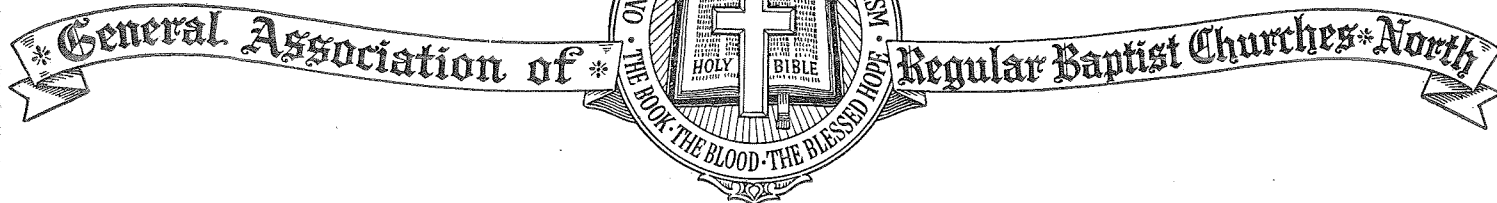


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THE CHRISTIAN AMERICAN HOME

By CARL SWEAZY

You perhaps recall that I closed my last message on the American Home by quoting the British playwright and social satirist, George Bernard Shaw, in which he said, "Home life as we understand it, is no more natural to us than a cage is natural to a cockatoo." And again, "The principal advantage to a hotel is that it is a refuge from home." Now in my estimation, one certainly is in the reverse of natural and normal thinking who imagines that a hotel is a refuge from home life. Any one who has had much to do with hotels, and I suppose from his statements that Mr. Shaw must have had, should surely wonder how Hotels could be a refuge from any kind of life. I have always thought of them as substitutes, and rather makeshifts or temporary arrangements because one cannot do better, and has no home of his own handy in which to live. So, contrary to Mr. Shaw's notion, I wish to say that the second Christian attitude toward the home is: HOME IS A HAVEN AND A RETREAT.

I submit to you friends that "Home life . . . is . . . natural to us." It is only the perversion of our true social, moral and spiritual instincts that would cause us to take the unsocial position of the Playright, which of course is held largely in common by all those who have adopted the Marxian philosophy. So following my first statement regarding home, namely, that PEOPLE SHOULD LIVE THERE, I wish us to think of HOME AS A HAVEN AND A RETREAT.

Have you ever been impressed, as you were in the midst of the throngs at the busy intersections, or the great department stores, with the strange empty, almost haunting stare on the faces of the passers by? Have you ever wondered why it is that men and women, fathers and mothers, are thronging the pleasure houses of the world, the booze halls, the show houses, etc., while the beautiful little homes that line our streets and boulevards are strangely dark and silent at night, like the ghost houses of yesterday? Ah, friends it must be that those men and women have missed the sublime and beautiful conception of Home as a "Haven (only a little removed from "heaven") and a retreat. What a God's blessing it would be to this, our beloved country, if this conception were to be universally held. I believe it was John Ruskin who said: "This is the true nature of home—it is a place of peace; the shelter, not only from all injury, but from all terror, doubt and division." Jesus, you remember

taught his disciples that when they were making their pastoral calls, they should say as they enter a man's home, "Peace be unto this house."

I suppose I have prayed that prayer more than a thousand times as I have walked to the doors of various homes. Homes of all kinds and descriptions, and containing all manner of domestic situations; little homes, big homes; homes of wealth and homes of squalor, but homes. Oh, God bless our homes. But I have never been so profoundly stirred in many days, as recently when a brother minister of mine from the eastern part of the country, paid me a visit here in Los Angeles. As he crossed the threshold of my home he dropped to his knees and looking up, lifted one hand to God and repeated that Biblical formula, "Peace be unto this house."

I believe I realized then and I have since realized how very important that petition is. Jesus Christ the great Prince of peace, knew then how important it is that all our homes be filled with a true sense of the presence and peace of God, that they shall be as Havens and retreats. When all else in this world is swirling like a mad river at flood tide, threatening to carry all that is dear and precious to destruction and oblivion, friends, there is peace in the home of the one who is trusting in the Lord. May I make a confession to you as a minister of the Gospel? Times without number, when I have ministered throughout a heavy day with many exactions, and so little of personal "stuff" to meet the requirements, I have thought within myself, "Oh if I can only get inside my home, I think I will live." I wonder if any other pastors have felt that way? I wonder if you have had such experiences? Oh, it is true that when everything is going well and we seem to have no cares in this world, we may be tempted to undervalue the time spent in our homes, but let tragedy fall, and burdens and cares stack up around us like mountains, then we want to get home.

There are all kinds of poverty in this world, but surely among the greatest paupers is that person who really has no home as a peaceful haven, a shelter from "injury, terror, doubt and division." There are two Scriptures which I think have application to this thought. The first one is found in Psalms 103:13 "Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him." Home, my friends, from the Scriptural and Christian point

of view, is a place where a child who has been disillusioned by some bitter experience in the world may come and find a father who will understand, or make a desperate effort to understand, and rather than ranting and railing will show pity, and the warmth and comfort of genuine sympathy from a father's heart. Place an understanding, loving, sympathetic father in every home in America and you have gone a long way toward curing our Juvenile Problem. Alas many children are afraid to go home, lest father should be there. But remember my friend, out there this morning, whether or not you have a home like that, there is still our Heavenly Father, and the Good Book says that "He pities them that fear Him." May the God of high heaven cure the fathers of America of their bitter, biting, barking sarcasm, and give them hearts of love and compassion upon their children, that their homes may indeed be real havens and retreats. Though all the rest of the world should despise a member of the household, still home is a place which must take them in.

I have a son in the service, who has always been a real home-loving fellow. From the time he was a very small boy, when we first began to have our personal conversations between father and son on important matters, I have said to him: Now son, I think you are going to make good, but always remember this, though all the rest of the world may despise you for your meanness and your sins and crimes, still remember that I am your friend. I will always be your father and you will always be my son." I have told him that he could not possibly get into a difficulty or trouble but that I would try to help him out. If when playing ball in the streets the ball should break a neighbor's window, he has been instructed carefully never to run, though all the other fellows should run away, he was to go to the door, and take the blame and give them his name and say: "Now my father and I will make the damage right." Only once has he called on me, and that time he was not to blame, but just took the blame. We fixed it up in a hurry. He hurried right home, and my neighbor came with him. The neighbor was considerably put out and all hot and bothered. But we cooled him off in a hurry and fixed things right up. I saved my boy from becoming a "sneak" and a cowardly wretch, with the wrong notion about society in general, by furnishing him with a home which was a haven and a retreat. Well, here is a hint as to what fathers may do in making home a Haven.

Then there is this second passage of Scripture, found in Matthew's Gospel chapter 2 and verse 18. "In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation and weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they were not." My friends, it is a sad, unnatural day when mothers have so little care for their children as we see on every hand today. The great apostle was certainly

speaking of our day when he said that in the perilous times of these last days there should be the loss of "natural affection." Many mothers of children do not seem to have the beautiful, tender, mother-faculty of really caring. It's a tragic sign of the close of this age. I tremble to think of the future of the American, and therefore of America itself, with the mothers of our children hiring maids, and little girls from other homes, who should be spending their time in their own homes, to care for the "kids" (I don't like that word) while they run to the houses of mirth, the shows, the cocktail lounges, the dances, the bridge clubs, ad infinitum. Beloved, hear me, and I guess I am pleading now; but I want to see the mothers who love their children enough to weep over their sins and errors, and who will love them though all others despise them! This is an absolute essential if home is to be made a haven and a retreat.

Take the case of the Prodigal Son, who took all his goods and pulled out from the haven where his father and mother lived, and went into a far country and spent his riches in riotous living. Can you not see that fellow, stripped of everything, wealth, friends and the very necessities of life, standing by the swine while they were feeding on the husks, "Coming to himself?" What a God's blessing it was to that fellow that day to have a memory of a loving father and mother. Still remembering his own brutal tearing of the home ties, he could not conceive of ever again knowing his home as a haven and a retreat. Oh, he said, if I can only get where I can look at the house which was once my home. "I will arise and go to my father." Thousands of derelicts today would be within the reach of redemption and salvation if they had the memory of a "Father that pitieth his children" and of a mother who "weeps over her children." Now of course that parable was designed to show the pity of the real Heavenly Father as well as to show the cruelty of a self-satisfied, Pharisaical, religion, represented by the unforgiving brother. But friends, reading between the lines, as I see that father and his son turning towards the home with their arms around each other, I can see that dear old mother, if she had not already died of a broken heart, wiping her blessed old face with her apron, to brush away the tears of joy, making her way out to meet them. Oh, how many homes have had scenes like that; and friends, how many more need to have such wonderful reunions!

Just one blur on that marvelous picture of reconciliation and restoration, is that most "unnatural" brother. Which goes to show that the children of the home have also their part in making Home a "Haven." The law of forgiveness must have full play among the brothers and sisters in the home. So let me close with just a brief word to the young folks living in our homes. How easy it is to forgive those who live outside our homes, and then many times take out our feelings on our own brothers and

sisters. Listen fellows and girls, you younger members of the household: Always remember that the real test tube or crucible in which to test your real worth and character is your own home. Always "consider yourself, lest you also be tempted." Let love and forgiveness, and genuine family sympathy and understanding prevail, and thus help God to make of your home a Haven and a retreat for every member of the family.

A. C. C. C. IN SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

Reported by
R. T. KETCHAM, President

The semi-annual meeting of the American Council of Christian Churches was held in Grand Rapids, May 2, 3, and 4. The business sessions of the Council itself were held in the Pantlind Hotel, and the public sessions were held in the Wealthy Street Baptist Church.

Some of the strongest resolutions the Council has yet passed were acted upon, and will be found in full text elsewhere in this issue with comment by the Editor.

Progress was reported by the Committee on Sunday School literature, and it is hoped before long that it can be announced that a complete Sunday School lesson system will be available.

Plans were also made for the development of the work of the Council nationwide. Negotiations are now being carried on, looking toward bringing into the work a full-time Field Representative.

The first public session of the Conference was held Thursday afternoon, when Dr. William McCarrell of Cicero, Illinois, brought a message which was typical of the McCarrell ministry. He based his message upon Elijah, his relationship to God, and his uncompromising stand for God in the day of apostasy. One would almost have thought that Elijah was the founder of the American Council of Christian Churches! Thursday evening the President addressed the meeting on the subject of The Twentieth Century Reformation. The message was designed to show the basic philosophy which lies back of, and underneath, the terrible situation which confronts fundamental Christianity today.

Friday afternoon Rev. W. O. H. Garman of Pittsburgh brought a message which will not soon be forgotten. We predict that it will live in the hearts of those that heard it, and living there, will bring continued blessing. The closing message of the Conference Friday evening was delivered by Rev. Carl McIntire, one of the founders of the American Council, its first President, and now its Vice-President. We have heard McIntire in many addresses but we never heard him better than Friday night. It was a masterpiece. The blatant and insulting attitude of many of the Federal leaders, including its president, Bishop

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

ANTI-SEMITISM

There is a lot of muddled thinking on the subject of Anti-Semitism, and some of that muddled condition is due to the deliberately deceptive measures being taken by some for their own purposes. For example, it is evident to anyone who carefully studies the situation that the epithet of Anti-Semitism is sometimes hurled at men in an effort to discredit their attitude toward Communism. When anyone dares to assail Communism in this country, if his voice carries over a circle sufficiently wide to catch the attention of the Communists, he can be certain of being stigmatized as a Fascist, a Nazi, an Anti-Semite, or as a mixture of all three. In this adroit and unscrupulous manner, the influence of some opponents of Communism has been diminished, and other men have been so intimidated that they have not dared openly to oppose Communistic propaganda and movements.

