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The S. S. Lesson in *ACTION*

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, Calif.

A LESSON PLAN

Date: August 8, 1954

Theme: CHOOSING THE BEST

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:25-33; Philippians 1:9-11; 4:8.

PURPOSE: To set before us the need for choosing the best.

GETTING STARTED: A line from a song that we sang at school when I was a boy has remained with me through the years and has helped to keep in sharp focus one of life's basic principles. "Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you." What immeasurable losses we sustain in life, all because we are content with the second best! We never give our best, and as a result the best is never given to us.

"It is foolish to live for little things," writes D. Elton Treublood, "but it is glorious to live for big ones." How true! Yet the tragedy of many a Christian life is that we live for little things and give ourselves to something other than God's best. No wonder, then, that God's best never comes back to us! For He reserves his "highest" only for those who give him their "utmost."

Developing the Theme:

I. TO CHOOSE:—THE CHRISTIAN'S PRIVILEGE.

1. Of all living creatures, man alone has been given the right to make choices. Herein lies his freedom and his dignity.

2. The Christian may choose the level on which he shall live.

3. Only as he deliberately chooses the best can he grow spiritually.

II. TO CHOOSE THE HIGHEST:—THE CHRISTIAN'S CHALLENGE.

1. A Christian's faith puts him under obligation to choose the best.

2. The best he can choose is the Kingdom, which means that—

(a) The Christian will make the doing of God's will the goal of life;

(b) He will live in full assurance of God's goodness and power and in complete commitment to his wisdom and leading (Matt. 6:31-32);

(c) He will seek to grow in his understanding of love and express it in all the activities and relationships of life (Phil. 1:9);

(d) He will approve and support everything that is good (Phil. 1:10);

(e) He will live a life of such high quality that through him God's Name will be honored and glorified (Phil. 1:11);

(f) He will fill his mind with all that is good and fine and make these his aim in life (Phil. 4:8).

III. TO REAP GOD'S BEST:—THE CHRISTIAN'S REWARD.

1. He who chooses the best will reap an inner sense of peace and security. He will live his life not in fear but in trust.

2. He will find that God actually will supply his needs (Matt. 6:30).

3. His spiritual and moral perception will increase (Phil. 1:9-10).

4. His life will bear a rich harvest of the "fruits of righteousness" (Phil. 1:11).

5. His life will be a positive force for all that is good and fine and constructive (Phil. 4:8).

Applying the Lesson:

What does it mean for us to "seek first the Kingdom" in our vocations and avocations? How can we live that ideal in our daily lives?

A LESSON PLAN

Date: August 15, 1954

Theme: SELF-DISCIPLINE FOR GROWTH

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 16:24-25; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27; Hebrews 12:1-4.

PURPOSES: To present a challenge to disciplined Christian living.

GETTING STARTED: The frightening advances that Communism has been making during the last few years are largely the achievement of a disciplined minority. However much we may despise the philosophy that Communists preach, this much must be said for them: they are a group—often a very small group—of wholly-dedicated, completely disciplined, utterly fearless revolutionaries. With their tightly-drawn, self-disciplined ranks they have dared to challenge the will and way of life of undisciplined majorities and all too often, unfortunately, have forced these majorities to their knees. Why? Simply because even an overwhelming majority, when it is undisciplined, cannot stand up against a disciplined and determined minority. In the struggle for men's souls, it's the discipline that counts in the long run, not the numbers. How urgent, therefore, is the call to self-discipline to every man who bears the Name of Christ and loves the cause of freedom!

Developing the Theme:

I. DISCIPLINE YOURSELF TO SERVE (Matt. 16:24-25).

Says a Persian proverb, "O square thyself for use. A stone that may

Fit in the wall is not left in the way."

CONFERENCES AND ASSEMBLIES

August 14-21—Atlantic Conference CBY Assembly at Camp Hope, Silver Lake, Hope, New Jersey. Mrs. George Henderson (August 14-20).

August 14-21—Oregon Junior Camp at Oregon Baptist Conference Grounds, Inc. Rt. 1, Falls City, Oregon. Miss Ruth Bathauer.

August 18-22—Southwestern Conference at Lorraine, Kansas. Professor George A. Dunger, Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner and Mrs. Albert Reddig.

August 21-27—Central Conference CBY Assembly at Tower Hill Camp near Sawyer, Michigan. Mrs. George Henderson.

August 21-28—Oregon Senior Camp at Oregon Baptist Conference Grounds, Inc. Rt. 1, Falls City, Oregon. Rev. J. C. Gunst.

August 27-29—Minnesota Young People's Assembly at Camp Tipi-Wakan, Lake Minnetonka, Spring Park, Minnesota. Rev. Richard Schilke.

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1. We grow spiritually only as we invest our lives in loving service. Talents increase only as they are put to work.

2. The lazy Christian cannot grow and dishonors Christ.

3. Only as we out-love and out-serve all other men shall we be able to overcome those who would enslave mankind.

Editorial

Faithful Ministers of Christ

GIVE ATTENTION to the words and ministry of your pastor. He is God's ambassador for you, making known the unsearchable riches of the Gospel and directing you to the spiritual highway upon which God wants you to walk. He needs your encouragement as you undergird his ministry with your prayers and as you lend him your moral support and wholehearted cooperation. As your pastors meet in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for their retreat from July 28 to August 1st, let us thank God for these faithful servants of Christ who have been such a blessing to us!

Whatever a minister has done for you in the Name of Christ will remain as one of the most golden memories of life. It is almost as if he has been privileged to open a window into heaven through which you could see God's glory! Many of our people are keenly aware of this truth as they read the sad news in this issue of the "Baptist Herald" of the homegoing of three faithful ministers of God. The Rev. G. W. Pust passed away in Sheridan, Wyoming, after a lingering illness of several years. The announcement has been received after some delay of the death of the Rev. Claus Neve of Marion, Kansas. On June 30 God called the Rev. Otto R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., to his eternal Home.

The blessing of Brother Schroeder's ministry, as well as that of every minister of God, can be seen in abiding impressions around us. The church buildings at Racine, Wis.; Cleveland, Ohio; Forest Park, Ill.; and Anaheim, Calif., are memorials to his building genius. The words of his sermons shine like gems of truth in the souls of his many listeners. He loved people for what they were and especially for what they might be for Jesus' sake. His faith in the possibilities of young people was always unbounded, as this editor can well testify.

Brother Schroeder had the gentle, loving touch of a true friend of Christ. He was a Christian gentleman who was always tactful, kind and gracious. Through the more than 50 years of his married life, he was devoted with unflagging zeal and gentle love to his wife who has suffered much in lengthy periods of illness, and who now has outlived her husband. That gentle touch of his ministering spirit will be remembered with gratitude by all who felt it upon themselves.

Brother Schroeder's family reflects the teaching ministry and moulding influences of his life. Irma, Lois, Adel and Walter are children of whom a Christian father and especially a minister of the Gospel could be proud. Even the sons-in-law and daughter-in-law follow in the footsteps of this high tradition. Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Grosser in their important denominational positions reveal the dynamic influences of this father-in-law and father upon them.

Brother Schroeder belongs to that noble company of God's ministers who have scattered spiritual sunshine all along the way and have been faithful to the end of their pilgrimage. Their ministry can only be described in martial notes of victory and with the unveiling of Christ's glory. May others arise and grow to full stature among us as such faithful ministers of Jesus Christ!

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A readiness to be unexpendable, a yielding of oneself to be used of Christ, such a life of unselfish service is one of true happiness, power and poise!

Our Divine Obligation

Every Christian who has been at the foot of the Cross of Calvary must be eager to discharge his obligations to Christ and to say: "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision"

By the REV. J. C. SCHWEITZER of Rochester, New York

"I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish" (Romans 1:14).

PERHAPS no other person in history revealed such a complete change in his life as the Apostle Paul did upon coming face to face with the living Christ. He who had been persecuting the church became its greatest exponent and teacher. The very name of Christ had aroused in him anger and fury, so that he had persecuted the Christians everywhere, following them to distant cities, such as Damascus.

Now that he had met Christ on that crucial journey to Damascus, he inquired immediately: "What shall I do, Lord?" He was at once ready and eager for his new life's task. Having received direction and instruction from the Lord, he pursued his work untiringly. At the close of his ministry, the Apostle Paul could exclaim

without boasting: "I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision!"

In our text, the apostle declares himself a debtor under obligation to the Christians and to the Gentiles at Rome. What had placed him under such obligation? Nowhere do we find any allusion to any help or deed of kindness rendered to the apostle by the Romans. In fact, he declares his indebtedness to be worldwide—to his own people, the Jews, as well as to the cultured and uncultured. Did he realize himself as a debtor because of their peculiar need or because of something he possessed which they so desperately needed or because of something he could share with them?

It was a divinely inspired obligation. Paul recognized his indebtedness to God. In that eventful meeting and experience with Christ, Paul's ENTIRE life, career and eternal destiny were changed. As he accepted Jesus as the Messiah, he made about face and accepted all the implications of the Old Testament prophecies con-

cerning Christ's death and resurrection. He was indebted to God for his redemption and call to service. The fact of sin and the Cross of Christ were real to the Apostle Paul.

He recognized his unity with all of mankind. He was part of their sin, suffering and crime in the world. As the "chief of sinners," he was God's example of saving grace through the atonement of Christ. He had been entrusted with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, God's only remedy for sin. Paul was convinced that his debt to God could best be fulfilled by his unstinted service to mankind. Jews and Greeks, Romans and all had played a part in his life's pattern and had contributed to his preparation for his task as an apostle of Christ.

Paul recognized the Gospel not only as the solution for "the sin problem," but also the power and the answer to the problem of distorted human relationships. It became "his Gospel" and he could not keep it to himself. He had to share his precious discovery and possession with others! He would preach Christ as the Son of God. He would henceforth glory in the Cross of Christ. Yes, he was a debtor under divine obligation moved by the love of God in Christ Jesus.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY

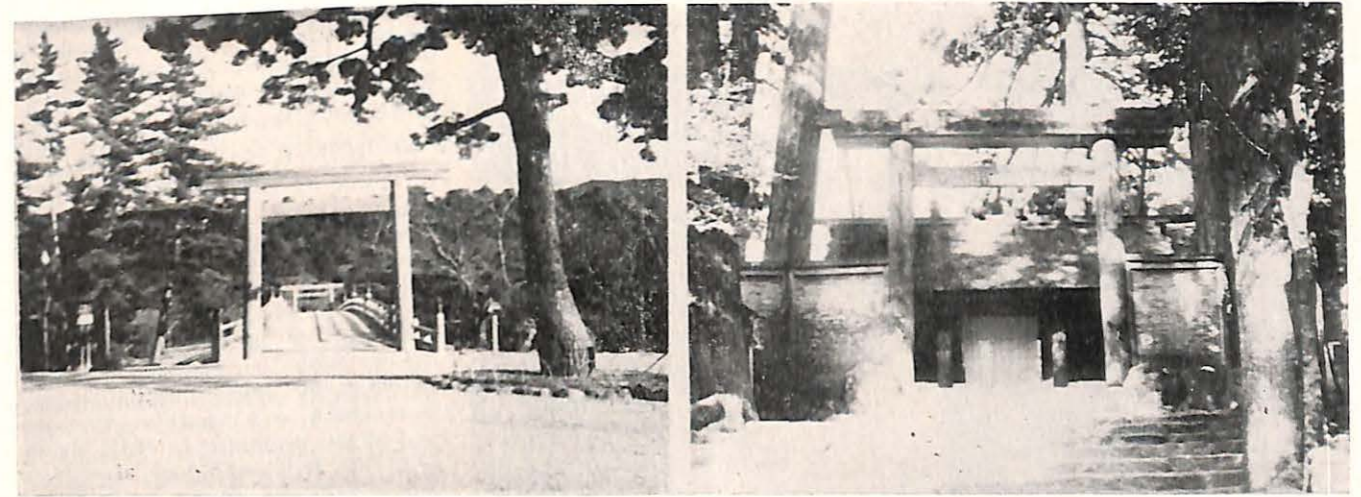
The importance for each one to recognize his Christian responsibility cannot be over emphasized. The sense of obligation is basic to good human relationships. It has been noted that the consciousness of duty is a major distinction of man from the lower creatures. With but little reflection, it will dawn upon us that we are, like Paul, indebted to all of mankind. Who can measure the obligation he owes to his parents, his family, his friends, his teachers, his schools and college, his community and country? These are but a few, not to mention his Bible School teachers, his church and faithful pastors.

When we measure life's debt, we cannot bypass the spiritual treasures of life. Is Christ real to us? Have we had an encounter with him, such as the apostle had? The outward, extenuating circumstances may have differed, but we know our sins forgiven and we recognize our new standing as children of God and directives of service.

Ours are the infinite riches of Christ, as well as the inheritance of successive generations of godly men and women. Truly, the birthplace of divine obligation for every Christian is at the foot of the Cross of Calvary! How eager we should be to discharge our obligation! Like Paul, we shall fulfill our obligation best by our service to our fellowmen in Christ's stead.

Our experience of the living Christ will place us under a divine obligation to him and his Kingdom. We come to realize that we belong to him. Since

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The outer entrance to the Ise Shrine (left) at Ujiyamada, Japan and (right) the entrance to the Inner Shrine of the Sun Goddess. Not far from this Shinto Shrine, our first baptismal service in the Name of Jesus Christ was held on Pentecost Sunday

Our First Baptism in Japan

By MISS FLORENCE MILLER,
Missionary at Ujiyamada, Japan

The stirring story of the baptism of four converts at Ujiyamada, Japan, on Pentecost Sunday in a drenching rain as the first fruits of the Gospel for our Japan Mission

THE FIRST FRUITS of any undertaking are always highly prized, and in a spiritual ministry this is even more true. This article is being written in order that you may share in the joy that was ours in seeing four of the new Japanese Christians baptized into the body of Christ. We want you not only to rejoice but to give thanks to God who gives the increase as we plant the seed and water it with prayer.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The first baptismal service of our mission in Japan occurred on June 6, 1954, Pentecost Sunday. Since the rainy season sets in early in June, rain was the order of the day, but we proceeded as planned remembering that those baptisms which take place in the rain are often most remembered as times of unusual blessing.

Two others, in addition to the four converts who were baptized, attended the candidates' special instruction class but decided to wait until they understood a little more of the teaching of the Bible. The four who were baptized have been regular in attendance almost from the beginning of the church a year ago last July. I would like to give you a brief sketch of each of these four in order that you may understand some of the problems which they faced in taking this step, and that you may pray intelligently for them as they continue to grow in Christ.

