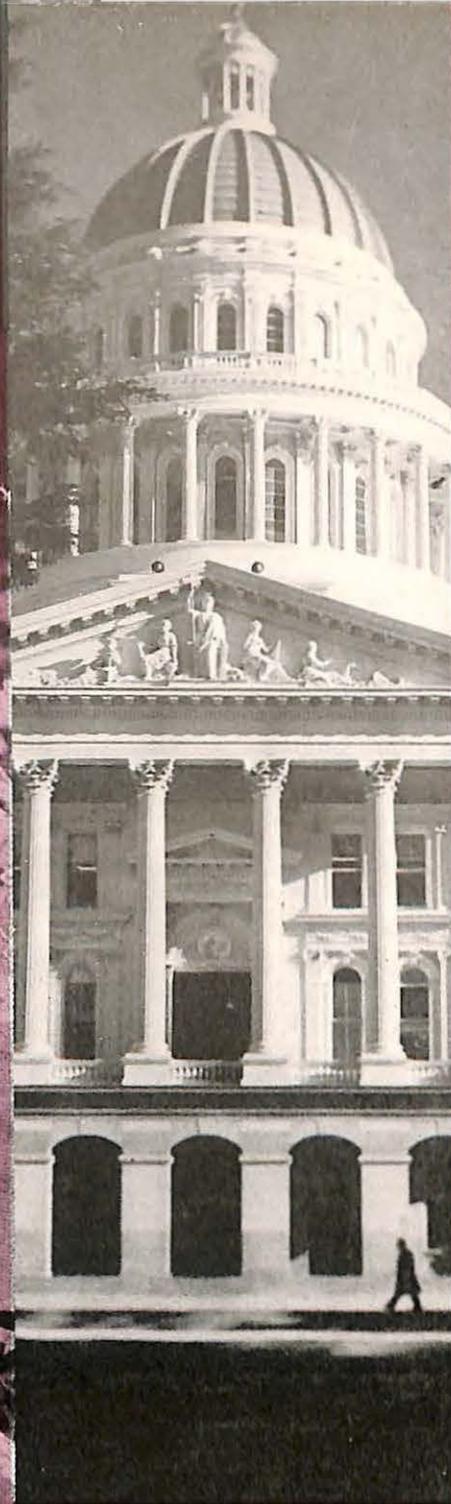




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The road of life leads each one of us through the four seasons of the year with all of its changes and adventures. But as we travel along life's road, we can pray: "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us" as he leads us onward and upward!

Denominational Calendar for 1963

- January 1 (Tuesday)—New Year's Day.
 January 7-10—Annual Day of Prayer and Mid-Winter Convocation. Christian Training Institute, Edmonton.
 January 7-11—Week of Prayer to be observed in the churches.
 January 27-February 3—"Youth Week" to be observed by all churches. Theme: "Ready, Thy Will to Do!"
 February 4—Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Communion offering for the work of the Baptist World Alliance.
 February 15—Day of Prayer, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
 February 27—Ash Wednesday. Beginning of the Lenten Season.
 March 1 (Friday)—World Day of Prayer. Program material prepared by the Woman's Missionary Union. Theme: "More Than Conquerors."
 March 6-9—Sessions of the Denominational Workshop, Summer Visitation, Student Service Placement, God's Volunteers and Church Extension Committees at Forest Park, Ill.
 March 10 (Sunday)—Bible Day. Program material prepared by the Publication Society. Offerings for Bible distribution.
 March 26-27—Spring Convocation (Tentative Dates), Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Lecturer: Dr. Samuel Southard.
 April 7 (Sunday)—Annual Sacred Concert and Bible School Graduation, Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.
 April 7—Palm Sunday.
 April 12 (Friday)—Good Friday.
 April 14—Easter Sunday. The Easter offering to be received by our churches from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday for our denominational enterprise.
 April 23-26—Annual sessions of the Board of Missions, Forest Park, Illinois.
 May 4-5—Commencement Exercises, Theological and Senior Matriculation Depts., Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.
 May 12—Mother's Day.
 May 12—Festival of the Christian Home.
 May 19—Commencement Exercises, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
 May 23 (Thursday)—Ascension Day.
 May 24-25—General Council sessions, Forest Park, Illinois.
 June 2—Pentecost Sunday.
 June 9 (Sunday)—Children's Day. Offerings for the Chapel Building Fund.
 June 16—Father's Day.
 July 15-21—6th Baptist Youth World Congress to be held at Beirut, Lebanon.
 August 7-11—North American Baptist Pastors' Conference to be held at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
 August 19-25—CBYF All Youth Conference (North American Baptist churches) to be held at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.
 September 3—Opening of Theological Department, Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.
 September 9—Opening classes of North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
 September 29 - October 6—"Sunday School Week" to be observed by all churches.
 October 6—Worldwide Communion Sunday.
 October 7—Opening of the Bible School Department, Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta.
 October 13 (Sunday)—Thanksgiving Day in Canada.
 October 13 (Sunday)—Harvest and Mission Festival. Gifts for the Missionary and Benevolent Offering.
 October 20—Laymen's Sunday.
 October 27—Reformation Sunday.
 November 3 (Sunday)—Communion offering to be received for the aged ministers of the denomination.
 November 10—Publication Sunday.
 November 17-24—Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week. Offerings for the denominational enterprise.
 November 21—Thanksgiving Day in the United States.
 December 8—Baptist Women's Day of Prayer.
 December 25 (Wednesday)—Christmas Day.
 December 31 (Tuesday)—Watch Night Service in North American Baptist churches.

SPECIAL DATES

- May 22-24, 1964—Baptist Jubilee Sessions, Atlantic City, New Jersey.
 July 13-19, 1964—34th General Conference of North American Baptist churches, Civic Auditorium, Sacramento, California.
 June 25-29, 1965—11th Baptist World Congress, Miami, Florida.

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THE MODERN AND THE TRADITIONAL IN JAPAN

A view across the moat of the Imperial Palace showing the
new, modern buildings in the background and the traditional
kimonos in the foreground.

This Is the Day

By Mrs. Joseph Mohr

THIS is the Day!
While I in deepest slumber lay
God was at work, to form this day.
Far in the East, Light heard his call—
It came, and brought the dawn; to paint
A glorious sunrise upon the wall of heaven.

A ray of sunshine crept into my room
To call me to my task. It seemed to say:
"The Lord hath made another day!
This is the day—to laugh and live—
To help and lift—to love and give—
To work and pray . . . This is the Day!"

"This is the Day. His work to do—
Come, do the homely task it brings
Take hold, my child, for time hath wings!

"O, make this Day a pearl upon the string of life,
A little brighter than the last, which felt the strife
Of discontent and grief. A little purer than the last
For tears have washed the dross away . . .

O, hear my prayer—make this the Day!"

—The Watchman-Examiner



For every certainty of life, we may say colloquially, "It's in the bag!" (Photo by A. Devaney, Inc., N. Y.)

It's In The Bag!

WE WALK with greater self-confidence and with a song in our hearts when our lives are buttressed by great certainties. These are the foundations on which we can build. These are the things we can count on without fail. These are the banners which we can unfurl and take with us into the uncertainties of the year that lies ahead. For every certainty of life, we may say colloquially, "It's in the bag!"

Consider the certainties of your Christian faith. You can bank on these in 1963, whatever the circumstances of life may be. Great is God's faithfulness! The Psalmist declared it to be as certain as the creation of the earth. "Thy faithfulness is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth" (Psalm 119:90).

We shall be eye witnesses to the wonders of God's grace and love. The Apostle Paul's faith was more certain of this than anything else in his life. Nothing "shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:39). We can stand firmly on all the promises of God for they "are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God" (2 Cor. 1:20).

The Word of God has become our refuge and strength. We know its truths. We know whom we have believed. We know that even if heaven and earth pass away, this Word will not be changed. We hold fast to its certainties and confidently believe its divine revelation.

Rembrandt's paintings are now almost priceless. The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City paid \$2,300,000 for his painting, "Aristotle Contemplating the Bust of Homer." But in his lifetime, the Dutch artist was almost penniless and tortured by many adversities. His biographer tells us that in his lifetime of trials and harrowing uncertainties, "only one thing was certain—he lived with his Bible." Rembrandt was a deeply religious man and many of his canvases and drawings reflect that faith. The inventory of his last belongings is a short list, but item No. 22 names his precious Bible to which he held fast amidst the ruins of life around him. Of Rembrandt it can also be said:

"He feels the great upheaval of the age
And firmly clasps his Bible."

Consider other important certainties of the year ahead. Of these things it can be said with confidence, "It's in the bag!" As North American Baptists we shall be challenged by new Church Extension projects. We shall hear Macedonian calls coming from new, unchurched areas and needy mission fields. We shall lift our eyes upon new horizons of service and new fields of endeavor for Christ. We shall raise our sights upon more challenging objectives in stewardship, upon a denominational budget that will be larger than any in the past. For this is the very essence of progress in the Christian life. With the Apostle Paul we must "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

Another confident prediction which we can make for the new year concerns the great program of the Baptist Jubilee Advance. With 19 million other Baptists on the North American continent, we are engaged in a missionary and evangelistic advance for Christ. We cannot predict the disappointments and setbacks which we may encounter. But we can state with certainty that as Baptists of North America (and that includes us) faithfully and zealously proclaim Christ as Savior to others, God's blessings will be showered upon his children. The year 1963 will witness to the greatest united effort of Baptists to launch out in this evangelistic crusade and Jubilee program. Become acquainted with its objectives. Read the literature. Pray for God's blessing upon the program.

God's laws are written inextricably into the warp and woof of life. You will sow what you reap. With the measure that you measure to others, it will be measured to you. As you forgive others, God's forgiveness will be extended to you. The Christian whose life is hid with God in Christ is thankful for all of these certainties, for they give the promise of joy and blessing in the days ahead. He strives to live by these eternal principles of God. He disciplines himself in the mind of Christ to think God's thoughts after him. He lays hold on these unseen verities that will never pass away with time.

The Christian knows with Milton the poet that such "confidence imparts a wondrous inspiration to its possessor." He faces the year 1963 with that wondrous and divine inspiration!



Miss Erna Redlich (right with dark handbag) of Forest Park, Illinois arrives with other American tourists at Taiwan on July 10, 1962.

GOING PLACES IN THIS JET AGE

This is an exciting age to travel. Jet planes can catapult you to almost any spot on the earth in a few hours. The ease and speed of transportation have made our visionary dreams of years gone by come true. Castles in the air of yesterday have become today's commonplace experiences for people.

This spectacular jet age has wrought miracles in missionary planning. As the roads in the days of the Apostle Paul provided means of communication throughout the Roman Empire, so the world's air and sea lanes today enable messengers of the Prince of Peace to share the Gospel of redemption throughout the earth with amazing speed.

To a degree never known before in missionary labor, we are now being brought to grips with problems around the world in a direct and intimate way. There are no longer any fences between us as nations and people. This opens the door for many

new possibilities of reaching people for Christ and establishing the Cross in the midst of these remote and formerly distant places of the earth.

Our people at home, through their worldwide travels, have become the emissaries of Christian good will and understanding. They bring back vivid pictures and colorful accounts of their encounters with other far away places and peoples until we see them as "friends" with the same human joys and spiritual needs as ourselves.

Miss Erna Redlich, secretary of the promotional department of the North American Baptist headquarters' office, traveled to the Far East last summer. Jet planes enabled her to see a great deal of many countries. She realized the fulfillment of a dream of many years for which she had saved with thrifty concern. The picture story of her stirring adventures appears on the following pages.

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JAPAN

The Land of the Rising Sun

Story and pictures on pages
6 to 12

by Miss Erna Redlich
of Forest Park, Illinois



One of the breath-taking scenic wonders of Japan is that of Mt. Fuji, rising majestically with its snow-crowned cone.

Our first sight of the Orient was Tokyo, Japan, with its unique capacity of blending East and West, old and new—the world's biggest metropolis with a population of over nine million people, the site of the 1964 Olympics and the residence of the Emperor. However, this is not the “real” Japan one finds only a few miles away.

Japan, with its 96 million people, is rapidly adopting many “new world” customs. But there still remains much of the “old world” charm. It has replaced Shanghai as the “must” for any visitor to the Orient. Tea houses, kimono clad hostesses, colorful festivals, Buddhas, temples, shrines, torii gates, hair raising taxi rides, and the simplicity of life amidst nature's loveliest scenery will always invoke fond memories.

Ninety miles to the northwest of Tokyo, via deluxe express train and past fields of rice and tea plantations, lies enchanting Nikko with the famous Toshogu Shrine—the most lavish Shinto shrine with elaborate carvings and a five storied pagoda, typically Buddhist, dominating the entrance. The 330 foot high Kegon waterfall (overflow of nearby Lake Chuzenji) is spectacular in beauty and reached after thirty hairpin curves. If the clouds cooperate, luxuriously forested mountains and dense foliage are almost unsurpassable in splendor.

Equally breath-taking scenic wonders are found on a trip to Fuji-Hakone National Park with its 170,000 wooded acres and twelve hot springs resorts. Hakone, famous both in modern and ancient history, is a place of scenic and historical delights. Lake Hakone is a fisherman's paradise and our only disappointment here was our failure to view sacred Mt. Fuji which is the ambition of every visitor to this area.

Kyoto, the ancient capital of Japan, is a quaint and picturesque city nestled among the mountains. It contains invaluable Japanese arts and treasures as well as the popular Kinkakuji Temple (Gold Pavilion) and fabulous shrines with beautiful gardens.



Main street of Hiratsuka, Japan, decorated for the observance of the Star Festival.

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OUR MISSION FIELDS IN JAPAN

In this country of teeming millions, in a magic mixture of natural and man-made beauty, we as North American Baptists are witnessing for Christ in five cities and with nine dedicated missionaries, two Japanese pastors and several students. Reaching the Japanese with the Gospel is very difficult. Customs and traditions are almost unsurmountable hurdles which must be overcome. Steeped in ancient ancestor worship and bound by strong family ties, the embracer of the Christian faith is faced with much persecution and possible rejection by family and friends.

These highly educated people are prejudiced against this "foreign religion," and before a missionary is ready to work at least two years must be devoted to language study. Property is at a premium and rents high plus the ever-present Satanic forces ready to discourage, frustrate and hinder the ambassador of Jesus Christ.

But we have experienced that if we are faithful, God is faithful and with him all things are possible. For in Kyoto stands the beautiful Rakuyo Baptist Church where Mr. Nishizawa is pastor, Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut the missionaries, and Miss Yokota the student worker. The location is excellent and prospects bright for a growing work. In Osaka the great need for trained Japanese evangelists is being met in a cooperative program with the Mennonite Brethren and the Baptist General Conference. Property has been purchased and building will begin on the Osaka Biblical Seminary where Miss Florence Miller will be teaching. In Ise, the mecca of Shintoism, stands another church, completed in the spring of 1959. Mr. Akasaka is the pastor and Miss Lucille Wipf the missionary. From here Miss Joyce Batek, with the help of Miss Yamamoto and Mr. Hanazono, will endeavor to further the work begun in Matsuzaka.

In Tsu, the capital of Mie Prefecture, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern are leading the work begun here among the university students. As yet a church has not been organized and the building for worship only rented. But with the new Student Center, the possible need for a permanent and more adequate church edifice may arise in the not too distant



Miss Erna Redlich (right) worships on a Sunday with the Japanese Christians and our missionaries in the Rakuyo Baptist Church of Kyoto, Japan. This picture was taken following the service in front of the church.

future. Mrs. Murakami and Mr. Yamamoto are radiantly assisting our missionaries. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore will certainly face a greater challenge when they return.

The missionaries house at Tsu, Japan where Rev. and Mrs. Edwin C. Kern and their family are living. Miss Erna Redlich was present for the service of dedication held by the missionaries and Japanese Christians.



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HONG KONG

The Pearl of the Orient

There could hardly be a place of greater contrasts than Hong Kong—of very rich men and of thousands of dreadfully poor; of strength-sapping heat and of cool mountains and beautiful beaches; of new and modern schools, yet where thousands of children cannot go to school; of imposing buildings with a dilapidated refugee shack on the roof—sometimes described as the “Pearl of the Orient” or “China, with a British accent.”

Hong Kong Island with the city of Victoria, Kowloon, the New Territories and about 100 islands comprise this British Crown Colony. Of the over 4 million people, about 140,000 boat people (floating population) spend their entire lives on the water. This is one of the world’s busiest ports with junks and sampans wending their way among the large ocean liners. It can also boast of a spectacular harbor. From any vantage point the view is breathtaking. In the evening the shimmering lights cast a magic spell and one is engulfed in a fairyland enchantment.

But in this area of about 390 square miles, the influx of thousands of refugees every month presents numerous problems that cannot be ignored. These unfortunate people have squatters’ privileges to live on the streets and their shacks dot the mountains and rooftops of buildings. Government and church organizations have stepped in to alleviate some of the poverty and suffering. Mountains are literally pulled down and dumped into the sea in order to make way for seven story apartment buildings, accommodating about 2,500 people each.

Rev. Elbert (Pearly) Gates of Church World Service showed us the tremendous work this organization is doing in an effort to rehabilitate the refugees. We witnessed the orderly distribution of milk, biscuits, noodles and rice and were informed that the rice ration would be cut altogether due to the shortage of this commodity. Yet, despite their deplorable living conditions, we found these people always ready to smile. A general attitude of thankfulness exists because they are free. An undying hope that once again they will be able to return to a “free” China, acts as an antidote to their sickly,



Aberdeen, New Territories near Hong Kong, with its numerous junks and sampans, the homes of the floating population.

TB ravished, undernourished bodies. It was a sobering experience and clearly presented Christ’s challenge: “Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.”

Milk, biscuits, noodles and rice are being distributed to thousands of hungry refugees in Hong Kong by Church World Service as witnessed by Erna Redlich.



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The Republic of China

Formosa



The National Science Hall in Taipei, capital of Taiwan or the Republic of China.

A typical scene on one of the streets in Taipei, the capital of the Republic of China.



Where else could one reside surrounded by phoenixes, dragons and luscious foliage and feel the pulse of China than in Taipei, the capital of the Republic of China, situated in the northern part on the island of Formosa? Despite the many uprisings and rebellions which are part of their history, and the present tensions existing because the island is coveted by Communist China, the people are courageous and calmly hopeful. Their faith in America has not wavered and we were treated as royal guests during our brief stay here.

Nationalist, or Free China, has a population of over 10 million people and is about 100 miles off the coast of Red China. During the time of Japanese occupation, roads, factories and railways were built with the result that now progress and a stability exists here. Water buffalo and hand implements are, however, still being used. Heavy loads are still pulled by oxen, and pedicabs transporting freight or passengers are a common sight.

The temples, though not as lavish as in Bangkok or Japan, are nevertheless just as interesting. The narrow streets are alive with a teeming mass of people. China has long been known for her artful handicraft and jade carvings. Her silk embroidery, ivory, etc., are valued the world over. In Formosa, or Taiwan as the Chinese prefer to call it, one is exposed to these old arts of China as well as to her culture and customs.

At the unique Riverside Bar-B-Q (featuring Mongolian food) on the bank of the Tamsui River, we enjoyed our first Chinese meal with chopsticks. We had invited two missionaries from whom we learned that Christian missions have done a wonderful work here, even among the aborigines of the island. Christianity enjoys much freedom and experiences progress as perhaps in few other places. Statistics show that there are about 120,000 Protestants, 200,000 Catholics and about 40,000 Moslems.

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BANGKOK, THAILAND

"The Venice of the Orient"

A flight through a monsoon rain storm to Bangkok, Thailand, can be an interesting experience. The many canals, or klongs, teeming with activity immediately catch the attention of the visitor and one can readily understand why this city has been named "The Venice of the Orient." Buildings are crowded along the water's edge in which people bathe, wash their teeth and clothing, use it for cooking and as a highway for traffic. The vast floating market, where there are hundreds of boats belonging to buyers and sellers, will be a feature attraction for any visitor to this land of "Anna and the King of Siam."

Thailand (Siam) has an area of over 200,000 square miles and is the largest Buddhist nation in Southeast Asia. The population is around 23 million, with over 1¾ million people in Bangkok. Buddhism is the state religion and the king, according to the constitution, must be a Buddhist but at the same time "the upholder of all faiths." There are over 19,000 temples and monasteries, with over 300 in Bangkok, featuring gigantic Buddhas covered with gold leaf and elaborately decorated temples and grounds. The Wat Arun, or Temple of the Dawn, is the oldest in Bangkok and is inlaid with bits of colored porcelain.

And as the temples dominate the skyline, Buddhist priests dominate the streets in their saffron (bright orange) robes. Every Thai male, including the Royal family, is expected to give up to three months of this time as a priest.

In this land where the population is 95% Thai and 3% Chinese, there are about 50,000 Christians. Freedom of religion exists, but there are many obstacles which Christian missions must face. Yet, in the heart of "old Bangkok" stands the oldest Chinese Baptist Church, built in 1835, with a membership of 500, 700 in Sunday school and 1200 children in Christian Day School. In the newer and very beautiful area, the Mandarin Chinese Grace Bap-

Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, has many canals, or klongs, teeming with activity.



"The Temple of the Dawn" in Bangkok, Thailand. Broken pieces of china, embedded in its walls, account for its strange, sunlit glitter.

tist Church was just recently dedicated with Dr. and Mrs. Cauthen as guests for the occasion. Then there are Student Centers, Community Centers (church operated) and Christian Day Schools all reaching out with the Gospel as the power unto salvation.

The trouble that arose, particularly in South Vietnam and the Kingdom of Laos, is a threat to the safety of Thailand. The thought of Communist infiltration as it expands has caused the country to grow jittery. But these happy, fun-loving people are meeting the challenge of preserving their freedom, grateful to any nation that will help them.

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SINGAPORE

"The Lion City"

"Singapura" (The Lion City), rebuilt in 1819 by Sir Stamford Raffles, is an island off the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula, joined to the mainland by a causeway $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long. It is a British Crown Colony, approximately 80 miles north of the equator, with about two million people (80% of which are Chinese), populating an area of over 224 square miles.

Malay is the official language of Singapore, but English is widely spoken. Presently, the decision of either remaining under British rule or joining the Malaysia Federation is facing them—a union which has its pro's and con's and will greatly affect the future of this unique free port, second busiest in the world.

From our vantage point on Mount Faber, the spectacular panorama of the city, harbor and nearby islands was breath-taking. On further inspection, we found the island quite scenic, with the perfume of Frangipani blossoms intermingled with the smells so familiar and peculiar to the Orient. The beautiful, busy harbor can be fully enjoyed as you stroll along the Princess Elizabeth Promenade. The cries of street vendors and the bustling masses of people are never-to-be forgotten sounds and sights of Singapore.

A trip to the Tiger Balm Gardens (a collection of vividly colored characters depicting scenes of ancient Chinese mythology) with the sound of the sea in the background, a visit to the beautiful Botanical Gardens or the "Worlds" amusement parks are attractions to lure the visitor to this unique island.

Across the causeway into Johore-Baru, Malay, we visited the Sultan Moslem Mosque—an architecturally beautiful building with extravagant and luxurious furnishings. The Sultan's new palace surrounded by a large area of beautiful houses accommodating his relatives is accessible only by appointment.

The Methodist Church has pioneered and done an outstanding work for Christ and the Gospel here. Many other denominations have joined forces to evangelize this area. Twenty-five per cent of the government revenue is spent on education and many of the schools are church affiliated and operated. There is a tremendous youth program and movement which is supported by all the churches. Here church steeples dominate the skyline!



Miss Erna Redlich in the Tiger Balm Gardens of Singapore.

The Sultan Moslem Mosque with its unique architecture near Singapore.



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In Honolulu we are greeted by the traditional "Aloha" hospitality and are overjoyed to be back in the United States again!

Aloha!

Home Again!

to be remembered sounds. And the smells . . . unique and indescribable; the bargains, unbelievable; the hospitality, gracious; and an underlying note of simplicity amidst it all. To say that one's sense of values and concepts are affected and horizons broadened by such a tour is no understatement. How can one be left untouched and unmoved. But is this all?

All too soon four exciting, information packed weeks are over. We must bid "Sayonara!" to this "Land of the Rising Sun" and wing our way home. As we cross the international dateline, we arrive in Honolulu the day before we left and are greeted by the traditional "Aloha!" hospitality and subjected to the highly contagious Polynesian Paralysis. What a contrast America is to the Orient! Within a few hours we are back on the Mainland—what remains?

Amidst all this beauty and gracious simplicity live a densely populated mass of human beings. Their shrines and temples testify of their soul's emptiness and hopelessness. They carry not only heavy burdens on their backs, but on their hearts. "Christ for the world," we sing but are we putting any effort into this project? Are we even concerned enough to share our blessings with these who are also God's creation? How are we helping to alleviate the hunger—spiritual and physical? The challenges keep echoing in our hearts: "Inasmuch as ye have done . . ." "For how shall they hear . . ." "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send laborers."

The memories of the beautiful countryside, the majestic mountains with their towering peaks, the quaint villages nestled between bustling metropolises, rickshaws alongside the most modern conveyances are nostalgic and never-to-be-forgotten sights. The tinkling of the wind and temple bells, the cries of the street vendors, the busy traffic noises and the pounding of the pile drivers are long

"America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea."

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Fifty young African Christians have completed the Baptist Bible Training Centre course and are now out on the field working zealously for Christ

All Honor to the First Fifty!

By Rev. George W. Lang, Principal
of the Baptist Bible Training Centre at Ndu,
Federal Republic of Cameroon



Four Bible Centre students stand in front of the shield of the B.B.T.C. in the chapel. The symbols on the shield are the cross and drum which is used to call people to church.

“REJOICE WITH ME in the Lord for he has done a marvelous thing in a village called Ayukaba, Mile 17, on the Ikome Road. . . . I have opened a new church. . . . Baptism will take place in the middle of this month. The villagers have applied for a school to be opened next year. They are working very hard for their church building. Each person is in charge of bringing twenty bricks and five zincs. I have employed a church teacher through the help of the Holy Spirit. . . . I will soon make him my student for three weeks

so that he should be able to teach his people well.”

GRADUATES IN ACTION

“I have seen a wonderful thing here. I and Brother Tanko went and preached at the chief’s compound and all the chief’s wives accepted quite well and they have asked for baptism. . . . There are a lot of unsaved souls this way. We need a very strong prayer from you. . . . Last Sunday we baptized six people in this church.”

“The Holy Spirit is growing very

strong in Ewelle Church. Persecution has come to one woman by the name of Gini Ogok. She was summoned by a group of pagan juju worshipers of which she was a member before she became a Christian. The juju women said that she should pay them the sum of three pounds (about nine dollars) because she has departed from their group.”

These are excerpts from personal letters from some of our third year Bible School graduates in action.

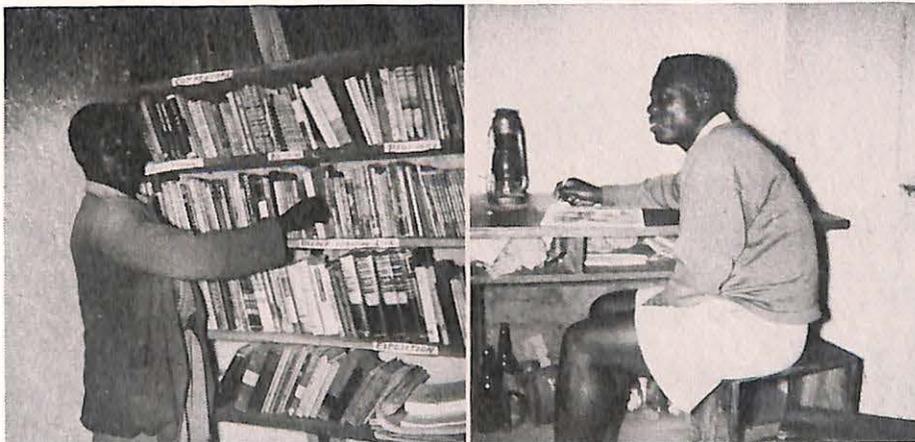
At the present time there are fifty of them. . . . Fifty who have completed the three year course of our Baptist Bible Training Centre and who are now out in the field working for the Lord.

GOD’S CALL TO YOUNG AFRICANS

Who are these men and how does God work in their lives? Let me tell you about two who finished their course last year, 1961.

The first time I met Emmanuel was at Soppo. At that time I was teaching at the Teacher Training Centre there. One morning Emmanuel came to my door and said he wanted to talk to me. After being seated in my office, he explained that he felt God calling him to be a minister. He asked what he should do about it.

I was shocked, also a bit skeptical. It is most unusual to have a complete stranger come and tell you he desires to become a minister. I thought surely



KNOWLEDGE FROM BOOKS AND STUDY

Isaiah Shei (left), librarian of the student body of the B.B.T.C. secures a book for a fellow student from the Centre’s Library. A third year student (right) studies at one of the school desks at night with the aid of a bush lamp.

there must be something else behind this. So I began asking questions.

Emmanuel had been working at the Cameroons Development Corporation Hospital located at Tiko, about twenty miles from Soppo. He had served as a hospital attendant. His Standard VI Certificate (Grade Eight Diploma) qualified him for this position. In the eyes of his friends, he was very fortunate to be working in such a place.



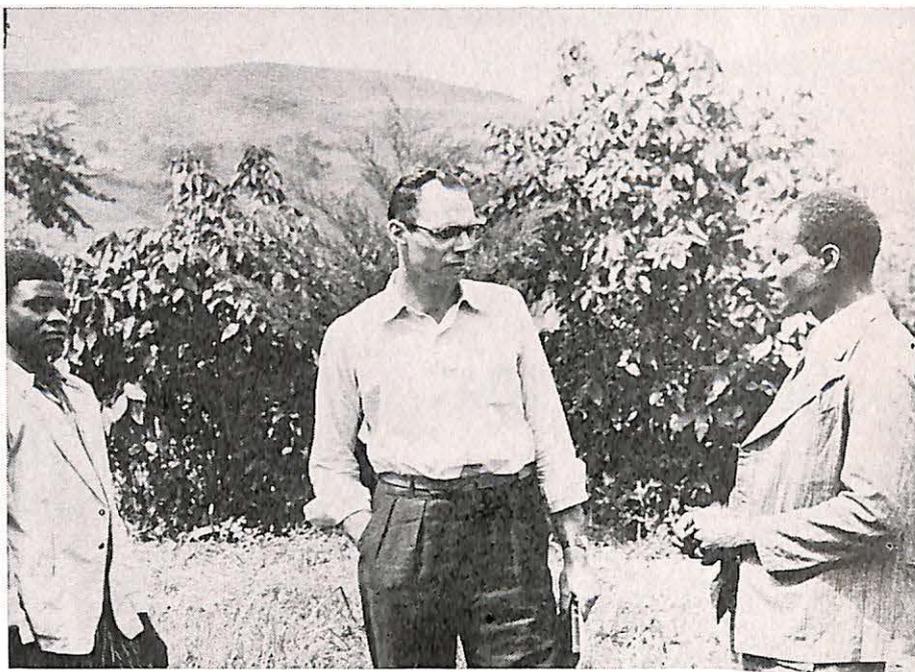
Emmanuel A. Ndip, a graduate of B.B.T.C. who is now in the Mamfe area, guiding the young churches and establishing new ones.

But somehow Emmanuel was not satisfied. He felt God calling him to be a minister. This somehow he could not shake.



BIBLE SCHOOL CLASS OF 1953, MBEM

The large class of 1953 of the Bible School at Mbem with the new school buildings in the background, (Photo by Dr. R. Schilke).



REV. S. D. GANSTROM, FIRST BIBLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

The full Bible School course first began in 1948 at Belo with 13 students attending during this year and with Rev. Donald S. Ganstrom serving as the principal.

Still skeptical, I suggested he find a church some place in the area and prove his claim. To my great surprise, that is just what he did. I soon learned that he had located a church at Mute-gene that needed some help. For six months he continued working there. Reports of his work were good.

In December 1956, Emmanuel came to see me again at Soppo. I began to realize that he was really serious about his call. The next month we sent him up to the Bible School at Ndu with our heartiest recommendation. It was at

Ndu that I met him the next year. I had come up to take over the principalship of the Bible School from Rev. Earl H. Ahrens who was to go home on furlough. Emmanuel was taking his second year. His earnest spirit, his original way of expressing himself, and his sense of humor were making a real impact on the lives of the other students.