If, in attacking Communism, a man so much as mentions an individual who is of the Jewish race, even though in his remarks he does not refer to him as such, he may discover that that reference has been interpreted by some sources as "anti-Semitic."

This sort of tactics on the part of the enemy within our gates must be resisted, and the victims of it must be protected and encouraged in their exposure of Communism and Communists.

However, when this has been said in defense of those who are wrongly stigmatized, it must not be taken as in any way excusing or encouraging those who are actually guilty. The Council of Fourteen of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches went on record last January as opposing Anti-Semitism, and such opposition ought to characterize every true American, whether Christian or not. The encouragement of racial and religious prejudice is distinctly un-American.

THE PROTOCOLS

As an example of muddled thinking, we might cite much that has been said with regard to the Protocols of the Elders of Zion. The debate as to the validity of these Protocols seems to us to have very little point. Suppose it could be established that the Protocols had actually been devised by a certain group of Jewish men. They would still lack validity as a document justifying fear of, or antagonism toward, the Jewish people, for certainly no group of men can speak for all Jews, or commit them to any program. The Jewish people do not comprise a nation. They have no unifying governmental organization, no official representative. It would be manifestly unjust to hold them as a people accountable for what a few long-haired, wild-eyed fanatics might say or do.

The Federal Council of Churches pro-

fesses to speak for 22,000,000 Protestants. Under the plan of organization, the Council is actually administered by a group of 78 men and its official spokesman on the radio is Harry Emerson Fosdick. Certainly there are many churches, and many more individual Christians, numbered among these 22,000,000 Protestants whose views are not represented by the utterances of Fosdick, and whose policies are not determined by the 78 officials. That representation could be (and certainly should be) repudiated by orthodox Christian bodies severing connections with the Council. But what is a Jew to do? In no measure responsible for the views expressed in such a document as the Protocols, he has no means of separating himself from those who were charged with the responsibility, no means of becoming a non-Jew. And fair-mindedness would not put him in a position where he should even feel the need to escape, since fair-mindedness would recognize that there could be no such thing as national complicity for a people as scattered and lacking in homogeneity as are the Jews.

In other words, *the Jews didn't write the Protocols, even if it could be proved that the men who did write them were Jewish.*

ONLY APOSTATE JEWS

Another example of the deliberate clouding of the issue on the part of some who are guilty of spreading prejudice, but who do not wish to be branded as Anti-Semitic, is the plea that they are not attacking the Jewish people in general but only "Apostate Jews." One of the worst Jew-baiters in this country, and a man under Federal indictment for subversive activities, claims that he is not "Anti-Semitic," and we recently heard him defended by a pastor of one of our G. A. R. B. churches on the plea that he "only attacks apostate Jews!" This term is no doubt intended to designate those who have apostatized from their own Jewish religion and are atheistic. Some such are undeniably identified with atheistic Communism. But why should they be singled out as Jews? Their Jewish ancestry has no more significance than the fact that many others who hold similar views are Gentiles. It is the false and destructive ideology which we must oppose with all vigor! The racial background of the individual is of no significance.

The subversive, atheistic "Liberals," who seek to destroy our American institutions and our American way of life, are equally guilty whether descended from Shem, Ham, or Japheth. In fact, considering the number of such who are called "Christian," and who are cloaked in "clerical garb," the Jew might very reasonably ask that we clean our own house first! But in the fulminations of many "defenders" of our American institutions, the Jewish race is the only one which is singled out for special mention, and the effect of this is to encourage a racial prejudice which is unfair, un-American, and un-Christian.

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Lesson XIX—Text: 1 Cor. 11:1-16

VEILED WOMEN AND UNVEILED MEN

Someone has well said that order is heaven's first law. How far we have departed from such a philosophy in this day, is to be seen in the fact that many people, even in orthodox churches, resent the Word of God when it reaches into their own lives. Such an attitude ought not to characterize the lives of those who are truly Bible believers, for there should be a sincere desire on the part of all such, to have Bible-directed lives, even though this results in upsetting pre-conceived ideas or plans.

We believe this is the reason for the manner in which the apostle begins this portion of the First Corinthian epistle, saying, "be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." You see, the apostle had had many of his pre-conceived ideas and notions upset by an acquaintance with the Lord Jesus Christ. For instance, there had been a time in his experience when he had said, as recorded in Philippians, chapter 3 verse 4, "If any other man think that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: circumcized the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless." Subsequent to that testimony, however, he had come across the Saviour, the result of which was, that his pre-conceived ideas with respect to his own perfection were upset, so that he should later say, as recorded in Romans 7 and verse 18, "for I know that in me (that is, in my flesh), dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not." As a result of this intimate acquaintance with the Lord Jesus Christ, he had therefore come to the conclusion as recorded, again in Philippians three, verses 7 through 9, "but what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yet doubtless, I count all things loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ our Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse, that I may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith."

Hence, he is now in a position to say to the Corinthians, as in our text, "be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ." All of this, by way of reminding those to whom he then addressed himself, and those to whom these words presently come, that our lives as Christians are to be Bible-directed, even in the minutest detail. Hence, in begin-

ning, the apostle reminds them, as in verse two, of his pleasure at their past obedience, saying "now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you." Then, the apostle proceeds to unfold his subject, first speaking of,

I. CREATION IN GOD'S ORDERLY ARRANGEMENT.

Verse 3, "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." At this very point we need to get God's prospective of what is being said, clearly, lest a misunderstanding arise, particularly in this day of special freedom granted to women. This verse has laid down this three-fold order of headship. First, God is the head of Christ; secondly, Christ is the head of the man; thirdly, man is the head of the woman. Now, someone might argue, where does this fit into the picture as recorded in Galatians 3:28 where it is written "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female; for ye are all one in Christ Jesus?" The answer is to be found in an understanding of God's order in nature or the "old" creation, and His order in the "new" creation. It is true, that in Christ, there is neither male nor female. It is true, that in Christ, natural distinctions are more or less done away with, but we must realize that God has His order in the natural order of things, that is to say, in connection with natural creation, and in that, His revelation is to the effect set forth in this third verse of our present text.

This is not to infer by any means, that woman as such, is inferior to man. It simply recognizes the fact that in the exercise of authority here on earth, she is to be subordinate. We might illustrate it so that it would be more readily understood in these times, by that which involves order in the armed forces of our country. The fact that one man is a General, and that another but a Private, does not necessarily involve the fact that one man is physically nor spiritually nor intellectually, inferior to the other man. It simply involves the fact that there must be order in the army, that there must be someone who is delegated to head up the armed forces, as there must be others to carry out the orders. It could happen, and probably does, that a man could be a private in the army, and be, in some fields at least, intellectually superior to the General who commands the whole army, but for the present, and under the order established



in the armed forces, he must take his place as prescribed, for the sake of authority. It is thus with the relationship existing between God and Christ, and man and the woman, and if there be any criticism of such procedure, let it be of God, and no one else, for this is His Word.

All this by way of leading up to that which then follows,

II. WORSHIP IN GOD'S ORDERLY ARRANGEMENT.

Verses 4-6, "Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoreth HIS head. But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoreth HER head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven. For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn; but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered." The words of verse 4 "every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoreth his head," refers to the Jewish tradition which required a man to be veiled during the worship service. But the apostle reminds us that this is not according to God, but according to tradition, for says he, in doing this, man is dishonoring his head which is Christ. On the other hand, he reminds them that the woman who prays or prophesies, or otherwise worships with her head uncovered, dishonoreth her head which is the man, and, he goes on to say, that if she is going to be disobedient in this matter, it is all the same, or just the same, as though she were shaven, but, he says, if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered, or let her be veiled. In other words and simply put, the Spirit of God through Paul, is telling us of the fact that God, in the order established in the natural creation, has so arranged it that man shall fulfill a special place, and woman shall fulfill another special place, and he does not desire that the woman should attempt to "ape" the man, because he is saying in effect, that such a woman is behaving as though she were saying, "I am not satisfied to be a woman, I am not satis-

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A. C. C. C. RESOLUTIONS

At the meeting of the American Council of Christian Churches in Grand Rapids, May 2, 3, and 4, the following Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Our President

Inasmuch as our Nation's new Chief Executive has been so suddenly elevated to this high and responsible position in a time of world crisis which makes his office especially weighty, his problems acute, and his responsibilities unusual; and inasmuch as he has humbly besought Divine wisdom to administer his duties for his Lord and his people; and inasmuch as the Scriptures admonish and direct us to pray for those who are in authority; therefore

Be it resolved that we convey to our President our assurance of continued intercession in his behalf, and that we encourage our churches to be ever more diligent in prayer for him and for all who are in places of leadership in our Nation during these critical times.

Moreover, holding as we do that the presence of Myron Taylor, or any other representative of our government at the vatican, is an unwarranted concession to the ambition of the Roman Catholic Church to exercise civil authority among the nations, if not over them; and recognizing that such a concession constitutes in fact a violation of the American principle of the separation of Church and State, therefore,

Be it further resolved that we do earnestly and humbly implore our President to take immediate steps for the recall of Mr. Taylor.

Anti-Semitism

Recognizing that there are influences operating in our Country to keep racial and religious minorities continually agitated and aggravated as part of a program of unrest, we once again declare our opposition to all such tendencies. We are definitely opposed to Anti-Semitism, and believe it is not necessary to encourage racial prejudice in our opposition to either Fascism or Communism. We therefore urge all Christians to avoid alliance with Anti-Semitic leaders and endorsement of Anti-Semitic ideologies.

The Ives-Quinn Bill

Inasmuch as legislation of the character and pattern of the Ives-Quinn bill recently enacted into law in the state of New York, will certainly be presented in other states, and even to our National Legislative bodies, and whereas legislation of this type, while ostensibly designed to present racial and religious discrimination, will actually foster ill will between various groups and destroy certain inalienable rights of minorities; therefore

Be it Resolved that we oppose, by all means at our disposal, such legislation on the grounds that a law which imposes penalties upon citizens because in the orderly pursuit of their occupation they are presumed to have, or may even be proven to have, refused employment to another because of race or religion, is actually vicious in its character and consequences:

- 1—Because it attempts to accomplish by force what can only be achieved by the patient processes of education.
- 2—Because it will actually create many more points of friction and disagreement between various religious and racial groups.
- 3—Because it destroys religious freedom which certainly includes freedom to assume that the religious views of another may affect his congeniality and his dependability; and,
- 4—Because it destroys the free labor market. In a free market for labor both employer and employee must be free to bargain, and under no compulsion to agree unless mutually satisfied.

The Prayerless Conference

Whereas during these years of war, God has been constantly petitioned to give victory to allied arms, and whereas the answer to those prayers is now assured, and whereas the United Nations Conference now convening at San Francisco opened its sessions without prayer on the ground that the invocation of Divine blessing would be offensive to some groups represented there, we do emphatically protest this unworthy surrender to and obvious appeasement of Communistic atheism, believing as we do that only through recognition of and submission to, Divine authority, can our nation ever achieve or long preserve the things for which this war is being fought. We urge that those in authority correct this condition by seeing to it that God is recognized and His guidance implored in all remaining sessions of the Conference.

