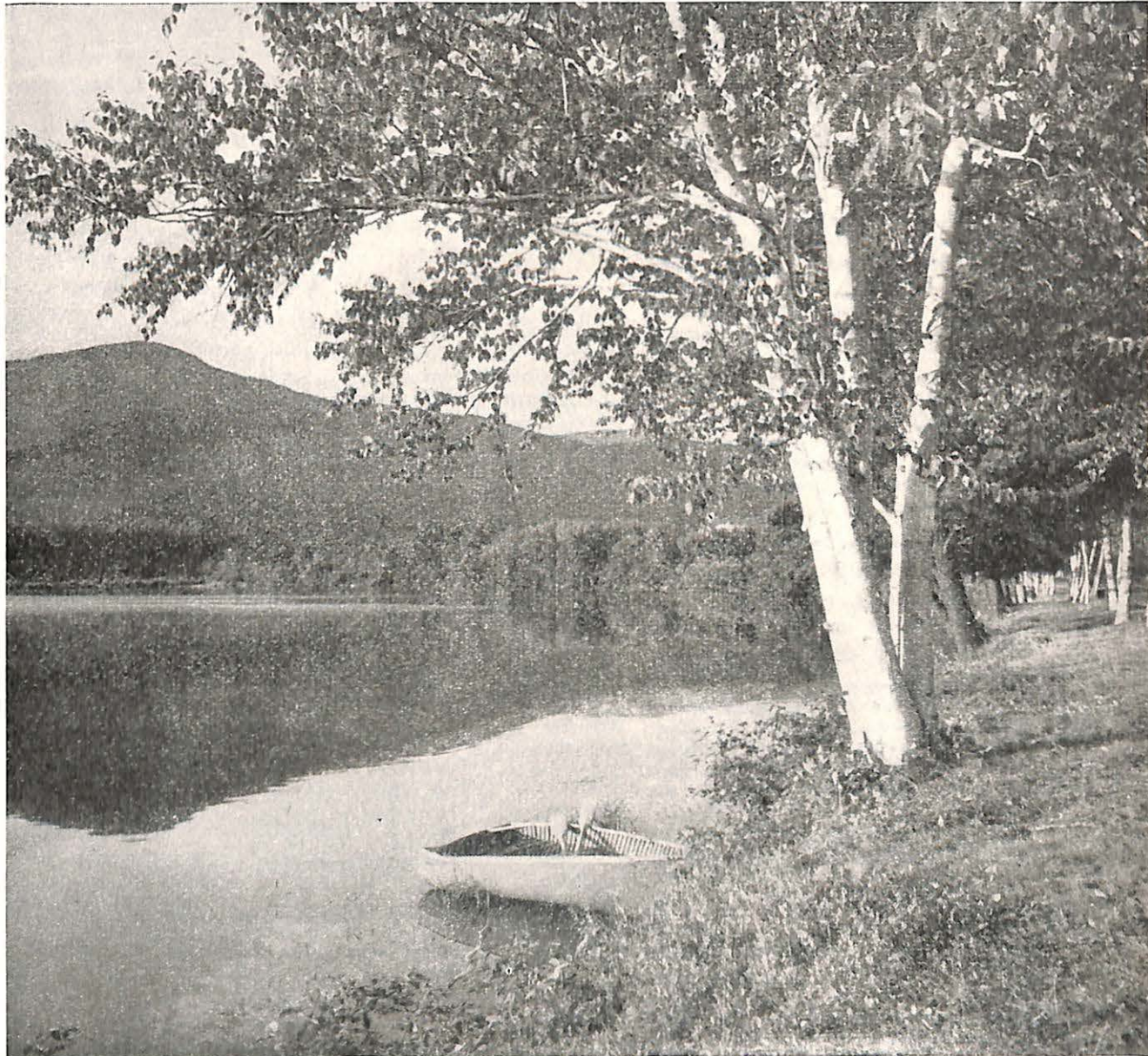


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The S. S. Lesson in ACTION

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A LESSON PLAN

DATE: JULY 5, 1953

Theme: God's Righteousness Revealed.
Scripture: Romans 1:8-17; 2:1-2; 3:21-22a.

Purpose: To make clear the meaning of God's righteousness and the demands it makes upon everyone of us.

GETTING STARTED: I can still remember the way I felt the day I accepted Christ as my personal Savior and Lord. My first reaction was, "O Brother! At last I'm safe!" Having been brought up on preaching that went all out for hell-fire and brimstone, I literally was scared to death of God. I feared that at any moment he might hurl a bolt of lightning to strike me down because of all my sins. When, therefore, I was converted, a great burden of fear rolled off my shoulders, and one thought was uppermost in my mind, "I'm safe! At last I'm safe! Now God can't hurt me anymore!" — Was I right in feeling that way, or not? And what about God's righteousness? What is it? What does it demand?

DEVELOPING THE THEME: The righteousness of God that the Gospel reveals has two aspects to it: it is a quality that God possesses, and a boon that God bestows.

I. RIGHTEOUSNESS IS AN ATTRIBUTE OF GOD

1. God is perfectly holy and righteous. By nature he is absolutely pure and without flaw.

2. That is why he cannot abide sin and must punish it (1:18); for it is contrary to his nature. As a sinless God, he cannot abide sin.

3. That is the reason, too, why he holds all men responsible for their sins and judges them impartially (2:1-2). Because of Who he is, God cannot be mocked. "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7).

4. This fact demands of every man that he reverence God and his laws and give strict obedience to them, lest he bring stern judgment upon himself.

II. RIGHTEOUSNESS IS A GIFT OF GOD

1. One of the inescapable facts of life is that no man can fulfill all the demands of God or live the perfect life his righteousness demands. Therefore all men stand condemned before him (3:19).

2. Nor are men able to save themselves by their own efforts, for none of them can make themselves good enough to stand in his presence (3:20).

3. Fortunately, God has stepped into the situation and provided a way whereby men can be justified in his sight. That way is the crucified Savior, through whose redemptive work God now offers righteousness (a being right with God) as a gift to every man (1:16).

4. But men must accept that gift for themselves. They do so through faith: faith that accepts what God has provided in Christ and that gives itself in grateful surrender unto him (3:21-22).

APPLYING THE LESSON

1. Does this mean that as long as a man has faith he can do what he pleases without worrying about what God demands?

2. What is the relationship between "faith" and "works" in the life of the Christian?

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DATE: JULY 12, 1953

Theme: Christian Behavior.
Scripture: Romans 12:1-2, 9-21.
Purpose: To discover what is meant by Christian behavior.

GETTING STARTED: Two women were standing on the street talking. One of them was complaining bitterly to her friend about another woman who had shamefully mistreated her—or so, at least, she thought. "And to think," she was saying, "that that woman even dares to call herself a Christian!" At the same time, this other woman, too, was talking to a friend and airing her side of the story. "Why," she repeated over and over again, "if that woman were a real Christian, she wouldn't act that way!" Obviously each of these women thought that she was acting as a Christian should, while the other was being un-Christian. But how do you decide who is acting like a Christian and who isn't? What standard do you use? Just how do you define Christian behavior?

DEVELOPING THE THEME: Consider this matter of standards by which to determine whether a man's behavior is Christian or not.

I. WRONG STANDARDS FOR MEASURING CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

1. To make myself the standard (12:3). Therefore what I think and do is Christian, what others think and do is un-Christian. I'm right. They're wrong.

2. To make the group the standard (12:2). I do what everybody else does, and to conform to their pattern becomes my chief desire.

3. To make some code of Do's and Don'ts the standard. If I live up to

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June 29-July 5—Central Dakota Young People's Assembly at Jamestown College, Jamestown, N. Dak. Prof. Ralph E. Powell and Miss Bernice Westerman, Guest Speakers.

June 30-July 5—Northern Conference at Yorkton, Sask. Prof. Herbert Hiller, Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

July 3-5—Ontario Association at Arnprior, Ontario. Rev. R. Schilke and Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Speakers.

July 6-10—Badlands Young People's Assembly at McIntosh, S. Dak. Prof. Hugo Lueck and Miss Bernice Westerman, Guest Speakers.

July 6-12—Pacific Northwest Young People's Assembly at Ross Point, Idaho. Rev. and Mrs. Earl Ahrens and Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Guest Speakers.

July 8-12—Manitoba Home Builders Camp at Lake Dauphin Camp, Manitoba. Rev. Herman Palfenier and Rev. W. J. Luebeck, Guest Speakers.

July 8-12—Northwestern Conference at Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota. Rev. R. Schilke, Dr. Leslie Chaffee and Prof. George A. Dunger, Guest Speakers.

July 13-19—Saskatchewan Triunion Assembly at Echo Lake, Sask. Rev. H. O. Ohsberg and Rev. Karl Korrella, Speakers.

July 13-19—Central Sask. and Alberta Youth Assembly at Elkwater Lake, Near Medicine Hat, Alberta. Rev. Daniel Fuchs and Miss Bernice Westerman, Guest Speakers.

July 13-19—Christian Workers Training Conference at North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Dr. Leslie Chaffee, Dr. George A. Lang, Prof. Ralph E. Powell, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Rev. R. Schilke, Rev. J. C. Gunst, Dr. M. L. Leuschner and others.

July 13-19—Manitoba Young People's Assembly at Lake Dauphin Camp, Manitoba. Rev. E. P. Wahl and Rev. Herman Palfenier, Speakers.

July 14-22—Oklahoma Scripture Memory and CBY Camp at Roman Nose Park, Watonga, Oklahoma. Rev. Earl Ahrens, Guest Speaker.

July 19-26—Alberta Tri-Union Young People's Camp at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. Dr. Ralph E. Powell and Miss Bernice 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 Leyboldt, Guest Speakers.

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Editorial

Study Your Lesson!

REMEMBER that it is YOUR lesson at every session of your Sunday School class. It is God's Word speaking to your heart and channeling his truth to your soul. We are taking it for granted that every "Baptist Herald" reader is enrolled in some Sunday School class as an active participant in its activities. That is not too much to assume for every North American Baptist.

But it is a sad state of affairs when it comes to an earnest study of the lesson prior to the Sunday School hour. Very few make it a regular habit to study the lesson as a workman of God who knows how "rightly to divide the truth." If we could train a great army of Sunday School scholars, young and old, to study the lesson each week, the Sunday morning hours would be much more profitable and our Christian characters would be strengthened.

The BAPTIST HERALD wants to be this incentive to you to "study your lesson" each week. A new department is beginning with this issue, giving you a brief synopsis of the Sunday School lessons for the next two weeks and emphasizing their practical application to life. We have enlisted the services of the Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, the talented pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., to prepare this material for you as the BAPTIST HERALD reader. His facile pen was formerly used in preparing a similar feature in "The Baptist Leader."

In order to get the most out of any Sunday School discussion, you MUST be acquainted with the background of the lesson. This requires study and reading by the scholar. The teachers cannot supply you with all the background material in the few minutes at their disposal. You will have to read the Scripture passages before and after the lesson. You will want to look up related verses in the Bible. You will be sufficiently interested to learn all that you can about personalities mentioned in the lesson or about the historical facts. Such a profound study of the lesson will help to make the Sunday School discussion sparkle with interest and excitement for you!

A real study of the Sunday School lesson involves asking a few questions. We learn by the inquiry method. By asking questions, we are challenged to seek the answers and thereby to learn the truth. Jesus' method of teaching was often that of arousing questions in other minds and then answering them with the revelation of God's truth.

Some people wait until the Sunday School hour before they think of asking some questions of the teacher, and then they are frequently foolish questions. In your study of the lesson, let these questions capture your attention and then let the Holy Spirit guide you into the answers of God's truth.

If you want to apply each Sunday School lesson intelligently and conscientiously to your life, you will have to study it with insight, with care and with eagerness. Here is a fertile field for spiritual improvement for every Christian, as you read and use the new department by Mr. Jacksteit and remember without fail to study your lesson!

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John Wesley, A Brand Plucked Out of the Fire

The 250th anniversary of the birth of John Wesley focuses the attention of the Christian world upon this spiritual giant of the 18th century who was used of God in initiating one of England's greatest revivals

By the REV. WALTER C. DAMRAU
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John Wesley at the age of thirty-nine.

THOUSANDS of Methodists from all over the world met in a World Methodist Convocation of Evangelism from June 26-28, 1953, at Philadelphia, Pa., to observe the 250th anniversary of the birth of their founder, John Wesley. Extensive plans had been made by the Council of Bishops and "the Committee of Fifty" to make this a spiritual "once-in-a-lifetime" experience for all who attended. This gathering focused attention upon this spiritual giant of the eighteenth century, John Wesley.

The Methodist Movement, largely the product of the preaching and organizing genius of John Wesley, contributed greatly and often gave impetus locally to the Great Awakening in the American colonies and to the Evangelical Revival in England. It has been credited by historians with saving England from the fate which befell France, namely, a bloody revolution, which ravaged that unfortunate country during the closing years of the eighteenth century. It behooves us therefore to take another look at this fiery preacher and reformer, his times and the changes which Methodism brought.

JOHN WESLEY'S PREPARATION

John Wesley was born on June 28, 1703, at Epworth, the son, grandson and great-grandson of a line of clergymen and scholars. He was the fifteenth of nineteen children whom the godly Susannah Annesley Wesley bore her husband, the Rev. Samuel Wesley. Due to the straitened financial circumstances in the Epworth rectory, this accomplished mother was the sole teacher of her daughters, and even of her sons, until the latter were ready to be sent to school in London and no family of children brought greater credit to their teacher. She taught her

children first of all implicit obedience.

