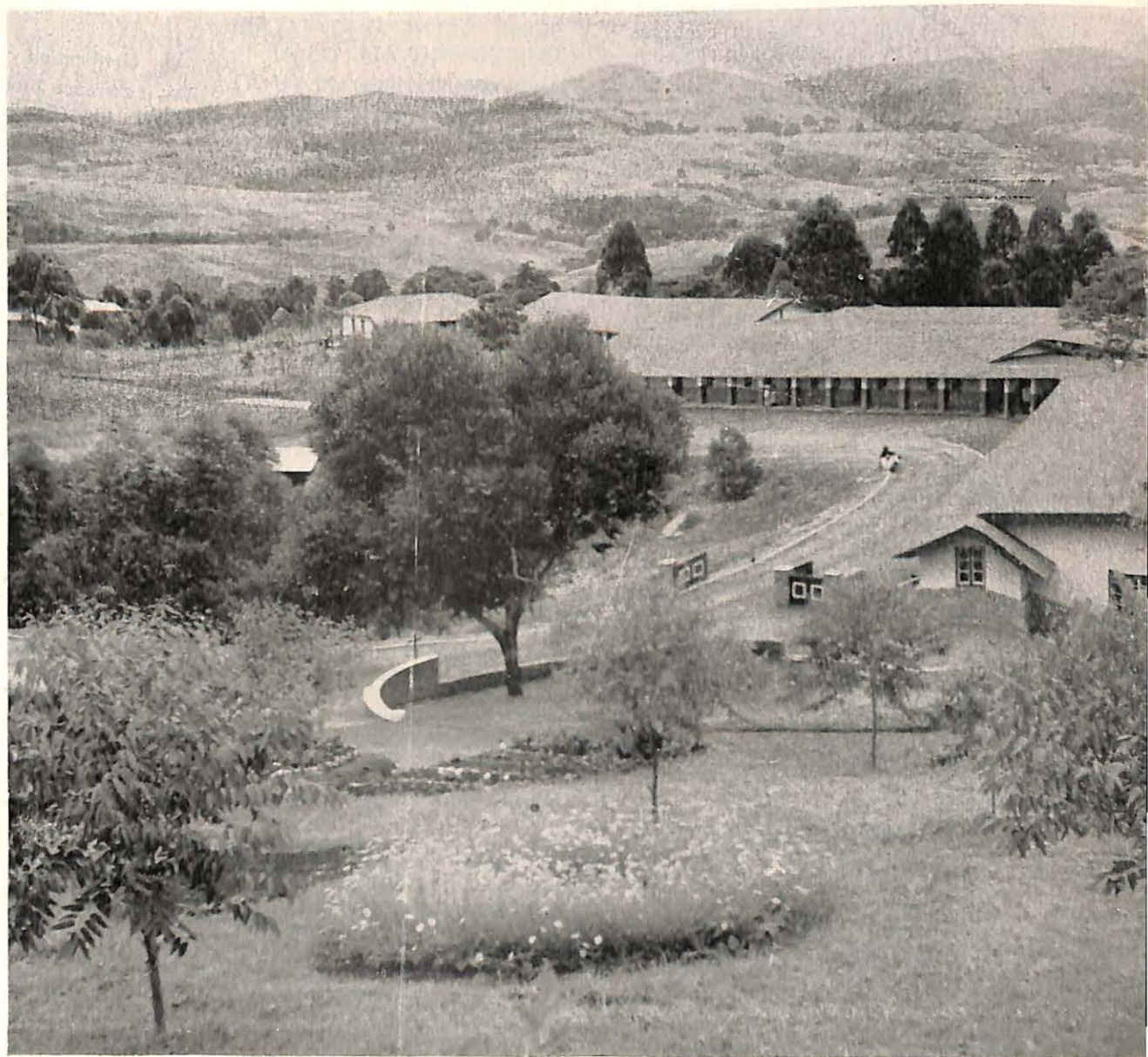


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The S.S. Lesson in ACTION

By Rev. B. JACKSTEIT, Anaheim, Calif.

A LESSON PLAN

Date: November 14, 1954

Theme: A STUDY IN VALUES

Scripture: Proverbs 11:27-28; 13:7; 15:13-17; 20:11-20; 22:1-4.

PURPOSE: To help us choose the highest values in life.

GETTING STARTED: Our greatest moral problem lies not in choosing between good and evil but in choosing between the good and the best. We have no difficulty in recognizing black and white. It's in having to choose between the various shades of grey—some of which are almost white—that we run into trouble. For it is not the worst that is the foremost enemy of the best. Rather, that distinction belongs to the second best, the almost good. Here is to be found the Achilles heel in our moral makeup and the place where we as Christians most often fall short and fail to measure up.

Developing the Theme:

I. EVERY MAN MUST CHOOSE HIS VALUES.

1. By nature men are value-conscious, and every man has values he cherishes above all others.
2. These values exert great influence on life. What a man values most has much to do with the kind of life that is his.
3. Therefore it is important that men choose the highest values.

II. TESTS THAT ENABLE US TO RECOGNIZE AND CHOOSE THE HIGHEST VALUES.

1. The test of effect on life—what these values do to lives that hold them (20:11).
 - (a) Do they build or destroy, bless or curse, impart stability or instability to these lives (11:27-28)?
 - (b) Do they make for real happiness or bring only trouble and regret in the end (15:13-17)?
 - (c) Do they build strong and noble character or tear it down (22:1)?
2. The test of time and circumstance—how these values stand up under the test of actual living.
 - (a) In the long run will these values prove to be strong and reliable, so that the life built on them will be built on solid ground (11:28)? Or will they prove to be only empty show and false lights (13:7)?
 - (b) Over the long haul will they prove themselves to be reliable guides to a full and abundant life (15:15)?
3. The test of authority—who it is that has set forth these values.