The O. D. T. Directive

We view with disfavor the O. D. T.'s recent discriminatory and un-American directives wherein they put Bible Conferences under a ban unless accompanied by recreational facilities, put Church Conventions in the same category with dog and horse races, and required government permits for all church conventions involving the transportation of more than 50 people. O. D. T. however failed to impose any restrictions upon the pleasure seeking public which is permitted to travel at will in any numbers, and at any time.

We do not, if it is really necessary to the war effort, object to the curtailment of travel, but we do insist that any restrictions be imposed without favor or discrimination.

We do, however, object to the State interfering with our religious liberties and telling the church when it may meet and what it may do when it does meet. We hold that the O. D. T. directors are clearly a violation of our constitutional liberties.

Be it resolved that we send our President, Mr. Truman, a copy of this resolution, and a letter explaining our position, and respectively requesting that these directives as they pertain to the church be rescinded, and assuring him of our willingness at any time to support voluntarily, and this without coercion from the States, any measure necessary to the war effort.

V-Day Observance

The A. C. C. C. urges that the end of the war in Europe, and the eventual victory in Asia, be made the occasion, not of human pride and of self-glorification, but of humble thanks to Almighty God and searching our own hearts. America needs sincere national repentance: a time of turning again to the Lord Jesus Christ in confession of sin and faith in His shed blood. We call the American people to such a revival of true spiritual life as can be found in the historic Christ alone, as He is offered to us in the Gospel.

Clergy Rates for Air Travel

In view of the rise of air power and transportation in our post-war world, the A. C. of C. C. hereby request the Air Lines and Air Transport Companies of the United States, to establish an agency, to provide for the issuing of air clergy certificates. Both the Railroad and the Bus Companies of the country have long recognized this matter and provided this recognition of the place and service of religion to our national life.

Broadcasting

The American Council of Christian Churches endorses and approves the position of the Philadelphia Association of Gospel Broadcasters in its conflict with radio station WPEN. The issue of religious liberty is most definitely involved. The Council disapproves the policy the station announced when it cancelled all its religious contracts, and the amended policy instituted later.

Our American concept of free enterprise, and the competitive relation of radio stations to each other presupposes and involves the right of religious groups to purchase time on the same basis as other interests. Arbitrary exclusion of

religion from the one great modern facility of reaching the public, while permitting sale of time to morally destructive forces, not only undermines the national welfare but constitutes unfair discrimination. This is a denial of that free exercise of religion guaranteed by the Constitution.

When these principles are recognized, then operators of radio stations will be delivered from the false position into which some of them have been put of having to determine which religious teachings or groups shall receive their favor.

The Council requests the Federal Communications Commission to consider further its action in the case of the Philadelphia Gospel Broadcasters versus WPEN, and to face squarely the momentous issues which have been raised therein, for the protection and blessing of our free radio. These questions include: the proper concept of the free exercise of religion on the air; the right of religion to buy time on the air in the open market and a clarification by the Commission of the meaning of "balanced programing" as it relates to the sale of time to religion.

HEADLEY LEAVING GARY



On May 6th, Rev. William Headley presented his resignation to the Central Baptist Church of Gary in order to accept a unanimous call from the First Baptist Church of Ceres, California.

Mr. Headley began his ministry in Gary on April 14, 1940, and during these five years 295 new members were received into the church, 175 of them by baptism. Last year the church reported a total income of \$38,688.48. Over \$14,000 of this was for Missions. Mr. Headley's resignation read as follows:

To the Members of the Central Baptist Church:

Over five years ago, on April 14, 1940,

the Lord brought us together as pastor and people. While these intervening years have been somewhat trying due to the stress and strain of a world at war, they have also been years of delightful fellowship together with the Lord in His glorious service. Many of you, in spite of physical weariness resulting from expended strength in Gary's war production program, have given me your enthusiastic co-operation. Though your hearts and minds have been burdened with concern for loved ones in places of extreme danger, you have sacrificially supported the church in prayer, attendance at the services and your liberal gifts. I wish to avail myself of this opportunity to express my praise to God for you and my deep hearts thanks to you, my fellow-laborers in the Gospel.

The time has come, after much prayerful deliberation, when I feel the Lord is leading me to sever my relations with you as your pastor. With the conviction that the same Lord Who led me into the pastorate of Central Church is now leading me away, I hereby tender my resignation to accept the unanimous call extended to me by the First Baptist Church of Ceres, California. This resignation is to take effect on August 1st.

It is my desire that the entire church becomes immediately exercised in prayer over the one who is to succeed me to this pulpit. May the Lord grant you definite guidance to the man of His choosing—the spiritual leader who will carry on the work of the ministry in your midst in perfect harmony with the traditional loyalty of this church to "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

In closing, I would express my further heart's desire for you in the farewell words of the Apostle Paul to the Ephesian Elders, recorded in Acts 20:32—"And now brethren, I commend you to God and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

Sincerely yours in Christ,

(Signed) William Headley.

NOTICE

At a meeting of the American Council of Christian Churches held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 2nd, it was unanimously voted to rescind the action taken at its last meeting in receiving the American Episcopal Church into its membership.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON MATERIAL

For a long while we have faced the need for a different plan of lessons than that followed by the International Sunday School Lesson Committee. Some of our brethren in Grand Rapids have taken steps to meet this need and they are certainly to be congratulated on the quality of the material which they are offering, following a different plan of Bible study. Their material consists of a lesson manual designed for the use of teachers with various age groups, supplemented by a number of other publications designed to take the place of the usual Sunday School papers and helps for children.

The Editor in Chief is Rev. Robert G. Dice, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, and the Editorial Board consists of Dr. David Otis Fuller, pastor of the Wealthy Street Baptist Church, who is now serving in the United States Navy, Rev. Clinton E. Garvin, Dean of the Grand Rapids Bible Institute, Rev. Richard Barram, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cedar Springs, Rev. Sheldon Quincer, who is Registrar of the Institute, Rev. Gerard Knol, pastor of Lake Drive Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, and Rev. H. A. Keithley, pastor of the Berean Baptist Church, Grand Rapids. Material which these brethren are furnishing is expository in character and definitely premillennial and fundamental in viewpoint.

In the introduction to the lessons for the second quarter of 1945, the Editor says, "In presenting this, our fourth published manual, we publicly acknowledge our Lord's blessing upon this undertaking for His Name's glory. The increasing flow of orders has justified our belief that many churches are looking for competent, Christ-centered, evangelistic, devotional and premillennial lesson expositions to place in the hands of teachers.

"Our pledge to the churches is an utter loyalty to the heritage and tenants of our historic Baptist Faith. This means an unswerving maintenance of those distinctive New Testamental principles which, in these days of unionistic trends and interdenominational compromise, have been more or less sidetracked by many so-called churches and which are conspicuously absent from many Lessons, namely: the Autonomy of the Local Church; the Lordship of Jesus Christ; the Superintendency of the Holy Spirit; the Absolute Authority of the Word; Individual Soul Liberty; a Born Again Membership Associated in a Covenant of Faith; Faithful Observances of the Ordinances of Baptism and The Lord's Supper; An Unceasing Evangelism; The Separation of Church and State; etc."

Requests for samples of this material should be sent to the Ideal Lesson Publication, Box 25, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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CONCERNING OUR CHAPLAINS

Name	Last Address
Fremont L. Blackman	Holland
Vernon R. Bliss	Assam, India
Roy H. Boldt	Germany
C. Douglas Burt	England
Alfred P. Conant	Indianapolis, Ind.
Milton L. Dowden	South Pacific
D. O. Fuller	Long Island, N. Y.
William V. Goldie	France
Arlin M. Halvorsen	Belgium
Clarence R. Nida	Philippine Islands
Karl B. Smith	Strother Field, Kans.
Frank L. Wasser	California

"SAY, PASTORS!"

Say, pastors, if you ever have a chance to get one of our chaplains who is still in this country to come to your church, when on leave, you'll get a thrill. We have a grand bunch of men representing us. I had the privilege of having "Al" Conant in my church last Sunday morning, and loaning him to Coulson Shepherd for the evening, and he certainly brought blessing, warmth, and challenge to our people. What a grand story of God's grace in his own life through his severe illness. Chaplains can witness even when flat on their back!

I asked Al, who has been assisting the head chaplain at Billings General Hospital, Fort Benjamin Harrison (near Indianapolis), Indiana, while recuperating, to tell us of God's dealings with and through him. His report follows below, but he mentioned that another of our Chaplains, C. Allen Taff, had been ill and taken to Fitzsimmons General Hospital, Denver, Colorado. Pray for his recovery! and for Al's complete recovery from brace and all (his back was broken, you will remember):

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases." With these glorious words of praise and thanksgiving from the Psalmist my soul doth magnify the Name of the Lord. Through His infinite grace I have been delivered and my sickness has been healed.

The faithful prayers of God's people have been answered. By His power the Lord has raised me up to new health. I rejoice in the blessings He has poured out upon me during the seven months of ill health. My healing is another evidence of the power which is in prayer when it is offered according to His will and in the power of the Spirit.

The auto accident which took place last September 27th near Casey, Illinois,

caused my back to be fractured. When it happened I was asleep in the back seat and a sailor was driving and a corporal was seated beside him. Through the accident, the soldier, who was a Christian on his way home to get a divorce, was led to surrender his life to the Lord. Since then he has written that God has adjusted things at home. The first night in the hospital gave me the opportunity to witness to a man who had tried to commit suicide.

A week after the auto wreck, complications set in while I was at Terre Haute, Indiana. As my condition became very serious and there seemed very little hope for my recovery, God's people prayed.

When death seemed certain, it was comforting to know His saving grace. If He should permit death, to die would be glorious gain. Absent from the body; at home with the Lord! How marvelous! During this crisis, a nurse, whom I asked to read the 23rd Psalm to me, was led to believe on Christ as her own Saviour, through my asking her if Christ was her Shepherd.

Many preachers visited me, but there was one man of God who was a great spiritual comfort. Pastor Harry Drake brought great joy to my heart by his ministry and fellowship. Since then God has called him home to his reward.

On November 17, 1944, I was moved to the Billings General Hospital at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. During my stay here there were many occasions to speak to men about the Lord. During the last month it has been thrilling to get about the wards to pass out New Testaments and to witness.

We all delight in Christian fellowship. It was my privilege to have some grand times with several who knew the Lord at the hospital. One young lieutenant, who was injured over Italy while bailing out of his plane, was a source of real communion. Another radiant Christian was a private, also wounded in Italy. Arthur's body is paralyzed but instead of complaining, he is a happy believer, strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might.

During these challenging days we appeal to every Christian to pray for these men and the chaplains. Every day his opportunities to reach men with the Gospel are a hundred-fold. He may be with the fellows on the field as they train and witness to them. One day as I watched the men practice the laying of mines, I walked up to a group of them, and suddenly one man asked, "Chaplain, do you believe in hell?" Before long there was an informal Bible class in session and I was able to witness to them. While out on bivouac with my battalion

one week, we stopped the jeep by a section of men who were guarding a road. I chatted with them and discovered a young man who had once served the Lord as an evangelist. In the last few years he had grown cold of heart and he was out of fellowship. I was able to urge him to confess his sin and to yield his life to the Lord. He asked many questions about Bible Doctrine, and as I answered, the men gathered around. It gave me a splendid opportunity to witness. During the Conference hours in the evening the men came to the chaplain's office with all kinds of problems. One evening a soldier from California stepped into my office with a heart burdened for his mother, who was in financial need and poor health. We were able to help him. I discovered that he was in need of salvation. While witnessing to him and showing him his need of Christ, his heart was under conviction. How happy we were when He accepted the Lord! The next day when he was free, he came to the Chapel to read his Testament.

