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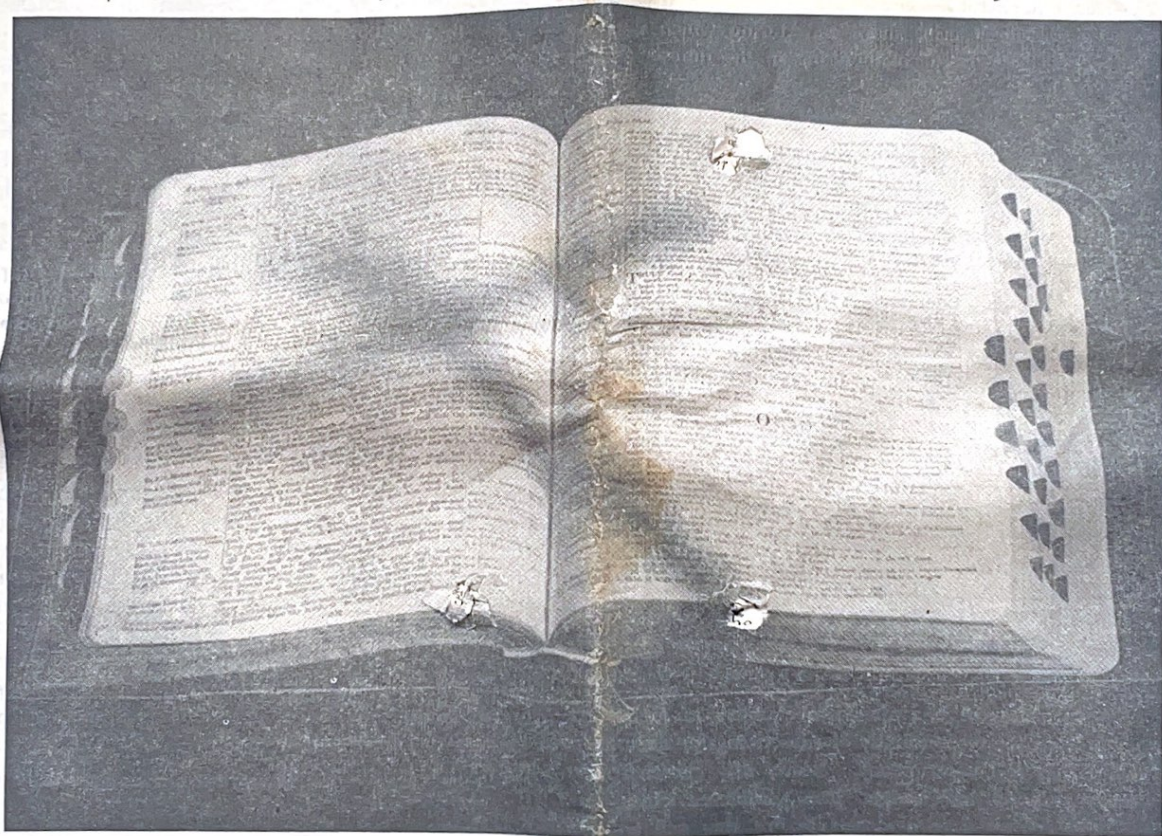
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The Keynote of Our Message



We can think of no better cover picture for the first issue of the BEACON AND EVANGELIST than this striking presentation of the open Bible with the shadow of the cross falling across its sacred pages. So far as the Editor is concerned, he is ready to sing,

*"Beneath the cross of Jesus
I fain would take my stand--
The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land."*

It is our desire that this might strike the keynote of our weekly publication. Surely the open Bible, with its central message of Redemption, is the source and power of the message which the BEACON AND EVANGELIST desires to proclaim from week to week. God forbid that the message of the Cross of Christ should ever lose its centrality in the work which the BEACON AND EVANGELIST represents!

Editorials

Our Weekly "Beacon and Evangelist"

The first issue of the BEACON AND EVANGELIST is in your hands.

The majority of our readers will say, "It looks just like the BEACON." The others will recognize that it is "almost like THE EVANGELIST."

The reason for this is that the two papers have been getting more and more alike, in appearance and contents, during the almost three years they have been printed in our own Free Church print shop, and during which time the two editors have been collaborating in the ministry of our publications.

Perhaps a more drastic change would be welcome to our readers--a change in name, appearance, size, and general plan. That may come a little later, but for the present it has been decided to use both names and to make no radical departure from the general plan that has been followed during the past few years.

To some of our readers, however, the change in frequency will be something new. Readers of THE EVANGELIST have become accustomed to see their paper only once a month. Now they will be visited every week with their church periodical, getting fresh, up-to-the minute news of activities in our churches, together with inspirational challenges from our leaders.

The subscription price of the new weekly is the same as the BEACON readers have been paying for some years--\$3.00 per year. This is twice as much as the EVANGELIST subscribers have been paying. They will recognize, however, that they are getting a "bargain" when they keep in mind that they will get 52 issues for \$3.00, whereas they have paid half that price for only 12 issues a year.

A special price is available to churches as such when they take on the responsibility of subscribing for their entire membership and constituency. Nearly fifty churches have already adopted this "budget" plan. Churches which have not been contacted with respect to this plan will be fully informed during the coming weeks.

The subscription receipts, of course, do not cover the cost of putting out a paper of this size every week. The problem of adequate financing for our publications, over and above the income from subscriptions and advertising, has not yet been solved. The problem would be easier to solve if all our churches adopted the new "budget" plan; if the rest of our subscribers would be prompt in sending their renewals, and if a larger number of our readers would send us an occasional gift for the maintenance of our papers.

The objective goal of our weekly BEACON AND EVANGELIST is to get the paper into every Free Church home,

and to put all three of our publications (including the two Scandinavian monthlies) on a sound financial basis.

It is the spiritual objectives, however, that constitute our greatest challenge as we take over the responsibility of editing our weekly Free Church paper.

God helping us, it will be our purpose to strengthen the bond of spiritual unity that unites us as members of the body of Christ and as members of a fellowship of believers who recognize Christ as the Head of that body.

Through our weekly paper we aim to lead our Free Church people to "higher ground" so far as our knowledge of Christ is concerned. We want to provide the stimulus for "growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We want to challenge and inspire our readers to a life of full surrender and complete consecration--a life filled with the Spirit and dominated by the Spirit of God.

Our aim is also to reach the unsaved by a clear presentation of the simple Gospel of God's grace.

Our purpose is also to stimulate greater aggressiveness in winning men and women, and boys and girls, to Christ through intensive and extensive efforts in the fields of evangelism and missions. There is yet "much ground to be possessed" and surely this is no time to rest on our laurels. Our main purpose as a fellowship of Free Church people must always be to carry out the clear-cut instructions of the Risen Christ to "preach the Gospel to every creature" in an effort to win them to a saving knowledge of Christ.

We propose to accomplish these goals not only by inspirational and Bible-study articles, but by faithfully reporting the kind of news that will inspire our churches and individuals to greater effectiveness in their service for Christ.

Since our field is large and widespread, we must depend upon our various District leaders and correspondents for news of what is going on throughout our Free Church field. We are sure they will do their best to keep their respective districts in the news columns of the paper. They will try to select the kind of news that will be of most interest and significance to all our readers, eliminating inconsequential details and items of a purely local nature. Our readers will forgive them if they sometimes come a little short of "perfect reporting" from their districts.

In our news columns we are always especially happy

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to report *forward steps* in the work of the Lord; to tell the story of *special achievements* for Christ and His kingdom; to report special "seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord" that come in response to the prayers of God's people. This kind of news cannot but stimulate prayer and greater aggressiveness on the part of those who read what God is doing in certain corners of His vineyard.

