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The S. S. Lesson in **ACTION**

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A LESSON PLAN
Date: July 19, 1953

Theme: ONE WORLD IN CHRIST.
Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10, 13-22.
Purpose: To show how Christ makes all men to be "One" in him.

GETTING STARTED: Let's begin by doing a little supposing. First, let's suppose that the United Nations were suddenly transformed into an international organization so effective and powerful that it could immediately put into effect all of its proposals and actually mold the nations of the world into One World. Second, let's suppose that you were such an influential member of the United Nations that there would be entrusted to you the opportunity and responsibility of suggesting the specific plan that would be put into effect in order to achieve this end. What plan would you suggest? How would you go about creating this One World?

Developing the Theme:

I. MAN'S WAYS OF BUILDING ONE WORLD

1. Here are some of the ways which men have either tried or suggested as means toward creating One World: a League of Nations, a World Court, International Peace Treaties, a United Nations, some form of world government, and others. Which of these would you suggest? Do you believe that any of them would work and actually give us One World?

2. Which is the rock on which all of these plans seem to suffer shipwreck? Is it not the rock of unregenerate human nature? And isn't it true that the world cannot be changed until first of all men are changed?

II. JESUS' WAY OF BUILDING ONE WORLD

1. Was Jesus interested in building One World? Not in our sense of the term. He never spoke about One World. Instead, he spoke about the Kingdom of God. But what is the Kingdom of God? Isn't it actually One World—the whole world under the rule of God? And are not all things moving toward the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that "Jesus Christ is Lord?" Therefore Jesus did seek to bring in One World, did he not? And ought we not do likewise?

2. How did Jesus seek to bring in One World? He did so by—

(a) Doing something about human nature (2:8-10a). By the redemption he wrought on Calvary, he made it possible for the nature of man to be

transformed, thus making men new creatures and fit building blocks of a new order.

(b) Doing something about the "wall of partition" that separated man from man (2:13-22). By his cross he lifted men out of themselves, reconciled them to one another, and made them members of the family of God. Born thus into a new society, that of the household of God, in which all differences of race and class and nation are superseded, they become true brothers in Christ.

(c) Giving us a new tool with which to prepare the way for his Kingdom, namely, the tool of "good works" (2:10a)—deeds of love in his name.

A LESSON PLAN
Date: July 26, 1953

Theme: GROWING IN CHRIST-LIKENESS

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6, 11-16.

Purpose: To explain the "Why" and "How" of the Christian's growth in Christlikeness.

GETTING STARTED: It was Wednesday evening. Deacon Brown had just finished his testimony. "I thank God," he had said, "for saving my soul 25 years ago. I can still remember the day and the peace and joy that were mine. It was the happiest day of my life." As he sat down, Deacon Brown felt deeply moved as he recalled once more that wonderful day so many years ago. But, somehow, his testimony hadn't at all moved the people who heard it. For one thing, they'd heard it too often. For another, they were beginning to wonder whether the Lord had done anything for Deacon Brown during the 25 years since his conversion and whether, in fact, the day of a man's conversion should be the happiest day in his life. Was that the best that the Lord had for his children? Or was there something better and more wonderful for them as they lived and grew as Christians?

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

For this issue only the Rev. B. Jacksteit has prepared the Sunday School material for the next three weeks. In the July 30 number, he will prepare the material for August 9 and 16, thus enabling all "Baptist Herald" readers to have the issue in their hands a week or more in advance of the Sunday School lessons.

Editorial

Memory Pictures!

THE PICTURES of MEMORY, etched forever upon our hearts, are priceless. That is certainly true of our happy, blessed memories! We may grow old and lonesome, but we can travel back to the joy to our souls. "Memory is the treasure house of the mind wherein the monuments thereof are kept and preserved," as Fuller stated. We recall the highlights of past years with their procession of events through the big picture windows of memory.

One of the most remarkable things about memory is that we can "travel" to majestic mountain heights and romantic places and placid lakes by means of memory pictures without going a single mile from our home. I have met some invalids and hospital patients as well as others who just didn't have the money to go travelling on a vacation they would like to visit. By means of their vivid recollection of other trips, when health and money had been theirs, they rejoiced in the memory pictures that flooded their lives with grandeur.

Even more precious is the remembrance of people and of what they have done for you. A church service of years ago and of what touched your soul so intimately, a sermon preached by a saint of God that you will never forget, a high hour at some assembly or General Conference, the face of a loved one that brings tears to your soul—these are memory pictures that cannot be bought with money. "The joys I have possessed," Dryden said, "are ever mine; out of thy reach, behind eternity, hid in the sacred treasure of the past, but blest remembrance brings them hourly back."

The Apostle Paul had such a memory picture of the Philippian church which gladdened his heart, even in the Roman prison, and inspired him to write: "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Every communion service should be such a spiritual picture window upon the sufficiency of God's grace and the wonders of his love if we do this "in remembrance of him," our Lord Jesus Christ!

Here is the source of spiritual uplift and of human contentment that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. If our lives have been filled with good things and blessings from above and we have had eyes to see and to understand, then we shall never lack these picture windows of memory to thrill and inspire us. "Recollection is the only paradise from which we cannot be turned out," as Richter reminds us. It is ours to bless us and to bring color and beauty into our lives daily!

All of this requires a grateful spirit before God, a daily cultivation of our spiritual life. As Joseph Fort Newton has suggested, we must pray: "Lord, keep our memory green. Teach our hearts to forget the things we ought not to remember, and to remember the things we ought not to forget. Make us to know that those who love God never meet for the last time. For memory, the mother of faith, hope and love, we give thanks. Amen."

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Developing the Theme:
I. GROWTH IS ONE OF THE LAWS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE. The Christian is to "grow up" (4:15) and attain unto the full stature of Christ (4:13). If he doesn't grow, he is an abnormal Christian and remains forever in the diaper and Pablum stage of spiritual development. Conversion is only the moment of new birth; the real fun and joy of Christian living come afterward. Therefore, if the Christian doesn't grow in "grace and knowledge" each day that he lives, he is stunted in his development and remains a childish Christian.

II. WHEREIN THE CHRISTIAN IS TO GROW

1. In the moral quality for his life (4:1, 24).
2. In attitudes and motives that reflect the spirit of Christ (4:2-3).
3. In ability to live and work harmoniously with other Christians (4:15-16).
4. In recognizing the essential oneness of all believers and finding his place in the larger fellowship of Christians (4:4-6).
5. In personal knowledge and experience of Jesus Christ (4:13).
6. In faith that grows steady and mature with the passing years (4:13-14).

III. HOW THE CHRISTIAN CAN EXPERIENCE SUCH GROWTH

1. He must realize that he has been called to a way of life, not to a static position in which to hibernate until the Lord calls him home. His constant purpose should be to "grow up . . . into Christ" (4:15).
2. He must recognize the fact that God has given him a job to do and grace sufficient to do it (4:7)—if he only will!
3. He must know that he belongs to a great body of believers and that as he finds his place in that body, the strength of the whole body will be his, undergirding his every effort and spurring him on to do his best (4:16).

Applying the Lesson:

1. Does the doctrine of "once saved, always saved" tend to make people complacent and keep them from growing as Christians?
2. Are we making this matter of being a Christian too easy? How?

A LESSON PLAN
Date: August 2, 1953

Theme: CHRISTIAN IDEALS FOR FAMILY LIVING.

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-4:1.
Purpose: To help us make our homes more Christian.

GETTING STARTED: One of the most precious memories of my early childhood is the prayers of my mother.
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Imprisoned by Chinese Communists

The harrowing experiences of a Baptist missionary who spent twenty-one months in solitary confinement at Swatow, China, at the hands of Chinese Communists

By DR. E. H. GIEDT of Rochester, New York

YOU HAVE ALL read of my release from 21 months of imprisonment in solitary confinement at Swatow, South China. Some of you have written to me personally, and I hope you will forgive me if I answer you in this "wholesale" fashion.

On arrival in San Francisco on January 31 I was met by my wife and our three married sons and their wives, as well as by a number of our former South China colleagues. Then followed five weeks of traveling and visiting up and down the Pacific coast and across the continent from Seattle through Yakima and Spokane, Wash., Richardson and Jamestown, N. Dak., and Chicago to our home in Rochester, New York. We made stopovers of from one to five days in twelve places and saw 79 members of the Giedt tribe, including direct in-laws, some of whom I had not seen for 15 to 20 years. In addition, we met a number of other friends and former colleagues.

It is a pleasure now in retrospect to recall our sightseeing and visiting, but it was also very strenuous and exhausting while it lasted, and we were glad on March 7 to reach Rochester, where we could unpack and relax a little. Since then I have written innumerable letters and reports and have done some speaking in churches and before other groups.

TORTURE BY COMMUNISTS

On behalf of my three colleagues and myself I want to thank all of you for your kind interest in our long detention and especially for your prayers. We knew all the while that thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of both American and Chinese Christians were praying for us. We could feel it in our hearts, and it brought assurance and new hope and courage at times when we needed it most.

There were times when our spirits were pretty low. During my "trial" of two weeks of grilling interrogation in relays mornings, afternoons and late at night, there were four or five occasions when I lay awake and mentally faced the firing squad. At the end of a week of this mental torture, when I had not confessed that I was a spy for the American "imperialist" government, the cross-examining law-

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yer left me late at night in a rage, saying, "I'll sentence you tomorrow!" And we had had plenty of object lessons during the preceding weeks when we had seen whole truck-loads of Chinese "criminals" taken out to the execution grounds to be shot!

After a second week of interminable interrogation, we were not informed of the sentence imposed upon us, but from the lawyer's proud vaunt (made early in the "trial") that he had authority to impose one of three sentences—expulsion from China, at least three years of prison, or execution—and since we were held in prison for



Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Giedt reunited at San Francisco, Calif., on Jan. 31, 1953, following his imprisonment of 21 months by Chinese Communists.

21 months, we took it that they had sentenced us to "at least three years of prison." But for some inscrutable reason they decided to expel us before the end of that time.

The first four months we were each confined to a single room with adjoining bathroom in a large two-story mission house built of stone, with the rooms (two downstairs and two upstairs) widely separated by a sitting room and dining room (used by the guards) so that we could not so much as catch a glimpse of one another, and with armed guards constantly watching us day and night. We were allowed to keep three of our servants, two men and a woman, to prepare our three daily meals and serve them to us on individual trays, to provide us with a pail of warm water for a sponge bath every other day, and to wash our clothes. We paid for both the servants and the food, so that it did not cost them a cent for our keep, but they reserved the right to control both, and sometimes they withheld our food from us for virtually no offense on our part.

For all of the 21 months we were not allowed to speak a single word to one another, and for a whole year I was not permitted to write a single letter to my wife or family; nor did they give me a single letter during that time from my wife. In fact, they never gave me those letters even when I was deported. Only infrequently were we allowed to speak to our servants briefly, and then only in the presence of a guard.

"PRISON CELLS"

On August 6, 1951, we were transferred to the French Catholic Mission in Swatow, where a part of the buildings was turned into a prison for the five of us (including a French priest). There were just five bare rooms upstairs around an open court with heavy iron bars in the windows. The reinforced concrete building was ideally constructed for a prison! The "cells" contained only an iron bed with rattan bottom (no springs or mattress!), a plain pine student's desk, and a chair, and they served us not only for a bedroom and study but also for a toilet, with what little privacy we could improvise!

There was further tightening of control and discipline, and for seventeen months we no longer had access to direct sunshine. The only exercise I got was my "daily dozen" on getting up in the morning and pacing the diagonal of the floor, five paces! In the winter I did that frequently to keep warm. They changed guards every two hours in such a way that each guard had a two-hour dayshift and a two-hour nightshift, but the shifts were kept rotating so that no guard came on duty the same hours on the following day. All, or nearly all, guards were changed completely about every three months.

About 20 percent of the guards were fairly decent fellows, with whom we got along very well, but another 20 percent were mean and insolent and spiteful. They seemed to have been instructed from the office to make life as miserable as possible for us, and they humiliated us to the dust!

BIBLES TAKEN AWAY

Near the beginning of our imprisonment they took away both my English and my Chinese Bible, which I had in my briefcase. When I begged them to let me keep those, they said: "Those books are of no use to you; stop reading them!" Later, in our Swatow prison, we were obliged to take our sponge bath in a common toilet (not a bathroom!) used also by the guards. If we took more than two minutes for a bath (including undressing and dressing again), the guards bawled us out and sometimes threatened to shoot us!

From the first I had followed my habit of bowing my head in prayer before eating, but later in Swatow some of those mean guards would yell at me through the window, saying: "What are you doing? Stop that!" I replied, "I am talking to God," to which they would say: "Who is God? Stop that nonsense!"

We remembered that when Paul and Silas were imprisoned at Philippi they sought to comfort themselves by singing hymns in the middle of the night. Miss Louise Giffin tried to imitate them by singing Christian hymns in a low tone, not at midnight but in broad daylight, but before long she was rudely forbidden to sing hymns. Then for a few days she would just hum the tunes in a low tone, but soon even that was forbidden.

Then followed seventeen months of almost dead silence, so far as we prisoners were concerned. But a radio somewhere in the office kept blaring Communist propaganda at almost any hour of the day or night, until I sometimes thought I should go mad! At the height of the American germ warfare propaganda they had a radio recording in the Swatow dialect, in which a woman in all but hysterical tones



Baptist Chinese friends in Hongkong, China, who saw Dr. Giedt off on the "S.S. President Cleveland." Seated at his left are the Misses Abbie G. Sanderson and Louise M. Giffin; at his right Rev. Loren E. Noren and Miss Edna D. Smith; standing, Miss Alice Giffin.

warned the people against the American germs and especially of the necessity to kill rats!

At Swatow they also tried to starve us mentally. When we were taken away from our own mission house, they gave us only thirty minutes' time to get ready and told us to take only what we needed for the night, since the servants could come back the next day for the other things. That was deliberate deception. For three weeks we got nothing more, and all I had to read during that time was a small pocket diary!