- (a) If they are values set forth by men, they are only relative, not absolute values and cannot be fully trusted.
- (b) If they are set forth by God, they are absolute and eternal values and can be fully depended upon.

III. VALUES THAT BUILD AND BLESS LIFE AND LAST THROUGHOUT ALL TIME.

1. Goodness and the good (11:27).
2. Uprightness and nobility of character (11:28; 22:1).
3. Love for truth (15:14; 22:3).
4. Reverence for God and obedience to him (15:16; 22:4).
5. Love (15:17).

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A LESSON PLAN

Date: November 21, 1954

Theme: GOD'S PROVISION FOR HIS CREATURES

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 104:1-5. 10-14, 24, 33.

PURPOSE: To help us see how worthy God is to receive our praise and adoration.

GETTING STARTED: One of the significant developments of our day is the way in which outstanding scientists are finding themselves literally forced by their very discoveries to adopt the Christian point of view concerning the universe. At one time science was looked upon—and mistakenly so—as the enemy of religion. Today we find that it is one of the strongest allies religion has had. Pick up almost any important publication today and you find in it some testimony to man's need of God and to the relevance of faith in him. Nor should this surprise us; for in Romans 1:20 the Apostle Paul reminds us that the invisible things of God, "even his eternal power and Godhead," can be clearly seen in the things that he has made. Today, to an ever increasing degree, science is discovering that it is indeed so. In unmistakable tones the whole creation speaks to us of the Creator and literally compels us to acknowledge him, even as today's lesson so clearly sets forth.

Developing the Theme:

I. THE UNIVERSE SHOWS FORTH THE GLORY OF GOD.

- This glory is seen in—
1. His greatness (v. 1a). Only a Being of incalculable power and greatness could create a universe as vast and marvelous as ours.
 2. His majesty (v. 1b). What beauty, what glory, what majesty there must be in God, when the universe he created is so full of wonder.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
Nov. 21 (Sunday)—Dedication of new edifice, Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Rev. J. C. Gunst
Nov. 21 (Sunday A.M.)—First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta.
Nov. 21 (Sunday Afternoon)—Bull Reserve, Indian Mission Field, Alberta.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner
Nov. 14 (Sunday)—Berlin Baptist Church, Fredonia, N. Dak.
Nov. 21 (Sunday)—Gackle, N. Dak. (Dedication of new organ).

Rev. Lawrence Bienert
Nov. 14 (Sunday)—Center Line, Michigan.
Nov. 21 (Sunday A.M.)—Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Miss Ruth Bathauer
Nov. 8-12—West Ebenezer Church, Springside, Sask., Leadership Training Course.

Alberta Christian Workers' Conference
Rev. J. C. Gunst, Miss Ruth Bathauer and others serving as leaders
Nov. 18-19—Carbon, Alberta.
Nov. 22-23—Wetaskiwin, Alberta.
Nov. 24-25—Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Nov. 11-14—Oregon Association at Salt Creek Church, Dallas, Ore. Rev. and Mrs. S. Donald Gannstrom, Guest Speakers.
Nov. 15 (Monday, 7:30 P.M.)—Students' Reception for Chicago area at headquarters building, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.
Nov. 26-28—Texas CBY Rally at Crawford, Texas. Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson, Guest Speakers.

3. His wisdom (vv. 2-5, 24). The marvelous order evident throughout the whole of creation bears testimony to a God of infinite wisdom.

II. THE UNIVERSE SHOWS FORTH THE LOVE OF GOD.

This love is seen in his gracious provision for the needs of all his creatures.

1. There is a marvelous order running throughout the whole of nature whereby all the parts are made to fit into a pattern and each part becomes the means of providing for the needs of the others (vv. 10-14).

2. God's provision never fails. It is as unchanging as his own nature. Whatever the need of his creatures, he makes provision for it (vv. 27-28).

III. THE UNIVERSE SHOWS FORTH OUR DUTY OF PRAISE.

1. This marvelous universe calls upon us to recognize God and to bring
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Editorial

Pressing On!

AT TIMES it must appear, even in our North American Baptist circles, as if we are going from one financial campaign to another. We have just finished the first mile in the Church Extension drive and have now come to the calendar days (November 21 to 28) when it is time for our Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week.

Some of our people will raise their hands in dismay and say: "What! Another offering, another appeal for funds?" Many others will thank God for the frequent privileges of service and say: "God has blessed us richly and bountifully so that we can use every opportunity for a glorious witness to his Gospel and saving grace!"

In the Christian life we must constantly "press on toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14). There can be no let down, no vacation time, no time out, no relaxing of effort in the Kingdom of God. Whenever we forget that important truth and become lax in our pressing on vigorously for Christ, we are actually helping in Satan's work. We show ourselves to be Christ's true disciples only as we discipline ourselves never to relax in our efforts for Christ and his Gospel!

That means that we must ever be vigilant, on the ball, pressing forward for Christ. The person who has many urgent demands made on him for his time and services, even though he may be a busy man, is thankful for strength and wisdom and for the recognition accorded him to respond to these requests. That is the secret of pressing on as Christians for the Lord Jesus Christ, from one offering to another, from one drive to another campaign, from one completed task to another important job. Thank God for the opportunities which are ours! Thank God for the means and resources to respond to such Macedonian calls! Press on with vigilance and eagerness to the next task that God has prepared for you!

This is God's call to greater heights to new adventures, to a larger output of service in his work! A painter, whose canvases were famous, hanging in many art galleries of the world, was asked which painting was his best. His classic answer will not soon be forgotten: "My best painting? The one on which I am now working!" That was the Apostle Paul's secret of power in serving Christ: "Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded" (Philippians 4:15). Disciples of Christ are constantly venturing forth to new heights, pressing on to greater tasks, seizing new opportunities of service for their Lord and Master.