Thus, she writes later in a letter to her son: "I insist upon conquering the will of the children betimes, because this is the only strong and rational foundation of a religious education, without which both precept and example will be ineffectual. But when this is thoroughly done, then the child is capable of being governed by the reason and piety of its parents, till its own understanding comes to maturity, and the principles of religion have taken root in the mind." A grandson, Samuel Wesley, writes that "she had the happy talent of imbuing a child's mind with every kind of useful knowledge in such a way as to stamp it indelibly on the memory."

A fire totally destroyed the parsonage when John Wesley was almost six years old, and he was miraculously rescued moments before the whole roof fell in. Later he often referred to himself as "a brand plucked out of the fire." His narrow escape made his mother even more zealous for her son's true welfare. Thus she writes somewhat later in her diary concerning him: "I do intend to be more particularly careful of the soul of this child, that THOU hast so mercifully provided for, than ever I have been, that I may do my endeavor to instil into his mind the principles of thy true religion and virtue. Lord, give me grace to do it sincerely and prudently, and bless my attempts with good success."

So profound was her influence upon her son John, that his father admitted him to the communion when he was only eight years old. Yet this great preacher readily admits later that a Christian home and religious training by godly parents do not make one a Christian.

At the age of ten, he was admitted to Charterhouse School, London, where he remained until he was sixteen. While attending this school he lost that religious fervor which had characterized his early youth. He writes concerning this experience as follows: "Outward restraints being removed, I

was much more negligent than before, even of outward duties, and almost continually guilty of outward sins, which I knew to be such, though they were not scandalous in the eye of the world. However, I still read the Scriptures, and said my prayers morning and evening. And what I now hoped to be saved by was: (1) Not being so bad as other people; (2) Having still a kindness for religion; and (3) Reading the Bible, going to church and saying my prayers."

WESLEY AT OXFORD

In 1720 John Wesley was elected to Christ Church College at Oxford, where he continued until his ordination in 1725. It was about this time that he began to read some of the classics of the Christian Church, such as "The Imitation of Christ" by Thomas A. Kempis, and Jeremy Taylor's "Holy Living and Dying." He was profoundly influenced by these writings and began to seek God earnestly. A year after his ordination he was elected a fellow of Lincoln College where he received his M.A. degree in 1727.

Then he served for nearly two years as his father's assistant in the Epworth parish. Though he preached earnestly, yet he was disappointed with the results of his preaching. Later in his works he writes: "From the year 1725 to 1729 I preached much, but saw no fruit for my labor. Indeed, it could not be that I should; for I neither laid the foundation of repentance, nor of believing the gospel; taking it for granted that all to whom I preached were believers, and that many of them needed no repentance." It is quite likely that he was relieved and happy when the rector of Oxford University requested him to return to his fellowship at Lincoln.

Here his brother Charles had already begun to meet with a few others in what became known as the Holy Club, later derisively called "Methodists." John became the recognized leader of this group which included,

in addition to the Wesleys, George Whitefield, James Hervey and others. Soon they adopted a methodical program of Bible study, public and private devotions, frugal living in order to do a great amount of social work, and abstinence from frivolous amusement.

The avowed purpose of this rigid and abstemious life was to please God and obtain salvation for their souls. But the assurance of the latter still escaped them. Hence when a clergyman "inured to contempt of the ornaments and conveniences of life, to bodily austerities, and to serious thoughts" was wanted as a missionary for Georgia, John Wesley volunteered, giving as his reason: "My chief motive is the hope of saving my own soul. I hope to learn the true sense of the Gospel of Christ by preaching it to the heathen."

MEETING THE MORAVIANS

In 1738, after spending two years in Georgia, Wesley returned to England, feeling that he had failed in his mission to convert the Indians and to deepen and regulate the religious life of the colonists according to his ideas. This trip, however, had made him acquainted with representatives of a group of German pietists, the Moravians or "Herrenhuter Brueder," whom he learned greatly to respect and to admire. For in the midst of a violent storm which broke over the ship, the English passengers began screaming, while the Moravians calmly continued their singing of a psalm of praise. Wesley was struck with this and began to question their leaders about the reason for this strange and abnormal behavior. He was informed that they trusted God and were not afraid to die.

Wesley continued to cultivate the friendship with these new-found friends, even seeking advice from their pastor, August Spangenberg. This he records in his Journal under the date of February 8, 1736, as follows: "I asked Mr. Spangenberg's advice with regard to myself—to my own conduct. He told me he could say nothing till he had asked me two or three questions. 'Do you know yourself? Have you the witness within yourself? Does the Spirit of God bear witness with your spirit that you are a child of God?' I was surprised, and knew not what to answer. He observed it, and asked, 'Do you know Jesus Christ?' I paused, and said, 'I know he is the Savior of the world.' 'True,' replied he, 'but do you know he has saved you?' I answered, 'I hope he has died to save me.' He only added, 'Do you know yourself?' I said, 'I do.' But I fear they were vain words." Thus even his self-sacrificing efforts as a frontier preacher and pioneer missionary had failed to resolve the conflict of his soul.

Returning to London, he sought out the meetingplace of the Moravians. Here he met Peter Boehler, the first man whom Count Zinzendorf had ordained and commissioned to go forth to Carolina. John Wesley introduced him to his friends and to his brother Charles, who began to teach him English. Boehler preached in Latin and a tailor by the name of Viney interpreted these addresses to those in attendance. His expositions of saving

taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

During this year he visited Count Zinzendorf at Marienborn near Frankfurt, and later also the original settlement of the Moravians at Herrnhut. Here he attended conferences, intercession meetings, listened to sermons and sought interviews with devout leaders of this movement.

Returning to London from the Con-



Street sermons in England, which John Wesley preached after coming back from America, were disrupted by mobs that heckled and threw stones. Wesley had to take to open-air preaching because he was barred from pulpits.

faith were new to all, and "to their astonishment, they saw, for the first time, that he who believeth in Jesus hath everlasting life; and it was with indescribable joy that they embraced the doctrine of justification through faith in Christ, and of freedom by it from the dominion and guilt of sin." Marvelous blessings attended these meetings and one after another, Wesley's friends and his brother Charles found Christ as their Savior, and peace for their soul.

THE ALDERSGATE EXPERIENCE

Meanwhile Wesley was still seeking in anguish of soul. In the evening of May 24, 1738, he found that peace which had been eluding him so long. But let him tell it (as he records it in his Journal): "In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had

continent, he immediately resumed his work preaching thrice on Sundays, and expounding the Word. Within five weeks after his return, he and his brother Charles were summoned by the Bishop of London to answer charges that they preached an absolute assurance of salvation. This was but the beginning of the storm that would soon burst in full fury about them and their new movement. By the end of the year most churches were closed to him as well as to others in the movement.

HIS LATER YEARS

In February George Whitefield, Wesley's friend and co-worker, had gone to preach in churches in and around Bristol, England. However, the Bishop of Bristol closed the churches to him, and so he preached on Kingswood Hill in the open air to about 200 colliers (miners). At a second service 2000 people came to hear him, and at the fifth service more than 10,000 attended. After six weeks Whitefield invited John Wesley to continue in his place that he himself might go to other parts of England.

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A Medical Missionary in Action

The first experiences and observations of our medical missionary in the Cameroons with the conviction that "it is worth ten times the effort that I am able to put into it for Jesus' sake"

By DR. S. WILLIAM BOUTWELL of the Banso Baptist Hospital

IT SEEMS like such a long time ago since we last said farewell to my wife's family in Chicago. It was probably the hardest thing they have ever been called upon to do. Since that time so many things have happened that, as I look back, I can hardly imagine how it was all done in such a short period of time.

EN ROUTE TO AFRICA

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., gave the Gebauers and us a wonderful farewell service, that we shall never forget. Then a comfortable day coach carried the four of us to New York where we hurriedly arranged last minute affairs. Our ship began to leave the pier late at night and, as we drifted farther and farther away, we were filled with an emotion of complete relief. After all the busy days of preparation, we were at last on our way. At 1:00 A.M. on the 10th of October, the last lights of America dimly faded away. But our hearts were eagerly anticipating the work and toil which the God of our universe had ahead of us in Africa.



Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee (left) and Dr. S. Wm. Boutwell (right) look with medical amazement at the Siamese twins which they helped to deliver, even though they were still-born.

The days on the ship were filled with table and deck games, parlor games, meeting new people and faces and customs, British-style food and British-style serving. We had our tea-times, our times of rest, our study and prayer hours, not to speak of the letters and cards we wrote. Too quickly the trip was over and we found ourselves in England for the next ten days.

We had a chance to do some sight-seeing in London and also came to know Ida Forsch while we were there. The second part of our journey started at the end of October. The trip on the banana boat took fifteen days. It was a much smaller ship, of course, and the passengers were only three men besides ourselves. The days started getting warmer and warmer as we approached the equator and the water became increasingly bluer day by day.

At last Tiko! There to meet us were three of our missionaries—Edwin Michelson, Don Ganstrom and Earl Ahrens. They took us quickly through customs, and we spent our first seven days in Africa at Soppo Station. Here

we had our introduction to the ways of missionary life in Africa. We learned to like many new foods we had never tasted before. We learned how to light kerosene lamps and kerosene stoves. We learned how to pour water every time you needed it, and how to tuck in our mosquito nets each night. Eating "chop" served by a native and carrying a light wherever you went after dark was soon to become commonplace matters in our lives.

Then began our long and treacherous inland trek which took three long days. Although the circumstances are often trying in our daily trek with Jesus, we find substance and spiritual provision for the necessities from moment to moment. He has been ever faithful to us. We arrived at Banso Station after the sun had gone down one evening. We were met by all the missionaries on the station. With all this assistance, it didn't take long to get settled into our new home—here in Africa. It seemed so good to stop traveling for a while and just settle down and eat a meal all alone with each other.

Gradually I began working into the routine of being a doctor and station manager. I had no idea how I was going to be able to learn all the things that such a person has to know. It did not take me long, however, to realize that I am not going to be able to be a replacement for Dr. Chaffee. I could only hope to be a fair representative of what he would have done from day to day.

OUR BANSO HOSPITAL

A person cannot fully comprehend the inadequacy of the present hospital unless he actually sees it himself. Seeing it is believing it and understanding it. The two wards are very dark, even on the brightest day. The beds are 12 to 18 inches apart and only about 14 inches off the floor. The mats on the inflexible steel frames are about two inches thick. Your first impression is: "Do they actually put sick persons in here?" The mudding on the wall crumbles under your touch. The ceilings are about 7½ to 8 feet high. Very often we need to spread ashes around the corners to discourage ants from coming in.



Cameroons missionaries after an impressive service of dedication for their children.

Left to right: Rev. and Mrs. G. Ben Lawrence and Kim; Rev. and Mrs. Howard Roth and David; Dr. and Mrs. Leslie M. Chaffee and Marjorie Ellen and Nancy Marie; Dr. and Mrs. S. William Boutwell and James Carl.

All of the manner of life is reduced to its simplest necessities. A patient may have a small boy to cook chop for him, a foo-foo dish, a one-quart narrow necked bottle, a pair of shoes made from an old tire casing, a soup dish, a native mat for his boy to sleep on, a lapa (piece of cloth to wrap around the body), a comb, and perhaps a small lamp. This is all he needs, and he gets along very well without anything else.

You can easily provoke an African patient into a smile or laugh unless he is very sick. They somehow get a great deal of enjoyment when the doctor imitates their country talk or imitates their actions and peculiarities. In the ward at any time of day it is not an unusual sight to see a chicken or two walking in to see if it can find some chop (food).

From a professional point of view, the natives here are very hardy and robust. Conditions and diseases of the body which would quickly terminate the life of a white man seem only to be a "thorn in the flesh" to these natives.

ATMOSPHERE OF AFRICA

It is difficult to capture the atmosphere of Africa for you on this paper. Africa is not merely a place where you learn to live with many different insects in your house and in your food, not only a place where it is warm and you need to learn to do without the luxuries of civilization. It is not only a place where you live under difficult circumstances and neither is it only a

place where you are deprived of all your life-long friends. Africa is all of these things but it is much more than this. It is a place full of superstition, paganism, peculiar practices and men and women lost and dying and destined to live an eternity, not only without God, but in eternal torment.

"As a man thinketh, so is he." This pertains to tribes and areas of Africa as well as it does to one single man. Africa is a manner of living. Unless you live it yourself, you cannot fully understand what the word, "Africa," means. I, myself, am only barely beginning to realize what it means. The manner and fashion of thinking of the native is so foreign to a new missionary that it is difficult to understand at first why natives do "this" or "that." Why are they unable to do this particular thing or that thing? Why can't they move a little faster? Why can't they understand more quickly

this Pidgin English that I have so painfully enunciated. Why don't they take more pride in their personal appearance? Why are they satisfied with doing things in this or that way? Why can't they remember things that you teach them?

PRECIOUS SOULS

All the questions are answered when you live with them for a while. They have been brought up in their childhood thinking and are doing as their parents did and naturally think that this is the only proper way to do it. We need constantly to remember that Jesus died for them just as much as he died for us. They are a very backward and slow people but how can we condemn them for this their heritage for which they are not in the least responsible? We need to follow the example of Jesus in that he loved us even though we were as the dirt at his feet.

It is interesting how the welfare of the native continues to interest you more each day. They really get to grow on you. Sometimes we may make a mistake by trying to force our way of life upon them too rapidly. They cannot receive and integrate into their own lives things that it has taken us thirty years to weave into our thinking and way of doing things.

The souls here in Africa are just as precious in the Kingdom of God as my own or yours. The work here is great and satisfying. It is worth ten times the effort that I am able to put into it for Jesus' sake.