One morning a young man from Mississippi entered my office to ask me to visit a friend of his who was in the hospital. I asked him if he were a Christian. He replied, "Yes, I was saved when twelve years of age, but I have gotten away from the Lord." He was not reading his Bible or attending services. I learned that he was at one time planning to be a preacher. It was a keen joy to see him kneel by my desk and come back to fellowship with Christ.

During the afternoon the chaplain may go to the hospital to visit his men who are sick. We would climb into the jeep and ride over. One time we walked into a room to see a soldier who had been wounded. After telling him what to do to be saved, he accepted the Lord.

Visits are made to the guard house and the stockade, when the chaplain is stationed in a camp. Last September we held a service in the stockade and we rejoiced to see twelve men profess Christ. Chaplain Taff, who is another Regular Baptist Chaplain, was with me on several occasions to conduct services and we had grand times in the service of our Lord.

A young man named Don received Christ while we were ministering in the stockade. The Lord changed his life and he began studying the Bible. One night while calling on him about seven others gathered around and for about two hours, I was able to speak to them from the Word.

In the Chapel we are able to reach them during the Sunday services and week-day Bible classes. In my Chapel I had a wonderful time preaching and we rejoiced in the continual growth in attendance. I was fortunate in having a fine Lutheran Chaplain and a Presbyterian Chaplain to work with in our building. They loved the Lord and preached the Word. It was grand to have their fellowship and co-operation.

Many Christian soldiers are being stir-

red by the Gospel and after the war I believe quite a number will have a new interest in Missions. One young man who lost his leg when wounded in Germany has dedicated his life to the ministry. Many are receiving a vision of service.

Many who return will need Gospel teaching so that they may grow in His grace. We must pray for revival. The forces of iniquity are appealing to the men. Drink, gambling, and vice have their fascination. We must preach and pray as never before so that our men and women will hear the truth and have an opportunity to be saved.

REPORT FROM CHAPLAIN KARL SMITH

We are glad to hear again from Chaplain Smith, now head chaplain and still at Strother Field, Winfield, Kansas, as of April 10th:

Dear Brother Mason:

A couple of incidents that took place this past week might be of interest to you. I pass them along to show how little we know just where and when God is going to use the faithful witness of civilians to our men in service.

Following the Sunday morning service in the stockade I gave the invitation as usual. One man raised his hand for prayer and when I went to him afterwards found him sobbing as though his heart would break. Since I was unable to talk with him I left him with a fine salvation tract and promised to see him the next day.

When I went to see him the next day he was just on the verge of being shipped back to his proper station. As I dealt with him I discovered that while he had been home on his unauthorized leave his mother and brother, a discharged sailor, had been dealing with him about his soul. But he did not make the decision until that service in the guardhouse.

Last Sunday there were only four men in the stockade. At the invitation two raised their hands to be restored to fellowship and a third was definitely under conviction. After the service I dealt with him and had the thrill of kneeling with him in front of all the men and praying that God would save him.

The next day in my followup work I had him take his Testament and we turned to various salvation verses. While turning through the book I noticed that many of the best verses had been marked with a pencil. I asked for the explanation. His wife is a Christian with a Godly mother. Her mother, concerned about the soul's welfare of her son-in-law, had marked the choice verses, trusting that God would use them.

If the faithful ones at home had not been used of God to prepare the way, I could never have been used of the Lord to lead these men to Christ. The one is just on the verge of going overseas. How important and how blessed that he go with Christ in his heart.

Civilians will many times entertain

soldiers in their homes and show other kindnesses to them, but I am wondering if all are as faithful to our boys as these I have cited?

God has blessed our services recently. We can feel the impact of prayer in our behalf. Keep it coming. We need it more and more.

Just by chance I noted that for the month of February we distributed over 10 per cent of all the literature given out to personnel in the 2nd Air Force.

Sincerely yours,

Karl B. Smith.

DR. FULLER, OUR FIRST NAVY CHAPLAIN, REPORTS

He writes from Navy Chaplains School (William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va.) under date of April 24th: "A week from Saturday, May 5th, class 6-45 expects to graduate, myself included. It has been a most interesting experience and I shall always be glad for it. There are so many more things to learn about the ways and workings of the Navy that I feel the time spent here in school, though all of it was well spent, just sort of lightly scratches the surface. The opportunities to reach men for Christ will be many. Personal contacts will constitute the chief opportunity, when they come to you with problems that need the wisdom of Solomon to work out. We have had a taste of this already in our temporary assignment for two weeks at N. O. B., Norfolk, Va.

"I have had no restrictions of any kind as to what I preach and don't expect to have. Of course, there have been and will continue to be questions and problems which must be faced fairly and squarely, but I am confident *there isn't one* but which, with God's help, can be solved without compromise.

"The Navy certainly looks after its personnel, both officers and enlisted men. They spare no expense to keep you well. Everywhere I've been, the food has been very good.

"A Navy chaplain who preaches the gospel needs the prayers of Christians constantly. It's not easy by any means. The cold formality of so many religious services is deadly. The ritual is orthodox enough but there is no life in it.

"For chapel last Sunday I was asked to preach.

"My assignment, along with some twenty others, came through yesterday. For the next six months or longer, I will be stationed at the Advance Base Training Unit, Lido Beach, Long Island, New York. Will be delighted to hear from any of our GARBC fellowship. I certainly miss them and will appreciate the fellowship more in the future.

"Thanks to the GARBC and the American Council, I'm in the navy chaplaincy. God has surely blessed immeasurably these testimonies plainly raised up of God for such a time as this!

"God bless you every one. Keep looking up! Faithfully yours,

Lt. David Otis Fuller,
Ch. C, U.S.N.R."

SIX FOR ARMY; — FOR NAVY!

Let me again repeat that victory in Europe does not remove the need for chaplains. Our boys while busy with war will not be nearly so faced with temptation as when the battle is over. With a population ready to sell their souls for the bare necessities of life, what problems our boys will face. Pray for them and the chaplains! Then, too, a full-scale war must be fought through in the Pacific. Transport difficulties for so great a number of men will inevitably prolong the need for chaplains. As of this moment of writing, the Army wants six of our men. The Navy is so much in need that I do not believe they would limit the number we could supply. If eligible, and God is calling, write in today! Pray for all our chaplains daily!

ELVEE TO MUSKEGON



Rev. Richard A. Elvee, who has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bay City, Michigan, for the past seven years, preached his farewell sermon on May 20, and has taken up his new ministry at the Calvary Baptist Church in Muskegon, succeeding Rev. Tom Wright, who resigned some time ago. Miss Bessie E. Stockton, secretary of the church, also resigned in order to continue as Mr. Elvee's personal secretary at Muskegon.

According to an item appearing in the Bay City Times, Mr. Elvee came to that city in February, 1938, where he has done much toward making the local church one of the most active in the city. His first pastorate was at Holland, where he made an inaugural sermon to 23 people and a farewell address less than three years later to a congregation of more than 400.

Before entering the ministry, Mr. Elvee was a salesman for a New York concern. He was graduated from the commercial department of the University of Grand Rapids, the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, and Alma College, where he received his bachelor of arts degree, specializing in the Greek language. He is now working on his master's degree in psychology.

FLASHES FROM FOREIGN FIELDS

METZLER BLESSED OF GOD

January 23, 1945

Dear Co-Workers:

In my letter of October 27, 1944, I gave a schedule of our program, until the day we plan to leave Fort Archambault for the Coast. The first part has been carried out but the second half has had several changes. I should now be at language conference but most of the members of the Language Committee from our mission have either left the field or will soon be leaving. Therefore, the language conference is postponed rather indefinitely.

I am still hoping to make the trip to the North but I have been refused the necessary gasoline by the local administrator. When the Governor comes this way I am going to ask him to give the authorization to purchase the gas for the trip.

It is quite evident that I will not be able to finish the buildings I had hoped to before we leave. Up to now, we have not been able to buy cement and we do not want to build any more without making ant-proof buildings. I am, however getting all the materials ready so that the one who follows me here will be able to go ahead as soon as cement is available. We have at least 1,000 bundles of roofing grass and many rafter timbers cut. One kiln of at least 20,000 bricks is burning and we are making 1,500 each day.

The grass crew and the crew cutting wood do not need so much supervision, but those making bricks need plenty. One of the hardest things is keeping the brick machine in repair. The native of this country has a great capacity for breaking anything mechanical. Machines and tools that last a white man a lifetime are soon broken and in the most unlikely places. The machine we are now using has been repaired with so much iron from chassis of different make cars that I would not be surprised if it felt like an automobile.

Our Sunday School program for Christmas was held on Sunday the 24th. The Sunday before the people were told that if they wanted a seat the next Sunday they should get to the church "soon soon" in the morning. Many of them did arrive "soon soon" for at 7 o'clock most of the benches were filled. When the doors were closed at 9, nearly 1,500 were packed inside. Those who did not get there "soon soon" enough listened from the outside. We will tell you about that program and the one in town when we get home.

I am sure you want to know about our yearly report for 1944. Here is a brief review of it showing the progress

made last year.

	1943	1944
Average attendance		
Church Services	455	700
Number Evangelists	16	21
No. Meetings Held by		
Evangelists	2,413	3,420
No. People Reached by		
Evangelists	53,086	75,020
Tithes and Offerings		
(francs)	12,319	15,499

127 were taken into the church this year—113 by baptism.

Praise God for His Goodness.

We are counting on *your* prayers as we leave here March 15 on our way to U. S. A.—D. V.

Yours in His blessed service,

Paul Metzler.

McLAINS BACK AT WORK

Joaziero, Ceara, Brazil
March 16, 1945

Dear Friends at home:

After a pleasant airplane trip from Miami and a week in Para awaiting a local plane, we arrived at Fortaleza Dec. 1st. Christian friends were planning a vacation and asked me to stay in their home during their absence. This was very nice for us as we had no house in the interior and it gave time to get acclimated and wait for our baggage.

We have been in our Joaziero home 2 weeks. Two native girls, sisters, are living with us. Fernanda the younger is attending normal school and Suzana will teach in our school which opens this month. Both are fine Christians and were partially trained in a Baptist school. Their coming is of the Lord as Ishmaelita will marry soon and would help us but little. We have 30 children ready to enter school when it opens. It will not be possible to bring them from farms this year as we arrived too late to arrange a place for them to stay. We expect to be better organized next year.

Workmen will start laying the wall on the Mission property next week and contracts are being made for material. We will continue to enlarge this work as rapidly as funds permit, expecting better weather after the rainy season ends.

The local congregation is being organized into the First Baptist Church of Joaziero which will be registered with the government. There are 10 Christians awaiting Baptism and some 25 will be considered as Charter-members of the new Church.

At the last Missionary Conference held at Erie, Pa., two new candidates were accepted for this field—Miss Lila Barriger of Towanda, Pa., and Miss Evelyn Olson of Maine, N. Y., We solicit your interest and prayers for these new Mis-

sionaries as they enter deputation work and anxiously wait for doors to open in Brazil. Shall we change things by P R A Y E R!!