SERVING GOD AT MAMFE

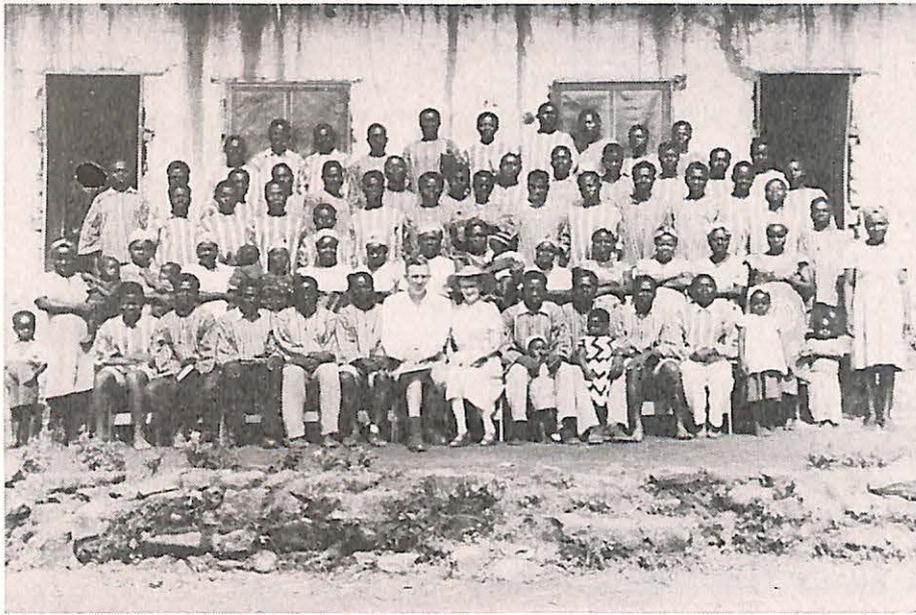
After two years of training, Emmanuel was asked to go out and work in the field for two years to secure further experience before completing his final year. Where did he go? To Mamfe—the area of this tribe—an area where there had been no Baptist work.

“Do you see this plot of ground?” Emmanuel asked. I was visiting his Mamfe village. Emmanuel was pointing to a newly located Baptist Day School and its playfield.

“I was told that if I began to clear this land I would die,” Emmanuel continued. “People had been buried near here and everyone is afraid to use it. So I took a cutlass and began clearing it myself. When the people saw that I did *not* die, their fear began to leave. They started to help me. Now the children are using this land for their school activities.”

For two years Emmanuel worked in the Mamfe area. With unusual courage and enthusiasm, he opened up three churches and one Baptist Day School.

Last year he came back to the Bible School—to finish his course. This time he came back, not as before, but now—married. He found himself a wife, a



BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENT BODY AT MBEM

In 1951 the Bible School at Mbem reached a high of 71 in the student body. The Rev. Earl H. Ahrens (center, with his wife) was principal of the school while it was located at Mbem.

very fine girl, a daughter of one of the Mamfe area chiefs. He taught her how to read before they came. She developed into one of the advanced students in the Women's Department of the Bible School.

Emmanuel has finished his three year course. Now he is back again in the Mamfe area guiding the young churches and establishing new ones.

SON OF A JUJU MAN

Matthew's step-father was well known in his area. He owned several gods that had much power. People would come from distant places to receive cures from these gods.

However, these gods did not satisfy Matthew and his two brothers. When the Gospel of Christ was preached to them, they were deeply impressed. They heard of the punishment that was to come on those who refused

to believe in Jesus. Verses from Revelation that speak of the Lake of Fire especially gripped their hearts. Matthew and his two brothers accepted Christ.

These three began praying for their father. They also witnessed to him. He became angry and refused to listen. They tried again and again. They continued to pray.

One day the father became ill. He sought the help of his gods. Nothing happened. He became worried. As a last resort, he appealed to the church teacher, Mr. Thomas Kwenchi, now a tutor at our Bible School. Mr. Kwenchi prayed; Matthew prayed; Matthew's brothers prayed. The father soon recovered.

This was enough. Father Tafu became a Christian. He denounced his gods. He took them to a public place and burned them openly so all could

see. Matthew and his brothers greatly rejoiced.

Matthew continued to grow in his Christian witness. He had a great burden for the lost. He went from village to village to preach Jesus Christ and to win lost souls to Jesus.

WINNING SOULS FOR CHRIST

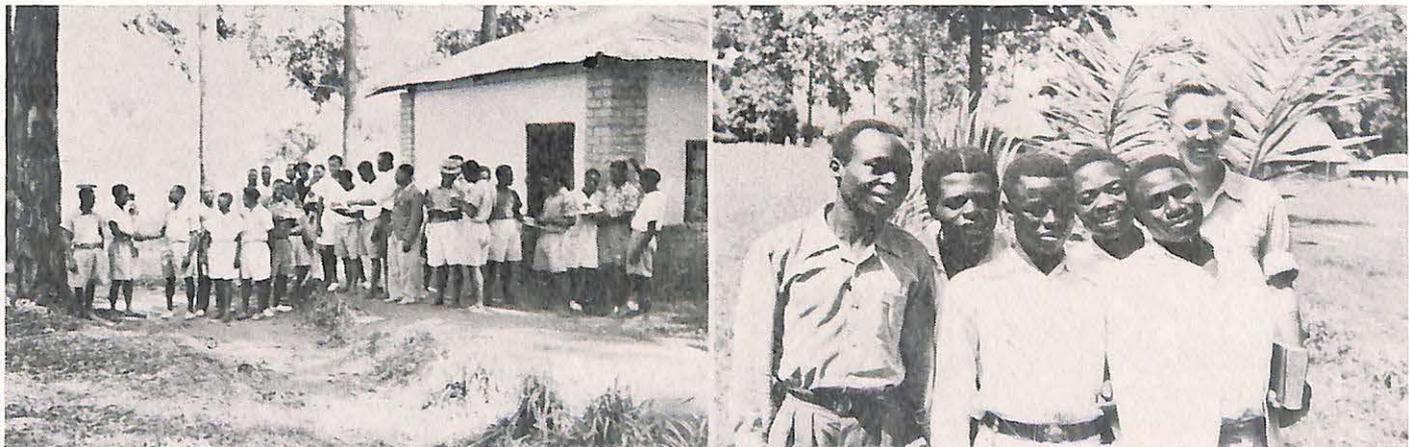
In 1957 he came to the Bible School for the first time. He wanted to learn better how to win the lost for Christ. Matthew had had only a Grade Four



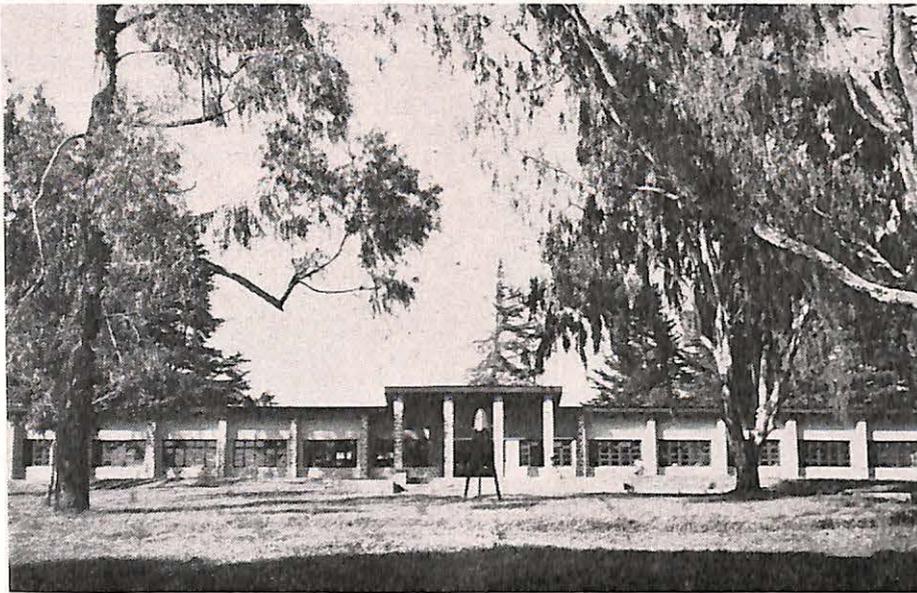
Matthew B. Jeminda, a son of a pagan juju priest and a recent B.B.T.C. graduate is now going from village to village preaching Christ. God is indeed working through his life!

education. But he brought with him a keen mind and driving desire to learn. By the time he finished his third year at the B. B. T. C., he was doing better in English than some who had completed their Grade Eight. He finished second in his class.

He took many of the books out of the library, more than the other stu-



Bible School students (left) gather around the entrance to their humble Bible School building at Mbem. At the right some of the students gather around the school's principal, Rev. Earl H. Ahrens.



BAPTIST BIBLE TRAINING CENTRE AT NDU

The attractive and functional building of the new B.B.T.C. Classroom Unit built in 1960 under the direction of Rev. Elmer C. Strauss and the supervision of Dr. Paul Gebauer.

dents. He was interested especially in books on soul winning, also on revival and the deeper life. He found the book on the *Imitation of Jesus* very heart-searching. He even tried reading Augustine's *Confessions*.

Matthew has very strong views about New Testament evangelism. He feels that the first duty of every Christian is to go out to seek the lost. As he goes out, each Christian should go out in faith. He firmly believes that Christ's commission to the twelve apostles applies to us today: "Take nothing for your journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece" (Luke 9:1-3).

Where is Matthew today? He is moving from place to place, from village to village preaching the Gospel.

He has no regular means of support. About all he carries with him is his Bible. Recently even that he gave away, waiting in faith for someone to give him another one.

Since graduation, he has travelled hundreds of miles, even reaching villages in the East Cameroon. Many have been led to the Lord through his ministry, even Mohammedans. New churches have begun. God is indeed working through his life.

WORKERS IN GOD'S VINEYARD

These are the stories of only two of the fifty Bible School graduates. Others, equally as thrilling and as challenging, could be told. The call of God has come in many ways. Some felt called of God while still in the seventh or eighth grade in school.

Some felt called of God while at the Bible School. Their first aim was to become school teachers. They hoped that Bible School training would help them achieve that purpose. Instead, God made it clear to them that he wanted them as pastors and church teachers.

Others were actually school teachers for some years. Following the call from there, they entered the ministry. Still others served as road workers, plantation laborers, agricultural helpers, and traders. In this one respect, however, their testimony is the same: they were not satisfied, they felt God had some other work for them to do, they obeyed.

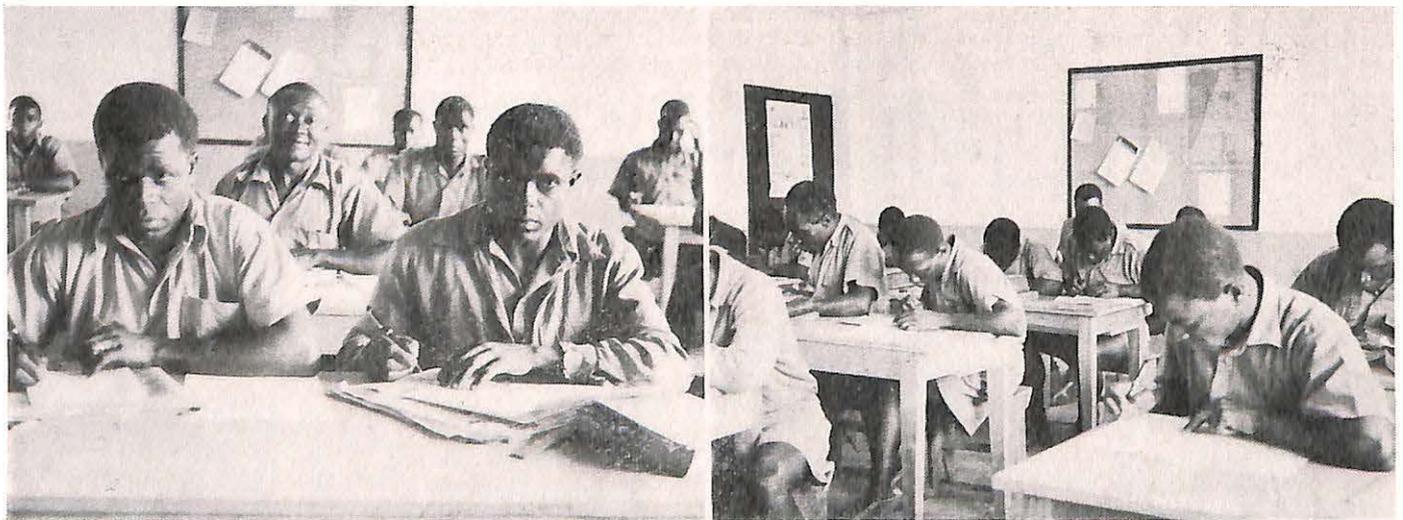
So they have come through the years. God's Spirit has been faithful in calling workers into his vineyard. The numbers have not been large, but they have been steady.

B.B.T.C. HISTORY

It was in 1954 that the first class of third year students graduated. In that class, there were seven who completed the three year course. Five of the seven had passed Standard VI (Eighth Grade). These were sent to the Southern Baptist Seminary in Nigeria at Ogbomosho. Since that time, the training in our own Centre developed in such a way that all the students were able to take their full three years right here.

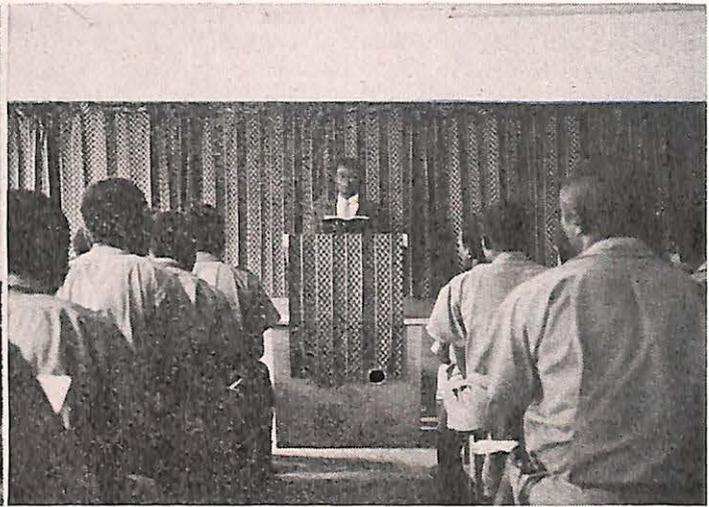
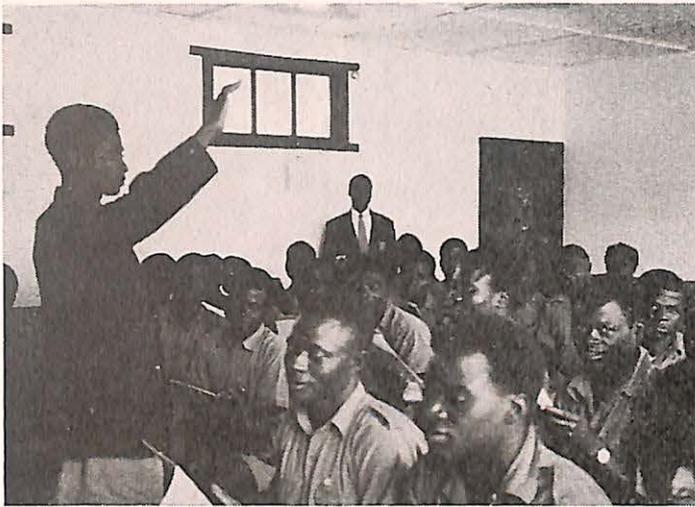
Every year since then, we have graduated a third year class. Some years the number went down to three, but other years there were as many as seven and eight in the class. Last year, 1961, we were happy to have the largest class so far—a fine group of ten graduates. All ten are now working faithfully in the field.

The Baptist Bible Training Centre itself has been in operation since 1946. For that year and the next, the course



EXAMS AT THE BAPTIST BIBLE TRAINING CENTRE

Second and third year students are engaged in a strenuous examination (left and right pictures). The classroom shown is in the new B.B.T.C. building erected in 1960.



CHAPEL SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST BIBLE TRAINING CENTRE

Mr. Thomas Kwenchi, B.B.T.C. tutor (left), leads the men students in singing at a morning chapel service. Pastor Nfor, another B.B.T.C. tutor, (right), preaches to the students in a chapel service.

was very short, lasting only a few months. The full Bible School course first began in 1948. Thirteen students attended during this year, but only nine completed all the subjects. During these early years, the school was located at Belo with Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom serving as the principal.

BIBLE SCHOOL AT MBEM

In 1950 the Bible School opened in a new location—Mbem. This was much closer to the center of our Grassland work. As a result, the enrollment increased considerably. Another reason for increased enrollment was the requirement that those wishing to become school teachers in Baptist Day Schools had to attend one year of Bible School.

At that time we did not have our own Teacher Training Centre in which to give prospective teachers adequate Bible training. Rev. Earl H. Ahrens had charge of the Bible School at

Mbem. Rev. Kenneth Goodman assisted him for several months.

The Bible School continued at Mbem for the next three years. Enrollment surged with many teachers attending. In 1951 it reached seventy-one.

Even though the numbers were large at Mbem, the location and space available made it difficult to work out certain details of housing and feeding. Thus it was decided to move the B. B. T. C. to Ndu which was effected in 1954. During this year under the direction of Rev. Earl H. Ahrens, who had just returned from furlough, several rows of dormitories were built. This was the beginning of the present permanent Baptist Bible Training Centre facilities as we know them today.

It was in this same year, 1954, that the first third year class was graduated. This was the beginning of the first fifty.

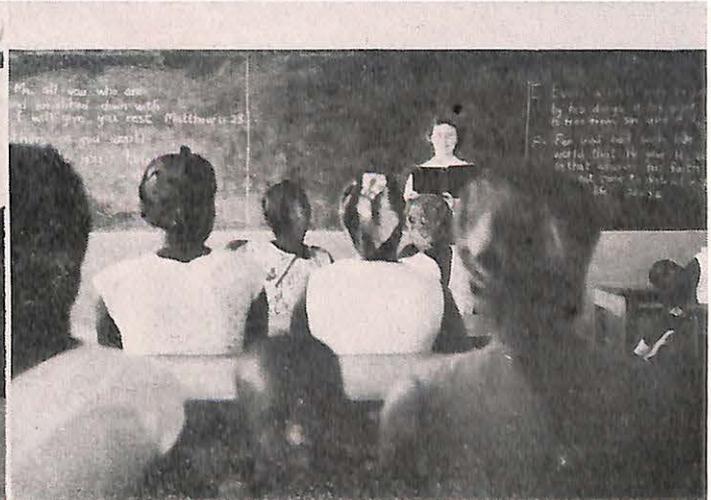
The building program was continued

with the coming to Ndu of the Hildebrands in 1957 and the building of the present principal's house.

It was as recent as 1960 that the real push in building progress was made. Dr. Gebauer and his wife Clara drew up the plans. Rev. Elmer C. Strauss gave capable direction to the on-the-spot operations. Many of you generous North American Baptists helped with your money. A beautiful new B. B. T. C. building of six rooms was the result. We now have rooms for our chapel, our library, and our men's and women's classes.

NEW B.B.T.C. BUILDINGS

Since then, a second missionary teacher's house has been built, offices for the teachers, and a dining-room kitchen for the students. The Rev. Elmer C. Strauss has been responsible for the economical and efficient direction of all these recent building projects.



WOMEN'S SESSIONS, BAPTIST BIBLE TRAINING CENTRE

Mrs. Elmer C. Strauss teaches (left) in the Women's Department, giving them Scripture memory verses according to letters of the alphabet. Mrs. George W. Lang (right) takes the roll of the women in the women's classroom at the B.B.T.C.

The present student body of forty-two has much they are thankful for as they begin to fill the places making up the second fifty. All the way from Victoria and the Coast they have come, a distance of over 300 miles. They have come all the way from Mambila, now Northern Nigeria, a trek by foot of over 60 miles, and from many places between these two extremes.

THE FRUITS OF STUDY

And what of these first fifty who since 1954 have completed their course and are now active in the work? What are they doing? What impact are they making?

Pastor Nfomi has been serving as Executive Secretary of the Cameroons Baptist Convention. In 1960, when for the first time this became a full time responsibility, it was Pastor Nfomi who was overwhelmingly elected to this all important position among Cameroon Baptists. Pastor Nfomi has carried on his important tasks with dignity and enthusiasm. Because of his fine work in this capacity, he was re-elected to serve another term at the last session of the Cameroon Baptist Convention.

Pastor Nyanganji, another member of the 1954 class, served for three years in the important House of Assembly which helps to determine the laws of the land. With a deep sense of dedication to his God as well as with a sincere desire to help his country, he served in this position as a legislator. At the present time he is waiting on the Lord for guidance as to his future service in the Lord's work.

Pastor Tubuoh is serving as an evangelist among the laborers in the



In 1954 these dormitories were built at Ndu as the beginning of the present Baptist Bible Training Centre. Rev. George W. Lang and Rev. Elmer C. Strauss are surveying the grounds. (Photo by Dr. R. Schilke).

banana plantations in the Coastal area near Kumba. He organizes Baptist church groups, encourages those already existing, and seeks to bring the Gospel to those who so far have never heard.

16 ORDAINED BAPTISTS

And so they serve as chaplain in the Bansa Hospital, as pastor of the church for the lepers at Mbingo, as undershepherd of the famous Bamenda Baptist Church, as missionary of Ndu Field churches to the primitive area of Mbembe, as pioneer evangelist opening up the Baptist work in Mamfe, as evangelist-teacher conducting Short Term Bible School Courses among Mambilas. In places where mission-

aries stood and worked in years gone by, these third year graduates have taken over responsibilities step by step.

Of the fifty, sixteen have been fully ordained as pastors. Others will be ordained soon. Throughout the ten fields of our Cameroons Baptist work, they are scattered. There is no field where there is not at least one who is there working for the Lord.

It is an amazing answer to prayer that every one of the fifty graduates has continued steadfast in the Lord's work. The going has not been easy for any of them; for some it has been much harder than for others. Yet to God's faithfulness be the praise that no one of them has left the Lord's work to go into some other vocation. We pray that this record of faithfulness will continue and even extend into the second fifty!

THE NEW FREEDOM

"Cameroonians, today Southern Cameroons is free."—With these long awaited words of exuberant triumph, Prime Minister Foncha opened his Independence Speech delivered on October 1, 1961. In this same address, he went on to advise his people: "Having thus achieved independence and unification, we should start to think of the responsibilities it brings."

Months have passed since that historic day. Cameroonians everywhere and in every area of life have risen to meet the challenges of the new responsibilities given them as leaders in a new, independent nation. Cameroonian ministers of state, judges, doctors, postmasters, and civil servants are discharging their high responsibilities with honor and dignity.

It has been heartening indeed to observe that not least of the areas of growing responsible leadership has been that of the work of Christ in our Baptist churches and Convention.



RECRUITING BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

Pastor Nfor and Mr. Kwenchi, tutor (left), interview young men from the Mbem and Mambila areas who desire to become students. The picture was taken on July 24, 1962 on the recruitment trip in preparation for the 1963 school term.

In such positions as executive secretary of the Cameroons Baptist Convention, as evangelist in charge of a whole field of churches, as pastors of large churches, as well as workers in out-of-the-way places—our Baptist brethren have more than adequately risen to their responsibilities now in a free and independent Cameroon.

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

It does not mean that this first happened with October 1, 1961. Most of these positions were filled by our Cameroonian brethren for quite a few years before that. Now, however, they can enter into these responsibilities with fresh enthusiasm and more fervent resolve. It has been the training received at the B. B. T. C. that has helped equip them to assume these responsibilities with the required effectiveness.

It is an interesting coincidence that just four months after independence a new third year class began their school year here at the Centre, starting to fill their places among the ranks of the second fifty.

The first fifty have done well, amazingly well! However, the challenges ahead are great. The responsibilities will become much heavier. The training required will be much more demanding. But our Cameroons Baptists will again rise to the occasion. God will amaze us with his faithfulness. But to meet all that stands ahead of them in these challenging years, the second fifty will desperately be in need of your prayers.

THE WORD OF GOD

Though heart grows faint and spirits sink,

By every wind of feeling blown;
Though faith itself may seem to fail,
I rest upon thy word alone.

That word of power that framed the worlds,
Unfailing, changeless, strong, and sure.

Though heaven and earth should pass away,
What thou hast spoken must endure.

Is thine arm shortened, thine ear dulled?
What thou hast sworn hast thou forgot?

God of the everlasting years,
All else may fail; thou failest not.

Against the foreman's fiery darts
I wield anew the Spirit's sword,
And answer every fresh assault
With ever-fresh "Thus saith the Lord."

And, when some promised blessing seems



There is a Christian design for every HOME that involves its preparation, construction and furnishings. Build your home on a strong framework of faith and follow the directions that are given below.—Ewing Galloway Photo.

Design for a Home

Contributed by Mrs. Harm Sherman, Aplington, Iowa and used at the 1962 Laymen's Family Conference, Green Lake, Wisconsin

PREPARATION: Invite the Lord Jesus Christ to lay the cornerstone, for your home. Excavate for the foundation by removing all doubt, fear and selfishness.

CONSTRUCTION: Erect a strong framework of faith, supported by sturdy beams of deep devotion. Lay stout flooring of sympathetic understanding. Lath with generosity, insulate with enthusiasm and plaster with a sense of humor. Shingle the roof with protective kindness and apply siding composed of high hope and great expectation. Build in permanent fixtures of honesty and integrity. Provide doorways wide enough for the heavy-hearted and the merry-hearted to enter. Plan plenty of windows to admit sunshine for the joy of living. Carefully

weather-strip all openings with appreciation.

EQUIP with plumbing adequate for daily cleansing of the Spirit. Install heating apparatus guaranteed to maintain a steady glow of friendly warmth. Illuminate with shining radiance of smiles and tears, and ventilate with an unlimited supply of patience.

ADORN the walls with cheerful courtesy and pave the hearth with hospitality.

CEMENT the walk with humility and surround the yard with a fence of loyalty entered through the gate of gratitude.

FURNISH throughout with love. Insure against all disaster by fervent prayer for daily guidance.

Walk right in . . . the place is yours!!
Author and Source Unknown.

OUR BUSINESS

We are not store-rooms, but channels;
We are not cisterns, but springs;
Passing our benefit onward,
Fitting our blessings with wings;
Letting the water flow outward
To spread o'er the desert forlorn;
Sharing our bread with our brothers,
Our comfort with those who mourn.

Author Unknown

Too great, too wonderful for me,
I dare by faith to call it mine,
With "It is written" all my plea.
'Mid shifting sands of doubt and fear
This is the one foundation-stone;
My soul hath cast her anchor here;
I rest upon thy Word alone.

—Annie Johnson Flint

(From "The Log" of the "Good Ship Grace"—Haven of Rest Broadcasts).

*A golden welcome awaits you in
Sacramento, Calif., at the 34th General
Conference, July 13-19, 1964*

Sacramento, the City of Amazing Discoveries

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner,
Promotional Secretary



Sacramento, the capital of California (capitol building, upper right) and the site of our 1964 General Conference sessions. (Photo by Cartwright Aerial Surveys).

IN SACRAMENTO, the North American Baptists visiting California's capital city in 1964, will make some amazing discoveries for themselves. Although they will be attending the 34th General Conference sessions from July 13 to 19, 1964, they will feel like

the gold miners of the 1850's shouting "Eureka!" Their discoveries will have far greater value for them than gold dust or nuggets and will provide them with more lasting joys.

It will be "an eye opener" to many of our people to learn that within 50 miles

of Sacramento there are six of our churches or church groups with a total membership of more than 2200 people. They will discover to their surprise that at Lodi, 40 miles away, there is the largest North American Baptist church with about 1000 members—the First Baptist Church with Rev. Aaron Buhler, pastor. In addition, the town of Lodi also boasts of the Temple Baptist Church with almost 600 members. Rev. Eldon Schroeder is pastor of this congregation. Other NAB churches are those at Stockton, at Elk Grove and at Sacramento, including a new Church Extension project in the Lincoln Village section (still in the planning stage).

RECORD BREAKING ATTENDANCE

EUREKA! The attendance at the 1964 General Conference in Sacramento will surprise many people and is apt to break all existing records. It is being confidently predicted that from the 50 mile area around Sacramento, we can expect 1200 to 1500 of these NAB people to make their way steadily to the Conference sessions. From the rest of California, from Oregon and Washington, and from British Columbia, another 1000 to 1500 people will be eager to "be there" for the first General Conference ever held in this golden state of California. Another 1000 to 1500 people are expected to make "a gold rush" of their own to Sacramento from the rest of the United States and Canada to



CALIFORNIA'S CAPITOL AT SACRAMENTO

The Capitol rises in majestic grandeur over lofty trees in thick-set groves. In the 40 acre park around the capitol building, more than 450 varieties of trees and shrubs from all parts of the world can be seen. This is probably the most beautiful setting for a state capitol in the entire United States!

see the marvelous sights of the state, to visit relatives and friends, and to swell the crowd at this 34th General Conference in Sacramento to the amazing total of 3000 or more.

Sacramento's richly storied past is in itself an important chapter in American history! Captain John A. Sutter, an immigrant from Baden, Germany near the Swiss border, chose the Sacramento area to establish a colony for his countrymen from Switzerland. The year—1839—was five years after his arrival in America. The colony, then known as New Helvetia, flying the Mexican flag, began to attract immigrants and covered wagon pioneers. The settlement prospered.

Sutter turned his hand to various enterprises—wheat raising—flour milling—distilling—a mill for weaving woolen blankets—and finally, a passenger and boat service to San Francisco via the Sacramento River.

DISCOVERY OF GOLD

Then, EUREKA, the discovery of gold changed everything! Late in January 1848, James Marshall, who was building a sawmill at Coloma for John August Sutter, rode to Fort Sutter in the driving rain to show Sutter bits of yellow metal he had picked out of the tail race. Simple tests proved the metal to be gold.

But California's most spectacular, most exciting era began so unnoticeably, so slowly, that it was the end of May before the Rev. Walter Colton in Monterey, still the capital of California, wrote in his diary: "Our town was startled out of its quiet dreams today, by the announcement that gold had been discovered on the American Fork. The men wondered and talked, and the women too, but neither believed."

Then the news caught on like wild fire and the rush was on. Sutter's workers left the crops to rot in order to hasten to the nearby gold fields, leaving his business to fail and his cattle to be stolen. Immigrants by the hundreds, and then by the thousands, sailed, rode or walked to California in "incredible" numbers. In three years (1849-1852), the white population of California skyrocketed from 100,000 to 215,000, according to the historian Bancroft.

DAYS OF THE GOLD RUSH

This wild "goose chase" after gold happened within a few miles of Sacramento. This is how it was reported in a newspaper: "People are running over the country and picking it (gold) out of the earth here and there, just as 1000 hogs let loose in a forest would root up groundnuts. Some get 8 or 10 ounces a day, and the least active one or two. They make the most who employ the wild Indians. Profits are a dollar a minute. The old Indians know nothing of its value. And white men themselves



SUTTER'S SAWMILL AT COLOMA

This sketch shows Sutter's sawmill at Coloma, California, where gold was discovered in the tailrace in 1848. Some of these things from the old sawmill can be seen today in the reconstructed Sutter's Fort.

often give an ounce of it, what is worth at our mint \$18.00 or more, for a bottle of brandy, a bottle of soda powders, or a plug of tobacco."