In this spirit thank God for the blessings of life and for the privilege of serving and giving again at the time of our Denominational Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week! Our missionary personnel is larger and our missionary tasks are greater than ever before! Our denominational and missionary budget has reached a record high. It's a time that calls for glad some sacrificing for the making of a special effort, for eager pressing on by every North American Baptist for the Lord Jesus Christ!

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Our Hymn of Praise

By DR. FRANK H. WOYKE,
Executive Secretary

We as North American Baptists will observe Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week from November 21 to 28 with gratitude and offerings to God for his bounteous blessings

SOON ALL AMERICANS will again unite in the observance of our traditional Thanksgiving Day. For many it will simply be a holiday spent in feasting and revelry. For us as North American Baptists it will be not only an occasion for feasting and fellowship but also a time for sober reflection as we gather, along with all Christians, in our houses of worship to offer thanksgiving to God for blessings received.

It will not be difficult for us to sing a hymn of praise. Most of us have much reason to thank God for another prosperous year. He has more than supplied our every need. But even if we have suffered need, we can praise God for his presence with us and for blessings that money cannot buy.

The words of Psalm 103 remind us that God's greatest blessings are not material . . . "who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases." Mentioned here are spiritual and physical health—two gifts that no amount of money can buy! How grateful we ought to be on this Thanksgiving Day if we know that God has forgiven our sins and if we are enjoying good health!

BOUNTIFUL BLESSINGS

As a North American Baptist fellowship we also are greatly indebted to God. We frequently sing the words, "count your many blessings . . . and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done." What are some of the blessings that God has given us?

1. God has supplied, through the generous missionary giving of our people, all of the needs of our missionary and benevolent program. The raising of funds is never an end in itself in the Kingdom of God. But at the same time, the work of the Kingdom, both in the local church and in the denomination, cannot be advanced without the contributions of God's people. During this thanksgiving season we need to thank God for the privilege of giving, for his Word tells us that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

MEMBERSHIP INCREASE

2. We further praise God for the continued growth that he has given us. During the past eight years, our membership has increased at the rate of approximately 1000 per year, so that we are now a fellowship of more than 46,000 people. Should we be

growing at a faster rate? That is a question for each one of us to ask himself. Perhaps we have not been as zealous in soul-winning as we should have been. In any event, we thank God for the gains that have been made.

3. Our co-operating societies can again gratefully look back upon a year of fruitful service. In all branches of our denominational work we see evidences of God's blessings. We are especially thankful for the advances made by our Seminary, for during this year we regained our recognition by the immigration authorities and we also achieved approved standing in the American Association of Theological Schools. These advances are a recognition of the fine ministry being rendered by President George A. Lang and the Seminary faculty. We praise God for the splendid service rendered by the workers of all our cooperating societies.

CAMEROONS FIELD

4. Special mention must be made of our foreign missionary work. Many blessings could be enumerated, but I mention only a few. We consider our Cameroons mission first. What are the most important gains on this field during the past year?

- (a) Dedication of the new Bansa Hospital buildings and a greatly improved and enlarged medical ministry.
- (b) More than 2,200 souls won for Christ and added to the churches by baptism.
- (c) Great progress being made by the Bible School for Christian workers, unfolding the promise of trained evangelists and pastors for the Cameroons Baptist churches. Only time can reveal the full significance of the

founding of this training school to the Cameroons.

- (d) The past year has also brought us two additional medical missionaries in Dr. Kenneth Jones and Dr. Eugene Stockdale. What an answer to prayer this has been!

- (e) The splendid progress being made at the New Hope Colony for leprosy patients, pointing to a great ministry of mercy.

MISSION IN JAPAN

Our mission in Japan is of course still in its beginnings. Our missionaries are few in number and they are still struggling with the language difficulty. Nevertheless, we rejoice in the baptism of the first converts and in the organization of the first Sunday School and church.

5. The final blessing that I want to enumerate is the challenging future before us. Here at home we are responding to this challenge with our church extension program. As these words are being written, the extension program is being presented to our churches and an appeal for a church extension fund of \$250,000 is being made. May we respond generously to this extension for our soul-winning efforts!

Who can question the challenge of our foreign missionary fields? There are at least three basic elements in a foreign missionary program: fields white unto harvest; willing, consecrated workers; and the means to send and support the workers. Our fellowship is blessed with all three now—but the future presents a tremendous challenge. The fields beckon and additional workers are ready to go. Only the wherewithal to send more workers is needed.

OUR THANKSGIVING RESPONSE

What will our response be to the challenge of the future? We shall again have an opportunity to prove our Christian stewardship as we celebrate our Thanksgiving and Sacrifice Week, which this year will be observed during the period, November 21 to 28. As we gather to sing our hymns of praise, let us serve God not only in word but in deed also. Let us give a generous Thanksgiving Offering for our denominational household.

"I gave my life for thee,
What hast thou given for me?"

THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

November 21-28, 1954

Thanksgiving envelopes have
been sent to all churches.

Give gladly and gratefully as
unto the Lord!

That Blessed Hope!

May God give us all a real love and an ever increasing expectation for this blessed hope of our Lord's return, especially as we now see the Day so fast approaching

By the REV. WILLIAM H. NOWACK of Watertown,
Wisconsin

MY THEME is one of the most sublime in the entire Bible, the blessed hope of our Lord's return! It is to be the great crowning event of all history! This is clearly pointed out to us in the book of Titus 2:11-14, where we read: "For the grace of God hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ."