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The General Council Points the Way

Report of the General Council's sessions held on May 21 and 22 at which the denominational budget of \$525,000 for 1953-1954 was adopted

By DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Editor

THE GENERAL COUNCIL at its annual sessions on May 21 and 22 boldly pointed the way to the entire denomination to expect great things of God if we are willing to attempt great things for him. The sessions were pervaded by the atmosphere of efficient management as well as the spirit of consecration to a great task to which God has called us.

41 MEMBERS PRESENT

For the first time the General Council met several weeks after the sessions of the cooperating societies. As a result, the members of the Council, 41 in number, had the complete reports of all cooperating societies and denominational leaders in their hands prior to the meetings and were able to follow the agenda of 42 items more intelligently. Mr. Walter W. Grosser, moderator of the General Conference, led the sessions with parliamentary skill and with genial spirit to everyone's satisfaction. The spiritual tone of the meetings, evidenced in the devotional periods and also in the discussions, would have warmed the hearts of our people at home to know that the denominational leadership has been well entrusted to these General Council members.

The presentation of the many reports is really a stirring review of past accomplishments, of great objectives which have been set before us, of spiritual victories that have been won for the Lord. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, and Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, promotional secretary, were among the first to bring their reports. The financial picture of our denomination was portrayed by Mr. Fred A. Grosser, treasurer, with the detailed financial tables prepared by Mr. Roland E. Ross, comptroller.

SUCCESSION OF REPORTS

A succession of reports by the denominational committees followed. These included the Finance Committee, the Investment Committee, the Pension Fund Committee, and Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee, the Summer Visitation Committee, the Student Placement Committee, the Committee on Education, the Fellowship Fund Committee, the Ministers' Fellowship Committee and Baptist

1955 GENERAL CONFERENCE

The General Council has set the dates for the next General Conference as June 6 to 12, 1955 at Waco, Texas. The Central Baptist Church of Waco, of which the Rev. Louis R. Johnson is pastor, will be the host church. The conference will meet in the spacious halls and air conditioned auditorium of Baylor University.

Men. A great deal of work is accomplished behind the scenes to carry on the denominational program through these important committees.

The cooperating societies were in the spotlight of attention as they presented an account of their stewardship during the past year. Rev. R. Schilke reported for the General Missionary Committee, Dr. George A. Lang for the Seminary, Rev. E. P. Wahl for the Christian Training Institute, Mrs. Irma Grosser for the Woman's Missionary Union, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner and Mr. Harold Johns for the Publication Board, Rev. J. C. Gunst for the CBY and SS Union, and Rev. August Runtz for the Children's Home.

SURVEY COMMITTEES

At the last General Conference a number of survey committees were appointed to evaluate the ministry and to consider some of the problems of our cooperating societies. The far-reaching reports of some of these survey committees were presented pertaining to our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Church Extension, the CBY and SS Union and the Children's Home. Because of these studies with the final reports, the work of these denominational societies will be better organized in the future and more productive in its results.

The spirit of Christian fellowship was enhanced at the sessions by the presence of several guests, especially Dr. Jacob Meister of Berlin, Germany, who reported to the Council about some of the heart-rending conditions still existing in Germany. Dr. H. Theodore Sorg, legal counsel, was present for a full day and as usual made monumental contributions to the success of the meetings.

It is only possible to mention some of the important decisions made by the General Council. The appointments

of three new missionaries for the mission field in Japan and of one additional missionary for the Spanish-American field in Colorado were approved as well as other matters of inspiring missionary advance. The proposed stewardship program for the fall of 1953 was heartily endorsed. "Baptist Men" has been made a recognized committee by the General Council. The first legal steps have been taken to incorporate our mission work in Japan.

The General Council appointed Dr. John Leypoldt as interim promotional secretary until 1955 when a promotional secretary will be elected. In the meantime, Dr. Leuschner will give his time exclusively to his ministry as Editor of English Publications. The CBY and SS Union's plan for the appointment of a Director of Youth Work was endorsed by the Council.

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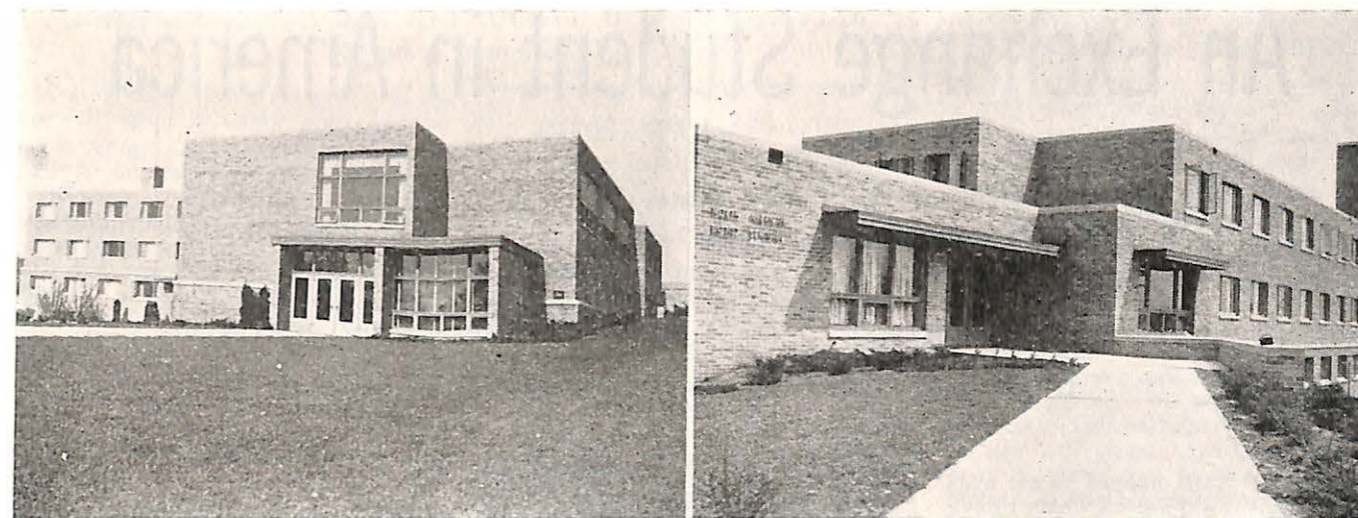
Following a report of Mr. Arthur Schwerin and Dr. Frank H. Woyke about the possibilities for the 1955 General Conference, the General Council voted unanimously and enthusiastically to hold the next General Conference in Waco, Texas, from June 6-12, 1955. So we shall soon be southward bound!

The Finance Committee as well as the Investment Committee under the able chairmanship of Mr. Arthur R. Schwerin are to be commended for their devoted stewardship of the denominational monies for the Lord's work. The additional sum of \$100,000 from invested funds was made available to the Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee, making a maximum total of \$400,000 for such loan purposes. Mr. Edwin H. Marklein as chairman of this committee has rendered an influential ministry in the many loans that have been made available to our churches.

BUDGET OF \$525,000

The printing of two thousand copies of "Die Glaubensharfe" and an edition of 10,000 copies of a new English hymnal to be published by our Roger Williams Press were approved. The Publication Society is also advancing along with all other denominational societies. The proposed building project for the Christian Training Institute

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The two beautiful entrances to the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on Euclid Avenue (left) and on Covell Avenue (right).

Our Seminary's Commencement Festivities

A report of the commencement services of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, held from May 15-17, 1953

By PROFESSOR HUGO LUECK of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

FOR THE 103RD TIME our Seminary brought another year of studies to a successful conclusion. Friday, May 15, was a busy day at the Seminary. The last examinations took place in the morning and on that same day the annual banquet was held in the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls. A total of 170 guests were present and among them a good number of alumni. An alumnus, the Rev. A. Huber of Minneapolis, Minn., was toastmaster and Dr. Evan Reiff, the president of Sioux Falls College, was the guest speaker.

Sunday, May 17, was the final day of this school year. In the morning the baccalaureate service was held in the Seminary Chapel, with the president of the Seminary, Dr. George A. Lang, presiding. The Rev. J. C. Schweitzer, alumnus of the class of 1926, brought a good message on "The Power to Preach."

In the afternoon the commencement service was held in the First Baptist Church with the largest attendance as far as is known. Dr. M. L. Leuschner and the Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., were among the visitors. Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, our medical missionary in the Cameroons, gave the commencement address, "In Christ We Conquer." In all the services the Seminary Male Chorus sang under the direction of Professor Ralph E. Powell, and also the Seminary quartet.

The final climax was the address to the graduates and the conferring of degrees by the president, Dr. Lang. Five of the graduates received the Bachelor of Divinity degree and the other three received the Bachelor of Theology.

The students who completed their studies and are going out into the ministry are as follows: William Effa of Yorkton, Sask., will go to the Zion Baptist Church near Drumheller, Alta.; Heinz H. Grabia of Millet, Alta., to the First Baptist Church of Rapid City, S. Dak.; Walter Hoffman of Medicine Hat, Alta., to East Ebenezer Church, Ebenezer, Sask.; Robert P. Nielsen of Chester, S. Dak., to the Methodist Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak.; Edward R. Oster of La Salle, Colo., to Hettinger, N. Dak.; George F. Rowe of Bowdoinham, Mass., to the General Conference, Swedish Baptists; Le Roy Schauer of Aberdeen, S. Dak., to Mott, N. Dak.; Manuel D. Wolff of Grand Forks, N. Dak., who has not yet accepted a call.

The faculty, students and our entire denomination can rejoice over the fact that another year has come to a happy conclusion and another eight men are going out well prepared into our Lord's fields, white for harvest.

The Seminary buildings are now all vacated, all other students going to their various places of work. Some will work at summer conferences, Va-

cation Bible Schools, and others will assist pastors in churches or take part in assemblies and camps. We are looking forward to the meetings of the Christian Workers' Training Conference which will soon be held.

GENERAL COUNCIL SESSION

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in Edmonton, Alberta, was not approved for the present.

This advance in the denominational program was reflected in the record breaking budget adopted by the General Council. The 1953-1954 budget will amount to \$525,000 which is a \$40,000 increase over that of the past year. But in faith we have been advancing and will continue to go forward with the Lord.

On Thursday evening, May 21, a denominational rally was held for our churches in Chicago and vicinity at the Forest Park Baptist Church. Messages were brought by Mr. Ralph E. Kletke, president of the CBY and SS Union; Dr. Jacob Meister, president of the Baptist Union of Germany; and Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, chairman of the Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee. A wonderful time of fellowship followed around the refreshment tables.

"This is the way on which you are to go!" The Holy Spirit must ever be our Guide, leading us into his truth and onto higher planes of service.

An Exchange Student in America

The impressions of the United States by a young German student, studying for the Baptist ministry, who has spent the past year at the Biblical Seminary in New York, N. Y., and who has attended services at the Second German Baptist Church of New York City

By MR. WOLFGANG MUELLER of Nuremberg, Germany

"HOW DID YOU happen to get over here?" That is a question which I have been often asked.

Well, it all started with an announcement on the bulletin board of the "Studentengemeinde" (S.C.M.) at Erlangen University, Germany, inviting such students as were interested in studying abroad for one year under the sponsorship of the World Council of Churches to file an application. This, I felt, might be an opportunity for me to realize a long cherished dream to see another part of this earth.

So I worked hard for three whole days, filling out questionnaires, writing essays on political questions and collecting recommendations from professors and other influential persons. An interview with representatives of the World Council followed, then more questionnaires were filled out, three physical examinations were taken, another interview was had in Frankfurt, and more questionnaires. To my surprise I was accepted!

BOUND FOR U.S.A.

So on Sept. 1, 1952 I bade goodbye to my fiancée and my parents, and for an hour or so I thought I had made the biggest mistake of my life by leaving the finest girl in the world for an entire year! But after I had gotten over this, I really enjoyed my trip through France, with a stopover in beautiful Paris.

In Le Havre, France, our group of about 115 German students boarded the "Anna Salen," a converted Swedish freighter, still somewhat battered by a previous collision with another vessel. But in spite of that and a disturbing hurricane, against which my stomach foolishly rebelled, we arrived safely in New York on Sept. 13th.

Before I give some of my impressions of this country, I'll just say a few words about myself. I am 23 years old and by birth and conviction a Southern German. I never had much interest in religion; as a matter of fact I detested Christianity in earlier days as something for old women who were afraid of death. But the Lord laid his hand upon me. He led me into Protes-



Mr. Wolfgang Mueller, a Baptist exchange student from Germany, studying at the Biblical Seminary, New York, New York.

tant services of the United States Army, where I accepted Christ as my Savior.

In 1947 I was baptized and taken into the membership of the Baptist Church of Nuremberg, Germany, where I also was active in youth work. Soon I felt the definite call to go into the Christian ministry. Previous to my coming to this country, I studied theology for six semesters at the Universities of Erlangen und Tuebingen.

IMPRESSIONS OF AMERICA

How do I like it here? I think America is a grand country! A sense of liberty, adventure and advance is certainly still characteristic of it. Its vast space and natural riches still promise achievement to many people. I know, of course, that not all that glitters is gold. But no country is perfect.

I find the people to be very friendly and helpful, especially to a stranger. Dr. Townley Lord recently wrote that

the typical American expression is "You are welcome!" And I think he is right. Of course, Europeans are different. They heed traditions more than do Americans. The two World Wars have left their marks on us, too.

The way our churches carry on in Germany is different, as are also the hymns that we sing and even the sermons we hear. And "individual communion cups" filled with grape juice are something unheard of in Germany.