Don't forget to pray for the editor and his associate, and for the contributors to the various departments of our weekly paper! It is no easy task that we have assumed and we need the prayers and moral support of all our people. We know we cannot please all of our readers but we are anxious to please God and as many as possible of our large family of readers.

—R.T.

"All News but Brief"

The Merger Plan called for a merger of The Evangelical Beacon and The Evangelist. After the merger conference the Board of Publications met and decided to retain both names for one year and let the conference decide what is to be the permanent name of our paper.

This is the first paper published and we are sending it forth praying that God will bless and that it will be well received.

We have felt the need of a paper coming to us more frequently than the monthly and this our wish will now be fulfilled. The merged paper will be a weekly bringing fresh news and material of all kinds. We are mindful of the fact that the paper goes into many homes where souls need to know the way of salvation and we shall aim to bring a message of saving grace in every issue. We plan also to bring the best in devotional material.

Our paper will serve a larger constituency without adding to its size, so we have to ask our reporters to be brief. Do not send long obituaries, long accounts of ordination or details about weddings. Let us have all news but let it be brief. We want a great deal of news and devotional material, but we shall not overlook the spiritual ministry of our publications. It is no small ministry to reach about eight thousand homes every week, so we count this a tremendous responsibility and a great privilege. In view of this we ask for your prayers and help in our publication work. Every church ought to help get our paper into every home.

—O. U.

Your Address Label

In combining the BEACON and EVANGELIST mailing lists there are no doubt some errors that have crept in, or some duplications that have resulted. Possibly your name is not spelled right or the address is not correct, or there is a mistake in the expiration date. If so, will you be kind enough to address a card to FREE CHURCH PUBLICATIONS, 2950 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis 8, Minn. at once, with instructions as to just how your name and address should appear?

If the date on your address label shows that you owe for the past or current year's subscription, will you enclose a check or money order in an envelope addressed the same way? Thanks!

The President's Viewpoint

Christian greetings!

The merger has come and is coming. Our schools took the initiative, then came the churches, and now our periodicals. And more will follow.

I would like to sing, "There's a welcome here, a welcome here, a Christian welcome here"—only it's as if we *all* had come somewhere. I welcome you and you welcome me; and our heavenly Father has already welcomed us into unity and peace. We are aware of that, and we feel it, too. It is wonderful to be a Christian and a member of The Evangelical Free Church of America.



Dr. Halleen

I am reminded of the merger of the twelve tribes of Israel into one nation. After much preparation and many adjustments they at last possessed the land. And this is what lies on my mind. The Lord said to Joshua and to the merged people: "Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your feet shall tread upon, that have I given unto you as I said unto Moses."

By virtue of God's promise to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses, the land was already theirs. But by virtue of practical experience only that which the sole of their feet trod upon was theirs. It is this practical side that I am concerned about at this time. Much land has been added to our home field. The Free Church domain is now nationwide. There are many souls to win for Christ—much work that should be done.

And that's the point. How shall this work be done? How shall we be our best for God? Surely God wants to use every talent and faculty to the best advantage—to make our district organizations as perfect machines moving without friction and without selfish motives. As our various organizations and projects will need adjustment as to boundary or personnel we must act in the interest of the entire Free Church. It is God's work; we are but servants of the Lord and of the Free Church.

In our expansion work we should follow the great pioneer, the Apostle Paul, as much as possible, and plant the banner of Christ in strategic places. From these larger centers Paul worked in several directions as the Spirit of God led him. Our work in the past has to a great extent failed in this. We have spent time, energy, and money in barren and sparsely settled communities, and with little headway; whereas if the same amount of time, energy, and money had gone into thickly settled places much greater achievements would have been made. Of course, the by-ways should also be traveled by the gospel messengers, but the main emphasis should be directed toward the congested areas. The Master's advice here should be our pattern: "These ought ye to have done without neglecting the others."

In all things let us honor God and speak well of our Free Church. Our united work is small as yet and far from perfect. Considering that you and I are more or less imperfect—especially more—we can do much harm by taking a critical attitude. There are certain things we may not like, but we are here because we believe that God wants us here. And if He wants us here He has something particular for us to do. In doing that let's forget the trivial and work for the bigger and worthwhile things. In doing that God will bless our coming in and our going out from now and forever.

"That they may be ONE!"

Rev. S. R. Smalley, Pastor of Second Evangelical Free Church, Brooklyn, N.Y.

First of a series of three articles



Oneness is the atmosphere we breathe today. We have been faced with an avalanche of literature crying forth "One World," "One People," and "One Church." It is the Absolute of the Modern Mind; it is the ridiculous assumption of a false credo. On the other hand, it is the essential of Life itself and the very breath of existence. How may we harmonize such a paradox?

First of all, we are confronted with a pattern in the making. Standards are to be considered and issues to be decided. Who will be the judge? In the midst of a confused intellectual life and a chaotic moral disintegration, to whom may we look for the Words of Life?

The answer can come only from the Church. Once again the Church is the repository of Faith---as it was in the Middle Ages, in the Reformation, in the Renaissance, and now it is in the midst of a scientific monstrosity called Modern Culture. But even here we face a real problem. What Church? This is a problem only if we seek to divide the Body of Christ. Once we see the meaning of Our Lord's prayer in John 17 we fully comprehend that the Church is the Body of Christ and consists of all believers who possess His life.

To what then can we attribute true Oneness? There is a Unity of Relation. Christ said they must be in Him. To be in Him means the complete integration of desires, ambitions, hopes, pleasures and the total personality in the Universal Lord of All. There is a Unity of Purpose. "That the world may know Him" is the all consuming passion of the Church. United in this effort all else becomes insignificant and unimportant. Since the days of Adam God has sought to bring man back to Himself. The Old Covenant is a record of Man's pride and rebellion, and not of a faulty revelation. The New Covenant is a record of "Paradise Regained" through Him that loved us and purchased us by His blood. But withal, this revelation needs a medium of expression. So---"Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So!"

Our Oneness, then, is in One Name---the Lord Jesus Christ. Seen thus, He is the Uniting Savior, the Uniting King, the Uniting Revelation of God to men. Our Oneness is in one Spirit---the Holy Spirit, who is to guide us into all Truth.



Pastor Smalley

Our Oneness is in one Faith---Faith in Him and all that the Divine Invasion can mean to humankind. We are thus One Body in Christ, baptized by His Spirit to become the Sons of God!

We need to hear this message in a day when statesmen are perplexed as to how to effect One World. Sociologists are seeking to bring about an equality among all men everywhere. Medical science is attempting to rejuvenate all of the physical so as to perpetuate an earthly happiness. Economists are searching for a remedy for life's privations. But the Church alone has the complete answer to all of these.

Let men live by the standards of the Sermon on the Mount and social, political, and economic problems are solved. Why cannot men do this? Because even the standards of the Sermon on the Mount are impossible without the Author of that Sermon being a part of man's life and existence. It is thus that Christ said, "Ye must be born again." Once being born again we are members then of One Family, with One Father, and One Purpose. This is True Oneness

and of such is the Kingdom of God.

But such a oneness is not an automatic essence that is felt in every part of the Church. It needs to be worked out with fear and trembling since it is the salvation of not only the individual but the whole community of Christians. It necessitates grace to live with as well as grace to die by. One finds it difficult to keep from casting stones at others' glass houses and adopting a holier-than-thou attitude when there is so much laxity among Christian people. However, let us all remember that we are "workers together with Him." It is possible that even we may be wrong in some respects. It is possible that there is room for growth in grace for even us. Let us not substitute a Protestant Autocracy for a Roman Catholic Supremacy. In both is the danger of a great spiritual loss.