This passage of Scripture, with its three outstanding objectives, presents to us one of the clearest and most complete definitions of our glorious salvation, namely, man's redemption from all iniquity or sin, the consequent living of a righteous, soberly and godly life, and the looking forward to that blessed hope of the glorious appearing of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is the latter which we shall be considering in particular, and most especially the place occupied by the doctrine or hope of our Lord's Second Coming in the divinely inspired Word of God.

CHRISTIAN HOPE

Before going into our subject, however, it is essential that we should have a clear Scriptural definition of the word, "hope." While "faith" according to its Scriptural definition is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen, "hope" is the earnest and FIXED EXPECTATION of these future things.

In Romans 8:24 we read: "Hope that is seen is not hope; for who hopeth for that which he seeth? But if we hope for that which we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." Let me add here that this passage applies very especially to the hope of our Lord's return. This great climactic event of all the ages is mentioned either directly or indirectly more than three hundred times in the New Testament Scriptures alone, thus averaging one verse out of every twenty-five, and is referred to more than a thousand times in the entire Bible.

In view of this undeniable and irrefutable fact, I would like to ask this pertinent question: Would the Holy Spirit, who is the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, as well as the divine

Author of God's inspired Word, ever have given such a prominent place to the doctrine and hope of our Lord's return, if it were not of the most paramount and vital importance, or could we in any wise be mistaken in judging its importance by the space thus allotted to it by its divine Author?

PERTINENT QUESTIONS

Would we not determine the value and importance of any other subject thus emphasized and reemphasized in other realms or fields of literature? And can we afford to act less reasonably in connection with this glorious truth of our Lord's return? Should the fact that this grand and sublime doctrine has been disgraced and dragged into the dust by the sky gazers and date-setters of false cults in any way deter us from giving it the attention and prominence, which on the ground of its Scriptural emphasis it rightly and fully deserves? Should we not, on the contrary, as lovers of God and his divinely inspired Word, contend for it all the more earnestly?

Do we refuse to use genuine dollars or any other legitimate means because of their prevailing counterfeits? Or do we object to the good old doctrines of free grace, of eternal salvation or of the perseverance of the saints, of holiness or sanctification, or election and predestination because they have been misunderstood or misinterpreted by various factions of the church, or because they have been made the subject of controversy and have been disgraced by the wrangle of denominational synods? If not, why then ignore or even oppose the glorious and blessed hope of our Lord's return?

THE AUTHOR

The Rev. William H. Nowack is a former Moravian missionary in China. Following his change of residence to Watertown, Wis., he joined the First Baptist Church, of which the Rev. J. G. Benke is pastor. He has supplied the pulpit of the Baptist Church and has served as radio preacher over a local radio station.

Let us not forget that Christ is not only the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, but that he is also the King reigning from the foundation of the world, as is so clearly pointed out in the second Psalm, where we read: "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."

When the Apostle Peter summed up the great theme of the Old Testament prophets, it was under the heading or title of "the sufferings of Christ and the glories that should follow." The sufferings referred to his first coming as the Lamb of God to take away the sins of the world, while the glory that should follow referred to his Second Coming as King of kings and Lord of lords.

Let me say it again. Christ was not only the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world, but also the King ordained to reign from the foundation of the world. Both of these two great facts or events are characterized by an eternal immanence in the mind of God, and should ever be thus held and regarded in the minds of all professing to be his children and in harmony with him and his eternal and forever settled Word.

FINISHER OF OUR SALVATION

Both of these two comings of our Lord, constituting the theme of the Old Testament prophets are equally important. Neither is complete without the other and both are included in the whole counsel of God. When Christ came the first time, he came as the Author of our salvation. When he comes the second time, he comes as the Finisher of our salvation. Man's redemption will not be complete until the whole man—spirit, soul and body—has been redeemed, and the redemption of the body will not take place until he comes again.

While potentially man's entire redemption was finished on the Cross when Christ cried out, "It is finished," subjectively or experimentally it will not be finished until our bodies have been redeemed from the corruption of the grave.

"Then in a nobler sweeter song,
We'll sing his power to save,
When this poor lisping stammering tongue
Is ransomed from the grave."

To those who do not believe or ignore or disregard our Lord's Second Coming, Christ can only be regarded as the Author of their salvation but not as its Finisher. May God open our eyes and show us the profound relativity of our Lord's two comings, and show us that to discount his Second Coming is to deny him the glory of which his first coming was but the portal or preparation.

As the crown of thorns, worn by Christ on the Cross, was an emblem of the curse brought and pronounced (Continued on Page 16)

Victories on Four Indian Reserves

By the REV. R. NEUMAN
of WETASKIWIN, Alberta,
Indian Missionary

More than 100 Indians attended the Vacation Bible School held last summer on the Bull, Montana, Samson and Erminskin Reserves and 23 Indian young people enjoyed the Baptist Junior Camp at Sylvan Lake with amazing results

ON FOUR INDIAN Reservations in Alberta, Canada, Vacation Bible Schools were conducted. It was one of the busiest and best summers in the Indian work. There was much to do and we were able to get much done. This was largely due to the fact that for the first time we had two full-time missionary couples on the Hobbema Reservations.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Derman are the workers on the Montana Reserve who also serve the people on the neighboring Samson Reserve. The Rev. and Mrs. Reinhard Neuman, stationed on the Bull Reserve, serve the neighboring Erminskin Reserve and the Pigeon Lake Reserve, 20 miles away.

MISSIONARY WORKERS

We praise God for the open doors in these hearts of the Indians to the glorious Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. The entrance of God's Word gives light. Everyone loves light, and why should we not be eager to give "The Light" to our Indian friends as well as to any other people? How great the Light shines in some of these hearts! Light always brings delight and a smile to the face of the child of God who manifests the light that shines within.