Mrs. Atake is the mother of six children, although she is still quite young. She was formerly a primary school

teacher. She began attending the meetings at the church from its very origin. She was very responsive to the Gospel and seemingly had no particular difficulties in accepting the teaching of the Bible. She had formerly attended the neighborhood Shinto church, somewhat different from the Shinto Shrine, but was not satisfied with its teachings.

Her husband is still a Shinto devotee, but he did not prohibit her from coming to a Christian church. Later, when it became evident that she no longer believed in the Shinto gods, some opposition began, first from the neighbors who all went to the Shinto church, and then from her husband, for she was no longer giving attention to the family shrine which is primarily for ancestor worship. This disharmony in her home has been extremely burdensome to her, but she has determined to worship only the true and living God.

MISS KAMMORI

Miss Kammori is a young woman about twenty years old. She also attended our meetings with her older sister from the very beginning and both girls quite soon professed faith in Christ. However, the older sister has recently become very busy with dressmaking and rarely comes now. The younger sister has been very faithful in attendance and requested baptism as soon as she learned of the plans for it. She is a very quiet person, so we have not become as well acquainted with her personally to know if there have been any real con-

licts with regard to her faith or not. Her family is Buddhist, but I do not believe they are strongly opposed to her becoming a Christian. We held a meeting in their home one time and the father and mother were also present. They listened but gave no indication of desiring to know more. As far as I can discern, the lack of opposition in the case of this young woman has produced a faith less vigorous than that of the other three.

TAKASHI SAN

Mr. Takashi is a young man about eighteen years old. His father is a Buddhist priest, but fortunately, I believe, he is away from home a good deal of the time. Mr. Takashi began attending the meetings in November of last year and since that time has not missed a single meeting. He was the first to make a clear cut decision for Christ. It was on New Year's Eve. We gave each one present a little card on which was written a verse for the New Year. The verses were planned to suit the individual. The Holy Spirit used the little card which Takashi San received to point him to eternal life. His verse was: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3).

It was one thing to accept salvation and another to tell his family that he had become a Christian. It was a hard struggle, but when he finally told them, much to his amazement, his parents did not strongly oppose him as he had expected. To be sure, we

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—Photo by Laura E. Reddig

Mr. Ernest Hildebrand (center of picture at back of truck), missionary builder, is receiving a final and fond greeting from our Cameroons missionaries before his departure from Africa for America

Mission Accomplished!

A tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kansas, and to Dr. and Mrs. William S. Boutwell of Detroit, Michigan, for their invaluable services on the Cameroons mission field of Africa and the successful accomplishment of their special assignments. "Well done, faithful servants!"

By the REV. R. SCHILKE, General Missionary Secretary

TWO SPECIFIC NEEDS became known at the Banso Baptist Hospital in the British Cameroons of West Africa in these past few years. First, there was the need for new and bigger hospital buildings; and second, the need for a supply doctor in order to relieve Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee and to permit him to have a year of furlough.

Both needs were marvelously met as men of God responded with their services to the challenge that came to them by God's Holy Spirit. In obedience to God's commission they went forth for a short term service, faithfully performed the task assigned them and now they are back home with their mission accomplished!

Readers of the "Baptist Herald" will immediately know to whom reference is made. Permit me, therefore, to say a word of appreciation with the well-known words of our Master: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." I am sure that I speak not only on behalf of the General Mis-

sionary Society when I express these sentiments, but I speak also on behalf of our many mission minded Christian saints throughout the churches of our General Conference.

A LAY MISSIONARY

In the year 1950 the need for new hospital buildings at Banso became more than apparent. It became a burden for prayer. We knew from the beginning that the old buildings of only thirty bed capacity, which had become crowded with more than forty beds at times, were only temporary. Much more than funds were needed for the creation of new buildings.

A consecrated builder was of prime importance. "Call upon me and I will answer thee," was God's promise. His people prayed and he answered by speaking to Mr. Ernest Hildebrand of Stafford, Kans., a farmer, carpenter, church man and friend of missions.

Brother Hildebrand volunteered to go to the mission field for seven

months without salary pay except that his expenses be paid him. During that period of time a much needed doctor's home and a nurses' duplex was erected.

ARCHITECT, CONTRACTOR AND BUILDER

In the spring of 1951 Mr. Hildebrand came home but it seemed as if his heart had been left in Africa. Knowing by first hand experience of the need at Banso, he volunteered to go out again if sent as a missionary builder with the specific assignment to build the Banso Hospital. Such a commission was speedily given him and at the beginning of 1952, together with his wife who had already accompanied him on his first trip and shared his convictions, he sailed for the land of God's appointment for him for a period of two years.

Building in Africa is not building at home. No one can tell this story more vividly than Brother Hildebrand himself. To him fell the lot of designing, contracting and actually building with material that for the most part had to be prepared by hand. The only steam power used in excavating was generated by the sweat of man's brow and brawn. Stones were cut by hand and bricks were "sunkist," but each was fitted together to build "the walls of Jerusalem" of Banso Hospital.

Supervising the native workers required a "Kansas philosophy," to quote Dr. Paul Gebauer, field superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission, but in addition to that it required a good measure and mixture of human psychology and heavenly love and patience with which Brother Hildebrand was most certainly blessed. The love of God in his own heart so permeated his being and influenced his native workers that they readily followed his example of "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

THE NEW HOSPITAL

When Mr. Hildebrand left for his return home in December 1953 there stood at Banso, in addition to the doctor's home and the nurses' duplex built in 1950-1951, a thirty-bed men's ward, a thirty-bed women's ward, a twelve-bed maternity ward with a two-bed isolation ward, an outpatient building plus other quarters. Dr. Chaffee upon his return to Banso Hospital wrote: "The new hospital layout is beautiful. Brother Hildebrand has done wonderfully well."

The service rendered was not without its trials. Among them may be mentioned the sudden illness of his daughter, stricken with polio in August of 1953 when her life hung by a mere thread. It was not easy to continue on the field and to see the building of Banso Hospital to a successful completion while Mrs. Hildebrand returned alone to be at the side of her daughter in the hour of need. God's

grace was sufficient to keep him on the field until such a time that he could return and say "Mission Accomplished." God has given the reward, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

GOD SUPPLIES EVERY NEED

In 1952 the second need became a burden of prayer, the need for a supply doctor at the Banso Hospital in order that Dr. L. M. Chaffee and his family might return home for a well deserved furlough year. It strengthened our faith to experience that he who knows the need also supplies for it just in the right time.

In the issue of the "Baptist Herald" of August 14, 1952 I wrote under "Needs, Prayers and God's Timely Answer" how marvelously God had supplied this very need at Banso. Dr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Boutwell, members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., had been considering mission work for some time but had come to no definite inward decision. God spoke to them through our field superintendent, Paul Gebauer, who spoke at Ebenezer Baptist Church while home on furlough.

I would quote again Dr. Boutwell (quoted also in the above mentioned article): "We both realized that they needed doctors in the mission fields, but we never felt a definite call to that type of work until the Rev. Paul Gebauer recently made an urgent plea for a medical doctor for a period of one year or more. We felt that it was the Lord's will that we should go and prove to ourselves whether we would like the field for a life's work." With this thought in mind Dr. and Mrs. Boutwell volunteered for service in obedience to the divine call, "Go ye!"

GOD'S SPECIFIC COMMISSION

A commission of God is not limited by time and length of service. We are quite familiar with the parable of the servants whom the master hired and sent forth into the vineyard to labor for him. Some of them worked through the heat of day; others only an hour or more. Yet they were all hired and received their reward. To Dr. Boutwell God gave a specific assignment of a short term service.

Although on his own wish Dr. Boutwell was appointed for approximately one and one-half years, he did state that should God lead him into this work more permanently, he would most sincerely consider it. We sincerely prayed and hoped that the temporary appointment might turn out to become a permanent appointment. There was need for a second permanent doctor on the mission field, especially since we had started in that same year a mission among the leprosy people. In time God's will would become known to him and us.

After some months on the field Dr. Boutwell wrote: "When we left

COMING IN AUGUST ISSUES!

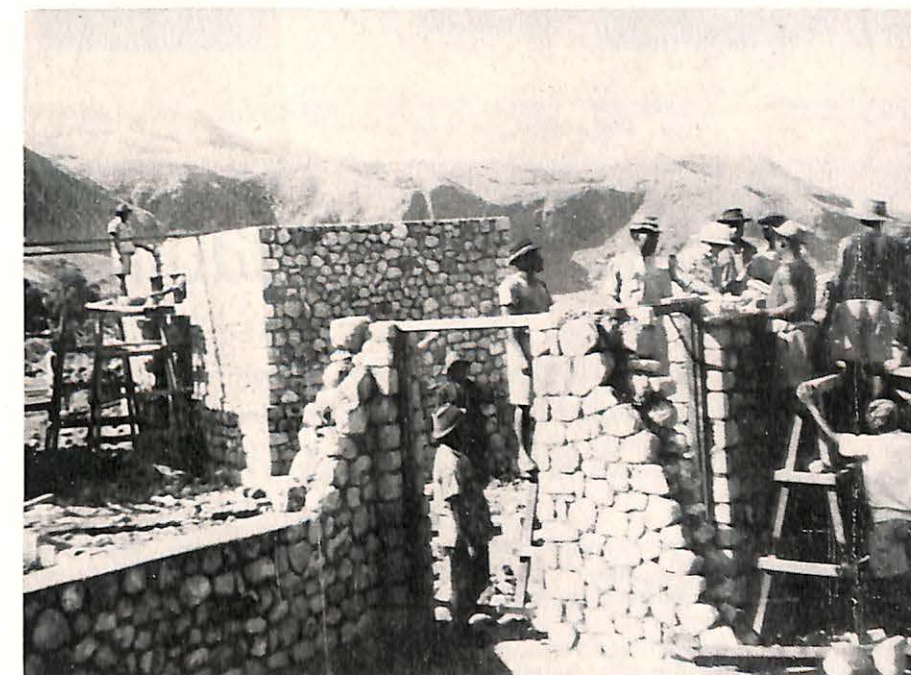
"Another Missionary Couple for Japan" by Rev. R. Schilke.

"Finishing Touches for the New Banso Hospital" by Miss Eleanor Weisenburger.

"With Christ in the Kumba Jungle" by Mrs. Alma Henderson.

"Baptism of 14 Indians in Alberta"—The story of another memorable service on the Indian mission field.

America thirteen months ago, we were uncertain about the future. We did not know how he would lead us, so we earnestly prayed concerning his will. In a few short months after



Construction work on the new buildings at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement for the leprosy patients continues at a rapid pace supervised by Missionary Gilbert Schneider. Mr. Hildebrand gave much valuable counsel for this building project before his return to the United States

we arrived here, his will was made known to us in a very definite and sudden manner. Although we had come to enjoy the work, he was telling us, 'No, you should return to America when your term is finished.' The Lord had plans for the Cameroons which did not include us. We felt that disobeying him in this matter would be just as wrong as if we had not responded to his call to us to come to the Cameroons in the first place."

Thus God spoke and made known that his commission to his servant was only that of supply doctor in order to relieve his other servant and give

him a much needed rest in the homeland.

TO LIVE AND LOVE!

Dr. and Mrs. Boutwell in a letter written and distributed to their friends at home said: "Truly the work out here is a great challenge from God. It is amazing that a person can actually learn to understand and love these people. The grace of God and the Holy Spirit can supply our needs. Although the ways of the native and his customs are difficult to understand sometimes, we have grown to enjoy their fellowship a great deal. . . . We have lived here and loved here and we know that we didn't change Africa much, but we pray that our efforts have not been in vain and that some seed of the Gospel takes root here and some Great Day we will be able to see the harvest."

What we do for God is never done in vain. Dr. and Mrs. Boutwell with their small sons have safely returned and they, too, can say. "Mission Ac-

complished!" God was with them and to them also comes the reward, "Well done, good and faithful servant." They will never forget their experiences in doing the will of God and the blessings of God will continue to follow them here in the homeland as they continue to serve where God would have them serve.

Just as these lines are being written Dr. Boutwell is completing his brief deputation tour to a number of our young people's assemblies, telling of God's wonderful leading and blessing in his own life and challenging other young people to follow the Lord as he would lead.



—Eva Luoma Photo

"Give attendance to reading" and "study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed"

What Are You Reading?

Whatever you read, that is what you are and that is what counts! This stimulating message was given at the recent Pacific Conference in Portland, Oregon

By the REV. R. G. KAISER of Startup, Washington

ACCORDING to 1 Timothy 4:13, "Give attendance to reading!" This includes all of us, ministers and laymen.

First, let us consider the written or printed language. What a wonderful thing it is to converse through the improved sign language, for such is the printed language. It is the letter, the word, the sentence, the paragraph, the chapter, the book. Praise God for the languages in print and for men and women who have worked unendingly to give to humanity such a perfect medium for conversing with God and man. God himself wrote the first book, the book of nature that we might read and learn to know him.

"God wove a web of loveliness,
Of flowers and trees and birds,
But made not anything at all
So beautiful as words.

They shine around our simple earth
With golden shadowing,
And every common thing they touch
Is exquisite with wings."

God wrote again, this time, upon tables of stones. "And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written, that thou mayest teach them" (Exodus 24:12).

It is to be noted that God provided the stones, as well as the writing. "And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables" (Exodus 32:16).

God wrote again, this time in the person of Jesus Christ, "In the beginning was the Word" and "the Word was made flesh" (John 1:1 and 14). Christ himself claims to be the Alpha and Omega, the A and Z (Rev. 1:8). He is every letter of the alphabet. Think of it! How careful we should be in using the written language.

Let us think also of those who render and did a marvelous work in that they gave the written language to many primitive tribes that they might read. Not long ago I read of a great

teacher, Dr. Frank Laubach, who is teaching illiterate people to read. He is doing this all over the world, using a method which has proven itself very successful. What a blessing if illiteracy could be overcome by it!

One of the greatest hindrances in the spreading of the Gospel is illiteracy and there are many people all over the world who cannot read. Our missionaries can testify to that effect. God bless them in their efforts to teach reading.

Secondly, do we have less reading material now than in the past? According to the amount of literature printed, we must reply in the negative. In the United States alone we have a yearly output of 10,000 new volumes, of which 700 are religious, and besides these there are millions of copies of reading material. The demand seems to be ever increasing. Many thought that with the coming of the films, radio, television, etc., the printed reading material would diminish, but this does not prove true.