In Protestantism we have learned to value our democratic freedoms. Granted that with every freedom there is danger of license. But restrictions on freedom possess a throttling of Life itself. We must run the risk of license in order to possess the growth of Life. However, life must be channeled properly. It is this proper channeling that effects the Oneness. We seek to be transformed by His Grace and to made like unto His likeness. Our one desire is to be like Him. Here is no antinomian spirit. Here is no individualism without respect of others. Here is a desire to emulate His life among our fellowmen. This is no withdrawal from society. It is a passion for to transform society. It is a universal call that cries aloud with Christ---"That They may be One"---in Christ as He is in the Father---that they all may be One in Him.

THE TRUE CIVIC CENTER

The true civic center of our municipalities will be found not in some towering edifice with stately approaches, nor in the broad avenues flanked with magnificent mansions, but around the family altar of the American home, the source of that strength which has marked our national character, where above all else is cherished a faith in the things not seen.

— Calvin Coolidge

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- Evangelistic Service 7:30 P. M.
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- Prayer Service, Thursday, 8:00 P. M.



FACING FORWARD

Abbreviated report of message by Dr. Arnold T. Olson which climaxed "Merger Day" at the recent Medicine Lake Conference.

The subject assigned to me this evening, that of speaking on the future, reflects a spirit of optimism on the part of the Program Committee. It not only recognized the great heritage of the past as presented by the previous speaker but also believes that the new, united Free Church of America has a future. One occasionally meets someone who believes that our future is all in the past, but such an attitude does not make for progress. Outside the Hall of Archives in



Dr. Olson

Washington, D. C., the building containing the records of the past, there is a statue with these words on its pedestal, "All that is past is prologue." So we would believe tonight that our past with its many achievements for the Lord Jesus Christ is but a prologue. We would believe that during these sixty years of separate endeavors and programs God has been preparing us for such a time as has now come upon our nation and our world. Were it not for such a hope, we might better bury the corpse rather than perform a wedding rite. True, the future may be unknown, and yet we present certain things which are nevertheless sure.

I. THE FUTURE HOLDS THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTINUED PROGRESS.

Nothing is so tragic as an individual or a group without any faith in the future. In 1838 a man resigned from the United States Patent Office and gave as his reason in the letter of resignation the following, "There is no future in the Patent Office; all the great inventions have been accomplished." Since that doubting man resigned, we have discovered the steam engine, the diesel engine, the jet propulsion engine, the telephone, the radio, television, radar, submarines, airplanes, insulin, sulphur drugs, penicillin, atomic power and many, many other things. One could cite many other cases of similar pessimism. Those who a few years ago felt that progress had reached its limits were wrong.

Further, those who within the Church have preached the message of limitations have been equally wrong. Some seem to feel that there is nothing to do but sit and wait for the coming of the Lord and the Armageddon. Others

"I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." Rev. 3:8 (Moffatt)

feel that whatever progress was ours ended when Swedish, Danish, or Norwegian was dropped from use as the language in our services or from the name of our churches and denominations. There are some who believe that revivals are past since they belong to a previous generation. Such attitudes rob us of our growth, blind us as to vision, stymie our progress. On the other hand, to the one who has the forward look, the world today holds a dramatic challenge. As long as the last chapter of the book of Acts remains to be written, Jesus has much "to do and to teach" through His church. As long as we have the Gospel message, the promised power, the presence of the Holy Spirit, and as long as there are children to teach, youth to lead, souls to win, there is the possibility of progress. As long as man is in spiritual need and crippled through spiritual invalidism, and as long as we have the all-powerful name of Jesus to give and the outstretched hand of love and helpfulness with which to give it, there is the promise of lame men being made to walk and to leap and to praise God.

Surely the need as great as ever. The world with all of its progress has failed to keep pace spiritually. Whatever moral progress is to be made can only be made as men are transformed through the regenerating power of the Spirit of God which in turn comes through the preaching of the Word of God. A badly scared newspaper editor in Illinois proposes that something drastic be done to ward off the doom impending because our heads have developed too far beyond our hearts. He favors having the government reduce all public school teachers' salaries to five hundred dollars a year and public school classes to one hour a week, while it pays ministers twenty thousand dollars a year and Sunday School superintendents ten thousand dollars a year and forces all citizens to attend church school classes five days a week. No one will take the details of this suggestion

seriously, even though those salaries for preachers look interesting! However, the thought is there regarding the need for the Christian Church in a day such as ours. If spiritual progress is to keep pace with scientific progress it must come through the Church. The Gospel is to be preached--to be preached to every creature. The ordinances are to be followed until He comes. The ministry of teaching is to be continued until the end of this age, and in carrying out the explicit commands of the Head of the Church, we are not engaged in a dying work! He will be with us.

II. THE FUTURE HOLDS THE PROBABILITY OF CONTINUED PROBLEMS.

Our problems are not solved with the merger. In fact, some of them are only beginning. But as Free Church groups we have become accustomed to such problems.

There will be the problem of *transition*. Many details, in spite of our trying to work out the many difficulties in advance, remain to be studied and completed. Patience will have to be exercised. The spirit of compromise in some things will have to prevail. Personalities must be secondary. The spirit of understanding must be prayerfully sought. The merger was not born. It has been made! But then, the Lord has prepared us for this transition period by taking us through similar periods in the past. Our fathers went through the transition as to location as they left the old countries and moved to a new and strange land and sought to worship the same God in a different country. They were enabled to succeed to the extent that America is stronger and richer today because of the contributions these pioneers made. Then came the transition as to language as the new generations required a change from the language of the old country to the language of the new. The change in many places was not without its many problems and the crisis in some instances was serious. But now those problems are solved and we are thus equipped not only through the availability of divine wisdom but personal experience to meet the new problems of transition.

There will be the problem of *opposition*. Our forefathers met opposition on two distinct fronts. First, from the religious hierarchy of their time, which was more concerned with personal power and profit than the salvation of souls; and second, from the rank and file of the unconverted, loving darkness rather than light and not wishing to be disturbed in their sins. Tactics of the opposition may change but the spirit of opposition remains. Evangelical Christianity meets an antagonistic world.

The tide of this antagonism is rising again. We must face it and not dread it. The Lord is greater than any such opposition. The Church has gone from one such crisis to another. The true Church has never been received with open arms.

There will be the problem of *pessimism*. We often hear of the danger of lukewarmness and the danger of apostasy, and rightly so. These are ever before us. But there is another danger threatening us at this time and that is pessimism. Sometimes we spell it with an a-t-o-m b-o-m-b and other times with a c-o-m-m-u-n-i-s-m. This pessimism has become the keynote of our times. Leaders in all fields endeavor to outdo one another with gloomy utterances. One has said, "We are living in the bloodiest century of human history." Another writes of the "sense of encroachment which fills every thoughtful mind with apprehension if not despair." These utterances might well be expected. The tragedy lies in the fact that this creeping paralysis of gloom has spread to our churches and its leaders. Our pulpits have been draped in the black veil of mourning and our preachers have become propagandists of despair. The only place left where hope might possibly be found and where the light might yet be shining has become a place of pessimism. We hear that there is nothing left for us to-day but to wait for the Lord to take us home and disaster to strike everyone else. The early Church lived in constant expectancy and hope. It looked for the coming of the Lord even then, but this incentive drove it on and kept the fires of service burning. The Gospel is not the sad news of nuclear energy harnessed for the destruction of mankind but the good news about the energy of God available for the salvation of man.