Mr. and Mrs. Derman had Miss Cleo Windum of Edmonton as assistant in the summer on the Montana

and Samson Reserves. Mr. and Mrs. Neuman were privileged to have the former missionaries from the Bull Reserve, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Harsch, who are students at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The help of these workers was deeply appreciated. They came to serve in the Name of the Lord, and the Lord blessed their efforts together with us. Their time was given gratis and their reward will be of the Lord, our God.

During our Vacation Schools we were thrilled, as you will rejoice, over the victories we experienced. Not only did we have many of the Roman Catholic children attending the schools but a number of them refused to go to the Hobbema rodeo during that week with their parents so as not to miss any of the classes. We give God the glory and the praise. His Word is wonderful and powerful. God's Gospel is the good news about his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and it is the most wonderful news in the world. Children love this story and we bless God for the opportunity to present it.

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

Nearly one hundred children heard again and saw the stories of the Bible during these summer months. Many of them for the first time learned that Jesus is the true and only Savior.

Parched hearts and souls drank in the living water which flowed from the fountains of God.

It was also a grand experience to have twenty-three Indian boys and girls at our Junior Camp at Sylvan Lake, Alberta. This was entirely new to most of them. They came from the five Reserves for a week of Bible study, prayer, fellowship and fun. It was surely a wonderful week for them and for all of us. Among these Indians, nine of them made their decision for Christ.

It was also a wonderful experience for our boys and girls in our churches to associate with people "from the outside" who are foreign to them. This camp is sponsored by our Sunday Schools all over Alberta. It was truly a noble and worth-while project which our Sunday Schools have undertaken. May God bless our churches for their interest and for the tangible aid they have given in the cause of Indian missions.

GOD'S HAND AT WORK

Our labors have not been in vain in the Lord. Truly, every day spent in the Name of the Lord shows visible results sooner or later. Before long Indian workers will be going out to witness of the saving grace in their lives. Already three Indian girls have entered high school at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta. The three of them are taking their grade ten. Two of these girls are Christians. They took their stand for Jesus at the Sylvan Lake Junior Bible Camp. It is a marvelous thing to see the hand of God in the work among our Indian people. We have only begun this work which God has blessed in such a marvelous manner.

PRAY FOR THE INDIANS

We again send forth our request for your continued earnest prayers on behalf of the missionaries here among the Indian people and for our Indian Christian boys and girls. We ask your prayers also for the many redskins groping in darkness and searching for light. May they come to the true Light which is in Jesus Christ! To that end we shall continue our witness and labor until the Master comes. God bless all of you for your prayers and fellowship.



Twenty-three young Indians from four Alberta reservations at the Baptist Camp, Sylvan Lake, Alta., Canada, with four of the missionaries and workers in the front row



—Photo by Laura E. Reddig
African chiefs and natives celebrate with the missionaries at the dedication of the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons. The Nurses' Home is at the top of the picture (right)

An Unsolicited Testimonial by Africans

A Thrilling Story About the Bansa Baptist Hospital
by DR. PAUL GEBAUER,
Superintendent of Our Cameroons Baptist Mission

SOME WEEKS AGO a prominent African died in your Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons of a disease for which skill and medicines had no hope nor help. I chanced to put up for the night in the home town of the deceased.

I slept in the chief's compound. From behind flimsy raffia-cane walls one could hear and see all that went on in front of the chief's palace, and thus I was afforded the opportunity to be witness to an unsolicited testimony meeting for the Bansa Hospital and your Bansa missionaries.

The clan of the deceased appeared before the chief to perform the customary memorial rites for the one who had died at Bansa. Guns were fired off into the air, plenty of palm wine made the rounds among the mourners, powerful eulogies were delivered, and the chief had appropriate responses for gunpowder and wine, words and gestures. The dead one was praised as never in his lifetime. That I expected, but the speeches that shook me were the ones given in honor of Dr. Leslie Chaffee and his staff.

The good doctor's name had been changed to "Coffee" and tongue-

breakers such as Kittlitz, Weisenburger and Ziolkowski fared worse in the process and the "power" of Bansa's medical supplies was out of all proportion but that which was voiced in general I liked and I pass it on to you.

The orators agreed that Dr. Chaffee and his nurses were more than God's gift. They were God's own representatives. "God put them into Bansa." "They work like slaves for us." "They leave their beds at night, if we need them, and only God can make one leave one's sleep for others."

By this time I could no longer be quiet, and I shouted one "Amen" straight through the cane walls.

THANK YOU, GOD!

For the Bansa Hospital, built and dedicated in 1954!

For the New Hope Settlement with new buildings to be dedicated in November 1954!

For the new medical missionary, Dr. Kenneth Jones, and his family, now serving Christ in the Cameroons!

For all of our faithful missionaries, your heralds of the Cross!

"When you are sick, run to Bansa. If you cannot run, have a runner carry you. Let him run through the night. Never stop. Run! Wait for no motor transport. Be carried and let your carriers run all the way to Bansa. Run, run through the night, but run! There is help at Bansa for your body and your soul." This cost me another "Amen!"

"Waste neither chickens nor palm wine, neither money nor words on your local doctor. Run to Dr. Coffee. He will help you." By this time I ran out from behind the curtain to add my own testimony for Bansa Hospital and its staff.

This unsolicited expression is written down for you who entertain doubts about Bansa's impact, about evangelism through medical missionaries, about the spiritual values dispensed at your African hospital. Dr. Chaffee and his missionaries do not need the comfort of words. They have a great time as witnesses to their Lord. But you who doubt or sow doubt need to know that their services are understood and appreciated and that the results of them carry far beyond man's measure and man's meanness.