GOOD READING LITERATURE

A third thought leads us to the importance of choosing the right reading material. In our times reading material is to be found covering every occupation of life. But to choose from it is our difficult lot. As it is with everything in life, so it is with our literature. The medium of the printed language can be used to bring good or evil to the readers. It is therefore of great importance that you are able to discern between good and evil, so that you might select the right book. Clear discernment is imperative.

What readest thou? It is astounding to learn what people read, and read they do. The market is filled with good and evil literature. Millions and millions of copies of poor degrading literature are devoured by people everywhere. Of late I read a few articles about our comic books. One article had as its theme, "Comic Books, Blueprints for Delinquency." It was a sad story of what many of our children are "eating" today as they buy from "garbage can bookstands." No wonder we have poisoned minds and hearts of an infertuous society!

Many of the crime comics to which your children are exposed are not just tales of violence, but of perversion and depravity. Even so-called Christians are at ease in choosing not too good a grade of reading material. How can we counteract evil and vicious reading material which is questionable, degrading and immoral?

One way is to summon everyone to the reading of that which is good. If anyone is not able to discern or to select the right reading material, then seek help from others. There are many good guides, organizations, book clubs with well qualified judges who would gladly assist you in finding the right and purposeful reading material. It is not wise to read almost any book

that comes on the market, and no one could read all the volumes that are printed. Therefore use the means offered in choosing what you want. Much help in selecting a book can also be received from book reviews which many publications print in their periodicals.

READING WITH UNDERSTANDING

Fourthly, one should read with understanding. Understandest thou what thou readest? This was the question Philip the evangelist asked the eunuch. Sometimes there is no one near who can explain things to you. So have a dictionary, or a commentary or other helpful books of that kind at hand as a useful help. Unless you can state in your own words the proposition which the writer has set forth, you do not know what you have been reading.

Fifthly, read that you may "know" to accumulate knowledge. Knowledge leads to action. Knowledge builds character. Knowledge lifts humanity out of darkness and sin into light and holiness. Read that you may know the march of time in the Kingdom of God.

The secular things are known to us. How about the spiritual? The Kingdom of God? Read the Christian literature, your denominational papers, the "Baptist Herald," "Der Sendbote." Be a well informed Baptist. Good literature has changed many a life. In many biographies I have found men and women giving witness to the fact that certain books they have read meant much to the success of their lives.

THE WORD OF GOD

More than ever I would summon all to read the one Book above all books, the Word of God. "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11). If you are filled with the Word of God and it has become a part of you, then it will influence your actions. The effect will be a holy, good and moral life which is the highest and most worthy achievement.

Read your Bible that you may know God and Christ, for to know them is eternal life (John 17:3). Grow in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Know the love of God. Read and learn to know yourself. "He gave me the book to eat." Read it. It will lift you to a higher plane. It will give you a burning heart as the Holy Spirit leads you into all truth. Have you known a heart that burns?

Through the reading of the Bible, revivals have come to pass. Think of the revival in Ezra's and Nehemiah's days. They came through the reading of God's Word in public. Think of the days of the Reformation when the Bible was again read by the laymen. Think of our fathers who in their days were known as "the Bible reading Baptists." Wherever they

A Storm Strikes Ndu!

A recent wind storm with a tornado blast blew away the roof of our missionary's house, Miss Ruby Salzman, in Ndu, Africa

By the REV. KENNETH GOODMAN, Cameroons Missionary

ON SUNDAY, April 25th, we attended the morning service at Ndu. The sun was bright and the day was clear. The church was crowded and we all came away rejoicing in the Lord.

Just as we were eating dinner, the weather began to change. The sky was all black and cloudy. By the time we had finished our dinner, the mist was roaring in and the wind was blowing in circles. (We were visiting Ruby Salzman.) The storm was beautiful and wonderful at the same time. We watched at the window for a while and then sat down to talk.

Suddenly dirt began to sift down through the grass and bamboo ceiling. Having lived in this very house for two years ourselves, we knew what this meant—the roof was caving in! We ran to the door but in the excitement we couldn't get the door opened. When the knob finally turned, we rushed out as one quarter of the roof fell just three feet in front of us. But for the delay at the door, all of us would have been right under this

heavy section. (The next day 25 men could not pick up this section. It had to be dismantled first.)

Surely the Lord had his hand in our delay at the door. But there was no time to lose! Rain was pouring in. The three of us rushed back in to grab up bedding, books, pictures and other things which would be damaged. We were too busy to call for help and no one came out in the storm. Finally after most of the things in the house had been rescued and put on the veranda of the other house, then everyone came to help and offer their sympathies.

By evening time, we could laugh and joke about the matter, but all of us knew in our hearts the truth of the verse found in John 10:4, "When he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before."

We thought you folks at home would like to know how much your prayers mean to us. Nothing is too small in the sight of God to bring to him in prayer!

went, they carried their Bibles along with them and were ever ready to witness about "the good news" to others. Souls were saved; the churches grew.

We do need revivals which like a flood will wash away that which is evil and even smutty in literature, a revival like the one in Ephesus where things began to happen. In Acts we find that "many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men, and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thousand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed" (Acts 19:19-20).

I read an article in the June issue of "The Readers' Digest" "how a community cleaned its news stand of its literary filth." If an awakened and aroused community can do such things, how much more can an awakened Bible reading community, gripped by God's Spirit, do! Surely, action will follow that will sweep away that which is evil and people will substitute good literature instead. Those at Berea were nobler than those in Thessalonica in that they received the Word with all readiness of mind and searched daily, whether those things were so. Read your Bible every day, praying while you read. It will guide you all the way, if you will only read it. Pray for love to

read it, for a hunger for the Word.

There are so many pamphlets with instructions how to read the Bible. It means much to read in such a way that you enjoy it and get the most out of reading it. For years I have used a certain plan which someone mentioned in one of the Christian periodicals. I have found it as the best reading plan for myself.

GOD'S SUMMONS

God summons you to read. "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, than thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for when thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8).

Christian, how much do you read of good literature in comparison with secular material? Do you spend more time with your Bible than with any other material? Let us pray for forgiveness if we have neglected our reading. May God open our eyes and give us changed hearts and a hunger and thirst for his Word. A successful life, a powerful and peaceful life is our worthy goal. Read, look, choose, discern, select that which is best. Let us pray for our publishing houses and societies that distribute Bibles and other good literature. Let us give attention to our reading!

The Life of a Cameroons Missionary

By DR. W. S. BOUTWELL,
Medical Missionary

Observations of a special missionary ministry for 19 months in the operation of the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons, Africa, while Dr. Chaffee was in the United States on furlough

OUR FAMILY was called into foreign missionary service for the Lord in February 1952. The Lord's mission for us was to operate your Bansa Baptist Hospital while the Chaffees returned to the states for their much earned furlough. Of the 19 months that we were off American soil, 14½ months were spent in charge of the hospital and the remainder of the time was spent in travel, delays, and being broken into the work. We praise God for the privilege of having served your mission in this humble way in the Cameroons.

DEPENDENCE ON OTHERS

We have learned a great deal during our virtual excommunication from civilization. Our abilities as well as our weaknesses stand out in bold relief as we were daily challenged by the difficulties of such a separated life. Our dependence upon others, weather conditions and our inner resources became more and more apparent as the weeks rolled on. The extent to which a man living in civilization is a slave to his dependence upon others is revealed in so many ways. So often we are failed by those in whom we have placed our trust that ultimately we come to disbelieve anything unless we actually see it for ourselves.

Although we learn to depend only upon ourselves and our own ingenuity for the great majority of things, we need by necessity still to depend upon others to grow, mill, bag and transport our flour, as an outstanding example. We cannot make our own sugar easily and other commodities. We must buy them from others, thus again indicating our dependence upon other men.

This required dependence, coupled with the complete unreliability of the weather, the laws of the land, written and unwritten, the primitive transportation, the natives with whom we have to live forced upon each of us a dilemma which is more or less constantly a thorn in the flesh to all missionaries. If we could but completely divorce ourselves from this dependence upon others, we could be spared much disillusionment and disappointment.

Some of Satan's strongest battering rams against our building a Christian community in the Cameroons is our temptation to become discouraged in the face of the long hours of loneliness, the anxiety of waiting and waiting for new changes to occur, for fruit to ripen so that it may be used in the service of the King. The unfaithfulness of the native Christians is also a source of great disheartenment to the

missionary and we grow restless with the slowness of the progress of the work.

The government is mainly British, but the natives are still permitted some jurisdiction over themselves according to their native laws and customs. Sometimes the line dividing the two is inconstant, unreliable and conflicting, resulting in disillusionment on the part of the native caught in the meshes. As missionaries in times like these, we are called upon by the natives to reconcile one against the other. You can imagine how this puts us on the spot—whether to defend the British rule or the natives' laws.

THE BRITISH RULE

Basically the British government and the three missions (Catholic, Basel and Baptist) should have as a common goal the betterment of the living conditions of the natives. In general, we all strive toward this end, but there arise the inevitable circumstances in which we are in sharp disagreement with the British officials. When a slight inconsequential change in their arbitrarily set-up set of rules would result in our being able to give the native a much better and more intelligent service and we feel that the change is justified—all too often we find ourselves blocked by the stubbornness of a single British officer and find that we must succumb to his authority and let the mission work suffer because of it. If we seek out a personal interview with the particular man, he will welcome us with a large pat on the back and overtures of friendliness accompanied by promises and good tidings only to learn later that nothing can or rather will be done for you in your particular instance.

VICTORY FOR CHRIST

While all this is going on, the natives themselves are murmuring among themselves that they want self-government by 1956. We have seen how the natives treat each other when given authority over one another and we realize again and again that he cannot rule himself as yet.

For instance, a health inspector may be bribed to condemn a certain stock of tinned goods so that it must be sold at a loss and at a very cheap price. (Continued on Page 11)

Church Extension Campaign

- God has called us to organize new churches in booming communities and to bring the Gospel to the unchurched people of these areas.
- We have already organized new churches among the immigrants in Canada and started a new chapel at Rapid City, South Dakota.
- We must strengthen the Home Base if we are to grow strong as a North American Baptist General Conference in our missionary outreach.

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BAPTISM IN JAPAN

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were all praying for him and God answered the prayers. The attitude of his parents was more or less, "It is regrettable but what can you do about it?" However, Takashi San's problems were and still are many, for he was obliged to help his parents with the work of the temple, especially on festival days. Also he was expected to participate in the many memorial services for the dead ancestors.

His most recent problem is of a very different nature. He wants, above everything else, to be able to attend one of the few outstanding universities in Japan. The number of students able to enter is very limited and the entrance examinations are formidable. He is afraid that next year, being his senior year in high school, he may not be able to attend church often because he must study hard for the examination. He feels that if he does not pass the exam his parents will say it was just because he went to church so much.

Pray for this young man. I believe the Lord has a special ministry for him. Compared with other young people of his age, he is much more mature and serious minded and for a Christian of only six months he is far more advanced than some who have been Christians for years.

MRS. MATOBA

Mrs. Matoba is the mother of three children and the most recent convert of the four. Although she began attending church from its beginning, it was very irregular and she appeared so despondent that nothing we said to her seemed to do any good. She knew she was a sinner and wanted to be saved from her sin but she did not have faith enough to accept the salvation which she so much wanted. She always said, "I believe but . . ."

Previous to coming to our church and even after she began coming, she went from one religion to another seeking relief but nothing seemed to help. In the fall her husband became seriously ill and for a time it was questionable whether or not he would live. We visited him in the hospital and prayed for him.

After a long time in the hospital, he recovered and from that time on Mrs. Matoba has grown in faith. Before that, she could never thank God for salvation although she said she believed. The assurance of salvation has gradually taken hold of her and now we sense that she is much more joyful though she is still extremely concerned because she cannot live up to the teaching of the Bible.

At two o'clock on Sunday afternoon, June 6, we gathered on the banks of the Miya River not far from the church to sing "O happy day that fixed my choice on thee, my Savior and my God." Mr. Kikuchi, a pastor



Miss Florence Miller, our missionary at Ujiyamada, Japan, who has described our first baptismal service on the islands of Japan in the accompanying article

of the Mino Mission, also working in Mie Kin, after a personal prayer for each candidate, baptized them. Quite a number of church people came to witness the baptism in spite of the rain.

Following the baptism, we returned to the church for our first communion service. The Rev. John Rhoads, with the help of his capable interpreter, brought a message on the significance of the Lord's Supper. Just before participation in the Supper, Miss Florence Miller presented baptismal certificates to the four new believers. Then followed the breaking of the bread and distribution of the elements with Mr. Rhoads officiating and Mr. Kikuchi assisting.

Every communion service is a time of supreme personal blessing but this communion service meant more to me than meditation upon the significance of the death of the Lord Jesus for me personally. I could not but reflect upon his death in the broadest sense, "God so loved the world." And also the words of Jesus came to mind, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

FRONT COVER

The front cover picture showing the beautiful Devil's Lake in the rugged country of Wisconsin was taken by Thomas Lutz, Jr., the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz of North Freedom, Wisconsin. This was the picture which won first place in the snapshot contest of the "Baptist Herald" in 1953. Congratulations, Thomas Lutz!

OUR DIVINE OBLIGATION

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our life is a whole and cannot be separated into secular and religious, Christ becomes Lord of all, which adds up to the fact of the stewardship of life. It inquires complete surrender and consecration of our time, talents and possessions, not by any external coercion, but rather through the impelling love of God within our hearts. We become workers together with God and in fellowship with the Gospel of Christ.

There are three marks in the life of the apostle, which reveal to us vital principles of stewardship: the sense of obligation, an eagerness for service, and an undaunted courage—"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ."

The church suffers not so much from a lack of talents within its ranks, as rather from an indifference and unwillingness to yield and to use them for Christ. A readiness to be expendable, a life of unselfish service, is one of true happiness, power and poise! At home or aboard you may find your place in the will of God for your life.

Share with others your experience and godly possession. Otherwise the unshared bread of life will grow stale, the water of life bitter, and the hidden light will grow dim. Never shall we lack in resources, if we become channels of God's blessings to others. You, too, like the Apostle Paul, may experience the exuberance of a completely yielded life.

With George Matheson we shall pray:

"O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow,
May richer, fuller be."