III. THE FUTURE HOLDS THE PROMISE OF CONTINUED PROVISION.

The verse read at the beginning of this message brings out the truth in a vivid manner.

There is the provision of *opportunity*. The door is not only open but right before us. When the iron curtain falls on a field, man power is available for

new territories. Communities are waiting for churches, men are bewildered and seeking guidance, mission fields are calling for help. There are opportunities across the street in the local church; across the state in the district organizations; across the States in the united home mission work, and across the seas in our foreign mission program.

There is the provision of *observation*. "I know thy works." How good to know there is One who observes kindly, intelligently, and helpfully. He knows our need, "Thou hast a little strength." He knows our motives and that we do want to be loyal to His name. He will not let us down. The Lord is greater than our national backgrounds, greater than our separate Free Church groups, greater than the merged group. He is the Head of the Church and the Bishop of our souls. How foolish to think for a moment that the sun of progress sets on little you or little me!

There is the provision of *operations*. This is not our work; it is the Lord's work. He would use The Evangelical Free Church of America as a channel through which He might reach boys and girls, men and women with His message of salvation.

My concern as we move on through the new Free Church work is not so much for a bigger organization, a larger membership, a better school, an increased subscription list for our publications, an enlarged home and foreign missionary program, but rather that we might have a greater vision, seeing the wider horizons and sensing the bigger challenge. With this all else will follow. Lord Salisbury, one of Britain's statesmen during the days of her imperial expansion, used to taunt the more conservative members of Parliament with the words, "Gentlemen, you need to study larger maps." Many of our maps have been much too small and have failed to include much more than our own families, local church, and Free Church work. Like the maps of Spain during the days of her greatest glory, they show nothing beyond our own coasts. "Ne plus ultra," (nothing beyond) was the expression on her coat of arms. There have been those who have actually held to the view that there wasn't much if anything beyond

the Norwegian, Danish, or Swedish Free Church! God give us bigger maps, maps which stretch across the miles beyond the local church, beyond the home church, and way across the continents.

As we have this day met in the impressive ceremonies which have united The Evangelical Free Church Association and The Evangelical Free Church of America, may it go down in history not as a day of completion of a merger but rather the day of beginning.

"It will not be disputed that the devotional life is at once the reservoir of spiritual power and the key to spiritual growth. No Christian is going to rise higher than the springs of his devotional life. It is absolutely foundational; it makes ridiculous all short-cuts and spasmodic efforts in spiritual development, and keeps before us always the fact that growth in grace is a quiet, steady, gradual process."

New Books . . .

CHRIST THE BREAD OF LIFE, by Wm. Childs Robinson (Erdmans, \$2.50).

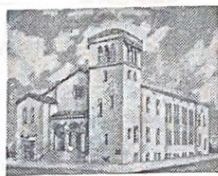
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THE EVANGELICAL BEACON AND EVANGELIST

AUGUST 1, 1950

Where do We Go from Here?

By Rev. Elmer Johnson
 Pastor Emeritus of Evangelical Free
 Church of Rockford, Ill. and member of
 Merger Committee



Our Merger Conference is passed and the merger of the two Evangelical Free Church groups is completed. Those who were present at the impressive merger ceremonies on June 14 will agree that they were all that could be desired. We are now officially one; the marriage is consummated.



Pastor Johnson

Are we still on our honeymoon? If so, it will not be long before we settle down to housekeeping and to plan and perform as married people should.

That is what prompts me to use the above caption as I write, at the request of the editor, for this first issue of our combined publication--Where do we go from here?

I shall not write about our affection for one another, nor shall I write about the adjustments that will necessarily have to be made. Our situation is not exactly like those who are setting up housekeeping for the first time. We have both had our own homes, families, furniture, etc. But now we are merging our two households into one, which is more spacious, more vigorous, but also more complicated.

How will our children get along together? Will they be able to adjust themselves so as to love one another, help one another, and work together as one happy family?

And not only that, but we are looking for new babies to be born into our Free Church family, to liven the household and extend our influence and usefulness.

We have heard already of our great and valued heritage. We are indeed grateful for the "faith of our fathers"---and mothers, too. We have a history of which we need not be ashamed---at least not too much.

Now for the future. I wish to write particularly about this, as I see it. I have failed to see much in print as to what we intend to do in the near future. We are like a new couple---even with families: we have not as yet gotten over the honeymoon stage so we have not given much expression as to what our future plans, intentions, and purposes are. You see, we are not only two in-

dividuals; we are two whole families merged into one, and that makes it imperative that we face our future with some specific goals, definite plans, and, above all, challenging visions.

I want to discuss these things in four phases---our leadership, our ministry, our training, and our missions. Perhaps, if space permits. I can later include our pulpits and our pews.

OUR LEADERSHIP

As to our leadership, I shall but mention the fact that we are looking to our "top" leaders to present us with ideas and challenges for the future. We need to hear from our experienced leaders as to what is expected of us. I am sure we shall hear from them soon.

We have a widespread organization, wider than ever. Perhaps, apart from our local congregations, our Sunday Schools rank first. If ever there was an organization and a movement that affords a challenge, it is the Sunday School. There is not one of these already established that cannot be expanded and increased greatly. And it is my conviction that few of our Sunday Schools could not find a place within a reasonable distance where branches could be established to bring under the influence of godly teachers more of the millions of children still unchurched.

Here is where we need leadership. A certain amount of sentiment has been expressed that this leadership must be headed up in a specialist or expert that we should employ. That could be possible, but in the meantime what if our Committee on Christian Education to assist in planning and promoting Sunday School conventions which will bring together Sunday School teachers, officers, and workers to hear the very best of speakers on vital Sunday School sub-

jects, challenging our people with the opportunities and responsibilities that lie before us? This should be done in every part of our field.

Our leadership in the Free Church Youth Fellowship is most vital. We have enjoyed a great deal of enthusiastic and fruitful activity in this field. Particularly financially. Large sums of money have been raised for most worthy causes. If I see the picture correctly, the big need is among the "grass roots" of our youth organizations. This has been sensed by our FCYF leaders and some very fine and fruitful work has been done there. More can be done and needs to be done in this field---and it needs to be done soon. One branch of our family has in the past had no national youth organization. It will be new to some and perhaps will appear superfluous to some. But with a national organization geared to assist and support our state and local youth work (not only to be supported by them), we can be sure of a great field of fruitful service.

Not only is leadership important in our youth and Sunday School work, but in our women's and men's groups, our ministerial association, in our District work, and even more in our local churches. We shall look for inspiration and guidance from our leaders which will create holy ambition and sacred zeal in every branch of our beloved Free Church.

(Next week Pastor Johnson will continue with a discussion of Our Ministry.)

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God's man pictured in Psalm 1 has the assurance that "whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Why don't we, as God's people, take hold of an unlimited promise like this, and honor God by really believing it? "Without faith it is impossible to please Him." With faith in God, all things are possible.

BEREAN FREE CHURCH. The new bulletin came out with a vision of a superstructure for their present basement church. No doubt this will be a tremendous task to translate this dream into fact, but with the limitless opportunities before this church, here should be no time or place for hesitation. Let every ounce of strength, every penny and dollar, every plan and purpose be directed toward the realization of this goal. In the many hundreds of new beautiful homes in the immediate vicinity, there are people who have no home for Eternity, no food for their souls, no knowledge of Christ, no fellowship with God. They are without God and without hope. Here is a duty that calls for speedy and heroic discharge. Thousands of Christians will join in prayer for you, and no doubt, many will help you financially as they realize that the group at Berean is not so large in numbers. "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

MILBURN CHURCH. We rejoice to hear again good news from this church. I believe that Rev. Joy Cummings was instrumental in bringing the Word to appreciative hearers. Souls were saved and Christians were edified. Rev. Roy Brown is the pastor here. Some enlargement is planned here, too, and we rejoice with all our churches that find it necessary and possible to extend their borders.