SYSTEMATIC STUDIES

I used chiefly a five-inch measure in the diary to draw right-angled triangles on my desk and then refreshed my memory of trigonometry and plane and solid geometry, and using toilet paper for calculations I worked out the logarythms for all the more common angles up to the 7th and 8th decimal places!

At the end of three weeks they condescended to let me have a small cheap Bible and my Peake's 968-page, double-column Commentary on the Bible. Was I happy then! After reading all the valuable and scholarly articles about both the Old and the New Testament, I waded through the individual commentaries on each book and read through the whole Bible along with the Commentary, stopping to underline and cross-reference the whole work.

Four months later, just before Christmas, 1951, they finally yielded to my oft repeated request to let me have my Westcott and Hort Greek New Testament with a Lexicon appended to it. Then through the whole of my last year in prison, I read through the entire Greek New Testament, not superficially but translating every sentence and looking up every

word I had forgotten or never knew. At the same time I made a word by word study of Paul's Epistles to the Romans and 1 and 2 Corinthians, going over those epistles three times, in a systematic study of Paul's Greek vocabulary and grammar.

As I had no Greek grammar, I made up my own on the basis of Paul's usage and built up all the various conjugation paradigms for verbs and declensions for nouns and adjectives. It may be of interest to HERALD readers that in those three epistles Paul used a total of 646 different verbs, 766 different nouns, 240 adjectives, 131 adverbs, and about 20 each of pronouns, conjunctions, prepositions and particles.

DEPORTED TO HONGKONG

When we were finally deported to Hongkong on December 31, 1952, they took away my pocket diary in which I recorded all my hard-won results of trigonometry and geometry. Perhaps they thought all those figures and diagrams had something to do with the atomic bomb!

But fortunately, they allowed me to take along my Bible Commentary in which I had made numerous marginal notes and whole pages of comments. And strangely enough, they also let me take several notebooks full of the results of my study in Paul's Epistles. Maybe that was because they couldn't read Greek and so had no use for that material!

They did a lot of things without rhyme or reason. I think it is a miracle that the four of us came through our fiery trial unscathed, as it were. On one occasion a guard deliberately took aim at the French priest and fired, wounding him!

Now I must stop, lest I weary my readers to death, as the Chinese say. I send fraternal greetings to all "Baptist Herald" readers.

What Is the Church?

Let us examine the teachings of the Scriptures about the Church of Christ so that we can combat false theories and fill our appointed place in the service of our Lord and Savior

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come again to set up his Kingdom on the earth, which will be the time of the millennium or Kingdom rule of Christ on the earth. This postponement is illustrated in the story of the nobleman farmer in Luke 19:11-27.

In Luke 17:21 there is a Scripture passage that many use to try to prove that the Kingdom of Christ is "within us," but under closer observation the Greek word ENTOS translated "within" has the meaning of "among or in the midst of." So the verse would read in modern English something like this: "Nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'See there!'—for the kingdom of God is now in your midst" (Montgomery Translation). What Christ was saying to them was that the King of the Kingdom was in their midst right then, at that moment, presenting the Kingdom that they were rejecting.

The Church is never confounded with the Kingdom in the Scriptures. The Church is compared to a house—1 Timothy 3:15; a temple—1 Cor. 3:16-17; a body—1 Cor. 12:27-31; but never to a Kingdom. Christ is spoken of as the Head of the Church, but never its King.

THE CHURCH IS A MYSTERY

In Ephesians 3:1-12 the Apostle Paul tells us that the Church was a mystery hidden in the mind of God. But the Kingdom of God is not a mystery, because the Old Testament prophets went into great detail explaining God's Kingdom to be set up on the earth at some future time. A mystery in Scripture is something that has been hidden in the mind of God in ages past, but is now revealed to us in complete detail. This particular mystery is only one of thirteen mentioned in the New Testament.

This mystery of the Church was revealed to no one but Paul, as we read

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in Ephesians 3:3, who was to be the apostle to the Gentiles. So if we want to know the workings of the Church, then we should search the epistles of Paul more closely.

Certainly, God in the Old Testament has well hidden this truth, the mystery of the Church, because there is no prophecy in the Old Testament pointing directly to the Church Age (Ephesians 3:5). We see the Old Testament prophets looking forward in their prophecies to the ages before the Church and those following the Church, but not into the Church Age itself, although it was not a mystery that the Gentiles were to be saved. We read in Hosea 2:23, ". . . and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God."

Paul explains this in Romans 9:24-30, where he gives other Old Testament references to prove that the Gentiles were to be saved. But the Old Testament did not reveal exactly how this was to take place, nor did it reveal how we were to become one in Christ, not Jew or Gentile, but now one in Christ Jesus as Ephesians 3:6 tells us. So Paul reveals our position in Christ, once a mystery but now fully explained in all its glory.

"A CALLED OUT ASSEMBLY"

The New Testament often speaks of this group of Christians or assembly by the Greek word ECCLESIA, which means a "group of called out ones." This Greek word is made up of two other Greek words, EK, meaning "out of or from" and KALEW, which means "to call or to summon." This is a very appropriate word for the Church, because we are a called-out group of people, called out of the family of sin and Satan into the family of God by the Holy Spirit, by means of the new birth, made possible through the death of our Lord and Savior on the cross (Acts 15:14).

For this called-out group God has two basic purposes, and I am thinking primarily of our earthly sojourn. One of these purposes is to "learn of him," and the other to "serve him." To "learn of him," our assemblies should be given more and more to a teaching of the Word that reveals to

us the glories of our Savior and the promises to the Christian. It is surprising how few Christians can give an answer for the hope that is within them, or to tell someone else the simple truths of the Scriptures that they might be brought to a saving knowledge of Christ. This, I believe can be attributed to our lack of teaching ministry in our churches. The more we learn of him, the more we love him and the more willing we are to serve him.

THE BODY OF CHRIST

In Ephesians 1:22-23 God tells us that he has put everything in this Church Age under the direct headship of Christ. We, the born-again members of the local church, make up the body of Christ, which will reach its fulness at the time of the rapture of the Church.

Seeing the great number of denominations, we are almost led to believe that there is more than one body of Christ. But these are man-made differences of opinion on doctrines of the Scriptures, not God directed. When we come into the presence of the Lord, all our differences of opinion will dissolve away in his glorious presence, and we will find that we are all "one in Christ Jesus," as the Scriptures have taught us (1 Cor. 12:12-13). The born-again ones are like individual cells being added daily to the body through the entire Church Age. When the last cell has been added, the Body and the Head will be united in the rapture; "so shall we ever be with the Lord."

As we read the rest of the 12th chapter of 1st Corinthians, we discover that this Body is an organism, not an organization. This organism is made up of different parts, the same as our human bodies are, with each part having its special appointed function. The chapter continues to show that the body is not all ears or eyes or mouth or hands or feet, but is completely and properly balanced so that it will function smoothly and efficiently.

I believe that this teaches us that each soul that is born into the family of God has an appointed place and type of service in the Body of Christ. Not just the preachers, teachers and officers of the church are called to serve the Lord in a special way, but every one of us is called to fill his or her place of service in this great Body.

OUR APPOINTED BUSINESS

Now some of you will say, "What can I do?" Answer me this! How many of your friends and neighbors are unsaved? Most of them, I imagine, for they are just like the people we all meet every day. Now God expects these people to hear the Gospel, but most of them will never be "caught dead," as some of them express it, in-



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side of a church. So, they will not know that Christ died for their sins and was raised again for their justification, if we, the Body of Christ, do not introduce them to Christ, the head of the body (Ephesians 4:11-13). For they cannot come into the Body except they come through Christ who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life," the only Way they can make heaven their home. Let us pray the Lord to help us to be about our appointed business.

There is one more thing that is taught us about the Body of Christ to which we pay very little attention. In verse 26 of 2 Corinthians 12 we read: "And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." Just think, every time we say or do something mean to others in the Body of Christ, or have an unforgiving spirit and pride in grace, all these things bring suffering to the whole Body of Christ. All of it is affected, not just the one we offended, but the entire Body. This is evident in schisms and discontent in the churches, and in the lack of zeal in reaching the lost.

The Body is not only affected by suffering and pain, but also by joy and happiness. United prayer, united effort and all such things bring a warm, glowing feeling of joy and happiness. This oneness of mind and heart opens the doors of heaven, bringing blessings from God, and opens the hearts of men and brings a blessing to them. How much more we could do for the Lord if everyone in the Body of Christ were of one mind and one heart.

The uppermost thought in the mind of the Christian should be the coming of the Lord to receive his Bride, the Church. For some two thousand years

the Lord has been taking out "a people for his name," and preparing them as a Bride, ready to meet him at his return. In our study of the Bible we discover not only that a Bride is mentioned, but also that God has a wife, and this wife is now estranged from her husband. Who then is the wife, and who is the Bride? In Isaiah 54:5-8 we see our answer. Here we read, "For thy maker is thine husband; The Lord of hosts is his name."

The chapter before us is God's dealing with Israel, the first ten verses dealing with her unbelief, estrangement and her final dispersion. The last part concerns their re-gathering and blessing by God. So then the wife is Israel and God the Father is her husband.

But according to 2 Corinthians 11:2, we the Church are espoused to Christ as his Bride and loved one, waiting longingly for his speedy return. In the typical teaching of the Old Testament, Adam and Isaac are types of Christ. The first man Adam had a bride; so the second man Adam has a bride also. Abraham sent into Mesopotamia, a far country, for a bride for Isaac. As Rebekah went to meet Isaac, so we shall some day go to meet our Savior, Master and Lord.

OUR APPOINTED PLACE

How important it is for us to realize our position in Christ! We claim to be saved and on our way to heaven, but we are very careless as to how we fill our appointed place in the service of our Lord and Savior.

The mystery, that we were to become one with Christ, is no longer a mystery but a revealed truth. Yet, we permit it to remain a mystery to those who are round about us who need to know this precious truth. We know that we have been called out of the world into the family of God to serve him, but we remain stagnant and disobedient to the heavenly calling.

We recognize that we are a part of the Body of Christ and our life stems from him, but we are obstinate and unsatisfied with being just a cell in the body. We want to be the whole ear, or eye, or tongue; so the whole body suffers. We are the Bride of Christ, but we are slovenly and careless in the way we look, and in our pursuits in the Christian life.

It's not a very lovely picture, is it? How would we feel if the one we loved and intended to marry was as careless as we are? Would it not hurt our heart? How it must hurt the heart of our Bridegroom, our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ!

So let us covenant with the Lord that we will no longer be careless, indifferent and disobedient, but be zealous, obedient and alive, as we serve him every day so that the whole world will see Jesus in us.

New Missionaries for Japan

Introducing the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut of Wessington Springs, South Dakota, who will sail on August 17, 1953 as our newly appointed missionaries to Japan

By the REV. R. SCHILKE, General Missionary Secretary

ONE CANNOT HELP but praise the Lord for his wonderful leading over the past number of years in all of our advances on our foreign as well as home mission fields. This year the spotlight is especially focused upon Japan. At the recent annual sessions of the General Missionary Committee three more missionaries were appointed to the foreign mission field and all three for Japan.

We shall concern ourselves with two of these three in this article. These two are the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut of Wessington Springs, South Dakota. It is our desire to introduce them to the readers of the "Baptist Herald" for the purpose of getting acquainted with this young minister and his family.

BOYHOOD EXPERIENCES

Walter Sukut was born and reared in a Christian home in Logan County, North Dakota. He was one of thirteen children born to Edward and Katharine Sukut whose home was a very modest but comfortable farm home near Napoleon, North Dakota. In material wealth Walter did not receive many things but from his Christian parents he received a spiritual inheritance that outweighs any wealth of this world.

The possessions of this world were so few that during the dry thirties his parents were forced to mortgage everything they had on their farm down to the last chicken, but they managed to get along without relief or county aid. Walter wonders why in those hard stricken years they as children were not mortgaged and humbly he says: "Perhaps it was because we were quite worthless."

The love of his parents for their children, their sacrificial life in order to meet the various needs of the family, their readiness in recognizing the needs of all of their children, are something that Walter ever remembers and something that surrounded his life and became a source of strength and inspiration for him in future days. Because of that he gives due credit to his parents and their model Christian life led before their children.

His boyhood experiences were probably not much different than those of

other boys. He says that to his teacher he was a problem. With the neighboring children he often got into fights. That he found any time to learn between fights and mischief is almost beyond his understanding as he looks back upon those days. But he did and the boyhood days passed as he grew to young manhood.

LIFE'S GREAT DECISION

At the age of thirteen Walter indicated his desire to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior during a revival campaign in his church. But somehow it seemed that he was not willing to pay the full price of becoming a Christian at that time and so failed to give his life to Christ and really accept Christ as his Savior. In days to come, especially in those days of high school when he was away from home, he became quite wayward and became the special object of prayer in the life of his parents. It was during the days of his enrollment at the North Dakota Agricultural College in the spring of 1946 that he made his life's great decision.

Away from home in a strange city he felt lonely and forsaken and so on



Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, newly appointed missionaries to Japan.

Sunday morning, March 31, he went to church in the hope of receiving a good tonic for his loneliness. Being accustomed to go to church, he was quite at home in the church, but that morning he received a tonic far different than what he thought he would.

Looking back upon that experience, he cannot recall too much of the service but after the service a young man approached him and talked to him about the spiritual state of his soul. Then and there Walter became convicted of his sins and saw his need for a Savior in his life. He yielded his life to Christ and experienced the cleansing power of Christ as his sins were washed away and by faith he claimed life eternal.

This great decision of accepting Christ as his Savior opened to him new avenues of life. On April 21, 1946 he followed the Lord in baptism and became a member of the Napoleon Baptist Church. As he grew in his Christian life and realized more and more what the Lord had done for him, the conviction also grew upon him that God wanted him for full-time Christian service.