Our Lord has answered prayer concerning one very urgent need for our Missionaries in Brazil—that of a Rest Home and a place to receive workers in Fortaleza. In northern Brazil there is no place where workers from the interior can go and have a home for rest and recuperation, a need which has been growing more urgent each year. Now the Mission has acquired a beautiful parcel of land overlooking the sea, fruit and shade trees, with transportation a block away and good water—often so hard to find in the Tropics. The documents now belong to the Mission and half of the cost \$500 has been paid, the remainder to be paid in 2 instalments one due in June and the other in August. A Christian builder in Fortaleza became interested and has offered to erect a Mission Home which could be paid for in monthly instalments. Missionaries have expressed their interest and believe it to be a step toward solving our health problem.

We are happy to report that both Inez and Philip are enjoying good health. Philip is having his first Portuguese lessons and can say (quer)—want, (Pao)—bread. Even during teeth cutting time he has seldom been ill. We send our best wishes to Loved Ones and Christian Friends.

Sincerely in the Lord,
The McLains.

"BE YE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT"

Kyabe, Tchad,
Afrique Equatoriale Francaise,
Jan. 10, 1945

Dear Prayer Helpers:

I arrived at Kyabe to work among the Sara Kaba tribe on Jan. 7th. It was Sunday, and I came just in time to fellowship with the believers at the Lord's Supper. I am unpacking this week, so have not begun classes yet, except to help in the women's class. Needless to say, I am very happy to be in the place to which God has called me. A new grass roof is being put on my little home, and, after it is whitewashed, I shall move in. Meanwhile, I am staying in Fogle's guest room. Although the thermometer reaches 118 degrees at high noon, it is delightfully cool in the morning and the birds are singing in the trees. I can hear a native baby crying in the back yard. She is receiving medicine from Mrs. Fogle, who is out there taking care of the sick natives.

Our conference held at Crampel is now past, however, the fruit remains. Con-

cerning the work of the Holy Spirit at the Conference I shall give the testimony of my own experiences. Before I came to Africa the first time a sister in the Lord once said to me, "I see that you are not filled with the Spirit. Do not go to the mission field without the FULLNESS of His power." After I came to the field I was one day conducting a class out under the trees. I had prayed in my closing prayer that God would give the women power for living and witnessing. One of the women said to me afterwards, "Madame, you have prayed for us that we would have more of the Spirit's power. You need to yield yourself more fully to His power." I confess that I was lacking in power with the natives.

One evening at Conference, after I had retired, the following verse came to mind, Luke 11:13, "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." Then I realized that, although the Holy Spirit had come to indwell me when I was saved, I had never fully realized His power in my witnessing for Christ. The following morning, which was Sunday, while at prayer I yielded myself wholly to the Spirit. At noon, after the church service, the Lord sent one of my fellow-workers to explain the way more fully to me. It was necessary to confess sins of disobedience, and other sins which He brought to my mind. Again, as we knelt to pray, I thanked God for the Holy Spirit and trusted Him completely for grace and power to do His work.

Things are different now. It is not I, but He, who supplies the power for the work. His work is not the effort to me it once was. That very afternoon two children accepted Christ as their Saviour, because the channel was clear for Him to work in our midst.

Since that time the Spirit has revealed other sins to me, such as sins of exaggeration, which I had to confess. It costs to be filled with the Spirit, but Oh, the peace and rest afterward. "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift."

Yours in His blessed service,
Viola Steve.

JIMMY & JOYCE REPORTING

North Lakhimpur, Assam, India
March 1, 1945

Report No. 29

Dear Christian Friends:

Last year a Miri from a distant village passed our tent and bought a Gospel of Matthew. A few days ago he came to the bungalow and asked to buy a whole Bible, saying he had read the Gospel and wanted to read more. We talked for some time and I outlined the plan of salvation for him and marked the verses in his Bible. This was a real encouragement to me and I believe Belia's heart and mind

are open. Why not take him as one that you will pray for often?

After delightful Christmas holidays with an American soldier as our guest, I went down the river to Miligoan. Two years before when visiting this village we were not very well received. This time I stayed for four weeks and had one of my best times of witnessing. They were celebrating their harvest festival, so for one week they were not doing much work. During the day they were sober and I was able to talk with many small groups although I did not go into the village at night for a meeting, as they were so drunk that not much could be accomplished. But often at night several would come to my tent and we would talk for a long time on spiritual things.

The next week was rainy, which made camp life most unpleasant, but the rain was a blessing. The people were not working in the fields and I found it easy to gather groups together in the sheltered part at the front of their houses. I wish it could be said that I found some in these groups who were looking for the truth, but I did not have that blessing. However, a number of them openly confessed that they are not satisfied with what they have. Fear of what the spirits of their dead parents and the evil spirits will do if they do not continue to appease them keeps these poor people an easy prey for satan. "Perfect love casteth out fear." I showed them Christ's perfect love for them, as well as His power over the demons.

Pray on, that the truth will reach their hearts, that their eyes may be opened and that they will be converted. Many of those who could read bought Gospels or other literature. Some of this will be used for cigarette paper, but there are those who read and keep them.

The Governor's visit to this district and the two yearly "Hobhas" with the Christians have kept us on the run these past few weeks. The next three will be about as full, for I want to make a trip to see Dr Crozier and the folks at the other compound and then pack up to come and see all of you. We will probably be in Bombay for some days before sailing, but hope to see many of you this summer and are looking forward to the fellowship. Until we meet, we are

Yours, in His love and keeping,
James, Joyce and Joanne Garlow.

STULLS GIVING THE GOS- PEL TO LOST MEN

Caixa Postal 173
Manaus, Brazil
March 19, 1945

Dear friend in Christ:

"An unused string in memory's harp
Was softly touched today.
And thoughts of you came crowding fast,
God keep you, friend away.

"God keep you when the skies are bright
And when the clouds hang gray,

In every joy—in every pain
God keep you, friend away."

We are so happy to share our experiences in His work here with you because we believe that you do not forget to pray. In these sad days we know, that you, too, have heavy burdens to carry and so our prayer is always "God keep you."

Last Wednesday we had such a thrilling time in our visitation work. Of course it didn't begin that way, for at the first house we received the equivalent of a door slammed shut in our faces, but we kept on. At the second house we visited a man who is soon to die with tuberculosis and who was very happy for our visit. After leaving a testimony in Scripture, song, and prayer we went on to the house of an old lady who is now dead, in hell, we feel sad to say. She is the mother of a young girl who washes clothes for one of the missionaries. We found her in her hammock and as we approached the inner room where she lay, she half raised herself and almost growled. "Get out of here, stay in the front room!" So we, three native women and myself, stayed in the parlor and undertook to deal with her. I warned her that she was near death and urged upon her the necessity of knowing where she was going. But with an almost demoniacal grin on her face she said, "Me? Why I'm not going to die, I have been this sick lots of times and got better." When I asked her if she didn't feel the need of a Saviour, she replied, "Don't you know what church I was born in and don't you know what church I was baptized in?" Like many others she was depending upon the church and not Christ to save her. She requested that we send one of her wayward daughters back home to take care of her. Five days later she died. All we could do was to leave the words of the Scripture ringing in her ears.

Anxiously we are waiting and watching the new building. The stairway to the second floor in the back is being located today, the floors are laid, the ceiling is half finished, and soon the plumbing, wiring, and plastering will be completed. Then we hope to hold the meetings in the young people's room and open the Bible Institute and week-day school in this part of the new building. We are hoping that we will be able to start services here on Easter Sunday. We feel that we are two-thirds the way through with the entire building. It has been a step-by-step daily leaning upon Him. We know for sure that "all things are possible to Him that believeth." However, the battle is not finished, and we need your intercession at the throne of grace.

The Bible Institute is in its last week of the second term. In most of the classes there are only seven or eight really faithful ones, but we praise God for them. In these days when missionaries are breaking in health and no new ones are permitted to enter we feel more strongly than ever that native workers must fill the gap and the only way to have them is to train them. One of our star pupils is Antonio, the brick layer for the new

church building. He has to walk two miles through the mud after he finishes work besides quite a long street car ride and sometimes there is no car, and he has to walk in order to get to the first class. The professors are learning too, and every term we know more about how we should have taught those entrusted to our care. Many inquiries are coming, now that the new building is almost ready and we believe that the next term will see a larger and better group of young Brazilians. Please pray for these that God will lay his hand upon them and give them a real love for His service anywhere that He may call. We must bring this to a close now, but please remember that we love to hear from you to share in your burdens and victories.

Yours in Christian love,
Willard and Grace Stull.

KNUTSONS GIVE GOOD REPORT

Caixa Postal 24
March 16, 1945
Crato, Ceara, Brazil, S. A.

Dear Brethren:

"And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, and others said, we will hear thee again of this matter.—Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed.—" Acts 17:32-34.

As in the days of the apostles, the preaching of the Gospel still produces this threefold result—some oppose it, others are willing to hear it again, and some believe, and are saved. True the number in the latter group is by far the smallest, yet it is this that makes it worthwhile. "And he that reapeth receiveth wages and gathereth fruit unto life eternal."

Our meetings have been well attended, as there are many who are interested who come out to hear the message. Recently at one of the meetings held in front of a believer's home, two women raised their hands when the invitation was given. One was giving evidence of real faith, and has been coming to our services bringing neighbors along to hear the message. The other one seems to be defeated by the persecution of the neighbors. The following day I called there and she was very discouraged and said she could not endure the ridicule. After talking with her and reading Scripture showing that we must confess Christ before men, and that we cannot expect the world which crucified our Lord to treat us with kindness she seemed encouraged. So far she has not attended any more of our meetings but says she is still trusting in the Lord. We recognize the power that Satan has in the lives of many, and pray that this one might be freed from his power to know the liberty in Christ Jesus.

The first week in March we had the privilege of making a trip to three other places, preaching the Gospel in each place and giving out tracts and the

Gospel of Luke. This trip was made on horseback in company with another believer, visiting the towns of Exu, Bodoco, and Cariri Mirim. Will try and briefly summarize the events of interest.

Exu—Two Christian families here, had meetings three evenings and distributed a number of tracts. The place is very opposed to the Gospel.

Bodoco—Spent from Friday to Monday morning here—meetings in the evening, including this service. It was a great opportunity to testify. Five candidates were baptized. These five, together with three members of a former Baptist congregation are meeting three times a week. Pray that they might be strengthened in the faith and kept from false teachings that are prevalent.

Cariri Mirim—(Also called Caririzinho) Here only one night. Held a meeting in the home of the local policeman, the only believer in this community. A good attendance and many very interested.

Some typical comments heard frequently were: "I know the law of the believers is right, they live what they preach; but I am not a believer because it is impossible for me—I like the world." "The law of the believers is very beautiful, but it is not the religion of my fathers." "I don't want any of your tracts. A man has to die in the same religion he is born into. Don't leave any literature here; I will burn it. You will not find many followers here."

Thus, against opposition, the Word is entering and we trust that at the coming of the Lord many might be ready to meet Him.

Yours in His Service,
Bertha and George Knutson.

A PRAYER REQUEST

A letter from Rev. Leonardo Mercado tells of the testing which has recently come to him and his family. Mrs. Mercado was told that she must undergo a serious operation, and they decided to consult a Christian surgeon whom they knew in Anaheim, California.