CAMEROONS MISSIONARY

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one such case the inspector was invited to lunch the next day and, when asked how he liked this particular food, he replied, "It is the best I've ever tasted." This story would be meaningless unless I told you that it was the same food that he had condemned the day before.

I have given you a few of my ideas as to the obstructions to the cause of Christ in your Cameroons mission stations. I hope you have a better idea now as to the kind of life your missionaries have to lead and why the work seems to go so slowly. I'm sure I speak for all the missionaries when I say that we don't want pity but we need your prayers that we might be able victoriously to accept our daily defeats and humbly to watch our efforts bear fruit for him.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Rev. Edgar W. Klatt has resigned as pastor of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., and announced that he had accepted the appointment of the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alta., to serve as instructor and dean of men. According to the Rev. E. P. Wahl, C.T.I. president, Mr. Klatt will head the Department of Religious Education and will begin his ministry in Edmonton early this fall. He has served as pastor of St. Paul's Riverview Church since 1947.

● From May 10 to 18 the Ripley Blvd. Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., held evangelistic services with the Rev. Edwin Miller of the Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio, serving as evangelist. He brought a children's story every evening as well as a challenging message to the large audiences that attended. He also spoke on two mornings over the local radio station. Four decisions were made for Jesus Christ, as reported by Mrs. Clarence Zgorski. The Rev. Eric Kuhn is pastor of the church.

● On Monday evening, June 7, the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., held its annual Father and Son Banquet with 140 persons in attendance. Mr. Eric Pohl, president of "Baptist Men" in the church, served as toastmaster. The address was brought by Dr. J. Whitcomb Brouger of Portland, Ore., on the subject, "Life At Its Best." Dr. Brouger is a former president of the American Baptist Convention. The Rev. John Wobig, pastor, also participated in the fine program and led a brief devotional service.

● The Rev. Otto R. Schroeder of Anaheim, Calif., passed away to his heavenly reward early on Wednesday, June 30, in his 87th year. The impressive memorial service for him was held in the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., on July 6th with the Rev. B. Jacksteit, pastor, in charge. Mr. Schroeder served this church as its minister from 1925 to 1938. He was the influential pastor of numerous churches of our denomination since his graduation from our Seminary. The editorial in this issue brings a tribute to Brother Schroeder and the obituary will appear shortly.

● On Sunday evening, May 9, the baccalaureate service of the high school at Lorraine, Kans., was held with the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, pastor of the Baptist church, speaking on

"Four Men in the Fire." Guest speaker on Sunday evening, May 30, at the Lorraine Baptist Church was the Rev. Charles Wagner of Portland, Oregon. On Sunday evening, June 27, the church honored Norma Lee Browning for the completion of nine years of Scripture Memory Work and for having received the denominational Grand Award. An illustrated report of the Lorraine Vacation Bible School appears elsewhere in this issue.

● On Sunday, July 4th, the guest speaker at the Oak Street Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, was the Rev. Clemence Auch of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., who with his wife is a missionary appointee for Japan. They are sailing for the Japan mission field on August 1st. The Vacation Bible School was brought to a close on Friday, June 25, with 97 pupils, 16 teachers and eight assistants. The Senior CBY elected its new officers as follows: Sherrill Bohlen, president; Rosella Bohlen, vice-president; Lois Bohlen, secretary; and Lois Thye, treasurer. The Rev. Emanuel Wolff is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday evening, June 20, the CBY of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., presented the film, "Dedicated Men," at a special service. On Sunday evening, June 27, the church recognized the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hofmaier and honored the couple. The flowers on the church platform were presented by their children, including the choir director, Mr. Fred Hofmaier. The Vacation Bible School was held by the church from June 28 to July 8 under the direction of Miss Audrey Miller, director of Christian Education. The Rev. W. C. Damrau is pastor of the church.

● On June 4th a daughter was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Dickau of Venturia, N. Dak., who has been

named Karen Susan. The Rev. and Mrs. Carl Weisser of Carrington, N. Dak., have announced the birth of a son on June 9th who has been named Noland Carl. On June 8th a daughter was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Lawrence R. Prast of Indianapolis, Ind., who has been named Sylvia Hazel. The Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein have announced the birth of a daughter on June 12 to whom the name Lois Jeanette has been given. Mrs. Stein is the vice-president of the Woman's Missionary Union of our denomination.

● From June 6 to 18 the First Baptist Church of Neustadt, Ont., Canada, held evangelistic services with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational evangelist, bringing the messages. Music was provided by the church choir and by the choirs and male quartets of nearby churches. Mr. Reuben Hahn, church clerk, reported that "the meetings were well attended and we were strengthened in our faith and brought closer to Christ. Several decisions were made for Christ as Savior." On the closing evening a love offering of \$450 was received for the denominational missionary enterprise. The Rev. George A. McLean is pastor of the church.

● Mrs. David Emslie of Portland, Ore., a member of the Glencullen Baptist Church who is also a nurse in a local doctor's office, has provided a used surgical table for the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons valued at \$1200. The Glencullen Church is receiving missionary offerings to pay for the shipping expense of sending the table to the Cameroons mission field. The offer has been accepted with the gratitude of Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee, medical missionary, and of the General Missionary Committee. Dr. W. J. Appel, church extension worker, served the Glencullen Baptist Church as interim pastor from April 11 to July 4, inclusive.

● The McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., Canada, has been enjoying the interim pastorate of Dr. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., since July 1st. Mrs. Krueger is with her husband in this appreciated ministry. The former pastor, Dr. C. H. Seecamp, and his family left for Hebron, N. Dak., at the close of June. The Winnipeg church is earnestly endeavoring to find a successor. Dr. Krueger served as interim pastor for many months at the Oak

NEXT NUMBER

The next issue (August 12) of the "Baptist Herald" will be abbreviated to 16 pages. This will enable our Publication House personnel to enjoy a much deserved vacation. Reporters are urged to be patient if their reports cannot be published immediately in August.

EDITOR.

Street Church of Burlington, Iowa, until Dec. 31, 1953. He is still far from "retired" in the service of his Lord and our denomination! Dr. and Mrs. Krueger are making the parsonage of the McDermot Avenue Church of Winnipeg their home for the present.

● The Rev. George William Pust of Sheridan, Wyo., was called to his heavenly home on Saturday, June 12, after a lingering illness. He was 70 years of age. In the 37 years of his active ministry he served eight North American Baptist churches. The memorial services for him were held at the Faith Baptist Church of Minneapolis, Minn., on June 16. Word has also been received belatedly from Marion, Kans., of the homegoing of the Rev. Claus Neve on Jan. 17. He was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of that city. After serving as pastor of the Baptist Church at Bison, Kans., from 1902 to 1905 and then as postmaster of the town, he moved to Marion, Kans., in 1919 and retired from the active pastorate because of illness.

● The Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., welcomed faculty, graduates, students and friends of the nearby Franklin High School on Sunday evening, June 6, for its baccalaureate service. More than 1300 people crowded the church's sanctuary and overflow rooms for this program. The Senior class of 399 students was addressed by the Rev. John Wobig, pastor, on the topic, "You Are God's Opportunity." Several of the pupils were recipients of scholarships, including Sylvia Wobig, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John Wobig, who received a \$1000 continued scholarship to be paid over the four year college course, and Miss Elizabeth Zink, another recipient of a \$1000 scholarship. The Franklin High School Choir under the direction of Mr. John C. Peery, sang "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

● From June 29 to July 9 the Baptist Church of Goodrich, N. Dak., held evangelistic services in the Goodrich Memorial Gymnasium with the Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich., serving as evangelist. Mrs. Hoover and two of their daughters, Darlene and Vivian, accompanied Mr. Hoover, as well as Mr. Chester Arndt, song director and trumpet player. The evangelistic services, which were very successful, will be reported in greater detail later. On May 16 an exterior Bulletin Board was dedicated which was a gift of the Sunday School and the Woman's Missionary Society. The Vacation Bible School was conducted from July 19 to 25 with the Baptist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches cooperating. Besides the pastor, the Rev. Irvin H. Schmuland, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Schroeder of the Moody Bible Institute assisted on the teaching staff.

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

CAMP REPORTS

Assembly and camp reports are already coming into the office giving us the names of the new officers and other valuable information. We urge all to send this information to us immediately at the close of your assembly or camp.

In each one of the camps at which your general workers have been privileged to attend, they have seen evidences of God's work in the hearts and lives of our young people. Many decisions for Christ have been reported and many more have dedicated their lives completely to the Lord.

NOTES FROM SPONSORS

The Scripture Memory yearly reports are coming into the headquarters office and with them comments are often included by the sponsors. These comments from the sponsors are interesting because they work so closely with the memorizers. By sharing some of the ideas expressed we trust that they might be a help to other churches.

LORRAINE, KANSAS

"A party was given to the children of the primary department in the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kans., who completed their work. We visited the different homes in town and shared our Scripture Memory work with our shut-in friends and older people. We all felt this was the greatest joy of our work this year."

Mrs. Emil Ploog, Scripture Memory Director of Primary Department.

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

"We certainly had a splendid year at the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., and the Lord blessed us in our efforts. The children were very eager to learn."

Mr. Alfred J. Schmidt.

VICTOR, IOWA

"I am glad to report that the work which has been done at Victor, Iowa, was done well. Because of that, I feel the verses will long be remembered and will be of value to the boys and girls in the coming years as they use them in their Christian lives."

Mrs. Milton Langheim.

ELLINWOOD, KANSAS

"It was a joy to have nine boys and girls from our church in Ellinwood, Kans., attend the camp (award given for completion of verses), some for the first time. The 'bubbling' reports have been a joy to hear."

Mrs. Elmer Strauss.

YOUTH COMPASS TOPICS

August 1, 1954—"What's My Line" by Bob Anderson, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

August 8, 1954—"Great Hymns of the Church" by Eldon Seibold, Canistota, S. Dak.

CBY ACTIVITIES

Are you experiencing one of those "summer slumps"? It seems as though every CBY group is affected at some time or other in various degrees. Have you found a good solution to combat this malady? The CBY of the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is conducting a study of different religions every Tuesday night. These meetings are held in various homes. Every member takes a turn at presenting the necessary information and leading the discussion. The young people of that church are all looking forward to some interesting and informative discussions.

For the sake of variety and interest, the Intermediate young people of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., held a unique "Backward Party" on May 29th. The parents were also invited to this fellowship. The young people and leaders came with clothing on backwards, such as skirts, blouses, shirts and ties. The seats in the lower auditorium were arranged in reverse order and the youngsters sat in the chairs backwards. During the song service the numbers of the hymns were announced backwards. Hymn number 135 was announced as hymn number 531. The stanzas of the hymn were sung in reversed order, beginning with the last and ending with the first. During the social hour a number of "backward" games were played. One of these was a spelling bee in which words were to be spelled backwards. If you think this is easy, just try it out even with simple words. Possibly you can think of a few more interesting games which you could use at a similar party.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Any man who says that he is boss in his own home will lie about other things, too."

—Contributed by Herman Balka, Dallas, Texas, vice-president of the CBY and SS Union.



The famous Cliff House and Seal Rocks at San Francisco, California

The House on Parnassus

By ELISE FRASER

"The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day" (PROVERBS 4:18).

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SYNOPSIS

When 15-year-old Judy Mitchell stepped off the boat at San Francisco, little did she realize the many exciting adventures in store for her. Her Aunt Candace told her about the death of Lenea Thackwell in the house next door to hers on Parnassus Street. She had died seemingly without a will. A nephew, Osay Thackwell, was her only living relative. A trunk in the attic of the house was ransacked and three pages from the family Bible were torn out. All suspicion was levelled at Osay. Then a strange fire broke out in the Thackwell house. Judy was determined to unravel them mystery. She found out that Lenea's last word before she died was "love." She learned that a Lily Kendrick was her friend and that she was still living in a rest home at Burlingame, California. Judy, the detective, took Sue with her on the trip to see Lily Kendrick.

CHAPTER FIVE

SUE WAS DELIGHTED with the prospect of a trip down the peninsula and was excited to learn that there was a mystery which Judy was bent on unraveling. "I'll tell you all about it on the way down," Judy promised, "but now I'll have to run back and phone the rest home to make sure that we can see Mrs. Kendrick's."

Judy sighed with relief when the matron told her that they could see Mrs. Kendrick's at two in the afternoon. The excitement of the fire had keyed up her interest and curiosity in the Thackwell mystery and she wanted to act at once while her courage was still at a high point.

Third and Townsend Street station buzzed with excitement. Judy had the thrill of feeling she was starting on a transcontinental trip when she

saw the pullman and coaches Los Angeles bound.

They had no sooner settled in their seats on the train when Sue said, "I'm dying of curiosity, Judy. Please tell me now all about the mystery."

"I'll start right at the beginning," Judy complied. "First of all, Miss Lenea Thackwell died without leaving a will."

Sue nodded. "Yes, I heard that."

"At least," Judy corrected, "a will can't be found. That doesn't say she didn't make one. My Aunt Candace, Miranda Pyle and Mr. Lyman Grimshaw, the lawyer, are confident that Miss Lenea did make a will."

"Well, then, where is it?" Sue asked. "That's what we don't know. That's the mystery. You see, apparently the only living heir is Osay Thackwell, Miss Thackwell's nephew. It seems that Miss Thackwell said that she wouldn't leave him her money. But if no will is found, then Osay will get the money."

Sue nodded. "That's clear. And do you think Osay destroyed the will?"

"That's something we don't know," Judy answered. "But," mysteriously, "there have been some strange things happening at the Thackwell house."

"You mean the fire, Judy, hurry and tell me. This suspense is dreadful."

Judy looked around carefully. But the man behind them seemed to be intent with a newspaper and no one was looking their way. She began in

a low tone. "You know about the fire early this morning."

Sue nodded.

"The fire chief said that the fire had been set."

Sue sat up, electrified. "Set! Why, how awful! Who would want to burn Miss Thackwell's house?"

"That's what we don't know, Sue. But there have been other strange happenings, too." Briefly, Judy, outlined all that had happened, beginning with Miranda Pyle's story of the prowler and her Aunt Candace's promise that they would sleep in the Thackwell house. Sue's eyes opened wide with astonishment as she heard the story of the missing pages of the Thackwell family Bible and the old album. "And that's not all, Sue," Judy then mentioned the little man in gray who had followed her and Candace as they had spent one day in Chinatown.

"It's the strangest story I've ever heard," Sue said. "But who is this lady we are going to see, Judy?"

"Her name is Lily Kendrick and she is an old friend of Miss Lenea's. I thought maybe she could tell us something about the Thackwell family that would give us a clue."

