Sunday, Nov. 2, 200 new "Inspiring Hymnals" were dedicated.

In October the Junior Sunday School presented a program of songs, messages and testimonies in accord with the Harvest Mission Festival. The Sunday School presented the offering which was sent to Forest Park for our leper work in the Cameroons in Africa.

Our pastor went on a stewardship itinerary during the last two weeks in November in behalf of the denomination. Our own stewardship program is doing nicely. A goodly number of people have enlisted in tithing.

Miss Bonnie Morgan, our Church Missionary, is doing a great work among the young people. Besides her visitation, she takes charge of our Training Union Classes and various other organizations call on her for council and help.

Mrs. Jacob Garnaat, Reporter.



Young people of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., presenting the Christmas pantomime, "When Christmas Comes." (Left to right: Vernon Klapstein, Donald Peter, Rose Yeske, Peter Schroeder and Harry Brucks and, standing at the back, Freda Dermann and Betty Kienzle.)

Atlantic Conference

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Roger W. Schmidt by the Baptist Church, Jamesburg, New Jersey

On Monday evening, December 15, we of the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., held a reception and welcome for our new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Roger W. Schmidt, and their one-year-old son, Philip, who come to us from Batavia, New York. This was a happy occasion to which we had been looking forward for some time.



—Photo by R. M. Wright

"The First Christmas," a beautiful play given by the Primary Department of the Pilgrim Baptist Sunday School, Philadelphia, Pa., on December 21st.

After the installation service, words of greeting and welcome were expressed by visiting pastors of the Atlantic Conference, Delaware Association, New Jersey State Convention, Trenton Association and the local community as well as neighboring churches. One of our former pastors, the Rev. Christian Peters of Elsmere, Del., found it possible to be with us for this happy occasion. Other North American Baptist pastors who participated were the Rev. R. Zimbelman of Brooklyn, N. Y.; R. S. Hess of Newark, N. J. Rev. W. J. Appel of Jersey City, N. J.; and Rev. W. C. Damrau of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Following the program, refreshments were served by the Woman's Missionary Society and a time of fellowship was enjoyed. Alberta R. Lange, Reporter.

Ninety-eighth Anniversary Program of the Ridgewood Baptist Church of New York

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 7, during the Week of Prayer we of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, N. Y., were privileged to have the Rev. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., in our midst who showed us the latest mission and denominational pictures. Celebration of our 98th anniversary

took place on Sunday, January 11. Our pastor, the Rev. Paul Wengel, preached the sermon at the weekly German service. Following the Sunday School session we had another inspirational period at the Family Worship Hour when the guest preacher was the Rev. J. W. Thomas of the American Baptist Convention.

Following our usual custom, we had an afternoon meeting at which all organizations of the church were given the opportunity to make their annual reports. Our beloved pastor, Mr. Wengel, was in charge and led in the singing of several new songs he recently translated from the "Singvoegelein" used in Germany Sunday Schools



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"The First Christmas," a beautiful play given by the Primary Department of the Pilgrim Baptist Sunday School, Philadelphia, Pa., on December 21st.

years ago. He contends that much is lost for the youth of today because the trend is only to look to the future and forget the past and its wonderful heritage. There are very few songs on the theme of the Sunday School in any hymnals in present use. Hence Mr. Wengel has taken it upon himself to translate those in the "Singvoegelein" and preserve them for our children. Many of the older members present still remembered the songs from their Sunday School days and sang the German words from memory.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of our Sunday School, which was founded before the church, and we plan to sing these songs at a special celebration commemorating this centenary in the spring.

Marion von Ahnen, Reporter.

Special Sunday School Programs of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

It is with rich praise to God that the Sunday School of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., reviews the events of recent months. The school had a 12 percent increase over the previous year and is continuing to grow, so that the present facilities are overcrowded. Because of this and the

Obituary

MISS EMMA MARIE NABER of Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Miss Emma Marie Naber of Bridgeport, Conn., was born March 1, 1883 at Bridgeport. In her 14th year she was converted and baptized upon confession of her faith in Jesus Christ as her personal Savior by Rev. Henry Gelan and joined the King's Highway Baptist Church in which she remained a loyal and devoted member to the end of her earthly career.