HISTORICAL SUTTER'S FORT

The rest is history! Sutter lost possession of his fort and later died in poverty. His son who had been deeded the family property at the terminus for Sutter's boat line, laid out a town and named it Sacramento City. This was in April 1849. Within seven months, it

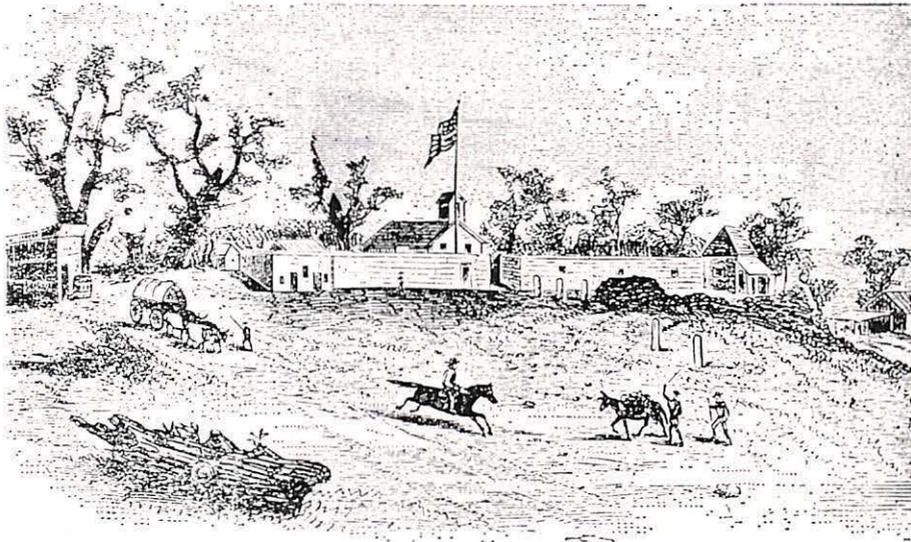
had a population of 10,000. By 1854 it became California's permanent capital.

Sutter's Fort still stands today as one of America's most fascinating historical attractions. The central building, the administrative center of the fort, is still the original fort made of sun-dried adobe bricks. A complete restoration has been carried out for the entire fort, enabling the thousands of visitors to learn something of what life was like in the stirring days when Sutter and his fellow pioneers were laying



DOWNTOWN SECTION OF SACRAMENTO

One of the main streets of Sacramento, lined by beautiful buildings and modern stores with some stately trees still casting their shade on the pavement. Sacramento with its 205,000 population is known as a city of refinement, beauty and culture.



Sutter's Fort in 1849. From an early woodcut.

SUTTER'S FORT IN 1849

This picture of Sutter's Fort is from an early woodcut. Compare it with the photograph of Sutter's Fort today in Sacramento, shown on this page.

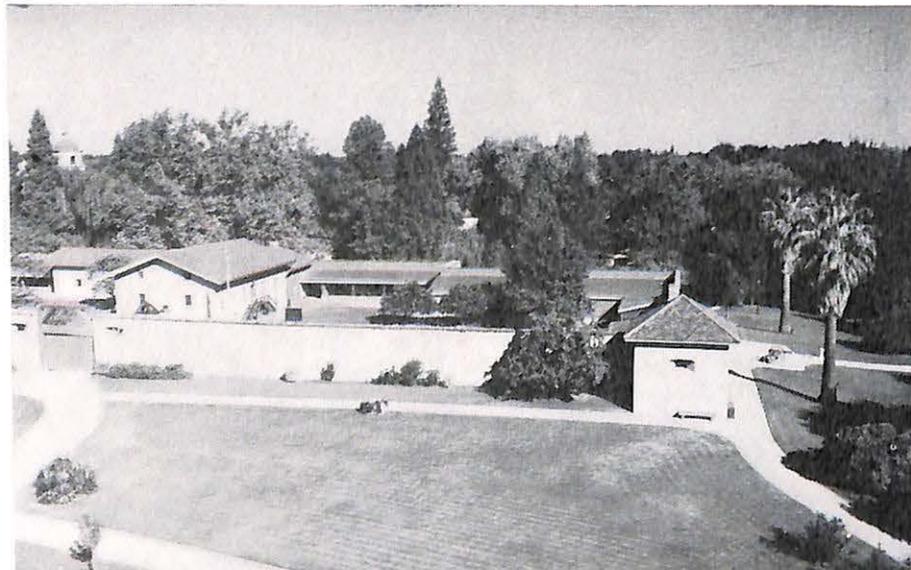
the foundations of an empire greater even than they had dreamed of.

Here at Sutter's Fort in Sacramento, while attending the General Conference sessions, you can see the old stage-coaches, the gold digging equipment of the miners, the ox carts and yokes of the pioneers, the kitchens and blacksmith shops of Sutter's day, and memorabilia belonging to the miners. You will discover the early history of California and follow the wild excitement of the gold rush days with dramatic vividness.

Sacramento is also a city of refine-

ment, beauty and culture. This city of 205,000 is surrounded by the Coastal Range on the west, the Sierra Nevada on the east, the Siskiyou Mountains on the north, and the Tehachapi Range on the south. The Sacramento Valley enjoys year-round mildness and abundance of sunshine. Summers are dry and can be warm, but these hot days are usually followed within two or three days by the normally cool southerly breezes, especially at night.

EUREKA! You will soon discover that Sacramento is "the camellia capital" of California. Its broad streets are



HISTORIC SUTTER'S FORT OF SACRAMENTO

Sutter's Fort, an historic state park, is visited by tens of thousands of people annually. This was the birthplace of Sacramento in 1839. Word of the first gold discovery in the state was sent out from this fort. The Indian Museum is located in the same park.

Both are fascinating places to study the early history of California.

lined by magnificent trees that cast their pleasant shadows on the pavement. Modern stores, fine restaurants, wonderful parks, excellent colleges with their picturesque campuses, and imposing downtown buildings soon attract the attention of the visitor to Sacramento. It will be an ideal city for our General Conference—just large enough for our enjoyment and convenience, always clean and refined, and with a reputation for being "a city with a heart" and with people of a strong, religious faith.

THE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

Another surprising discovery that you will make will be your first entrance into the Memorial Auditorium. Even "Californians" are not aware of the modern, air conditioned auditorium, seating 4,400 people only three blocks from the downtown section of Sacramento. Surrounded by a block of broad lawns and spreading trees, the auditorium has spacious halls where exhibits will be placed and where you will have wonderful opportunities to meet your friends from all over the continent. All of the seats in the main auditorium are cushioned for the comfort of the people. The stage is large with excellent facilities for lighting, special effects and dramatic presentations.

EUREKA! Now for the greatest discovery of all! For the first time in many, many years, the auditorium and its facilities will be made available for one of our General Conferences WITHOUT ANY COST WHATSOEVER. The city of Sacramento and Chamber of Commerce are giving us the use of this auditorium *absolutely free*.

CALIFORNIA'S CAPITOL

But your glorious discoveries in Sacramento are just beginning! By this time, you will have lifted up your eyes to the capitol dome. Soaring above the roofs and treetops of California's capitol is the green, golden tipped dome of the state capitol, visible in the sunlight against a blue sky for miles away across the flat valley floor. At night the brilliantly lighted dome may be seen for miles around. It has become a beautiful "trademark" in Sacramento.

The Capitol building, started in 1869 and finally completed in 1874, is thought by many to be America's outstanding structure. A ball, 30 inches in diameter, made of brass and plated with gold leaf valued at \$300, is the crowning ornament. The height of the impressive dome is 237 feet above ground level. It is one of the most photogenic capitol buildings in all of America, giving the photographer or sightseer a "new unusual view" at every hour of the day.

A trip through the capitol building is equally rewarding. The historical panels, the impressive Senate and Assembly chambers, the 58 glassed-in dis-

plays for all of California's counties, the statuary and colorful flags are worth several trips to the capitol.

40 ACRE CAPITOL PARK

Your most surprising discoveries will be made on your strolls through the capitol grounds—40 acres of one of the most beautiful parks you have ever seen. More than 450 varieties of trees and shrubs make this one of the most diversified and rare horticultural collections to be found within any similar area in the world.

You are bound to shout EUREKA as you study these giant, majestic trees with many interesting discoveries of your own. You will find the horsetail or beefwood tree from Australia, the blue gum from Tasmania, the Montezuma bald cyprus from Mexico, the cryptomeria from Japan, the syrup palm from Chile, the Chinese scholar tree from Korea. You will stride with pride down the long walk flanked on both sides by the gigantic Irish Yew trees. Here you will see oranges, lemons and grapefruit ripening on the trees. You will see beautiful specimens of Germany's Linden trees (remember Lindenstrasse in Berlin?). You will be amazed at the immense tulip trees and magnolias from the United States. You can make discoveries all of your own in this magnificent capitol park!

CROCKER ART GALLERY

Most Californians and even many citizens of Sacramento are not too well acquainted with the discoveries to be made in Sacramento in art collections, museums and cultural centers. The E. B. Crocker Art Gallery was built in 1837 by Eden Bryant Crocker to house the valuable collection of paintings which he purchased on a tour through European countries. It is the first private gallery constructed west of the Mississippi River. Its contents have been evaluated at approximately \$5,-



THE FABULOUS GOVERNOR'S MANSION

This interesting mansion, built in 1877, has housed all of California's governors and their families since 1903. It is located only a few blocks from our General Conference site at the Memorial Auditorium.

000,000. The original Gallery was later adjoined to his home which is now 100 years old and is called "The Annex."

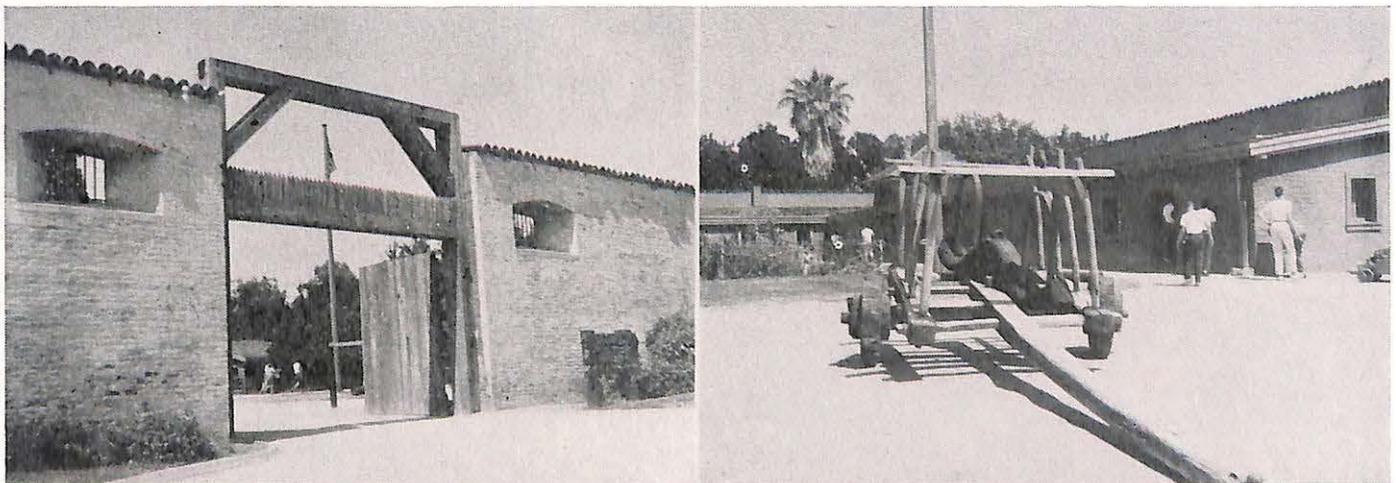
EUREKA! What wonderful discoveries I made in this fascinating Art Gallery and Annex. Here you will find scores of fine religious paintings such as "Madonna and Child" by Wichmann, "Christ in Gethsemane" by Brandel, and "Christ Healing the Blind" by School of Van Dyck. You will marvel to see here one of the few paintings of Philipp Melanchthon (friend of Martin Luther) by Lucas Cranach. Hundreds of canvases hang on these walls of the Gallery.

But you will also want to study the amazing collection of Japanese prints,

pottery, cloisonne and jade objects, ivory figures, jewelery, porcelains, screens, Buddhas, sculpture, and Samurai armor and swords. A Buddhist shrine for a wealthy Japanese home is especially fine for study. Here you can see treasures from the Orient, such as you would find in only a few places of America, for your enjoyment during the Conference days. It can be an opportunity for a lifetime!

STATE INDIAN MUSEUM

But this is only "scratching the surface" in the variety of adventures that are yours for the taking at Sacramento. Next to Sutter's Fort you can visit the State Indian Museum and learn all



SUTTER'S FORT, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Entrance to the historical Sutter's Fort (left) in Sacramento, Calif. Inside the grounds of the Fort, the visitor will see the old ox carts and crude farm implements (right) used by the early settlers.

about Indians. What a thrill! What a challenge! In these scores of graphic colorful Indian displays, you will soon learn about the 104 Indian tribes once established in California. These people belonged to the Stone Age, using stone implements along with those constructed from bone, shell, skin, wood, fibre and pottery. In 1769, at the start of the Spanish colonization, there were an estimated 150,000 Indians living in California. The fascinating story of their origins, customs, travels, hunts, warfare and homes is graphically described at this museum.

You will see the Pomo Feather Baskets, given by the Indians as wedding presents that took years to weave with 30 to 50 feathers in a single inch. You will see the Indians at war, fishing, hunting, making buffalo robes and playing with sea otters. You will learn that the California Indians had no language but their history and customs have been preserved in their colorful legends.

pony express terminus

EUREKA! Sacramento was the western terminus for the Pony Express. And that story is told with exciting displays in this city. The Pony Express was started in 1860, soon after the discovery of gold necessitated fast communication with the east. The Express had 160 relay stations along the route from St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento. The fastest trip over the 1966 miles of rugged territory was made in 7 days and 17 hours.

You will want to look at the large mural in the Southern Pacific Rail-



SACRAMENTO'S MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

The Memorial Auditorium, where the 34th NAB General Conference will be held, has a seating capacity of 4400 and is fully air conditioned. It is conveniently located only a few blocks from Sacramento's downtown area. (Photo by M. L. Leuschner).

way's station showing the joining of the Central Pacific and Union Pacific Railroads at Promontory, Utah, on May 10, 1869, one of United States history's most important dates. With the driving of the Golden Spike in the railroad ties on that date, the nation's first transcontinental railroad was completed and

the country was opened to the amazing developments in the years that have followed. All of this was possible only after Sacramento's "Big Four"—Charles Crocker, Leland Stanford, Collis P. Huntington and Mark Hopkins—had secured the much needed financing.

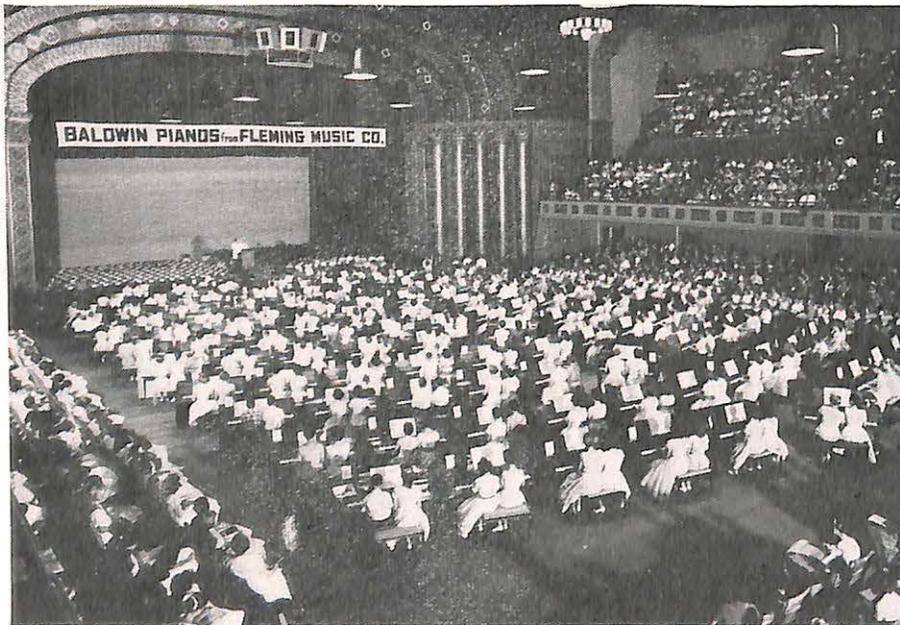
OTHER DISCOVERIES

The Governor's Mansion, built by a wealthy hardwood merchant in 1877, later owned by the father of Lincoln Steffens, famous author, and housing all of California's governors and their families since 1903, is only a few blocks from our General Conference site.

You will soon discover that all of California's scenic glories are only a few hours away from Sacramento, even by car. The Greyhound bus will take you to San Francisco in less than two hours. Yosemite, the Big Trees, Lake Tahoe, Mother Lode country, the Sierras, Mt. Lassen, Shasta Dam and even Southern California are only a few hours distant from Sacramento. It is virtually at the center of this Golden State!

Here are some interesting, little known facts. The Argonaut Mine—the world's deepest gold mine, stretching one mile straight down—is located at Jackson, Amador County, Calif., just 48 miles from Sacramento. Gold is still mined just a few miles from the city.

You will see Golden Poppies blossoming throughout the city of Sacramento. In 1903 it was adopted by the State Legislature as the official state flower.



FRITZ BERENS, Conductor First Piano Festival SACRAMENTO MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM IRENE JAMES, Chairman Sunday, June 7, 1959 S. IRLIN STUDIO

INTERIOR VIEW OF THE MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

The beauty and spaciousness of the Memorial Auditorium are shown in this picture of a Piano Festival held recently in Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium.

"Its satiny petals, bright with the gleam of our gold mines, rich with the sheen of our fruits, and warm with the radiance of our sunshine, typify the ideal of California as no other flower could!"

SENATOR HOTEL

Sacramento's most elegant and best located hotel is the "Senator Hotel." Conveniently situated in the very heart of the city, the hotel overlooks the quiet serenity and scenic beauty of the 40 acre, tree shaded Capitol Area. Its accommodations are modern and luxurious with its 350 air conditioned and beautifully furnished guest rooms, its 18 elegant convention function rooms, the finest dining facilities, including the hospitable coffee shop, and the magnificent Empire Room with banquet accommodations for 1000 people.

Every room in the hotel is pleasant, inviting and professionally furnished. "The Senator" is only a few blocks from the auditorium where the General Conference sessions will be held and around the corner from downtown Sacramento. The hotel is fully air-conditioned and has a new but traditional decor that makes you feel both "at home" and honored to be a guest of the hotel.

EUREKA—STATE MOTTO

This is the first of a series of articles to appear in our publications about the 1964 General Conference to be held in Sacramento at the heart of the Golden State, July 13-19, 1964. We shall be shouting EUREKA often as we pass on to you the amazing and wonderful discoveries about this capital city



THE SENATOR HOTEL, SACRAMENTO

Sacramento's most elegant and conveniently located hotel is THE SENATOR. Across the street is the 40 acre, tree shaded Capitol Area. Its 350 guest rooms are air conditioned and beautifully furnished.

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL

The announcement has just been made by Dr. F. H. Woyke, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein and the local Arrangements Committee that the SENATOR HOTEL will serve as the Headquarters Hotel for the 34th General Conference sessions from July 13-19, 1964 in Sacramento.

which you will want to see for yourself in Sacramento.

This can be a lifetime adventure for you, with new discoveries for you and your family in California, with new spiritual joys to be gained at the Conference sessions, and with you and the rest of our denominational family setting new Conference records in Sacramento. Yes, by all means, plan now to attend in 1964 and make these "amazing discoveries" for yourself!

TAKE TIME FOR TEN THINGS

- Take time to work—it is the price of success.
- Take time to think—It is the source of power.
- Take time to play—it is the secret of youth.
- Take time to read—it is the foundation of knowledge.
- Take time to worship—it is the highway of reverence.
- Take time to help and enjoy friends—it is the source of happiness.
- Take time to love—it is the one sacrament of life.
- Take time to dream—it hitches the soul to the stars.
- Take time to laugh—it is the singing that helps carry the load.
- Take time to pray—it helps bring Christ near, and washes the dust of earth from your eyes.

SERMONS AT A GLANCE

One of the illusions of life is to think that the present hour is not the critical and decisive hour. Write it on your heart that every day is the best day of the year.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



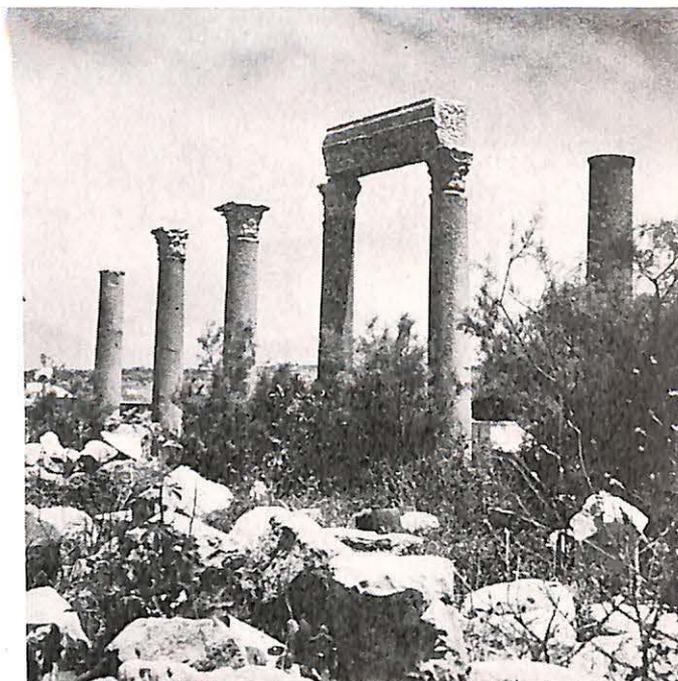
THE E. B. CROCKER ART GALLERY

This is the oldest Art Museum west of the Mississippi River, completed in 1873. Its galleries have paintings valued at \$5,000,000. The woodwork in the mansion besides its marble fireplaces, French mirrors and frescoes are of the finest in the world.

You will meet thousands of young people from 100 nations of the world at this inspiring conference July 15-21, 1963 . . .

6th Baptist Youth World Conference in Beirut, Lebanon

By Rev. John Binder, Assistant General Secretary,
Department of Christian Education



The name "Bible" came from this ancient town of Byblos, Phoenicia, which may be visited by Baptist young people attending the 1963 Conference in Beirut, Lebanon.

YOUTH in Baptist churches around the world are becoming excited about the anticipated 6th Baptist Youth World Conference to be held in Beirut, Lebanon, July 15-21, 1963 under the theme, "Jesus Christ in a Changing World." The meeting will take place in the UNESCO Hall, which has a seating capacity of about 3,000, with the possibility of extending it with tents.

Youth delegates from almost country of the world are expected to attend. Even though many languages will be represented, the official language at the Conference will be English, with

the possibility of simultaneous translations into other main languages.

The small but strong, missionary-minded churches in this Islamic territory are looking forward to being strengthened in their witness and outreach through this Conference. They are making many detailed preparations for the enjoyment of the 3,000 delegates expected.

ENCOUNTERS WITH OTHER YOUTH

A World Conference can mean much more than several years of university study in terms of change in a person's

perspective and attitudes to the needs and contributions of other peoples around the world. The significance of such a personal encounter with youth of other nations is unlimited. It can be a very far-reaching experience, especially when Jesus Christ is proclaimed in his power and glory.

At the last Baptist World Youth Conference in Toronto, Canada, in 1958, a girl testified to one of the speakers, "I'm just seventeen. This morning while you were speaking of God's Word, God spoke to me and told me what he wanted me to do. I said, 'All right, Lord, I'll do it.' I'm going home, perhaps to change my college, certainly to change my course, I'm going to be a missionary for Jesus Christ."

Another girl came to one of the leaders and said, "I want you to know what this conference has meant to me. You have no idea what a little world I lived in before I came here. I'm going home now, living in a much bigger world than I ever knew before."

The value of such conferences was first realized when in July, 1911, a "Young People's Committee" was appointed at the 2nd Baptist World Congress in Philadelphia, Pa. It was recommended that there be a closer affiliation of Baptist youth everywhere, but because of war and strife among nations of the world the 1st Baptist International Youth Conference was not held until August, 1931, in Prague, with 400 representatives from 16 lands.

In 1937 the 2nd International Youth Conference was held in Zurich, Swit-



PROGRAM COMMITTEE, 6th BAPTIST WORLD CONFERENCE

Left to Right: David Alexander, Nashville, USA; Bruce Neal, Toronto, Canada; John Binder, Forest Park, USA; Martha Seaton, BWA; James Baucom, Wake Forest, USA; David Evans, Valley Forge, USA; Lovelle A. Maxwell, New York, USA; Robert S. Denny, BWA; Gunnar Høglund, Chicago, USA; O. Clay Maxwell, New York, USA; John Ratz, Petersborough, Canada; and Lynne Eckman, Pitman (N. J.), USA.

zerland, with 1,500 youth representing 27 lands. Here practical suggestions were made for the strengthening of fellowship among the young Baptists of the world. It also urged an attack on all the evils which challenge the Christian conscience.

WONDERFUL YOUTH CONFERENCES

The 3rd Baptist Young People's World Conference was held in Stockholm, Sweden, in August, 1949, with 1,222 delegates and 22 nations represented. Joel Sorenson of Sweden was elected as the first youth secretary of the Alliance. He promoted the youth work greatly. He also edited the B. W. A. Youth News.

In 1950, at the 8th Baptist World Congress in Cleveland, Ohio, Mr. Robert S. Denny became the chairman of the Alliance Youth Committee. He is presently serving as the B. W. A. Youth Secretary in the B. W. A. head offices in Washington, D. C.

The 4th Baptist Youth World Con-



ference delegates gathered from 30 nations to meet in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in July of 1953. There were 1,428 registered in attendance. This conference included Bible studies and seminars on Baptist faith in its personal, civic and international expression. It presented a powerful evangelical testimony in Brazil.

The best attended Baptist Youth World Conference was the fifth, held in Toronto, Canada, in June-July, 1958, with 8,022 young people present from 67 nations. It was reported that young people coming to Toronto gave evidence that Jesus Christ is as real to youth in Australia and Taiwan and Japan and Rhodesia and Nigeria and France and Hungary as in America. There were people from every continent. No race line, no color line, no language line was drawn in their fellowship—because all these young people found themselves one in Christ. At Toronto all gained a sense of the urgency to witness for this Savior, and they left with the conference theme ringing in their hearts: "Christ



INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, BEIRUT, LEBANON

Delegates and visitors to the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference will arrive by plane at this beautiful International Airport in Beirut.

for the Word—Now!"

PLANS FOR THREE-WEEK TOUR

Our tentative three-week tour for 1963 will include the following points of interest: New York, London, Hamburg, Florence, Rome, Naples, Athens, Beirut, Byblos, Baalbek, Cedars of Lebanon, Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, River Jordan, Jericho, Dead Sea, Nazareth, Tiberias, Sea of Galilee, Haifa, Tel Aviv, Geneva, Paris and back to New York. Features of special Baptist interest will be sought after.

The tour will cost about \$1100, including travel, meals and lodging. As you see and feel the varied pulse of life in each of these places it will make a lasting impression on you that will continue to stimulate your thinking for many years to come. Being confronted in such a direct way with

a mixture of the ancient and the modern, the poor and the rich, the good and the evil, it is bound to change your own course and values of life. Who can predict the whole significance of such a tour?

The program for the youth conference in Beirut, Lebanon, as it is taking shape sounds very exciting. It will be a truly international program. It will, without doubt, tremendously further the cause of righteousness, understanding and world peace.

THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

When about 3,000 youth from about one hundred countries come together to think, meditate and pray under the theme, "Jesus Christ—in a Changing World," something very significant must happen in the lives of all those present. The impact that such a meet-



PANORAMIC VIEW OF BEIRUT, LEBANON

In this beautiful city of Beirut, capital of Lebanon, the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference will be held from July 15-21, 1963.

ing will have on the surrounding area and the whole world cannot be measured. As the youth meet in Beirut, Jesus Christ will also be in their midst. His reality and presence should be felt as never before.

The evening sessions, Monday through Saturday, will be held in the UNESCO building. The last service on Sunday evening will be in the Beirut Sports Stadium which seats about 120,000 people. It is one of the largest stadiums in the world.

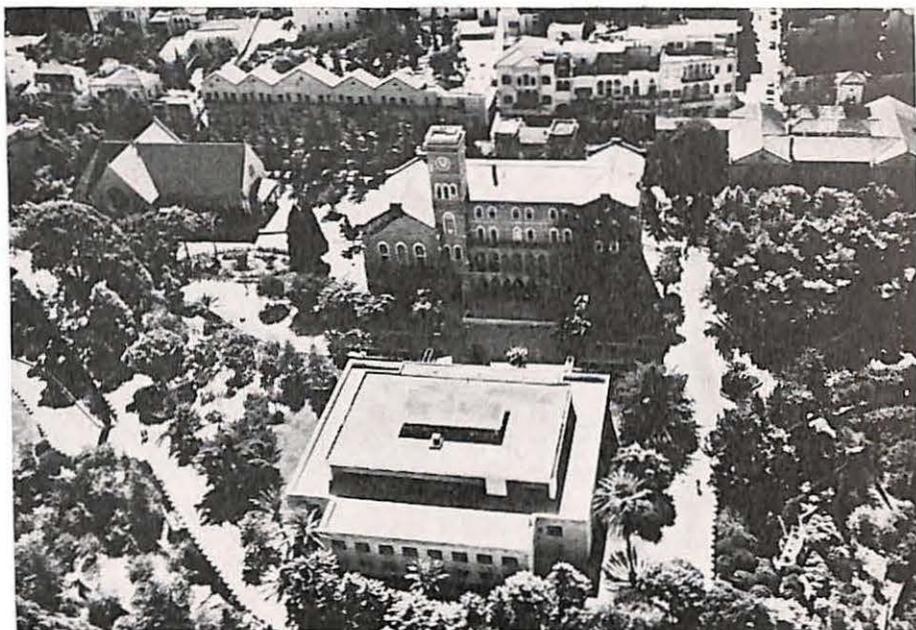
The morning sessions, Tuesday through Saturday, will be held simultaneously in five different locations in the city, each to accommodate about 500 delegates, who can be sub-divided into groups of perhaps 25 each for discussion and sharing. On the last Sunday morning there will be a worship service in the UNESCO building, as well as youth "teams" participating in the Lebanese churches.

The afternoons will be free to give opportunity for sightseeing tours of Beirut and the surrounding area. Beirut itself offers the visitors scope for tremendous sight-seeing and, within easy drive of the capital, there are many places of great beauty and historic interest.

INSPIRING PROGRAM OUTLINE

Monday evening—"Jesus Christ—in a Changing World." Keynote address with emphasis on a look at our changing world in which Jesus Christ is alive and working in and through us.

Tuesday morning—"A Changing World." A world of new nations, new peoples, new communities—a Christian looks at the "political" shape and



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY, BEIRUT, LEBANON

The picturesque campus and modern buildings of the American University at Beirut to be visited by Baptist young people attending the 1963 Youth World Conference.

movements of the world, issues of relationship of church and state. (Five speakers in five different locations providing material for discussion or study groups to follow.)

Tuesday evening—A dramatic presentation of "Our World"—including the traditional roll call of nations.

Wednesday morning—"A World of Wealth and Poverty." A Christian looks at the problems of affluence and poverty in our world.

Wednesday evening—"Changeless

Gospel of Love." This program focuses on John 3:16 with emphasis on God's love for all people of all the world, in a world of change and unrest where love is a crying need.

Thursday morning—"A World of People Living with People." A Christian looks at questions of relationships between people in our changing world, such as issues of racial and national intolerance, sex and marriage, relating to persons of other religions, being individuals in our "mass" societies, being "in the world, yet apart from the world."

LIVING FOR CHRIST—IN OUR WORLD

Thursday evening—"Living for Jesus Christ—in Our World," focuses on individual commitment to the Christian calling or vocation in one's whole life—of relationships, occupations, etc.

Friday morning—"A World of Scientific Achievement and Challenge." A Christian looks at the accomplishments of science and their implications for our world, and at the philosophy of life behind and arising from the recent great advances of science.

Friday evening—"An Evening of Music," including the renowned pianist Van Cliburn, youth choir from Sweden, and others.

Saturday morning—"The Mission and Message of the Church in a Changing World." A good look at how Baptist youth can help the church to operate in our world. How can we promote "peace on earth" for all men?

Saturday evening—"The Body of Christ—in a Changing World"—continued focus on the church and its mission.

Sunday morning—Worship service



ROMAN AMPHITHEATER AT BYBLOS, LEBANON

Byblos, according to history, is the oldest city of the world dating back to the year 3200 B.C. This old Roman amphitheater faced the picturesque coastline.

and communion in UNESCO building and youth "teams" participating in the Beirut Baptist churches' morning worship services.

Sunday evening—"You, Jesus Christ, and Your Changing World." A summary of the conference, climactic and challenging.