EDUCATION AND PREPARATION

The first eight years of Walter's formal education were spent in a little one-room schoolhouse near his home which had more children than desks in which to seat them. For his high school training he went to Wishek, N. Dak., and those days were the first ones spent away from home, though not too far away that he could not go home on week-ends. The North Dakota Agricultural College days will ever stand out in the life of Walter Sukut, not only because of his first college training but also because during those days he found Christ as his Savior, as mentioned above.

Realizing that God was calling him to full-time service, he enrolled at the North American Baptist Seminary in the fall of 1946. At that time the call of God did not seem clear to him, whether it meant for full-time service on foreign mission fields or in full-time service on home mission fields. However, as he yielded his life completely he took as his motto the words of the hymn writer: "I'll go where you

want me to go, dear Lord, and do what you want me to do."

This is still his motto for his life. Seminary days were days of deepening his Christian experiences and Christian life as he studied the Word of God and sat at the feet of those men whom God had called to teach others and prepare them for life's service.

MISSIONARY CALL

It was during his seminary days that the conviction grew more and more that God was calling him to the foreign service. As North American Baptists we had no mission in Japan at that time and so his attention was drawn to Africa. His first application to our mission board was thus for Africa, should the Lord so lead.

The relocation of our seminary from Rochester, N. Y., to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., brought to Walter Sukut many adjustments but also one of life's greatest joys. For it was here at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., that he met Miss Barbara Huntley and that acquaintance turned into a blossoming romance which led to a happy marriage on June 7, 1951. However, we are getting a little ahead of our story.

BARBARA HUNTLEY

Barbara Millicent Huntley was born to Kenneth and Lullabelle Huntley as one of five children of whom four were girls and one a boy. The poverty of her home still stares ghostlike out of the past. In the midst of this poverty there was no comfort of love of an ideal Christian home. At the age of six Barbara experienced the tragedy of a broken home and the burden of rearing the children fell upon the shoulders of her mother. It is to be understood that much of the time the family had to be on relief and lived in the poorer section of St. Paul, Minnesota. Because the mother had to work the children were largely left to themselves and so knew little of real home life and parental care.

Barbara did not have the influence of a Sunday School training but she does remember that at the age of eleven she attended a Baptist church and, during the invitation part of the service, went forward, moved to tears, but she did not accept Christ as her Savior at that time, for she did not understand what it was all about. Even though she had no real experience at that time, the influence of such an act was wholesome upon her life during her girlhood days.

Because of the poverty in her home, the family moved often and Barbara attended seven different schools in the city of St. Paul. During her eighth grade she again found herself in a different school and in a better neighborhood. The young people of her class were well dressed and, because her manner of dress could not match with theirs, they made fun of her.

JAPAN MISSIONARIES

Because of the illness of Mrs. Hirth, the Rev. and Mrs. Jay Hirth and their family of two children returned by plane to Chicago, Ill., on June 25th. They were met at the Chicago airport by the Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary. Mrs. Hirth is in a hospital in the Chicago area, receiving medical care. The prayers of our people are earnestly requested for her complete recovery.

During her high school days her experiences were similar. Many of the other young people of a better class, so to speak, did not want her and did not invite her to their social as well as church doings. The sense of not being wanted troubled her, but at the same time gave her a desire for something greater and finer. The fear of what life might have in store for her kept her from many of the sins of the young people with whom she was more or less forced to associate because of circumstances.

But youthful life is vigorous and must find avenues of expression. Barbara found these in the little spare time which she did have in athletics, becoming much of a "tomboy," as she herself expresses it. She loved playing basketball, baseball, and to take part in skating and swimming. During these high school days there was not much time that could be called spare time. Almost every night she had to work until eleven o'clock in order to meet the expenses and help along in the home.

A CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

During her Senior year of high school, Barbara bought her first new Easter outfit and so on Easter Sunday decided to attend the services at First Baptist Church of St. Paul in which neighborhood the family lived at that time. Toward the end of the Sunday School the Sunday School teacher asked her if she wouldn't like to be baptized. She did want to be baptized, though she knew little of what it was all about. The following Sunday Barbara became a member of the First Baptist Church by immersion and so became a nominal Baptist and a nominal Christian.

Her desire was good but the vital experience was lacking. However, God did have his hand in all of it and, only a month later at a youth service, light broke upon her darkened soul and she saw her sinful state and then and there accepted Christ as her personal Savior. This experience changed her life completely. The pleasures of the world no longer attracted her. She had found a love in Christ for which she had yearned throughout all her girlhood days. Following that experience she became very active in her

church and also in state work and very soon felt the call of God to full-time Christian service and so made plans for preparation.

COLLEGE AND ROMANCE

Before entering college following her graduation from high school in 1948, she worked for a year at an insurance office in order to provide for the material means necessary for college life. That summer she was given the opportunity of working in a summer service project for the American Baptist Convention taking church surveys and studying the labor and migrant worker. In this work she met the Dean of Sioux Falls College and so her mind was set on going to Sioux Falls College that fall.

It was here at college where she met Walter Sukut as we have already seen above and that meeting blossomed into romance and culminated in marriage on June 7, 1951.

The spring of 1951 meant much for Walter and Barbara because it was that spring that Walter graduated from our North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. On June 3rd he was ordained into the Christian ministry and together with his young wife they began their first pastorate at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

It was here in their home only about four weeks after they began their services at the church that the writer met this fine Christian couple for the first time and experienced their friendliness and hospitality and fellowship with them around the Word of God and in prayer. It was here that he personally learned of their devotion and sincerity to the work of the cause of Christ.

The two years of pastoral experiences at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs will always be of great value to them. Here they were instrumental in this short time in organizing a new church known as the Immanuel Baptist Church and thus adding another field of service to their charge.

On February 10, 1953 "a bundle of heaven" came to them in little Nora Jane Sukut. Their joy and love were filled to its brim.

FAR HORIZONS IN JAPAN

Leaving a happy pastorate, they now look to the far horizons for other happy experiences in the service of the Lord. As they sail from San Francisco for Japan on August 17 on the S.S. FLEETWOOD we bid them "God speed." Only God knows what their experiences will be. But with their motto, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord . . ." they will always be assured of being where God wants them to be and that is always the best place on earth. May it be their experience that they lead many from darkness to light!

The Living Christ Must Reign

A message to Baptists everywhere on Baptist Youth World Sunday, July 19, 1953, during the Baptist Youth World Conference meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

By the YOUTH COMMITTEE of the Baptist World Alliance

TODAY MORE than one thousand young people from many lands and all five continents worship together with the Baptists of Rio de Janeiro and—in the afternoon—give their testimony to the population of the city in a mass youth evangelistic rally. It is a day of worship and testimony in the fourth Baptist Youth World Conference, convening from July 15 to 22.

CHRIST'S POWER

All those participating in the conference together with the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance send you their prayerful best wishes for joy and power and wisdom in your life and labor for Christ.

We have a great cause to rejoice—Christ lives! We have experienced the power of the living Christ in our own lives and seen how it has operated in the lives of young Baptists everywhere, particularly when life has meant hard going. We have also seen how the living Christ has called young people to put first things first, some going into the ministry at home or abroad, others making their homes and vocations truly Christian.

What a thrilling story this is, the modern Acts of young apostles! Yes, we have a great cause to rejoice—so let us today rejoice!

We are burdened by the fact that the world is cut into at least two parts, each one reflecting a different view of the basis of human life and fellowship.

This division has severely cut into our fellowship and made it to some extent a bleeding body. Let us this day earnestly pray that God may heal what is broken. We know that the living Christ has the power!

CHRIST'S LORDSHIP

Christ lives—he must reign! Yes, that is the theme of our conference: "The living Christ must reign." The Apostle Paul was deeply convinced that history worked in this direction, it was so ordered by God. "For he—Jesus—must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet," as he wrote (1 Cor. 15:25).

Christ must reign—that means two things. First, God will so guide history, that this end is achieved. This conviction continuously gives us new joy and power. Second, Christ's Lordship implies a tremendous call to each one of us. Christ reigning in the world means Christ reigning through you and me. We are called to serve as God's tools when he wants to release his power among men and guide their steps to his ends.

Thus we stand facing a great call, ever present. With the well-known critical world situation before our eyes, this call takes on an urgency which makes a new uncompromising dedication to the living Christ imperative.

CHRIST'S PRESENCE

Thus we ask each one of you, together with the youth in Rio de Janeiro, to make this day the Lord's day in the deepest meaning of the word. That means that Christ in all things is given the pre-eminence. It implies a new vision of our task and a new power of freshness in our personal Christian life. But it also implies a deeper faith in the Victory of Christ, manifested in the Cross and the Resurrection, the basis for all our labor here on earth, the blessed hope for eternity.

Thus, join with us in joyful thanksgiving for Christ's presence in our midst, in ardent prayer for a new world, and in sincere dedication to our tasks as revealed by God—for "the living Christ must reign!"



Some of the leaders of the Baptist Youth World Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from July 15 to 22 are (top left) Carlos Gruber, song leader for the Conference, Plainview, Tex.; C. O. Johnson, pastor of the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis, Mo.; William H. Jernagin, president, National Baptist Convention, Inc., Washington, D. C.; (bottom left) Culbert Rutenber, professor at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.; Joel Sorensen, youth secretary of Baptist World Alliance, Stockholm, Sweden; and Robert S. Denny, chairman of the youth committee for the Baptist World Alliance, Nashville, Tennessee.

Looking Into Our Educational Future

A report of the annual session of the denominational Committee on Education and a review of important decisions which were made

By MISS MARTHA M. LEYPOLDT,
Secretary of the Committee on Education

THE COMMITTEE on Education, with newly defined goals, began its work this triennium with a new vision of the particular responsibilities of the committee. With the beginning of the seventh year of its existence, which has been accompanied by some indecisiveness and opposition, the committee accomplished some concrete and positive decisions this year. The committee had the feeling of "growing up" with the experience of the past years, now being able squarely to face some of the real and vital issues with regard to our denominational educational policies.

NINE MEMBER COMMITTEE

The nine committee members gathered about the table in the William Kuhn Conference Room at the Forest Park headquarters office on May 20. According to Article X of the General Conference Constitution, five cooperating societies select their own representatives on this committee. President George A. Lang represents the North American Baptist Seminary; President E. P. Wahl has been chosen by the Christian Training Institute as their representative; General Secretary J. C. Gunst was appointed by the CBY and SSU Council; General Secretary Richard Schilke reports for the General Missionary Society; and the Rev. Edwin Miller was chosen by the Publication Board.

To complete the nine member committee, four representatives are elected by the General Conference each triennium. The four elected at the 1952 General Conference in Philadelphia to serve a three year term are: the Rev. Alfred Bernadt, chairman; Miss Martha Leypoldt, secretary; the Rev. Alfred Weisser, and Mrs. Emma B. Meier. Dr. Frank H. Woyke and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner are ex-officio members.

Although the Woman's Missionary Union has no constitutional representation on the committee, it was agreed that because of the fine missionary education work which they have been carrying on that due recognition be given to this Union. A representative from the Woman's Missionary Union will be invited to next year's meeting if some report or request is to be made by that group.

New discernment in planning for a long range program was one of the greatly advantageous and most hopeful actions of the committee. Planning far ahead into the future does not limit God's working through us. God's plan is a timeless one and he is willing and able to give to his children guidance for the future.

Matters of policy with regard to our educational institutions were discussed. Here is one area where a long range plan must be definitely established. A special committee to study the long range educational program of our denomination was appointed, with the Rev. Alfred Bernadt as chairman, and Dr. G. A. Lang, the Rev. E. P. Wahl, Dr. Frank H. Woyke and Mrs. Emma B. Meier assisting.

The relationship between our Seminary and the Christian Training Institute must be considered. Our denominational policy with regard to higher education must be clarified. Since our denomination does not have a college of its own, certain policies must be established in relationship with other colleges, especially for those who are planning to enter the ministry and study at our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

For several years the matter of a uniform ordination procedure has been discussed in several of our denominational organizations. Since no progress has been made in this matter, a special committee has been appointed to consider the advisability of such action and perhaps some suggested procedure.

NEW LITERATURE

Although the Committee on Education does not publish any literature, it gives guidance to our cooperating societies toward helpful educational material for our people. The Committee on Education gave approval and guidance to the following literature: a leaflet for prospective junior church members, an adult guide for new church members, a daily Bible reading program and the "New Member Packet."

After several years of planning, two study course books are nearing completion: "Christ in the Cameroons" and a book about the history of our de-

nomination. The former has been written by some of our missionaries and compiled by an editorial committee headed by Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, and the latter is being written by Prof. O. E. Krueger. The Roger Williams Press will soon publish these books.

Each of the five represented cooperating societies gave favorable reports of the work of its group, showing advance in the work of Christ through these channels.

As Helen Keller voiced her belief: "Faith is a brave look of the soul for new paths of life," so the Committee on Education has ventured into new paths because they have the faith that God has guided their decisions and will guide in the future.

CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES

July 19-26—Alberta Triunion Young People's Camp at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Dr. Ralph E. Powell and Miss Berneice Westerman, Guest Speakers.

July 20-24—South Dakota Young People's Assembly at Camp Lakodia, near Madison, South Dakota. Mrs. Lois Ahrens and Miss Martha Leypoldt, Guest Speakers.

July 20-27—Manitoba Boy's Camp at Lake Dauphin Camp, Manitoba. Rev. H. O. Ohsberg, Speaker.

July 22-26—Southern Conference at Greenvine Baptist Church, near Burton, Texas. Rev. E. P. Wahl and Earl Ahrens, Guest Speakers.

July 25-Aug. 1—Oregon Youth League Assembly at Camp Adams near Molalla, Oregon. Mrs. Lois Ahrens, Speaker.

July 25-Aug. 1—California Assembly at Hume Lake. Rev. J. C. Gunst and Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Guest Speakers.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Baptist Church of Glidden, Sask., Canada, has extended a call to the Rev. Wilfred Reimche of Burstall, Sask., to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his new pastorate in Glidden on August 1st. He has served the Burstall field since 1950.