For over 25 years she served the church as its organist and was a consecrated Sunday School teacher for many years. She was also a loyal member of the Ladies' Sunshine Society. She took her church membership seriously by attending services regularly and contributing generously. The Naber Sisters were well known for their open house and kind hospitality.

The last two years our sister's faith was severely tested when her eyesight became greatly impaired. She had always been very active but now she had to carry the cross of inactivity which was not easy. It pleased God to release her from her affliction on November 18, 1952. She leaves her sister, Miss Anna, and numerous cousins and relatives and friends to mourn her departure. 1 Cor. 13:12 served for our message.

King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut
GEORGE HENSEL, Pastor.

unlimited possibilities of the neighborhood, the staff and school look forward to the early realization of their vision, a Christian education building.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 21, the Sunday School gave its annual Christmas program. Outside a cold, drenching rain cast a shadow over the day. Inside the air was one of festivity. The superintendent, Ralph Kletke, gave the welcome to over 320 people who literally packed the lower auditorium into the kitchen and the aisles. Approximately 150 of these people represented parents and friends from the neighborhood. The audience listened with rapt attention as the Beginners, Junior girls, and Cub Scouts added their interpretation of the Christmas story. A play, "The First Christmas," given by the Primary Department depicted with simplicity, and sometimes with humor, the Bethlehem events of long ago.

On January 5th, the Sunday School teachers and officers held a supper meeting. The assistant superintendent, Mr. Bill McClain, led the meeting which was preceded by a delicious turkey dinner. We were fortunate to have the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., with us as guest speaker, during his tour of some of the Atlantic Conference churches. Mr. Gunst was privileged to present Leadership Training Certificates to those who had met the requirements.

We thank God for the aggressive spiritual leadership of the school by our pastor, the Rev. W. C. Damrau. He is supported by a consecrated staff of officers and teachers, who are led by their respective departmental superintendents: Children's—Miss Anna Draeger; Young People's—Carl Pfeiffer; Adult—Mr. William Reeh; and the Cradle Roll and Home Department, Mrs. Jennie Schmidt.

E. Ralph Kletke, Reporter.

MRS. LOUISE BURGER of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Louise Burger, nee Lay, of Philadelphia, Pa., was born on July 26, 1903, in Heilbronn, Germany. She emigrated to America in 1922 and settled in Philadelphia. In 1924 she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized by the late Rev. F. P. Kruse and united with the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

On June 2, 1928 she was united in marriage to Mr. Eugene Burger. Our sister was vitally interested in the cause of Christ. She contributed toward relief work in Germany and various religious causes. Her health had been impaired for some time. She died suddenly on January 13.

The funeral service was conducted on Friday evening, January 16, by the interim pastor, Dr. J. Leypoldt. The remains were buried the following morning at White-marsch Memorial Park. She leaves to mourn her bereaved husband, two brothers, one sister in Germany and a host of friends.

Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
JOHN LEYPOLDT, Interim Pastor.

MRS. AUGUST STAHL of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Mrs. August Stahl of Sheboygan, Wis., aged 79, died Tuesday, Jan. 6th, at St. Nicholas Hospital after a lingering illness. Born Nov. 30, 1873 in the Ruhr section of Germany, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. William aus der Finten, she came to Sheboygan, Wis., with her mother in 1893.

She was married to Mr. Stahl on Aug. 7, 1895, in the Bethel Baptist Church of Sheboygan, the first couple to be married in that church. Surviving are the husband; one daughter, Mrs. R. W. (Esther) Knopf of Milwaukee, Wis.; four grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. A son, Herbert, preceded his mother in death.

Thinking of Mrs. Stahl, we can pay her this tribute that she loved her Lord and demonstrated it in service. She loved her Bible and studied it and tried to live its teachings. She loved her church and was present in her place of love even though hardly able to sit or walk. She was loyal to her pastor and the program of the church.

The pastor, Dr. M. Vanderbeck, preached her coronation service on the words, "I have fought a good fight." Burial was made in Wildwood Cemetery of Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin
M. VANDERBECK, Pastor.