STUDY BOOK FOR DELEGATES

A study book is being prepared and will be available to every registered delegate. It will have a statement of the history and purposes of the Baptist World Alliance Youth Department and conferences . . . and of the sixth in Beirut. It will introduce all to Beirut and the Baptists of Lebanon. Six chapters of the study book will be preparatory material for the discussion sessions each morning.

We are not yet prepared to announce the speakers for the Conference, but we know they will be interesting and challenging. We will be privileged to hear key speakers from various countries.

Beirut and the Youth Conference itself would be sufficient reason for making such a trip, without even mentioning Europe and the Holy Land pilgrimage where Jesus was born, lived, served and crucified. However, these places must be seen to be really appreciated. This is all in store for you!

WRITE FOR INFORMATION

If you are interested in making this tour, write to the author of this article and he will be most happy to be of service in answering your questions and making the necessary arrangements for your trip. We are working with one of the best and most reliable travelling agents of America so that we may offer you a tour that is well



THE CRUSADERS' CASTLE AT SIDON

At Sidon, Lebanon, one of the most ancient Phoenician towns and one of the oldest constantly inhabited cities of the world, the tourist can visit the "Castle of the Sea," a 12th century Crusaders' Castle built on an islet at the mouth of the north harbor.

arranged and conducted. As of the fall months, 1962, about 40 of our North American Baptist youth have already expressed real interest in making the tour. We are waiting to hear from you!

YOUTH WORLD CONFERENCE

For further information about tour rates, schedules and arrangements to Beirut, Lebanon for the 6th Baptist Youth World Conference, write to Rev. John Binder, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

A TEACHER'S PRAYER

My Lord, I do not ask to stand
As king or prince of high degree;
I only pray that hand in hand
A child and I may come to thee.

To teach a tender voice to pray,
Two childish eyes thy face to see,
Two feet to guide in Thy straight
way—
This fervently I ask of thee.

O grant thy patience to impart
Thy holy law, thy words of truth;
Give Lord, thy grace, that my whole
heart
May overflow with love for youth.

As step by step we tread the way,
Trusting, and confident, and free
A child and I, day by day,
Find sweet companionship with thee.

—The Sunday School World

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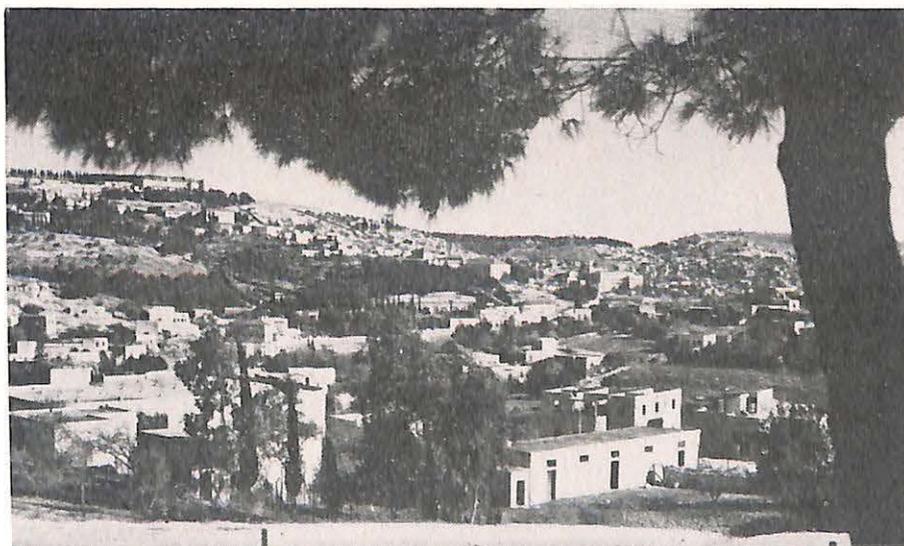
"As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you"—John 20:21

Out from the realm of the glory-light
Into the faraway land of night,
Out from the bliss of worshipful song
Into the pain of hatred and wrong,
Out from the holy rapture above
Into the grief of rejected love,
Out from the life at the Father's side
Into the death of the crucified,
Out of the high honour and into shame
The Master willingly, gladly came:

And now, since he may not suffer
anew,

As the Father sent him so sendeth
he you.

—Henry W. Frost, D. D.



CITY OF NAZARETH IN PALESTINE

This ancient city of Nazareth, where Jesus spent the early years of his youth and which has been associated with important religious events, was also the place of which it was said: "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?"

"I believe the future of the Seminary is promising and bright because"

North American Baptist Seminary—Whither Bound?

By Professor Roy Seibel,
Director of Public Relations



NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY FACULTY
Left to right, front row: Joyce E. Ringer, A. J. Harms, George A. Lang and Frank Veninga, President. Back row, standing: Hugo Lueck, Roy Seibel, Ralph E. Powell and George A. Dunger. (Prof. Martha Leypoldt was on sabbatical leave when the picture was taken).

AND WHERE IS the Seminary going? What can you tell us about its future?" His voice was measured and deliberate. The intensity of his penetrating look required an answer; something one could point to and say, "I believe the future of the Seminary is promising and bright because"

THE SEMINARY'S SURVIVAL

Building upon the foundations of yesterday, the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is developing a stronger, more virile

school today to meet the needs of our spiritual leaders of tomorrow. With the passing of another year, the Seminary will make further progress for we have no other choice. Our very survival demands it. To allow ourselves to become static would be to stagnate and eventually to die.

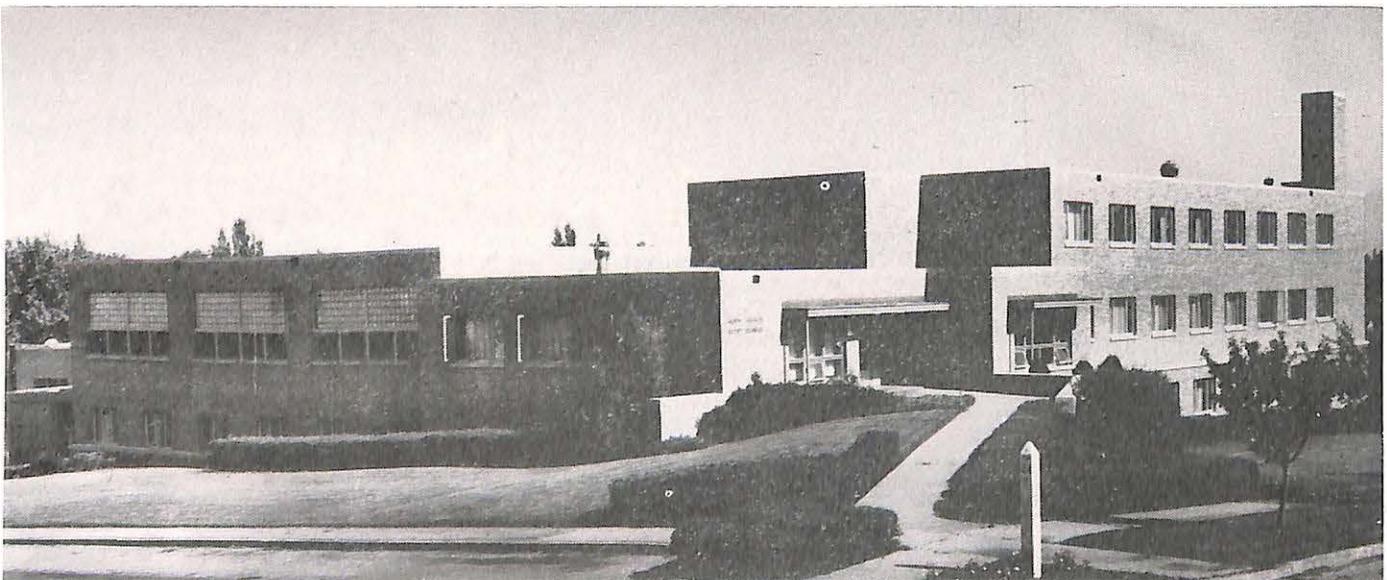
We must come back to the university student and his question, for we are required to give him a valid reason to support the statement we have made. An adequate answer can be found in the record of the Seminary in the past several years. By evaluating what the

Seminary has done, we can project the trend into the future and be reasonably sure we can anticipate the developments of the next few years.

SUBSTANTIAL BUILDINGS

A number of signs of progress point to a clear sense of direction on the part of responsible leadership coupled with a united effort by our churches to develop a strong, evangelical institution of higher learning which will challenge the very best of our youth.

The dedication of our \$150,000 library building on December 8, 1961



THE NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY IN SIOUX FALLS, S. DAK.

A strong, evangelical institution of higher learning with fine, functional buildings will challenge the very best of our young people.

proved to be a substantial step forward. The impact of the new facilities can be measured in part by the considerable increase in the number of books checked out by the faculty and students alike. The past year exceeded the record of all previous years in the actual number of books used. The acid test of an effective library is the use of available books rather than the total number of books on the shelves.

In a move to extend the research facilities, the library joined the Bibliographical Center for Research. Membership in this organization makes available to our faculty and students the full resources of approximately 300 libraries in the Rocky Mountain Region.

30,000 BOOKS

The completion of the library building made possible a second significant development in the launching of the \$10,000 Seminary Library Book Project this past spring. This project voices our reply to the challenge given us by Dr. Jesse Ziegler after a visit to our campus when he recognized our splendid library with the encouragement, "Now fill it with books!" The fact that one-third of the goal was reached by mid-August reflects the determination of our people to do that very thing.

The Seminary has recognized a minimal goal of 30,000 volumes selected to support the teaching program of the school. A large number of books is necessary because the library must meet the needs of the professors as well as those of the students as they study in every field of knowledge related to the history and present out-



THE SEMINARY'S LINK WITH MISSION FIELDS

President Frank Veninga of the North American Baptist Seminary has an important conference with Flavius Martin (right), student from the Federal Republic of Cameroon, Africa, and with Hisashi Murakami (center), student from Japan.

reach of the Church.

The expanding shelves of books become even more significant when we face the fact that the real scholastic competency of any student cannot reach beyond the available library facilities. It is for this reason the Seminary plans to press its program of securing these necessary tools for research and study.

PROF. GERALD BORCHERT

While buildings provide housing and books make up the tools, it is the faculty which supplies the very heart throb of the Seminary. It is the faculty which gives direction to the inquiring minds who use the tools. The faculty awakens in the student a deep thirst to probe deeper and to acquire more learning. It is the faculty that stands by the student and gives him needed support in the acquiring of basic skills needed to make him a competent workman.

For this reason the appointment of the Rev. Gerald Borchert to the faculty is a very significant development of this past year. Mr. Borchert will complete his work at the Princeton Theological Seminary as a doctrinal candidate and will come to the Seminary in September, 1963, as an Associate Professor of New Testament.

Previous to his studies at Princeton, he attended Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., and the University of Alberta. Mr. Borchert comes to the Seminary upon the highest recommendations from those who worked closely with him.

The appointment of Mr. Borchert is another step in the program to strengthen our faculty. Long range plans call for the appointment of another professor in the field of the Old Testament.

SABBATICAL PROGRAM

The Board of Trustees has successfully carried out a sabbatical program



SEMINARY FAMILY, 1961-1962

Faculty members and their wives and Seminary students who attest to the fact that the North American Baptist Seminary is attracting high caliber graduates of colleges and universities to its halls for seminary training.



DR. NORDENHAUG, SEMINARY CHAPEL SPEAKER

Faculty members visit with the Seminary Chapel speaker, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance (behind the pulpit), following his message at a chapel service.

of study which enables the professors to do additional work in order to keep abreast of the rapidly expanding field of knowledge. Under this program Dr. Ralph Powell was able to complete a program of study at the University of South Dakota, leading to the Master of Arts degree with a major in philosophy. During his sabbatical term Dr. George A. Dunger served as a visiting professor at the University College of Ghana. Professor Hugo Lueck took opportunity to travel and lecture abroad.

Dr. George A. Lang carried out a program of observation and research in the area of homiletics. Professor Martha Leypoldt earned the Master of Arts degree from the University of Chicago with a major in education and this past year studied in the University of Indiana. Professor Roy Seibel is scheduled to spend three quarters in the University of Minnesota graduate school studying public address.

The Seminary faculty has demonstrated a very desirable stability necessary to carry out any continuity in a program of advance. They have taught an aggregate of 74 years in our school. Four faculty members have completed ten years or more of teaching in our Seminary.

STRIDES TOWARD ACCREDITATION

The Seminary has made encouraging strides toward the goal of full accreditation. The new library building, the \$10,000 Book Project, and the appointment of Rev. Gerald Borchert

are all steps toward this end. The administration and faculty received further stimuli in this effort by the visit of Dr. Jesse Ziegler to our campus last spring. His visit as a representative of the American Association of Theological Schools highlighted the con-

tinuing effort of the Seminary to upgrade its program of training and academic excellence. Since 1956 the Seminary has held associate membership in the American Association of Schools of Religious Education.

When we speak of the Seminary moving toward full accreditation, we must bear in mind that we now enjoy a degree of accreditation which has been secured by our present academic level. In addition to the measurement of accreditation by membership in the A. A. T. S., there is the practical measurement of the fact that many fully accredited schools do accept our transcripts for full credit. President Frank Veninga has on file letters from a number of such schools in which they state that their institutions will accept for credit the transcripts of our students.

The most recent case in point is the entrance of Mr. Arthur Patzia into the graduate school of Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey after graduating from our school last spring. Our students do enjoy open doors to further study in other seminaries.

CHANGES OF CURRICULUM

Our aim for full accreditation is based upon the conviction that the high standard of excellency which it represents is necessary in order for us to challenge our best students and to provide our future leaders the level of training necessary to cope with the contemporary pastoral ministry.

Progress in the curriculum is not as obvious or as spectacular as build-



BUSY HOURS IN THE SEMINARY LIBRARY

Prof. Martha Leypoldt checks available books in the card catalog of the Seminary Library, as Le Roy Kiemele, a student, selects a book from the library shelf.

ing attractive structures or raising \$10,000 book projects. In fact, one may read the course descriptions in the new catalog without noticing any particular change. However, important changes have been made in the curriculum.

A more careful reading of the catalog reveals the fact that certain classes have been combined, while others have been expanded. New titles and course descriptions appear which indicate a basically new approach to a subject. However, inconspicuous to the untrained eye as these may appear, these shifts of emphasis are very important. Eventually they make a profound impact upon the training program offered to our students.

The constant refinement of the curriculum reflects a basic approach of the faculty to the courses of study offered which is very healthy and reassuring. The curriculum must be alive and must keep abreast of the needs of our day. It is our responsibility to prepare our students for the ministry they face tomorrow with the new pressures and needs that tomorrow will bring. The faculty, under the leadership of its curriculum committee, must so design our curriculum that it will do this very thing.

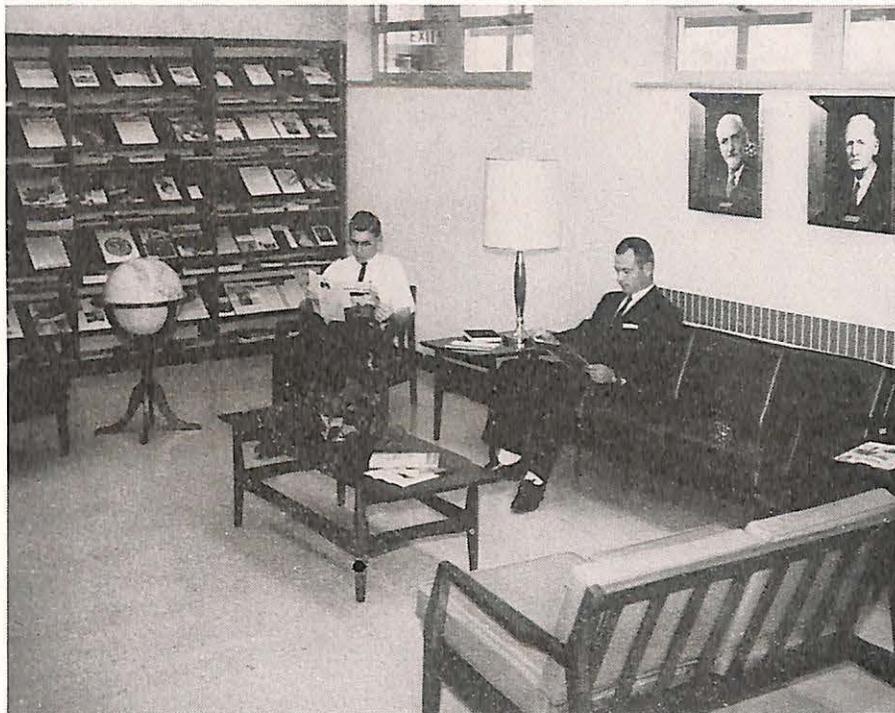
CENTRALITY OF THE BIBLE

The Seminary is aware of the fact that a student spends but three years in his seminary training. This means that he must be very selective in the potential courses which he could take so that his final selection will give him a well-rounded training. The faculty has spent many painstaking hours carefully weighing each course in order to assure such a balance.

The fact that progress requires a constantly emerging curriculum does not imply, nor allow for, a shift from the Bible as the center of the curriculum. In fact, constant study is made to find ways and means to focus the curriculum more clearly upon the Bible. The Seminary bases its entire ministry upon the conviction that the Bible is divinely inspired and is the sole authority for faith and practice.

For this reason the Bible is placed as the hub of the curriculum about which all else revolves. The central aim of the Seminary through its curriculum is to enable the student to understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be enabled to communicate it effectively to others.

The Seminary confers two degrees . . . the Bachelor of Divinity and the Master of Religious Education. The program of study of the Bachelor of Divinity degree is designed to help a student obtain a broad basic preparation for the Christian ministry. The Master of Religious Education degree represents a specialized program of study to those who wish to prepare for a ministry in the area of Christian Education in a local church.



PERIODICAL READING ROOM IN LIBRARY

More than a hundred religious publications and magazines are available for the reading inspiration of students at the North American Baptist Seminary Library. The pictures of the late Professors Lewis Kaiser and Albert J. Ramaker hang on the wall behind the students.

LINKS WITH AFRICA AND JAPAN

Flavius Martin was the first to come as our new link with mission fields. His arrival from our mission fields of West Africa was cause for rejoicing and for much reflection. He repre-

sented a new break-through in our missionary efforts. Our church in the Cameroons, Africa, had made such progress that they were now ready to send one of their sons to our Seminary

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CHECKING OUT BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

Hisashi Murakami (left) checks out several books for Eugene Kern (right) at the North American Baptist Seminary Library, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The American Way of Life

America's greatest need is for men and women who have put on the full armor of God and thus undergird America with spiritual strength.

Address by The **Honorable Mark O. Hatfield**, Governor of Oregon, at the Dedication of the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon

WE IN AMERICA live in very extraordinary times. We have heard many words relative to problems of the day. There have been surveys, studies and reviews of these problems, and we are all aware that America is challenged today as at no other time in our history.

We are confronted with the forces of evil—not merely a different political ideology, not merely a military adversary, not just an economic competitor—but we are confronted by an enemy that represents something much deeper than any of these institutions. We are confronted with an enemy today that is evil incarnate. The forces of hell itself are unleashed against us by this enemy. Of course, as you well know, I refer to atheistic and godless Communism.

OUR SPIRITUAL HERITAGE

When we talk about dedication to the American way of life, we should view it not only as a dedication to political institutions, even though they are great. We are not talking about dedication to an economic philosophy, even though ours has produced the highest standard of living in history. We should not speak of dedication to a social ideology in this country where all men have equal opportunities. We should speak of a dedication to the American way of life which is char-

acterized by our spiritual heritage, and our spiritual history. I speak in the words of the New England Confederation Compact of 1630 wherein may be found these words:

"We all have come into these parts of America with one and the same end—namely, to advance the Kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ."

I believe these words are ample evidence that America was established as an experiment station to show what would happen if people cared, and if people really dared, to live and follow Jesus Christ. It is that kind of American dedication to which I would like to draw your attention for a few moments.

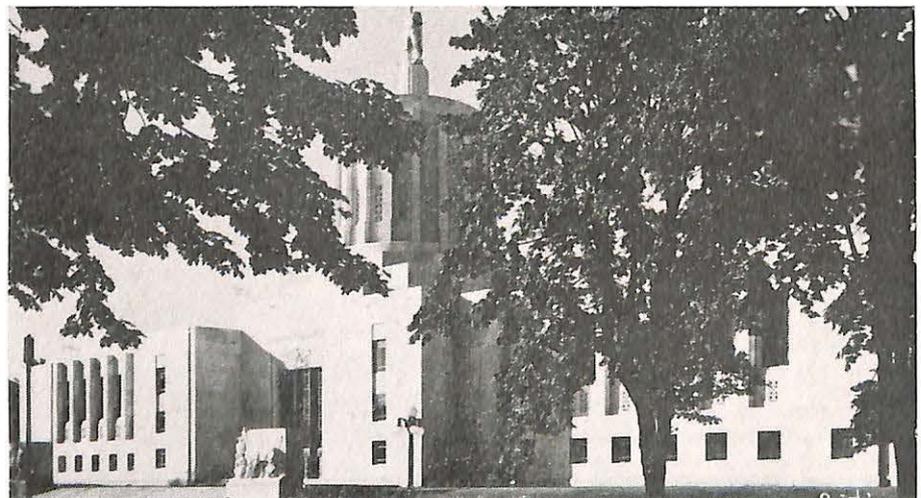
AN EXTRAORDINARY MESSAGE

We have heard many words about the problems of the day, but I think it would be more appropriate to seek a remedy to these problems, rather than discussing them so much. We who are gathered here know that we have the remedy, because we have found the Person and we have committed ourselves to the power. We have found the satisfaction and we have experienced the results. We can say with experience that America's need today can be met and that the dedication America must make is to the spiritual heritage found in Jesus Christ.

When we talk about the remedy and



Oregon's Governor Mark O. Hatfield, who dedicated his life to Christ while a political science professor at Willamette University. He is a member of a Baptist church.



OREGON'S STATE CAPITOL AT SALEM

Governor Mark O. Hatfield's official office is in this stately and uniquely beautiful capitol at Salem.

the dedication, we must recognize certain salient factors. First, if we are truly to dedicate ourselves to the American way of life we must recognize that this is a time which calls for extraordinary people — extraordinary people with an extraordinary message and with extraordinary lives as testimony to the message. Of course, you realize that the extraordinary message to which I refer is the simple message of the Gospel—the Gospel which tells us that God loved the world—that he loved us as individuals in this world—that he loved us so much that he wanted to have a personal relationship with us. In order to establish this bridge between man and God, between Creator and creature, he sent of himself to this world the Person of Jesus Christ. In his life, in his ministry, in his death, in his resurrection, and in the anticipated Second Coming, we find this relationship between man and God. This is the message the world is seeking.

It doesn't make any difference whether you are the governor of a state, whether you are a laborer, a housewife, a business or professional man, a farmer or a retired person—anywhere you go today in America you can find a ready audience for the message of Jesus Christ. What we need are extraordinary people who have the courage to deliver this extraordinary message.

When we find that there are those who would give themselves to the cause of Communism or to causes that are represented sometimes by so-called "rightist" or "leftist" movements, we should know that it is because they are looking for something to which they can commit themselves. Thus, many times they may follow after false prophets and false ideologies because they have not had presented to them the true Gospel as represented by the true beliefs. That is why we have an extraordinary responsibility to be dedicated and to utilize the opportunities that God has given to each one of us to tell his extraordinary message. This is the dedication to the American way of life.

EXTRAORDINARY LIVES

This is the dedication because it recognizes, first of all, that the experience of knowing God and of enjoying God's fellowship is an individual matter. It is not something into which we are born—it is not something which we have inherited—it is not something which we may hire or employ an agent—it is a personal, individual matter. And being so, it represents a great characteristic of America, and that is our belief in the individual, the dignity of the individual and his purpose in life. When we talk about our individual relationship to God, we know that this is a matter that must be conveyed to individuals because it cannot be legis-



THANKS BE TO GOD!

If we are to build America strong and re-dedicate ourselves to the American way of life, we must do so as Christians because of a love of God in our hearts and with earnest prayers to him. (Photo by Harold M. Lambert).

lated, it cannot be ordained by government, but it is something that only can rise out of the hearts and the testimony of men and women.

We must also recognize that we are living in a day when people are in many ways rather cynical about spiritual things. Many want to see proof. They are not content merely to listen to our words. They want to believe, but they must see before they can believe.



Governor Mark O. Hatfield (left), governor of Oregon, and Rev. Clarence H. Walth at the dedication of the Salt Creek Baptist Church building.

This means that we cannot expect to be effective in conveying this great message if our lives do not measure up. We cannot pronounce the Gospel and its great penitence on Sunday if our lives do not measure up on the six other days of the week. We cannot expect our message to be heard and accepted if we are not practicing that of which we speak.

I am sure that some of you have read this before, but I believe it is pertinent to the point. The words run:

"I am my neighbor's Bible. He reads me when we meet. Today he reads me in my home—tomorrow in the street. He may be relative or friend, or slight acquaintance be. He may not even know my name; yet he is reading me."

And the world is reading the Christian today—the professing Christian—and is analyzing whether or not the professing Christian is also a practicing Christian. Our witness is either for or against our Lord. We are witnessing consciously and unconsciously every day of the week, with every contact that we have and with every relationship and association that we experience. We are witnessing either in a negative way or in a positive way. We are being read by our neighbors.

AN EXTRAORDINARY LOVE

We also recognize the call for an extraordinary love. Our lives must be action, but this action must be completely enveloped in God's love. We must realize that to love our fellow man is one of the greatest commandments. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God,



GOVERNOR AND MRS. MARK O. HATFIELD

The governor of Oregon and his wife are both active Christians, giving a living witness to their faith in Christ.

and thy neighbor as thyself." Notice these words tell of God first and man second.

Is it because of the priority of position? Not entirely. God is first because, until we have the love of God in our hearts, we cannot truly exhibit a love of fellow man. Oh, we can have an affection—we can have a fondness—but it can be a very temporary thing, and it can be rather inconsistent. Only when we reach the point where God is within our hearts and in our lives, in the spirit of love, are we able then to truly love our fellow man.

If we are to build America strong and re-dedicate ourselves to the American way of life, we must do so as Christians and because of a love of God in our hearts that we want to express and to share with our fellow man. This is a day for the genuine and not an imitation.

St. Paul said:
"The greatest is love. The most powerful is love. The most attracting, and the most influential characteristic of man is love."

This love can beat the doors down. This is the power and the authority of the Christian that can meet Communism or atheism, or any other "ism"—can meet it at any point, at any time, and find itself in a superior position, because it is of God. I should hope that this church in its dedication and in its life realizes that we have before us so many opportunities to become better, and greater, and more influential. Not for the cause of the Salt Creek Baptist Church—not because we want to please Pastor Walth—not because we feel an obligation to our fellow man—but because we have received, each one of us, a call from God to be his messenger.

As St. Paul further said:

"For the more excellent way, a path will be trod by extraordinary people, because they have come to know God, and they are walking with God."

LIVING BY THE BIBLE

We have before us the Bible, and in gaining strength and a position of responsibility we must have a comprehension of what the Bible teaches. This cannot be done on Sunday alone—this must be a part of daily living—of dwelling in the Word, and of obtaining

substance, strength, and life from the Word. When I speak of the Word, I do not merely mean the literal words of the Bible, but I am speaking of the spirit and relationship to God that comes from studying and meditating in the Bible—and there is a difference!

To illustrate this difference, let me relate a story. Over 50 years ago in Europe there was a priest who encouraged the young boys of his parish to learn Bible verses, and he encouraged them by offering them candy for verses that they learned. He had a particularly bright boy who learned not only verses, but he learned all four gospels. On one occasion, he stood and recited from memory each and every one of the four gospels without stopping.

That boy grew up to be a man, and he can still quote the Scripture and the Bible, but I am sure he does it now in a spirit of sacrilege, because the boy grew up to become known and feared as Nikita Khrushchev. I believe this exemplifies that we can read words, but that the Bible is more than a matter of words—it is the spirit and the truth of God's speaking to us, if we are in right relationship to him.

PRAYER WITH POWER

We also have the weapon and the instrument of prayer. No church, no individual, can grow, be influential and contribute to the cause and to the strength of America without prayer. It cannot be a matter of prayer reserved only for special occasions, but it must be a matter of prayer of the daily spirit. It cannot be only the brassy rattling of words, but it must be a growing of

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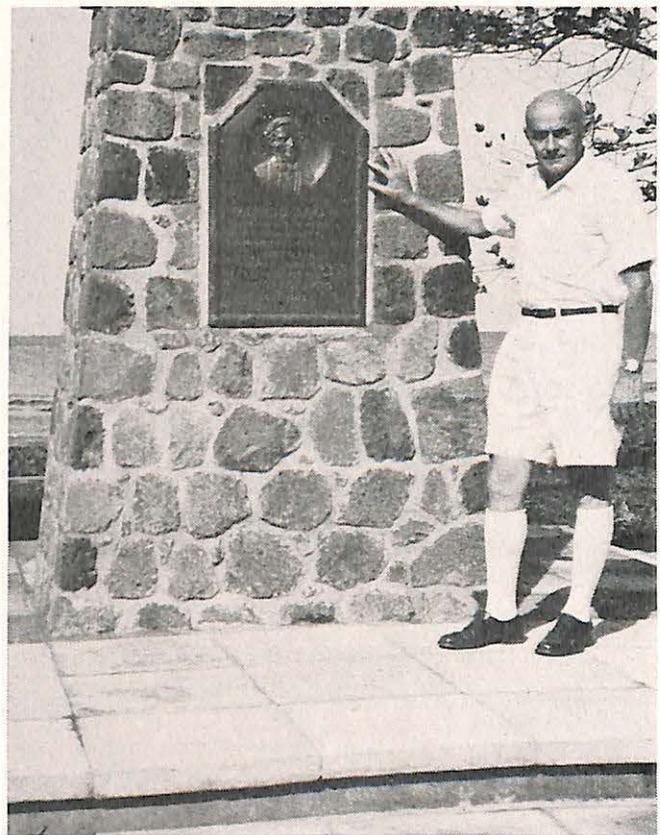
GOVERNOR HATFIELD AT THE SALT CREEK CHURCH

The Honorable Mark O. Hatfield delivers the dedication message, "The American Way of Life," at the dedication of the new building of the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon.

*Paul and Clare Gebauer together
have trekked the Cameroon trails
of Africa for over 55 years*

MORE THAN CONQUERORS!

A Tribute to the Gebauers by **Laura E. Reddig**,
Missionary-nurse, who has been their close friend
and co-laborer since 1937.



Dr. Paul Gebauer at the monument honoring Alfred Saker, pioneer Baptist missionary and founder of the city of Victoria, Africa.

IN EVERY newly independent nation of this vast continent of Africa, there are certain individuals, either Africans or foreigners, whose lives have played a vital part in bringing about the awakening and progress which resulted in this national self-determination. There are some whose influence may affect only one phase of progress. There are others whose dynamic living and faith touched almost every phase of life of the people among whom they worked.

MANY YEARS OF SERVICE

Very high on the list in West Cameroon will certainly be found the names of Paul and Clare Gebauer. Theirs was the privilege of laying foundations of change and awakening affecting all of life . . . mental, social, physical, economic and spiritual. The momentum of the Gebauer influence will long continue. As missionaries, they trekked under the banner of the Cross and to the tune of "We are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us." (Romans 8:38).

Adding their collective years together, Paul and Clare Gebauer have trekked the Cameroon Trails for over 55 years! (Paved roads are a very recent addition.) Many of the areas through which they rode, hiked, waded or climbed in their early years were not even on maps. The Gebauers made

their own. They were the first white people in dozens of grassland villages in the Cameroon. Their influence was such that the doors have remained wide open to welcome the Good News



FATHER AND SON!

Paul Gebauer with his little "Butchie Boy" (Walter) on Oct. 1, 1948.