Golden Jubilee Baptist Congress

By
DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER
of Forest Park, Illinois

First announcement about the Baptist Congress program to be presented in London, England, in July 1955 and important instructions about the travel and hotel arrangements that must be completed soon

THERE IS a lot of excitement in the air, wherever the talk is about the Baptist World Congress to be held in London, England, from July 16 to 22, 1955.

British Baptists are determined that this 9th Congress shall be worthy in every way of the Golden Jubilee of the Alliance. The Royal Albert Hall has been secured for the plenary sessions of the Congress. It is hoped to have a great Baptist rally at the closing night session, possibly to be held in Wembley Stadium with a seating capacity of 100,000. Advance registrations for the Congress are far beyond the first expectations.

CONGRESS PROGRAM

The Congress program is beginning to shape up as "exceptionally interesting." The theme on "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Hebrews 13:8) will be carried out in all messages and discussions. The keynote address on Saturday afternoon, July 16, will be given by the Rev. L. A. North of New Zealand. Dr. Joao Soren of Rio de Janeiro, South America, will preach the Congress sermon on Tuesday, July 19. Billy Graham has been in-

vited to bring the coronation address at the closing session on Friday night, July 22. An entire morning has been reserved for a discussion of the "Baptist Work in Africa."

Nationals from all Baptist fields in the world (our Cameroons mission field in Africa will be represented by a Christian national and Dr. Paul Gebauer, as we hope) will portray graphically the story of the Gospel in action through Baptist churches. Colorful exhibits, dramatic presentations, forum discussions and many challenging messages will acquaint every Congress delegate and visitor with the great work of Christ in the witness of 21,000,000 Baptists throughout the world.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

There is also much travel excitement just now in the making of final arrangements for the trips to and from Europe and the payment of the necessary transportation deposit. The Ridgewood Travel Bureau of Brooklyn, New York, with Mrs. Elsa Frommann as agent (see advertisement on this page), and the Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Manitoba, as steamship agent for persons sailing

from Montreal or Quebec on the Canadian steamships (see next page) have been sponsored by our General Conference as authorized travel agencies. If you are planning to go to London for the Baptist Congress, you MUST make your reservations immediately. This is definitely "the last call!"

It is also imperative that you advise the authorized agent as to the exact date of your departure from Europe after the Congress. Some will want to go on the escorted tour to France, Switzerland, Austria and Germany from July 23 to August 7 with the Ridgewood Travel Bureau. (Ask for special Baptist Congress leaflet from your pastor or from headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.) The decision as to the returning date must then be final, since no later changes can be made because of the sell-out of space on steamships in the summer months.

STEAMSHIP DEPOSIT

Those who have made their reservations for steamship or plane transportation to Europe through the Ridgewood Travel Bureau, should now make their deposit of \$100.00. They should also state whether they prefer tourist class accommodations per ship to Southampton, England (\$350 round trip), or cabin class (\$500), or tourist class per airplane to London (\$522).

All correspondence regarding travel and hotel reservations, deposit on transportation tickets, and any further inquiries should be addressed to the Ridgewood Travel Bureau (Mrs. Elsa Frommann), 59-38 Myrtle Ave., Ridgewood, Brooklyn 27, N. Y. This agency is making all reservations for good hotel space during the days of the Baptist Congress in London for those securing their transportation tickets through this Bureau. You can rely on the friendliness of service, the efficiency of reservations and the best of accommodations through this travel agency. You can also be assured of delightful fellowship with fellow-Baptists on your trip to Europe and in the city of London.

FIFTY MOMENTOUS YEARS

The Baptist Congress in London, England, will be a Baptist review of the past fifty years and the launching forth of a greater Baptist witness than ever before in the days to come. Fifty years is not a long period of

time compared to the milleniums of history. But a half century in the age of aeronautics, electronics and atomics certainly means more in terms of dazzling developments than any other five decades known to man.

The Baptist communion of Christians has other good reasons for regarding the past fifty years as momentous beyond the ordinary. When the Alliance was organized in 1905, there were between six and seven million Baptists on earth. Today we number close to twenty-one millions. Such growth is unprecedented. It is gratifying. It is also alarming. It lays upon us a world responsibility which we have hardly fully awakened to as yet.

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, has sounded the spiritual call for the 1955 Baptist Congress: "We have every reason to make our Jubilee year an occasion for jubilation. But 1955 must also mean a call to a renewed dedication to the task that God has given us. Not only at the Congress, but time and again throughout the entire year, our thinking, our conversations, and our prayers should keep focused on the problem of really becoming better tools for our Master's use."

So let the Baptist Congress excitement take hold of you as it is doing with thousands of others as you complete plans now for a thrilling Baptist week in London, England, in July 1955!

Baptist Fellowship Tour Canada to Europe

Travel arrangements to be made to the Baptist World Congress in London, England in July 1955 via Canada

By the REV. WILLIAM STURHAHN of Winnipeg, Manitoba

YOU HAVE WORKED hard and saved for many years. Now you should enjoy the fruits by seeing a little of God's great world. Never was the opportunity for an enjoyable tour as great as for the "Fellowship Tour" of North American Baptists to the Baptist World Congress in July 1955. Your ocean voyage should be a time of complete relaxation and joy. Several essentials have been taken into the Fellowship Tour.

1. Traveling down the scenic St. Lawrence River under the protecting

BAPTIST CONGRESS LEAFLETS

Leaflets on the Baptist World Congress to be held in London, England, July 16-22, 1955, are available at the denominational headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois.

Coast of Labrador, our tour cuts three days off the open waters of the North Atlantic. Leaving from the Port of Quebec you will have a full day of beautiful hills and valleys of old Quebec to see and enjoy as our ocean liner plows eastward to the Atlantic.