FIRST CHURCH, MINNEAPOLIS. It was interesting and greatly inspiring to gather with the friends of the First Church for the cornerstone laying. I had the privilege to read a portion of the Word at the service out of the Bible that was later put into the cornerstone together with many other items such as a couple of issues of the *Beacon*, a membership list, etc. If the Lord tarries a few years more, we hope and pray that a great ministry will be carried on here in this beautiful and spacious church. We could sense a real spirit of eagerness in the large group that gathered for the above mentioned service.

RICHFIELD COMMUNITY CHAPEL. We notice in the bulletin from Richfield, "Prayer Corner," that from week to week, prayer subjects are mentioned. For Sunday, July 16, I and the ever increasing work of the District, was included there. I appreciate this very much. I wish all the rest of you would do likewise. Pos-

sibilities might open up for the church to select another location where plans for expansion might be carried out without the fear of the growing airfield claiming the property when the superstructure is finished. I know that the friends here would appreciate if God's people would unite in asking special guidance for them during these days.

WOLVERTON FREE CHURCH. A goodly number from here found it possible to attend Buffalo this year and everyone seemed to enjoy it to the fullest extent. It will be my joy, the Lord willing, to be at a meeting in Wolverton on Wednesday, July 26, after a trip to Enderlin, and possibly Wilton also. The pastor is going to be the speaker at an American Sunday School Union Camp on Star Lake from July 17 on during the week. I am sure his rich ministry will be greatly appreciated.

RIVERSIDE FREE CHURCH. Improvements by way of a new gas furnace, insulation of the church, and some painting and stuccoing will be done. The Gospel services together with the Salvation Army continue in the tent for another week. Following the Buffalo Camp, Riverside plans an evening school (DVBS) with classes for old and young. The Gospel of John will be taught to the adult class from 7-8 o'clock by Pastor Larson.

EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH OF WATERTOWN. For quite a while this splendid congregation has been engaged in remodeling its church, and believe me, the friends have done a fine job. You would hardly recognize the church. A fine lower auditorium with class rooms, kitchen facilities, wash rooms, new furnace, and upstairs a wonderful job has been done. Even a pastor's study has been made and new pews; and what is so wonderful, most of all this is paid for. A dedication has been arranged for the last part of September or first part of October. On the third of August this year the congregation marks its 40th anniversary. We extend to them our best wishes for many more years of fruitful service.

TO ALL OF OUR CHURCHES. If you have a bulletin, kindly send a copy to me each week. If you have none, kindly send me some news from your church a couple of times a month. Many of your friends would like to hear from you through the *Beacon and Evangelist*.

I would like to urge all of our readers to pray for our Princeton building project. We are in desperate need of \$1500 for this undertaking. This would be taken care of very easily if each one reading these lines would send us a few dollars. We believe this was the leading of the Lord, and in many ways we have seen God undertake for us, and we are sure that He will place this need on your heart. Thanks to you who have already given.

B. Lundstrom

Iowa Dakota Items...

CONGRATULATIONS. As a District Conference we wish to congratulate the Board of Publications and the editors upon this their first combined issue of our weekly publication. Our merger has gone through in a most efficient manner and much of this is due to the fine work of our editors and our publications. With an enlarged list of subscribers our publications will serve in even a greater way to promote the work of the Lord. As a District we want to support them in every way.

GREETINGS. To the added number of readers of this column we extend our hearty greetings. We shall continue to keep you informed of the activities in which we believe you are interested. We say a hearty welcome to Pastor E. Walter Lindgren and the churches of Britt, Wesley, and Upper Flat, the only pastor and churches of the former Association within our District and we trust you will keep us informed so we can include you in the column.

BROOKLYN, Beresford, S.D. The special meetings conducted by Evangelist Peterson were a great blessing to the church. It was a joy to see some 16 souls come weeping to the altar for salvation. Several had been saved previous to the meetings. Others have come since. It has been a time of spiritual revival here. We rejoice with our friends. Benj. Lundstrom visited here on July 16. Gordon Fanberg will take part in services on July 23. George Rodman is serving the church during the summer months. Mrs. Milton Nelson is still very active and much appreciated in the work.

MERIDEN, IOWA. The Arvid Cedar family has purchased a public address system for the church. Funds were given by friends and relatives near and far in memory of Arvid Cedar who went to be with the Lord last November. It will be used in calling people to worship and reminding the town and country side of God and His house.

POLK CITY, IOWA. Pastor Walter Berggren has arranged for a day of "Homecoming" in the church for Sunday, July 23. The theme is "Laborers Together With God." The messages throughout the day will be given by former Polk City young people who are now in Christian service. This annual event is always a time of blessing and inspiration for the church.

OTTUMWA, IOWA. Mrs. Albert Peterson's father, K. A. Fredrickson of Minneapolis, went to be with the Lord on July 10. He had spent much of his time the last several years with his daughter at Ottumwa. Funeral services were held in Minneapolis on July 13. We extend our

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Expressions

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By Rev. O. Urang,

Home Missions Secretary

These expressions are written in northern Saskatchewan where we are at present conducting tent meetings—if we had a tent. Our meeting last night was more in the open than in the tent as the canvas was torn beyond repair. The tent used was a gift from Brother Odegaard and Brother Heldt in 1937. It has been in use every summer since and many a soul has found Christ under its roof. Now it is gone and we are renting the town hall for the rest of our meetings. The brethren up here need a tent or two for next year or if possible for this month.

Twenty years ago we came to Canada for the first time and we have not seen this part of Canada for seventeen years. We are impressed by the progress made on every hand. The roads are improved so that we now can drive on gravel where we used to drive in mud a great deal of the time. Electric light has now taken the place of oil lamps and cars have taken the place of horses and buggies. Where we traveled a few miles a day, we can now travel hundreds. We have had our taste of bad roads, however, for we have to get out in the country at times. We had to get out and walk in mud for several miles one day as we could not drive our modern car through the ruts.

We have had meetings in primitive buildings and halls but God is blessing no matter where meetings are held. The unsaved come out to meetings and it is nothing unusual to have the greater part of the audience consisting of unsaved people. We rented a hall in a new community and had thirty-four out for the meeting. This we considered a fine attendance in a new place and just a small town.

We rented the town hall in another town and had over eighty people out to the first service. There are fields that are open but we need good men and we need a planned program. Our work, so far, has been too far from centers and often away from the main roads. We must aim to establish our missions along the highways so that it is possible for our workers to have two or three points in order to become self-supporting.

It was rather interesting to meet the friends here and there. Twenty years ago we were pioneers up here and it was so great to meet some that came to know Christ through our ministry. The field is in need of prayer and help. Here are unlimited opportunities but we need leadership and means.

Greetings from the Canadian Prairies

With the arrival of summer, things here are beginning to "hum" again with special effort and energy to speed the Gospel to as many as possible as quickly as possible.