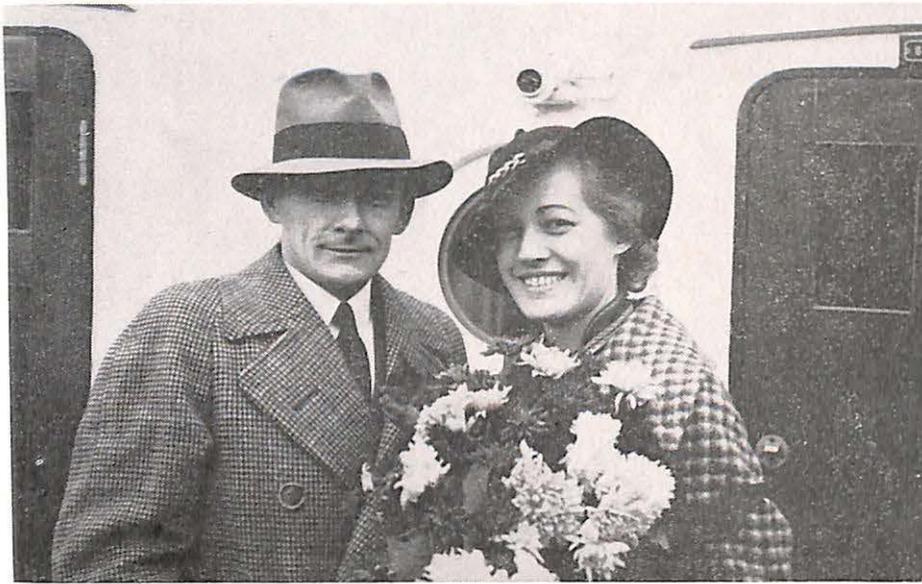
of Jesus Christ, of which Paul and Clare were messengers.

God called me to Africa through a letter written in 1937 by Missionary Paul Gebauer to Dr. William Kuhn, the General Mission Secretary at that time. "Send us another couple and a nurse for our new Mambila field." Following my appointment, there arrived a lengthy epistle from the Gebauers. It contained detailed instructions and the first missionary equipment list for the Cameroons.

"You are coming to a beautiful country. There is plenty of hard work ahead, which requires faith, courage and steadfastness. Be sure it is God who called you to Africa, for only he can supply all these needs. Clare and I welcome you and will share with you the burdens and blessings of this land and its people."

FIRST LESSONS IN AFRICA

For the past ten and even fifteen years, missionary appointees to the Cameroons usually met and discussed mission work with missionaries home on furlough. Such was not my privilege, and I waited until disembarking from the banana boat at Tiko, Cameroons, before meeting the Gebauers. Because of my red blouse and my half-red surname, I was renamed "Red" before getting off the ship. (With the



"THE YOUNG COUPLE" BOUND FOR AFRICA!

Paul and Clare Gebauer on board an ocean liner in 1935 bound for Europe and for the mission field in Africa soon after their marriage on Sept. 19, 1935.

arrival of more missionaries, I again became Laura.)

Clare taught me the first Cameroons Pidgin English as our lorry crept "softly-softly" through moonlight-drenched banana plantations to the mission house at Soppo. Only later did I hear of their month-long trek through heavy rains and swollen rivers so that they could escort me safely into Mbem.

In the three weeks at the coast, registering with immigration and government officials, meeting other mission leaders, arranging boat and train passage, clearing through Douala customs (French), I realized that the Gebauers knew their way around that part of Africa. They were welcomed alike by British, Germans and Africans. Their bountiful collection of incidents and interesting sidelights of history of people, places and events was generously and constantly shared to help orient the new missionary to the complexities of the simple life in Africa.

"Keep your eyes and ears open. Ask questions. Don't forget to take your quinine. You have to keep yourself well; no one else will."

GEBAUER SLOGANS

Arriving at Mbem, some 325 miles from the coast, the Gebauers introduced me to the other three of our six-power mission family: George and Louise Dunger and Nurse Edith Koppin. I saw how beautifully a home could be furnished with locally made bamboo furniture which Clare designed. From somewhere in her travels and treks, Clare had brought roses, poinsettias and flaming cannas to her new home. These made colorful splashes against the crew-cut green grass. The red paths leading to the

various buildings were outlined in citronella grass. The result was an attractive station, well-planned, and built with very few mission dollars.

When building materials were not available, they made their own. "Train others" has always been a Gebauer slogan. Mbem bustled with activity as an assortment of people from all over learned the magic of "books" and mastered some crafts or trade. Christians from villages throughout the then-called Kaka were station laborers all morning, and then attended adult classes all afternoon. Their four shilling monthly salary could buy more cloth and food at that time than five



THE GEBAUER'S GRASSLAND "PALACE"

The first "home" for the missionaries, Paul and Clare Gebauer, at Mbem in the Grasslands of the Cameroons, Africa.

times that amount does now.

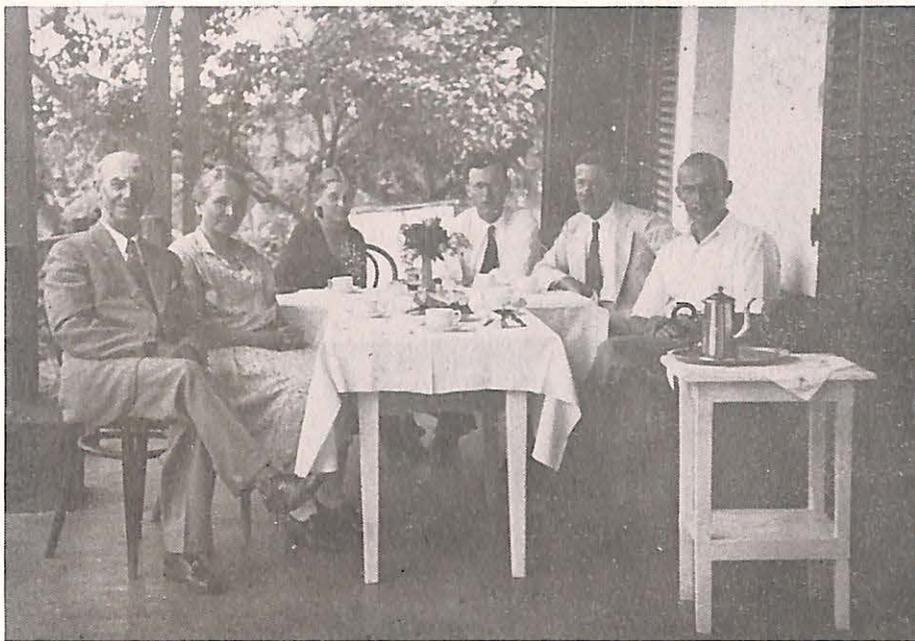
When it was "impossible" for the Education Officer to visit remote Mbem, Clare went ahead and opened her first school. From that early class of boys came one who became a teacher, then a pastor and then a member of the Cameroons House of Assembly: Rev. David Y. Nyanganji. Many men from Clare's first adult class are still active church teachers, masons, carpenters or Christian workers in Baptist churches.

INDIGENOUS CHURCHES

Long before the word "indigenous" was used in missionary conversation, Paul Gebauer worked hard to help the young churches stand on their own feet. "It is better to let them preach, though imperfectly, than for us to do it. Give them every chance to develop their abilities. They will always be here, we will not."

It was a great day when the first Baptist pastor was ordained, (there are almost 30 today!), and when the Baptists organized the Cameroons Baptist Convention. God has richly rewarded the faith which Paul and Clare had in the Cameroonians whom God touched!

Sunday schools and women's work were always dear to Clare's heart. This interest has fostered hundreds of Sunday schools with thousands of pupils, and over a hundred organized Baptist Women's Meetings which have their own convention delegates and officers. One of the first converts in Gebauer's first year at Mbem (who also attended the adult classes) is Elizabeth Bubiya, who is now the president of the Cameroons Baptist Women's Union.



A VISIT WITH THE BENDERS

In April 1933 Rev. Paul Gebauer (right) and Rev. Adolf Orthner (next to him) visit with Rev. and Mrs. Carl J. Bender (left) on the veranda of their home in Soppo, Cameroons.

PAUL'S FAVORITE EXAMPLE

The Apostle Paul is Paul Gebauer's favorite example, not only in speech quotes, but in missionary methods and strategy. All our missionaries were required to read a heart-searching book entitled, "Missionary Methods; Paul's or Ours." Getting into strategic centers was a technique taken directly from the book of Acts and Paul's letters to the churches. All of our Cameroons mission stations are at important population centers.

Some would describe the Gebauers' vision in missionary work as "the far eye." Long before many missionaries could grasp his point, he already had the next step in mind. Sometimes we may have felt that he was rushing things, but the years have proven only

that he felt an urgency about the Lord's work which few of us have grasped to the same extent.

Compare, if you can, the machinery and organizations of the six-power missionary outreach of 1940 to that of the 1962 strength of 53 missionaries! And think of all that is involved in expanding the number of mission stations from the two of 1940 to our present twelve! Imagine the building plans, collecting materials, transporting supplies, supervising building and craftsmen, getting funds and planning for the years ahead.

An impossible assignment? Yes! We are grateful, Paul and Clare, that God placed you here "for such a time as this." Each station bears something of the "Baptist mark" which describes

the half-yellow and half-red brick walls of the mission buildings. Yes, Paul and Clare, you have been good stewards and good builders!

A STERN PERFECTIONIST

In many ways Paul is a perfectionist. Perhaps that is why he was able to accomplish so much. He could not abide any carelessness in the work, talk or even attire of the missionaries. Through his F. S. letters (for Field Superintendent), he often reminded us that we are ambassadors for Christ. Living on a missionary salary with his family, Paul knew how to economize.

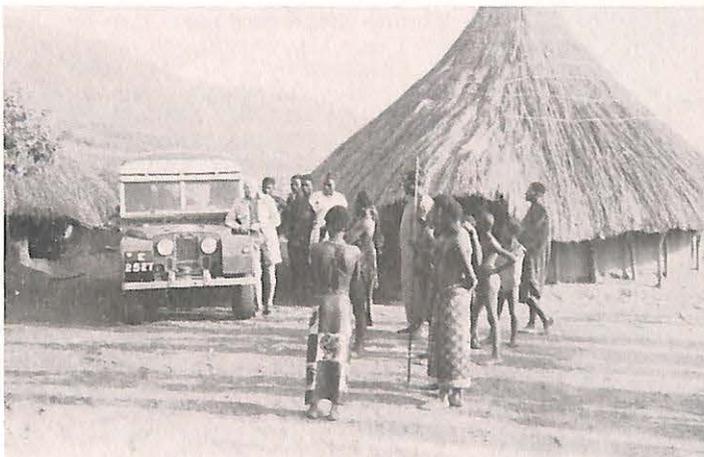
This economy and discipline influenced other phases of life. He would never write a one-page letter when one paragraph or even three words would suffice. His many and informative articles and reports from the mission fields throughout all these years would make a terrific book!

Both Paul and Clare are ardent readers. Their home contained the best of books and magazines. Their interests in anthropology and art brought them in contact with interesting people from all over the world. Their collection of African books: biographies, history, anthropology, art, buildings and endless subjects, should be a priceless treasure. Should any one wish to relax with a "Whodunnit," they'd never find one at the Gebauers!

News was not only to be read or heard, but to be remembered. With keen memories, the Gebauers would lift incidents and choice bits of news out of the past to illuminate their conversations of today. Whatever subject anyone brought up, you could be sure the Gebauers would direct it to a stimulating and informative conversation.

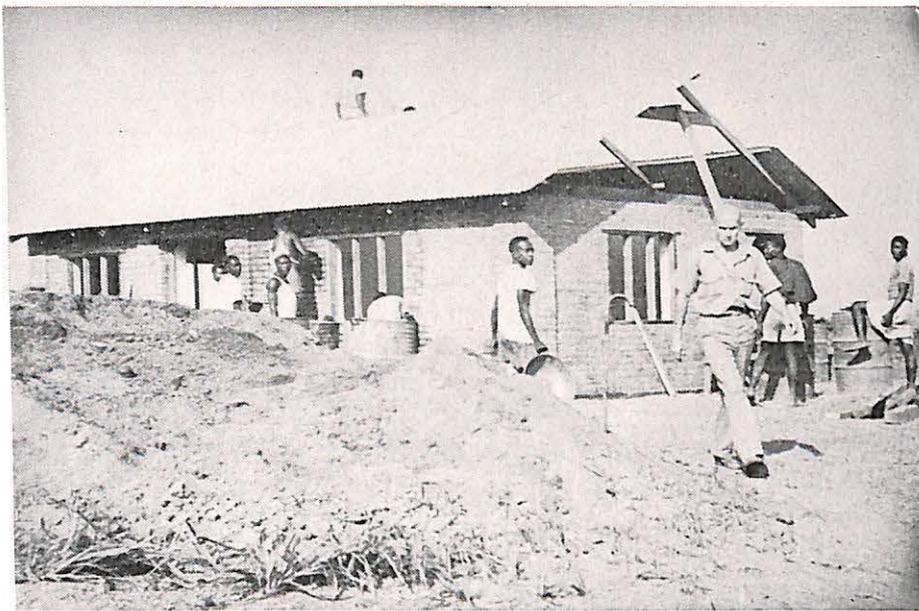
"MASSA AND MISSUS" GEBAUER

The learned and illiterate alike, chiefs and "small boys," laborers or



A MISSIONARY SAFARI IN AFRICA

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer visit some of the outlying stations and primitive areas of the Cameroons, Africa traveling in the Land Rover over the rugged country.



THE MISSIONARIES' HOUSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

This is the first publication of this picture showing the corrugated iron roof being placed on the Gebauer's new home at Bamenda. Dr. Paul Gebauer (foreground) is busily engaged in the building project.

specialists, government officials or farmers, all found in Paul and Clare friends whose judgment they could trust. Some people said that "Gebauer thinks more like an African than most Africans do." "Get-power," "Give-Power" were names by which "Massa and Missus" Gebauer were known.

Some felt that there just wasn't anything that Paul Gebauer didn't know or couldn't do. Little wonder then that Her Majesty's government recommended to Queen Elizabeth that he be made an officer of the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.), an honor usually reserved to British citizens.

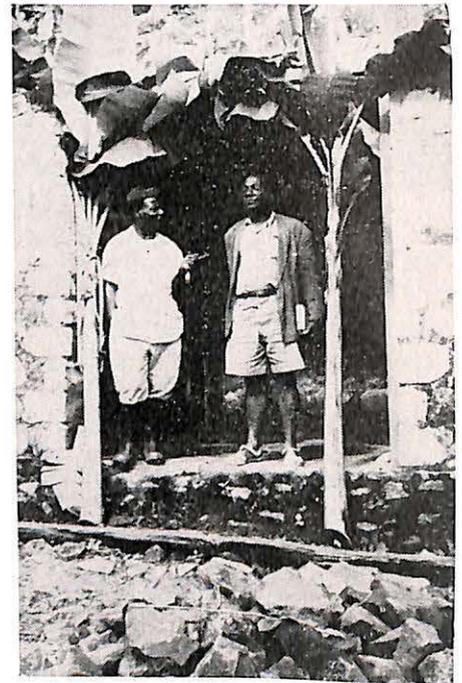
By their own examples, the Ge-

bauers tried to show us that any talent or interest could and should be cultivated and used in God's work. At one of our Annual Missionary Conferences, after an evening of viewing each other's colored slides, Paul Gebauer brought out his masterpieces. He showed what can be done with a little know-how and using our eyes. Wasting film on an inferior shot was poor business for missionaries who had neither time or money to waste.

TODAY'S GREATNESS OF MISSION FIELD

The "train others" policy of the Gebauers has paid great dividends.

Our own Baptist Bible Training Center at Ndu is training an increasing number of qualified men to serve in the 310 Baptist churches and among the 18,000 Baptist Christians of the Cameroons. Our own Baptist Teachers' Training College is now training 210 men and women to become teachers and headmasters of our 100 Baptist Christian Day Schools with their 10,022 pupils. Our mission has a half-share in the Bali Secondary School, known as Cameroons Protestant College, and we have our own Girls' Secondary School at Victoria. Our Midwives Training School at Banso will soon share the hospital and staff with our Baptist Nurses Training School,



Evangelist Simon Sing (right), one of the early members of the Wombong Church, chats with Field Pastor Philip Nshing (left) at the church entrance. The banana stems at the doorway were part of the decorations for a united women's meeting.



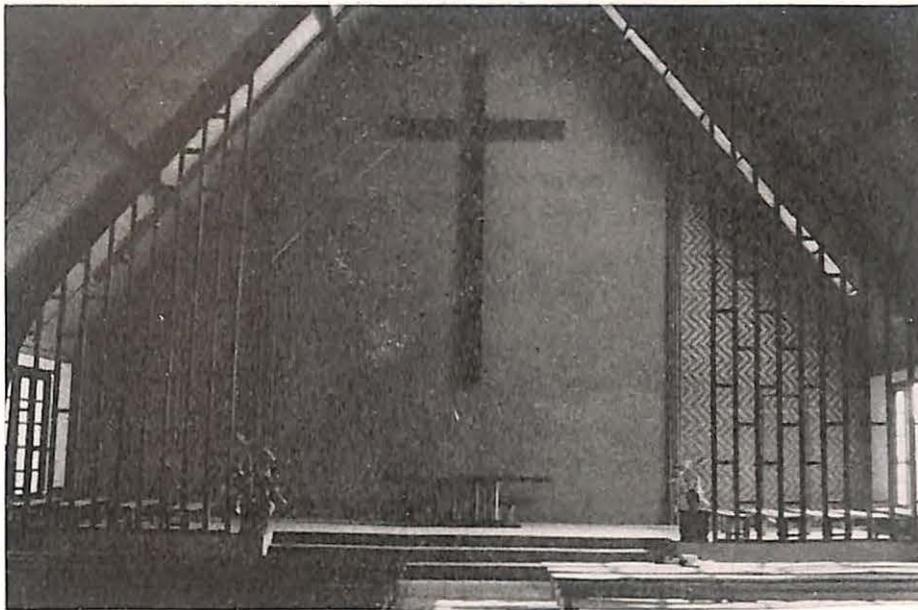
BEAUTY IN THE GEBAUER HOME

A native print makes an attractive wall hanging in the African home of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer.

the first mission to train its own nurses in the Cameroons.

Every part of this vast program of training Cameroons youth, has had the prayerful and encouraging support of the Gebauers. Cameroons Baptists are being trained to become Christian leaders of this new nation and for the Africa of tomorrow.

Now Paul and Clare Gebauer are making "a stop by the side of the road." I'm glad that in their personal letter to the entire denomination, they wrote that they will again take up their loads and trek when and where God can use them. You have trekked and led wisely. Your devotion to God and Christ's Kingdom, your interest and love for the people among whom you have worked for so many years,



INTERIOR OF BAMENDA CHURCH

Looking towards the front in the Bamenda Baptist Church, Africa. This church building was largely designed by Mrs. Paul Gebauer. The Cross is black against a background of terra-cotta red.

THE POSTAGE STAMP LESSON

There was a little postage stamp
No bigger than your thumb;
But still it stuck right to the job
Until its work was done.

They licked it and they pounded it
'Til it would make you sick;
And the more it took a lickin'
The better it would stick.

Let's all be like the postage stamp
In playing life's rough game;
And just keep on a-stickin'
Though we hang our heads in shame.

The stamp stuck to the letter
'Til it saw it safely through;
There's no one can do better;
Let's keep sticking and be true.

OUR BAPTISMAL PACT

By Grace L. Voll
of North Freedom, Wisconsin

This act confirms our pledge, or pact,
With these three mightiest Helpers
known,
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Who long to save our hearts of stone,
And condescend . . . O glorious fact! . . .
To seal our soul's adoption scroll
With Christ's own sacrificial blood,
Which grants them power for our
control.

We then are heirs . . . so states their
will . . .
Heaven's every power to call our own,
So long as we content abide
Neath jurisdiction of their Throne.
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your own lives have inspired us all. The standards you have set for yourselves and for us are high, but we too must be "more than conquerors through Christ."

Hardly a day passes but that someone asks: "Where are the Gebauers?" "When are they returning?" "A wonderful man!" "Very fine people." "God's workmen."

WHERE ARE NEW MISSIONARIES?

The very same "Baptist Herald" which carried the tribute to Paul and Clare Gebauer, disclosed a challenging and heart-searching report from our General Missionary Secretary, Dr. Richard Schilke. "The requests for more missionaries far outnumber the volunteers." His file for missionary applicants is almost bare! Funds for the natural mission growth are not available from our churches. Are there no more young people today who will take up the challenge of the Cross of Christ in mission fields throughout the world? Who will volunteer to take the place of Paul and Clare Gebauer? And what about the other many missionaries needed so urgently in the Cameroons, in Japan, in the Spanish work and Indian work in North America?

"New Frontiers" are not only in America, but everywhere there are souls lost in sin who need Christ's message of hope and forgiveness. How long will these doors be open for free men, redeemed by Christ, to enter in and with faithful trust and obedience to take up the cross, marching under Christ's banner, unafraid, courageous? Will you be ready to say with the

Apostle Paul and with Missionaries Paul and Clare Gebauer: "We are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us."

SERMONS AT A GLANCE

Satan has many wiles. His favorite is "Wait a while."

"I have known ninety-five great men of the world in my time and of these eighty-seven were followers of the Bible."
—Gladstone



FAREWELL TO THE GEBAUERS!

African chiefs and dignitaries gather at Bamenda, Federal Republic of Cameroon, in 1961 to bid "a last, fond farewell" to Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer.

The thrilling story of Rev. Emmanuel Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., and of a half century of service for Christ and our churches in the Dakota Conference

50 Years of Pioneering and Preaching in the Dakotas

By Dr. M. L. Leuschner,
Editor of English Publications



Rev. Emmanuel Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak. has driven some 11,000 miles a year since 1913, and at 85 years of age had just returned from a 4500 mile point to the Pacific Coast. (Photo by the Bismarck Tribune).

OUR NORTH AMERICAN Baptist ministers are "watch towers of God," adding luster to the Gospel which they proclaim and honor to the denomination which they serve. But no one living today in our fellowship has set as many unique records as Rev. Emmanuel Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak. For 50 years he has served churches in only one conference—THE DAKOTA—in which he was ordained at Washburn, N. D., in 1913. After 50 years of faithful preaching, he is still

active today supplying some pulpit almost every Sunday. At 86 years of age, he still travels alone by car thousands of miles across the continent, from church to church, and in a busy visitation ministry. He is a rugged pioneer who still loves exciting adventure, hard work and opportunities to preach in the service for Christ!

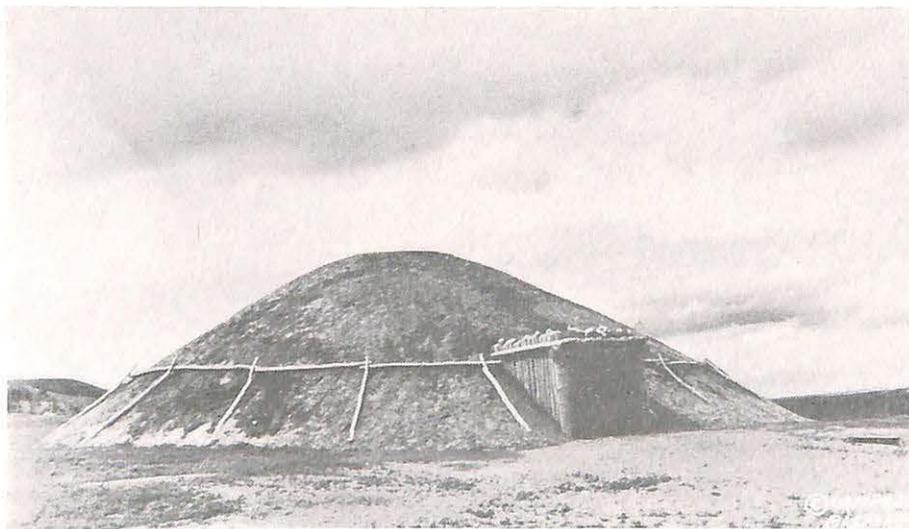
Brother Broeckel can unravel thrilling yarns about the pioneers days and Indians in the Dakota territory and about his life. The excitement in his

life has never been abated. On the day when I interviewed him, "The Bismarck Tribune," a newspaper read by tens of thousands of people in this area, published a feature article about him completing a 4,500 mile trip to the Pacific Coast. The mailman brought a package of worn out watches to be repaired by him. In response to my question as to the number of watches on which he had been working, he replied: "Oh, over 10,000 watches, not including electric clocks and alarm clocks!" He is a North Dakota licensed watchmaker, but he does this work only as time permits. In the same mail he received three urgent requests from churches to come and preach for them.

ALL GLORY TO CHRIST!

But Brother Broeckel was adamant that this story should only glorify Christ, his Savior. This preacher's hardships, his successes, his visionary dreams, his amazing achievements during the past 50 years of his Christian ministry—all of these have been made possible *only by the matchless grace of God and the unerring guiding spirit of his Christ. "To HIM be all glory!"*

He was born in South Russia in the Christian colony called Paulsthal on Oct. 18, 1876. Four years later in 1880 the family emigrated to the United States and landed at Yankton in the Dakota Territory. From there they traveled by horse and wagon to the Plum Creek area, 70 miles away, for their homestead.



INDIAN MOUNDS NEAR BISMARCK

Indian mounds can still be seen at Old Fort Lincoln near Mandan and Bismarck, N. Dak., reminding the visitor that much of the Dakotas was "Indian country" not many years ago.

RUGGED PIONEER DAYS

It was a meager, hard beginning. His father had only \$10.00 in money and a family of six children. The new settlers lived in a sod house of two rooms—kitchen and living room. For several months the Broeckel family lived only on flour and water and a little salt. His father bought a cow. But before a barn or shelter could be provided, winter overtook them and the cow had to winter with the family in the kitchen. But when she became "fresh," the family had milk. That was quite a relief. So, as time went on, the circumstances of life gradually improved.

Brother Broeckel's father was influential in the founding of the Plum Creek Baptist Church (now near Emery, S. Dak.) in 1883. That group did not have a minister, no musical instruments, not even song books. But they had God's Word from which they read together. If someone had a song, it was copied and sung as best they could. Tears were shed and prayers were offered. God's Presence was wonderfully near. Then they traveled home over the many miles, happy and at peace with their Lord, going on foot or by ox cart or even on the strange "stone boats," which were used to transport the stones and boulders from the fields to a large rock pile.

The Broeckel sod house had no table at first. His father secured a store box and fixed it into a little table. His mother ripped a grain sack open and spread it out on the floor. The large



THE PIONEER FAMILY

The imposing statue honoring "The Pioneer Family" that stands on the grounds of the North Dakota Capitol at Bismarck, North Dakota.

bowl of soup was placed in the center of the table and the spoon passed from one to the other in the family with the children dipping into the delicious soup with this one spoon. Brother Broeckel states that he and his brother ate from the same plate (from opposite sides of the plate) until he

was 12 years of age.

"JESUS AND ME!"

At 15 years of age (May 15, 1892) while harrowing corn in the field, he experienced the Lord working in his heart. He knelt down to pray, and Christ came into his life. He brought his testimony to his family and asked to be baptized on Pentecost Sunday in June. His mother remonstrated with him: "But Emmanuel, no one heard your prayer and possibly no one will believe you!"

"But, mother," the boy said, "I know two who do believe me." "Well, who are they?" she replied. Joyfully, the 15 year old boy exclaimed: "Jesus and me!" He was baptized and became a member of the Plum Creek Baptist Church.

At 17 years of age, young Broeckel attended the wedding of Rev. Peter Wedel and the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. August Liebig before their departure for the Kamerun mission field in Africa. This made a tremendous impression on him. He felt called of God to go as a minister. But being timid, he did not know how to make his call known to others. So he became a business man—at least for a time.

In the Dakota Territory, schools were very primitive. But young Emmanuel had an open mind and read a great deal. There were friends who wanted to help him get a college education, but his father could not consent to such loans to be made for his son's education. The boy did the best that he could and learned readily.

At 21 years of age (1897), he took a homestead of 160 acres near Eureka,



REV. AND MRS. EMMANUEL BROECKEL

A splendid photographic study of Rev. and Mrs. Emmanuel Broeckel of some years ago. They reared a family of 11 children, 9 of whom are still living. Mrs. Broeckel passed away in 1949.



BAPTISM IN THE DAKOTAS, 1918

A typical scene in the Dakotas where hundreds of cars and buggies were parked in the rolling prairies for an out-of-door baptismal service. This one was held at Lehr, N. Dak., in June 1918 when 57 converts were baptized.

S. Dak., lived with people there and taught school. Soon thereafter the store men of Eureka were after him to secure his services. Eureka was called at that time "the largest wheat market in the world" with 28 warehouses where grain was bought. The railroad ran an excursion all the way from Chicago to the wheat center at Eureka.

WHEAT MARKET AT EUREKA

Here in this town at the Farmers Store — Doering Brothers, young Broeckel served as store clerk for \$325.00 a year and "board yourself." He slept in the store and worked hard for the next year. He also attended the services of the Baptist church faithfully.

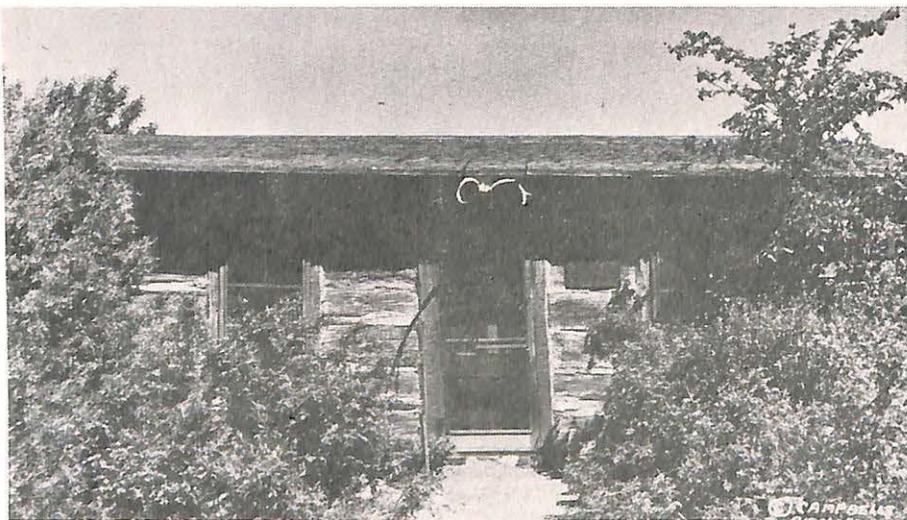
At this time Emmanuel had a vision (he insisted it was not a dream) that came rather unexpectedly in his life and determined his most important decisions. He saw a young woman in

this vision with clear complexion, lovely facial features and wearing a colorful dress. "This will be your helpmeet for life!"

But who is she? Then began a series of strange developments. At a young people's meeting at a home, he saw and recognized this girl. "That's my girl!" he said. He learned that she was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. L. Wiesle. Later at a baptismal service he saw her again. He had gone by bicycle 18 miles to this service that morning. He had left his coat with the Hubers in their wagon and had to get it after the baptismal service. Then he was invited to supper and held his first conversation with Frieda Wiesle. They were married on Jan. 23, 1900. "I saw you before I met you," he told his wife after their marriage!

EARLY FOUNDER OF HERREID

The young couple made their home on the homestead and operated a



HISTORIC LOG CABIN AT BISMARCK

The original log cabin that belonged to Theodore Roosevelt can now be seen on the capital grounds at Bismarck, N. Dak. It is somewhat typical of the log cabins built by the early settlers and pioneers in the Dakota Territory.

country store in their house. But changes were occurring fast. Mr. Broeckel and four others decided to open a larger business in Herreid where he was hired to run the business. His family lived 14 miles away until they came into the little town.

Actually, Mr. Broeckel was one of the early founders of Herreid, S. Dak., and the first man to operate a business there. He had his ups and downs in the pioneer experiences in the town. He started a furniture store of his own and was undertaker for the community. He learned the practice of embalming. He was the town's postmaster. He served as Justice of the Peace and ran the telephone system. By this time the Broeckels had a family of five children.

The Baptist church of Herreid held some of its first services in the Broeckel home. Two families with three children of about three years and another child from the neighbors made up the first Sunday school. Mr. Broeckel had 960 acres of land, a place of business and no debts. The year was 1910!

Then the Lord appeared again to Emmanuel Broeckel in another vision. "I want you! I have need of you!" To which he answered audibly, "Yes, Lord!" The call to the Christian ministry had come to this young business man.