MR. WILLIAM KUEHL of Killaloe, Ontario.

Mr. William Kuehl of Killaloe, Ont., was born to Gottlieb and Wilhelmina Kuehl on March 8, 1874, in Hagarty Township, Ont., and died on December 9, 1952, at the age of 78 years, 9 months and one day. Mr. Kuehl gave his heart to the Lord as a young man and was baptized on April 20, 1890, by the Rev. F. Heinemann. He was married to Carolina Younth on November 4, 1897, in Killaloe, Ontario.

Their marriage was blessed by the following children: Mrs. Harry Schleen, of Killaloe; William, who died in 1929; Mrs. George Pollard of Rochester, N. Y.; Walter of Killaloe; Mrs. Adolf Littman of Killaloe; Mrs. Walter Ryan of Rochester, N. Y.; Mrs. Dan Okum of Killaloe; Mrs. August broke, Ont.; George of Killaloe; Mrs. August Buchwald of Killaloe; Reuben of Killaloe; and Angalia who died in 1928. There were also three stepchildren: Mrs. Otto Disher, who died in 1950; Mrs. Annie Hamil of Killaloe; and Mr. John Verch of Killaloe. Mr. Kuehl leaves also one sister, Mrs. Margaret Kuehl leaves also one sister, Mrs. Augusta Bloodow; and one half-sister, Mrs. Augusta Verch. There remain also 42 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Kuehl was a faithful and respected member of the First Baptist Church of Hagarty. His presence will be greatly missed by all. May the God of hope through our Lord Jesus Christ bring comfort to those who mourn!

First Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario
LAWRENCE W. GEORGE, Pastor.

REV. KARL FELDMETH of Los Angeles, California.

Rev. Karl Feldmeth of Los Angeles, Calif., was born February 18, 1874 in Germany. He went quietly to be with the Lord on Dec. 19, 1952 in his 78th year.

He was saved when a young man. Later he was enabled, with the help of a godly aunt, to attend the seminary in St. Chri-schona, Switzerland. A small church in Germany was his first charge. In 1902 his pathway led to the United States.

In 1906 Brother Feldmeth was ordained in the First German Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon. He was appointed as city missionary of this church. His missionary efforts bore fruit in the founding of a testimony in St. Johns, Portland.

While there, Mr. Feldmeth was united in marriage to Miss Weiss. To them were born two sons: Theodore and Carl. Due to Mrs. Feldmeth's ill health, they journeyed to Los Angeles, Calif., in 1910. The First German Baptist Church of this city, now known as the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, called him as its missionary.

His faithful work resulted in the formation of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Los Angeles in 1917. He became the first pastor and served faithfully many years. When others followed, he was a cooperative and encouraging worker together with them. The salient themes of his preaching were the love of God and God's faithfulness.

There were many great trials and discouragements connected with the work, but by God's grace, he went on and the church has maintained a fruitful ministry to the honor and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. He was a spiritual father to all in the congregation and a constant blessing through his life and ministry of God's Word.

God called him to go through deep waters of sorrow, first in the loss of his eldest son, Theodore, in 1937. In 1941 his dear wife, who was his faithful helpmeet, companion and fellow-worker, was called home to glory. Now he has joined them in the heavenly abode.

He is survived by a son, Carl Feldmeth; four grandsons: Ronald, Robert, Nathan and Gregory. The Ebenezer Baptist Church has suffered a great loss in the homegoing of Brother Feldmeth.

Participating in the funeral service were the Rev. E. Mittelstedt, the Rev. Robert Vasel, Dr. Harry Anderson and the pastor. Ebenezer Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California

HENRY F. K. HENGSTLER, Pastor.

MR. FRED JENNER of Ashley, North Dakota.

Mr. Fred Jenner of Ashley, N. Dak., son of Jacob and Magdalena Jenner, was born August 14, 1895 in McPherson County, Ashley, North Dakota. He accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized on Nov. 20, 1938 by the Rev. W. J. Luebeck. He was a faithful member of the Ashley Baptist Church and an active member of the Men's Chorus.