This also holds true of the young people in Germany. Over here young people are more carefree. "Social activities" play a much greater role here than in Germany. Customs are also different. In Germany a girl of our church wearing lipstick would be frowned upon, to say the least. But these are not really important issues.

One thing which seems to be very different, and I am now speaking of Christian young people only, is the attitude toward the other sex. The custom of "dating" in the American sense is unknown in Germany. A girl who would go out with different fellows within a short period would be considered to be "cheap." While we encourage young people to be together in our youth groups and camps in Germany, we warn them not to give away their love in small portions, but to keep it for the one person whom they will marry. Of course, both systems have their advantages and disadvantages.

BAPTIST CHURCHES

Something I admire here is the frankness and the courage with which the churches, and among them the Baptists, speak up in matters of public interest, without becoming "politicized." The attitude they assume seems to me to be healthier than the quiet one so frequently found in our Free Churches in Germany.

But more important has been my experience that, although there are differences, they are not insurmountable. Americans are human beings just as we are. And even New York City does not only consist of gangsters and millionaires, as some think, but of thousands of hard-working, honest

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JOHN WESLEY, A BRAND PLUCKED OUT OF THE FIRE

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Wesley, somewhat dubious about an open-air ministry, came and saw the large throngs at the services. Henceforth he dedicated himself to this type of ministry, which no doubt gave real opportunity to the spread of the Methodist movement. Thus, for more than fifty years he preached on the market square, on the bowling greens, the hillsides or the churchyards, yea even from his father's tomb, to the multitudes that thronged to hear him. Thousands now heard the Gospel of a free salvation and found the peace of God which for so long had eluded him.

John Wesley traveled in this itinerant ministry some 25,000 miles, largely on horseback; delivered some 50,000 sermons, averaging 15 sermons a week during the remainder of his busy life. He wrote and edited hundreds of books and pamphlets, started a periodical, founded Methodist societies and churches, as well as a college. Finally he laid the foundation for the social service program of the Methodist Church. In his 83rd year he wrote, "I am a wonder to myself. I am never tired either with writing, traveling or preaching." John Wesley died after a short illness on March 2, 1791, in peace and with the full assurance of his salvation in Christ Jesus.

In spite of persecution by spiritual and secular powers, in spite of mob violence and physical hardship which John Wesley and his followers endured, the Lord prospered the movement, until today Methodists are found in sixty-three of the nations of the world, and the total membership of the church exceeds many millions, the largest number of which reside here in the United States.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

In order fully to appreciate the work of John Wesley, one must note the tenor of the times in which he lived. The noted historian J. R. Green describes it as follows: "Never had religion seemed at a lower ebb . . . In the higher circles of society 'every one laughs,' said Montesquieu on his visit to England, 'if one talks of religion.' Of the prominent statesmen of the time the greater part were unbelievers in any form of Christianity, and distinguished for the grossness and immorality of their lives. Drunkenness and foul talk were thought no discredit to Walpole . . . Purity and fidelity to the marriage vow were sneered out of fashion; and Lord Chesterfield, in his letters to his son, instructs him in the art of seduction as part of a political education. At the other end of the social scale lay the masses of the poor. They were ignorant and brutal to a degree which it is hard to conceive."

IMPORTANT LITERATURE

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The rural population likewise was fast being reduced to pauperism. Mob violence frequently erupted in the larger cities, and for lack of an adequate police force the criminal element held sway. The introduction of gin increased drunkenness and debauchery. The gin-shops of London are said to have advertised that one could "get drunk for a penny, or dead drunk for two pence."

One is not surprised therefore to read the statement of another of the great historians, W. E. H. Lecky, on the influence of Methodism: "Although the career of the elder Pitt and the splendid victories by land and sea that were won during his ministry form unquestionably the most dazzling episodes in the reign of George II, they must yield, I think, in real importance to that religious revolution which shortly before had begun in England by the preaching of the Wesleys and Whitefield." Mr. Lecky credits Methodism as being one of the most important influences that saved England from the revolutionary spirit which laid France waste, and that a spiritual revival had preceded the industrial expansion of that century.

J. R. Green summarizes it so well when he states that "the Methodists themselves were the least result of the Methodist revival. Its action upon the church broke the lethargy of the clergy . . . But the noblest result of the religious revival was the steady attempt, which has never ceased from that day to this, to remedy the guilt, the ignorance, the physical suffering, the social degradation of the profligate and the poor."

Spiritually speaking the greatest result of John Wesley's own experience and ministry and that of his followers is that millions since then have discovered what he discovered, that salvation is through Christ's finished work on the cross, not through one's own good life or good works, that this justification by faith is not a deep mystery, but that it is instead a simple faith in Christ as one's personal Savior.

AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

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people with the same hopes, fears and aspirations which we have.

Above all, I have found that the Christian faith is the bond that binds people most strongly together. We may sing different hymns, but the attitude with which we sing them is the same. We may pray in different tongues, but God hears us all alike. Knowing that he has loved us first, we in turn love him and the brethren, regardless of their nationality.

The experience for which I am most grateful is that of fellowship and love in our Lord Jesus Christ, which has been so very real to me these last months. Seldom have the words of the hymn struck me as much as now, when, far from home, so much love has been shown to me in the Christian churches and especially Baptist churches and families of this country:

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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that code, I'm Christian; if I don't, I'm un-Christian.

4. To make the rule of tit-for-tat the standard (12:14, 17)—to do unto others as they do unto us.

II. RIGHT STANDARDS FOR MEASURING CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

1. MOTIVATION. A man's behavior is Christian if it is motivated by—

- Loyalty to Jesus Christ and obedience to him (12:1).
- The desire to do God's will (12:2).
- Devotion to the whole body of believers (12:4).
- Concern for the welfare of others (12:5, 14-15, 20).

Without the right motives, a man may be very moral in his conduct and yet be not at all Christian.

2. ATTITUDES. A man's behavior is Christian if it is done in a spirit of—

- Humility (12:3, 16b).
- Sincerity (12:3b)—doing everything to the best of his ability.
- Co-operation (12:5, 16a, 18).
- Genuine love and goodwill (12: 9-10, 14, 17, 21).
- Cheerfulness and trust (12: 11-12).

APPLYING THE LESSON

1. In view of these standards, consider each of the Christian virtues set forth in verses 9-21. Are they a law to be kept, or an ideal to be sought after? Can one abide by all of them and yet not be Christian in one's behavior?

2. What shall we do with verse 20 in time of war? Is it a practical rule for conduct or not?

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● Mr. George W. Lang, a student at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, Ill., is serving for the third summer months at the Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., in assisting the pastor, the Rev. Alfred R. Bernadt. George's father, Dr. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was pastor of the Lorraine Baptist Church from 1926 to 1934.

● The Rev. G. W. Rutsch, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., since 1950, recently presented his resignation. His doctor urged this decision upon him for his health. Mr. Rutsch will bring his ministry to a close on Sept. 1st. His resignation was accepted with sincere regrets by the Grace Church.

● The North American Baptists of Connecticut have a fine Vacation Cottage of Madison Beach, Conn., directly on Long Island Sound, available to all on Atlantic Conference members. For rates and reservations, please apply to Mrs. R. J. Dittrich, 1735 Central Ave., Bridgeport, Connecticut. The Cottage opened on June 27 and will close on Labor Day.

● A recognition council from the California Association met with the Berean Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Calif., on Friday, May 29, to consider its recognition as a North American Baptist Church. It is located at 170 S. Virgil Ave., and Dr. Donald G. Davis is its pastor. The church was welcomed officially into our denominational fellowship at the Pacific Conference held in Elk Grove, Calif., from June 24 to 28.

● The new edifice of the First Baptist Church of Wasco, Calif., was dedicated on Sunday, May 10. The Rev. F. J. Reichle, 85 years of age, who was the first pastor of the church, ministering to the churches in Wasco and Fresno at the same time (1912-1916), was present at the dedication services and offered the dedication prayer. The Rev. Harold Thomas, pastor, spoke on "The One Foundation" at the morning dedicatory service.

● The Rev. S. C. Thomas of Southey, Sask., and his family are scheduled to sail on the "S.S. Empress of France" from Montreal on Sept. 25 for the mission field in India. Mr. Thomas was home for two years on furlough, after being in India for 6½ years engaged in missionary work. At present he is

serving as interim-minister in the Baptist Church at Southey, his home town. The church is now considering calling a new minister, as reported by Mrs. Philip Herz, church clerk.

● The Rev. James A. Brygger tendered his resignation as pastor of the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa, on Sunday, March 15. He had been minister of the church since 1949. He accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Silverhill, Ala., a church of the Southern Baptist Convention. A report about the farewell service for Mr. and Mrs. Brygger and family by the church on April 26th appears among the "Reports From the Field" in this issue.

● The Rev. R. C. Schmidt, former pastor of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak., received his Master's Degree from the College of Education at the 58th annual commencement exercises of the University of Arizona on May 27. Mr. Schmidt had previously earned the Bachelor of Science and also the Bachelor of Theology degrees. He has been accepted as a candidate for the Doctor's Degree at Central Baptist Theological Seminary at Kansas City, Kans., where he will begin his work next fall.

● On Sunday evening, May 3, the Rev. E. O. Gutsche of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., baptized three converts on confession of their faith in Christ. Two of these were converted during the revival meetings held during the last two weeks in March with the Rev. G. J. Thiessen of Hilda, Alta., serving as evangelist. The Lord's Supper was observed afterwards at which the hand of fellowship was extended to these three converts and to five others who were received by letter, as reported by Alice Huber.

● The Rev. Walter Sukut of the Ebenzer Baptist Church, Wessington Springs, S. Dak., baptized nine converts on Sunday, May 17, on confession of their faith in Christ. A Mother-Daughter program was held on Sunday evening, May 10, and the film, "Kenji Comes Home," about Japan was shown. Mr. Sukut has also presented his resignation to the church in order to accept the appointment of the General Missionary Committee as missionary to Japan. Mr. and Mrs. Sukut and their little daughter hope to sail for Japan late in August.

● On Sunday evening, May 17, the Rev. Arthur Fischer of Linton, N. Dak., baptized three adults on confession of their faith in Christ. This makes a total of 24 baptisms for the church year, as reported by Mrs. Gottlieb Kremer. On April 26 new hymnals were presented to the church and dedicated. On Mother's Day, May 10, a very impressive service of dedication of children was held. Seven children under two years of age and their parents took part. The Senior and Junior CBY's were in charge of the Mother's Day program on that same evening.

● On May 18th members and friends of the Grace Baptist Church of Gackle and Alfred, N. Dak., met in the church to honor their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Rutsch, on the occasion of their 30th wedding anniversary. Mr. Harry De Witt, deacon, was in charge of the program which featured musical numbers, readings, congratulations and a message by the Rev. B. W. Krentz of Bismarck, North Dakota. Mr. R. R. Rembold presented Mr. and Mrs. Rutsch with an envelope of money from both churches and wished them God's blessing for future years.

● The Humboldt Park Church of Chicago, Ill., observed its 60th anniversary on Sunday, June 14, with a special program in the afternoon. The Rev. J. C. Gunst extended the greetings of the denomination and brought a brief message. Dr. Carl F. H. Henry of Pasadena, Calif., a former pastor, was the guest speaker. This was the last Sunday in the interim ministry of the Rev. Bert Milner, who was graduated from the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago on May 19. He served in this capacity at the Humboldt Park Church since March 1, 1953. The church is now seeking a full-time pastor for its pulpit.

● Mr. John A. Zurn of Erie, Pa., a member of the Central Baptist Church, was sworn in as a federal jury commissioner for the northern counties of the western Pennsylvania district on May 22nd. Chief Federal District Judge Wallace S. Gourley administered the oath to Dr. Zurn, the first man to be appointed to the office in Erie. A prominent announcement appeared in the "Erie Daily Times" newspaper. Mr. Zurn was assigned to an office formally occupied by a visiting judge. He will be in charge of the selection of

juries. He is also a member of the General Council of the denomination as the representative of the Eastern Conference.

● The North American Baptist Headquarters at Forest Park, Ill., has employed the Rev. Bruno Schreiber of Bethlehem, Pa., as a maintenance man and worker in the mailing and relief department. He will begin his new work in July or August 1953, moving to the Forest Park area with his family. Mr. Schreiber was formerly pastor of the Baptist Church at New Leipzig, N. Dak., but the loss of his voice necessitated his resignation. He is enjoying good health but due to voice difficulties is unable to preach. He will be of invaluable service to our denomination in this new ministry of his at the headquarters office.

● On Wednesday evening, May 13, the Carroll Avenue Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, enjoyed a sacred concert of music presented by Robert Harkness, noted Australian hymn-writer and pianist. Mr. Harkness is the composer of such hymns as "No Longer Lonely" and "Get God's Sunshine Into Your Heart." During the Vacation Bible School held from June 8 to 14, Mr. John Binder of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., assisted on the teaching staff. He also brought the message at the church service on Sunday evening, June 14. The Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, pastor, concluded a series of evangelistic services at the Hurnville Church of Henrietta, Texas, from April 6 to 19.

● The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alta., has undergone extensive renovations recently at a cost of over \$5700. The sanctuary of the church has been entirely renovated. More than 2300 hours of labor were donated by church members and friends. On Sunday, May 17, the dedication service was held with the Rev. E. P. Wahl of the Christian Training Institute as guest speaker. About 700 people were in attendance. Mr. Bernard Schalm, student at Alberta University, is serving at the Clover Lawn Mission station for four months this summer. Evangelistic services were held at the Leduc Church from June 1 to 10 with the pastor, the Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, in charge. The Rev. Henry Pfeiffer of Edmonton, Alta., brought the messages.