Bigger and better Bible Camps are being planned this year, which entails a great deal of work and expenses long before the camps begin. The grounds

chant. Three Bible School boys took their turns at preaching the Gospel in their humble way. Vacation School was held by two girls the two following summers, and later a pastor and his wife drove some forty miles on Thursdays to conduct house meetings there for almost two years. Following this, a building was purchased and named "The Champion Gos-



Overflow crowd outside the Free Church at Champion, Alberta, during the recent dedication services. Rev. R. Schneider is pastor of the church at Champion.

have to be improved, new buildings erected, water system installed, recreational facilities provided, and many other things too numerous to mention have to be looked after by our "industrial committee" (pastors not excluded).

In Southern Alberta a colored moving film depicting life at Southern Alberta Bible Camp is now being taken around and shown in many areas as a means of creating greater interest among the young folks in attending Bible Camp.

Five teams of D.V.B.S. workers from the Fuller Foundation have again been engaged to conduct daily vacation Bible Schools throughout the prairie regions for two months of the summer.

As the tent meetings last summer proved such a great blessing to many, we are again planning to set up the tent in several strategic areas in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Many may wonder, "Why have vacation schools, camps, tent meetings? What is accomplished that is of a permanent nature?" On April 16, at the dedication of the church at Champion this question was answered in a very definite and tangible way. In 1936 a tent was put up at Champion under the supervision of Rev. O. Urang, who was then the pastor at En-

pel Mission," where several workers faithfully held forth the Word of Life until the completion of this present fine church.

Upwards of 500 people from far and near gathered for the dedication of this Champion church—the fruit of tent meetings, vacation schools and the faithful perseverance of our workers. Auditorium and basement were filled to capacity and many were standing or sitting in cars outside. Loudspeakers were used for the convenience of those who could not get in. Pastors and workers from many districts brought greetings, and Brooks and Taber churches assisted in the dedication music. Rev. L. E. Maxwell, principal of the Prairie Bible Institute, brought the afternoon dedicatory message and again preached to a packed crowd in the evening.

Special evangelistic services followed for the remainder of the week with Mr. Maxwell, Rev. Carl Fosmark, Rev. Clarence Meller and Missionary Hector McMillan as speakers.

Friends, let us not "despise the day of small things" but let us be faithful and far-sighted, for our "labor is not in vain in the Lord."

—Mrs. L. W. Fosmark,
Canadian Correspondent

Farthest West . . .

PORTLAND, ORE. Rev. Walter Swanson of Radisson and Winter, Wis. was the guest speaker at several services in the church recently. . . . On July 5 the Lord released from this life one of His dear children when Mrs. J. W. Backlund went to be with the Lord. Mrs. Backlund has been affiliated with the work since its beginning. Her faithful Christian life has been a blessing and benediction to many. . . . Rev. Curtis Gilchrist showed pictures of the Black Lake Camp on the night of the 17th.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. Rev. A. J. Thorwall and the King's Men were with the friends on the night of July 12 for a happy hour of Gospel fellowship. . . . The summer D.V.B.S. closed a very successful two weeks with an average of 51 in attendance.

SEATTLE, WASH. Closing exercises of the summer D.V.B.S. were held on June 30. The enrollment during the two weeks reached 78. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lepsle were honored on their 30th wedding anniversary. . . . Two new members were received into the fellowship of the church at the quarterly business meeting. . . . Mrs. Hannah Olson returned home after an enjoyable trip to Sweden. . . . The W.M.S. invited the ladies from the Harper Free Church to be their guests at an outdoor service at the home of Mrs. L. Benson on the afternoon of July 19. . . . A successful contest within the Sunday School came to a close on Sunday, July 16, with the youths victors over the adults. The contest lasted for six Sundays and proved a real stimulus to the school. . . . The annual Fellowship Dinner of the church was held at Woodland Park on July 16. . . . Pastor Stover was both speaker and M.C. at a recent Youth for Christ in Seattle. . . . The Lord is richly blessing the work of the church with precious souls who have recently come to the Lord. On Sunday evening, July 16, three responded to the invitation to accept Christ. The pastor had the joy of praying for a lady in the hospital and missionaries Al and Olive Undi had the joy of leading another lady to the Lord.

PETALUMA, CALIF. Pastor and Mrs.

Smith are back in the work after their vacation, which was spent at Cazadero and the Big Trees. . . . The church is happy to have Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carlson back in Petaluma after living in San Francisco for a time. Mr. Carlson has purchased the "Auto Parts Supply" Store . . . Pastor Smith is speaking from the Book of the Revelation on Sunday mornings.

OAKLAND, CALIF. Miss Winona Walworth will be the director of the summer D.V.B.S. to be held July 31-August 11. The Sunday School bus will be used to bring the boys and girls from Brookfield Village and the surrounding communities.

RICHMOND. Rev. and Mrs. Vincent Gizzi of the China Boat Mission spoke at the evening service on July 30. . . . On Aug. 1 Rev. A. J. Thorwall and the King's Men will conduct a special service of song and sermon.

LOS ANGELES. Mrs. Morris Johnson, after seeing her son Rev. Glen Johnson and family off for Japan, returned to Los Angeles with Joe Johnsons to spend a few weeks visiting with old friends in the church. Glen and family sailed for Japan as missionaries on Monday, July 17.

FRESNO. Mr. Thorwall and the King's Men conducted three services in this our newest Free Church in California. These meetings were well attended and blessed of God. . . . Three special broadcasts were conducted from a radio station in Dinuba during their stay in Kingsburg and Fresno.

MADERA. The workers have been busy these days visiting Mexican homes in Turlock, Livingston, and Laton where many contacts were made and Gospel literature distributed. On Sunday evening, July 16, they had the joy of praying for a Catholic woman who accepted Christ as her personal Savior.

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A Tribute to - -

L. J. Pedersen

In the passing of Dr. L. J. Pedersen The Evangelical Free Church of America has lost one of its pillars and one of its great preachers.

Dr. Pedersen was born in Norway February 23, 1868 and came to U.S. with his parents as a young boy. His parents settled at Paynesville, Minn. and there the boy Ludwig grew up and went to school. As a young man he was saved and received the blessed assurance of forgiveness of sin.

Dr. Pedersen began early to bring testimonies of his saving experience, but felt the need of education and left for Chicago Theological Seminary from which school he was graduated.

Brother Pedersen was a great expository preacher and he was sought for Bible Conferences all over the land. He held pastorates in Fargo, Boston, Minneapolis and for 22 years was president of the Free Church Seminary and Institute in Minneapolis. The church in Boston he served twice and the church in Minneapolis he served three times.

Several churches were founded by Dr. Pedersen. The Free Church in Fargo and Salem Free Church in Minneapolis were both started under his ministry and other churches are directly or indirectly the fruit of his labors. The Free Church Bible School was founded in Rushford, Minn. under the leadership of Dr. Pedersen.

As a man Mr. Pedersen was brotherly and kind; as a friend he was congenial and faithful. He had a sense of humor and it was an inspiration to be in his company. He knew how to combine the sober things in life with the lighter. It was an education to have him in our midst.

He spent last winter in California and returned recently to Paynesville in order to stay for the summer. After a day's work around the home he suffered a stroke that paralyzed him on the one side and also made him speechless. He was brought to the hospital in Paynesville where he died on June 8, 1950. He reached the age of 82 years, 3 months, and 16 days.

Funeral services were held from Peterson Brothers Chapel on June 10. The following took part in the service: A. D. Hartmark, Arne Hansen, John Ribe, and O. M. Jonswold. Present at the funeral

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Observations by the Seventh Member of the Merger Committee

By John S. Nyquist
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When I received notice of my appointment as the seventh member of the Merger Committee, it was with a feeling of hesitation that I accepted. This was not because I did not favor a merger of the two Free Church groups. I was heartily in favor of it. Like the rank and file of the laymen of our churches I never was able to see any reason why the two groups should not be united and work together. But, for some reason, I had a feeling that this might not be true to the same extent among the leadership. In fact, I had heard suggestions that it would not be so easy to get the leaders of the two groups to agree on details when faced with the actual fact of merging. Relinquishment of some rights or privileges would of necessity have to be made by each group.