2. Fellowship! Needless to say, we cannot take possession of an entire ship of 700 passengers. The ship's bands and entertainment are not always suitable to the wishes of the Christian. We, therefore, want to create our own fellowship, have our own enjoyable games, gatherings and meals. We have already applications from a fine number of young people and married couples, but "the more-the-happier"! We heartily recommend the Fellowship Tour. Time of travel from Quebec to Southampton is eight or nine days.

3. Conveniences! We have tentatively made arrangement with one of the large companies for passenger space. We want to offer the cheapest and yet most convenient accommodations. For single people we offer dormitory of up to fourteen beds. The rooms are spacious and air conditioned. The price is the lowest offered on any ocean liner—\$142.50 to Southampton, England. For married couples and family units there are five cabins with two to six beds for the slightly higher price of \$152.00. All meals will be taken in a spacious dining hall. The menu has the usual sumptuous variety of foods suitable to the best connoisseur. Since this ship will carry only Tourist passengers, the facilities of the entire ship will be at our disposal. No signs, "Verboten."

4. You may wish other accommodations. We can serve you on any shipping line. However, warning has already been published that space on the two ships, "United States" and "America," is sold out. There are other ships equally good and well suited. Please indicate your preference. We may warn that bookings from the New York port will be very heavy. The port of Quebec has received several additional passenger ships. We are here to serve you.

Baptist World Alliance Immigration,
303 McIntyre Block,
Winnipeg, Manitoba,
Rev. William Sturhahn, Secretary.



Aerial view of London, England, looking west along the River Thames from the Tower Bridge (foreground). A section of the Tower and Tower Gardens can be seen in the bottom right-hand corner. The group of bridges in order going up the river is: London Bridge, Southern Railway, Southwark, Southern Railway, Blackfriars and (top left corner) Waterloo Bridge. Most obvious landmark is St. Paul's Cathedral (right at Southwark Bridge), Wren's masterpiece, the largest and most famous church in the city.

Why not join the thousands at the Baptist World Congress, London, England, July 16-22, 1955?

Call on the Ridgewood Travel Bureau!

We are looking forward to helping you make your plans for attending the Baptist World Alliance Congress in July 1955. You will be able to sail or fly as a group to London, England. Such ships as **Queen Mary, United States, Liberte, Olympia, Gripsholm, Italia** are available for us. Prices in the tourist class from \$160.00 and up.

We shall make good hotel arrangements in London. After the Congress we shall have an escorted tour through Switzerland, Austria, and Germany, passing through France.

Make your reservations now. A deposit of at least \$100 is required. Further instructions will be sent to you upon inquiry.

The Ridgewood Travel Bureau has been endorsed by the General Council as the official travel bureau for North American Baptists to the London Congress.

Leaflets about the travel arrangements and special tours are available at our office or at North American Baptist Headquarters, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

RIDGEWOOD TRAVEL BUREAU

New York and Hamburg

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Some of the 236 people at the 3rd Laymen's Conference held at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin

Laymen's Conference at Green Lake

By MR. VERNON HECKMAN
of St. Paul, Minnesota
Conference Announcer

A grand group of 236 laymen and their families were thrilled by the program and inspired by the beauty of the Assembly grounds at the Laymen's Conference, from August 7 to 14, 1954

AS MEN from California to New York and from Minnesota to Texas arrived at Green Lake, Wis., for the third Laymen's Conference, with their families on August 7th, they began renewing acquaintances that were made at similar conferences earlier in 1950 and 1951. First timers also arrived with their children and looked with admiration at the beautiful grounds dedicated to "A Closer Walk With God." Final records showed 236 registrants which were 14 more than had attended the laymen's conference in 1951. Although churches from twelve states were represented, Michigan led all the rest in attendance.

"I WILL NOT FORGET THY WORD"

Naturally much preparatory work needed to be done by the executive committee of "Baptist Men" prior to this eventful week. The secretary, Mr. Roland E. Ross, was not overwhelmed by the multitudinous details but thoroughly brought them to a state of completion. The week's program set up by the able members of the program committee was varied, informative and stimulating. While parents enjoyed the morning sessions, their children were also provided for, if desired. The well equipped facilities of the Children's Center located at the other Conference grounds were made available to us. Qualified teachers supervised the children's activities and play each day.

Our daily Bible hour was given over to a study of "the epistle of the

church—Ephesians." Our teacher, Dr. John W. Bradbury, editor of "The Watchman-Examiner," widened our understanding of the height and depth of this book as he gave to us what many of us acknowledge as "new truth."

A few of the numerous pithy statements well worth remembering were these: "This book is the summary of the counsel of God." "The local church is a crosssection of the universal church." "Everyone in this world has the right to claim the atonement of God but it must be proclaimed by the Church." "Every family is a little church." "The Holy Spirit is the administrator of the providence of God."

A cue given us by Dr. Bradbury on how to study Ephesians or any other book of the Bible was to read the book as a whole again and again and again. Sixteen readings were suggested for the week's study on Ephesians.

Other portions of Scripture were lifted out of God's Word for us every day in our devotional period. As our lay leaders gave expression to their convictions about the Scripture verses chosen, they gave evidence of having prepared well for our edification and blessing.

There is something very wonderful about music. While words are expressed for the ear to hear and the mind to grasp, music is made for the ear to hear and the heart to appreciate. Our hearts were stirred, soothed and strengthened by numerous mes-

sages in song. Solos and duets were beautifully sung daily and under the capable direction of Herbert Pankratz a mixed choir and a male chorus each rendered two selections at an evening meeting.