● On Sunday morning, May 3, the Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., received eight new members into the church's fellowship in addition to the 22 converts who were baptized in April. On that Sunday morning ten members of the church who are 80 years of age or over were honored at special recognition services. They are Mrs. Eleanore Fliege, Mrs. Jennie Koch, Mrs. Minnie Krause, Mr. Paul

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

INTRODUCING HERMAN BALKA

Herman Balka is the energetic vice-president of the CBY and SS Union. Those who know him personally have long realized that he is a capable leader of young people and a very efficient Sunday School superintendent. Herman is married and finds a real helpmeet in his capable wife, Willie Mae. For three years he served in the United States Marine Corps. During that time he took advantage to get acquainted with churches wherever he could and served faithfully as a Christian witness. At present in business, he is a salesman for a paint company.

He is president of the Southern Conference CBY and SS Union and a member of the Southern Conference Mission Committee. In addition to all these responsible offices, he is an active layman in various Christian organizations in the city of Dallas. Herman's chief interests as a Christian layman are evangelism and stewardship. His hobby, as he states, is: "For relaxation I like to read the biographies of famous evangelists, such as Billy Sunday, Moody, Whitefield and others."

MY TESTIMONY

By HERMAN BALKA

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief" (1 Tim. 1:15).



Mr. and Mrs. Herman Balka of Dallas, Texas.

How well I remember that night some 16 years ago when the righteousness of the Lord Jesus became my righteousness, when I turned over to him the failure that I had made of my life and the sin that I was no longer able to bear and received the salvation that he offers to everyone. It all happened like this.

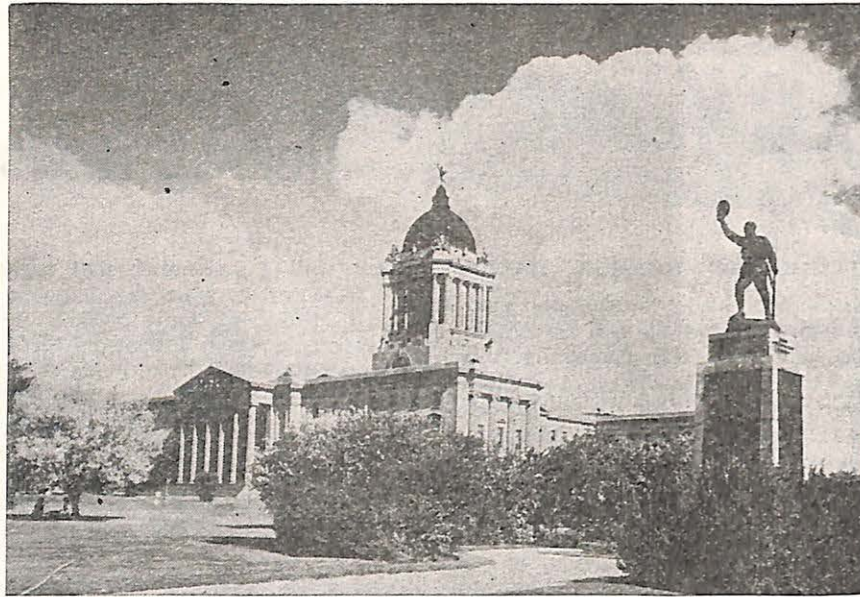
When I was six years old, I lost my father in an automobile accident and two short years later my wonderful mother went to be with the Lord leaving me an orphan at eight. I had a loving aunt and uncle who took me over, but somehow I was bitter inside and took a turn for the worse. I gave my teachers at school much trouble. I caused my new family many moments of anguish. My new mother shed many tears over me. I fell into deep sin.

Then one night four years later, we were holding revival meetings at the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church and our pastor at that time was faithfully proclaiming the Gospel. The Holy Spirit was speaking to my heart and I was greatly under conviction. There were 17 people in the church on Friday night and every one of them except myself was a born-again believer in Christ. I could actually feel the power of their prayers. I listened rather nervously to the message from God's Word and then when the invitation was given I felt that I could go on no longer as I had been. I went forward and laid all of the sin and failure that I had been at the Savior's feet and from him received new life. As God's love flooded my life, a new peace came into my heart that I had never known before and as I left that night I felt like shouting!

In the days which followed life took on a new meaning but then through neglect of Bible study and prayer life I soon found myself again compromising with the world. When I was in high school I was president of the Hi-Y club, a supposedly Christian club, but, sorry to say, I did not serve as a Christian leader should. When the club wanted to sponsor dances with the Girl Reserves, I went along with them never making any effort to speak up for my Lord.

Then one day I joined the Marines and through my experiences in the war years, the Lord spoke to me in a very definite way and won me back to himself. When I came home he put me to work as a Sunday School superintendent, and I can never estimate the value of this job to my spiritual

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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. Before long, he met Dian Lockwood, with whom he had gone to high school, and her rich father. He soon saw Jenny Grant, the preacher's daughter, a sweet and sincere girl, as he knew. At first, Steve did not want to go to church, but a strange impulse prompted him to go one Sunday morning. He was blessed and went again and again. 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. In June following graduation, he came home and said to Jason: "I knew that you and Phoebe and Jenny were praying for me. Prayer has terrific power. I've learned that at the seminary." It was Jason's turn to speak.

CHAPTER ELEVEN

"BUT, Steve, you had to do the actual work. Don't forget that. But I agree that one of the most important lessons you've learned—one that isn't found in any earthly book or explained by any human teacher—is the power of prayer. Only the Heavenly Teacher could teach you that. And never forget the lesson," Jason said.

"I won't," I promised.

Eventually our talk reached the climax toward which it had been working persistently: Jenny.

"And how does Jenny fit into your plans for the future?" Jason asked.

"She's the beginning, the middle, and the end," I replied with an emphasis that was almost grim.

"When's the wedding, Steve?" Phoebe asked with feminine directness. Her mind was busy with the multitude of details to which the uninitiated male is oblivious.

"Three days away," I answered. And the three days seemed immeasurable time. "It's going to be the beginning of a new life,—Jason, a wonderful life. I've dreamed of it so long. Somehow, I think of Jenny as a thin china vase, so beautiful you can't describe it. God comes so close when you really love someone."

I made a helpless gesture. I couldn't say what I meant. But Phoebe and Jason understood, as they had always understood.

"I can just see Jenny in our own little manse, fussing in our own little kitchen," I said.

"Tell us more about this offer of a pastorate, Steve," Jason urged. "You mentioned something about it in your last letter. Give us the details."

"It's really an opportunity, we think. It's a small church in a nice little town—the ideal place for a young pastor to get experience. The board took me to look the place over, and it's everything we'd want. The parsonage has just been redecorated—that detail is for you, Phoebe—and the folks there are really friendly." I could no longer hide my enthusiasm.

"Sounds good to me," Jason said warmly.

"Jenny'll be happy there, I'm sure," Phoebe spoke gently.

"I'm going to do everything I can to make her happy," I declared fiercely. Suddenly I realized that I hadn't seen Jenny since noon. "I'm going over there now," I said.

These two people had done unspeakably much for me. I wanted to be eloquent but couldn't. "Thanks—thanks so much—for everything," I stammered. The cuckoo clock made its merry little sound and soon I was walking along the street that led to Jenny's house.

I awoke early, with the feeling of not having slept at all. Suddenly, sharp as the morning sun, came the realization that this was my wedding day. And swiftly my thoughts were all of Jenny, and my weariness was gone.

The day passed slowly, despite the numerous distresses that beset a bridegroom. Unable to wait beyond noon, I phoned Jenny. My throat thickened as I heard her voice again. At last she was nearly mine. It would be good to escape finally the constant feeling of unrest that harassed me—the feeling that she was not mine to keep.

We talked of the church, resplendent now with flowers that Jenny loved so well. "Are the flowers as you wanted, dear?" I asked. "Perfect," she said in that glowing voice of hers. I pictured her eyes widening as she spoke. That was part of the wondrous charm of Jenny—her capacity for enthusiasm.

"I want everything perfect for you," I said, feeling that nothing in this world was perfect enough for her. Then we talked of little things, and I joked because I was nervous. We mentioned the trite possibilities of obstinate candles, and forgotten rings, and stumbling bridesmaids, and Jenny comforted me. "Now, Steve, just remember—I'll be right beside you all the time." Beside me all the time, I thought, and the thought was terrifying for its bigness. "Oh, Jenny," I said, and asked her then, with my characteristic lack of transitional elements, if Phoebe had the wedding feast well in hand. At last I released Jenny to her clamoring bridesmaids and said a reluctant "Good-bye."

It isn't the big things in a wedding that cause trouble: it's the little things.

A couple of cups of Phoebe's superb coffee had partially fortified me for the ordeal, but whatever calm they produced was thoroughly nullified by my struggle with the shirt. At last, through the combined efforts of Phoebe and Jason, every button was in place. After a frantic search for a sock, we left at last for the church.

As we rode along, Phoebe, Jason and I, I could think only of Jenny, coming nearer and nearer to being mine.

"Do I look all right, Phoebe?" I had asked the question with obnoxious frequency. She assured me that I was everything a happy bridegroom should be. I hoped Jenny wasn't enduring the nervousness that was making me set on the edge of the seat and chew my gum with fierceness frightening to behold.

"Don't forget to get rid of that gum, Stevie," Phoebe warned gently as we left the car. I felt like a small, unsure boy about to enter a strange school.

My next vivid recollection is of standing at the front of the church and wondering if the flowers were just as Jenny wished. I was aware of the rows and rows of faces, vague in the candlelit church. I saw the bridesmaids moving cautiously down the aisle, and at last I could see the pale colors of their gowns and their shaking bouquets. They were important only because they helped to bring Jenny nearer. The chubby little flower girl, traveling the aisle with complete unconcern, injected a note of informality which amused me. Then I heard the majestic strains of Lohengrin.

The organ let its thunder go in wedding music, and I had the flitting thought, in spite of the nerve-wracking role I was enacting, that the visiting organist couldn't play like Jenny. The crowd fluttered as heads turned to see the white-gowned bride. I stood there, near the rostrum of St. Paul's, feeling all the nervousness that a million other bridegrooms have felt, as Dr. Grant came down the aisle with Jenny on his arm. The aisle was a thousand miles long and Jenny and her father walked slowly as turtles, and I was in pretty bad shape by the time they got to the front. Jenny smiled at me, more composed than I by far. Women survive weddings better than men.

As I saw Jenny come nearer, nearer, I compared her again to a delicate china vase, almost too beautiful to touch. How radiant she looked! Her cheeks were rosy, her eyes intensely alive. I had never seen her look happier. By contrast her father looked strangely tired. He seemed to have grown suddenly old.

Soon the ceremony was over and Jenny was mine. I took her arm and we left the church on a wave of

Mendelsohn. Voices mingled in wishing us happiness as we ducked for the car. Dian was by the car when we reached it. She was smiling, but the smile was riding over a look of desolation. She wasn't quite able to handle her feelings of defeat. Probably nobody saw it but me. But her voice was steady as she wished us well. I reflected, as I helped Jenny into the car, that Dian had left me alone, though without aloofness, since that night I attended her Christmas party. I saw her face again as I got under the wheel of the car and the bleakness was beginning to show through the smile.

And in my heart I felt for her the thing she would have resented most: pity.

The next three days were wonderful. Joy flowed in upon joy, like one wave of the sea upon another. Even to sit beside each other became for Jenny and me a rich experience. We knew at last the peace of mind and heart which blesses those who love completely.

One unforgettable evening, as Jenny and I were talking, I was taking her cheeks in my palms and putting my lips down to hers when the sound of the phone jarred us both. For an instant we sat, unstirring, knowing that few people knew we were here in San Francisco, and that something important must have happened. When I answered the phone Jason Gray's voice came to me from Gold Springs.

"I hate to phone you, Steve, and I hate to shock you and Jenny, but Allan Grant has had a heart attack."

"We'll be right home," I said.

"I don't think you have to come right away," Jason said reassuringly. "But I wanted you to know."

"I'm glad you called, Jason. We'll be home a day or so earlier, though, to be on the safe side," I told him.

"How's Jenny?" Jason asked.

"Fine, Jason," I answered. "You'll be seeing us in a few days."

"Good-bye, Steve. Don't rush yourselves, now. We'll be looking forward to seeing you."

Jenny and I were going up the stairs of the parsonage. Her hand, whose smallness never ceased to amaze me, rested lightly in mine. I rang the bell briefly and Mrs. Grant, somewhat paler than usual, met us.

"I'm so sorry your trip was interrupted, children," she said. "I did so want nothing to mar your honeymoon."

"Now, don't worry, Mrs. Grant—nothing did mar it. It was perfect," I hastened to assure her. "And we didn't leave much earlier than we'd planned—only a day, really."

"Sure, Mother," said Jenny. "Besides, we were a little homesick."

"How's Dr. Grant?" I asked.

"Well, he's not himself, of course.

A lot of fire's gone out of him. He had a pretty severe attack, and so sudden. He's been asking about you children and he's so concerned about your enjoying your trip. He really didn't want us to call. Anyway, just plan on staying with us for the present. I've got the big middle bedroom all ready for you."

"That's swell," I said gratefully. "And now—can we see Dr. Grant?"

"Right away. He'll be so glad to see you both again."

We went up the winding staircase and into Dr. Grant's room. I felt as though we were entering another world. He surely was not himself, but he had lost nothing of his valiant spirit. And his first concern, as always, was for us.

"How was the honeymoon?" I was struck as never before by the warmly human quality of this man.