● The Oak Street Church of Burlington, Iowa, has secured the services of the Rev. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., as interim pastor beginning with July 1st. Both Mr. and Mrs. Krueger are living in the parsonage at present. The Rev. Peter Pfeiffer brought his ministry in Burlington to a close on June 30. Mr. Krueger served as pastor of the Burlington Church from 1910 to 1925.

● The Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., recently held a farewell service for Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boettcher and son, Earl, who left soon thereafter for the Pacific Coast where they have made their new permanent residence. Mr. Boettcher served as the church moderator for several years, and was a trustee for a number of years, as reported by Donovan Wall, assistant clerk. The Rev. Adam Huber is the pastor of the church.

● The 15th anniversary of the radio ministry of the Burns Avenue Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., was observed on Sunday evening, June 14. This program, known as "Echoes of Heaven," is conducted by the church's pastor, Dr. A. Dale Ihrle. Dr. Henry Savage was the guest speaker at the anniversary program and the entire congregation shared in the radio program. The "Baptist Herald" will bring a more detailed report in a forthcoming issue.

● The Bethany Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, has called the Rev. Gerhard Gebauer of Edmonton, Alta., as its pastor. Mr. Gebauer who is a brother of the Rev. Paul Gebauer, Cameroons missionary, recently came to Canada with his wife and family. He began his pastorate in the Bethany Church on Pentecost Sunday, May 24. A reception for the family was held soon thereafter by the church. He succeeded the Rev. John C. Schweitzer, one of the denominational extension workers.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., held a "Graduation Banquet" on Friday evening, May 29, for 15 of its young people who graduated

from the Anaheim Junior High School, High School and Junior College. The guest speaker was the Rev. Roy Anderson, minister of the Calvary Baptist Church of San Bernardino, Calif., who was formerly pastor of the Ogden Park Church of Chicago, Illinois. The Rev. Berthold Jacksteit of the Bethel Church also had a prominent part in the festive program.

● Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., will begin his ministry as interim promotional secretary of the denomination on August 15. He will be available for engagements at churches and conferences after Sept. 1st. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, as Editor of English Publications, will assist Dr. Leypoldt in the preparation of his itinerary and in other phases of his work. Requests for the promotional ministry of Dr. Leypoldt should be addressed to him at 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill.

● Friends of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles F. Zummach of Peoria, Ill., will rejoice with them over the news of the dedication of the new edifice of the First Baptist Church of East Peoria, Ill., on Sunday, June 14. Mr. Zummach has served as the pastor of this church since its organization five years ago. The new church with a seating capacity of 200, represents an outlay of about \$28,000. However, Mr. and Mrs. Zummach have continued to maintain their membership in the State Park Baptist Church of Peoria, Illinois.

● In the June 4th issue of the "Baptist Herald" a report about the 30th anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Society of Nokomis, Sask., Canada should have stated that the society was organized on Feb. 16, 1923 under the

SEMINARY CATALOGUE

The 1953-1954 catalogue of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is now available for distribution. It is a colorful volume of 40 pages with attractive green cover, with new illustrations and with a great deal of data about the Seminary, the curriculum and student body.

Those who desire copies of the catalogue should write to Dr. George A. Lang, president, 1605 S. Euclid Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with their request. There is no charge for the catalogue.

leadership of Mrs. John Schmidt, wife of the pastor of the church at that time, with nine charter members. The Rev. and Mrs. John Schmidt are now serving the Second German Baptist Church of New York, N. Y. This correction was requested by Mrs. Robert Jaster of the Nokomis church.

● Miss Dorothy Yahn of the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa., placed second in a group of eight contestants competing in a student division of the organ contest conducted by the Buffalo chapter of the American Guild of Organists on April 8th at the Parkside Lutheran Church of Buffalo, New York. Judges were from the Cleveland Institute of Music, from Oberlin Conservatory and from Toronto, Ontario. Miss Yahn is following the church music curriculum with a major in organ at Houghton College, Houghton, New York.

● On Pentecost Sunday, May 22, the Bethel Baptist Church of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, was organized with 30 charter members. The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, denominational extension worker, has served on the field for several months, holding services and winning converts for the Lord Jesus Christ. He baptized six persons on May 10, about which a report and picture appear elsewhere in this issue. Mr. Schweitzer will minister to the Prince Rupert Church until August 30. It is hoped that this new church, composed of German immigrants, will have a permanent pastor by that time.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas, has extended a call to Mr. Eldon Schroeder, a 1953 graduate of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. He has responded favorably to the call and hoped to begin his pastorate in Kyle about the middle of July. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder are from the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas. Mrs. Schroeder is the former Ramona Schacht who served as secretary of the CBY and SS Union from 1949 to 1952. Mr. Schroeder has succeeded the Rev. H. John Vanderbeck at the Kyle Church.

● The Tyndall Baptist Church of Tyndall, S. Dak., had more than 80 children in attendance at the Vacation Bible School. Eleven of them made decisions for Christ during the school. The Danzig Church was recently re-

decorated as well as the Tyndall Church with a good painting job on the exterior and in the interior of both churches. On Sunday, June 7, the Rev. Walter Stein, pastor, baptized 14 converts in the Danzig church. These converts made their decisions for Christ because of personal work as well as a result of the evangelistic meetings conducted by the Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich.

● The South Dakota CBY and SS Union is grateful for the response of Christian people who helped surpass a \$5,000 goal for the Cameroons Crusade. During the past several months a mission centered program was presented in each of the South Dakota Association churches. Mr. Raymond De Neu of the Chancellor Baptist Church, who is the project chairman, and the other CBY and SS Union officers, along with the help of several students were in charge of these services. The goal accepted by the South Dakota group was exceeded by \$700. "Hearts have also been challenged for greater service and loyalty to Christ," as reported by Gladys Hoogestraat, secretary.

● The Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa, has called the Rev. John W. Walkup of Minneapolis, Minn., as its pastor, to which a favorable response has been given. Mr. Walkup formerly served as pastor of the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church of St. Paul, Minn., in which he and his wife have maintained their membership during the years that followed. Mr. Walkup was the director for the National Association of Evangelicals in the Upper Midwest Region for some time, and more recently has served as director of promotion for the Northwestern Schools, Minneapolis, Minnesota. He began his pastorate in the Central Church of George, Iowa, on July 1st, succeeding the Rev. James Brygger.

● Evangelistic meetings were held by the Baptist Church of Onoway, Alta., Canada, from May 12 to 17 with the Rev. Henry Schumacher of Wetaskiwin, Alta., serving as evangelist. His stories for the children and his timely messages were a blessing to all who attended, as reported by Elmer A. Breikreuz, reporter. On Sunday afternoon, May 17, the church celebrated the 25th wedding anniversary of its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. John Wahl. Both the Rev. Henry Schumacher and the Rev. Henry Pfeiffer of Edmonton, Alta., brought brief messages. A mantel chime clock was presented to the Wahls by the church and a lovely silver set by the children, besides other gifts from relatives. A floor lamp was presented to them by the Glory Hill Baptist Church at a later date. This church is regularly served by Mr. Wahl besides the Onoway Church.

C.B.Y. and S.S.U. HERALD NEWS

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

August 2, 1953, "Who Said That?" by Donald Middleton.

August 9, 1953, "Live Christ Throughout the Day" by Elaine Lange.

A LOOK AT THE SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

By MR. HERMAN BALKKA of Dallas, Texas.

Although the Southern Conference is the smallest conference in our North American Baptist General Conference, it must thankfully acknowledge that it has been greatly blessed of the Lord in past years and is still being blessed in a mighty way. Even though its churches are scattered across a three-state area, covering hundreds of miles, its people are knit together in a common cause to reach others for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The CBY and SS Union of the Southern Conference is a group of young people who love the Lord and good Christian fellowship. Annually they hold an assembly at the Latham Springs Baptist Encampment Grounds, some 96

AUGUST 13th NUMBER

The August 13th number of the "Baptist Herald" will be abbreviated to 16 pages. No issue will be entirely omitted, as last year. However, the space for reports will be drastically curtailed during the next few weeks. Keep your reports brief and send them promptly. Be patient with the management if some delays are necessary.



Some of the young people of the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

miles from Dallas. These assemblies prove a real source of inspiration and spiritual refreshing for all who attend. For many, encampment time is a time of decision.

In the fall the CBY and SS Union usually holds a Rally Day at Mother Neff Park or a Christian Workers' Conference at one of their churches. In planning these they are constantly looking for new ideas, and one idea that proved a real blessing was a conference-wide Lord's Supper held at our Waco church on the closing Sunday of our Christian Workers' Conference two years ago.

Yearly they prayerfully set a goal for some mission project. Last year they took what they felt was a big step in boosting their mission project to \$3,000, some \$850 over the previous year's project. Many felt that it was almost too big a step for twelve small churches to undertake, but you can imagine their joy when at the end of the year the Lord had graciously given them over \$5,500 for missions, almost doubling their goal. This year the goal has been set at \$3,500.

The assembly planned for this year has all the markings of another mountain top experience. It's a Christ centered program that featured such speakers as Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, our missionary doctor to the Cameroons; and Dr. Frank Woyke, the executive secretary of our denomination. The encampment program was centered around one great theme, "LIVE CHRIST," our National CBY and SS Union theme for this triennium. Rev. Walter Gordon Gummelt, 23 year old pastor of our Elm Creek Church, was the encampment dean and others who served in places of responsibility were Mrs. Charles Schmeltekopf, John Mas-sirer, Jr., Ollie Lampert, Rev. Frank Armbruster and Rev. Louis R. Johnson.

As the young people of the Southern Conference envision the future, they are looking forward to entertaining the General Conference to be held in Waco, Texas, in 1955, and we want to take this opportunity to lay out the welcome mat for all of you CBY and SS Union Workers across our land two years in advance. Come south and fellowship with us, and we will guarantee a blessing for all of us in the Lord!

● "It is faith among men that holds the moral elements of society together, as it is faith in God that binds the world to his throne." W. M. Everts.



Of Men and of Angels

A Prize-winning Christian Novel by LON WOODRUM

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SYNOPSIS.

To Steve Glen, home meant his foster parents, Phoebe and Jason Gray, and the little town of Gold Springs, California. After years of army service, battle-weary and frustrated, Steve decided to return. He soon saw Jenny Grant, the preacher's daughter, a sweet and sincere girl, as he knew. The sermons by Dr. Grant as well as the example of his parents and the reading of the Bible brought him to a profound experience of faith in Christ and trust in God. He told Dr. Grant of his plans to enter the ministry. During the next four years studying at a seminary, God equipped him for service. He also became engaged to Jenny Grant. Then he and Jenny were married. Four days later they were notified that Dr. Grant had had a heart attack. They returned home at once. Dr. Grant, knowing the end was near for him, asked Steve if he couldn't carry on at St. Paul's Church for a while. "Who knows—maybe you'd like to stay longer," he said.

CHAPTER TWELVE

JENNY and I exchanged glances. It seemed as if a shot had been fired into the stillness of the quiet room. We were thinking of the little church in the little town, the thrill of being in our own manse, the joy of seeing our dream become reality.

Jenny's look was nearly disappointment.

We heard the sound of muted commotion downstairs as the board members of St. Paul's stepped into the parsonage. They spoke low, aware that

there was illness in the house. Mrs. Grant led them to her husband's room and followed them, fearful lest they weary her husband, who tired so very quickly now. I wondered why they had all come at once and Dr. Grant, sensing my surprise, explained, with his old directness.

"I guess the whole board is here, isn't it? Well, brethren, I've asked you to come because I want to ask you something important. You know I can't fill the pulpit anymore. My work is finished."

Dr. Grant paused for breath while the men filed in and seated themselves. Mrs. Grant brought in an extra chair. Then Dr. Grant went on.

"Brethren, I want you to do me a favor. I want you to allow Steve Glen, here, to take my place."

No one spoke for a moment, and as I opened my mouth to do so, Dr. Grant continued. "Steve has completed his seminary work and I feel he'll make you a good minister. You understand I'm not asking you to give him more than a trial at present."

I shook my head. I was beginning to feel the disappointment that I saw in Jenny's eyes. "Wait a minute," I said. Suddenly I knew that my dream

of the little church and the manse with Jenny in it would never become reality.

Dr. Grant moved a pale hand. "I thought you might be unwilling; but if the church board agrees, will you try it?"

Adam Lockwood said, "Dr. Grant, St. Paul's is not a great church, neither is it an unimportant one. Steve is rather a young man, you know—"

"You're absolutely right!" I said quickly.

"As I said, I'm not asking you to install Steve permanently," said Dr. Grant in his foggy voice. "But he could fill the pulpit till you decide whether you'd like him for longer. And I trust you all know me well enough to know I'm not asking this because he happens to be my—"

"You won't need to finish that," put in Jason.

"Thanks, Jason. You've heard my proposition, gentlemen."

"Look," I said, glancing around at the group of men which circled the bed. "I think you'd better try to get someone else."

Adam Lockwood, concerned for Dr. Grant, silenced the murmurs of the board members. Then he turned to me and asked, attempting to keep his voice low, "Why? Come to think of it, it seems Dr. Grant's request is quite in order. It's true we'll have to have a minister to fill the pulpit while he's ill. Steve may be the right man for the moment, anyway. Who knows?"

The speech sounded sensible, I suppose, to the board, for they all agreed. Jason Gray did not assent till the others had. But I saw the look he gave Dr. Grant, and there was pride in it. And from his bed Dr. Grant winked at Jason.

I was bewildered by the swiftness with which our dream had disappeared. Jenny had left the room, and I felt a strange desolation. I was again a small boy who had been promised something for today and was told he must wait until tomorrow.

Since the vote was unanimous, I agreed to try. But I was confused. I must find Jenny.

She was sitting on the cool front porch. I kissed her gently and she smiled her slow, wonderful smile.

"You know, sweetheart, this is really a good opportunity for us. I feel terribly unfit and inadequate when I think of your father's long term of service, and I don't have much experience, but I'm willing to try. And prayer is powerful. I've found that out."