Mr. Jenner was united in marriage to Anna Bertsch on Dec. 2, 1919. To this union were born one son and four daughters. One daughter, Esther, preceded him in death in infancy. The remaining children cherish the remembrance of a loving, Christian father and a good home. The majority of Mr. Jenner's lifetime was spent in farming. In 1948, the Jenner's built their present home in Ashley and retired.

Recently Mr. Jenner became ill and was confined to his home. When his ailment became more serious, he was taken to the Eureka Hospital where he passed away on Monday, Jan. 12th, after 45 days at the hospital. One of his favorite hymns was, "Wandering Child, Come Home," which he sang on his death bed.

The sojourner into that blessed land of no return leaves the following bereaved loved ones: his loving wife, Anna; one son, Vernon of Ashley; three daughters: Lon, Vern, Mrs. Elmer Diede of Jamestown, La Vern, Mrs. Frances, Mrs. Ervin Grenz of N. Dak.; and Al Vera, Mrs. Ewald Artas, S. Dak.; and six grand-children; also three sisters: Elizabeth Jes-children; also three sisters: Elizabeth Bertsch ser of Long Lake, S. Dak.; Lydia Bertsch of Ashley, N. Dak.; and Ida Hoff of Oakes,

N. Dak.; and two brothers: Jacob of Ashley, N. Dak., and John of Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and a host of friends. Mr. Jenner reached the age of 57 years, 4 months and 28 days. The Men's Chorus sang his favorite song at the funeral service, Mr. and Mrs. Hertzman sang an appropriate German hymn. The pastor spoke to a large meeting on Psalm 46:10.

Ashley, North Dakota
J. J. RENZ, Pastor.

REV. RAY F. KAHLE of Dallas, Texas.

Rev. Raymond Forrest Kahle, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Kahle, was born in Chicago, Ill., on January 7, 1906, and was called into God's Presence suddenly at his home in Dallas, Texas, on December 6, 1952.

At the age of 12, he yielded his heart to Christ, was baptized, and joined the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Illinois. Some time later the family moved to Milwaukee, Wis., where his father died in 1925. Enrolled in an engineering course at Marquette University, Brother Kahle felt God calling him into the Christian ministry. The answer to that call took him to Wheaton College and Dallas Theological Seminary.

Though these years of training were interrupted by serious illness, he received his A.B. degree at Wheaton and finished the three-year course at the Seminary, returning later to receive his Th. M. degree. Following graduation from the Seminary, Brother Kahle joined Dr. David L. Cooper of the Biblical Research Society of Los Angeles, Calif., in a five-year ministry of Bible teaching and literature distribution to Jews and Christians.

In the summer of 1938, in Los Angeles, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary-Pearl Reinhard, whose father, Rev. August Reinhard, had been a pioneer missionary to China and was then engaged in Jewish work in Shanghai. (Rev. A. Reinhard passed away at the Kahle home in September, 1952.) To this happy union were born three children: Elizabeth, Gilbert and Sharon Ruth, who will ever cherish the memory of a devoted and loving Christian father.

In May 1936, Brother Kahle was ordained to the Gospel ministry in Dallas, Texas, and became the part-time pastor of the Oak Lawn Bible Church of Dallas. For the last eight years he has been the director of the Dallas Tenach Forum. The Forum was raised up by God in 1945 as a permanent testimony to Israel in Greater Dallas. Its witness is carried on basically by personal testimony, tract and Scripture distribution in shops and homes, but also by radio messages and classes to which Jews and Gentiles are invited.

Brother Kahle also taught the course in Jewish Evangelism at the Dallas Bible Institute; served as chairman of the Institute's board; and for a number of years gave the "Jewish News Flashes" over the "Radio Revival" broadcast. His heart responded to every appeal and effort carried on by the evangelical forces of Dallas.

In 1951, Brother Kahle joined the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church, where he and his family found a happy fellowship and where he became a member of the church board.

Besides his dear wife and three children, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ella Kahle Rieke of Burlington, Iowa; one sister, Miss Irma Kahle of North Hollywood, Calif.; and a host of friends and fellow-laborers in the Gospel across the land.