We were quick to assure him that it had been wonderful. And he lost his tiredness for a moment, and his eyes were the eyes of a young man in love.

"I wish you two all the happiness in the world," he said. "And how are you feeling, Jenny girl?" he asked fondly.

"Happier than I've ever been in my life," she said, looking into my eyes.

"And you—Father—how are you feeling?" Suddenly her voice was all concern for him.

"It's been a long road," he said gently. "And it's been a good road. But it's about to end."

"Don't talk like that, Father," said Jenny.

"Why not, dear?" he asked.

"Well, it sounds—"

"There are those who won't accept the fact of death, Jenny, but that doesn't change the fact. For years I've preached the truth that death for the child of God is simply a going home to the Father's house. And I believe with all my heart what I have preached. I feel no terror. I'm just a tired child going home."

That was Allan Grant. Living, dying, he would stick by his teachings. You felt, sitting there watching him die, that religion to him wasn't an escape from reality, but, rather, a road to it; the spiritual kingdom which was housed in his physical frame would not pass with the fallen flesh. Allen Grant was going, but he was going triumphantly to a higher world. He was gathering strength for further conversation.

"And that brings me to something I've been thinking about a lot lately, Steve. I'm concerned about St. Paul's, and I've been wondering if you couldn't carry on here for a while, maybe not permanently, but at least until things are organized. And who knows—maybe you'd like to stay longer."

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We, the Women

News and Views of the National Woman's Missionary Union

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

OUR VICE-PRESIDENT

Mrs. Walter Stein, vice-president of our Woman's Missionary Union and the pastor's wife of our church in Tyndall, S. Dak., has appeared with an article in this column during the past triennium. This is her fourth year as vice-president of our Union. Contrary to the opinion that such an office has few duties, Mrs. Stein has been a very valuable and active member of the Executive Committee.

Besides the responsibilities carried on in her church, association and conference through the years, our vice-president has taken a vital interest in all phases of our denominational life. She is an **informed woman**. Therefore her suggestions are both helpful and stimulating.

Mrs. Stein was the guest of your president during the **Mission Committee** session which her report covers. During these happy, informal hours in our home I found the secret of her spiritual growth. Besides her study of the Bible and her prayer life she enriches her thinking by taking time to read good books found in her husband's library. I feel sure these books were purchased through our Roger Williams Press, because they have been advertised in our denominational periodicals. May I deviate from the subject at hand long enough to urge our women to help support our **Publication Society** by purchasing all such books and materials that our Roger Williams Press have in stock or are able to order for you. Every purchase helps the cause financially.

The Southwestern Conference to convene in Stafford, Kans., from August 19-23, will have Mrs. Stein as

as well as reports of expansion possibilities.

Since the second goal of our Woman's Missionary Union is **Home Mission Expansion**, we were interested to note the progress made and the future possibilities. Our hearts were thrilled to hear of a number of places where work has actually been established and also where contacts have been made and plans formulated for the beginning of a work. We hope the women will take a greater interest in our **Home Expansion Goal** for we know that only by strengthening the home-base can we continue our yearly expansion program in foreign fields.

The missionary secretary of the Northern Conference reported great expansion possibilities due to the continued influx of immigrant families of Baptist background. Churches organized in these immigrant-settled areas will call for large appropriations for the first several years. We urge our societies therefore to give generously so that our goal of \$10,000 may be reached and the Woman's Missionary Union be able to carry their full share of the expansion program.

The report from the **Indian field** was encouraging. The missionaries on this field are to be complimented for their sacrificial service. The **Spanish-American field** shows greater possibilities now of prospering than it has for many years. A couple has been working on the field and another worker will very soon be helping; it is hoped that much will be accomplished in the near future.

In the **foreign field** the African work again as other years showed marvelous progress. Dr. Chaffee, Cameroons medical doctor, officially represented the **Cameroons Baptist Mission** at the sessions of the General Mission Committee. His remarks on the work and progress on the African field were very encouraging. At **Bamenda**, the leper station, a great building project is now underway. Already the missionaries are hard at work ministering to the lepers. We want to thank all the societies for the special interest shown in a material way in this project. Dr. Chaffee reported that with the new medicines now being used most cases of leprosy can be cured within three years; very stubborn cases may take up to five years.

At **Banso** a great work has been done during the past year. The report shows 252 operations performed, 335 babies delivered, and numerous medical treatments given the patients. The spiritual victories too were great with nearly 2000 persons baptized and over 5000 in the Inquirer's Classes. Our prayers go out to Africa for even more blessings during the coming year.

Another goal on our Woman's Missionary Union chart is the work among the **African Women**. We are happy

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guest speaker and visitor. She will ably represent our Woman's Union.

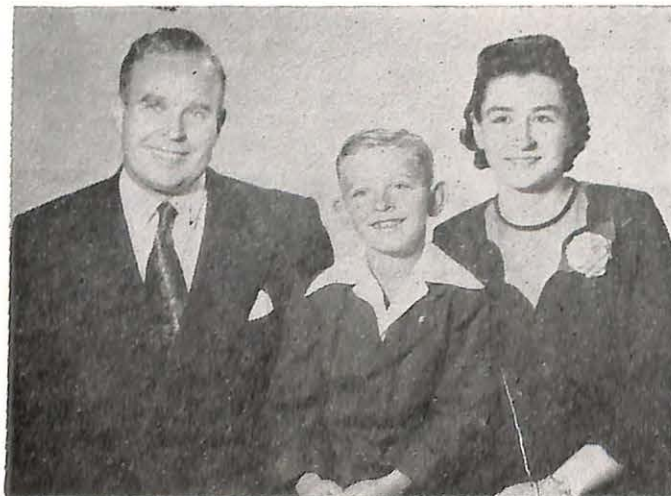
The following article will give you some of the benefits which we as women received from the Mission Committee Sessions. In turn, may our women be inspired to work more enthusiastically toward their special missionary goals.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE SESSIONS

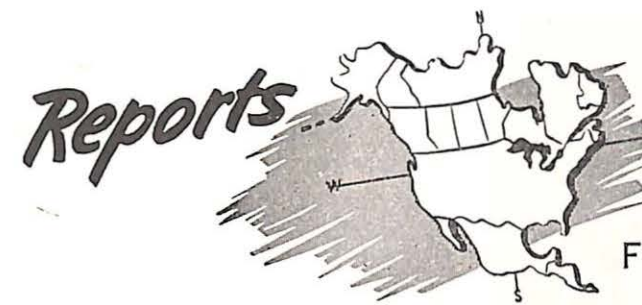
By MRS. WALTER STEIN

During the month of April 1953 the Woman's Missionary Union made history. For the first time in the life of our Union we were invited to send representatives to sit in on the important business sessions of the General Missionary Committee. Representing the Union at these sessions, were the president and vice-president. Though we did not take too active a part in the discussions, we do believe that it was very worth-while for us to get an over-all picture of the mission work, and of our fine denomination both at home and abroad. We feel that now we have a clearer view of the program as a whole, and that we can help promote the mission work more effectively and also to tie the work of our Woman's Missionary Union into our whole mission work more intelligently.

The first day of business was devoted to the work of the Home Field. The Mission Committees of the nine conferences are to be congratulated on the very fine work done during the past year. Each secretary submitted a detailed report of all money spent the previous two years and appropriations to be made the coming year,



Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein and their son, Murray, of Tyndall, South Dakota. Mrs. Stein is the vice-president of the Woman's Missionary Union.



Southern Conference

Mother-Daughter Banquet at the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas

On May 7th sixty-eight mothers and daughters of Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, met in the church's fellowship hall for their annual Mother-Daughter Banquet.

After a time of Christian fellowship and a delicious chicken dinner, Mrs. Louis Landureth, toastmistress, introduced the program numbers which consisted of a ladies' quartet, a girls' trio, readings by Mrs. Eugene McGlasson and Mrs. Douglas Boyd, and a monologue by Mrs. Kenneth Jones.

The evening was climaxed by the message, "Christian Heroism," brought by Mrs. Louis Johnson. She inspired as well as encouraged us as we perform our duties as Christian mothers and daughters. This was an appropriate closing of a happy and blessed time of fellowship.

Mrs. R. E. Engelbrecht, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Farewell Service for Rev. George Hensel and His Sister at Bridgeport, Connecticut

On Sunday afternoon, May 24th, the King's Highway Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., held a farewell service, honoring the Rev. George Hensel and his sister, Miss Marie Hensel, who are retiring and returning to their home in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A musical program was presented by the organist, Mr. Donald Hallquist, the Junior Choir, a solo by Gilbert Strunk and a trumpet trio by Roger and Sandra Koment and Raymond Taylor, Jr. Others taking part were pastors of our North American churches in New Haven, Rev. John O. Strickland; Meridan, Rev. August Lutz; New Britain, Rev. Benjamin Zimmerman.

The Bridgeport Pastors' Association was represented by its newly elected president, the Rev. Chas. W. Crooker. Letters of felicitation were received and read from the Rev. Wm. Sale Terrell, executive secretary of the Connecticut State Baptist Convention, and other pastors and churches.

Gifts of remembrance were presented to the Rev. George Hensel by the church and all other organizations. Mr. and Miss Hensel expressed their appreciation for the gifts and thanked for the many kindnesses shown to

them during their ten-year stay at the King's Highway Baptist Church.

At the close of the service, refreshments and a period of Christian fellowship were enjoyed by all, wishing the Rev. George Hensel and Miss Hensel God's richest blessings in their retirement.

Minnie K. Dittrich, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

New Members in the Fellowship of the Andrews Street Church, Rochester, New York

The membership of the Andrews Street Baptist Church of Rochester, N. Y., is increasing by baptism and with letters of transfer. On Easter Sunday evening, April 5, an impressive candlelight baptism and communion service was held.

The Rev. Arthur Weisser baptized the following on confession of their faith: Guenther and Martin Materne, brothers; Elfriede Dratt; Adolf Zuch; Ronald and Cecil Schlitzer, son and father. A spirit of devotion and worship prevailed as the congregation participated in the communion service.

As a church we are also welcoming "wanderers" from Germany, who are coming here to settle. The Mischke family, six in all—Mr. and Mrs. Karl Mischke, three stalwart sons, Guenther, Siegfried and Karl, and an aunt, Miss Lydia Jumpas, were given the hand of fellowship at the communion service on May 3rd. There are others whose letters will soon be received.

Mrs. E. A. Kanwischer Reporter.



Rev. Walter Sukut of Wessington Springs, S. Dak. (left), and nine converts whom he baptized on confession of their faith in Christ.

Eleventh Annual Missionary Conference Held by Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., held its 11th annual Missionary Conference from Sunday, April 12, through Sunday, April 19. The conference opened with a denominational missionary emphasis presented by our Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Frank Wuest, mother of Bethel's Missionary in Formosa and president of the Woman's Society presided. Mrs. Paul Loth, wife of the pastor, explained the pictures sent to us by Forest Park of the work of the Bansa Hospital in Africa. This was enthusiastically received by all our people. After the evening service, the young people presented a picture of our denominational work in Japan. This same picture was shown to the Monday afternoon released time Christian Education Classes.

Through the week the various mission fields of the world were presented, West Indies, South America, Mexico, India, China and Africa. The joy of the Lord was ours as we realized the victories being won for Christ in the uttermost parts. We were also challenged to work and pray that the Gospel might get to these needy people.

Mrs. Daniel Earnst, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Many Inspiring Programs at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wessington Springs, S. Dak.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., held a baptismal service at the Huron Baptist Church on Sunday evening, May 17. The Rev. Walter Sukut baptized nine people. They are: (back row) Rev. Walter Sukut, Herman Knudtson, Lyle Neuharth, Harold Hahn, Elaine Heorth and Mrs. Hahn; (front row) Mrs. Knudtson, Melvin Radke, Jerry Schultz and Judy Neuharth.

The Young Adults group organized by the Rev. Walter Sukut for the Ebenezer Church is very active, meeting every month. They gave a Mother-Daughter banquet at the church on May 10. A large group attended and a program followed with a film. Members of the Woman's Society and the Young Adults group have made quilts for hire, sold vanilla and have earned money for a new electric stove for the church kitchen, as well as a coffee maker.

The Society, now in its 18th year, gave its annual program at the Ebenezer church on May 24. A shadow drama gave the inspiring story of the Cameroon mission schools. Special musical numbers made the program something to be remembered. The offering was over \$90 for missions. Lunch was served after the program. Mrs. Fred Weber, president, had charge of the meeting.

Needless to say, the Ebenezer Church as well as the Baptist Church in Wessington Springs will miss the Sukuts when they leave for mission work in Japan.

Mrs. Myrna Cotton, Reporter.

Rev. H. Vetter Is Ordained by the Baptist Churches, Isabel and Bison, South Dakota

On April 23rd representatives from eight churches met at Isabel, S. Dak., to consider the ordination of Mr. Herbert Vetter to the Gospel ministry of our Lord. The Rev. N. Miller was elected as chairman, and the Rev. W. Klempel as clerk.

Mr. Breckel of Bison recommended Mr. Herbert Vetter to the council for ordination and Mr. J. Burtch of Isabel presented him to the council. Mr. H. Vetter reported his conversion experience, his call to the ministry, his preparation, and gave a very clear and positive declaration of his faith. After thorough questioning, the council adjourned to a private session, and then voted unanimously to recommend Mr. H. Vetter to the Isabel and Bison churches for ordination.

The ordination was an impressive service with a very large attendance. Mr. August Burtch read the Scripture passage, and Rev. A. Fischer brought the ordination sermon entitled, "The Call of God." The ordination prayer was given by the Rev. E. Walter of Onida, South Dakota. The Rev. N. Miller extended the hand of fellowship. The Rev. B. Fritzke gave the charge to the candidate and the Rev. W. Klempel the charge to the church. The Rev. H. Vetter dismissed the service with the benediction.