Jenny's face was untroubled by the disappointment which had shadowed it a few minutes before. "I know, dear," she said. "And I know that you'll do your best, and that God will help us. I dreamed so long about our own manse and our own little church, where we could start on our own, but

this, too, is in His plan." She was resigned, but it was not the resignation of defeat and inevitability. It was simply complete trust in the Father's wisdom.

Then I realized again the joy of knowing we belonged to each other. St. Paul's or anywhere in the world—Jenny was in my arms.

It was getting late. All the board members of the church had gone home except Jason. Jenny said she was going up to bed, that she was tired.

"If the new pastor of St. Paul's will excuse me," she said with a happy light in her eyes.

We went upstairs together, arm in arm. She paused on the top step, sighed a little. I noticed a weariness that lay on her, saw how pale and fragile she looked.

"What is it, darling?" I asked, disturbed.

"Oh, I'm all right. I just need some rest. The excitement this evening has been a little too much for me, that's all."

I tucked her in bed and kissed her. But I was troubled. Jenny must see a doctor. "I'll be up just as soon as Jason leaves."

Downstairs I talked with Jason about the church.

"The job we've given you is a pretty big one, Steve. But with God's help you'll do it," said Jason. "I know you will."

"I hope you're right."

"Before I go, Steve, I want to talk with you about Dick."

"Is something wrong with him?"

"Phoebe asked me to speak to you. Perhaps you've noticed he doesn't attend church anymore. I'm hoping that with you around he may improve."

"I'll try to see him tomorrow and have a talk with him."

"Eighteen is an unpredictable age for some fellows. You're a little closer to his age than I am, and perhaps can understand him better."

"Does he still have Tony Granite in his system?"

"I'm afraid so, Steve."

"That's not too good."

"I think Tony honestly likes him. And I don't want us to set ourselves up as paragons as opposed to Tony."

"Check, Jason. But Tony still isn't good for him."

"Another thing. Dick is chasing with several boys who come from homes that never were homes, really. Kids like that scarcely seem to know right from wrong."

Afterward, when Jason had gone home, and Allan Grant seemed to be sleeping quietly, I went upstairs and stood looking at Jenny, her soft-molded face pale on the pillow. She opened her eyes, smiled at me, and I knelt and held her head against my breast.

"I can hear your heart beat," she murmured.

"Is it talking?"

"Uhuh."

"What's it saying?"

"Sounds as if it says 'I love you'."

"Do you know what?"

"What?"

"It would have been a terrible thing if some other girl had got you."

"After I met you, no other girl had a chance."

The next evening I was driving around a corner and I saw Tony Granite standing looking at a vacant lot. He saw me and motioned me to stop. "Come here, Steve," he called.

I pulled up to the curb and he walked over to the car. He lifted his hand and waved it across the empty lot. "Out of the dust shall come a palace," he said.

"Where's your magic Wand?" I asked, as I got out of the car.

"I'm going to call it the Gold Rush Club."

"You are, huh?"

"Uhuh, a night club. Something better than you can find in Sacramento or Fresno. What did the guy say about building a better mouse-trap?"

"A man-trap, in this case, Tony?"

"They'll come from all around these parts, fella. It'll make me a famous man."

"Notorious, not famous."

"What's the difference?"

Excitement showed in his good-looking face, his grin was like a flash of light on his dark features. "This town has needed a bright spot like the one I'm going to build for a long time."

Standing there with my hands thrust deep into my pockets I quoted, "Life's time's fool."

Tony chuckled deeply. "Still giving out with Shakespeare?"

"Did you ever stop to think how much truth Shakespeare had in that one, Tony? All time has to do is pass. Just pass. And it changes everything."

"Uhuh. Changes everything, Steve. Changes the world. We fight with Russia. A little time goes by, and we fight against Russia. The old human race has a hard time knowing where it stands, doesn't it? You know something?"

"Tell me."

"Better just relax. Let everybody knock himself out in the rat-race. Try to get what you can out of the scramble. Play what cards you get, the best you can. If you come up winner, swell. If you lose, try to be tough enough to take it." His voice sounded like a hard-boiled man of the world.

"Seems a long time ago since we swam together in San Carlos, doesn't it, Tony? Remember we used to dream about what we'd do when we grew up?"

"We were going to shoot bears up in Canada, weren't we?" grinned Tony. "And fish down in South America," I said.

"Yeah. And we were going to have a big ranch together with a million head of cattle. I think you were going to be like Red Ryder, and I was to be like the Lone Ranger. Remember? We got into an argument over who could out-draw the other—Red Ryder or the Lone Ranger."

"I remember too, we were both going to be on the same side, whatever happened."

Tony shrugged. "Dreams are made of nice stuff, aren't they, Steve?"

"It would be swell if you were building something besides a night club here," I said.

Tony's mouth thinned. "Maybe I ought not to tell you. But I really wish you hadn't come back to Gold Springs."

"Oh?"

"It sort of bothers me, needles me. Thinking how we are in opposite camps, I mean."

"You're plenty welcome to my camp."

"And you don't see any 'keep out' signs around mine, do you, fella?"

Just then George Henn, the town marshal, strolled up. As he came close to me I could smell breath backed by enough drinks to put some men to bed. But Henn could take a lot. He was used to it.

"Is this the spot, Tony?" he asked.

"This is it, George," said Tony. "Here you'll see the brightest lights and the merriest people in town."

"I'll be around," said the marshal.

"Sure you will. Everybody will. Well, most everybody." He looked at me with a significant grin. "We might even see a few sheep from the fold on the hill yonder, huh?"

"Maybe a few of the weak ones," I said.

I walked to my car and climbed in. Tony waved me off with a grand gesture.

There is a kind of day that spins a memory for you to keep, and this Saturday was such a day. The foothills drowsed in utter tranquility, clean-etched in the clear air. The windows and the door of my church study were open to the sunlight. But I was shackled to my desk, working over a half-finished sermon for Sunday morning. The weather was teasing me, daring me to come.

A figure blocked the sunlight which had been pouring through the study door, and I looked up to see Dian Lockwood, dressed in riding attire, shine splashed on them, carrying a her boots gleaming where the sun-riding crop in her hand, her brilliant hair tumbled from riding; and she made arthar an impressive picture, framed in the doorway.

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We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union
By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

CONFERENCES

During the summer months many North American Baptist women will be attending conferences, association meetings and assemblies in both Canada and the United States. The inspiration received at these gatherings will renew their strength as they return with greater zeal to the fall work of their local churches.

Our nine Conference presidents have been especially busy, making plans with their officers. The women of the entertaining local churches also work hard in order to be good hostesses to their guests. Women play a big part in serving these North American Baptist conferences.

During the women's business sessions many new officers will be elected. Democratic short-term provisions in Woman's Union constitutions frequently make former leaders ineligible for re-election. That is true of the Central Conference president, Mrs. Paul F. Zoschke. On the other hand, a president may be a minister's wife whose husband has accepted a call to a church in another conference. That situation has prematurely terminated Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer's presidency in the Northwestern Conference. Both of these presidents have served their Lord faithfully and have now passed on their torch of leadership to others.

MRS. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE

In June, 1953, the Woman's Union of the Central Conference elected a new president. At this writing Mrs. Paul F. Zoschke, the former president, was busy making plans for the women's meeting to be held in the Ebenezer Church of Detroit, Michigan. She is the pastor's wife of the White Avenue Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Her home church is in Benton Harbor, Michigan. The Zoschkes have two attractive children who brighten their home as they bring much pleasure to them. They are Charlotte who officiates at the organ while the regular church organist directs the choir, and Paul Albert who is 13 years of age.

In addition to her responsibilities as a pastor's wife and home maker, Mrs. Zoschke is president of the Ever Ready Circle, a women's organization in her church. She is also the superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sunday School.

Last November your National President attended a combined meeting of the women of the Erin Avenue and White Avenue Churches in Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Zoschke was the able pres-



Mrs. Paul F. Zoschke of Cleveland, Ohio, past president of the Central Conference Woman's Missionary Union.

ident who presided. A warm spirit of friendliness was apparent in that union.

The hospitable parsonage of the White Avenue Church stirred happy memories within my heart. It was there, many years ago, that I had decided to change my name Irma Schroeder to Grosser. In that parsonage, as a guest of the Cleveland Woman's Union, I translated some of the thoughts for the afternoon meeting into German because a large number of new Americans were to be present. In 1920 my father had prepared some of his first English sermons, as pastor of that White Avenue Church, in the very same place. Transitions such as these result from changing circumstances in our world. Only one thing never changes—the undying love of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Immigration in our day has again presented a missionary opportunity to all bi-lingual churches. Christian Friendliness was certainly apparent at the meeting of those Cleveland women. The integration and merging of everyone into one large happy fellowship spoke well for the spirit of that Union.

The other officers of the Central Conference Woman's Union who worked with Mrs. Zoschke are as follows: vice-president, Mrs. Otto Patzia, Conner Church, Detroit; secretary, Mrs. Edwin Miller, Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland; treasurer, Mrs. Kurt Richter, White Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Zoschke brings rich, condensed thoughts to us for meditation from the Word of God in her article.

MY RECIPE FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

By MRS. PAUL F. ZOSCHKE

Portions of the Bible stand out for me like three-dimensional pictures. For my constant challenge these words from Colossians 3:1 rise before me: "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above." A Christian needs to be far-sighted.

For my strengthening for daily tasks I go to Joshua 1:9, "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." I love that. It gives me a real surge of energy.

Then my daily prayer comes from the Psalmist (51:10): "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." How tremendously important is that right spirit within us. Only so can we better understand our fellowman and also be in the right relationship to our Lord. Jesus preached a whole sermon on the right attitudes necessary for successful Christian living. When the heart is clean the right spirit will prevail.

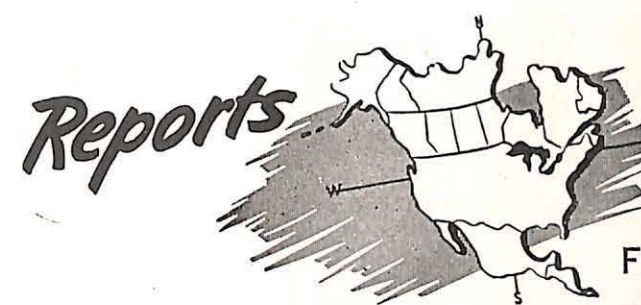
There you have my favorite portions of Scripture. They are, as it were, my recipe for Christian living.



Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer of Erie, Pa., former president of the Northwestern Conference Woman's Missionary Union.

MRS. PETER PFEIFFER

Until recently the president of the Northwestern Conference Woman's Union has been Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer. She is the minister's wife of the Central Church in Erie, Pennsylvania. Erie is in the Eastern Conference. Because Mr. Pfeiffer terminated his services as pastor of the church in Burlington, Iowa, as of June 30th, Mrs. Pfeiffer (Continued on Page 24)



FROM THE FIELD

Dakota Conference

Vacation Bible School Held at the Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, North Dakota

We of the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, N. Dak., held our Vacation Bible School from June 1 to 5. We held classes, both mornings and afternoons, as follows: Beginners, Mrs. Fred Pepple, Jr., and Lowann Fandrich; Primary, Mrs. Andrew Klein and Renee Cook; Juniors, Mrs. Lowell Leppke and Mary Ann Okert; and Intermediates, Rev. Carl Weisser.

We had a total of 30 scholars in our Bible School this year. The number is small but we are sure that those attending received many blessings. We climaxed our Vacation Bible School with a program given by the children for their parents and friends on Sunday evening, June 7th. Hand work and projects were on display.

The women of the church gave a dinner on Friday noon for the children and teachers of the Bible School. At the same time scholars completing their Scripture Memorization were given awards for this work.

Mrs. Lowell Leppke, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School and Other Highlights at Grace Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota

An all day Vacation Bible School was held for one week from June 1 to 5 by the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, North Dakota. It opened under the capable leadership of our Sunday School superintendent, Mr. John Stroh. We enrolled 67 pupils in four departments with 16 teachers. A daily offering was taken for the Cameroons Crusade which amounted to \$31.00. At the end of the week the children were treated to a picnic which every one enjoyed.

On Sunday evening, June 7, the children gave a very fine program to a large congregation and exhibited their handwork. It was a very interesting and challenging week.

On June 7 the church surprised the Rev. H. J. Waltereit on his birthday with a program and reception and a small token of our love. On Tuesday, June 9, we were thrilled to attend the commencement exercises of the University of North Dakota and witness our own Brother Waltereit receiving his degree of Bachelor of Arts in Religion from Wesley College. Truly, we can say the Lord has been wonderful to us!

Mrs. Joe Werre, Sr., Reporter.

Special Programs and Vacation Bible School at Spring Valley Church, Canistota, South Dakota

The Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, S. Dak., has been enjoying many blessings. Evangelistic meetings were held from March 1 to 13 with the Rev. H. Palfenier as speaker. On April 5 our pastor, the Rev. Eldon Seibold, had the joy of baptizing five people.

A variety of fine programs have been presented on recent Sunday evenings. The young people of the Northside Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., presented a three act play, "My Son Lives," on April 26. The ladies of the Spring Valley Mission Circle gave a program, including a play, "The Open Window," on May 3. A mixed quartet from the Christian Training Institute at Edmonton gave us a program on May 17, and on May 24 the "Master's Messengers" quartet from the Seminary at Sioux Falls rendered a program.

Our Vacation Bible School was held from May 25 to 29 and was a great success with good attendance, fine cooperation, and quite a number of decisions for Christ. This was followed by a demonstration program on Sunday evening, May 31.

Mrs. John B. Buseman, Reporter.

Mother's Day Program by the Junior Woman's Mission Circle of Plevna, Montana

We, the Junior Woman's Mission Circle of the Plevna Baptist Church, Plevna, Mont., are a small but very happy and busy group as we gather regularly to meditate on special topics and as we plan missionary activities



The Junior Woman's Mission Circle of Plevna, Mont., with the president, Mrs. Ernest Bechtold, third from the left, front row.

throughout the year. Besides putting on several missionary programs and contributing \$100 for our Bansa Hospital in Africa, we have spent a number of evenings preparing White Cross material for our beloved Cameroons mission field.