Writing on May 2, Brother Mercado says, "Plans were changed, arrangements made over night and leaving Dick and Avelina at home in Tempe, I brought Hazel over here, and Tuesday morning she was operated on. Due to the shortage of nurses, I am nursing her nights. I come at 5 p. m. and go at 6 a. m. While she sleeps, as she is doing just now, (4 a. m.) I catch up with my neglected mail of the last ten days. . . . The whole thing is like a nightmare, and sometimes I wonder if I am going to wake up, but it seems, on the other hand, the Lord's doing and 'though He slay me, yet will I praise Him,' and He knows best and we are His. We certainly need the prayers of our dear friends now if ever we did. I can't help but ask myself the question, 'Is this an attack of the enemy?' 'Not having succeeded any other way, will he now attack our bodies?' Anyway, we are both agreed that no matter what comes,

our energies will be spent to further His cause entrusted to us. From this sick room, we continue to fight the devil and his hordes. More than 20 pages of writing went out tonight and the phone keeps us in touch with our work in Phoenix. But we need the prayers of all our co-workers—please say a word through the Bulletin."

BAPTIST BIBLE SEMINARY

A Missionary Conference under the direction of the Student Foreign Mission Fellowship was held recently at the Seminary. It was the third of its kind held semi-annually. The speakers were Rev. Jesse Warnken, on furlough from French-Equatorial Africa; Miss Mary Hitchcock, a retired missionary from the Union of South Africa; and Rev. and Mrs. Carl Anderson, workers among the Jews in St. Louis, Mo. Music for the meetings was provided by members of the student body.

Evidence of the working of the Holy Spirit was seen in the results of the meetings in that many of the students were called into definite fields of service.

The strains of "Happy Birthday to You" were heard ringing through the halls of the Seminary, April 25, during the lunch period. The occasion was the birthday of Dr. Griffith. He was presented with a beautiful cake and a large mirror for his home. The program consisted of a solo by Donna Dytche, and selections by the Male Quartet and the Gospel Trumpeters. Warren Birdsall led the singing. The guests of honor included Dr. and Mrs. Griffith, the members of the faculty, Dr. and Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Bancroft, and Mrs. Porritt.

The Board of Directors and the Faculty of the B. B. S. will present the following students for graduation on June 4, 1945: Dorothea Allen, Little York, N. Y.; Barbara Andersen, Flint, Michigan; Mead C. Armstrong, Glen Aubrey, N. Y.; Wanda Badger, Grinnell, Ia.; Warren Birdsall, Shickshinny, Pa.; Paul Bustrum, Bellflower, Calif.; Hazel Comstock, Niobe, N. Y.; Emily Crumb, Niobe, N. Y.; Mildred Deacon, Waverly, Ohio; Louise Duncan, Bloomington, Ind.; Carrie E. Flanagan, Church Hill, Tenn.; Caroline Edsall Harper, Findlay, Ohio; George Harper, Findlay, Ohio; Helen Hart, Clearwater, Fla.; Paul E. Hulings, Johnson City, N. Y.; Kathryn Klitch, Portsmouth, Ohio; Ruth Lamoreaux, Hunlock Creek, Pa.; Margaret Mallery, Hancock, N. Y.; Walter Mayor, Jr., Pensauken, N. J.; Roger Maslin, Sayre, Pa.; Edwin Nearing, Long Eddy, N. Y.; Elizabeth Tubbs Norton, Catskill, N. Y.; George Norton, Catskill, N. Y.; Jack Nightingale, Flint, Mich.; William Pedersen, West Edmeston, N. Y.; Ruth Williams Tryon, Waterloo, Iowa; Peter Van Ostenbridge, Paterson, N. J.; Don Ziemer, Austin, Minn.

It is expected that the following plans for graduation will go forward as scheduled: Seminary Banquet, Friday evening, June 1.—Speaker, Don Ziemer, senior;

Sacred Concert, Saturday evening, June 2.—Speaker, Barbara Andersen, senior; Baccalaureate Service, Sunday 3:00 P. M., June 3.—Special address by Rev. Thomas G. Lawrence, Pastor of Nepperham Avenue Baptist Church, Yonkers, N. Y.; Graduates Sunday Evening Service, 7:30 P. M., June 3.—Messages by Edwin Nearing, Roger Maslin, Peter Van Ostenbridge, and Mead Armstrong; Last Chapel Hour, June 4; Graduation Exercises, Monday 7:30 P. M., June 4.—Commencement Address to be delivered by Dr. Henry H. Savage, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pontiac, Michigan.

THE BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE AND SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

REV. NORMAN H. DOUTY, President

After The Baptist Bible Institute was carried on as an evening school for several years, it was decided to add to its program a day course and also a School of Theology. The new regime began last September. Now we are drawing to the close of the last term and we ask you to join us in praise to God for His abundant grace shown us in multiple respects.

In the course of the year, several changes have occurred. One big one has been produced by the departure of Dr. Fuller, president of the Board, to take up duties as naval chaplain.

During the past month, Mr. Garvin, the dean, has been engaged in considerable promotion work among the churches of Michigan and reports cordial reception in the various churches where he has been ministering.

Plans are now being made for the graduation exercises to be held, D. V., Tuesday, June 5th, at the Calvary Baptist Church in connection with the quarterly meetings of the Grand Rapids Association of Regular Baptist Churches. Rev. Arthur Lambourne of Kalamazoo is to be the speaker on this occasion.

It was a real blessing having Rev. Victor Barnett of China bring us, both at the day and evening schools, a series of missionary addresses.

Anyone wishing further information as to the work may address: The Registrar at 811 Wealthy St., S. E., Grand Rapids 6, Michigan.

ORDINATIONS

A double ordination service was held April 19th in the Berean Baptist Church of Grand Rapids. The two young men, John Williams and Claire Saliers, are both members of Berean Church, and both graduated from the Moody Bible Institute. Mr. Williams is a missionary candidate for South America, but due to the condition of his wife's health, is doing home mission work in Northwestern Minnesota, until she is sufficiently re-

covered to permit their going to the field. Mr. Saliers is pastoring two churches in Iowa, while seeking further college training.

The Council was composed of 40 messengers from 22 churches. The Grand Rapids Association of Regular Baptist Churches has the custom of receiving an offering at each ordination to be used by the candidate for the purchase of books. The offering on this occasion amounted to \$71. (Editor's Note: This is a custom which deserves to be widely adopted.)

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A Council met in the First Baptist Church of Park Rapids, Minnesota, the afternoon of February 19th to consider the propriety of setting aside Clarence Blazer to the work of the Gospel ministry. Satisfied with their examination of the candidate, they recommended his ordination, and the service was carried out that evening. Rev. Blazer is a graduate of the Baptist Bible Seminary; and together with his family, plans to leave soon to serve under the Columbia Basin Mission.



DR. JACKSON AT GRAND RAPIDS

Dr. Paul R. Jackson has taken up his ministry at the Wealthy Street Baptist Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he has been called to serve during the absence of Dr. David O. Fuller, who is serving as a Chaplain in the U. S. Navy. For more than ten years Dr. Jackson has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Ceres, California. During that time the membership increased from 225 to 375, and annual Missionary giving rose from less than \$500 to more than \$7,500. Interest in Missionary work is even more evident in the fact that 19 workers have gone out from the church into full-time service, 14 of them during the last ten years. More than 20 other young people are anticipating Gospel Work upon completion of their training, and two young

couples, who have been preaching in this country for several years, are leaving this summer for Africa.

Extensive improvements have been made on the building during the past few years. Plans are now drawn and a substantial fund on hand, for the building of a new auditorium as soon as war conditions permit. The church has been active in formulating a community school for week-day instruction which is attended weekly by more than 600 grammar school children. The school has been under the direction of Miss Jane Demmond, for the two years that it has operated. Miss Demmond is a graduate of the Baptist Bible Seminary at Johnson City, N. Y.

Dr. Jackson, until resigning to come to Grand Rapids, was a member of the Council of Seven of the California Association of Regular Baptist Churches. He has served throughout the past ten years as a pastoral advisor for the summer Bible Conference of the Regular Baptist Young People at Mt. Hermon, and he has also been a director of the Phoenix Baptist Bible Institute since it came under the direction of our Regular Baptist brethren.

Last May at the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches' meeting in the Wealthy Street Baptist Temple in Grand Rapids, Dr. Jackson was elected to the Council of Fourteen.

He is a graduate of Wheaton College, and received his degree of Doctor of Divinity from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

A.C.C.C. IN SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

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Oxnam, were brought out, and some of the statements quoted from Bishop Oxnam's book, "Preaching In An Age of Revolution" left the audience actually cold with a sense of outraged decency. The God of the Old Testament Who poured out His wrath upon sinful men and nations was considered by Bishop Oxnam to be "a big bully." The Bishop is thankful that the enlightened minds of our day have come to realize that this Old Testament presentation of God is all wrong, and that we have come to know Him as the Father of all mankind, Who has no attribute whatever other than love. Mr. McIntire left his audience in no doubt as to what the Scriptures had to say about such a position.

Editor's Note: In looking over the above report, we notice that the American Council President has modestly refrained from reporting his own splendid and inspiring message which was given on Thursday night. Dr. Ketcham spoke on the difficulty of present-day problems due to sin's effect in so ruining the mind of man as to make it impossible for him to think straight. This condition, Dr. Ketcham concluded, presents a problem which is impossible of solution by any means short of regeneration, which can only be accomplished through the preaching of the Gospel.

HOME OFFICE NEWS

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IN CALIFORNIA

Lack of space last month prevented any mention of the visit of your National Representative to the California churches. He spoke in the First Baptist Church of Ceres on Thursday night, March 22. (This is the church to which Rev. William Headley is going from Gary, Indiana). The following night he was with Rev. Herbert Farrar at Hayward; on Sunday at Walnut Creek with Rev. Jerold F. May and at Richmond with Rev. H. L. Wortman, and then went to Santa Maria for a service with J. Frank Prewitt. In Los Angeles he visited the Faith Baptist Church where Rev. Gene Dowdle is the new pastor, and the Calvary Baptist Tabernacle with Rev. Carl Sweazy.

Easter Sunday was spent with the brethren in Phoenix, Arizona, where he spoke at John Rader's church, and at two services in the Bible Baptist Church

with Rev. Arthur H. Wood. The following night he visited the home of Leonardo Mercado at Tempe, and spoke to the students and missionaries of the Mexican Gospel Mission and Bible School.

On Tuesday, April 3, he enjoyed a delightful drive through the desert from Phoenix to El Monte, California, with Rev. and Mrs. E. C. Eymann, John Rader, and Brother Wood. The meeting of the California Fellowship which was held at the First Baptist Church in El Monte was one of the most happy experiences of the entire visit to the West Coast. An account of this meeting will be found in the California news.

IN MICHIGAN

In April one week was spent in meetings with the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Saginaw, Rev. Archie Veltman, pastor, and with the First Baptist Church of Stanton, where Rev. Albert Sweetland is the pastor. While in Stanton, our repre-

sentative and his wife were guests of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Seelye.

INDIANA

On Saturday, May 5th, Dr. Van Gilder spoke at a Youth For Christ rally which was held in the Masonic Auditorium at Hammond. On Sunday, the 13th, he spoke at the Hessville Baptist Church of Hammond, whose pastor is the Rev. J. H. Bower.