Sue looked at Judy with admiration. "That's a wonderful idea, Judy."

"The only thing," Judy said thoughtfully, "is that her son-in-law said she was not always rational. I hope she will remember enough to help us."

The rest home was not difficult to find. Judy and Sue entered the hallway and a nurse directed them to Mrs. Kendrick's room. "We told her you were coming," the nurse said, "so she expects you. Go right in. She is sitting by the window."

When Judy and Sue entered the room, Judy was instantly attracted to the elderly lady sitting in the wheel chair. She had snow white hair, bright blue eyes and a happy face. "Come in, my dears," she said. "I love young visitors. My grandchildren are in Europe this summer and I miss them greatly."

Judy advanced and took Mrs. Kendrick's extended hand. "I'm Judy Mitchell and this is Sue Whitney."

"So you're a friend of the Thackwells?" Mrs. Kendrick asked.

"We live next door," Judy said. "My aunt is Candace Mitchell."

"Of course," Mrs. Kendrick murmured. "I'm sure I've heard Lenea speak of Candace."

"You knew Lenea Thackwell years ago?" Judy asked.

"Yes," said Mrs. Kendrick. "I've known Lenea since I was a young child. How is she?"

Judy felt a shock. "Lenea Thackwell died several days ago."

Mrs. Kendrick passed a hand over her forehead. "Oh, yes, I believe I did hear that. You must forgive me. I forget so easily."

"Did you know Lenea's brother, Cornelius, too?" Judy asked.

"Ah, yes. O knew Cornelius. But I liked Rutherford the best," Mrs. Kendrick said.

Judy stared at her. "Rutherford? Who was Rutherford?"

"Lenea's brother." Mrs. Kendrick smoothed her dress.

"But I thought she had only one brother," Judy said.

"No, she had two," Mrs. Kendrick replied with composure.

"Where is Rutherford now?" Judy asked.

Mrs. Kendrick shook her head. "Rutherford? I . . . I don't remember."

"Was Rutherford younger or older than Lenea Thackwell?" Judy asked.

"Younger," Mrs. Kendrick said promptly. "Rutherford was my age. We were in the same class at Lowell High."

"Where is he now?" Judy leaned toward Mrs. Kendrick, watching her face intently.

Mrs. Kendrick shook her head vaguely. Then she smiled. "He was named after the president. A nice boy, Rutherford."

Judy and Sue exchanged looks. "That must have been Rutherford Hayes, nineteenth president of the United States," Sue said.

"What year was that?" Judy asked. "Eighteen seventy-seven to eighteen eighty-one," Sue answered.

"My," Mrs. Kendrick said, looking at Sue with astonishment, "I wish I could remember things like that. I can't remember anything. I used to have a good memory." She shook her head ruefully, then leaned toward them saying, "I know Lenea had a bad heart and can't get out. I'd like to get up to see her. No doubt she thinks it strange that I don't come. But you see how it is with me. Would you be so good as to convey my love to her and my regrets at not being able to see her?"

Mrs. Kendrick tapped the arms of her chair and smiled at them.

Judy had a queer feeling. Mrs. Kendrick forgot things as soon as she heard them. She could easily be mixed up. Maybe Rutherford belonged in some other family. Probably he did. Probably there wasn't any Rutherford Thackwell.

She tried to get Mrs. Kendrick to tell more of her girlhood and her remembrance of the Thackwell family but the elderly lady seemed lost in her dreams. Finally she seemed to remember that they were with her and turned to smile at them. "You girls are Christians, aren't you?" she asked.

"Yes, we are," Judy answered.

"I thought so." Mrs. Kendrick sighed, then said, "Christians are always happy."

Judy didn't think so but she didn't dispute the statement.

"Christians should be happy," Sue said.

Mrs. Kendrick beamed at her. "That's right. I forget things but my Savior never forgets me. There's a verse in the Bible that says that if we remember the Lord when we are young, He will not forget us when we are old. In the long hours of the night, when everything else goes out of my mind, He brings blessed promises to my mind. 'Lo, I am with you alway' He says to me."

Again Mrs. Kendrick seemed lost in her dreams. Then turning to them suddenly she said, "It was so kind of Alison to tell you to come and see me. You'll come again, won't you?"

"Of course," Judy said. "It was nice to see you, Mrs. Kendrick."

Both Sue and Judy shook hands with Mrs. Kendrick. Then they stopped outside the door. A nurse was standing there. "Who's Alison?" Judy asked.

"She's Mrs. Kendrick's granddaughter. She's in Europe now."

On the way back to San Francisco, Judy asked, "Do you suppose there is anything in what Mrs. Kendrick told us about Rutherford? Or do you think she was mixed up? No one has mentioned a Rutherford in the family."

Sue frowned. "I've never heard of a Rutherford either."

"I'll tell you what," Judy said. "Tomorrow morning you and Mike come over. We will start going over the things in the attic. Maybe we'll find some mention of a Rutherford. I won't mention anything to my aunt or Miranda about it until we see if we can find any evidence that there was a Rutherford."

Right after breakfast the next morning, Sue and Mike came over to the Thackwell house. Judy greeted them with enthusiasm and the three went to the attic at once. There were two carpenters working on the roof repairing the damage caused by the fire.

Looking around the attic, Judy wished for a moment she hadn't undertaken this job. There were trunks and trunks, old boxes and old furniture. It looked hopeless. She took a deep breath. "Well, the only thing to do is to get started. Suppose we each take a trunk and begin." Judy had to raise her voice to make it heard over the din of the carpenters' hammers.

"What do we look for?" Mike shouted.

"Any trace or mention of Lenea Thackwell's will or any mention of anyone named Rutherford," Judy answered, raising her voice again to make herself heard over the noise of the carpenters' hammers.

Sue started on her trunk. Suddenly she looked up, squealing with delight. "Judy Mitchell! Just look at this lovely old Chinese silk!"

Judy looked up to see one of the carpenters staring curiously through the window. There was something familiar about his face. Where had

she seen him before? Catching her glance, the carpenter turned away quickly and became busy again with his pounding.

As she plumbed the depths of the trunk she was searching, Judy came on a box of old pictures. She put the box aside, thinking she would take it over to her room and go through it that evening when she had more leisure. Placing the box on the floor beside the trunk, she continued with her searching.

Although the trunks were full of interesting garments from days gone by, none of them yielded anything that could be of particular value in solving the mystery surrounding Lenea Thackwell's will, or absence of a will.

When Miranda sent up a call that lunch was ready, the interruption was welcomed.

"I'm starved," Sue said. "So'm I," agreed Mike. "You've nothing on me," Judy sighed.

The three ate in the kitchen. After finishing one of Miranda's blackberry pies, she returned to the attic.

Judy was on her fourth trunk and she worked carefully. Sue and Mike, too, meticulously combed the contents of each trunk for anything which might look like a will.

The carpenters completed their job and left. Glancing at her watch, Judy saw that it was five-thirty. "I guess we'd better stop now," she said.

She returned to the first trunk she had searched to pick up the box of pictures. But the box was not there. She stood for a moment unbelievably. She knew she had placed the box beside the trunk. "Did either of you see a box of pictures I put beside the trunk?"

"No," both Sue and Mike answered at once.

Judy looked puzzled. "I'm sure I put it just in this spot."

"Are you sure you didn't pick it up with some other things and put it back in a trunk?" Sue asked.

Judy moaned. It would be a job to go through the trunks again. Surely she could not have been so careless. She stopped short. "The carpenters who were here, Sue. Do you suppose . . .?"

"Judy Mitchell!" Sue chided, "this mystery has gone to your head. What would carpenters want with a box of old family pictures?"

"Just the same," Judy answered, "there was something about one of those carpenters. He looked in here in a funny way. And he seemed strangely interested in what we were doing. I've seen him before. But where?"

Sue sighed. "Well, just the same, Judy, I'd look through those trunks first before I accused the carpenters."

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We, the Women

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

INTRODUCING THE NEW "BROADCAST" EDITOR

The name, Miss Martha C. Remus, rings a familiar note in many phases of Woman's Missionary Union work. Besides her full-time employment in the office of her father and brother-in-law, Miss Remus has been the office secretary on a part-time basis for the Woman's Union.

Following her graduation from the Moody Bible Institute she found avenues of missionary service in regular employment as the church secretary for the Albany Park Presbyterian Church in Chicago, office secretary at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, and office manager for the Pioneer Girls' Headquarters.

Her local church, the Forest Park Baptist Church, has benefited greatly from the sacrificial and volunteer services she has given to it. For nine years she was a guide in the Pioneer Girls' group. She was the first corresponding secretary and later the Missionary Education chairman of the Woman's Missionary Guild. In the Sunday School she served as Missionary Committee chairman for a number of years. Currently she is the superintendent of the Kindergarten Department of both the Sunday School and the Vacation Church School. She has taught Week-Day Religious Education classes. In these major offices, as well as in the many avenues related to them, her efficiency is well known.

In the larger work of the denomination Miss Remus served as the first editor of **Junior Mission Material**, as contributor to both **Youth Compass** and **Salute**, and, as a member of the committee revising the **Scripture Memory Course**, she is working particularly in the Primary Department area.

Miss Remus' light of missionary service shines so brightly in her home church that the Community Council of Religious Education in Oak Park, Ill., requested her to teach a course, "The Work of the Kindergarten Department," for the Community School of Religion.

This versatile person, Miss Remus, has been chosen to edit the five remaining issues of the **Broadcast** for the present triennium.

For her willingness to serve the Woman's Union and her Lord on a labor of love basis, besides continuing her other work for the Union, we thank her. Her article reflects her background in missionary interests.

"MISSIONS" THAT LIVE! By MARTHA C. REMUS

"... and bless our brother, Mahipal. Help him in his school work that he will learn how to be a preacher and tell boys and girls in Assam about you. Amen." Such was the almost nightly prayer of my sister and myself during our Primary and Junior years.

Why were we interested in this boy half-way around the world from us? In our home was a bank, a very special bank. Into it went some of our pennies, nickels and dimes. We knew that money deposited in this bank was used to keep Mahipal in the mission school conducted by the Rev. and Mrs. George Kamper. Periodically the bank was opened and the money sent to the missionaries.

After the check had been mailed to Assam, we waited impatiently for a thank-you letter from the Kampfers, for included in that letter would be news about our "brother." Occasionally there was a letter written in English by Mahipal. Those letters were eagerly read and kept for many years.

This is the first contact with missions that I can recall, and is by far the one which made the deepest impression during my childhood.

In thinking of those who made this experience possible, I realize that it



Miss Martha C. Remus of Forest Park, Ill., editor of "The Broadcast," publication of the Woman's Missionary Union

meant additional effort on the part of my parents and of Mr. and Mrs. Kamper. Naturally it was necessary for my parents to add to the money which we put into our missionary bank, for our pennies and nickels would not make up the entire amount needed for Mahipal's education. It took extra time and effort on the part of already overburdened missionaries to write individual letters, not only of thanks, but of information about this school boy. No doubt it took extra time to get that mission boy to write an occasional letter in a foreign language.

However, the extra effort on the part of those mentioned resulted in two young girls being vitally interested in a dark-skinned boy of a different country. Mahipal became a member of our family.

"Missions" to us was our "brother" in Assam. Mr. and Mrs. Kamper were friends who, when home on furlough, told us of this very special "far-away brother." "Missions" was not an abstract term, but something living.

Those of us who work with boys and girls in our church want them to have a deep interest in missions. It is the boys and girls in our Kindergarten, Primary and Junior departments who will be the future missionaries to our Cameroons field, Japan, the Spanish-American work, the Canadian Indians, and any other fields which God may entrust to us. The women of tomorrow will be the ones to work hard and long in order that supplies of White Cross materials may be sent to those missionaries. It is the boys and girls in our Sunday Schools who, in the years to come, with a vital personal interest in others, will contribute the money necessary to support our missionaries.

Is this desire that the children have an interest in missions a worry or a concern? Someone has said that "worry is an inactive word," while "concern leads directly to action." Are we concerned enough about missionary education to do something about it?

It will be necessary, first, that action be directed toward ourselves, for "it is from the fulness of the heart that the mouth speaks" (Matt. 12:34, Weymouth), and how can we impart the spirit of missions unless our heart and mind are full?

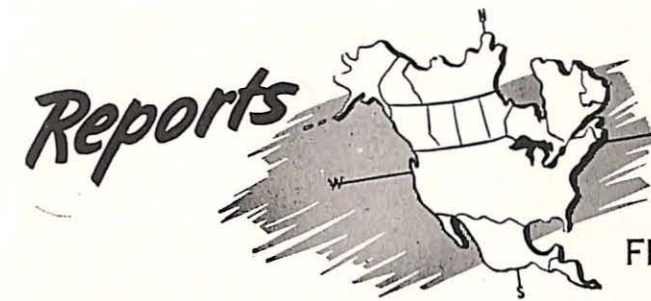
What are the resources at our disposal?

1. The New Testament contains the experiences of the greatest missionary, Paul. New light will be thrown on familiar Biblical material if one will make use of the modern versions of the New Testament.

2. Missionary biographies. Be sure to include not only the life stories of the early missionaries (Carey, Judson, Paton, etc.), but read the recent missionary books. There are heroes of the faith in our day, just as hundreds of years ago.

3. To be informed on our own denominational missionary work, there

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FROM THE FIELD

Northwestern Conference

Vacation Bible School With 111 Children at the Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa

"Pioneering With Christ" was the 1954 theme of the Vacation Bible School held from May 31 to June 11 at the First Baptist Church, Elgin, Iowa. With an enrollment of 111, and an average daily attendance of 105, the attendance far exceeded the 1953 average of 78 pupils.

Mrs. Guy Probert was director and also taught the Beginners, Mrs. Leo Lehman the Primary Department, Mrs. Hugo Hackmann and Mrs. John Schaefer, the Juniors and the Rev. John Vanderbeck the Seniors. Assistants in the classes were Beverly Muehlethaler, Evelyn Orth, Marjorie Johnson, Mary Ann Schaefer, Mrs. Harry Johnson, Mrs. Kenton Krueger and Mrs. John Vanderbeck. Mrs. Edward Krueger directed the music and Mrs. Arbie Schroeder was pianist. Mrs. Abe Habeger, Mrs. Harold Orth, and Mrs. Selmer Erickson were in charge of the recreation. La Fonda Miller was the school secretary.