On May 17 under the leadership of our president, Mrs. Ernest Bechtold, we presented our annual program in honor of our Christian mothers. As a group we sang, "The Mother Heart," and "Der Mutter Heimat." A musical reading, "Mother's Last Words," was given by Mrs. G. Beutler, and was followed by a trio, "My Mother's Prayers," sung by Irene Huber, Juanita Haar and Jeanette Burkle. Our dialogue, "The Greater Vision," showed how a mother through her consecrated life as a missionary successfully challenges her daughter to follow in her footsteps. Our mission offering amounted to \$75.00. Then came the highlight of the occasion as the members presented a red carnation to each mother present.

Since the oldest mother of our church, Mrs. Adam Hepperle, who is 84 years old, is unable to attend church for quite some time, we as a group went to her home to cheer her with songs and to present flowers.

Jeanette Burkle, Secretary.

Many Inspirational Programs at the Plum Creek Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota

We of the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, S. Dak., can look back on recent months filled with many activities and blessings. Our annual Woman's Missionary Union program was given on March 22. It consisted of musical numbers, readings, a dialogue, "Take Time to Be Holy," and a monologue, "The Other Light." The offering which amounted to \$155 was divided into three parts to be given for the expansion of Home Missions, the leper work and the other part to help support a missionary worker among the African women.

It was a real treat to have the "Master's Messengers" quartet from the Seminary with us for a fine program on Sunday evening, March 29.

On Sunday, April 5, we had the dedication service for our new musical instruments, an electric Hammond organ and piano. A special program was given including an organ solo, "The Hallelujah Chorus," by our church organist, Miss Evelyn Lang. Our church pianist, Mrs. John Decker, favored us with the piano solo, "Were You There?" Our pastor, the Rev. Adolph Braun, spoke the words of dedication and led in the prayer.

On April 13th we had the privilege of having the newly organized Woman's Missionary Union of the Trinity Baptist Church in Sioux Falls with us for an inspirational program. Miss Ruth Bathauer was with us on April 15th, speaking to us about the Junior work, especially Scripture memorization work and Vacation Bible School.

Our weekly prayer and praise service is held every Thursday evening after which the men's chorus rehearses under the direction of our pastor, the Rev. Adolph Braun.

Mrs. Herbert Decker, Reporter.

Unusual Missionary Programs and Activities of the Tyndall Woman's Society, South Dakota

The members of the Tyndall Woman's Missionary Society of Tyndall, S. Dak., recently held a special mission drive. During this period our ladies were divided into two groups. Each group chose its own special projects as well as ways and means of raising

six different members giving the message that six flowers portrayed to us. Each speaker wore a corsage of the flower about which she spoke, as did also the singers. Our tables for the hour of food and fellowship which was held after the program were decorated with flowers. The offering was designated for the missionary work among the women in the Cameroons.

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Secretary.



—Photo by Broadstreet
The choir, organist and pastor, Rev. Paul Shellhouse, of the Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kans., along with several guest speakers, including Dr. Ralph E. Powell of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., at the Pentecost Sunday program.

money for missions. The Lord blessed our efforts so much that we were able to raise a total of \$1045 for missions.

We also had our annual program with our president, Mrs. Walter Stein, in charge. The financial report was read which indicated that over \$2000 were raised for missions and good works during this past conference year. At this program a special memorial service was held for one of our departed members and a play, "The Life of Mary Reed," was given. The offering received at this service was designated for the leper work in the Cameroons.

We have also had our Birthday Party recently. Two groups of tables were beautifully decorated to represent each season of the year. Our guests were seated at the table decorated for the season in which their birthday occurred. At this time of fellowship a program was rendered and an offering of \$240 was received for missions.

One group had a little black mitten for each guest in which the offering was placed. The other group had envelopes with a black map of Africa on the outside of the envelope. After the offerings were placed in the envelopes, they were collected and placed into a pocket on a larger map of Africa which was hanging on the wall.

At our regular May meeting we invited the Plum Creek, Parkston, Tripp, and Danzig women, besides other ladies. Each society answered roll call with a chorus. Our program was arranged around the flower theme with

Hinz, pastor of the Strassburg Church, was attending the baccalaureate service at Tabor College in the evening and was unable to appear on the picture.

It was a full day of spiritual feeding and fellowship. The women of the Emmanuel Church served meals at noon and in the evening to capacity groups. The entire missionary offering of the three services was slightly over \$300.

Paul M. Shellhouse, Pastor.

Central Conference

Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Illinois, Shows Appreciation to Adelaide Klatt, Missionary

On Wednesday evening, June 3, the members and friends of the Forest Park Baptist Church of Forest Park, Ill., gathered to express their appreciation to Miss Adelaide Klatt for nearly four years of service as church missionary. The order of the program was informal and quite spontaneous. The leading officers of the church departments offered their sincere acknowledgements with kind words and gifts.

Miss Klatt terminated her work as church missionary on May 31st and is now doing office work with a Chicago manufacturing firm. Even though she is no longer our missionary, we are happy that Miss Klatt is staying with us. In her response she expressed her love to the church and pledged herself to continuous service as a member in the Lord's work.

Refreshments were served by the Woman's Missionary Society and Guild and a happy time of fellowship was enjoyed. We feel assured that the blessings of Miss Klatt's ministry to the church will long be remembered.

Rubin Kern, Pastor.

Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Bethel Church, Indianapolis, Ind.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., held its annual Mother and Daughter Banquet recently. About eighty mothers and daughters gathered for the very delicious meal which was prepared by the ladies themselves under the direction of Mrs. Pauline Hayes, and served by the men. The program included the singing of choruses, a short play entitled, "My Hour of Memories," and a talk on African customs by one of our Cameroon's missionaries, Miss Bernice Westerman.

During the past year, the women undertook several worthy projects. Last fall, they redecorated the church basement which is used for Sunday School class rooms, kitchen and dining room. They made several baptismal robes which were used on Palm Sunday when five candidates followed their Lord in baptism. They also prepared White Cross Work for use by our missionaries in the Cameroons.

May God richly bless our minister, the Rev. Laurence R. Prast, and his wife, who helped us in so many ways. Mrs. Mildred Brown, Vice-President.

Nine Converts Are Baptized at the Grace Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

Baptism is always a happy occasion. For the candidates it is a great event of joy and commitment to their Savior and Lord Christ Jesus. It is a real thrill and joy to the pastor who was instrumental by the grace of Christ to lead these souls to him, especially those of high school age who are facing life with splendid talents, hopefully and confidently.

It is also a thrill for fathers and mothers whose lives and homes are thus dedicated and committed to their Lord and Savior. It is of special significance to the congregation, recalling their own witness and vows once made and it leads many to re-commitment. The witness of the candidates is a powerful impact on those who are near the Kingdom.

Nine candidates followed their Lord in baptism at the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., on Sunday, April 26. Praise God for the wonderful Gospel of salvation, life and hope!

William L. Schoeffel, Pastor.

Youth Rally at Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio, for Visiting Young People

May 2 and 3 were days of great blessing and spiritual refreshing for the young people of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio, at a youth rally. It was our privilege to have 33 young people from the Conner Church in Detroit, Mich., and 13 from the Bethel Church in Buffalo, N. Y., as our guests. The theme for the weekend was "Christ, Our Pilot."

Our guests arrived on Saturday and at 2 P.M. we crowded into the bus and went to Metropolitan Park for a hike. We thank the Lord for the beautiful weather we had.

At 6:30 P.M. on Saturday we had our banquet, "The Maytime Cruise." The women of our Missionary Society prepared a delicious chicken dinner for us. Our devotional leader for the evening was our own pastor, the Rev. Edwin Miller. We also were privileged to have the Rev. Floyd Robinson with us, the assistant pastor of the Conner Church. Chorus time followed. Several of the Conner young people presented a skit, "The Funeral of Mrs. Prayer Meeting" which had a real message. The spotlight shone on Buffalo as they presented a dialogue and pantomime. Our group presented several musical numbers. Approximately 100 attended the banquet.

For the Maytime Cruise decorations, the platform was decorated as a boat, including life preservers, etc. Our programs were in the form of sail boats. A small white fishing hook to be worn as a lapel pin was given as a remembrance. This is to signify that as young people that we should launch out as fishers of men for the fields are white to harvest (Matt. 4:19; John 4:35).

At 3:00 P.M. on Sunday we had a closing youth rally. Miss Florence Hagen, our missionary to the Jews, was our guest speaker. She gave a challenging message on "Christ, Our Pilot." A pot luck supper followed and



Some of the young people at the rally and banquet held at the Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio, for visiting young people from Detroit, Mich., and Buffalo, New York.

the visiting young people departed for home. We as young people are thankful for the privilege of knowing Christ and being able to fellowship with other young people who know the same Lord.

Delores Ziemann, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Dedication of the Renovated Edifice at the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

May 17 was a Sunday that will long be remembered by the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., and its many friends. The morning service was a fine beginning as our guest speaker, the Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, brought us a message in the German language. A time of Christian fellow-

ship was enjoyed around the tables at noon as the young people donned their pretty aprons to serve the delicious lunch prepared by the ladies of the church.

Our dedication service had been rained out previously but the Wiesenthal Band starting at 2:00 P.M. stirred us to the realization that the long awaited event had arrived. The five pastors who were present, Rev. E. P. Wahl, Rev. A. Stelter, Rev. E. A. Hoffmann, Rev. H. Schatz and our pastor, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, all took part in the afternoon service.

Mr. E. Kern, a deacon, gave us a brief outline of some of the work that had been done in connection with the renovation of the church building. A competent building committee worked hard and long to bring the remodeling of the church to its completion. Mr. Rubin Plitt, one of the trustees, who was in charge of the purchase of materials, gave us a brief financial report.

Out of the total of 2900 hours of labor, 2300 were donated. The men worked co-operatively according to their time and interest. Twenty-one women assisted in the painting and cleaning, putting in 100 days or evenings. The cost of the renovating project was \$4,500.64. The offering on our dedication Sunday amounted to \$505. Approximately \$1000 are still to be paid but we trust God to see us through this task.

Several choir numbers, a quartet and solo added to the blessings of the day. The Rev. H. Schatz of the Temple Church, Leduc, brought words of encouragement and dedication in the German language and the Rev. E. P. Wahl gave a dedication message with 1 Tim. 1:17 as his text. "Bring Honor and Glory to God."

We also purchased new Broadman Hymnals which we were pleased to dedicate for the Lord's use. The Sewing Circle, consisting of some 40 members, held its annual program in the church on March 24.

Mrs. Rudolf Ohlmann, Reporter.



Rev. William L. Schoeffel (center), pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., and nine converts whom he recently baptized.

Ground Breaking Exercises for New Church Building at Morris, Manitoba, Canada

On Wednesday, May 13, we of the Emanuel Baptist Church of Morris, Man., met on the proposed site for our new church building to commemorate the ground breaking for the same, which is now under construction.

After a short song service accompanied by the church band, the Rev. R. Kanwischer gave a brief talk dealing with the dedication of this great project to the Lord. Following this talk, the deacons of the church led in prayer in which the property and the project were dedicated to the Lord.

Our prayer is, and we would request your prayers with us, that the Lord may guide and bless us in this undertaking so that it will serve to the honor and glory of God.

Melvin Bergstresser, Reporter.



Rev. R. Kanwischer, pastor of the Emanuel Baptist Church, Morris, Manitoba, breaks ground for the new church edifice, as the church band prepares to render a number of praise to God.

Young People's Mother Day Program at Baptist Church, Hilda, Alberta, Canada

The young people of the Hilda Baptist Church at Hilda, Alta., have been silent but not idle in the past. We have been busy preparing programs during the early part of the year. Also, our Youth Group Executive Committee has mapped out the work for the summer and the rest of the year. An interesting Easter program was presented on April 12th consisting of a play and several musical selections, vocal duets, quartet and solos.

May 10th was Mother's Day. Although blizzard conditions existed outside the church building, inside the church the red carnation that we wore seemed even more beautiful as we looked upon the mothers who were still with us, while the white carnations held a special place in our hearts as we fondly remembered those who had passed on and had left such a tremendous blessing upon many of our lives. We honored our mothers with songs, musical selections, and poems. The evening was brought to a climax with a silent drama depicting a mother's love, care and anxiety for her child from baby to adult life.

We praise God for the many blessings which he has bestowed on us as a group of young people, also for the

uplifting and heart-searching messages which we hear delivered to us by our pastor, the Rev. G. J. Thiessen. For the future it is our desire to watch and pray working diligently until Christ comes again.

Mrs. Elmer Anderst, Reporter.

Cantata Presented by Pleasant Prairie Church Choir, Wetaskiwin, Alta., to Neighboring Churches

The choir of the Pleasant Prairie Baptist Church of Wetaskiwin, Alta., was privileged to present an Easter cantata, "Living Redeemer," during the past Easter season. It was rendered first in our own church on Good Friday evening.

It was then also brought to three of our neighboring churches, namely, Rabbit Hill Baptist Church, McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton and the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc.

spoke to the women of her work among the Indian women. Miss Rosalyn Bettenga also spoke on the subject of "Missions First" as stressed in the Scriptures. Mrs. Harvey Schmidt and Miss Alma Schrick sang a duet entitled, "Have You Counted the Cost?" accompanied by Mrs. Helen Sudenga. At the close of the meeting a lunch was served.

During the week Miss Walker and Miss Bettenga supervised our Vacation Bible School, the theme being, "Crusaders for Christ." For having brought twelve pupils, Martys Siebrands received the first prize of an overnight case and Jerry Beecher was given a Viewmaster, having brought nine. The total enrollment was 70 with seven decisions for Christ.