LOOKING AHEAD

In June Dr. Van Gilder's engagements are with the New Jersey and Philadelphia churches. In July he will be in Charleston, W. Va., for four days, and in Idaho and Washington for the remainder of the month. In August he is scheduled to speak at the Niagara Bible Conference for three days, and then will go to New York City for engagements at the First Baptist Church. September will be spent in Bible Conference and evangelistic meetings in Panama, Canal Zone.

GLEANNINGS

Edited by R. F. HAMILTON

NEW YORK

LINDENHURST: It appeared that Pastor Walter J. Aardsma, of the Bethel Baptist Church had a little difficulty recently with the local Catholic priest, after he had announced that Dr. L. H. Lehmann, a converted Catholic priest, was to address the church Missionary Society. It seemed that the local priest desired that the meeting be called off in the interest of tolerance and good-will, and threatened retaliation when he learned that the meeting would be held as scheduled. In his church calendar Rev. Aardsma gives a good answer to the priest when he points out the cases of intolerance in Catholic Spain and South America. We congratulate Brother Aardsma on his courage to see the thing through.

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JOHNSON CITY: Rev. Kenneth R. Kinney, pastor of the First Baptist Church, spent two weeks in April, in California, speaking in behalf of the American Council of Christian Churches of that State.

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SHERMAN: The Independent Baptist Fellowship of Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania held its regular monthly session on April 17 at the First Baptist Church, where Rev. Leonard Travis is pastor.

At this time the annual election and installation of officers took place, with

Rev. F. Whiteman, Corry, Pa., President; Rev. D. Beightol, Niobe, New York; Vice-President; Rev. G. W. O'Keefe, Spartansburg, Pa., Secy.-Treas.

The day was spent in blessed fellowship, accompanied by the ministry of the Word by the fellowshipping pastors, Rev. Verl Walker, Tidioute, Pa., and Rev. Donald Miller, Juva, Pa. The evening service was well attended and Rev. Hall Dautel, the out-going President, brought an inspiring message.

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PENNSYLVANIA

ATHENS: Rev. George A. McCauley, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, for the past two and one-half years, resigned on May 6, to attend Wheaton College at Wheaton, Illinois. During his pastorate in Athens, the church debt has been paid, many improvements made on the building, and a parsonage has been purchased.

From April 15th to 29th evangelistic meetings were held in the church with Clayton H. Gray as evangelist.

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WEST VIRGINIA

PICKENS: Evangelist William J. Richardson, formerly of Alton, Illinois, and now associated with the West Virginia Regular Baptists Home Mission Agency, recently concluded an evangelistic campaign in the Pickens Baptist Church. Twenty-seven souls made decisions for Christ. During May, Brother Richard-

son was to be working with Rev. Miland Amundson in Wetzell County, Ohio.

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OHIO

BOWLING GREEN: Rev. Charles Stricklin, pastor of the First Baptist Church, read his resignation on March 18th, after having served this church for the past four years. During his pastorate numerous improvements were made in the church building. The mortgage was paid off, the missionary budget increased by 200 per cent, and the pastor's salary doubled. Mr. Stricklin is planning to enter the Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary for further training.

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ELYRIA: The First Baptist Church has recently inaugurated a new financial campaign for the church building fund which calls for the people to lay aside 5 per cent of their gross income, over and above any tithes, for the next year. From this fund, together with the war bonds which have been purchased in behalf of the church, it is hoped to soon reach the goal of \$200,000. J. Irving Reese is the pastor.

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MICHIGAN

PORT HURON: The Court Street Baptist Church where C. E. Visbinder is pastor reports missionary giving for the past year to be \$5,100, and about an equal amount has been given to church expenses. The church has nearly \$2,500 on hand to put a new roof on the church building. About 30 have been added to the church roll during the past year.

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BAY CITY: The South Baptist Church, where E. D. Ferguson is pastor, has spent \$1,200 the past year for improvements on the church building the out-

side having been repainted, and the inside varnished. Inlaid linoleum was placed in a number of the classrooms.

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GRAND RAPIDS: Rev. Henry L. Harms, formerly pastor of the Orthodox Baptist Church of Ionia, and now associated with Rev. R. W. Neale in the Youth Gospel Crusade, conducted a 5-day campaign with Rev. Earl F. Buffum and the East Leonard Baptist Church, beginning on May 2.

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ILLINOIS

BETHALTO: Rev. Robert Sumner, formerly pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church at Pontiac, and now in full-time evangelistic work, conducted two weeks of meetings with the Bethalto Baptist Church where Rev. Ralph Gibson is pastor. The meetings were held in May. In June Rev. Jack Allen, a graduate of the Baptist Bible Seminary in 1944, and recently a student at the National Bible Institute, will join Evangelist Sumner as song leader.

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ROXANA: Rev. Don Ziemer, who finished his training at Baptist Bible Seminary in January, was recently called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church. He was married to Maxine Elizabeth Hastings, May 23, in the First Baptist Church of Austin, Minnesota.

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AURORA: Rev. R. F. Hamilton of Pana conducted a week of Bible Conferences at the Central Baptist Church where O. L. Masemore is pastor. The meetings were held May 7th through the 13th.

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VERONA: On February 17th the Memorial Baptist Church celebrated the 90th Anniversary of the founding of the Church.

Rev. T. J. Gibson is the present pastor. His has been the longest pastorate in the history of the church, this being his 17th year. The attendance at the Anniversary sessions were much more than anticipated, souls were saved, and the saints were greatly refreshed. The Spirit of God was present in every meeting. Two young men were baptized into church membership at the close. Meals were served to about 400 guests during the meetings and there was an estimate of about 800 persons in attendance at the services during the two days.

Speakers for the occasion were Rev. Charles Clark, Chicago, Illinois, Rev. Malcolm Forsberg, Sudan Interior Mission, and Rev. Merle Huffmaster, of Ecorse, Michigan.

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MILWAUKEE: The month of May was designated by the Garfield Avenue Baptist Church as "Prove Me Month" and a special effort was put forth to get every member to tithe.

Pastor William Kuhnle was in Waterloo, Iowa, April 28th and spoke for the Youth For Christ Rally. He was also guest speaker in the Walnut Street Baptist Church on Sunday, April 29th.

MINNESOTA

MORRISTOWN: The Minnesota Association of Regular Baptist Churches held their Spring Conference, March 26th through the 28th, in the First Baptist Church of which Rev. H. Friesen is the pastor. The Sunday afternoon and evening preceding the Conference, a Young People's Rally was held with the Rev. H. L. Harms of Wheaton, Illinois, as the speaker.

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WATERLOO: Although the Annual meeting of the General Association could not be held this year, the Walnut Street Baptist Church did entertain the Council of Fourteen for their business sessions, May 14th through the 16th.

A note appearing in a recent issue of the Walnut Street News indicated that the former pastor of the church, Dr. Warren L. Steeves, had died in his home in Delaware, Ohio, on April 17.

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WATERLOO: The Hagerman Baptist Church where B. G. Ham is pastor held revival meetings with Rev. Carl Sweazy of Los Angeles from May 20th through June 3rd. Rev. Sweazy is a member of the Council of Fourteen and was in Waterloo for the Council meeting.

WATERLOO: The Burton Avenue

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Baptist Church reports the greatest year for Missions in their history. Offerings totalled \$15,119.16 of which \$7,025.24 was given to Missions. Three 8-day Missionary Conferences were held during the year—one with the Sudan Interior Mission, another with the South American Indian Mission, and the third with the Chicago Hebrew Mission.

There are nearly 140 men in the armed forces from this church. Rev. Wm. Harvey Taylor is the pastor.

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CLEAR LAKE: The Annual Christian Youth Camp sponsored by the Regular Baptists of Iowa will be held June 18 through 23. A fine program has been arranged with Rev. and Mrs. Merle Hull, Mrs. Bob Arthur, Rev. A. D. Mohr, and Missionary Ted Wimer, taking the day sessions, while the evening speakers include Rev. Harold Cole, Rev. E. C. Lasswell, Rev. Paul Hutchens, and Rev. John Hay.

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OTTUMWA: Rev. Harold Day, who for eight years was pastor of the Bible Baptist Church at Floris, has started a new Regular Baptist work in Ottumwa. Rev. Day sold his home in Floris and purchased two lots where he has started a building program. He has been working during the week for a local Electric Company, and no doubt will continue until the work grows sufficiently to take his full support. A sketch appeared in an Ottumwa paper showing the prospective building for the North Court Baptist Church, which is to be built in the 1400 block on North Court Street. The estimated cost is \$25,000. Ottumwa is a city of about 40,000 people, and needs this testimony. Remember to pray for this work.

ELDORA: The Iowa General Association of Regular Baptists met in the First Baptist Church of Eldora on April 3, 4, 5, for their Annual Conference. The Theme of the Conference was "The Superiority of Christ," and all the messages were taken from the Epistle to the Hebrews with the exception of the closing message by Dr. R. T. Ketcham who climaxed the Conference with a "bird's eye" view of our Pre-eminent Lord Jesus in the Epistle to the Colossians.

At the business session a new constitution was adopted which makes the Iowa Association an Association of Regular Baptist Churches rather than of individual Baptists as in the past. The Constitution called for a Council of Seven rather than the old set of officers. The following men were elected to serve on the Council:

Rev. Harold E. Cole, Chairman, First Baptist Church, Creston.

Rev. J. L. Pace, Sec'y.-Treas., First Baptist Church, Monroe.

Rev. A. D. Mohr, Missionary Chairman, Grandview Park Baptist Church, Des Moines.

Rev. B. G. Ham, Hagerman Baptist Church, Waterloo.

Rev. E. C. Lasswell, Walnut St. Baptist Church, Muscatine.

Rev. Robert Gardner, Horton Baptist Church, Waverly.

Rev. Wm. Harvey Taylor, Burton Ave. Baptist Church, Waterloo.

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KANSAS CITY: The First Regular Baptist Church, where O. W. Stanbrough is pastor, had as their guest, May 21 through the 24th, Rev. G. S. Hamilton of Topeka, Kansas, who brought a series of messages on "The Tabernacle."

PARR MEMORIAL CASE

Many inquiries have been made as to developments in the case of the Parr Memorial Baptist Church at Petoskey, Michigan, which was threatened with a lawsuit by the Michigan Baptist Convention. We now are informed that no receiver was appointed by the court, as had been threatened, and that negotiations were under way early in May for a withdrawal of the suit. The legal council has advised the church to withhold any further publicity for the present. It is interesting and encouraging to see how the Lord has used this bit of persecution to bring added blessing to the church. On May 1, the church closed its financial year with the best report in its history, exceeding by \$2,000 the highest income ever previously reported. Sunday School attendance for the first quarter of this year was 44 per cent higher than the average of last year. Up to the first of May, 19 new members had been received, and 5 more were awaiting baptism.

Believers everywhere should continue to pray that the enemy may not gain the victory over this church.

ASSOCIATION REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES OF CALIFORNIA

REV. J. C. DERFELT, Council Chairman

Bulletin Reporter, REV. H. CARREL AAGARD

REV. J. F. MAY, Secretary

YOUTH MEETINGS

The First Baptist Church of Petaluma, Fred R. Brock, Pastor, was filled to capacity on Friday evening of April 13 when young people from the churches of northern California gathered for a rally. The attractive program included Don Allen, well-known piano artist, Kenneth Hansen, Wheaton, Ill., general secretary of the Christian Service Brigade, John Begley, chalk-talk artist, and Herbert Farrar, pastor of the Hayward First Baptist Church, speaker. Of great interest was the announcement of the young people's Bible Conference to be held at Zephyr Point on beautiful Lake Tahoe. The dates are July 14 to 21. A strong program has been arranged. Recreation will be unsurpassed.