CALL TO THE MINISTRY

Later that evening, his wife told him about her visit with some friends during the day. He said to her, "But I must tell you about something that has happened today to me." She replied quickly: "Nothing doing!" "But I have not yet told you what has happened," the young man said. "I know," she said, "you are going into the ministry!" She tried to dissuade him from his decision since she felt that she would not make a good minister's wife. The young husband showed his wife the passage from Luke 14:23 which the Lord had opened to him and said no more.

A day later, at meal time, their baby who was just a little more than one year old and had never spoken, suddenly uttered these words: "We will not always live at this house. We will live in another house. There will be a sidewalk from the house to the church. And papa will preach!"

This was a startling event! The other children in great excitement said: "Baby spoke! Baby spoke!" From this time his wife did not protest any more and said: "We will go through hard times, for it will take much money with this family of five children."

Brother Brockel, like a hopeful student, was optimistic. He did not know the deep waters or difficulties that lay ahead. Wasn't he worth \$15,000 with thousands of dollars still to his credit? He wrote to Professors Gubelman, Ramaker and Kaiser and in June 1910 left for Rochester, N. Y., to

secure housing for his family. He sold his business on time and decided to take the four year course in three years at the Seminary.

STUDENT DAYS IN ROCHESTER

The Broeckel family lived on Foster Avenue, three miles from the Seminary. The 34 year old student walked to school, sometimes three and four times a day. Soon a great drought set in the Dakotas with resultant crop failures. There was no money forthcoming. The man who had bought the business in Herreid turned it over to his sons, and they were not very successful. Broeckel had mortgages of \$15,000, but no cash on hand. His family was facing dark days. His wife said dismally: "This is what I expected!"

But God had another answer to his problems. Again a voice spoke to Brother Brockel while he was in his study in his Rochester home. It was so plain that he called his wife and asked her to put a mark on the calendar for that day. Three days later a letter came from his mother in the Dakotas stating that in a vision a man had awakened her, telling her that the children needed help. She made her husband get out of bed at three o'clock in the morning, go to the banker's house at that early hour and ask him to go to the bank and make out a bank draft for \$200.00. This money was mailed to the Brockels in the early morning hour on that date marked on the calendar in the hallway. God had sent his ravens to feed them!

In the summer of 1912 he served as student pastor in Washburn, N. Dak.



75th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY, TYNDALL, S. DAK.

Rev. Emmanuel Broeckel (4th from left) participated in the 75th anniversary program of the Baptist Church at Tyndall, S. Dak., where he served as pastor from 1937 to 1942. Dr. F. H. Woyke (right) was the guest speaker. The pastor of the Tyndall Church at the time was Rev. Walter Stein (third from right).

He brought his family back to Herreid. Then he returned alone to Rochester in the fall of 1912 for his last year at the Seminary.

But shortly before the Christmas vacation, he received a letter from his mother informing him that his wife was seriously ill with double pneumonia. "The doctor states that only a miracle of God can save her." Again God an-

swered the prayers of this hard hit Seminary student. His wife's condition improved, but she was still far from well. Funds were still painfully low.

FIRST CHURCH IN WASHBURN, N. D.

So the decision was made by Seminary professors and the student for him to discontinue his studies a few months before graduation. The Baptist church at Washburn, N. Dak., heard of this and renewed a call that they had extended to the student the previous summer. He accepted and in February 1913 began his ministry in Washburn, N. Dak. On April 2, 1913, 50 years ago, he was ordained into the Christian ministry by the Washburn church.

How different were those times 50 years ago! The family of seven children and the parents had to live on \$800 a year. There was no church building in Washburn at the time. A new church was erected in 1913 for \$4,500, and was dedicated debt free! He became a circuit rider, traveling on his 100 mile circuit in some church areas to serve as many as five various stations.

In July 1913 he bought his Model T Ford. This became a sensation in the town. There were no highways at the time and no bridges over many of the creeks. The young preacher helped out as farm hand in harvesting the crops. He worked in his spare time in the Eureka, S. Dak. garage. He preached with overflowing joy and fervency the unsearchable riches of God's grace.

Then World War I broke loose. Hatred for the Germans swept over the land like waves of a tidal flood. The



CORNER STONE LAYING EXERCISES, BISMARCK HOME

Rev. Emmanuel Broeckel (right, front row) was one of many North and South Dakota ministers who were deeply interested in the new Home for the Aged at Bismarck, N. Dak. He was present for the corner stone laying exercises in 1948.

Baptist preacher was told that German was forbidden by the governor of South Dakota at all worship services. He was visited by members of the Council of Defense and representatives of the governor's office. Compromises were suggested to no avail. The German Baptist preacher stood his ground that he would preach to his people in the only language they could understand!

HATRED DURING WORLD WAR I

At another time a Loyalty Day was held in Washburn to show up the Baptist preacher and to force him to change his tactics. The auditorium could only hold half of the people who wanted to get in. There were high commissioned military officers on the platform, besides several lawyers, ministers and town leaders. Then the speakers cut loose: "Get rid of the Huns! The sooner we get rid of this German element, the better for our country."

Then suddenly the chairman of the meeting called out: "Is Mr. Broeckel in the crowd?" He held up his hand, picked up his coat and hat, and went forward to the platform. He stated to the crowd: "You do not need another speaker. Do you know why I was called? (He repeated that at least ten times). I'll tell you why! In this crisis I am to declare myself as a good citizen of the country." He reaffirmed his loyalty and love to his country. "Now these stars and stripes which I love, if you value your liberty, which has been bought with blood, you'll not want to trample this flag under foot in mud and blood again!" Then he sat down.

Everything was quiet and death-



50th ANNIVERSARY, DAKOTA CONFERENCE IN 1958

Rev. Emmanuel Broeckel (behind the pulpit) was one of the speakers at the 50th Jubilee Service in 1958 of the Dakota Conference held in the out-of-doors at the Johannesthal Church near Ashley, N. Dak., where the first conference sessions convened in 1908.

ly still! The military officer got up and explained what it means to be in the military service of the country—to prevent bloodshed! And he praised the Baptist preacher for his stirring message. Even Brother Broeckel's enemies had to admit this that he had established himself in the community as a good citizen and a respected minister of the Gospel.

In Washburn, N. Dak. (1913 to 1917), a great awakening broke out north of

the town. He had to deal with Seventh Day Adventists and Pentecostals. Often his messages were interrupted by questioners. In Eureka, S. Dak. (1917 to 1919), he served the five stations of Artas, Greenway, Weisenburger, Arena Valley and Long Lake. From 1919 to 1921 he was pastor at Goodrich, N. Dak. Then he went back to Washburn, N. Dak. (1921 to 1923), and baptized 64 converts during those few years. He served our church in Turtle Lake in North Dakota (1923 to 1931) and saw it become a strong, self-supporting, missionary minded church. From 1931 to 1937 he was pastor of the Tyndall and Danzig churches in South Dakota and from 1937 to 1942 he served the Ebenezer Church and its stations at Lehr, N. Dak.

ALWAYS BUSY FOR CHRIST

He announced his retirement in 1942, but he was persuaded to spend eight months of a very difficult and frustrating interim pastorate in American Falls, Idaho. He organized the church at Paul, Idaho. He suffered a heart attack there and returned to the Dakotas, his first love.

He has been exceedingly busy since then in many interim pastorates such as: Venturia, Ashley, Goodrich, Hebron, New Leipzig, Mott, Bethel Station near Turtle Lake, etc. He has spoken from the pulpit of almost every North American Baptist church in North Dakota and has been a frequent speaker at Association and Conference meetings. His wife passed away in 1949. Nine of his eleven children are still living today.

"The ministry is my life," Brother
(Continued on page 60)



REV. E. BROECKEL AT HIS BISMARCK HOME

From the windows of his modest but attractive home, Rev. E. Broeckel can look out upon the state's capitol building and adjoining grounds and can enjoy a panoramic view over the city of Bismarck, N. Dak.

About 2400 young people
are on the four
university campuses in Tsu

The Tsu Christian Center in Japan

By Rev. Edwin C. Kern,
Missionary in Tsu, Japan



Many Japanese people, even with their traditional love of beauty, claim that they do not need God and are quite self-sufficient.

THE CITY OF Tsu, Japan, with its population of about 111,000 people, has unlimited opportunities for evangelism. Most of the people are engaged in private business; some commute to larger industrial cities for work; others teach in the schools and universities; and about 2,400 young people are attending the four universities in Tsu, Japan.

The area around Tsu is rural with many little villages. There are approximately 10 villages within a ten minute car ride from the city center. Thus, opportunities for village evangelism around Tsu are unlimited.

AN EDUCATIONAL CENTER

Tsu is not a commercial or industrial city but is the home of the Mie Prefectural Office. (There are 66 prefectures in Japan, each having its own government like a state or province in United States or Canada.) Since it is the Prefectural Office, many well trained political and governmental leaders live in Tsu. Plans are underway to finish the new eight-story prefectural building by 1964.

Tsu is also the educational center for Mie Prefecture. There are four university campuses and one Junior College. The four university campuses include a Fisheries School, an Agricul-

tural School, Educational School, and a Medical School.

The area in which we are doing evangelism is called Otobe Machi (vil-



SATOSHI YAMAMOTO

Mr. Yamamoto is a first year student at the Osaka Biblical Seminary. He comes to assist in Sunday school, worship services and visitation at the Tsu Christian Center during the weekends.

lage). Otobe Machi is located near the ocean. During World War II, most of the buildings were bombed and destroyed by fire. Most of the buildings have been rebuilt. There are about 1200 homes occupied by the salaried men, the common laborers and private businessmen (such as the shop-keepers). A small area of Otobe Machi has a long reputation for its inns, night entertainment places, and low class "Geisha" girls.

DEDICATION OF CENTER

In the spring of 1961 land in another area for a missionary residence was purchased. This plot of land is located on the top of a hill overlooking the ocean as well as some mountains and a little pond. This is a new residential area for about 300 homes. The new missionary residence was constructed and on July 9, 1962 a dedication service was held with the missionaries on the field as well as Miss Erna Redlich and Mrs. Emma Meier present.

This was one of the unforgettable experiences in our life. Matthew wrote: "A city set on a hill cannot be hid." The mission house is not a city but it is on a hill and cannot be hid. It is therefore imperative that from this home the blessed light of the Gospel must shine forth.

The missionary outreach in Tsu was



TSU CITY, MIE KEN, JAPAN

A view of Tsu City, Japan, a university center, showing the ocean in the background and the Tsu City Office building in the foreground.

started in the spring of 1959 under the leadership of Miss Florence Miller. Since the spring of 1961 the writer and his family have had charge of the work. At that time the main emphasis was to work with students, but as several became Christians the need for a church home was felt.

This led to the next step in having regular Sunday services and ultimately a prayer meeting and Bible Study hour were added to the church program. Although the main emphasis is still work with students, we have also tried to reach out into the community.

EVANGELISTIC OUTREACH

Our work in Tsu consists of direct evangelism through the Sunday school, young people's work, women's work and the regular Sunday services. The evangelistic outreach in the community has been very slow, but we feel that through our visitation program we have succeeded in making the community conscious of the fact that the Tsu Christian Center is a living group of Christians proclaiming Christ.

Within the past three years very few adults from the community have come to any of our meetings. However, occasionally someone does make that difficult initial step of entering the church door. We are praying that God will help us to understand their hearts in order that we might reach them for Christ.

In talking to older people concerning Christ and his great sacrifice for their sins, their reaction usually is quite neutral. Seemingly, they are not opposed to Christianity, and for that matter they are not particularly op-

posed to any religion. Most of the people are of the opinion that all religions have some merit. Because of the pantheistic system of belief in a god for every part of creation as well as sustenance and salvation from something (not from sin), they do not think in terms of the Living God as Creator and Savior from sin.

When speaking to some of the people concerning their relation to their Creator, they invariably conclude that

Christ and Buddha are the same. Their works are the same; they teach concerning the same heaven and the destiny of man is the same. But when they are faced with the fact that Jesus Christ is the only Begotten Son of God, they must admit that there is a difference between Christ and Buddha. They agree that Buddha was never born of God, neither was he sent by God.

BLESSINGS OF CHILDREN'S WORK

Then, too, some people claim they do not need God. They have a good income, the family is healthy, they enjoy their television sets and modern conveniences. They call on their gods ("on the shelves") only when in some difficulty. Others remark that religion is for people who have leisure time, excluding themselves because they are too busy in their shops.

The children's work consists of classes for all ages from kindergarten through high school. Our teachers, under the leadership of Mrs. Murakami, go out on visitation, prepare their Sunday school lessons to be presented to their classes. Along with the regular Sunday school classes, a Vacation Bible School and a special series of children's meetings are held annually at the church.

Already we are beginning to see fruits from the seed sown in Sunday school. Among those is a young man, now in high school, who has made his profession of faith in Christ as Savior. He not only attends the Saturday afternoon High School Bible Class but



THE TSU CHRISTIAN CENTER, JAPAN

This is the building which is rented and used for the various meetings and activities at the Tsu Christian Center. A new building is urgently needed!

also attends the Sunday services. A little girl who has attended Sunday school from the time it was initiated expressed her desire to serve the Lord.

The monthly women's meetings are not too well attended. As yet we do not have a nucleus of adult believers to carry on an effective work. This work is still in deep need of prayer and concentrated visitation.

WORK WITH YOUNG PEOPLE

The most rewarding phase of the work in Tsu has been the work with the young people. At this point, we have been able to make some progress in the community. Several of the young people from the area attend our worship services. Some have already become Christians. Two have been baptized and are active in the Sunday school and other activities of the church.

Our outreach on the university campuses has been through weekly English Bible Classes and Bible Study Hours in the Japanese language. Through this work we have been able to lead several to the Lord. As a result of the work on the campus, two of our students now attending our Osaka Biblical Seminary were reached for Christ and responded to God's call for Christian service.

The student work has been most fruitful, but it is not without difficulties. The students in the universities are taught by non-Christian teachers. Most of them teach without recognizing God as the Creator, Maintainer and Sustainer of the universe. The theory of evolution is taught as the accepted way in which God created the world and man. Faith is not a realistic approach to life and is therefore looked down upon. The Christian student is challenged by the non-Christian teachings in the classroom, by society and his fellow students.

DIFFICULTIES AND VICTORIES

Most of the students have difficulty believing in the miracles in the Scriptures, faith, revelation of God's Word, and the existence of God.

Only recently a pre-medical student became a Christian. This young lady was attending the English Bible Class and the Japanese Bible Study Hour at the university, our worship services at the church, as well as the inquirer's class after the morning service. She had many questions concerning Christ's miracles, especially the resurrection. She being an earnest seeker prayed that the Lord would give her a clear understanding of these problematic issues.

After she had accepted Christ, she reminded me of the problems she had in trying to understand God's miraculous work. She was able to say, "For God none of these things are impossible. The way in which God re-



NEW MISSION HOME IN TSU, JAPAN

The new Mission Home in Tsu, Japan which was dedicated on July 9, 1962 with Rev. and Mrs. Edwin C. Kern, missionaries, and their family present as well as Miss Erna Redlich from Forest Park, Ill., and Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland, Oregon in attendance.

moved my burden of sin and changed my thinking toward him and his Word is also a miracle." She is filled with joy in Christ.

A FAITHFUL WITNESS

Then too, another university student, an educational major, came to our house one evening. He told me he wanted to be a good teacher but did not have the confidence nor the spiritual foundation. He also was involved in some anti-nuclear test demonstra-

tions but felt it was wrong to be in such activity. Several of his friends were trying to indoctrinate him with Marxist teachings but he could not deny the existence of some greater power outside of himself. He assured me that God was the Power.

Beginning at this point, I explained to him that God was not merely a power but a Person. After this young man explained his condition, he said, "I do not know what to do; what shall I do?" I presented the way of salva-



THE CONGREGATION AT TSU, JAPAN

A group of believers and inquirers gather for a picture after a morning worship service at the Tsu Christian Center. Rev. Edwin C. Kern is at the extreme left.



ENGLISH BIBLE CLASS AT TSU

The outreach of our missionaries in Tsu has been through weekly English Bible Classes, such as this one showing high school students in the class at the Tsu Christian Center.

tion to him. He then prayed the prayer of repentance and with Christ as his Savior and Lord rejoicingly went on his way home. He is a faithful witness in our church.

This is only a brief summary of the Lord's work in Tsu. May God grant grace, wisdom, love, and patience to help those following after idols, those in self-sufficiency and who have tried to divorce themselves completely from the True and Living God.

MINISTERS' BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

The 1964 ANNUAL will again publish the biographical sketches of all the NAB pastors. This feature appears only every other year in this publication.

Many of our people are prizing their copies of the ANNUAL and some are having them bound since they contain so much historical information and resource material. Why not secure a second copy of this issue of the ANNUAL?



MT. FUJI FROM LAKE KAWAGUCHI

Mt. Fuji is one of the most beautiful and entrancing sights in all of Japan, and the snow capped mountain is held in almost sacred reverence by the Japanese.

FORGIVENESS

When at thy footstool, Lord, I bend,
And plead with thee for mercy there,
Think of the sinner's dying Friend,
And for his sake receive my prayer!
Oh, think not of my shame and guilt,
My thousand stains of deepest dye!
Think of the blood which Jesus spilt,
And let that blood my pardon buy!

—Henry Francis Lyte

LIFE IS TOO SHORT

To remember slights or insults.
To cherish grudges that rob me of happiness.
To waste time in doing things that are of no value.
To let past sins or mistakes cloud future happiness.
To miss making friends because I am too busy making money.
To give my youth to the devil and my old age to God.
To dream of tomorrow when I may never have one.
To put off making a confession of Christ now.

All I am ever sure of is now.

—Charles M. Sheldon

MY SOUL THIRSTETH

By Rev. Elmer Buenning
of Parkston, South Dakota

Oh, Father-God, Creative Might,
My soul thirsteth for thee.
With light-years for thy inches, canst
Thou take account of me?

"The great are small; the small are great

Held neatly in my hand.
Most precious of created things,
Thy 'YES' to love's demand."

Oh, Savior-God, Oh, Righteous Grace,
Sin stains my inmost part.
What cleansing may I seek of thee,
Canst bathe my guilty heart?

"It is enough, the finished work,
The scarlet sin must go.
I've shed the stream to purify,
And make it white as snow."

Oh, Spirit-God, Indwelling Power,
Direct my scattered life,
Canst quench the dryness of my soul.
My burning inward strife?

"The Kingdom first, his righteousness,
All things shall added be.
Thy nagging stress, and parching strain
I'll flood with victory."

Thank thee, Father! Thank thee,
Savior!

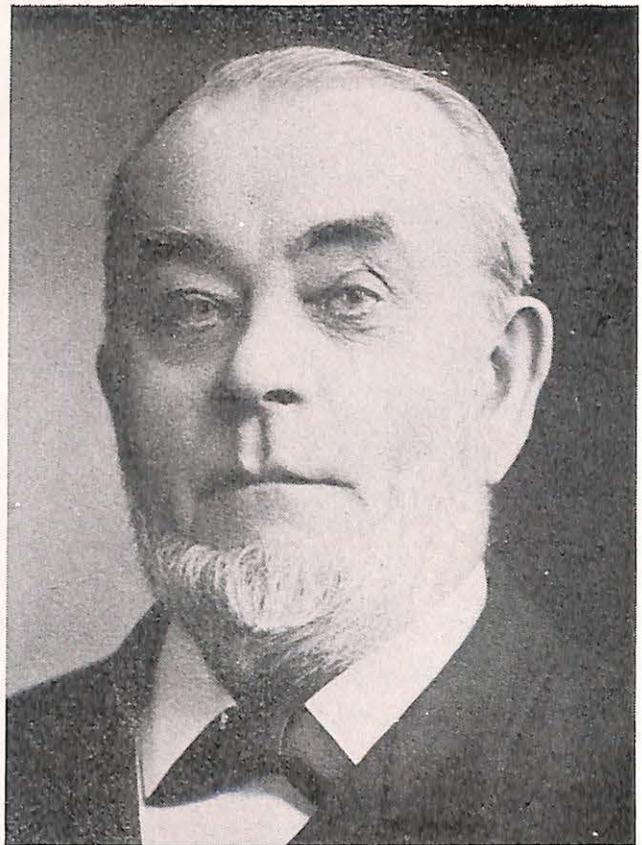
Oh, thank thee, Spirit God!
Heav'nly Drink, in heav'nly measure,
Drink, soul, in earthy clod!

Elmer Buenning (1962)

A fruitful ministry of 28 years in a Chicago church, founder of 7 new churches, organizer of the Old People's Home and a Girls' Home, known as "Papa" Meier., this is

The Story of Rev. Jacob Meier

By Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, Pastor of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois



Rev. Jacob Meier, pastor of the First German Baptist Church (now Foster Ave. Church) of Chicago, Illinois for 28 years.

THE AVERAGE Christian makes a very small impression upon people. He is seldom taken seriously and is not really expected to believe what he expresses to be his faith. Even average Christians are partially cynical of one another's sincerity which is not changed by mere Christian talk. Along with what we say needs to be the life to prove our words. All people possess this need that can only be satisfied by a life that rings true. Hence, Christians who provide such proof are a source of inspiration which cures cynicism.

A DREAM COMES TRUE

Such a person was Jacob Meier, who was born on September 6, 1839 in Obershafhausen, Baden, Germany. His boyhood was one that knew sadness. His mother died when Jacob was quite young, forcing the family to break up. Jacob found work driving a mail wagon.

While at work, he nurtured a dream that his father encouraged in him—to go to free America! In Europe the social ruts into which a person was born seemed too deep to inspire hope and opportunity. By contrast America seemed to offer unlimited opportunities for many of the poorer people.

This dream became so strong that at the age of 15 years Jacob came to the "free land." He made his home

with relatives in the city of New York. Because he was industrious, he soon found it possible to provide passage to America for his father and two sisters. Their arrival in New York was a happy day because it again united the home.

After some years in New York City, the family joined others going west to find better possibilities. They settled in Muscatine, Iowa. The Civil War was



Mrs. Jacob Meier, who lovingly assisted her husband in his dedicated pioneer ministry in the Chicago area.

being fought and Jacob Meier expressed his dedication to the country by enlisting in the Union Army. The war ended shortly after his enlistment, so Jacob returned to Muscatine where he fell in love with Miss Hoefflin. They were married in 1864.

NEW BIRTH IN CHRIST

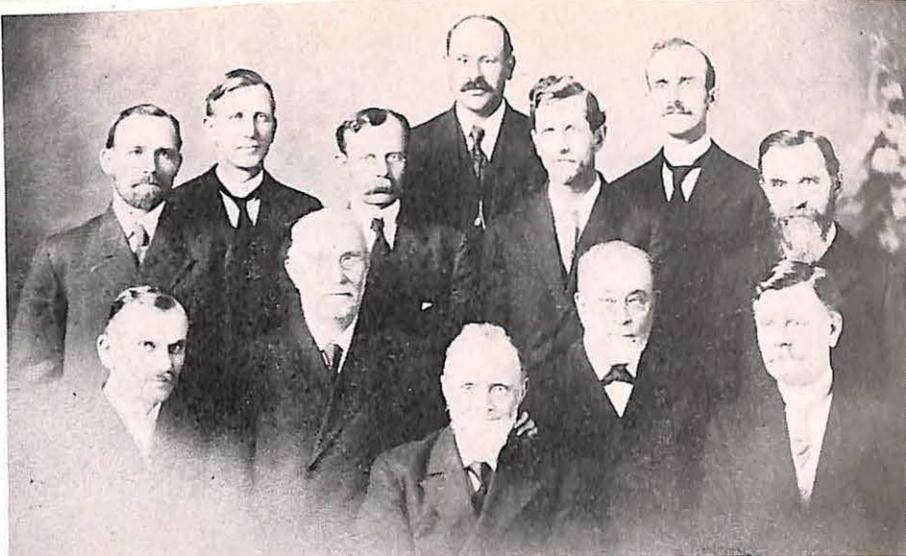
The dream was being fulfilled in the free and new land. In fact, much more than the first longings were in the blessings that this dream bestowed upon young Jacob Meier. In New York Jacob and his father experienced liberty from sin through the experience of the New Birth into living faith. This "unexpected extra" soon became the most significant part of the entire experience of coming to America. Now he was not only living in a free land but, more important, in a free land and open Christian relationship with God.

This experience forced him to think again of the real mission of his life. In the church position of deacon and Sunday school superintendent, he experienced the beckoning of God into full-time Christian service. The move from mending the soles of shoes to mending the souls of men with the grace of God, he felt he had to make. He went to the Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., to prepare for the ministry, which he entered through ordination in August 1872 in Muscatine, Iowa.

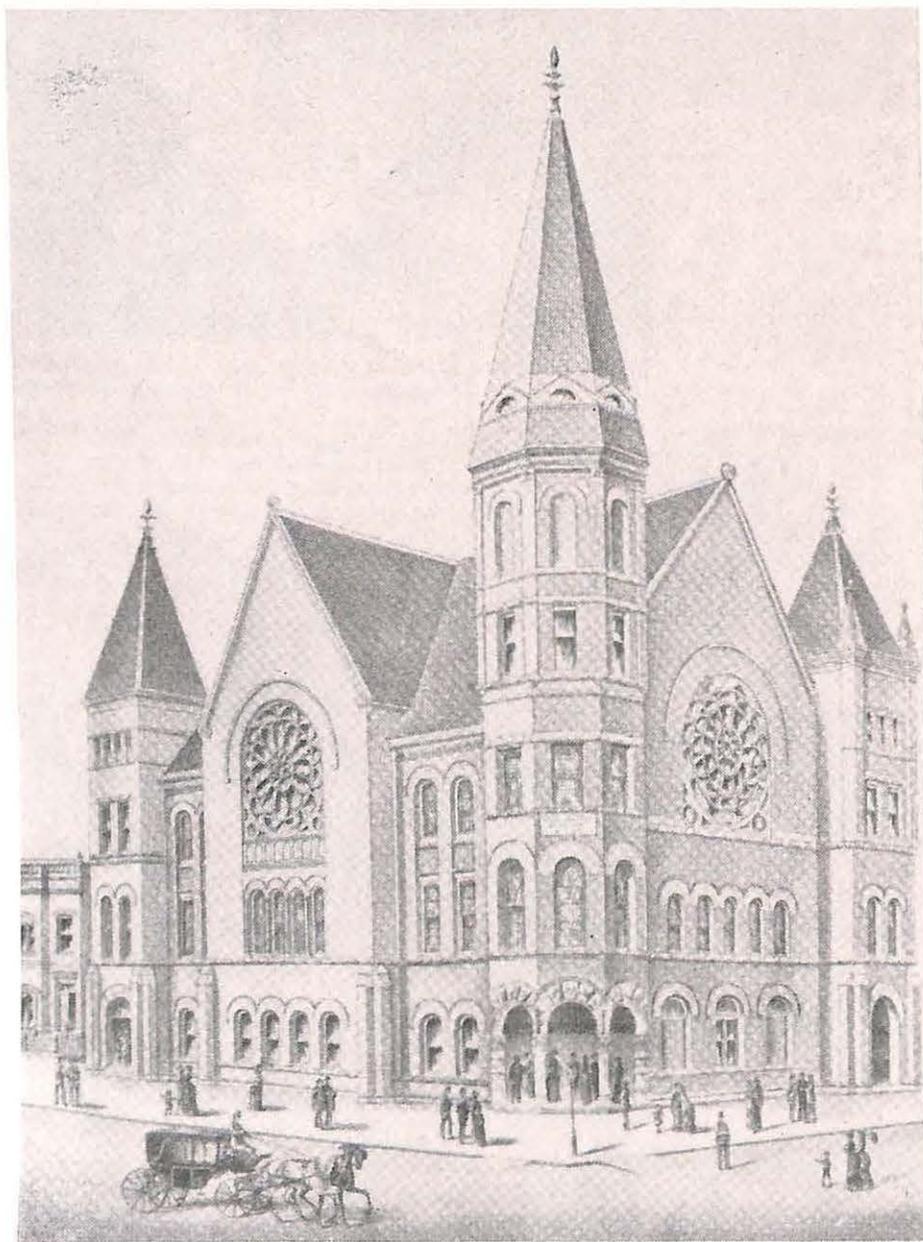
In 1878 he was called to the First German Baptist Church of Chicago. The work was considered difficult and many new problems awaited the new minister. He determined with God's help to do his very best, and so began a fruitful ministry of 28 years.

LESSONS FROM LIFE

At this point we may learn some lessons from the life of this man. The style and intensity of his dedication had been awakened and nurtured in his past experiences. His coming to America was ever afterwards accepted by him with gratitude that retained its freshness. The springs of gratitude will soon dry up in the life of one who accepts privileges as something he deserves. Jacob Meier apparently never



Rev. Jacob Meier (2nd from right, front row) of Chicago, Illinois with other members of the General Missionary Committee in 1910 and with Rev. G. A. Schulte (2nd from left, front row), General Missionary Secretary.



FIRST CHURCH, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A sketch of the old building of the First Church, Chicago, Ill., constructed in 1888 at the corner of Superior and Paulina Streets.

became a victim of this "I deserve it" attitude. Thus, he became a "natural" in helping other people accept this interpretation of privilege and opportunity.

His higher freedom found in Christ enabled him to understand the chance to live in this land as more than good fortune. He saw in it the guidance of God for the fulfillment of the will of God. More and more it took on the shape of the plan of God for his life. The gratitude he felt and the Christian explanation for its existence in him made him a dedicated man.

A PRACTICAL MINISTRY

Jacob Meier had a wholesome combination of week-day and Sunday ministries. During the week he and his wife helped people realize a new beginning in this land. The parsonage often became a temporary home for families coming to the city. They received help in securing work and locating a place to live. Jacob Meier was generous with his money toward those who were in sincere need. The church aided the poor with baskets of food.

Then on Sunday many of these people, who were being helped, heard that the Gospel was the cause, explanation and motivation for the week-day ministry. This combination affected people more deeply than the ordinary average way of presenting the Christian faith. Many of them were won to the faith and into the membership of the Church.

Behind this more than average generosity expressed to needy people lies a profound truth of Christian experience. A person cannot become a servant to other people in the Christian sense unless he is reasonably free from himself. Christian service is often prompted in order to "be seen of men," or to satisfy some personal need, or to earn salvation. When we are motivated by these drives, our service will lack a wholesome natural freedom and that basic character of unselfishness. People around us may

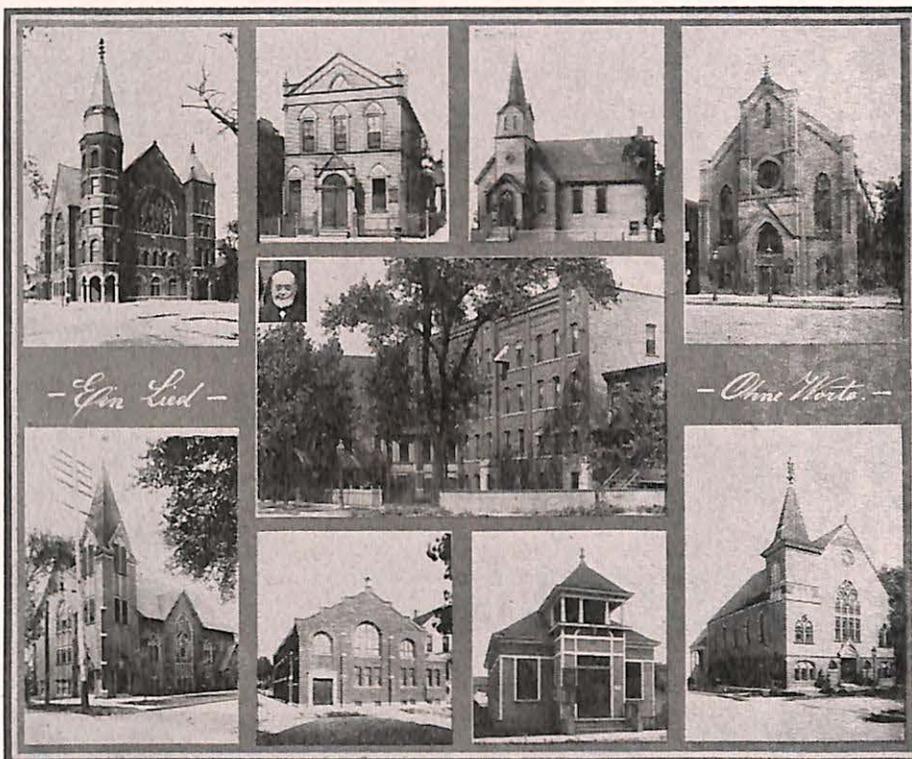
not be able to put it in words, but they sense that in our service there is some alien thing. Eventually such service is seen for what it is. It cannot stand the test of deeper investigation, and lacks the blessing of God. The person who serves on the basis of false motives is constantly aware of a negative feeling-tone in his life. In one way or another this will reveal itself; the bluff will show. It seems that Jacob Meier's basic needs were met by grace, and he could and did turn his attention to the service of others in a free sense of fulfilling his personal mission.