In view of the fact that we are without a pastor, we feel Miss Alma Schrick, superintendent of the lower grades, and her staff of teachers are to be commended in having a Vacation Bible School with such a fine record.

Julia Oltmann, Reporter.

Successful Programs and New Organizations for the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wisconsin

A great many interesting activities have been taking place at the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., during the past few months. The annual dinner and business meeting, held on April 15, was a great success. Officers for the coming church year were elected and, of most importance, the church voted to help support the Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, missionaries to the Cameroons. The annual church report, which included reports from every organization in the church as well as the new budget, was distributed to all of the members. It was brought to our attention that the total budget was increased \$4,000 over last year's budget.

The Mother-Daughter Banquet, held on Monday evening, May 11th, was attended by 106 mothers and daughters, including the pastor, the Rev. D. Raymond Parry, who took, as his "daughter" the young lady who sold the most tickets! Mrs. L. B. Snider from the Children's Home at Lake Villa, Ill., told us about the interesting work she is carrying on at the Home and also showed color slides.

The church exterior is currently undergoing a "sandblasting" process and general painting of the trim, etc., which, we must admit, almost makes the church look "brand new"! We also acquired new front and side entrance doors which add quite a bit to the whole building. New folding chairs have been purchased for use in the chapel and Sunday School rooms.

A Boys' Club and Girls' Club have been started for youngsters between the ages of nine and twelve. Mr. Wm. Kresal heads the boys' organization, which meets on Tuesday nights, and Mrs. Wm. Genich has charge of the girls, who meet on Friday evenings. We are anticipating these groups to be a big success.

Two adults and one young boy were baptized on May 17th, and the following Communion Sunday, June 7th, five persons were extended the hand of fellowship, one by Christian experi-

ence, one by letter, and three by baptism.

One Sunday evening a film, "The Difference," was shown and Mr. Oliver Olson spoke on the importance of stressing church related colleges, one thing that we are all eager our young people will seriously take into consideration after graduating from high school.

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Kenosha met with us on Friday evening, May 1st, to hear Dr. Leslie Chaffee. The Immanuel Church furnished the special music, and we all thrilled at the message Dr. Chaffee gave and the colored slides he showed of the work in the Cameroons.

Mrs. Art Hilker, Reporter.

Fortieth Anniversary Is Celebrated by the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin

The Woman's Missionary Society of Kenosha, Wis., would like to share with everyone in our North American Conference the great occasion of celebrating our fortieth anniversary on Sunday, May 17. We were privileged to have as our guests of honor, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., during the day.

At the morning service our pastor, the Rev. Charles Anderson, gave a very inspiring missionary sermon at which time Mr. W. W. Grosser, the moderator of the General Conference, gave a brief message to the congregation.

The afternoon service was well attended and seemed to be the highlight of the day. The meeting was opened by the pastor introducing the president, Mrs. Milda Marquardt, and giving her full charge of the service. A cordial welcome was extended to all, followed by a response from Mrs. Binder, the former president of the Woman's Society in Racine, Wisconsin. Mrs. Erna Kopf read the Scripture passage after which we were favored by a sextet from our women: Mrs. Ethel Anderson, Gerda Hayes, Edith Whitefoot, Alice Ehlert, Hertha Behr and Gertrude Kaiser. The announcements and offertory were given by the pastor. The amount collected went to the support of our missionary in Africa, Lucas Mammi. The members of the Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis., were well represented and favored us with a special number, a trio given by Mr. and Mrs. Binder and daughter.

Our guest speaker, Mrs. Irma Grosser, president of the Woman's Missionary Union, then gave us a wonderful message on the theme, "The Love of Christ Constrains Us" also referring to Heb. 10. Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works. We were all truly blessed by her fine Christian character and the thoughts given us through her message. The meeting was also glorified by a large cross made by the Rev. A. Rohde with the theme in large letters engrossed on the cross. Our speaker was presented with a beautiful orchid from the society.

May this day ever live in our hearts and may the Lord Jesus Christ be magnified for giving us a successful occasion.

Milda Marquardt, President.

Atlantic Conference

Annual Christian Workers' Conference for Atlantic Conference Churches, Evangel Church, Newark, New Jersey

The Atlantic Conference held its annual Christian Workers' Conference at the Evangel Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., from May 22 to 24. We would like to thank the host church for its more than generous accommodations and assistance in making this conference a success. They certainly opened their church, their homes and their hearts to welcome us.

The opening session was held on Friday night, and at this time the classes were organized, and we were able to make new acquaintances as well as to renew old ones. On Saturday we were privileged to attend classes all day. The faculty consisted of Rev. W. C. Damrau, Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, Rev. Norman H. Klann and Rev. Ben Zimmerman. Our very capable guest was Miss Ruth Bathauer. We really felt God in our midst.

Saturday evening found our group gathered around the banquet tables at Evangel. After a very satisfying meal we were privileged to have in our midst several of the past Conference presidents. Elections were also held at this time. The results were as follows: president, Robert Clinton, Jamesburg; 1st vice-president, Gaetano Mingoia, Walnut St.; 2nd vice-president, Donald Wilson, Clinton Hill; treasurer, Jean Lewis, Bethlehem; mission secretary, Clara Raub, Bethlehem; secretary, Margaret Peters, Elsmere; General Conference delegate, Elaine Hoffman, Fleischmann; advisor, Rev. Robert Zimbleman, Evergreen.

We also saw a few glimpses of the location of our summer assembly which made us all the more anxious for our Camp Hope Advance and Summer Assembly. To close the formal meeting we again listened to a sermon on the topic, "Live Christ," by Rev. Robert Ambler. As a culmination of the evening we all rushed to the Mosque Theatre in Newark where seats were reserved for us to see Billy Graham's newest film, "Oil Town, U.S.A."

Our Conference came to a close on Sunday with out great mass meeting. At this time the roll call was taken and the Conference awards were presented to the winning churches. The Sunday School contests were won by the Pasaic Church and the Calvary Baptist Church of Bethlehem. The Visitation Contest was won by the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg. The message was brought to us by the Rev. Anderson. His theme was that of the missionary call. There was not one heart that remained untouched by his plain and inspired words.

The spirit with which the meeting was closed was appropriate to the spirit of the entire Conference. We pray that we might really have received the challenge to "Live Christ" every moment of each day in every part of the world, wherever God would have us.

Norma Sobels, Secretary.



Rev. Charles Anderson (left) of the Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis., at the 40th anniversary of the church, with the Rev. A. Rohde (center), a retired pastor, and Mr. Walter W. Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., moderator of the General Conference.

Pacific Conference

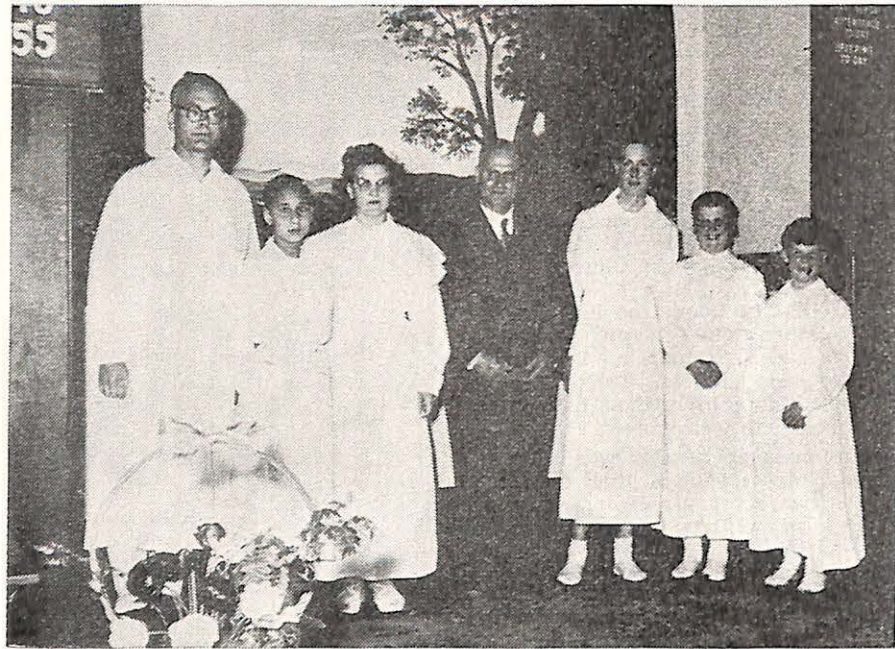
Organization of the British Columbia CBY and SS Union at Vancouver, B. C.

History was made in the Pacific Northwest and British Columbia, in particular, on May 30 in connection with the British Columbia convention which convened in the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, B. C. With the establishing of a church in Vernon and the growth of our other churches in British Columbia, we felt led to organize our own CBY and SS Union, thus serving our affiliation with the union of the Pacific Northwest.

The officers chosen to direct the activities of this new union are: B. W. Heine, Bethany Church, Vancouver, president; Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski, Grace Church, Kelowna, vice-president; Dorothea Fritzke, Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, secretary; Inez Scheller, Victoria St. Church, Chilliwack, treasurer; Rev. F. W. Bartel, dean.

On Saturday afternoon the CBY of the Ebenezer Church arranged a scenic cruise of Burrard Inlet up the Indian Arm. For the evening session a banquet was prepared with covers laid for 186 persons. Turkey held the spotlight on the menu. It was indeed an honor to have with us Dr. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany, president of the Baptist Union of Germany, who spoke words of congratulation and greeting. The Rev. K. Korella from our Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, was guest speaker and with intent made us aware of our responsibility to live a practical Christian life!

Dorothea Fritzke, Secretary.



The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer (center), extension worker who helped to organize the Bethel Baptist Church of Prince Rupert, British Columbia, and six converts whom he recently baptized who later were included among the charter members of the new church.

Baptism of Six Converts at the Salt Creek Church Near Dallas, Oregon

The Sunday evening service at the Salt Creek Baptist Church of Dallas, Ore., on May 24th was inspiring to those who attended, when six of our young Sunday School scholars were baptized by our pastor, the Rev. Emanuel Wolff. Preceding the baptism, the choir sang, "My Confidence in Jesus," under the direction of Mr. Richard Nallinger. Mr. Wolff spoke on the topic, "The Meaning of Christian Baptism." As the service drew to a close, we were asked by our pastor to remember these young lives in our prayers, that they might be a living testi-

mony to those round about them in their homes, schools and communities. On Sunday, May 3, Mr. Albert Darrow was added to the church membership by letter. Mr. Darrow has recently returned from service in Korea.

With the help of the Sunday School, the Woman's Missionary Society and the church, it has now been possible to purchase maroon robes for the women members of the choir. These robes were first worn on Easter Sunday morning, making the service especially impressive. Another project of the past year has been to black-top the gravel parking area around the church. This was also completed, thereby improving the appearance of the House of God.

Mrs. Marvin May, Reporter.

Organization of Bethel Baptist Church and Baptism at Prince Rupert, British Columbia

The far Northwest of British Columbia was comparatively little known until recently. Since then large industrial and mining projects have drawn the attention of many thousands. Since employment is plentiful, although housing is still at a premium, it was decided by our immigration secretary, the Rev. W. Sturhahn, to settle some of our Baptist families in Prince Rupert. The first family arrived here some 18 months ago.

Since that time some 14 families have come to make their homes here. With this influx of people from Germany, it became increasingly urgent that some mission work be undertaken in their language. After two previous visits by me to Prince Rupert and the promising reports, our Mission Society sent us here to work among the immigrants.

At the beginning we met with great difficulties and encountered strong opposition. Through love and perseverance we were able to overcome these obstacles. Services and Sunday School was begun and people were invited. God blessed our humble efforts and on Sunday, May 10, we had the joy of baptizing six persons and observing the Lord's Supper with them.

The people are rejoicing to hear the Gospel in their mother tongue and to be able to witness to others in that manner. After much prayer and reflection it was decided to organize as a Baptist church. A constitution based upon our Baptist principles and the Holy Scriptures was drawn up and adopted. On May 22 the organization was effected and the officers of the church elected. The congregation has agreed upon the name of "BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH."

On the following Sunday on Pentecost, the occasion of the founding of this our youngest church was fittingly observed. The hall, where the meetings are being held, was beautifully and appropriately decorated. The message was on Pentecost and the choir rendered fitting anthems. During the evening service the newly elected officers were solemnly installed before an audience of over 50 people. The evening was concluded with fellowship around beautifully decorated tables and refreshments. Several musical numbers were rendered.

The church has been organized with 30 charter members. As a small group and as newcomers to this country, they will need our continued prayers, guidance and support. The various phases of church work have been started, such as Sunday School, choir, CBY and ladies' mission work. Our next project will be to acquire some hall in which to hold our services and also to secure a pastor before your church extension worker leaves the field for some other mission project by the end of August. We need not be concerned if we place our faith and trust in the Head of the Church, even our Lord Jesus Christ.

J. C. Schweitzer, Reporter.

Obituary

A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries, except for those of our pastors and their wives. If possible, limit the obituary notices to 250 words. Send them to the Editor, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

MRS. JANTJE MEYER
of Creston, Nebraska.

Mrs. Jantje Meyer of Creston, Neb., was born in Ostfriesland, Germany, on February 16, 1866 and died June 1st in the home of her son, Louis, in Fremont, Neb., at the ripe age of 87 years, 3 months and 15 days.

She came to the United States in 1884 together with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luebbe Harm Luebben, and settled in West Point, Neb. Here she met Heinrich Meyer with whom she entered into holy matrimony on Sept. 21, 1889. To this union were born ten children: four boys and six girls. Two girls, Hanah and Lydia, died during the flu epidemic in 1918, and two boys died in infancy.

For many years the Meyers resided on a farm in Platte County, being active members of the Shell Creek Baptist Church. They retired in 1922 making their last home together in Creston, Neb., where also they enjoyed the fellowship of the Creston Baptist church. Our sister accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her Savior in the early years of her life, was baptized and added to the church while yet in Germany.