A program, demonstrating the work of the school, was given on Thursday evening, June 10. The annual Sunday School picnic was held Friday, June 11, at the close of the school. The total offering of \$100.21 was equally divided between the Spanish mission work in Colorado and the Indian mission work in Canada.

Ninety-four children received certificates and gift awards for perfect attendance and seventeen received awards for bringing new pupils.

Mrs. Fred Schaefer, Reporter.

Encouraging Reports at Annual Meeting of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The annual meeting of the Immanuel Baptist Church in Milwaukee, Wis., was held on Sunday night, May 16. A large group attended the Fellowship Supper, and others came for the meeting only.

A review of the work revealed a healthy condition in the church. While a number of our people have transferred during the year to the two newly organized churches in the city, others were received into membership to fill their places.

The mission giving of the church reached its highest point in the history of the church, according to the records. Plans are ready, and contracts are let, to undertake the second

step in our remodeling program. Last year the sanctuary was remodeled and carpeted. This summer the Educational Building will be revamped, new rooms made available, and a new chapel added.

The church has called Miss Eleanor M. Wurster, recent graduate of the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago to become Director of Christian Education and Youth work. She will begin full-time service on August 1st. The church is looking forward to more vigorous work on behalf of children and youth through this added improvement and the addition to the staff.

Andrew J. Esperson, Minister.

Ordination of the Rev. Willis Potratz by the Baptist Church, Sumner, Iowa

At the call of the First Baptist Church of Sumner, Iowa, an ordination council comprised of ministers and lay delegates from seven churches of the Iowa association, convened at the First Baptist Church of Sumner on June 7th at 2:30 P.M. The host pastor, the Rev. Fred Mashner, called the meeting to order and read 2 Tim. 2:1-15, after which the Rev. John Vanderbeck led in prayer.

Permanent officers of the ordination council were duly appointed as follows: Rev. Henry Smuland, moderator; Rev. Frank Veninga, clerk. The moderator called the roll of churches with 18 delegates from seven churches responding. Mr. Mashner read the letter calling for the ordination council and introduced the candidate, Willis Potratz, to the council. At the request of the moderator, Mr. Potratz proceeded to give clear, concise and satisfactory statements concerning his conversion, call to the ministry, doctrinal statements, training and preparation.

The council, being satisfied with the questions answered by the candidate, voted to terminate the questioning and proceed to executive session. In the candidate's absence, the council declared itself to be completely satisfied with the candidate.

The ordaining service was held that evening with the host pastor presiding. After the usual preliminaries, the moderator presented the candidate and the clerk read the decision of the council. The Rev. John Vanderbeck gave the charge to the church, a copy of which was forwarded to the candidate's church, the Plum Creek Baptist Church near Emery, South Dakota. Mrs. Herman Lalk sang, "Thy Will." The Rev. William Jeschke, former pastor at Sumner, gave the ordination address.

The Rev. Ronald MacCormack gave the charge to the candidate, which was followed by a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Johnson of Elgin. After the laying on of hands and ordination prayer by the Rev. Henry Smuland, a warm welcome into the fellowship of the ministry and the denomination was offered by the Rev. Frank Veninga. The Rev. Percy Bruns handed the candidate his certificate of ordination as tangible proof of that which had transpired on this day. An offering for books for the candidate was taken, followed by testimony of Mrs. Willis Potratz. After the singing of the hymn, "Where He Leads Me," the Rev. Willis Potratz dismissed the audience with the benediction.

This was a day of great joy for the First Baptist Church of Sumner. In the short history of this church, this was the second "son" of the church ordained into the ranks of the gospel ministry.

Fred W. Mashner, Host Pastor.

Atlantic Conference

Installation of Rev. Donald G. Mostrom for Union City and Jersey City Churches

The Rev. Donald G. Mostrom was formally installed as pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Union City, and the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Jersey City, N. J., at a special service held in the Pilgrim Church on Monday evening, June 14.

Mr. Mostrom, formerly of Lodi, N. J., began his pastorate on May 1st. He now resides at 103 Paterson St., Jersey City, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Mostrom have two children, Marion, seven years old, and Paul, four. He was formerly pastor of First Baptist Church, Union, New Jersey.

Charles Kling was organist and Frederick Kling was moderator, and Norris Shay of First Church, Union City, was soloist at the installation service. The program included: invocation, Rev. Herman G. Kuhl, pastor, Willow Ave. Church, Hoboken; greetings, F. A. Kling; recognition of visitors, Rev. Everett Barker, interim pastor, Clinton Hill Church, Newark, New Jersey. The charge to the churches was given by Rev. Herbert J. Freeman, Faith Church, West New York, and charge to the pastor by Rev. John Schmidt, Second Church, New York, N. Y.; Rev. William C. Brownson, Jr., pastor of Second Reformed Church, Lodi, N. J., offered prayer.

Welcomes were given by Rev. R. P. Poludniak, Trinity Baptist Church, Jersey City; Rev. A. B. Drummond, First Church, Jersey City, moderator of Hudson Baptist Association; Rev. Norman H. Klann, pastor of Second Church, Union City, for Atlantic Conference North American Baptist Churches. Mrs. Mostrom was welcomed by Mrs. Fred Christeleit, representing the women of both churches. Benediction was the close of ceremony, given by the Rev. Donald G. Mostrom. Refreshments were served.

Norman H. Klann, Reporter.

King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut, Installs Its Pastor, the Rev. R. P. Yahn

The installation of the Reverend Raymond P. Yahn as pastor of the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn., was held on Wednesday evening, June 9th. The service was under the direction of Mrs. Elroy Blair, church moderator. The invocation was given by the Rev. Assaf Husmann of Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y.; installation prayer by the Rev. Wm. W. Sullivan, Second Baptist Church, Bridgeport; and the charge to the pastor by the Rev. John Kershaw of Stratford. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of the North American Baptist Conference, gave the charge to the church.

The welcome to the pastor into our church family was by the senior deacon, Mr. Alex Koment. A warm and spirit filled response by Mr. Yahn was felt throughout the whole congregation present. Mrs. Paul Zopf, representing the women's organizations, welcomed Mrs. Yahn and presented her with a corsage.

The Rev. Ben Zimmerman of New Britain, Conn., brought greetings from the Atlantic Conference. Rev. Wm. Sale Terrell, executive secretary of Connecticut American Baptists; Rev. Frank W. Jacobs, Fairfield County Baptists; and Rev. Wm. Molnar, Bridgeport Pastors' Association, also participated with greetings, as well as Rev. W. S. Ramish, Stratford Baptist Church; Rev. Wm. Francis, Stratfield Baptist Church; Rev. Paul Zoschke, Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Rev. Alfred Bernadt, Central Baptist Church, New Haven, Connecticut. The benediction was given by the Rev. Julius Kaaz of Philadelphia.

Special music was rendered by the Junior Choir. A solo was sung by Mrs. Ethel Eiben, and the organist was Miss Mabel Lock, both of Central Baptist Church, New Haven. The congregation and visiting friends were invited to the reception held in the Sunday School auditorium immediately following the service of installation, where about 200 persons were served refreshments. President R. P. Jeschke of Sioux Falls College, S. Dak., offered the table prayer.

Other out of town guests at the installation were: Mrs. G. H. Schneck, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Marklein, Mrs. Paul Zoschke, all of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Alfred Yahn and Mrs. Oscar Hiebner of Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. R. P. Jeschke, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Mrs. F. H. Woyke, Forest Park, Ill.; Mrs. A. Husmann, New York, N. Y.; and Mrs. Lutz, Meriden, Connecticut.

Minnie K. Dittrich, Clerk.

May Sessions of the Atlantic Conference CBY and SS. Union at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The May Conference of the Atlantic Conference CBY and SS Union was held at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., on May 21, 22 and 23. We had for our speakers Dr. Ralph

Powell of our seminary who taught the class, "Fit to Be Fishers of Men." The other speaker was our new youth director, the Rev. Lawrence Bienert, who taught the CBY class on leadership training.

The first meeting of the conference was held on Friday evening with a large number of people in attendance. Dr. Ralph Powell spoke at this opening meeting. He told us that we as Christians must be "Salt, Light and Ambassadors." On Saturday morning and afternoon we held our classes led by our two guest speakers. Our class moderators were Mr. Daniel Pfeiffer for the CBY and Miss Ruth Schmidt for the SS Union, both from the host church.

In the Sunday School class led by Dr. Powell we learned that before taking any active part in the work of the school we must know the Lord. Not only talk, but action is necessary and we must keep our lives clean. Then we must know the Bible. We must always be on our toes to help someone to come to a full realization that he needs Christ.

The Leadership Training Class for CBY members was led by the Rev. L. Bienert. He stressed that all should take some part in the programs. Inquire into the abilities of all members, and put them in a job. If discouragement creeps in we should fall on our knees.

On Saturday morning, together with the classes mentioned, we had a panel of three discuss "Planning Your Overall Christian Education." The panel members were Rev. Walter Damrau, pastor of the host church, and Miss Audrey Miller, church worker of the host church, together with Rev. Roger Schmidt of the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, New Jersey. We learned that through Boy Scouts, Pioneer Girls, Kindergarten, and Vacation Bible Schools, many new families can be brought into our churches.

We began our morning and afternoon sessions with a short devotional, led in the morning by Miss Elaine Hoffman of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and Miss Margaret Peters of the First Baptist Church, Elsmere, Delaware.

In the afternoon we held the nominations for new officers and then at our annual spring banquet Saturday night we held our election. The officers for the next year are as follows: president, John R. Storkel, Second Church, N. Y.; 1st vice-president, Russell Middleton, Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia; 2nd vice-president, Bill Schroeder, Jamesburg, N. J.; treasurer, George Gerstlauer, Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia; secretary, Miss Charlotte Nolte, Pilgrim, Philadelphia; mission secretary, Miss Elaine Hoffmann, Fleischmann Memorial Church; representative to council, Daniel Pfeiffer, Pilgrim, Philadelphia; advisor, Rev. Robert Cook, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The Rev. L. Bienert was the banquet speaker. He gave us two pictures of biblical characters, the one King Solomon, the other the Apostle Paul. Solomon, with all his riches, wisdom, power and the homage of his subjects,

had no inner peace and joy. On the other hand Paul, who at first was an unbeliever, a persecutor of the church until the day that he met God on the road to Damascus, found his life changed completely. It all depends on our attitudes to life.

The mass meeting on Sunday concluded our conference at which time we had 242 persons present. Dr. R. Powell was the speaker of the afternoon. He reminded us that God is sovereign, not only of the universe, but of each individual. He stressed that God must be the center of our being in everything, and we must be the perimeter.

Miss Margaret Peters, Secretary.

Central Conference

Story of the Newly Recognized First Baptist Church of Utica, Michigan

In October 1951 God laid upon my heart the need of a Baptist Church in Utica, Michigan. There had never been a Baptist church in this city. We had no money or names of peoples whom we might contact. The first month we secured the basement of the Masonic Temple for a meeting place. The rent was \$60.00 a month. We didn't have to pay the rent in advance.

I prayed much that, if it was the Lord's will, we might at least have a Sunday School. On our first Sunday we had 13 scholars, including my wife and three children. Immediately thereafter I contacted the chairman of the School Board and arranged to meet with them at their next business meeting. At the meeting of the School Board I was asked to make my request known. I explained to them how important it was that in some small way I might help some of the children. Until this time they had not rented out the school for any such work, but God was there and a Catholic member of the board made the motion to let us use the school.

So during the second month we moved into the school, and we are still there. Our rent in the school is very reasonable. Therefore we don't have too much expense. Through our offerings we have just paid \$4200 cash for a fine piece of property at the edge of the city. It is 275 by 170 feet with 270 odd feet frontage on one of the main streets. We also have given approximately 10 per cent of our offerings for foreign missions. Our balance on hand is \$1300.

I have been the pastor from the beginning. Many times we have been discouraged, and almost felt as though we would be defeated by the Old Devil. "But God is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us." By God's grace we are still going strong. We have an average attendance of about 65 persons each Sunday. Several persons have been saved, for which we give God all the glory, all the honor and all the praise.

Dwight M. Fry, Pastor.

Pacific Conference

Fifty Children Enrolled in Baptist Vacation Bible School at Startup, Washington

We of the Baptist Church at Startup, Washington, are happy to report another successful Vacation Bible School. Mr. and Mrs. George Breitreuz from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., were with us and did a splendid work. We are indeed grateful to them for their help.

We enrolled fifty boys and girls in our school, and almost all had perfect attendance. These boys and girls came every day to go "Pioneering With Christ." This was the theme for our school. The pre-school children learned more of the Jesus' Way, while the Primary children went adventuring with Christ and the Juniors went on the trail with Christ. There were no definite decisions made during this week of Bible School but we know that as the seed was sown so we shall reap.

On Friday evening the children presented a fine program about the many things they had learned during the week. We know that God will further bless this great work with the children of our community.

R. G. Kaiser, Pastor.

Community Daily Vacation Bible School With 81 Pupils at Paul, Idaho

This year as in former years the First Baptist Church of Paul, Idaho, held its Vacation Bible School with the other churches of Paul from June 1 to 11. There were 81 pupils enrolled and eleven teachers and assistants. The average attendance was 77.

We had 27 in the Beginners Department with Mrs. John Broeder as teacher. She was assisted by Miss Leona Riedlinger, Miss Marilyn Broeder, Mrs. Tilley and Mrs. Calcote. The Primary Department had 28 pupils with Mrs. August Martsch as teacher and Mrs. Serr and Miss Charlotte Treiber as assistants. There were 26 pupils enrolled in the Junior Department and Mrs. Ed. Knopp was the teacher being assisted by Mrs. Fred Renz and Mrs. Clauser.

On two mornings we had films of our mission work (one about the Indian work in Alberta, Canada, and one about the leper work in Africa). These were appreciated very much. The program was held on Thursday evening in the Congregational Church. There were a goodly number of parents and friends in attendance. Each department took part in the program giving what they felt was best.

The director of the school was the Rev. John Broeder, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and he was ably assisted by the Rev. Reinhold Opp, pastor of the Congregational Church. The pianist was Marilyn Broeder.

John Broeder, Reporter.



Some of the children "all dressed up" at the Vacation Bible School held by the Baptist Church, Startup, Washington

Inspirational Meetings of the British Columbia CBY and SS Union at Kelowna

The days of May 21 to 23 with perfect weather, beautiful setting, fine speakers and grand fellowship went together to make the weekend of our British Columbia CBY and SS Union at Kelowna, B. C., meeting a rare experience. For some of us it meant driving till 5:00 o'clock in the morning and for others getting up at that hour to arrive in the Ogoogo city for our business meeting on Saturday morning.