ORGANIZING NEW CHURCHES

The twenty-eight years of service resulted in the establishment of many missions. In 1882, 80 members were released from the church to establish a new church in the southern part of the City. Today this is the East Side Baptist Church. In 1886, 91 members from the First Church organized the church which was for many years the Grace Baptist Church, today being part of the First Baptist Church of Norridge, Illinois. The Grace Baptist Church initiated a mission which became the Gross Park Immanuel Church which in 1949 merged with the First Church to form the Foster Avenue Baptist Church.

In 1889, seventy-eight members from the First Church organized what is now the Forest Park Baptist Church. In 1893, 133 members organized the Humboldt Park Baptist Church, which is now a part of the First Baptist Church of Norridge. In 1901, 45 members were released to begin the Ogden Park Baptist Church which a few years ago merged with the East Side Baptist Church.

In addition to these mission stations



A SONG WITHOUT WORDS!

Churches served and founded by Rev. Jacob Meier during his 28 year ministry in Chicago, Illinois.

Left to right, top row: First German Church (Now Foster Ave. Church); Humboldt Park Mission Chapel; East Side or Ogden Park Church (old building); and Grace Church.

Bottom row: Forest Park Church, Grosse Park Immanuel, Irving Park Church and Humboldt Park Church.

IN GOD'S HAND

By Dr. O. E. Krueger

The history of the North American Baptist churches.

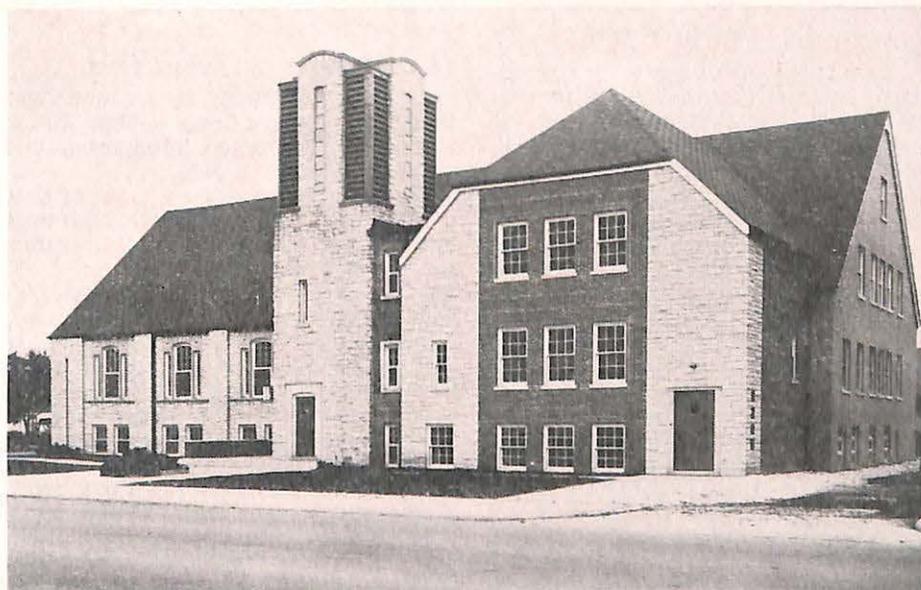
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which later became churches in the North American Baptist General Conference, the First Church became the First Bohemian Baptist Church which is still in existence. Work was also carried on among the Polish people but this proved far more difficult and less enduring. Numerous Sunday schools were conducted in different areas of the city but never grew into organized churches.

SPECIAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

Jacob Meier was also responsible for the establishing of special Christian ministries. In 1896 the Old People's Home was made a reality. Today the Home has relocated in Norridge, Illinois, is renamed the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, and is a beautiful Home providing for about 100 guests. In the same year—1896—a Girls' and Nurses' Home was organized which provided a home for working girls, girls in training and church missionaries. This Home no longer exists.

This, then, is the story of a man who led a church to enter into an active and fruitful ministry. While it is true that it happened during the time when many German people were coming to this country, this fact does not detract from the quality of the ministry carried on by the man and church.



FOSTER AVE. CHURCH, CHICAGO

The present building and educational unit of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois, of which Rev. Fred Sonnenberg is now the pastor.

*This is the final convocation address
delivered by Dr. Koller as president
of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary
after 24 years of illustrious service*

The Minister of Tomorrow

By Dr. Charles W. Koller, Former President of
the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary,
Chicago, Illinois

SOMEONE MADE the pessimistic observation that if ministers realized how much of their preaching was lost upon their hearers, and how little of it actually took hold, they would be so utterly discouraged that they would be ready to resign in a body any Monday morning. Someone else remarked that if ministers realized how much even that little bit which takes hold becomes a permanent deposit in the heart, like money placed in the bank on compound interest, and how potent the truth of God becomes, they would be inspired and fortified to the end of their days.

THE HARVEST OF THE SPIRIT

There is much validity in both observations, especially in the latter. There is an element of eternity in the ministry of the Gospel. What we do now, or leave undone, will affect generations unborn, ages that lie beyond the farthest horizons of our thinking.

There is, in spite of all pessimism, a type of ministry which always has worked, is working today, and always will work. "My Word shall not return unto me void." The harvest may not always be abundant. With fertile soil, favorable weather, and careful cultivation, the yield may be thirty-fold, sixty-fold, or a hundred-fold. With poor soil,

and unfavorable seasons, however good the seed, and however careful the cultivation, the harvest will be meager. Let not the minister with a fertile field despise his brother who, in the providence of God, is cultivating stony ground with a meager potential.

WORD AND SPIRIT

There is only one completely authoritative book on the ministry of preaching, and that is the Bible. It tells us that the fruit of the Spirit is impossible apart from the working of the Spirit. The most serious unemployment problem in the world today is the enforced idleness of the Holy Spirit, the want of consecrated manpower and woman-power through which to do his work. The first requirement of the Holy Spirit, the first rule of divine homiletics, is, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." "Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord; or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart."

In ancient times, when God was needing a prophet to bear his message, there was a young man named Isaiah whom he might have called. Apparently he was a man of extraordinary giftedness, culture, and potential. But he was "a man of unclean lips" (Isaiah 6:5), and God could not use him, until

he had been cleansed and made spiritually fit.

There are many prerequisites of character and training for the minister of tomorrow; but three Biblical anchors are indispensable, to make his ministry secure. These I would like to discuss now.

THE APOSTOLIC DIRECTIVE

The first of these Biblical anchors is the apostolic directive—the "Great Commission": "make disciples . . . and teach them."

The minister's calling is a calling with a two-fold thrust—salvation and nurture, salvation and the "things that accompany salvation" (Hebrews 6:9). The primary concern is to "make disciples." A disciple is a willing learner, with his heart open to the truth of the Gospel, responsive to it, ready to be led further. We are not merely to inform them, or to provoke thought, but, like the Gospel of John, to induce belief; not merely to improve their manners, or to make the flock more comfortable on the way to the slaughter, but to save them from the slaughter. Only when they have become disciples, are they ready to be taught "all things whatsoever . . ."

Our calling is a calling with a future till "the end of the age." There is



The pulpit of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., which is the oldest church in the North American Baptist General Conference, dating back to 1843. (Photo by Raymond Noll).

no problem of supply and demand. On the one hand there is a world of sin; on the other, the inexhaustible grace of God. What business man would not thrill to the prospect of an unlimited demand and an inexhaustible supply?

In an eastern city there stands a new building, a block long, many stories high, apparently erected at fabulous cost, with its identification carved over the entrance: "Criminal Court Building." This vast building, with its court rooms, its offices for judges, prosecutors, court rooms, its offices for judges, prosecutors, court attendants, clerks and secretaries, and with its prison cells, and probably an electric chair, was built on a kind of faith. Obviously, there was the anticipation that there would be enough crimes and criminals in the years and decades ahead to justify this massive building program. Yes, "unto the end of the age," there will be sin and sinners. But where sin abounds, grace does much more abound.

GOD'S MATCHLESS GRACE

There is no problem of obsolescence. Sin shows no such tendencies; neither does the grace of God. One of the biggest businesses in my old home town dealt in saddles and harness, wagons, buggies, and buggy whips. That business died of obsolescence. The space upon which that grand old five-story building stood is now a parking lot. If the many employees of that old firm were living today, they would all be out of work. But the nearby Baptist church, after half a century, is bigger, stronger, and more deeply in business than ever.

There is no problem of unemployment through automation. In the little country church which I served as a student pastor during college days there was great excitement on a certain weekend over the rumored invention of a fantastic new device called radio. It was claimed that by this device the speaker could be heard, without telephone or telegraph wires, for a hundred miles or more. The more intelligent members, of course, rejected this wild rumor, although a few of the more gullible souls were inclined to listen. But the rumor persisted.

GOD'S INVINCIBLE BACKING

In speech class at school, taking my turn with a five-minute speech on any subject, I chose to deal with this new "menace to our calling." It seemed clear that in the future there would be need for only a few great preachers at strategic centers. Then, what would become of all the novices, like ourselves? That was in the year 1922. The radio has now been with us for exactly forty years; preachers have not been made idle; and the need for trained, dedicated ministers has never been greater than today.

Our calling is a calling with an invincible backing . . . "lo, I am with



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you." The Gospel of Matthew closes with this promise; the Gospel of Mark records the fulfillment: "They went . . . the Lord working with them and confirming the Word."

In the pulpit, as the minister soon finds out, the difference between a fruitful and a sterile ministry depends

on that which the Lord adds or withholds. If the minister is faithful, the Lord adds; if he departs from the doctrine, he stands alone. And surely there is no lonelier place on earth, and no sadder spectacle, than a minister standing alone in the pulpit.

Under the juniper tree, "lo, I am with you." What preacher does not, like Elijah, have his juniper tree! Perhaps it is in those reflective hours on those "blue Mondays" that the most helpful impulses to spiritual growth are experienced.

"Beside the still waters . . . he leadeth me." In the garden in the brightness of the morning, "while the dew is still on the roses . . . he walks with me." Through the dark valley, "I will fear no evil, for thou art with me." There will be light in the valley; and when there is light in the valley there is heaven in the soul. And at the end of the road, "I don't have to cross Jordan alone." Such are the assurances of the truly dedicated minister of Jesus Christ.

THE APOSTOLIC PROCEDURE

The apostolic procedure is spelled out in Acts 2. Here the minister may learn what to preach. Here, with vivid recollections of his Lord, Peter presents the Christ, his messianic identity, his sinless life, his atoning death, his bodily resurrection, and his eternal sovereignty. So frequently do these points recur in the message of the apostles in the New Testament that they have become known as "the Apostolic formula."

This is the higher view of Christ, as



GREAT PREACHERS OF THE REFORMATION

The International Monument of the Reformation at Geneva, Switzerland portrays these great leaders of the Reformation: (left to right)—Calvin, Farel, Beze and Knox. (Photo by M. L. Leuschner).



SEMINARY CLASS OF 1952

Baptist ministers of the North American Baptist Seminary Class of 1952 who attended the 1961 General Conference sessions in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

defined by Dean Charles R. Brown in his famous tract, "Who Is Jesus Christ?" In the lower view of Christ, he is the best of men, but only a man. In the higher view, he is recognized as deity and is the Son of God in unique sense in which none other can ever stand with God the Father. Those branches of Protestantism which have held the lower view have not thrived, while those which have held steadily to the higher view of Christ "seem to have had the wind and the tide with them."

This Christ fulfills his promise to those who are faithful to the Great Commission. The right message poorly preached is better than a wrong message brilliantly presented.

PETER'S PENTECOSTAL SERMON

Peter's Pentecostal sermon was strongly doctrinal, containing the greatest body of truth ever put together in one sermon. What the bones are to the body, the doctrines are to the church; what tuberculosis of the bones is to the body, the neglect of doctrine is to the church. "Indoctrinate or disintegrate!" is the verdict of church history.

In the apostolic procedure the preacher sees what kind of an invitation to give, and what to do after baptism. Here is the complete program of Christian nurture, and "all things whatsoever" of Christ's Great Commission. Thus taught in "the Apostles' doctrine," churches would not be carried away with strange heresies, and individuals would not be defenseless in the hour of temptation.

The apostolic procedure leads, in the closing verses of that inspiring chapter, to the very results which one would expect. Here is the church in the unspoiled purity of its early days, with its

unparalleled record of spiritual attractiveness and spiritual effectiveness, beckoning to all who long for the restoration of New Testament power.

THE APOSTOLIC SPIRIT

The minister's apostolic spirit is stated in II Corinthians 5:20. Here is the verse which, of all the 31,102 verses in the Bible, is probably the most important one for the minister as such. If his ministry is steeped in the spirit of this text, he cannot possibly go far wrong in doctrine, in spirit, or in procedure. As an "ambassador for Christ," he will preach only that which his Lord approves.

He will search unceasingly for ways to the hearts of his hearers. He will press the appeal with the compassion of his Lord. He will not be throwing rocks from the pulpit, but reaching into the lives of his hearers with the healing balm of Gilead. There will be no room in his ministry for that trinity of devils which are the bane of so many modern pulpits: triviality, complacency, uncertainty.

BIBLICAL ANCHORS

Here, in burning focus, is the spirit of that "Prince of Apostles," so dedicated to his calling, so loyal to his Master, so compassionate toward the unreconciled—"We beseech you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God!" How like the lament of Jesus over the doomed city of Jerusalem—"Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . how often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not!" And how like the yearning of a loving God expressed centuries before—"Turn ye, turn ye, for why will ye die!"

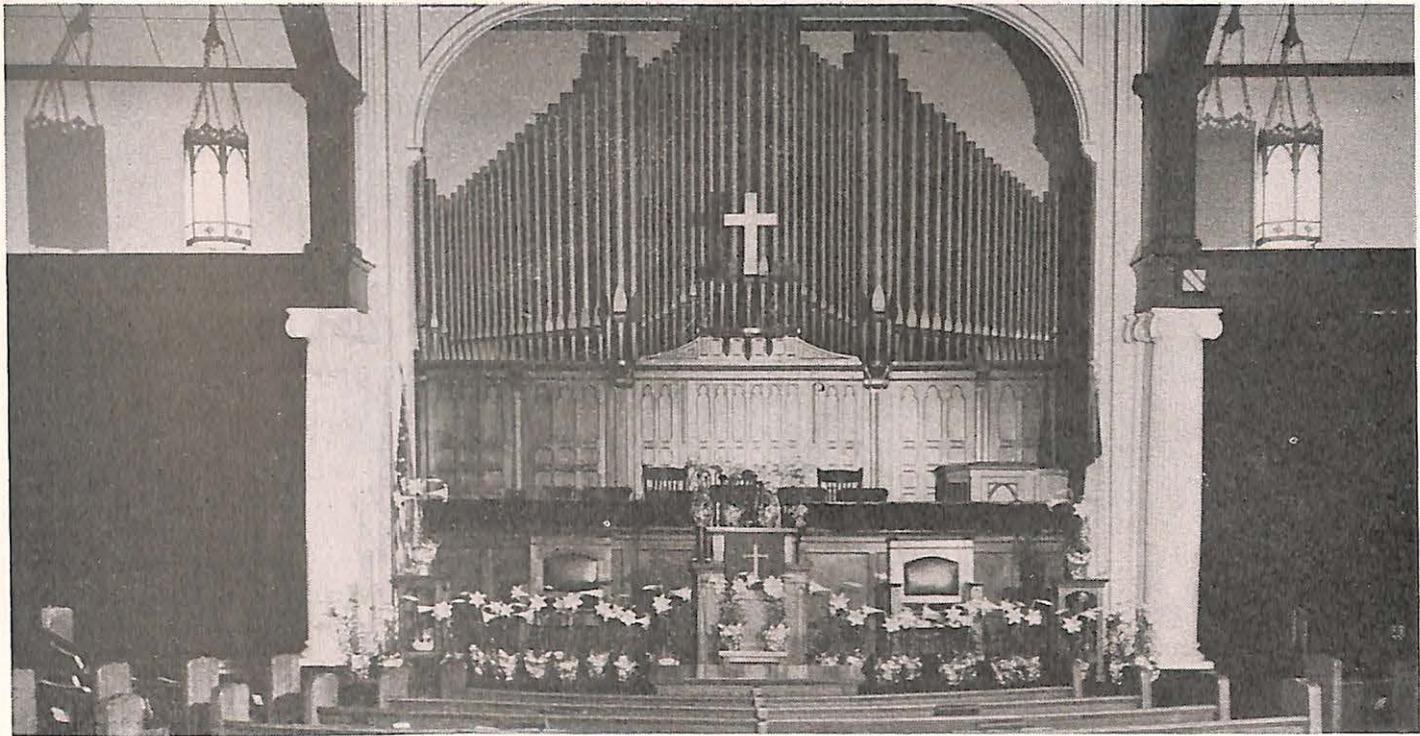
Here is reflected that quality of soul without which the most gifted, most highly trained clergyman would be only an unprofitable religious mechanic. Strong churches are not built around weak pulpits, manned by religious mechanics. But the coldest, most unprofitable professional, when he shares the Savior's concern and absorbs the apostolic spirit, ceases to be a religious mechanic, and is on the way to being mightily used of God.

The Christian cause rises and falls with the quality of its preaching. And the quality is highest when the pulpit is made secure by the Biblical anchors provided in the apostolic pattern.



GERMAN-SPEAKING PASTORS, EASTERN CONFERENCE

Left to right, in front of the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y.: Rev. Paul Galambos, Rev. A. Hart, Rev. Arthur R. Weisser (local pastor), Dr. Paul Gebauer, Rev. G. Schalm and Rev. John Wahl.



The worshipful sanctuary of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which recently celebrated its Centennial Jubilee. Rev. Raymond P. Yahn is the pastor.

Through the Century With Christ

A graphic account of the one hundred year history of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, one of the denomination's outstanding churches in the pulpit and in its accomplishments for Christ.

By Mrs. Raymond P. Yahn for the Historical Committee of the Church

ON CHRISTMAS day, 1862, when Abraham Lincoln was president of the United States and the Civil War was well under way, a group of twelve German settlers met together in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to form a German Baptist church. Since their arrival in America ten years previously, they had met together as a group with services conducted in their native language by their own laymen and by visiting pastors and seminary students.

Now as their number began to increase, and being zealous in their faith, they longed to establish a church. Therefore, on December 25, 1862, the German Baptist Church in Pittsburgh was organized with Mr. Heinrich Trumpp serving as chairman and Mr. Frederick Fischer as church clerk.

EARLY BEGINNINGS

As their number grew, the group decided to erect a church building and on May 14, 1865 they held the dedication service of their church, built at a cost of \$1,945. In 1866, now with a membership of 43, the church joined what was then the Eastern Conference after having been affiliated with the Western Conference for the previous

two years. During this early period the church was assisted greatly by a very talented young layman, Mr. John Hamel.

Also in 1866 this small German Baptist flock called its first pastor, the Rev. Reinhard Otto, who was just entering the ministry. He served as their pastor until 1870. In 1871, under the ministry of the Rev. E. J. Deckmann, a parsonage was built, and the following year it became necessary to enlarge the church building. By 1886 the membership had reached 189, and the old church was razed to give place to a larger and more beautiful house of worship which was erected at a cost of \$13,000 and dedicated in December of that year.

During the year 1894 and under the leadership of the Rev. L. H. Donner, the church began its mission outreach by building a chapel in the Borough of Knoxville where the members conducted Sunday school and evening services. This mission was later organized as the Second Baptist Church. For a long while, the church maintained a mission on Cobden Street in Pittsburgh, and they also began a mission in New

Kensington, Pennsylvania, which is today the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pennsylvania.

Several years later they started a much needed mission work among the rapidly growing population of Hungarians and Slavs, and actively continued the work until 1907 when this group was able to establish its own church. In 1906 another chapel was erected in the Borough of Carrick where a number of the members had moved.

PRESENT CHURCH BUILDING

Immigration from Germany had now waned and many of the members were moving to the suburbs. Nevertheless, the services were well attended and by the 50th anniversary, commemorated in May, 1913, with special festivities, the church had grown to 368 members. In 1916, under the leadership of the Rev. A. P. Mihm, the church voted to sell the church property in the South Side section of Pittsburgh and to relocate in the area where many of the members now lived.

Property was purchased on the corner of Brownsville Road and Onyx Avenue in Mt. Oliver Borough where the church is presently located. The chapel

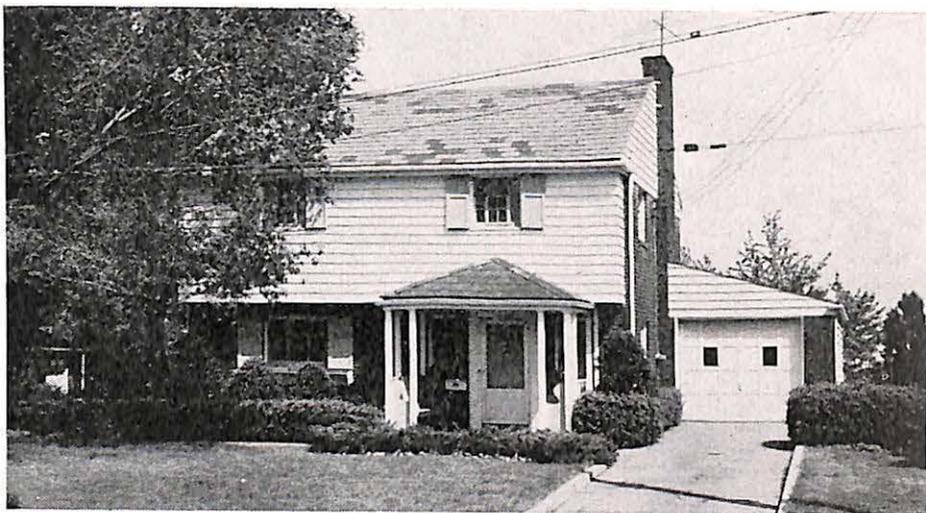
in nearby Carrick was sold. On April 14, 1918, the name of the church was changed from "First German Baptist Church" to "Temple Baptist Church," and in early 1919 the church was completed and was dedicated on February 25, 1919. During this time the language problem had arisen. In September, 1917, the church voted to conduct evening services in English, all services having been previously conducted in the German language.

World War I was now past. In its new location and under the aggressive ministry of the Rev. A. A. Schade, the church continued to grow. Miss Metta Johnson was engaged as pastor's assistant for youth work and visitation. The General Conference was entertained by the church in August, 1925. In February, 1929, the Reverend O. E. Krueger assumed the pastorate and with calmness and assurance guided the congregation through the dark depression years.

During the eighteen and a half year ministry of the Rev. Louis B. Holzer, the church became active in the local Baptist work of the Pittsburgh Baptist Association. Because of the lack of need, the remaining services conducted in the German language were discontinued. The parsonage behind the church was razed, and some years later, another was purchased. Visitation among the sick was emphasized, and the church engaged in an extensive program of renovation.

MISSIONARY INTEREST

In 1956 the church purchased a lovely parsonage located about four miles from the church in the Whitehall sec-



PARSONAGE OF TEMPLE CHURCH

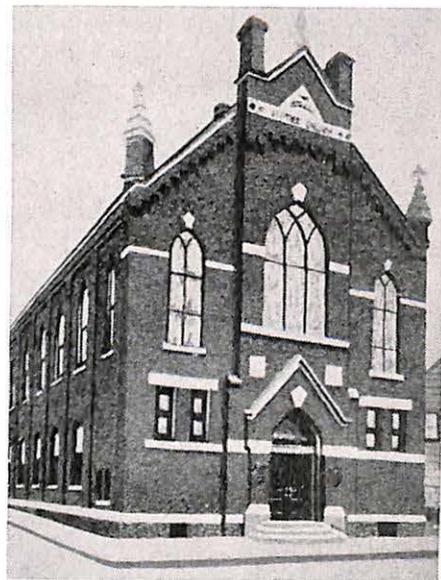
The parsonage of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., acquired in 1956.

tion of Pittsburgh. Much emphasis was placed upon foreign missions and upon youth work during the ministry of the Rev. Frank Veninga who assumed the pastorate at Temple Church in 1956. Interest increased in the North American Baptist work and as a result, in October of that year, the church voted to take on the partial support of our missionaries to the Cameroons, Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale.

In 1959 the present pastor, the Rev. Raymond P. Yahn, began his ministry at Temple Church. Under a strong evangelical ministry, concern for home and foreign missions has continued. In addition to a steady increase in mission giving and an annual missionary conference, the church has assisted its

"granddaughter church," the Holiday Park Baptist Church, a Church Extension project.

Today there is not the same opportunity for a local outreach as in former years. Communities continue to



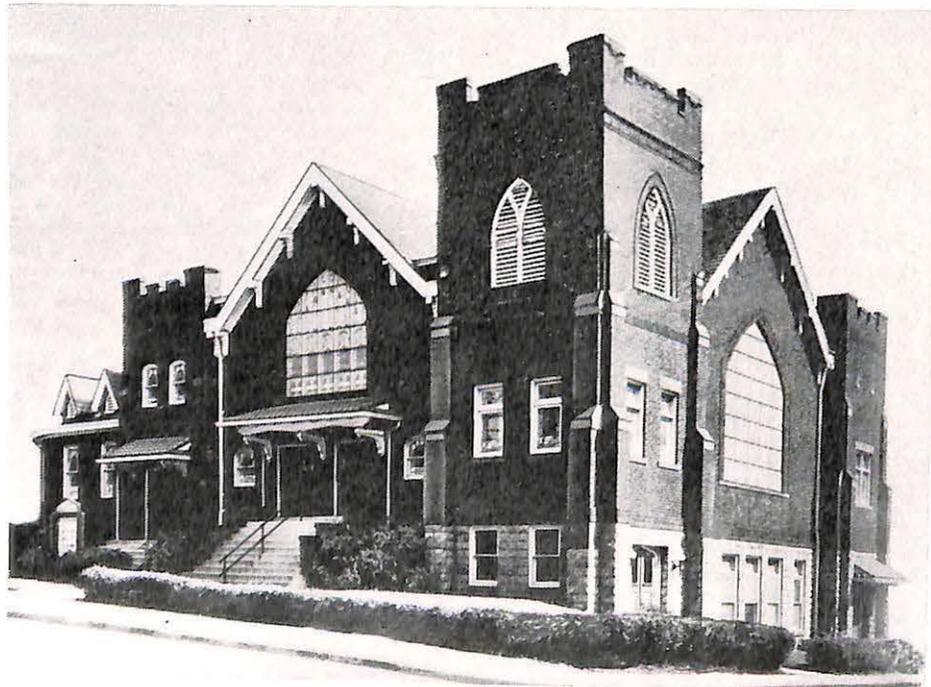
The second church building of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., erected on the South Side in 1886.

change and, as a result, there is not the growth in numbers as in years past. However, it has been gratifying to see a certain spiritual growth and a developing concern for reaching out to those beyond with the message of Christ.

Temple Baptist Church has a rich spiritual heritage. Devoted pastors, each contributing in his own special way, and scores of dedicated laymen through these many years have collaborated with God to accomplish his purpose through Temple Church.

PASTORS OF CHURCH

Listed on the next page are those



TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH, PITTSBURGH, PA.

The attractive building of the Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., was erected in 1918-1919 under the ministry of the Rev. A. P. Mihm and dedicated on Feb. 25, 1919.

pastors who served Temple Baptist Church through the past century:

Rev. Reinhard Otto	-----	1866-1869
Rev. E. J. Deckmann	-----	1870-1872
Rev. F. W. Schaelicke	-----	1873-1874
Rev. William Paul	-----	1875-1876
Rev. Heinrich Kose	-----	1876-1878
Rev. L. G. Hilmer	-----	1879-1880
Rev. E. J. Deckmann	-----	1881-1887
Rev. L. H. Donner	-----	1887-1897
Rev. H. C. Gleiss	-----	1889-1906
Rev. Samuel Blum	-----	1907-1909
Rev. Henry Schulz	-----	1909-1913
Rev. A. P. Mihm	-----	1914-1921
Rev. A. A. Schade	-----	1922-1928
Rev. O. E. Krueger	-----	1929-1935
Rev. Theodore Koester	-----	1935-1936
Rev. Louis B. Holzer	-----	1937-1955
Rev. Frank Veninga	-----	1956-1958
Rev. Raymond P. Yahn	-----	1959-

DENOMINATIONAL SERVICE

It is interesting to note that of these pastors many have gone forth to serve our denomination. The Rev. E. J. Deckmann in those early years became visiting pastor of the Eastern Conference. The Rev. Samuel Blum, sometime after leaving Temple, became editor of "Der Sendbote." The Rev. A. P. Mihm left Temple Church in 1921 to become General Secretary of the Young People's and Sunday School Workers' Union. In 1928 the Rev. A. A. Schade resigned the pastorate at Temple to succeed Mr. Mihm in the above mentioned position. Then the Rev. O. E. Krueger left Temple Church in 1935 to fill the chair of Professor of Theology at our Seminary in Rochester, New York. In 1958 Temple's pastor, the Rev. Frank Veninga, resigned to become the Eastern District Secretary of our General Conference and later became the president of our seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

The Rev. Jakob S. Gubelmann, who for 31 years was a professor at our seminary in Rochester, and the Rev. Gottlob Fetzer, who was one of the editors of our Publication Society in Cleveland, Ohio, served as summer student pastors at Temple in those early formative years of the church. An active Temple layman, Mr. H. P. Donner, served for many years as business manager of the Publication Society. Another pastor, the Rev. H. C. Gleiss, resigned the pastorate at Temple Church to become the General Secretary of the Pittsburgh Baptist Association.

In retrospect, we can see that Temple Baptist Church has been abundantly blessed with many talented men of God as pastors, men who were also capable of serving God in a yet larger work. We are grateful to God for having given to us such gifted and dedicated men as these.

DEDICATED LAYMEN AND OFFICERS

In addition to these outstanding pastors, many fine dedicated laymen and lay women have served God, both in



THE PASTOR'S FAMILY, TEMPLE CHURCH

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond P. Yahn and their three sons, Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Yahn has been pastor of the church since 1959.

Temple Church and beyond. Among them were the talented Rev. Samuel Hamel, who went to India as a missionary and died in 1912 after three years of promising endeavor; the Rev. David Hamel, who was for 13 years the pastor of the Andrews Street Baptist Church in Rochester, New York; Mrs. Mamie Bergerman Kose, who was the wife of the beloved North American Baptist pastor, the Rev. S. A. Kose. Today Miss Lenore Sayenga is still an active teacher in the Sunday school after 40 years of continuous service.

One of the early pastors, the Rev. Heinrich Schulz, said, "Without a capable and efficient core of officers, the most gifted pastor cannot carry on." We are thankful for the many at Temple Church who still serve him well. We are thankful for an active Sunday school under the faithful leadership of

the superintendent, Arthur Luck; for a fine Junior Church begun some 17 years ago by Mrs. F. J. Skryms and still under her supervision; for active Junior and Senior CBY Fellowships; for a very efficient Board of Trustees with Mr. Ralph A. Batz as chairman; for a faithful Board of Deacons and Deaconesses with Mr. Howard Ritenbaugh as chairman; and for an active and growing Woman's Missionary Society under the leadership of Mrs. Maurice Meredith. Yes, we are indeed thankful for an efficient core of officers and their faithful co-workers.

There are presently eleven members in Temple Church who are direct descendants of some of the founders, and there are seven members who joined the church in the 1800's and are still a part of our church family after all these years. The oldest living member,



TEMPLE BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL, ADULTS

The splendid Adult Department of the Temple Baptist Sunday School, Pittsburgh, Pa., showing the Sunday School officers in the front row and Mr. Arthur Luck, superintendent, at center.



JUNIOR CHURCH AT TEMPLE

The Junior Church of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., is photographed with Mrs. F. J. Skyrms, director (back row, left), and Mrs. Arthur Luck, pianist (back row right).