She leaves to mourn: four daughters: Mrs. Fred Settje, Corona, S. Dak.; Mrs. Herman Settje, Creston, Neb.; Mrs. Leland Stone, Boulder, Colo.; and Mrs. Wade Carpenter, Rockford, Ill.; two sons: Louis Meyer, Fremont, Neb.; and Fred Meyer, Anaheim, California. Burial was in the Shell Creek Baptist Cemetery.

Creston, Nebraska

PAUL T. HUNSICKER, Officiat'g Pastor.

MR. ENO REITER
of Parkersburg, Iowa.

Mr. Eno Reiter of Parkersburg, Iowa, was born October 3, 1869 in Simon's Wolde, Germany, and died May 25, 1953 in Parkersburg, Iowa. He came to the United States at the age of six, where he lived in Minnesota, S. Dakota, and finally for many years in Parkersburg, Iowa. Surviving are three brothers: Andrew of Parkersburg, Iowa; Martin of Waverly, Iowa; and Antone of Dumont, Iowa; also two sisters, Mrs. Dave Anderson of Parkersburg and Mrs. Sam Hayes of Dike, Iowa.

In 1895 he married Anna Cirksena who preceded him in death in 1951. Another brother, Ubbe, passed away about 25 years ago. The deceased found the Lord as his Savior and was baptized in 1893 in Pipestone, Minnesota. He spent his life at farming, and his home was often the gathering place of his neighbors and fellow-Christians.

He had a large part in establishing and building the Baptist Church at Corona, South Dakota. By a wide circle of people he has long been known familiarly and tenderly as "Uncle Eno." We thank the Lord for the testimony and usefulness of his long life, and direct his loved ones to the comforting power of the Savior in the knowledge that he is "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

Funeral services were held at the Funeral Home and also at the Baptist Church in Parkersburg, Iowa, where the deceased had been a member for many years. Burial was in the local cemetery. The pastor, the Rev. Ronald C. MacCormack, conducted the services assisted by Rev. Herman Lohr of Corona, S. Dak., who was vacationing in Parkersburg at the time.

Parkersburg, Iowa

R. C. MacCormack, Pastor.

MRS. JOHN JURRENS
of George, Iowa.

Mrs. John Jurrens, nee Hindertje Bartels, of George, Iowa, was born in Ellsln, Germany, on March 25, 1862. In the year of 1889 she was married to Mr. John Jurrens. The Jurrens family emigrated to the United

States in the spring of 1910 and settled near Little Rock, Iowa.

Mrs. Jurrens made her confession of faith in Jesus Christ in her early youth and was later baptized by the Rev. J. J. Jordan and received into the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa, of which she remained a member until her death.

Mrs. Jurrens died of old age, having reached the ripe age of ninety-one years. She passed away on May 28, 1953 in the Rock Rapids Iowa Hospital. Her husband and her oldest son preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her departure her four children: two sons and two daughters. The two sons are Mr. Claus Jurrens, Eureka, Calif., and Mr. George Jurrens, White, South Dakota. The two daughters are Mrs. George Winters, George, Iowa and Mrs. Wm. Jeremias of Ellsworth, Minnesota. One sister in Germany, and a great number of grandchildren, one nephew and a host of neighbors and friends mourn her departure.

May the God of all comfort be very near to those who are left to mourn the homegoing of Mrs. Jurrens. May the Lord sustain them at this time of their grief, and give them all the assurance of a blessed re-union with their departed loved one as well as all those who died in the Lord. The Scripture declares, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

First Baptist Church,
George, Iowa

JOHN REIMER, Pastor.

MR. GOTTHELF F. LEHMAN
of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Gotthelf F. Lehman of Bethlehem, Pa., passed on to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 14, at the age of 68 years and 10 months. As he had expressed the desire just a week before at an old friend's funeral, that when his time came he wanted to go suddenly, so he entered into the joy of the Lord "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye."

Mr. Lehman was born on July 7, 1884, in Poland. While a youth, still in the homeland, he was born again and was baptized at the age of 17. He came to the United States at the age of 25, settling in Philadelphia, Pa., and joining the Pilgrim Baptist Church. In 1911 he was united in marriage to Irma Malesky by Dr. William Kuhn.

He was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., for the past 35 years where he rendered faithful and efficient service as Sunday School teacher, deacon, trustee and treasurer. Having retired only recently, he completed his lifetime work of silk weaving. He loved plants and flowers, and most of his spare time was spent in his garden. He has left many a living memorial of his life and loving care. He had just come from his garden, and said concerning some transplanting, "There, that's finished!" and so his work was finished, like his Lord's before him, and he was "transplanted."

There remain lovingly to remember him, his wife, Mrs. Irma Lehman; three children: Alice, Mrs. Heinz Lesche, Corning, N. Y.; Irma, Mrs. Harold Larash, Linthicum Heights, Md.; Albert L. Lehman, Bethlehem, Pa.; six grandchildren; and one sister in Germany. His passing has left a void in the community and the fellowship of the saints here below. May we who remain fill our places as faithfully as he until we, too, join the heavenly chorus singing "the song of the Lamb."

Calvary Baptist Church,
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

ROBERT W. COOK, Pastor.

MRS. MARTHA GLEWWE
of South St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mrs. Martha Glewwe, nee Patet, of South St. Paul, Minn., was born in Ewitz, Germany, June 13, 1872, and died suddenly at her home on Sunday morning, May 28, at the age of 81 years. Although there were times during the past year when her health seemed to be failing, yet she always recovered sufficiently to attend the church services which were a great blessing to her. Thursday, preceding her passing, she was honored together with other Woman's Missionary Society presidents of the past, who were present at the meeting. She responded very graciously with appropriate words of appreciation and reminisced of the time when she was president.

She came to St. Paul in 1890, at the age of 18. During the past 45 years she has been a resident of South St. Paul. On April 6, 1892 she was united in marriage to the late Henry Glewwe, who preceded her in death in 1926. The Lord blessed this marriage with twelve children: nine daughters and three sons. One daughter, Mrs. Henry Hildebrandt (Anna), died twelve years ago.

She was a member of the Baptist Church for sixty years, and an active member of the Riverview Baptist Church for 45 years. She assisted in the forming of the Riverside Baptist Mission on Concord Street, South St. Paul, which is now the First Baptist Church. She served as president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Riverview Church for ten years.

She was always happy and appreciated everything that God had done for her. Her beautiful Christian spirit will be remembered long by all those who knew her. She lived her faith.

Children surviving her are: Miss Ida Glewwe, Miss Marie Glewwe, and Mrs. Arnold Erickson (Mabel) of South St. Paul, Mrs. Wm. R. Stassen (Martha), and Mrs. Reynolds Knospe (Selma) of West St. Paul, Mrs. Frank Kloss (Alma) of St. Paul, Mrs. Harold E. Stassen (Esther) of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Kenneth Hammerstrom (Ruth) of Fresno, Calif., Reuben B. and Edwin H. of South St. Paul, and Wesley P. of St. Louis, Missouri.

Riverview Baptist Church,
St. Paul, Minnesota

EDGAR W. KLATT, Pastor.

MR. JOHN FRICK
of Durham, Kansas.

Mr. John Frick, son of Jacob and Elizabeth Frick, of Durham, Kans., was born in Hook, Russia, November 27, 1864. In 1876, at the age of eleven years, he migrated to America with his parents. The family first made their home south of Hillsboro, Kansas. Later they moved to the Durham community.

At the age of 15 he accepted Christ as his Savior. He was baptized upon the confession of his new-found faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by the Rev. S. Pauls and received into the membership of the Menonite Brethren Church. In 1907 he joined the Baptist Church of Durham. His consistent, unpretentious Christian walk brought with it opportunities and responsibilities of service in the church. He faithfully discharged his duties in the various offices which he held in the church. He served as Sunday School superintendent for several years; he was treasurer of the church for approximately 20 years; he was active deacon for 35 years and honorary deacon for seven years; he taught Sunday School for about 50 years. Furthermore, he was ever prepared to lead in prayer and give his testimony. Truly, he was a pillar in the church! May we emulate his good example.

In 1889 Mr. Frick was united in marriage to Christina Popp. To this union were born three sons and three daughters of whom two sons and the three daughters preceded him in death. After 17 years, this union was dissolved by the death of his wife. In 1907 he was united in marriage to Naomi Nie-meier. Two sons and two daughters were born to this union. Of these, one son and one daughter preceded him in death. After 27 years of marriage this union also was dissolved by the death of his wife. Then, in 1934, he was united in marriage to Mary Schmidt.

The Bible states: "It is appointed unto man once to die," and so our brother's days too were numbered. On April 9 Mr. Frick had a light stroke and he was taken to the Hillsboro Hospital. It was thought and hoped that he would recover and be able to come home in a few days. However, the Lord's thoughts were otherwise. On Sunday, April 12, he suffered from a second stroke. On Monday afternoon he lost consciousness from which he failed to rally. He passed to his heavenly home Thursday morning, April 16, having reached the ripe age of 88 years, 4 months and 19 days.

He leaves to mourn his departure: his wife, two sons, one daughter, five brothers, three sisters, six grandchildren and a host of friends. The undersigned spoke at the funeral from 2 Timothy 4:7-8.

Durham, Kansas

H. R. BAERG, Pastor.

MAY CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE			
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES			
Conferences	May, 1953	May, 1952	May, 1951
Atlantic	\$ 1,500.83	\$ 3,440.24	\$ 2,232.19
Central	6,346.71	7,166.07	4,342.44
Dakota	2,590.75	5,834.77	3,996.28
Eastern	1,454.84	553.89	1,474.49
Northern	1,311.79	3,328.06	1,198.92
Northwestern	7,900.40	7,851.30	4,800.53
Pacific	3,736.17	8,638.86	4,204.20
Southern	1,006.36	222.24	298.93
Southwestern	3,009.56	2,201.27	1,601.13
Total Contributions	\$28,857.41	\$39,236.70	\$24,149.16
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED			
	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of May, 1953	\$ 32,757.20	\$ 3,899.79*	\$28,857.41
For the month of May, 1952	30,594.40	8,642.30	39,236.70
For the month of May, 1951	21,853.18	2,295.98	24,149.16
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR			
April 1, 1953 to May 31, 1953	101,718.92	3,618.12	105,337.04
April 1, 1952 to May 31, 1952	77,561.54	14,982.05	92,543.59
April 1, 1951 to May 31, 1951	63,541.36	8,095.29	71,636.65
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium			
April 1, 1952 to May 31, 1953	579,500.40	89,577.59	669,077.99
April 1, 1951 to May 31, 1952	507,289.64	113,369.04	620,658.68
April 1, 1950 to May 31, 1951	436,190.66	115,099.70	551,290.36

* Adjustment of prior month's distribution.

WE, THE WOMEN

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will not be able to attend the Northwestern Conference at the Riverview Baptist Church in St. Paul, Minn., July 15-19. She planned ahead and worked zealously with her women to the very end of her presidency.

Mrs. Fred Lemmert of La Crosse, Wis., as vice-president, will preside in Mrs. Peiffer's stead at the conference in St. Paul. The other officers are: secretary, Mrs. Louis Schulze of Burlington, Iowa; and treasurer, Mrs. Fred Mashner of Sumner, Iowa.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer are perfectionists in preparing mimeographed reports and programs. "The President's Page," edited by Mrs. Pfeiffer, kept her Northwestern Conference women officers and presidents informed. Short inspirational thoughts were in it. The mother-daughter programs in Burlington last May featured the pictures of Mrs. Pfeiffer and their attractive daughter, Natalie, on the cover, a permanent remembrance of the former pastor's wife and her daughter.

Since Mrs. Pfeiffer is in the midst of moving at this time, she has been excused from writing an article. Her devotional, "A Fruitful Christian Life," is in the new June, 1953, Program Packet, now completed and available at \$1.00 each packet. (Indicate English or German.)

We wish the Pfeiffers and the Erie Church God's blessing as they become co-laborers with him.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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Every night before going to bed she had the custom of kneeling down at her bed and praying aloud, so that I could hear every word she said. As I grew older, I often resented those prayers and especially the fact that I was always included in them. Yet today, I thank God for those prayers and for the fact that I had a praying mother—and a praying father. For as I deal with people who come out of such tragic home situations, people whose lives are hopelessly twisted because of it, I ask myself, "What must it be like never to have heard your mother or your father pray, and, worse yet, never to have heard them use the name of God except in a curse?" Is it any wonder that so many children go wrong and never find their way into a decent and happy life? And what an inestimable treasure it is to have grown up in a Christian home!

Developing the Theme:

I. WHAT MAKES A CHRISTIAN HOME? Is it not primarily a matter of the spirit that pervades it, a spirit characterized by these qualities?

1. Christ is present and his spirit manifests itself quietly, yet definitely, in every aspect of the family's life; for everything is done "in his name" (3:17), which means "in his spirit."

2. There's the kind of genuine and deep-going respect and concern for one another that makes for understanding and harmony (3:12-15).

3. There's a willingness to share responsibility, with each one taking his place and doing his part and everyone pulling together (3:19-4:1).

II. HOW CAN WE MAKE OUR HOMES MORE CHRISTIAN?

1. We must first become genuinely Christian ourselves—"as Christ forgave you" (3:13), "let the peace of God rule in your hearts" (3:15). We cannot impart anything to our homes that we do not first possess ourselves.

2. We must determine, at whatever cost, to make our homes Christian and be satisfied with nothing less. Yet how often we are satisfied with much less!

3. We must strive to grow in love and let it become the driving force behind all of our actions (3:14).

4. God's Word, prayer, worship—all these must have a prominent and yet natural place in the life of the family (3:16).

5. Husbands, wives, parents, children—all must seek to bring their relationships unto the level where they belong, "as it is fit in the Lord" (3:18).

6. In everything to live "as to the Lord," realizing that to build a truly Christian home is one of the greatest services we can render unto him (3:23).

Applying the Lesson:

1. What can the church do to prepare young people for happy marriage and for the building of Christian homes?

2. How can we make Christian faith a vital part of our home life?

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