The First Baptist Church of Lynwood was host to the young people of the Southern California Fellowship on Friday, April 20. Plans were revealed for the Bible Conference at Camp Radford, June 30 to July 7, 1945. A capacity enrollment of 400 is expected. The Lynwood church recently called as their new pastor, Rev. Wheeler from Indianapolis, Ind.

CAMPAIGN AT SOUTH GATE

The Calvary Fundamental Baptist Church of South Gate enjoyed the ministry of Rev. Carl Sweazy, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Tabernacle of Los Angeles, during the week of March 25 to April 1, 1945. Great blessing was received and a number responded to the invitations. The offerings of the week, totaling \$1,600.00, were given to augment the building fund. The Church has plans to build a new \$30,000.00 structure as soon as finances and priorities permit. Following the revival, a baptismal service was conducted together with the Graham Church. Seventeen candidates were immersed before a large audience. God's blessing was manifested by two decisions for Christ.

ATTENDANCE CONTEST

The Sunday school staffs of the Graham and Fremont Baptist Churches inaugurated an attendance contest with a banquet on Monday night, April 23rd. About 50 were present. Enthusiastically the two superintendents, Mr. McMillan and Mr. Skoglund respectively, instilled the spirit of wholesome competition in their crews. Ten of the teachers completed the first term of the Evangelical Teacher Training Course taught by pastors H. Carrel Aagard and Bernard N. Bancroft.

NEW CHURCHES

Rev. G. Sherman Lemmon, home missionary under the Pacific Home Missions Society, announced the ground-breaking ceremony for the newly organized First

Baptist Church of California Heights in North Long Beach, Cal. on April 29, 1945. This is the third new church which Rev. Lemmon has organized in this past year, the other two being the First Baptist Church of Lomita and the Grace Baptist Church of Eureka, Cal. The Grace Church recently called Rev. A. M. Kurkowske as their full-time pastor.

REVIVAL AT BELLFLOWER

The Calvary Baptist Church of Bellflower experienced a fruitful revival under the leadership of Evangelist Carlyle T. Scott, declared Pastor Carl Hoos. There were 11 decisions for salvation and 27 decisions for consecration. Several delegations from other regular Baptist churches visited the meetings and benefitted markedly. Evangelist Scott's home is in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

BIBLE CONFERENCES

Rev. John C. Derfelt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wilmington, reports substantial success through conducting one four-day Bible conference each month for the past six months. The idea of a shorter, more intensive conference, rather than a longer, more extensive conference seems to appeal to his congregation of war-workers. He passes it on for whatever it may be worth to fellow-pastors.

SEMINARY APPROVED

The Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary graduated the six members of its senior class during the week commencing April 8, 1945. Many pastors of our national constituency will rejoice to learn that the California Fellowship of Regular Baptist Churches, at its annual meeting this Spring, voted to approve the Seminary's new organization. This was done following a thorough examination of the Seminary by the Council of Seven, the governing body of the state fellowship.

ANNUAL CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION MEETING

On April 3, 4, and 5 The Association of Regular Baptist Churches was held at the First Baptist Church of El Monte, California. Governmental restrictions on travel decreased the out of town delegates, but even so, the meetings were quite well attended. Dr. H. O. Van Gilder, our National Representative was the featured guest speaker each evening. His ministry was well received, being both interesting and highly instructive. He also counseled with the pastors, the Board of the Pacific Home Mission and with the people in matters pertaining to the G. A. R. B., which was helpful and appreciated.

The theme of the Association meeting was: "The Church and the Times," and was thoroughly covered by the various speakers. There are a total of 44 churches in the California Association, 7 new churches being added this year. The following figures taken from the secretary's report are of interest.—Number of additions during year (22 churches reporting)—593: Number dismissed—(21 churches reporting)—272, making a gain of 321. Total members (23 churches reporting)—3,724: Total monies given to missions (25 Churches reporting)—\$47,820.86; Total monies given for all other purposes (25 churches reporting)—\$147,212.13; Total of all monies raised (25 churches reporting)—\$195,174.11. Members of the Council of Seven are: Rev. J. C. Derfelt, Chairman; Rev. Jerold F. May, Secretary; Rev. Herbert A. Farrar, Treasurer; Rev. Carl M. Sweazy, Chairman of the Missionary Committee; Rev. G. Sherman Lemmon, Rev. Samuel Post, and Rev. Woodrow T. Young.

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fied to take the place God has required of me." So, the apostle argues that men be men, and that women be women. And if we ask why, we would say that brings us to the third point in our discussion,

III. THE EXPLANATION OF GOD'S ORDERLY ARRANGEMENT.

Verses 7-12, "For a man indeed ought not to cover his head for as much as he is the image and glory of God, but the woman is the glory of man, for the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels. Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord." In these words the apostle goes back to the creation, when God in His Grace and mercy provided a woman to be a helpmeet unto the man, and as someone has long ago said, God took that of which he made the woman, not from man's head that she might rule over him, neither from his feet that she might be trodden under him, but from his side that she might be always in his affections, that she might always be near to him, and dear to him as a helpmeet, over whom he should exercise protective care and authority. And some of us are having a difficult time to readjust our thinking habits, to include the mannish women of the present day, who, stepping

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TRI-STATE FELLOWSHIP

REV. HERBERT HOTCHKISS, Chairman

REV. KENNETH W. MASTELLER, Vice Chairman

REV. CLIFFORD GREINER, Secretary-Treasurer

REV. A. W. JACKSON, Bulletin Reporter

ATLANTIC CITY

The Service Center "Fair Haven" operated by the First Baptist Church continues to be a fruitful means of ministry to the many service men and women in this city.

The trustees of Chelsea Baptist, after consultation and prayer, set \$1,000 as the goal for an Easter offering to be used for decorations and repairs. The final offering topped that goal by more than one hundred dollars.

CHESTER, PA.

North Church has received 72 members during the two and one-half years of Rev. J. Winfield Bronson's pastorate, and the congregations are said to be the largest in the history of the church. Missionary giving has increased one hundred

and fifty per cent during this time, and the church has, during the past year, assumed the entire support of one missionary. One member of the church is studying for the ministry, and another has organized and is pastoring a church in one of the populous defense areas near here.

PHILADELPHIA

The annual Missionary and Bible Conference was held in Bethel Chapel, April 22d to 26th. Rev. A. W. Jackson is the pastor of this church. The speaker for the conference was Rev. Willis R. Hotchkiss, D. D., who spent more than forty years as a missionary in Kenya Colony. Young People of Bethel plan to conduct open-air meetings in eight sections of the northeast this summer. Plans for

these meetings include systematic tract distribution, personal work, etc.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

On April 20th, the second Tri-State Youth Fellowship meeting was held in the Haddon Heights Baptist Church, of which Rev. Kenneth Masteller is pastor. Rev. Wilford Kalback of the Weston Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia led the song service, and the speaker of the evening was Rev. Don Moffatt, deputization director for the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism. Young People were present from eight of the fellowshiping churches.

Another meeting of this fellowship is planned for June 29th at the Burholme Baptist Church, where Rev. William J. Lockhart is the pastor.

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out of their intended place, have sought to "ape" men in every way. We often wonder how a child of this generation is going to look upon that woman which bore it, and remember her with cigaret in one hand and a beer mug in the other. God intended that woman should obey finer instincts than these which evidence so much of the coarseness of the present day.

The apostle reminds us in verse 10 that the wearing of a veil or a covering as above admonished on the part of the woman, at the time of worship, is a recognition of the authority which God intends her to recognize in the one who is her head, and says he, this is to be done because of the angels. Frankly the writer does not know exactly what is meant by this expression "because of the angels." He is familiar with the two-fold argument, the one advanced that the "angels" refer to the guardian angels spoken of in Hebrews one, as being "ministering spirits sent forth to be the servants of those who are the heirs of Salvation" and that this refers to the fact that the angelic hosts above, (who learn of the Grace of God in the hearts of the saved, only through what they observe in the church), as witnessing the way in which God's people in this life conduct themselves, because interested in seeing obedience on the part of all, even to the minutest detail. Otherwise, the argument that the "angels" referred to, (especially in the light of the second and third chapters of the Book of the Revelation,) as being the ministers or pastors of the local churches, and asserting that this refers to the fact that the pastor who ministers about holy things to his people, like to see, on the part of those to whom he ministers, a spirit of obedience which reaches down even to minute details. However it may

be, there certainly is no question about this, that God is reminding Christian women of the fact that He expects them to walk in the light of His revealed Word, as it refers to this matter, quite as much as any other.

Then he proceeds to argue,

IV. THE REASONABLENESS OF GOD'S ORDERLY ARRANGEMENT.

Verses 13-15, "Judge in yourselves; it is comely that a woman pray unto God uncovered? Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair it is a shame unto him? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her; for her hair is given her for a covering." Now I do not understand it, as some people argue, that what he is talking about here is that the woman's hair is given her for the veil she needs. Certainly this is not allowable in the light of the context, at which we have already looked. According to the previous verses the woman with her long hair, wears it in such fashion as to distinguish her from the man with short hair, and it is said, if she is not going to wear, in addition to her long hair, a veil at the time of worship, she might just as well cut her hair or be shaven. So what he is saying in this text, is not that the hair, the long hair of the woman, is the veil God requires, but rather, as in verse 15, that it is her glory, and that in the presence of the Lord, that which is her glory shall be covered, because in our worship of God we are to be concerned ONLY with the glory of our Saviour. It was this same apostle who wrote as recorded in I Corinthians 1:31 "that, according as it is written, he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."

This then seems to be the substance of this portion of the Word of God so far as the writer understands it, that God is simply setting forth the order He intends shall be observed while we are here in this life, as it relates to the

various members of the household of faith, Christ willingly subject unto the Father; the man willingly subject unto Christ; the woman willingly subject unto the man, observing the details as herein set forth to the glory of Christ, in the church.

However, he appends this final word as in verse 16 saying, "But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God." And by the word man as it is here used, I would take it he refers to mankind, that is, to both the man and the woman. He is simply saying, if we are not willing to accept by faith the simple, plain statements of the Word of God, he will not argue about it. The things of God are not subject to argument. We must take them or leave them. We take them to the glory of God and to the decided spiritual advantages of ourselves, we leave them to our own hurt. This is true of God's people, and it is likewise true of those who are unsaved. God never forces anybody to accept His revelation, whether He addresses Himself to the sinner with the offer of Salvation, or to the saint with the offer of practical sanctification. He presents His case, He states that this is the truth as it is in Christ, and then He leaves it there. And in effect He says to all, "What will you do with my Word?" This is the question that comes to those who consider this portion of the Word of God. Are you willing to accept it?

On the other hand there is this similar question that comes to the heart of every unsaved individual, and it is this "What will you do with Jesus, which is called the Christ?" To receive Him as personal Saviour brings life everlasting. To reject the offer of Salvation that is in Christ, is to shut one's self up forever to error and to evil. May God give all who read this a determination, Spirit-begotten, to walk in His truth.