Mrs. Lena Staude, age 92, who was baptized by the Rev. L. H. Donner and became a member of the church at the age of twenty, always faithfully attended until illness confined her to her home. (She died in August 1962).

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The highlight of the Centennial Year was the commemorative celebration held October 3-7, 1962, with the theme, "Through the Years with Christ." These were wonderful days of reunion, reminiscing, fellowship, inspiration and challenge. The church was privileged to have as guest speakers three former pastors: Rev. A. A. Schade, Rev. L. B. Holzer, and Rev. Frank Veninga; also three denominational leaders: Rev. Martin Leuschner, Rev. David Draewell, and Rev. Emanuel Wolff; and a

noted Pittsburgh pastor, Rev. Robert J. Lamont of the First Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh. A detailed report of the centennial activities was given in a recent issue of the *Baptist Herald*.

STILL A WITNESS FOR CHRIST

Yes, Temple Baptist Church does have a rich spiritual heritage. Our Temple Baptist forefathers were men of vision with a holy concern for the work of Christ and for their fellowmen. We believe that at Temple Church there is still something of the spirit of earnestness and determination of our forebears. There are many with a holy dedication to Christ and a vision of work yet to be done. We pray that this spirit may permeate the whole congregation, young and old, as we launch



JUNIOR AND SENIOR CBYF

Members of the Junior and Senior CBYF groups of the Temple Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., are shown with Rev. Raymond P. Yahn, (front row, 4th from left), advisor to the Senior group, and Mr. James Johnson, (front row, 4th from right), advisor to the Junior group.

forth into our second hundred years.

As our forefathers founded it, Temple Baptist Church is still a witness for evangelical Christianity and Baptist distinctives in an area of our country where such a witness is much needed. In the space age in which we live, with Communism and secularism threatening at every hand, the challenge which lies before the Christian and his church is great, possibly greater than at any time in our history. Therefore, we at Temple Baptist Church must "forget those things which are behind, reach forth unto those things which are before, and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," constantly looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our Faith. By God's grace, we shall do it!

Rev. Emmanuel Broeckel

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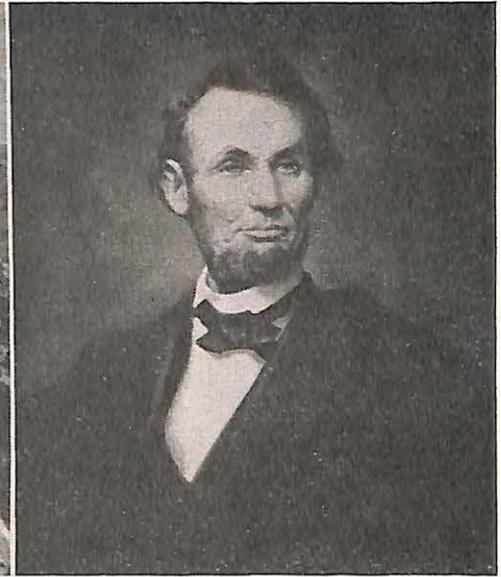
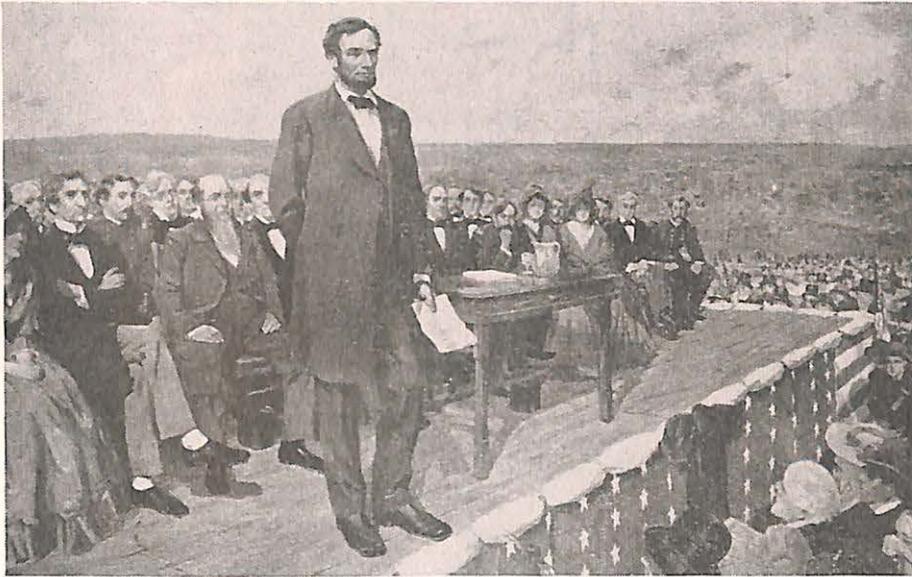
Broeckel has said, and to this day he demonstrates it. He has conducted 191 marriages, baptized 295 persons, officiated at hundreds of funerals, and has averaged 11,000 miles a year since 1913 without having had a chargeable accident.

For many years his hobby has been repairing watches. He bought a few tools from the Sears Roebuck store many years ago, secured a supply of watch parts from a jeweller in Wishek, and started fixing watches and clocks. His friends tell others of this preacher in Bismarck who can repair watches effectively. He can hardly keep up with the broken and run down watches that are being sent to him.

A GOOD MINISTER OF CHRIST

Brother Broeckel is a faithful minister of God whom we joyously honor in our denominational fellowship on his 50th anniversary in the Christian ministry. He came out of the rugged pioneer days of the Dakotas. He has had to struggle against many hardships. He has never held large and influential churches. But he has always had a firm conviction in God's voice speaking to him and guiding him. He has been a minister with strong convictions and an unflinching faith with a glorious, hopeful outlook. He loves to testify of his Lord and to give all glory to him. He is a wonderful example of our unsung ministers who have served their Christ and denomination faithfully.

Brother Broeckel fits the picture of a pioneer preacher as described by the late Dr. O. E. Krueger as one who could "ride like a cowboy, pray like a saint, preach like an apostle, and be satisfied with food and raiment as simple as that of a monk." And in his pioneer ministry as a North American Baptist minister covering 50 years of dedicated service, Brother Broeckel has merited the words of his Master and Savior: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant of mine!"



"Lincoln at Gettysburg" (left) from a painting by Addison T. Smith. The photo at the right is the famous "Mission Inn. Lincoln" from the painting at the Mission Inn, Riverside, California.

Lincoln at Prayer and in Meditation

100th Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln at Gettysburg on November 19, 1863

A Poem by Mr. Lorenzo Sosso of San Francisco, California

O Lord, I pray for my dear country's sake,
 For counsel and for guidance at my task
 As President of these United States,
 Now disunited by a Civil War.
 The people have invested me with power
 Through free election, but such power, abused,
 Could lead to tyranny. On bended knees,
 In deep humility I pray, O Lord,
 Let not this pride of power possess my soul;
 Let not this burden on my shoulders fall.
 As I command my generals, do thou
 Command me to the service of thy will,
 For I would serve thee faithfully. Amen.

Tomorrow I must speak at Gettysburg;
 "I am no orator as Brutus was."
 (That line has echoed in my head all day.)
 Had I the balm of Gilead on my lips,
 What consolation could words give to those
 Whose sons have fallen on the battlefield?
 O War, War War! This dreadful, senseless War,
 Which would divide the Union of these States
 For which brave men once nobly fought and died.
 "It is the cause, my soul, it is the cause."
 How can a nation be half slave, half free?
 Must Freedom evermore be bathed in blood?

Did not our fathers on this continent
 Bring forth this nation to be ever free?
 To this they pledged their fortunes and their lives,
 Their sacred honor. Can we now do less?
 For any nation that would long endure
 No sacrifice can ever be too great.

The coming generations may forget
 What we have said here. Let them not forget
 These heroes, both the living and the dead,
 Whose deeds immortalized this battlefield
 Which we have come today to consecrate.

Yet, in a sense, we cannot consecrate,
 We cannot hallow this memorial ground;
 'Tis those who fought here who have hallowed it
 By their devotion and their sacrifice.
 To that devotion let us greatly add
 In fullest measure to complete the work
 Which lies before us, highly to resolve
 That these brave men shall not have died in vain.
 Let us be dedicated in our souls,
 A dedication to the uttermost
 To keep this Nation indivisible.

So not in vain we labor at the task
 To hold our Liberty inviolate
 As heritage for all posterity,
 A heritage of government by law,
 And of equality before the law;
 A government by people free to choose
 And to elect their representatives;
 And of a people of whatever race,
 Color or creed, determined to be free,
 To mold and shape this nation's destiny,
 To make its future greater than its past,
 Which, under God, forever shall remain.
 A beacon light of Freedom to the world.

(Mr. Sosso, aged 96, is the father of Mrs. Martin L. Leuschner of Oak Park, Illinois).

Early Green Lake History

The story of the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, where thousands gather each year for spiritual guidance and inspiration.

HERMAN SCHULTZ, head gardener at the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wisconsin, was resetting ruffled, red petunias in the greenhouse the morning we met him. Herman is a friendly man, full of authentic tales about this wonderland.

"Let's see," he began, "must have been the summer of '88 when Mrs. Lawson and a party of friends hired a steamboat of the village of Green Lake one day and went fishing." One minute the water was calm. But Jessie Lawson, turning to Captain Pierce with a laughing remark, was silenced, for the captain's face was grave. He began shouting instructions to his crew. Captain Pierce fought across a half-mile of chaos to bring his craft into a cove beside a point of land, and the drenched passengers struggled ashore. They ran to a shack, broke in, and from this haven watched a lone tree out there on the point thrashing in the storm, but standing fast. This, thought Jessie Lawson, is security! Victor and I shall build on this spot and call our place Lone Tree Farm.

AMBITIOUS FARM PLANS

In December the Lawsons did purchase ten acres here from Henry P. Cody for \$1,429, then bought other lands to a total of 1100 acres. They built a Spanish type home at the point where the Roger Williams Inn now stands.

Herman Schultz tied on his blue denim garden apron now and put on

a round straw hat. "Used to be a horse barn where this greenhouse stands," he said. "Out there"—he pointed through the door to the large brick parking lot—"that was a horse lot. They always kept six inches of

beauty at home. To carry out such plans, she maintained a camp of 70 workmen at the farm. Forty more lived on a steamboat; others in a village. Then she needed a means of getting around to oversee the men.



FOUR COUPLES AT GREEN LAKE

Four North American Baptist couples in attendance at the Laymen's Family Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Left to right: Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Marklein, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mulder, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht and Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard G. Panke.

straw spread over the bricks so the horses' feet wouldn't hurt."

On tours abroad, Jessie Lawson had seen towers, bridges, quaint stone walls, and determined to reproduce some of this charm and permanent

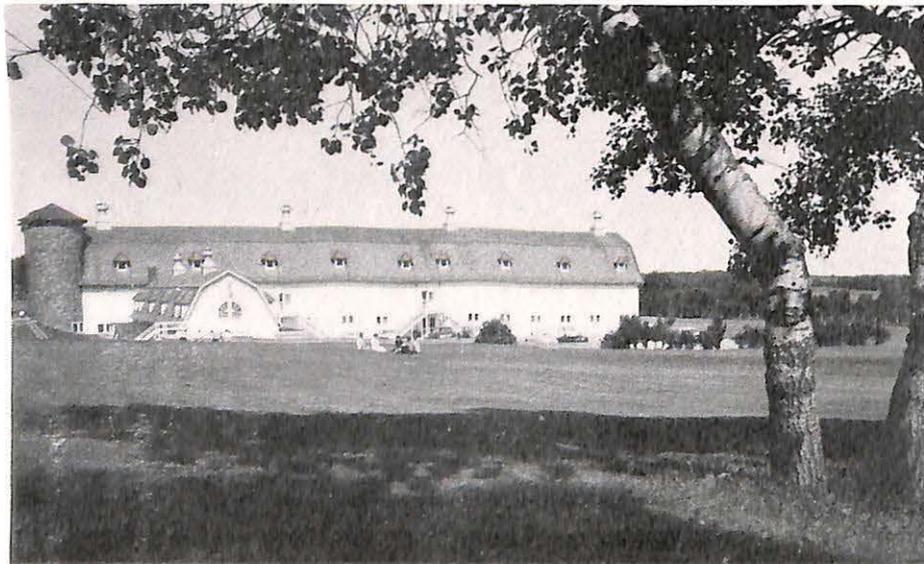
Once, at a circus in Europe, Mrs. Lawson saw a clown whipping a balking donkey. The animal squealed painfully. "Say, you can't do that!" she shouted, jumping up. Out of her love for animals she bought Katishaw, the donkey, and his colored cart, and had them shipped to Green Lake. "She drove Katishaw all over the farm," Herman said. "But she still balked. So, she carried sugar in her pocket. She had learned that a handful of sugar under his nose made him move again."

"Used to be a swamp and weeds down there." Herman said, pointing towards the lake shore, "but she had it filled in and planted in grass. Had that stone sea wall built around the shore, too. For awhile Mrs. Lawson kept thirty white swans. When the water was placid they were seen gliding about like queenly ships of state."

THE LAWSONS

"Mrs. Lawson was strict about keeping grass neat," Herman recalled. "I drove a horsedrawn mower, but twelve other men had to push movers along the roadsides. We never got through. We had to clean up all clippings. We swept the lawns, laid a tarpaulin on the road, drove a horse and wagon

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WILLIAM CAREY HALL, GREEN LAKE ASSEMBLY

The former hayloft barn, now known as William Carey Hall in the Abbey Area of the American Baptist Assembly, where the 1962 Laymen's Family Conference was held.

LIGHT IN THE LORD

It was the closing night of a summer conference at Green Lake. We made our way by a few scattered flashlights from the meeting hall down the hill to inspiration point out on the lake front for the closing moments of meditation and dedication.

During those moments of silent meditation we listened to the chimes playing great Christian hymns. Our eyes were on the lighted cross of Judson Tower on a distant hill. I thought about how far the light of the cross was reflecting itself on the waters of the lake. Following it along the water, I traced this reflection right up to the water's edge at my feet. Then, I noticed the light being reflected from my white shirt. There was no reflection from my dark coat.

A prayer went up from my heart, "O Lord, as surely as this light is reflected from my shirt let my life be clean and pure to reflect to the world the significance of your redeeming love." I stood silently, thrilled at the wonder of this experience of the light of the cross and the message it spoke.

GREEN LAKE, WISCONSIN

A garden is a quiet uncluttered space
There things eternal find us, face to face.
In a night garden Love, upon his knees,
Cried out beneath moon-flooded olive trees.
And in a garden Death kept fateful tryst
With Life triumphant, in pale morning mist.
—Oh, it was not by accident we came
Here where a few are gathered in thy Name,
Where every stone's an altar, every tree
A branching candlestick pointing to thee.
(What need of temple, here where thou art whole?)
A garden is a clearing in the soul,
A space of silence for the tired ear.
Lord, in a still small voice, speak to us here!
—Edith Lovejoy Pierce

GREEN LAKE—OUR GALILEE

Beside the ancient Syrian sea,
The Lord Christ trod of old;
'Twas there he walked, and talked with men,
And his disciples called.
Again he speaks in accents clear,
And calls to you and me,
In this, our sacred rendezvous,
Green Lake, our Galilee.

This is a place of fellowship,
Where Christian ties are strong,
Where in the Master's Name we meet,
And raise our voice in song
To him Who ever lives and loves
Through endless years the same;
Whose holy presence still we feel
Whene'er we breathe his Name.

TOP PICTURE: Dr. M. L. Leuschner and Mr. Lincoln S. Love compare notes as to the success of the Laymen's Conference.

CENTER: Rev. and Mrs. L. Bienert, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Jenkins are delighted to be photographed with Dr. Paul Gebauer (right).

BOTTOM: A time of relaxation at the Laymen's Conference for Mr. Harold B. Johns, Rev. L. Bienert and Dr. Paul Gebauer.
--Photos by Mrs. Carl Jenkins.



GREEN LAKE HISTORY

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across that, picked up the grass, rolled it in the tarpaulin, loaded the whole thing on the wagon, and hauled it away.

"We hauled big rocks on sleds and wagons to build the stone walls," he went on. Today, visitors admire the picturesque pattern that evolved from their hoisting, heaving, and hauling. More than forty years of ice, snow and rain have left the miles of stonework undamaged.

"The Mister was a newspaper man," Herman said. "A fine man, too. Mrs. Lawson was a fine woman, but particular."

INDIAN VILLAGE

One large field pastured their Jersey cows, another the Guernseys. But the Jerseys had to climb a steep hill from the barn to their pasture. Because the farm manager claimed that this exercise was harmful to the animals, Mrs. Lawson, at a cost of \$25,000, had a cut made through the hill for their convenience. During this project, however, the Jerseys grazed along with the Guernseys, and the tunnel was never used. "It was filled in," Herman said. "An old Cadillac is even buried up there." Location of the former tunnel is now marked by the rustic steps leading to INDIAN VILLAGE.

They also stocked their farm with hogs, ducks, pigeons, chickens and turkeys. "Farm produce was given away," Herman said. "Food, flowers, milk and eggs went to children's homes, old folks' homes and hospitals."

During hard times Victor Lawson sent large checks to his farm manager so that neighborhood people could be employed. They built paths, buildings, roadways, fences, and set out a hundred thousand trees and shrubs over the farm.

LORD'S DAY OBSERVED

Victor Lawson met Jessie Strong Bradley in a church choir. Both loved music, both sang well, and they were married in 1880. Victor and Jessie Lawson were members of the Congregational fellowship and observed the Lord's Day by church attendance, neither calling nor traveling on Sunday.

Perhaps, without realizing it, these two people were helping to develop, in the providence of God, a place of beauty and sturdy usefulness which should be available to thousands each year for spiritual guidance and training for Christian service.

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY— WHITHER BOUND?

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for further training in order that he might return home to lead his people on.

In accepting this challenge the Seminary faced the responsibility with an awareness of the fact that the area of our service was now bridging over to another continent and people. This was a new era.

Just last year, the scope of our ministry reached to the other side of our shrinking globe and accepted as a student, Hisashi Murakami from our mission field in Japan. Hence, the area of our ministry has extended into the Far East.

The benefits of this new venture are mutual, for our faculty and students have profited as well in their encounter with the two students from other lands and cultures. The program is too new to predict the eventual development and expansion in the future. The first results indicate that we have registered a solid advance.

HIGH CALIBER STUDENTS

The end product of any seminary is the student. The alumnus is the final measurement of any school. The type of student entering the school is another meaningful criteria.

It is encouraging to see graduates from our Seminary in many strategic positions of leadership and responsibility. The continued flow of high caliber graduates can be assured only by the proper quality of the incoming students. In this light it is worthy to note that the Seminary is attracting men and women who have completed college and university prior to coming for seminary training. This has been such a consistent pattern that the Seminary found it possible to drop the undergraduate program of study.

The new students face stiffening standards and class requirements. This has been welcomed, for it is another mark of progress toward a higher level of training. An increasing number of students are contemplating additional graduate study beyond the basic seminary training.

While the quality of our Seminary students is encouraging, one somber shadow continues to linger on the scene, for our enrollment continues to remain at 35 to 40. This is an inadequate number to meet our immediate needs and is a cause for grave concern.

Viewed in the light of the national seminary enrollment situation, this

may not be too discouraging since enrollment in seminaries across the United States and Canada has followed a downward trend for a number of years. This can give us no comfort but spells out more clearly the magnitude of the problem confronting us.

THE CHALLENGE OF TODAY

Is the situation hopeless? Is it impossible for us to meet this challenge in our day? The answer is that the situation is far from hopeless for a number of reasons which are obvious to the Christian.

God still calls men and women to his service. He continues to be the author of the Great Commission which is still in effect. The words of John 20:21 have not been rescinded, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Christ continues to press us with his prayer request of Matthew 9:37-38, "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest." God still answers prayer. As long as he does, he will send forth laborers—if we pray!

Many in our churches are realizing anew that God has thrust us into the very center of the problem of seeking out new workers and equipping them for the task. God still operates on the principle laid down in Acts 13:1-3 where the Holy Spirit clearly indicated that he calls the workers, but he holds the Church responsible for setting them aside, praying over them, and then sending them forth.

The Spirit of God must move first in the inward call, but God has so chosen to place a solemn responsibility upon the Church as well. Laying on of the hands gave no special gifts in this case, but it did identify the responsibility of the Church with the laborer. God revealed that the Church was closely bound up in the sending.

EARNEST PRAYER PETITIONS

It is encouraging to see more churches and pastors discussing the need for more qualified pastors and spending more time in prayer over this crisis. This concern is stimulating more and more of our pastors to send to the Seminary the names of their young people who are considering Christian service.

We must unite in an earnest prayer petition that God will once again stir our hearts in a spiritual renewal to the task before us. We must lead the Church in an agonizing heart searching to discover our God-given responsibilities in this matter. Whatever the price, we must pay it, for we must have God-called men.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE DATES TO REMEMBER

July 15-21, 1963
6th BAPTIST YOUTH
WORLD CONGRESS
at Beirut, Lebanon

August 19-25, 1963
CBYF CONFERENCE
for all young people
of our churches
Lake Geneva, Wisconsin

July 13-19, 1964
34th GENERAL
CONFERENCE
of North American
Baptist Churches
Sacramento, California

PRAYER

When in the morning hour you rise,
Lift up to God thy grateful eyes,
And breathe to him, whilst waiting
there,
A word of humble praise and prayer.
For thou, poor mortal, needs must
come—

As day by day you journey home—
Close to the Father-heart above,
If thou wouldst know a Father's love.
—W. T. Pearman

NEW YEAR

Dear Master, for this coming year
Just one request I bring:
I do not pray for happiness,
Or any earthly thing—
I do not ask to understand
The way thou leadest me,
But this I ask: Teach me to do
The thing that pleaseth thee.

I want to know thy guiding voice,
To walk with thee each day.
Dear Master, make me swift to hear
And ready to obey.
And thus the year I now begin
A happy year will be—
If I am seeking just to do
The thing that pleaseth thee.
—Author Unknown

MY TIMES ARE IN THY HANDS

Father, I know that all my life
Is portioned out for me,
And the changes that are sure to come
I do not fear to see;
But I ask thee for a patient mind,
Intent on pleasing thee.

I ask thee for a thoughtful love,
Through constant watching wise,
To meet the glad with joyful smiles,
And wipe the weeping eyes;
And a heart at leisure from itself,
To soothe and sympathize.

I would not leave the restless will
That hurries to and fro,
Seeking for some great thing to do,
Or secret thing to know;
I would be dealt with as a child,
And guided where I go.

So I ask for the daily strength,
To none that ask denied,
And a mind to blend with outward life
While keeping at thy side.
Content to fill a little space,
If thou be glorified.

And if some things I do not ask,
In my cup of blessing be,
I would have my spirit filled the more
With grateful love to thee;
And careful, than to serve thee much,
To please thee perfectly.
—Anna Laetitia Waring



75th ANNIVERSARY, WISHEK, NORTH DAKOTA

NAB ministers who took part in the 75th anniversary celebration of the First Baptist Church, Wishek, N. Dak: Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer (left to right), Rev. B. W. Krentz, former pastor; Rev. Carl A. Weisser, pastor; Rev. Ervin J. Faul, former pastor; and Rev. Orville H. Meth.

AMERICA'S WAY OF LIFE

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the spirit that truly bears a closer relationship with God.

We have all of these instruments before us which we have been called upon to use. It would be my prayer and my desire that in this re-dedication cere-

mony of your church, that when you think of dedicating yourself to the American way of life, you acknowledge that the greatest contribution you can make to America, and the greatest need that America has, is to find men and women who have put on the full armor of God, and who are, thus, undergirding America with spiritual strength.



50th ANNIVERSARY, EBENEZER, SASK.

Rev. and Mrs. W. Dickau are showing their joy in leading the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Sask., in its 50th anniversary festivities.

Statistics of Our Churches, 1962—North American Baptist General Conference

Conference	Churches	Baptisms	Church Members	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Scholars	Teachers & Officers	W.M.U. Societies	W.M.U. Members	C.B.Y.F. Societies	C.B.Y.F. Members
Atlantic	22	145	3,830	22	2,805	322	33	1,001	28	525
Central	37	437	9,837	37	9,233	1,093	57	2,426	58	1,390
Dakota	64	279	7,909	70	8,001	1,298	82	1,733	96	1,655
Eastern	22	105	2,916	20	2,338	305	27	672	29	586
Northern	56	213	8,000	61	7,413	975	65	1,657	69	1,654
Northwestern	38	266	6,715	37	5,439	751	60	1,644	74	1,151
Pacific	43	279	9,496	45	9,392	1,258	58	2,071	76	1,642
Southern	9	16	838	10	788	120	8	148	11	266
Southwestern	26	118	2,532	26	2,587	483	33	731	28	340
Total	317	1,858	52,073	328	47,796	6,605	423	12,083	469	9,209
Total Last Year	312	1,973	51,611	330	47,749	6,419	416	11,374	461	9,356
Total Increase	5		462		47	186	7	709	8	
Total Decrease		115		2						147

Statistics Tell a Sobering Story

A STUDY of the denominational statistics on this page will be both a sobering and a challenging experience for you. A sobering mood will come over you, as you realize our shortcomings as churches and inability to forge ahead more quickly and aggressively. But you will also see the spiritual challenge in those areas where God will have us strong in our witness and faithful in our stewardship.

We have increased in numerical strength by gaining five new churches and now totaling 52,073 in membership. This is a high mark for us in our history. But note that the total number of baptisms were 115 less this past year than in the previous year. In most of the areas of church life, we have recorded a commendable increase. Steadily, even though not spectacularly, we are growing and going forward.

PER CAPITA GIVING, \$110.46

But the picture of our financial contributions should give us a great concern. Our churches are prosper-

1963 MISSIONS PACKET

This informative packet with 22 pieces of literature, prepared by North American Baptists for the Baptist Jubilee Advance program in 1963, is now available through your pastor at 35 cents per packet. It can also be ordered from the office at 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. You will be surprised at the missionary information to be found in this packet!

ous financially which is shown in the total of almost six million dollars which our churches gave for all purposes. This represents per capita giving of \$110.46. Both of these figures are new record breaking marks for our conference.

But our needs for more funds for missionary expansion for new Church Extension projects, for the strengthening of our educational institutions and for denominational advance in Christ's Name are greater today than ever. Now see what has happened this past year! Our churches gave \$307,424 for

other than North American Baptist missions, a higher sum than ever. This represents more than one-third of our entire Conference Missionary and Benevolent budget. How much more we could do in missionary expansion abroad and evangelistic outreach at home if our churches would catch this missionary vision and clearly hear the commissioning orders of the Lord Jesus Christ.

STUDY THE STATISTICS

Study the statistical tables in their conference and denominational totals. See where your account of stewardship before God fits into this total picture. Thank God for what has been accomplished to his glory, and with others in our churches seek to do better to advance his Kingdom work. Another year of challenge and opportunity is before us.

The goals are there. Christ calls to us from the heights. Now press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus!

Contributions of Our Churches, 1962—North American Baptist General Conference

Conference	For Local Church Operating Expenses	For Local Building Fund Expenses	Total for Local Field	For N.A.B. Missions & Benevolent	For Local Conference Missions	Total for All N.A.B. Missions	For other than N.A.B. Missions	Total for All Mission Purposes	Total for All Purposes
Atlantic	\$ 247,218.00	\$ 137,000.00	\$ 384,218.00	\$ 36,502.00	\$ 3,221.00	\$ 39,723.00	\$ 64,430.00	\$ 104,153.00	\$ 488,317.00
Central	662,459.69	334,236.00	996,695.69	163,431.66	15,875.94	179,307.60	79,019.67	258,327.27	1,255,022.96
Dakota	448,891.10	192,288.53	641,179.63	112,407.10	13,697.07	126,104.17	15,518.87	141,623.04	782,802.67
Eastern	170,917.38	110,250.19	281,168.17	32,015.65	15,917.80	47,933.45	5,544.73	53,478.18	334,646.35
Northern	393,952.67	167,109.19	561,061.86	138,004.93	20,596.18	158,601.11	34,349.86	192,950.97	754,012.83
Northwestern	369,367.00	142,803.31	512,170.31	91,326.33	13,416.46	104,742.49	55,940.55	160,683.34	672,853.65
Pacific	566,521.66	339,672.99	906,194.65	149,480.93	23,924.02	173,404.95	46,564.99	219,969.94	1,126,164.59
Southern	47,458.03	8,233.11	55,691.14	8,439.40	1,265.10	9,704.50	1,843.36	11,547.86	67,239.00
Southwestern	151,449.32	38,363.79	189,813.11	61,275.67	15,852.06	77,127.73	4,212.86	81,340.59	270,753.70
Total	\$3,057,834.85	\$1,469,957.71	\$4,527,792.56	\$792,883.67	\$123,765.63	\$916,649.30	\$307,424.89	\$1,224,074.19	\$5,751,866.75
Last Year	2,841,437.09	1,690,770.48	4,532,207.57	728,727.29	91,491.57	820,218.86	271,463.23	1,091,687.09	5,623,894.66
Total Increase	\$ 216,397.76			64,156.38	32,274.06	96,430.44	35,961.66	132,387.10	127,972.09
Total Decrease		220,812.77	4,415.01						

Share With Christ

This 12 page, illustrated brochure introduces you to the Missionary and Service Program of the North American Baptist General Conference. It gives you a colorful, panoramic view of the great work entrusted to us by God.

Our Stewardship Objectives

These objectives adopted at the 1961 Conference in Minneapolis challenge North American Baptists to 1) an increase in missionaries; 2) advance in Church Extension; and 3) the strengthening of our Educational Institutions.

IS CHRIST'S CONCERN OF ANY CONCERN TO YOU?



OUR MISSIONARY TASK

- Opportunities for missionary service in the Federal Republic of Cameroon are more numerous and urgent than ever.
- A Student Center in Tsu, Japan and the Biblical Seminary at Osaka should be built soon in our ever enlarging ministry for Christ.
- The staff of 82 missionaries needs to be supplemented with other dedicated young people to take the Gospel to the dark places of the world.

CHURCH EXTENSION BUILDERS

- Every month your \$1.00 contribution will help some new, struggling Church Extension project to erect its building.
- You can enlist as a Church Extension Builder with the captain in your church, or with your pastor, or by writing to the Forest Park office.
- Every month you will receive a descriptive story of God's blessing upon the Church Extension project which you are supporting that month. Join this noble army now!

TWO TEAMS OF GOD'S VOLUNTEERS

- These 11 young people are giving almost a year of service for Christ without any salary. Their zeal and devotion are an awe inspiring example to others.
- From coast to coast they are carrying on an evangelistic ministry and showing others how to do personal work.
- You can support them with "Prayer Partner Gifts" of \$5.00 and with your prayers in their behalf. Follow their story in our publications.

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BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE

1963 - 1964

BJA — WHAT IS IT?

The Baptist Jubilee Advance is a Cooperative Witness for Christ in which seven Baptist groups in the U.S.A. and Canada representing over 19 million people are cooperating. A special emphasis on EVANGELISM in various aspects of life is being made for each of the five years. North American Baptists have joined other groups in this program.

1963 EMPHASIS

- Our churches are to engage in a vigorous program of "Evangelism Through World Missions" in 1963.
- Every member is to seek to follow each of the "Twenty Imperatives—Go Ye" in the spirit of Christ's Great Commission to all believers of all times.
- Theme: "New Life for the world." Text: "That the world may believe" (John 17:21).
- Secure the 1963 MISSIONS PACKET and read each of its 23 pieces of literature. It can be secured from your pastor at 35 cents a packet or from the Forest Park office.

1964 EMPHASIS

- The year 1964 marks the 150th anniversary of the founding of the first Baptist foreign mission society through the dedicated ministry of the first missionaries, Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice.
- A Jubilee Celebration for all Baptists will be held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, May 18-24, 1964.
- A thrilling program is being planned for these days with the Southern and American Baptist Conventions in session at Atlantic City at that time and with North American Baptists holding their General Council sessions there. It will be a memorable gathering!

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Members of the Baptist Jubilee Advance Committees, including Dr. F. H. Woyke (center, seated), Dr. R. Schilke, Rev. D. Fuchs and Dr. M. L. Leuschner.



Faces—faces—faces of many school children at one of our Cameroon Mission Schools eager for knowledge and ready for God's Word.