Rev. W. Klempel, Clerk.

Interesting Events at the Calvary Baptist Church of Carrington, North Dakota

On Sunday, April 19, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, N. Dak., held its annual program. Guest speakers for the evening were the Rev. and Mrs. P. P. Balzer of McClusky, N. Dak., who are returned missionaries from Communist China. Both gave very impressive talks on their work in China. We also had a missionary film on the leper work in the Cameroons, Africa, which was enjoyed by everyone. Seeing these films made us realize how thankful we should be for our health.

On Friday evening, April 24, the Young Married Couples' Club for our church sponsored the Edinger Brothers Quartet in a concert at our church. These are local boys. The quartet consists of Ben of Carrington, Martin and Clayton of Grand Forks, and Bernard of Hager City, Wisconsin. On Sunday morning, April 26, the Rev. Bernard Edinger preached at the morning service.

We enjoyed having the Seminary quartet with us for our Good Friday service. On Easter Sunday our CBY was in charge of the sunrise service. Then following the service, the Young Married Couples' Club served breakfast. There were quite a few in attendance for these services.

We thank the Lord for his guidance in the past and we hope and pray that we might go forward in his service as we work together with our pastor, the Rev. Carl Weissner, and his family. Mrs. Lowell E. Leppke, Reporter.



Young people in the Round Lake CBY of Gladwin, Michigan.

Observance of the 50th Anniversary, Woman's Missionary Society, Anamoose, North Dakota

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Anamoose Church, Anamoose, N. Dak., observed its 50th anniversary on Sunday evening, April 26. Mrs. Fred Fuchs, president, presided. Two of the charter members, Mrs. J. J. Schmidt and Mrs. Kathryn Hirsch, were presented with yellow rose corsages. Mrs. Elizabeth Hahn of Bismarck, N. Dak., and Mrs. Carl Barsuhn of Detroit, Mich., were unable to be with us. A brief memorial service was held for the members who have already gone to their heavenly home.

We were privileged to hear a few words of remembrance of the beginning of the society by Mrs. J. J. Schmidt. The dialogue entitled, "The Anamoose Ladies' Society," was especially written for us by the Rev. W. J. Luebeck. It presented the organizing of our society, the 25th anniversary and the society of today, with every member taking part.

The Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., former pastor of the church, was our guest speaker of the evening. He reminded us that we as women have a share of work to do, wherever we might be. For the special occasion all members wore a yellow rose, and a special golden booklet program was prepared and given to all in attendance. Refreshments were served after the program, including a special cake baked by several members, decorated in gold and white.

Our society was organized in 1903 with 13 members. During the 50 years \$19,176.28 was raised, and \$19,014.63 was disbursed for foreign and home mission work. Thirteen presidents have served throughout the 50 years, working with twelve vice-presidents, eleven secretaries and eight treasurers.

We are asking God in his guidance to continue the great work begun by the pioneer women of 50 years ago. May this coming year find us ready for God's service in words and in deeds, but most of all with a consecrated life in step with our Master! Mrs. Edmund Wehr, Secretary.

Central Conference

Anniversary Program of the Round Lake Baptist CBY of Gladwin, Michigan

On Sunday evening, April 26, the Round Lake Baptist CBY of Gladwin, Mich., observed its anniversary with a fine musical program. A missionary motion picture, "The Bill Bently Story," was shown, and the new officers were installed. They are as follows: president, Roy Russell; vice-president, Lynn Rau; secretary, Helga Russell; treasurer, Marilyn Pahl.

Our group meets twice during the month, and our programs were mostly taken from the "Youth Compass." We also had a number of parties. The young people of the Burns Avenue Church of Detroit, Mich., visited us, and we arranged a hay ride for them. Before Christmas we went caroling to different homes. We also gave a number of Sunday afternoon programs at the local Convalescent Home.

Our five piece orchestra is playing frequently in our church services and at County Youth Gatherings. During Youth Week we gave the play, "It Is the Lord's Doing," and had our banquet on Sunday at the parsonage. The past year has been one of many activities and happy fellowship.

Helga Russell, Secretary.

Woman's Missionary Society Anniversary Program at Round Lake Church Near Gladwin, Mich.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., held its anniversary program on Sunday, May 17. We have 22 active members. Miss Laura Pahl, our scholarship girl, was our project, whom we remembered with gifts. We also contributed to the Bansa Hospital, the leper work, the Old People's Home in Chicago, our general budget and our home mission fund. We are again a Gold Star Society. We met at the parsonage for a day to do White Cross work, at which time we made supplies for our mission in Africa.

Our program was well attended. Mrs. Victor H. Prendinger, our president, was in charge. Our vice-president read the Scripture passage and two women led in prayer. A word of welcome was extended to all, including our visitors from the Beaver Baptist Church near Midland, Michigan.

Our orchestra played a selection, a poem was recited by one of the women and our ladies' group sang a song. The Rev. R. Schilke, general mission secretary, was our guest who spoke and showed delightful pictures of our mission work in Africa and Japan. Our neighboring pastor, the Rev. Henry Hirsch, led in the closing prayer.

Our officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. V. Prendinger; vice-president, Mrs. H. Will; secretary, Mrs. E. Schultz; treasurer, Mrs. H. Doede; mission treasurer, Mrs. H. Gertz; birthday treasurer, Mrs. M. Schindler; and pianist, Mrs. H. Doede. Mrs. A. Schindler, Secretary.

Camp Night Program at the Foster Avenue Baptist Church of Chicago, Illinois

On Friday evening, May 1st, "Camp Night" was observed at the Foster Ave. Church of Chicago, Ill., the occasion serving a twofold purpose: 1. to demonstrate the value of Scripture memorization, and 2. to present life at Lake Geneva Youth Camp, where our boys and girls will spend a happy week in the fellowship of others. An interesting program was presented by Mr. Ernst Bergatt, chairman of the committee for Scripture Memorization, Mrs. Evelyn Finzel and Mrs. Rita Sigler, Camp Counsellors, and a group of students enrolled in the Scripture Memory course.

A lively song service, led by Mrs. R. Sigler, was followed by a number of Scripture passages recited by the students, the verses chosen presenting the need for and way of salvation, simple, clear and complete. Among the musical numbers was a piano solo, "Rock of Ages," by Miss Hildegard Schieber; a vocal solo, "Thy Word Is Like a Garden," by Miss Ingrid Bergatt; and a trombone solo, "Wonderful Words of Life," by Paul Meister.

Under the direction of Mrs. E. Finzel, a group of girls also presented "A Day at Camp," sharing with the audience the various incidents of one particular day which ended with a testimony meeting around a camp fire. One of the girls, Miss Eva Eifert, then told in beautiful, heart-warming words her experience of last year, when she accepted the Lord as her personal Savior as a result of such a camp fire meeting. At the conclusion of the program no one was in doubt concerning the value of Scripture memorization and a Christian camp for boys and girls.

Mrs. Louise Zoch, Church Clerk.

Ground Breaking Exercises for New Baptist Church Edifice at Alpena, Michigan

Ground breaking ceremonies were held on Sunday afternoon, April 19, at the new site of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church on Ripley Boulevard of Alpena, Michigan. The Rev. Eric Kuhn, pastor of the church, dug the first shovelful of dirt as members of the Building Committee, church officers and congregation looked on with interest. The Rev. Aaron Buhler of Lansing, Mich., was special guest for the occasion and spoke briefly on "God's Program for the Church" during the service at the new church grounds.

Plans for the new church were drawn by Pastor Kuhn, with special assistance from the chairman of the Building Committee, Mr. Ted Pinkel. The entire committee and church gave suggestions from time to time and final approval of plans. Special engineering advice was donated by the Besser Manufacturing Company of this city. Members of the Building Committee are: Mr. Ted Pinkel, chairman; Mr. Reinhold Behnke, Mr. Vincent LaFave, Mr. Reinhold Schwenke, Mr. John Timm, Mr. Dave Timm and Mr. Harold Voss.

Organization of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church took place on August 10, 1884 as the First German Baptist Church of Alpena with nine charter members including the pastor, the Rev. Charles Rocho. In 1888 the building was constructed that still houses the present congregation. The basement was added in 1914, and the benches were installed in 1923. The first English services were begun by the Rev. P. Mengel in 1918. By 1923 the Sunday School was being conducted in the English language; the Rev. G. Wetter was pastor at this time. The name of the church was changed to the Fourth Ave. Baptist Church in 1936. By 1940 all services were held

flowing, and we are all anxiously looking forward to occupying our new church home. The name for the new church has not been decided upon as yet.

The actual construction of the new building will be under the direct supervision of the Building Committee and pastor. As much as possible, labor will be donated by members of the congregation. At present, the digging of the basement has been completed, and within a few days the foundation will be poured, the Lord willing. We are looking to the Lord to accomplish great things among us. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised . . ."

Mrs. Eric Kuhn, Reporter.



The Rev. Eric Kuhn, pastor of the Fourth Ave. Church, Alpena, Mich., takes part in the ground breaking ceremonies for the new edifice with other church leaders watching. Left to right: Ed Retzlaff, president of Brotherhood; Ferris Liske, president of Young People's Group; David Timm, Building Committee; Ben Kanarr, chairman of deacons; Ted Pinkel, chairman of Building Committee; Rev. Kuhn; John Timm, Building Committee; Reinhold Schwenke, Building Committee; Leonard Schwenke, Sunday School superintendent; Harold Voss, chairman, board of trustees; Rev. Aaron Buhler, Lansing, Mich.; and Reinhold Behnke, Building Committee.

in the English language. The church also became self-supporting in that year.

The Lord has been graciously blessing in our midst. We are encouraged by the fine spirit among our people and well-attended services. Sunday School facilities are filled to over-

Annual Program of King's Daughters Society of Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas

The King's Daughters Society of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kans., presented its annual missionary program on Sunday, April 19. The missionary challenge for the evening was the Cameroons lecture with 40 kodachrome slides which consisted of beautiful pictures taken by Paul Gebauer entitled, "The Call of the Cameroons." This proved to be a real blessing to the congregation.

An offering of \$71.26 was received which went toward the support of teacher David Williams in the Cameroons, whom our King's Daughters are supporting, our part being \$125 annually. As the Lord blessed us with greater missionary offerings, we were happy to add \$25 more to the above amount this year. After the program the congregation was invited to the basement where a table had been decorated with beautiful flowers and lovely refreshments.

Mrs. John Helmer, Secretary.

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Annual Spring Banquet of the Mt. Zion Church, Junction City, Kansas

The basement of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Junction City, Kans., was festively gowned on Friday evening, May 8. Members and their guests passed beneath large balloon music notes as they found their places at the tables gaily decorated with staffs and gilt notes. Mr. Zion was observing its annual spring banquet.

The large group was pleased to be able to initiate a gleaming new set of silverware. This most useful and badly needed set of stainless steel was a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Zeckser and Mr. Joe Juergens, father of Mrs. Kruegel, who presented his share in appreciation to the ladies for their service rendered during the recent illness and passing of his wife.

Following the delicious chicken dinner, all gathered in the upstairs auditorium where the C.T.I. ensemble presented its program of fine music, pictures of the school and a message.

The boys and girls enrolled in the Scripture memorizing course have been working hard on their verses in anticipation of the coming camp. We hope to have six of the group attending camp this year. They gave their program on Sunday evening, May 10. This consisted of the recitation of verses, little playlets showing how memorized Bible verses help us throughout our lives, and colored slides shown by the pastor and sponsor.

The Rev. J. R. Kruegel, our pastor, has been editing the "Mt. Zion Herald" for the past few months. This monthly sheet is a news letter designed primarily for our non-resident members but is also appreciated by those of us here. Miss Vilma Shippy, one of our recent C.T.I. graduates, is spending the summer engaged in missionary service on our Indian mission field in Canada.

Betty Zoschke, Reporter.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Koch, Ellinwood, Kansas

Sunday, May 3, was a day of great joy in the First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas. At the conclusion of the morning service, the Rev. Elmer C. Strauss asked Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Koch to come to the front of the church while the pianist, Mrs. Rudolph Marchand, played appropriate strains of music. The pastor then informed "the bride and groom" that the basket dinner announced for the day was planned primarily in honor of their golden wedding anniversary although "The Gospel Lights" of our Christian Training Institute of Edmonton were with us for the morning and an afternoon service.

Miss LeVeta Scheufler presented flowers from the CBY and Mrs. Alfred Scheufler presented a beautiful three-tier wedding cake from the Woman's Missionary Society. After remarks by the pastor, the Kochs were presented with a large automatic electric roaster.

Brother Koch responded graciously with thanks and praise to the Lord for



Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Koch of Ellinwood, Kans., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration held in the First Baptist Church.

his protection and direction throughout their married life and also for the gifts which were presented to them. A wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed in the basement with a goodly number of guests in attendance who were previously informed of the celebration. After dinner, "The Gospel Lights" rendered additional music and dedicated a German number to the Kochs.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Koch were married by the late Rev. E. Umbach at the home of Mr. Koch's parents a few miles west and north of the church, where his parents homesteaded after spending a few years in the Bison community upon their arrival from Germany. Mrs. Koch formerly was Minnie Scheufler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Scheufler, and has lived in the Ellinwood community all of her life. The couple have seven children: Mrs. Oliver K. Ringering, wife of the pastor of our Shattuck, Okla., church; Elmer, Orville, Marion, Harry, Mrs. Ruth DeWerrf and Mrs. Ruby Eggers, all of Ellinwood; and 21 grandchildren.