Our infant Union adopted its constitution at this time and election of officers gave us this leadership: president, John Paschold, Ebenezer; vice-president, Delia Kornalewski, Kelowna; secretary, Dorothea Fritzsche, Ebenezer; also acting in the capacity of Editor; treasurer, Mildred Bresch, Chilliwack; dean, Rev. J. B. Kornalewski, Kelowna; members at large to represent other churches on the executive, B. W. Heine, Bethany; Reinhold Fichtner, Prince George; Ehrenfried Merke, Vernon; and Kurt Gottschling, Prince Rupert.



Some of the executive committee of the British Columbia CBY and SS Union
Left to right: Reinhold Fichtner, Prince George, member at large; Rev. J. B. Kornalewski, Kelowna, dean; Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski, vice-president; Dorothea Fritzsche, secretary; Mildred Bresch, treasurer; John Paschold, president; and Ehrenfried Merke, member at large

The afternoon afforded relaxation in Kelowna's city park and to the more energetic a volley ball game was in progress. The young people of the host church defeated the visitors in a game of softball.

The banquet on Saturday night will bring back nostalgic memories in years to come with little Okanagan apple favors to start the repast. And such food it was! Turkey, ending with a most delicious dessert of ice cream on meringue. At the banquet the new executive was introduced to the guests and the Rev. H. Hiller challenged the new officers to live up to their trust.

We want our headquarters office to know how much we appreciated their sending us Prof. H. Hiller and the Rev. Ed. Link to minister to us. The musical ministry of Mr. Link and his wife and also his address at the banquet were much appreciated.

Sunday night closed our Union activities with a great rally in which all our CBY's and Sunday Schools participated. The new sanctuary was profusely decorated with lilac and Professor Hiller's message, "Christ's Call at the Lilac Time of Life—Follow Me," surely spoke to us at that rally.

Dorothea L. Fritzsche, Secretary.



Some of the "little ones" in the newly organized Nursery Sunday School Class of the West Ebenezer Church, Orcadia, Saskatchewan, and the newly dedicated furniture, with Mrs. Gordon Goltz the teacher teaching the class.

Northern Conference

Six Converts Are Baptized at the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

In conjunction with the morning worship service on Sunday, May 30th, after the Rev. C. H. Seecamp's inspiring message based on Acts 1:1-12, a capacity congregation in the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., had the blessed privilege of witnessing the baptizing of six candidates, all of whom were young people.

The choir beautified the service, and their singing of "Herr, deine Güte reicht so weit" very vividly imprinted on our hearts the marvelous grace of God to all mankind and the simplicity of his salvation. We trust that the testimonies of these young people may be such that many more will make their decision to accept Christ as their personal Savior.

As we increase in number, our prayer is that we may also develop spiritually and that our Master may find us fit tools for work in his great vineyard.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

Nursery Sunday School Class With New Equipment at West Ebenezer Church, Saskatchewan

The West Ebenezer Church, Orcadia, Sask., is fortunate in having a fine, energetic group of children from the ages of two to four. This lively group of youngsters challenged us to make church-going a pleasant experience for them. As a result the Nursery Sunday School Class came into being.

Later on, the need for more equipment became evident. Our talented "handymen" gathered in the garage of one of our members and made chairs and three hinged-top sand tables. Thus under the hands of our skillful men together with the ingenuity of our ladies who covered the

chairs with plastic upholstery material, the lowly nail-kegs now have the coveted position of holding our darling children. Those who labored and gave their time to make the furniture have been rewarded by the happiness of the little folk as they sit at the tables and caress the furniture with loving hands.

During a Sunday School hour the accompanying picture of a part of the class was taken. After the classes, the furniture was dedicated to the service of God and for the good of the children of our church. Mrs. Gordon Goltz is the teacher of the class.

Louis Hoffman, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Vacation Bible School With 114 Children at Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas

A very successful five-day Vacation Bible School was held at the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., from May 24 to 28. Twenty-two teachers and helpers assisted the pastor, the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, who acted as general director.

The department heads were: Mrs. Paul Schroeder, Beginners; Mrs. R. C. Rolfs, Primary; Mrs. Ralph Fowler, Junior-Intermediate. Total attendance on Monday was 96. New boys and girls came every day until we reached a grand total of 114 on Friday, counting the adult helpers.

In addition to studying the Word of God, the boys and girls did splendid handcraft work and learned some new songs and choruses. They presented the songs at the annual Children's Day program on June 13. We praise God for the priceless opportunities of this week of Bible School and we are praying for an even better one in 1955.

Harold W. Gieseke, Pastor.

Sunday School and CBY Programs at Baptist Church, La Salle, Colorado

On May 18, the La Salle Baptist Sunday School and CBY of La Salle, Colo., sponsored a visit by Miss Florence Eisele, our Spanish-American missionary, and welcomed her at a service at which she described the San Luis Valley and then showed some very interesting slides on the valley and her work there.

On May 27 the CBY sponsored a banquet, with a Mexican theme carried out in the decorations. On each table was a small adobe house, with cactus and red peppers surrounding it. Individual favors were sombrero hats. The program consisted of Scripture reading by Clarence Schmidt, prayer by Jerry Meyer, reading by Frances Meyer, a song by Betty Renke and Joann Oster, and a poem by Allen Zimmerman. The speaker of the evening was Jerry Meyer. Following his talk the Rev. David Zimmerman gave a few thoughts on missions. Fred Meyer brought a few words of encouragement. Ruth Zimmerman served as mistress of ceremonies.



Pupils and teachers of the well attended Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kansas, with the Rev. and Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke at the right (front row)



Vacation Bible School group of the Berlin Baptist Church, Fredonia, North Dakota

On May 30th the CBY held their fifth Sunday program. It was opened with an organ solo by Janice Jerke, followed by Scripture reading by Maxine Croissant. Robert Zimmerman then read a poem and Jerry Meyer sang a solo. Andra Lee Krieger gave an original oration entitled, "New Frontiers." The CBY then presented a skit after which the Rev. David Zimmerman led in prayer. Offerings from all three occasions went to the San Luis Valley Mission Project.

Joann Oster, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Farewell Services and Reception for Rev. and Mrs. James DeLoach, Avon, South Dakota

The Rev. James DeLoach who recently resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Avon, S. Dak., to accept a call from the Shilow Baptist Church of Thomaston, Ga., brought his ministry to a close on Sunday May 23rd with a baptismal service followed by the communion. Six converts were taken into the fellowship of the church and two were received by letter.

On the previous Friday night the church held a farewell reception for the pastor and his family, with Vert Burma, assistant chairman, presiding. We had the Tyndall Baptist Church as our guests with their pastor, the Rev. Walter Stein, as guest speaker. After a very fitting message by Mr. Stein many words of appreciation were given by the representatives of the various organizations, recognizing the many blessings received during Brother DeLoach's ministry in Avon.

Several gifts of remembrance were presented to the DeLoach family. After a very pleasant response from Mr. DeLoach, a fellowship lunch was served in the church basement.

Eldon Voigt, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School by the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, North Dakota

From May 31 to June 4 the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., held a successful Vacation Bible School. We had an enrollment of 24 children from beginners' age through the Junior Department. Due to great distances the children had to travel, the school was held from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Our faithful teachers were: Juniors, Rev. V. H. Prendinger and Berniece Wolfe; Primary Department, Mrs. Harvey Miller, Miss Darlene Woehl; Beginners, Mrs. V. H. Prendinger and Miss Pearlene Wohl.

Worship, study and expressional activities occupied the busy hours, which passed only too quickly. Missions was stressed, and the daily offerings of \$10.00 were given for mission work in Japan. We are sure that the hearts and souls of our children were drawn closer to our Savior during this Bible School session. We are grateful to the Lord that several children accepted him as Savior.

At the close of the school a demonstration program and exhibition were given. Parents and friends had an opportunity to observe in word, action and singing what the eager children had learned and accomplished during the school. We did not hold a Children's Day Program, but on the evening when the Vacation School program was given, an offering was taken, for Children's Day, which amounted to \$30.00. This was designated for the Chapel Building Fund.

Darlene Woehl, Reporter.

Pupils and teachers of the Vacation Bible School at Lehr, N. Dak., in front of the Ebenezer Baptist Church with Miss Ruth Bathauer of Forest Park, Ill., Scripture Memorization Worker, at the extreme right (standing)



Daily Vacation Bible School at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, North Dakota

A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, N. Dak., from May 31 to June 5 with an average attendance of 41 pupils and seven teachers. The course was an all-day session. We almost had a perfect attendance since 41 children completed the course and were presented with certificates.

The blessings of God were evidenced in that one of the intermediate pupils accepted Christ as his personal Savior during these school days. In all were 44 children enrolled. The daily offerings brought by the children amounted to \$25.75.

The highlight of this school was the closing program on Sunday, June 6th. At this time the children rendered a program with the different classes in the departments presenting exercises of their achievements. It showed part of the work that was accomplished, and proved to be a wonderful demonstration of their work done during the week. Another offering was taken at this meeting, amounting to \$70.00, which went for the Spanish-American Mission at San Luis Valley in Colorado.

We hope and pray that the seed which was sown during these days of our school into the tender hearts of these children will bear fruit some day. We are also thankful to God for having had the opportunity of having Miss Ruth Bathauer with us during these days, for she proved to be a wonderful blessing. May God be praised and glorified while she continues to work among these precious children!

John Heer, Pastor.

South Dakota Senior and Junior Camps at Camp Grounds, Mitchell, South Dakota

Our South Dakota churches held their Senior Camp at Mitchell, S. Dak., from May 31 to June 4. Although it rained and the weather was cool, we had a good time studying, singing, praying and fellowshiping together. There were about 50 campers in attendance.

The special speakers were the Rev. John Walkup, George, Iowa; Rev. Ed-

ward Link, Edmonton, Alta.; and Dr. William Boutwell, Camerons missionary. Mr. Walkup taught one of the classes on the subject, "What Time Is It?" Everyone in the class was to find a verse in the Bible with the word "time" in it or something pertaining to time.

The other class was taught by the Rev. Edward Link on, "Who Are We?" We found out why we are Baptists and what we believe. Dr. William Boutwell was able to be with us for only two days. He showed pictures and told about his interesting work at the Banso Hospital in Africa.

Junior Camp was held from June 7 to 11. There were about 80 campers who reported a good time fellowshiping together. The special speakers were the Rev. Edward Link and Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, Stafford, Kans., Camerons missionary. Mr. Link's class studied "Character Study," and Mr. Ernest Hildebrand spoke on "Missions." He told about his experiences in Africa as a missionary builder.

Darlene Johnson, Reporter.

Norman Krombein of Eureka, South Dakota, Is Available for Painting of Baptistry Pictures

Norman Krombein, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. Krombein of Eureka, S. Dak., graduated on May 31st from Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with a bachelor of arts degree, majoring in art. Norman has painted several baptistry scenery pictures for churches and Bible verses. During the months of July, August and September he will be available to do some paintings for churches. For recommendations write to the President of Sioux Falls College, Rev. R. P. Jeschke, Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., or write with definite requests to Norman Krombein, Eureka, South Dakota.

M. L. Leuschner, Correspondent.

Baptismal Service, Ministry of Male Chorus and Vacation School at Venturia, North Dakota

On Pentecost Sunday, June 6, we of the Baptist Church, Venturia, N. Dak., had the joy of seeing four converts go through the waters of baptism, one adult and three children. This was the result of evangelistic meetings, Bible radio programs and personal work on the part of parents and the pastor, the Rev. Raymond F. Dickau.

During the winter months we organized a male chorus which has been serving us quite regularly since that time. Their ministry is much enjoyed by the church. There are about 20 regular members participating.

During the week of June 7 to 11 we held another successful Vacation Bible School. We had an enrollment of 50 children, with several coming from homes with a Lutheran background. We were indeed happy to be of service to this group of children. Every morning an offering was taken for mission work, and these offerings amounted to \$19.92. We had five classes this year including the nursery group. The closing program was given on Friday evening to a large audience of parents and friends. An offering was taken to help defray the expenses of the Vacation Bible School.

Raymond F. Dickau, Pastor.

Vacation Bible School and Evangelistic Services at Spring Valley Church, South Dakota

The Lord has been showering us with blessings in our activities at the Spring Valley Baptist Church near Canistota, South Dakota. We have finished a successful Vacation Bible School, having had an average of 50 children in attendance. A fine demonstration program was given at the close.

The Rev. Arthur Beatty of Chancellor, S. Dak., was with us for two weeks of evangelistic meetings in March. There was good attendance at these meetings and much interest was shown. Not only the children enjoyed the object lessons and stories given but the adults as well.



Norman Krombein of Eureka, S. Dak., son of the Rev. and Mrs. A. Krombein

We were privileged to have the Cameroons Crusade team with us for an evening service on March 28th. The need for workers as well as financial aid, backed by the prayers of God's children, was deeply impressed upon us.

Mrs. John G. Buseman, Reporter.

Rev. V. H. Prendinger of Fredonia, N. Dak., Celebrates 30th Anniversary in Gospel Ministry

The Rev. V. H. Prendinger of the Berlin Church, Fredonia, N. Dak., observed his 30th anniversary in the Gospel ministry on Sunday, June 6. The church planned a surprise for Mr. and Mrs. Prendinger on that occasion, and prepared a fine program for the evening service. The Rev. J. C. Gunst, our CBY and SS Union secretary, was invited for this Sunday.

The deacons Gottlieb Grenz and Fred F. Wolf led the meeting. The young men's quartet sang a fitting number. Then the deacons spoke words of congratulation and appreciation in the name of the church, followed by Mr. Chris Wolf for the Sunday School; Mr. Fred Hoffman as the

CHURCH EXTENSION PROGRAM

- Sunday, Sept. 12—Church Extension Sunday.
- Sept. 19-Oct. 10—Church Extension Campaign in our churches with visits by denominational representatives.
- Sept. 9—Special "Church Extension Issue" of "Baptist Herald."

church treasurer; Mr. Herbert Buerley for the CBY; Mrs. J. Ketterling for the Ladies' Aid; and Mr. Darwin Wolf for the church choir. Each of them also presented gifts. The platform was decorated beautifully with flowers and a basket filled with cards of congratulations.