As the only layman on the Committee, I naturally wondered what my role would be and how I could be of service. I knew, of course, that as a lawyer I might be able to give some legal advice on some matters that might arise. But that was really a minor concern, at least until the actual merger had been agreed upon. Someone jokingly said to me that my duties as the seventh member would be in the nature of an "umpire" or perhaps continually casting the deciding vote.

But nothing could have been further from the facts. Although I was acquainted with only two members of the Committee, I was made to feel "at home," as we say, from the very beginning. This first meeting, of course, was not much more than organizing the Committee, and making a sort of general survey of the situation. But even then a person could sense the brotherly feeling that prevailed.

It occurred to me, however, that when we came to the point where some of the differences had to be ironed out, that things might not go so smoothly. But again I was mistaken. The "spirit of

were the following pastors: Arnold Olson, O. Urang, E. D. Hartmark, A. Herje, H. K. Madsen, Rev. J. Daniels, Nathaniel Carlson, and possibly others. These clergymen served as honorary pallbearers. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

"Thou shalt be missed because thy seat will be empty." (I Sam. 20:18).

"The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord" (Job 1:21).

O. M. Jonswold

unity" seemed to grow with each succeeding meeting. And these brethren were not merely idealists. They knew the practical phase of the merger problems and faced realities as they existed in their groups. Never at any time did I observe anyone trying to "get ahead" of the other. On the contrary, it seemed that the leaders of each group vied with one another to meet more than half way. With such a spirit, merger simply could

not fail. The Free Church people should be grateful to God for that type of leadership.

The Free Church is not as large as most other denominations. In fact, it might be said to be very small. But I cannot help but be reminded of Daniel Webster in making his famous plea in defense of certain franchise rights of Dartmouth College when he said: "Yes, Dartmouth College is small, but there are those who love her." And though the Free Church is small, "there are those who love her." And if those love God and the brethren as well, then He will surely honor our efforts and make the Free Church a blessing.



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Wasn't that a good story that was concluded in last week's BEACON? Hope we can get some more from our friend, don't you?

I met some of you at the conference. We who were privileged to be there had such a good time. I wish all of you could have gathered with us Sunday morning at 9:30. Perhaps after reading this it will give you a little idea of what we did.

Promptly at 9:29, Mrs. Seashore started playing Psalm 122: 1: "I was glad, I was glad, I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go, let us go, let us go, into the house of the Lord." All the folks joined in the song—and this was our Scripture verse for the morning. It was such a joy to be able to sing as well as recite our verse. The children chose songs they loved to sing, and can you guess which was the favorite? Yes, "Jesus loves me." I was glad to see the folks with their Bibles, and as we sang, "The Bible tells me so," we held our Bibles high in the air. What a privilege we in America have of being able not only to carry our Bibles but to read from the Book daily and learn portions from its wonderful pages. Are you thanking the Lord every day that you are allowed to pray to Him, study His Word, and learn passages without being molested? We also sang "Heavenly Sunshine" and "Isn't He wonderful?" Do you know the extra words for that? "Isn't He wonderful, wonderful, wonderful. Isn't Jesus, my Lord, wonderful? I was lost deep in sin, Jesus Christ took me in, isn't Jesus, my Lord, wonderful?"

We had a precious time in prayer, after which our King's Men played and sang two numbers for us. What a good time that was! They had to go up to the young people so left us immediately. We certainly appreciated their coming to us.

Aunt Helen, George, and Bob had promised to play for us if they were able to get away. Were we ever happy when we saw the three of them coming through the door. Wish you could have heard them. They played, "His eye is on the sparrow." We soon thought we were out in God's beautiful world when we heard birds twittering and chirping, only to discover we were still in the chapel listening to George and Bob, violinists making the bird calls on their violins. We were all spellbound and asked the three to please let us hear the birds again.

Would a Sunday School service be complete without giving unto the Lord? "Freely ye have received, freely give." While the boys and Aunt Helen played

martial music for us we marched around and gave of our means unto the Lord. Each person present received a Scripture pencil.

Rev. Albert Peterson told us of his work with children, which was very interesting.

Just before story time Mr. Thorwall came down. When we handed him our offering he asked if we would be willing to give it to the Canadian pastors and missionaries who were there. What a joy it was for us to have our offering go to work for the Lord, immediately.

One young chap walked away with a picture he earned by repeating the most Bible verses. Can you quote Scripture? Better start learning now. (If the young chap reads this please let me know your name and address).

Story time is always good when there is a real story to tell. We always have the right stories found in God's Word. This day we told the story of Gideon and his 300 men. Read this story from God's Word and as you read remember that Gideon and his men had each a pitcher, a light and a trumpet. We are God's pitchers. Do you have the light within you as Gideon had in his pitcher? Our Light should be the Lord Jesus and the Word of God. Is He yours? The trumpet Gideon blew certainly made much noise and did the trick because God was with him. We too have a trumpet—our mouth, voice box that can make noise. Let us make the right kind of noise as we all to others. **Good News that Jesus alone can save.** Are you using your trumpet in the right way? Start now telling others about Him.

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We closed our Sunday School by having George, Bob and Aunt Helen play the "Music Box" for us. After the music we closed in prayer. What a glorious time we had. I only wish all of you Kids' Korner readers had been there.

Midwest News . . .

Greetings to our new readers!

It has been a real joy for me to meet one after another of the brethren of the former Free Church Association. The fellowship at the Merger Conference and in committee meetings was such that could come to us only as a full answer to prayer. Now as THE EVANGELIST and THE EVANGELICAL BEACON merge, we anticipate the same blessed fellowship through the columns of the new paper. As one of the BEACON correspondents, I welcome the new readers and trust that His holy blessing may literally spring forth from the pages of this new publications.

— H. A. Faugerstrom
Supt. of Midwest District

IOWA-DAKOTA ITEMS

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heartfelt sympathy to brother and sister Peterson in their hour of sorrow. The reunion with loved ones through Christ remains.

WEBSTER, SOUTH DAKOTA. Five of us Conference Board members spent a day looking over the fields for building site, etc. With much new work to care for, we are trying to go ahead with our limited means. On August 13 we hope to be moved from the theater building we have occupied since last September, into a large hall across the street which will be much more economical.

SIoux CITY. It is not often I can spend a Sunday at home with the family. The 23rd, however, I had fellowship with the friends of the Covenant Church in the city, taking part in the Sunday School and the services of the day as Pastor Fretheim is on vacation.

— H. E. Sodergren

W. M. S. Activities

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Puget Sound Division

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." (Psalm 126: 3)

Since March 1946 the Pacific Northwest Women's Missionary Society has been divided into a southern and northern section. We of the northern section are



Left to right—Mrs. R. M. Purdy, treas.; Mrs. L. B. Benson, chairman; Mrs. Harold Newton, secretary.

known as the Puget Sound Division of the Pacific Northwest. This Division started with three churches. Since then two more have been added, one, the new work in Tacoma. Our hearts thrill when we see the new workers take such interest.

Meetings are held quarterly, individual churches being hostesses. The program usually consists of a business meeting in the morning with the hostess church serving luncheon and the afternoon program of devotions. The hostess church may call on the visitors to contribute to the program.

The officers are elected every two years.