Mr. Koch is active in the community, having served as a school and township officer and recently having completed a 12-year term as county commissioner. Besides farming, Mr. Koch is the County Farm Bureau insurance agent and maintains an office in Great Bend and Ellinwood. But he has not allowed his community activities to crowd out his service for the Lord. For he has been deacon, clerk, trustee and Sunday School teacher for many years and has just served as treasurer of the building committee which erected the new parsonage. He still maintains the vision of a young man and does the work of several men.

All of their children and all of their grandchildren gathered for a family dinner which was served on their anniversary day, May 8, at the church with a brother and sister of Mr. Koch as guests as well as the Rev. Theo. W. Dons, the former pastor, and the Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Strauss.

Among the many gifts, cards and flowers given to the Kochs was a plant

which they received from Mr. Koch's cousins, the Bolten Family, in Germany whom he has not seen since the age of 14, and a letter from the governor of Kansas. Over 500 friends greeted the Kochs during Open House. God has again blessed a couple who have honored him. All of their children and most of their older grandchildren are saved and active in the life of our church.

Elmer C. Strauss, Pastor.

Northern Conference

The Zion Baptist Church Near Drumheller, Alberta, Becomes an Independent Church

North American Baptist church representatives of Carbon, Calgary, Olds East, Torrington and Trochu, Alberta, Canada, met at the Zion Church on the afternoon of May 17 to form a council, which was to decide whether or not this church was to become independent. Rev. Karl Korella, a Conference worker for the North American Baptists, was elected chairman, and Rev. David Berg of Trochu as secretary. Members of the council were J. J. Forsch, J. A. Olhauser and Ted Bitz of Carbon; Rev. Ervin Faul, Jacob Buyer and Ben Wiltermut of Calgary; Rev. Fred Pahl, Henry Weidman and Fred Unger of Olds; Tony Walters and Sam Eslinger of Torrington; Rev. David Berg, Henry Weigum and Harry Strohschein of Trochu.

After some questioning concerning their reason for independence, its doctrinal stand, and whether the group would be willing to co-operate with its sister churches and the denomination and to support the same the council felt satisfied to grant the Zion Church its request.

At the evening program the church was filled with many visitors. Arthur Forsch of the local church introduced the Rev. Karl Korella, chairman for the evening. Rev. J. Sinclair of Rosebud read the Scripture from Hebrews 13:10-21. After the local choir had sung a number, the Rev. Fred Pahl of Olds led in prayer. The Rev. Ervin Faul of Calgary brought the message. His first few words were in German based on Acts 2:47. His English message was in the form of a question. "Does Your Church Measure Up?" (Heb. 13:20-21.) The church which pleases God knows how it stands on its confession, how to suffer for Christ's sake, how to share and how to pray.

The dedicatory prayer was offered by the Rev. David Berg of Trochu. The Rev. Fred Pahl and the Rev. Karl Korella extended the hand of fellowship in the name of the churches and the conference. Messrs. J. A. Olhauser, Jacob Buyer, Henry Weidman and Harry Strohschein congratulated the new church. The Rev. Ervin Faul offered the benediction.

Our new church has extended a call to Mr. William Effa, graduate of the 1953 class of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Mr. Effa has accepted the call and expects to begin his ministry on July 12th.

David Berg, Reporter.

Mother's Day Program Presented by Young People at Bethany Church, Camrose, Alberta

The mothers in the Bethany Baptist Church at Camrose, Alberta, were honored on Mother's Day with a special program presented by the young people.

While the prelude was being played by Marjorie Link, Delores Neske and Elfreda Lemke pinned a rose corsage on each mother present as a gift from the young people. Following the invocation and a congregational hymn, Norman Kern read a passage of Scripture which was followed by prayer. Florence Waterston read a poem, "Somebody's Mother," and Rodney Neske sang the solo, "Mother Knows." Then a short play, "The Ideals of Motherhood," was presented. This play portrayed the outstanding virtues of various Bible mothers, namely, Jochebed, Hanna, Mary the mother of Jesus, Eunice and Lois. During this scene, Harvey Miller sang the solo, "O Zion Haste," thereby exhorting parents to "give of their sons to spread the message glorious." The young people's part of the service was concluded by a duet, "Mother's Prayers Have Followed Me," by Marjorie Link and Joyce Miller.

Then our hearts were touched as the Rev. Joe Sonnenberg led a dedication service. We saw before us a partial fulfillment of the exhortations of the play, as parents dedicated their little ones to the Lord. Even as our pastor stated, we too realized that this was, in effect, a dedication of the parents, and our hearts were thrilled because of their sincerity and consecration.

Joyce Miller, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Baptism of Five Converts at the Villa Ridge Baptist Church, Tigard, Oregon

The Easter services at the Villa Ridge Baptist Church of Tigard, Ore., were a success from all viewpoints, beginning with the sunrise service at 5:30 A.M., followed by breakfast, through the Sunday School programs sponsored by Mrs. Fred Moore and the morning service, culminating in the dedication of the new baptistry at the evening service. The new baptistry was dedicated with the prayer offered by the deacons, Mr. Joe Sims, Mr. Fred Moore and Mr. Ted Lindey. The pastor, the Rev. Frank Friesen, baptized five candidates on confession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The church has also purchased a loud speaker system installed in front of the church building on a trial basis. Each Sunday the services of the church are announced throughout the surrounding community by the soft playing sacred music and chimes. On Monday evening, April 27, the Men's Fellowship met at the church with 26 men present. The guest speaker was Mr. J. O. Johnson of Portland, Ore., who spoke on "The National Program for Organization of Baptist Men," of which he is the National Chairman. The



Woman's Missionary Guild of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, Brit. Columbia.

quartet from the Bethany Baptist Church of Portland sang several numbers. Mr. Johnson gave an inspiring talk on the importance of Christian men taking an active part in community developments and civic affairs as well as giving a faithful witness for Jesus Christ.

Mrs. George Smith, Reporter.

Anniversary Program of Woman's Missionary Guild, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C.

On Sunday, March 22, the Missionary Guild of the Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, held an anniversary program in the main auditorium of the church. This anniversary marked the 2nd year of activity for our Guild. In line with our society's objectives, we can truly say that we have endeavored to create and stimulate interest in home and foreign mission

work and to afford an opportunity for Christian fellowship.

During this past year we met for 23 meetings. We also participated in the Mother's Day program and invited our husbands and friends to join us at a picnic at Locarno Beach.

Our most important project was the opportunity we had to assist the Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman at the Indian Reserve in Alberta. On three different occasions parcels containing used clothing, layettes, stuffed toys, quilt patches, scrapbooks, etc., were sent to them. Also 30 cups were forwarded for use at the church on the Reserve. Recently we purchased a Christmas gift for each of the 27 pupils at the school there.

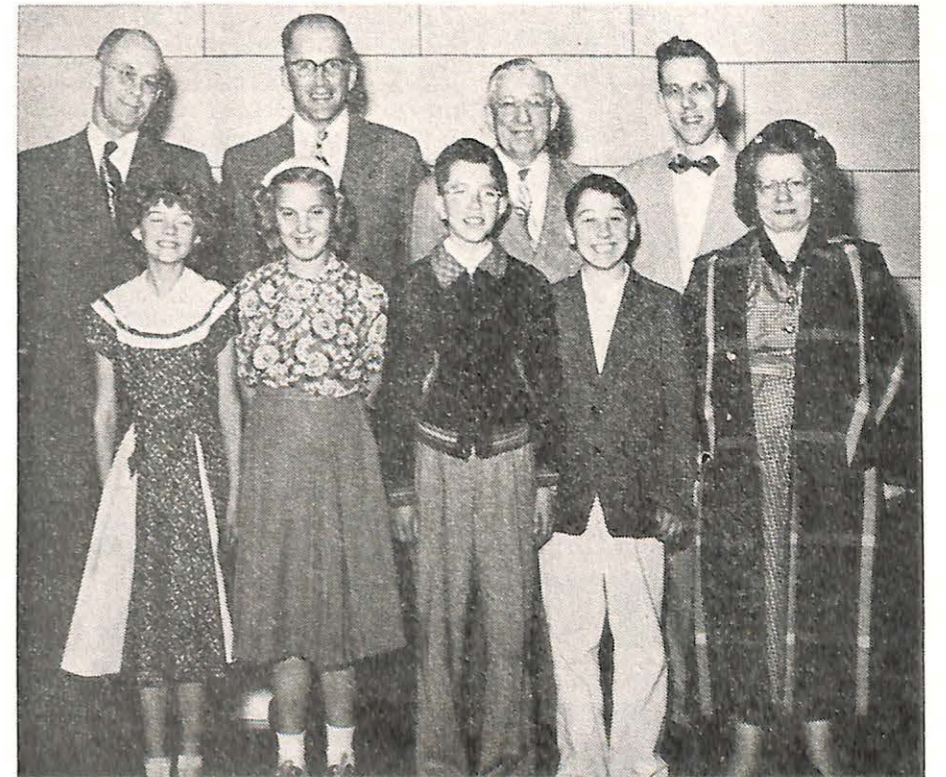
We also were privileged to serve in the spring of the year when we made many aprons and at the Sunday School picnic we were allowed to set up a booth to sell the same. The proceeds were designated for the building fund.

During the year we had three special offerings: the first being our anniversary offering which was directed to the Women's Missionary Union Project and, secondly, our Thanksgiving offering which was designated for the Cameroons. Our third offering was sent to a local mission.

Last but not least at the outset of the year we were handed a talent of 50 cents to multiply to the best of our ability. This has been a very worthwhile undertaking and has given us an unusual opportunity to serve. The proceeds will also be for missions.

We are proud of the growth of our Guild which now numbers 33. The Lord has richly blessed us. May we be found faithful until he comes!

Rosetta Klassen, Secretary.



Five converts who were baptized and received into the Villa Ridge Baptist Church, Tigard, Ore., are shown with Deacons Joe Sims (left to right, back row), Ted Lindey, Rev. Frank Friesen, pastor, and Fred Moore, deacon and Sunday School superintendent.

WE, THE WOMEN

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that the Cameroons Baptist Mission selected **Verna Ganstrom** for this particular work. We as women firmly believe that the work of christianizing the women is of greatest importance for the welfare of the African family as well as for Africa itself. Let us continue to pray and give for this particular work.

The report of the **Japanese Field** shows signs of fruit-bearing. A number of souls have already been won to the Lord Jesus Christ. Three of our missionaries in Japan have now mastered the language.

During the two days of the sessions of the General Missionary Committee women of the Missionary Society of the Forest Park Baptist Church were hostesses to all the members and visitors present. Delicious dinners and tasty suppers were served. The women of this group are to be congratulated on their fine culinary arts as well as on the sacrifices they bring year after year in serving these meals and opening their homes to the Mission Committee and the General Council.

The members of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church extended an invitation to us to attend the Missionary Rally in their beautiful sanctuary on April 29. Dr. Chaffee was the main speaker at the rally. As he spoke slides were being shown on a screen so that we were able to visualize the great work being done by the missionaries in Africa. A

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delightful social hour followed with refreshments served by the Foster Avenue women.

An important visitor to the sessions was **Eleanor Weisenburger** who was on her way back to the **Cameroons**. In the few words she spoke she conveyed to us the thought that she was happy indeed to be on her way back to the work to which God has called her.

The highlight of the meetings for me was the testimony of the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukt who are willing to go out to Japan where they feel God has a special task for them. Both testimonies spoke of a deep spiritual experience and a definite call for service in the foreign fields. I was also very much impressed by the fact that a fine number of other young people have also sent in applications for foreign service. The fields indeed are ripe unto harvest, the laborers are willing and ready. May God touch the hearts of all of us to sacrifice as never before so that the Gospel may be preached to all nations.

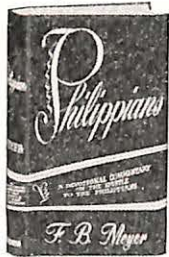
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J. Krop, Mrs. Ida Kuhn, Mrs. Bertha Mihm, Mrs. Helen Pohlman, Mr. Emil Preuss, Mrs. Katherine Riswig and Mr. E. Ludwig Schmidt. On Sunday evening, May 3, a panel presented a unique program on "The Christian Family." The panel was composed of Mrs. R. Schilke, Miss Marilyn Rappuhn, Mr. Gus Hackmann, Mr. Rolf Grupp and the Rev. R. Kern as chairman.

● The Rev. Charles J. Anderson, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., baptized six young people on Sunday, April 26. He also preached a sermon on "Why Baptists Immerse." Among those who were baptized was a grandson of the founder of the church, Mrs. Emil Dase, who recently went to be with the Lord. These six young people were received into the church's fellowship on Sunday, May 3. On Sunday, May 24, another baptismal service was held at which four converts were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ. Mrs. Melissa R. Schabeck, church clerk, wrote: "We at Immanuel Church are rejoicing in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit manifested in our midst." On Sunday, May 17, the church observed its 40th anniversary with Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., as guest of the day.



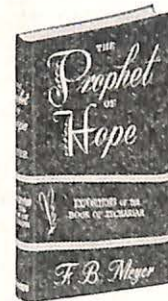
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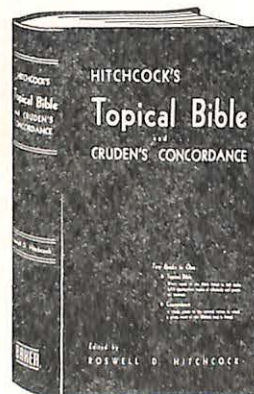
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