After this the pastor and his wife had an opportunity to express their feelings and give thanks to God for his loving guidance through the years. Mr. Gunst then gave the message on "Thirty Years For Christ and His Church" according to 1 Timothy 4: 12. The women of the church had prepared refreshments in the basement of the church, where a fine time of fellowship was enjoyed and the Prendingers had another opportunity to thank all for the love shown to them. The church felt grateful to the denomination for sending Mr. Gunst and an offering of \$50.00 was given for our mission work.

Reporter.

Baptism of Nine Converts and Vacation Bible School at Carrington, North Dakota

Sunday evening, May 16th, was spent in a special way by the members and friends of the Calvary Baptist Church at Carrington, N. Dak., when we had the privilege of witnessing the baptism of nine young people by the Rev. Carl Weisser. Those who had been baptized and three others by transfer of letter received the hand of fellowship on the following Sunday and are now united with the church.

On May 24th our church helped sponsor the showing of the Billy Graham film, "Oil Town, U.S.A.," in the local armory auditorium. It was well attended and we were definitely encouraged and blessed by this film. The offering went to the missionary enterprise of the Billy Graham movement.

The Junior class of our Sunday School has financed the worth-while project of road signs advertising our church services. We are thankful for these opportunities provided for us to take an active part in the work of the Lord.

We held our Vacation Bible School from June 2 to 5. The Lord richly blessed those who met each morning and afternoon for classes. We had an enrollment of 36 pupils with almost perfect attendance. Mrs. Fred Pepple, Jr., with the help of Janice Sheard instructed the beginners on "Learning God's Ways." Mrs. W. Meyer and Mrs. L. Puttcomb taught the Primary children on "Bible Boats." In charge of the Juniors were Mrs. A. Klein and Lou Ann Fandrich and their theme was "Christian Walk and Talk." The Rev. Carl Weisser instructed the Intermediates on "The Kind of Hearers." After the week of studies the children enjoyed a picnic dinner Saturday noon and on Sunday evening they presented a very fine program. This week of studies was an inspiration and blessing to all.

Mrs. Ben Edinger, Reporter.

Obituary

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

REV. JOHN H. ANSBERG of Toledo, Ohio.

The Rev. John H. Ansberg of Toledo, Ohio, was born in Dondangen, Kurland, on Dec. 15, 1882. He was graduated from our Seminary at Rochester, N. Y., in 1912. He was pastor of the following churches in our denomination: Yorkton, Sask., Canada; North Side Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Irving Park Church, Chicago, Ill.; Nottingham Church, Cleveland, Ohio; and Kankakee, Illinois. For 14 years he served the Second Baptist Church of Toledo, Ohio, and for four years he wrote a Religious Column for the daily newspaper of Toledo, Ohio. A year ago Mr. Ansberg developed trouble in his knee, and as a result fell. While the injury was not thought serious, he never recovered fully, and on June 7th peacefully with a transformed smile on his face he passed on to see HIM whom he loved and served so effectively for 42 years in the ministry.

John Ansberg was unique in making friends with people. He was known in Toledo as the pastor calling on the sick and the needy, encouraging them, and praying for and with them. His ministry extended far beyond his church parish, and he touched the lives of people of every race and class. He was married to Anna Voellnagel, and he is survived by his wife and faithful companion; by one daughter, Ruth; and by one son, John, and his wife and their small son, John Ansberg was a man of God, much loved and highly respected in the city of Toledo. His voice is stilled, and he laid down his pen, but he continues to sing and praise and serve his Lord forevermore. His body is laid to rest in the beautiful Toledo Park Cemetery.

Toledo, Ohio
HENRY HIRSCH, Correspondent.

WE, THE WOMEN (Continued from Page 16)

is no better source than the **Baptist Herald**. We have missionary heroes right in our own midst.

4. Attend missionary rallies. It is hard to understand how anyone can attend a missionary rally, hearing the testimonies of returned missionaries, or those looking forward to becoming Christ's ambassadors on foreign soil, without being stirred to prayer and a deep love of the missionary cause.

5. Study the great missionary hymns; it will be rewarding.

6. Correspond with at least one missionary, realizing that you cannot expect a letter from your missionary-friend for each one you write. The missionaries are interested in the everyday happenings in your life. What you write need not be profound. Missionaries are just your local Christian physicians, nurses, school teachers, preachers and people of various other occupations whom God has called to serve him among people of other countries.

7. Personal contact with missionaries on furlough. Time spent with a missionary around the dinner table, or an informal get-together in the living

MRS. MARTHA VOIGT of Avon, South Dakota.

Mrs. Martha Voigt, nee Van Gerpen, of Avon, S. Dak., was born near Ackley, Iowa, on February 13, 1876 and passed away suddenly on June 7, 1954 at the age of 78 years, 3 months and 24 days. When she was three years of age, her parents moved to the Avon community in South Dakota, where she grew to womanhood and spent the rest of her life. As a girl of 16 years she came to know Christ as her personal Savior, and was baptized into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Avon, S. Dak., on April 19, 1892 by the Rev. O. Olthoff. On March 5, 1895 she was united in marriage to the late Emil H. Voigt. The Lord blessed this happy union with seven children.

Mrs. Voigt's husband, two sons and all her sisters and brothers preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn her departure five children: Alma, Avon, S. Dak.; Laura, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. Vera Stier, Lombard, Ill.; Mrs. Alvina Rott, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Mrs. Ella Renz, Evansville, Wis.; six grandchildren and a host of friends. She was a faithful wife and mother and will be greatly missed by all of her children, particularly by Alma, who lived with her the last number of years. Since the church is at present without a pastor, the Rev. Alfred Weisser of Parkston, S. Dak., conducted the funeral service. He was assisted by Mr. M. Meyer, student worker in the church. The body was laid to rest in the Avon Baptist cemetery.

Avon, South Dakota
J. J. RENZ, Correspondent.

MRS. FRED BATT of Marion, Kansas

Mrs. Mary Amelia Batt, nee Ehrlich, was born at Marion, Kans., on Nov. 27, 1890. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Ehrlich, pioneers in the Baptist work at Marion. The Marion community was her home most of her life. Here she attended public schools and later attended a business college in Wichita.

She accepted Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized upon confession of faith by the Rev. John Sievers and received into the membership of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas. On December 29, 1904 she was united in marriage to Mr. Fred H. Batt. This union was blessed with one daughter, ElDena.

room, does much to make "missions" live.

As a result of concern (leading to action), over our own interest in missions, we will find that the missionary zeal will be caught by our boys and girls. We will find it easy to talk of missionaries for they have become our friends. Stories of missionary heroes (Biblical, past and present) will be easy to tell, for they have become a part of us. It will be the natural thing to share parts of missionary letters with boys and girls.

A teacher in the Sunday School Beginner department was trying to explain to the children why missionaries go to a foreign country.

"There are mothers and daddies who do not know that God loves them. There are boys and girls who do not know that God loves them. Yes, some boys and girls as big as you are have never heard the story of the Baby Jesus."

At this point a five-year-old in a voice filled with pathos interrupted, "Those poor kids!" The need of African boys and girls had become very real to this pupil.

Yes, to us as teachers is given the privilege of making "missions" live!

In 1924 the family moved to Wasco, Calif., but returned to Marion four years later. Early this year she went to Kansas City for medical care. After leaving the hospital she went to the home of her daughter and son-in-law and received every available care. On June 7th she entered St. Luke's Hospital in Marion and on June 11 she passed away to be with her Lord at the age of 63 years, 6 months and 14 days. She suffered greatly but God gave grace for the hour. She was a loving wife and mother, a thoughtful neighbor and considerate friend.

She leaves to mourn her departure: her husband, Fred H. Batt; her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Dimmitt; three grandchildren: Fred, Mary and Deborah; one brother, A. T. Ehrlich of Marion; four sisters: Mrs. W. G. Kraft, Santa Cruz, Calif.; Mrs. R. Taylor of Dodge City, Iowa; Mrs. E. M. Popp and Mrs. E. L. Heiman of Marion, Kans.; also her aged mother-in-law, Mrs. Jacob Batt.

Friends and neighbors established a memorial in giving to the Cancer Research Fund which is a wonderful expression of their esteem. By special request, the undersigned was asked to speak at the memorial service. May the Lord of all comfort grant sustaining grace in this hour of bereavement.

Marion, Kansas
THEO W. DONS, Correspondent.

MR. WILLIAM M. HALLER of Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. William M. Haller of Dayton, Ohio, was born on June 23, 1884, at Dayton, Ohio. On November 26, 1913, he was united in marriage to Emma Reiter, and for forty years these two shared together the joys and the sorrows of life. Death came to him after an illness of six months on April 29, 1954.

For the greater part of his life, William Haller was working at some phase or other of the printing trade. For 38 years he was an employee of the Otterbein Press of Dayton, Ohio, one of the publishing houses of the Evangelical United Brethren denomination. Through the years he was promoted to various positions of responsibility until he held the post of Production Manager. Friendships made at his place of employment were real and precious to him. During the last months, when illness brought confinement to him, the many visits, prayers and remembrances of friends brought much joy and cheer to him.

As he had many friends at work, so he also had them at the Shroyer Road Baptist Church where he worshiped regularly. If William Haller was not in church on Sunday, he was either sick or out of town. His devotion to Christ was marked with a deep sense of humility.

He served as president of his Sunday School class for a number of years, and accepted responsibility on various church committees. His talents and abilities, likewise, were devoted to the service of the church. We shall miss his many hours of freely given service and expert counsel in the preparation of the printed materials our church uses.

Services were conducted on May 2, 1954, by the pastor of the church. Our thoughts were directed to the words of the 37th Psalm, verses 23 and 24.

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand."

Beside his wife, Emma; his loss is mourned by two daughters: Mrs. Elvin Browne and Mrs. Paul O'Brian; two sons, Donald and Gordon, all of Dayton; three sisters: Mrs. Lula Schattschneider of Dayton; Mrs. Harold Bodley of Hobson, Montana; and Miss Helen Haller of Los Angeles, Calif.; two brothers: Charles of Cleveland, Ohio; and Louis of Johnson City, Tenn.; eight grandchildren and other relatives and friends. May God bring to all hearts heavy with grief the comfort of his Spirit.

Shroyer Road Baptist Church,
Dayton, Ohio
ALEX H. ELSESSER, Pastor.

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"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

„Also hat die Welt geliebt, daß er seinen eingeborenen Sohn gab, auf daß alle, die an ihn glauben, nicht verloren werden, sondern das ewige Leben haben.“

"Ebanja nin-ka nde Loba a tondino wase, ná a boli mpom mao ma Muna, náí to nja nu dube mo, a si manama, ude a mabene longe la bwindea."

"Non Alla yiri duniyaru, nde hokki Bido goto danyado mako, ngam jabbando mo fuh mayata, amma marran Yonki har abbada."

"Sore Kami wa sono Hitorigo wo tamau hodo ni, yo wo aishi tamaeri; subete kare wo shinzuru mono no, horobizu shite, togoshie no inochie wo en tame nari."

From top to bottom: The Heart of the Message of Salvation in some of the languages used by North American Baptist Pastors and Missionaries: John 3:16 in English, German, Duala, Ful (both African) and Japanese. Quoted from R. Kilgour, "The Gospel in Many Tongues," British and Foreign Bible Society, London, 1933.

HOUSE ON PARNASSUS

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"We'll help you," Mike said. "It won't take long. What did the box look like?"

"It was sandalwood. Chinese sandalwood and it had some gold leaves on the cover."

"It shouldn't be hard to spot," Sue said cheerfully.

Mike delved into a trunk. "Why, Judy Mitchell, here's your old box, the first thing."

"Oh, Mike, really? How could I have been so careless!"

"Hey, look!" Mike's face was non-plussed. "The box is empty!"

"Empty!" Judy echoed. She took the box which was empty even as Mike had said. "But it was full of pictures," she wailed.

"Maybe you spilled the pictures out," Mike said helpfully.

"Oh, Mike, how could I do that?"

"Maybe you imagined the pictures," Sue offered.

"No," Judy said emphatically. "I didn't spill the pictures or imagine them either. They were there all right and someone has taken them. There was no one here but the carpenters. I'm going to ask Miranda where she got those carpenters."

"Carpenters?" Miranda said, when Judy asked her, "why Lyman Grimshaw hired the carpenters. I don't know anything about them."

"Maybe you'd better ask him," Judy suggested, "I think one of them has taken the pictures from this box." Judy then told her story of the sandalwood box.

"Well, well, well. What would a carpenter want with a pile of Thackwell pictures?"

Judy shrugged. "What would anyone want with pages from the Thackwell Bible, or from an old album? Nothing makes sense."

But the attic had a strange fascination for Judy. She could not stay out of it. After supper that night, she climbed the stairs, put on the meager light and looked around. There were caves of darkness under the eaves of the roof and the furniture made grotesque shadows and silhouettes on the wall. Judy shivered. Yes, the attic was a better place in the daytime with Sue and Mike close by. She'd wait until tomorrow to do any further investigating.

As she was about to leave the attic, the edge of a white paper caught her eye. It was just visible at the edge of a large and heavy trunk. Curious, she tried to pull it out, careful not to tear it. After some struggle she succeeded. She stared in astonishment at the paper in her hands. It was an envelope. On it was written in a crabbed hand, "Last Will and Testament of Lenea Thackwell." Judy turned it over. The flap had not been sealed. She lifted it up. The envelope was empty.

Then Lenea Thackwell had made a will! Here was evidence of it. Clear evidence. Who had taken the will?

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON IN ACTION

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II. DISCIPLINE YOURSELF TO BE AND DO YOUR BEST (1 Cor. 9: 24-27).

Says Robert Browning, "My business is not to remake myself, but to make the absolute best of what God has made."

1. As Christians we are challenged to be and do our best, to run the race of life in such a way that we shall achieve the victor's crown.

2. The Christian who is unwilling to discipline himself has not learned the first lesson of Christian discipleship.

3. Only disciplined Christians can meet the challenge of pagan philosophies and ruthless dictatorships.

III. DISCIPLINE YOURSELF TO COURAGEOUS AND PERSEVERING ACTION (Hebrews 12: 1-4).

Says a hymn for Christian youth, "Dare to be brave, dare to be true, God grant you courage to carry you through."

1. Our faith challenges us to follow in the footsteps of the heroes of faith and courage.

2. By his example Jesus calls us to persevering and courageous action.

3. In any struggle, the victory finally comes to those who have the greatest courage and can hold out the longest.

Applying the Lesson:

What are some of the particular disciplines that help us as Christians to be and do our best?