White Cross work is being done as well as contributing to the National projects, supporting missionaries and missionary children. Used and new clothing is sent to the Christian Children's Home at Holdrege. Much interest is shown in supplying the needs of the Black Lake Conference grounds.

We rejoice because the Lord has allowed us to meet for fellowship with His children and exchange ideas.

We praise His Holy Name for His wonderful grace and sustaining power.

—Mrs. Asa A. Smith, secretary

Kerkhoven Entertains Minnesota W. M. S.

A delightful day was enjoyed by Minnesota women at the July 14 meeting in Kerkhoven. The welcome extended by the Kerkhoven women through their chairman, Mrs. Edward Egerstrom, as well as the thorough preparations they had made for the comfort of their guests in their attractive church, set the atmosphere for a happy time of fellowship and spiritual blessing.

The visitors came in several cars and two busses. Milaca, Bock and Foreston had filled one bus, and Minneapolis and St. Paul another. Five cars came from nearby Benson, one from Elbow Lake, and one from Watertown. A count during the noon hour showed that 165 enjoyed the delicious luncheon provided by our hostesses.

Several new members were welcomed into the society, among them 12 from Lake Vadnais, a new but active and growing work, which joined as a 100% group.

Two fine offerings were received, the one in the forenoon designated to help pay for the new draperies in Headquarters offices, and the afternoon offering for our speaker, Rev. Samuel Helps, pastor of the newly organized church at Akeley, Minnesota, who told how the Lord had honored his faith and consecration at various times in his experience and had led him into the work at Akeley. Many souls have been saved there, and God again and again answered prayer. He asked us to continue to pray for the work at Akeley.

Two very lovely numbers, "How He must have loved me," and "In the Morning," were sung by a trio of Kerkhoven ladies—Mrs. Herbert Edlund, Mrs. Albin Swedlund, and Mrs. Roland Johnson.

Miss Althea Lindholm, White Cross Secretary, thanked for the fine cooperation in that work. New projects have been mailed out and others are available. Just now effort is being concentrated on flannelgraph material badly needed in the S.A. field.

Reports given showed much activity during the spring quarter, including arrangements for the Annual Meeting and serving at the Headquarters Building Open House, as well as the making of draperies for the offices. Visits had been made by singers and speakers to Annandale and Lake Vadnais, and an interesting

9 O'CLOCK PRAYER

"Then they that feared the Lord spake often to one another; and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord and that thought upon his name." (Mal. 3: 16)

Children of God love to speak about the things of the Lord—to discuss with one another new treasures that they have dug up from His "depth of riches." And when they do so "speak often one to another," there is an Eavesdropper.

You probably hadn't thought of that, but such conversation is well-pleasing to the Lord—so much so that He takes pleasure in listening in. "The Lord hearkened and HEARD it"—and was so happy about it that He took time to write it down in His "book of remembrance."

Besides the Book of Life in which the names of all His children are written down, He has also this special "book of remembrance" for them "that feared Him and thought on His Name".

—Mary

Pray for a safe journey home from Africa for the Virgil Bergman family, and pray, too, that the missionaries, now even less in number, may have courage and find strength in the Lord to faithfully carry on the work out there in Congo until reinforcements arrive.

and well-attended meeting was held in connection with the District Conference at Sandstone in May. At Sandstone and Annandale generous offerings were given for our work.

Mrs. S. H. Anonsen Sr., in connection with her report as financial secretary, reminded us of the need to work harder this year toward the national project. She suggested that groups may often secure better response in raising funds by giving opportunity for individual pledges with a period of several months in which to pay. Some of the Minnesota groups plan to begin early this fall to present the project, so that the women may have ample time to get in their contributions to this important Investment in Youth.

Mrs. H. O. Tweed, Secretary

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Gems in the Mountains . . .

"God has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." These words apply not only to the spiritual world but to the material as well. Our mountains and valleys are certainly a delightful retreat for tired lives and jaded nerves. The forest-clad Bitterroot Mountains richly embossed with wildflowers, heavily honey-scented, welcome the visitors everywhere. Rushing mountain streams, as though they were late for their appointment with the sea, are cascading everywhere. Then the flaming sunsets, of indescribable beauty and design, make this angler's paradise a beauty to behold, eliciting from tourists and occasionally from a native a prolonged A-a-a-a-h! Yes, God has done great things for us in nature, but it becomes increasingly evident that not the message of nature, but of Calvary, brings men to God.

As everywhere, our Vacation Bible Schools are in full swing. Two of our teachers have already returned to Chicago, Lillian Bergstrom and Nancy Brown. We certainly enjoyed their fellowship and valued their efficiency. Robert and Charles Peterson of El Sobrante and Portland Free churches are still with us. "Uncle" Bob and "Uncle" Chuck, as they prefer to be called, are doing a splendid work in reaching youngsters for Christ. To date, schools have been held in Elk Creek, Cataldo, Kingston, Kellogg, and now Smeltonville, and there remains yet Gem and possibly others. The Herman Lindvalls and Christine McDonald, assisted by Dorothy Clark and Helen Moore of the Fuller Foundation, have conducted four Bible Schools in the eastern end of Couer d'Alene Valley. At a later date we shall give you the total enrollment in our Summer Bible Schools. In each place souls have been won for Christ, so your support in prayer and finances is not in vain.

The two remaining weeks of the vacation period will be spent at Camp Ferguson, about ten miles north of Wallace, over the Dobson Pass. This location is both central and scenic. To my knowledge this will be the first Free Church Bible Camp conducted in this state. Because of fear that our camp would deplete the "Y" quota, we secured permission for this camp on the condition that we would not mention this either through the press or on the radio. However, through the mail and personal contacts the word is getting around and we expect interesting and eventful days in the camp. We have no funds to draw from, nor any group or individuals to underwrite this venture, hence we must appeal directly to the readers of these lines to pray for us, and as God directs—give; for this is a golden opportunity to help young people find Christ, and also learn more perfectly the way of salvation. Cash donations, fruit, vegetables, or meats, prepared in whatever way it is most convenient to send them, will be gratefully received. If during the season of August 14 to 27 you will be traveling in this vicinity, you are most welcome to our camp.

Last week the first funeral was conducted from our little church. One of our little girls, Lonnie Houser, left our midst. The depth of the crystal clear streams is very deceptive and as Lonnie did not know how to swim, she fell victim to "old man river." Lonnie was such an unusual girl: so genuinely sweet and sunny, so considerate and co-operative, and above all, a "gem in the mountain" for Christ. Just a few days before leaving us, her Bible School teacher had asked the class how many were sure, real sure, they were going to Heaven. Lonnie's hand went up at once. "How do you know you are going to heaven?" "Because I've asked Jesus to come into my heart and take all my sins away." At the close of the DVBS she won a plaque for faithful work. On

NOTICE

Someone handed me an envelope with an offering for the T.B. Sanatorium, representing a collection taken at the Daily Vacation Bible School. I wish the party who handed me this money would write me here at the Sanatorium, letting me know who they are so I can give proper credit for this money.

Sincerely,
C. E. Melbye,
%Swedish National
Sanatorium,
Englewood, Colo.

this plaque were these words, "The Lord is my shepherd," and how significant, these letters glow in the dark. Yes, and so does Lonnie's happy memory. She had been "baby-sitting" to earn money for the Camp, but as she is already camping with saints on high, her parents are sending another girl in her place to our Bible Camp.

Well, it has been a pleasure to have had this little chat with you folks and now it's your turn to answer. We are anxiously awaiting your response, especially regarding the camp.

—Eric W. Johnson

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