The largely attended funeral services on Dec. 9 were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, assisted by the Rev. W. Helwig and four other pastor friends, President Martin O. Massinger of the Dallas Bible Institute brought the main message of comfort and assurance. Burial was in Grove Hill Cemetery, Dallas.

"He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away off from all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it" (Isa. 25:8).

Carroll Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas
HAROLD W. GIESEKE, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Recent Events and Programs for the First Baptist Church, Colfax, Washington

The First Baptist Church of Colfax, Wash., entertained the Pacific Conference from June 25 to 29, with a weekend registration of more than four hundred people. We recall with joy the Christian fellowship and spiritual inspiration received during those days.

In recent months, we have held three baptismal services at our church, two of which were held jointly in cooperation with other local churches.

In November, a new Hammond organ was presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Krueger. It was fittingly dedicated to the Lord's work in an impressive dedication service.

The CBY sponsored a special evening program early in December. Major John Hingson, Chaplain of Fairchild Air Force Base, Spokane, Wash., was the guest speaker. With him were the "Five Wings," colored male quartet, who gave a most interesting program.

The Christmas season was a busy one. One of the highlights was the cantata entitled, "The World's Redeemer," given by the choir under the direction of Mrs. F. E. Klein. On New Year's Eve, a Watchnight Service was enjoyed which included a musical program, colored slides on the "Life of Christ," a fellowship hour, and a testimony and prayer hour. May the new year find each of us in the place where the Lord wants us, striving to win others for him!

Mrs. Paul Krueger, Reporter.

BIBLE DAY
 Sunday, March 8, 1953
 Program material has been sent to all churches. Offerings for the Bible Fund of our Publication Society.
 (See pages 3 and 9 in this issue.)

Inspiring Programs and Newly Organized Men's Fellowship at Elk Grove, California

We of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., have placed a very busy year behind us and the Lord has been very good to us and has showered us with many blessings. One of the highlights which afforded blessings untold, was the Sunday School week with its varied activities of fellowship with teachers, associate teachers and officers, climaxing with the evening service on the following Sunday. All teachers and officers were requested to take the choir pews and the pastor's message by the Rev. W. W. Knauf was directed to the teachers setting forth the seriousness and also the blessings of the task of being a consecrated teacher. After such a challenging message each teacher was prepared to give her testimony and also state her or his desire always to do God's will in this important task.

As our mission project in the Junior Department of the Sunday School, we are endeavoring to acquaint our children with the missionaries of our denomination using the very interesting booklet, "Now We Are 55." The 4th Sunday of each month is set aside for this purpose and a teacher gives a brief outline of one missionary or mission-

ary family. We have found this very interesting, especially when we could hear about a missionary who would visit us in the near future. Naturally, we started with the missionary whom our church is helping to support, Miss Esther Schultz. We were so happy to have her with us before she left for Africa. Then in November we reviewed the story of the Kenneth Goodman family and felt we were really acquainted with them when they came to us on December 7.

Our Thanksgiving Service was to be an evening of special praise and prayer. The service was in charge of the Rev. W. W. Knauf, who so ably led us during the past year and whose messages have been the means of inspiring us to do greater things for God. On this evening it was a delight to hear all the verses of Thanksgiving quoted by the audience and instead of a sermon, to hear the short talks given by the Senior deacon, Sunday School superintendents and presidents of the various organizations of the church.

On November 30, we were again privileged to have a baptismal service at which time three adults and one young boy were baptized and afterwards given the hand of fellowship.

Our Men's Fellowship, although being a comparatively new organization of the church, has been making its influence felt in the community. They have recently installed a beautiful neon sign at the front of the church with the wonderful testimony, "Jesus Saves," with the Cross in the center. This sign was dedicated during the evening services on January 4. May it be a challenge to everyone who reads it!

Theodora G. Wuttke, Reporter.

Helpful Books

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Here is the forty-eighth issue of this highly acclaimed Guide to the teaching of the International Sunday School Lessons. It is filled to overflowing with a rich collection of helps and suggestions—the same type of material that has made it one of the most popular teaching aids in America.

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