"SINGING AND MAKING MELODY"

Our gifted song leaders repeatedly instilled a desire to praise God in song, whether we were meeting indoors or out-doors about a campfire. The group readily responded with joy, enthusiasm, and sustained interest. Two of our younger laymen, Norman Ludwig and Fred Bonkowsky of Cleveland, Ohio, handled the violin skillfully and beautifully. Frequently their appreciative audiences insisted on MORE—MORE—MORE!

Before we entered the dining room to eat our well prepared wholesome food three times a day, we paused to sing a hymn or chorus outside the door. The week of living together proved again that North American Baptists love to sing and our music committee, Arthur Thom, Herbert Brunner and Max Erbach, adroitly capitalized on that fact to everyone's enjoyment and satisfaction.

Had Paul written to Timothy, "Bodily exercise profiteth nothing," we might have been perplexed. A satisfactory vacation usually includes some exercise and recreation—not too much, a little every day. Our recreation committee, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Russell, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holzimmer, recognized our need and expert-

ly guided us in our leisure time activities when we wanted guidance.

Horeshoe, ping pong and shuffle board tournaments presented an opportunity for many for matched play. Golf, tennis, kittenball and swimming had scores of fans whose enthusiasm never seemed to wane. A scavenger hunt, a tour of the grounds, and various boat rides interested large groups of children and adults.

A marshmallow roast and a corn roast under God's beautifully lighted sky brought forth sincere expressions of thanksgiving. Around the fire we realized anew that Christian fellowship here below is an earnest of one inheritance that will be ours in eternity—fellowship with the saints of all ages.

"WHAT GOD HATH JOINED"

Although Monday brought rain and hail, Tuesday dawned clear and bright as if to make us aware of the fact that August 10th was to be a very SPECIAL day for all of us. A birthday! Of course, it should be celebrated even though the one so blessed was far away from home. Someone started singing, "A happy birthday to you," right after breakfast and soon everyone joined in spontaneously.

A wedding anniversary! Of course, it should be celebrated for it was a silver anniversary. We had already appreciated the presence of Dr. and Mrs. Martin L. Leuschner with us but now it was doubly appreciated as we became aware that they were to celebrate so joyous an occasion in our midst. As we entered the dining room at noon, we heard beautiful strains of music from our violinists and their piano accompanist. A special table was set for "the bride" and "groom" and four guests. Luncheon was served the bridal table by two hostesses.

Our General Conference moderator, Walter Grosser, paid tribute to the Leuschners for their devoted and consistent service to God and our denominational family through 20 of the 25 years of their married life. Mrs. Harry Geis presented a bouquet of of gladiolas to Mrs. Leuschner and then Harry Geis, president of "Baptist Men" presented a silver coffee service to the celebrants on behalf of "Baptist Men."

Brother Leuschner was, of course, not speechless but was quick to acknowledge the gifts and the expressions of congratulation. Mrs. Leuschner also spoke gracious words of appreciation and it seemed obvious that both the bride and groom were fellowshiping with us by choice on their anniversary and they were liking it immensely. Arthur Thom sang what we felt in our hearts, "Thanks." Mr. H. P. Donner prayed and invoked God's blessing on the delighted pair. Shutters on cameras clicked again and

again as Dr. and Mrs. Leuschner were photographed on their special day.

Another wedding anniversary on the 10th of August! This one was the 30th for Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hildebrand of Lansing, Mich., so, of course, we celebrated again. At supper two anniversary couples sat at the special bridal table. Anniversary cake and ice cream were served to everyone present and we unitedly voiced words of congratulation.

"AND WHAT SHALL I MORE SAY?"

What more shall I say than the women said under Mrs. Walter Grosser's leadership in their panel presentation on "What Baptist Men Can Learn From Our National Women's Union";

Than Mr. H. P. Donner said in his masterful address on "The need of Revival Within Our Fellowship" on the closing night of our conference;

Than Rev. Francis McPeck said about cutting across racial barriers in our thinking and in our doing;

Than Dr. Martin Niemoeller of Berlin, Germany, said about church life and economic life in Germany;

Than Dr. Ernest A. Payne of London, England, said about his 1954 visit to churches behind the iron curtain;

Than Ernest Hildebrand said about our Bantso Hospital in the Cameroons;

Than Edwin T. Naff said about "living like a Christian, talking like a Christian and sparkling like a Christian";

Space will only permit us to say that the Abbey Area of the Green Lake grounds has been reserved for another laymen's conference in 1956, so plan now to attend!

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Southern Conference

Baptist Men of Central Church, Waco, Texas, Hold Dinner and Inspirational Service

On Monday evening, Sept. 20th, the Baptist Men's Brotherhood of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, met for a time of fellowship, both spiritually and physically. After enjoying a very fine chicken dinner with all the trimmings prepared by the ladies of the church and Mr. Ed Gummelt, Mr. Milton Lippert turned our hearts to the Lord as we sang several songs and choruses. The quartet of our church also favored us with a special number.

We as a brotherhood decided we needed a project to work at, so with the help of our pastor, Rev. Louis Johnson, we were able to find one. We also have a visitation program in our Brotherhood, too.

The next event of the evening was introducing the guest speaker who was the Rev. Leonard Hinz of the Strassburg Church, Kansas, who spoke to us on the subject of consecration and willingness to do the work the Lord sets before us each day. We enjoyed his message very much and also appreciated his being able to be here with us.

Ernest Steindam, President

Charles E. Pringle, Secretary

Southwestern Conference

Mt. Zion Church Near Junction City, Kansas, Holds Reception for Missionary-Appointees

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brenner and daughter Elaine were honored at a farewell and reception at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kansas, on Wednesday evening, September 1. The Brenners have accepted missionary positions in the school in Nicaragua, Central America, under the American Baptist Home Mission Society. Mr. Brenner will have administrative responsibilities and together they will be house parents in the boys' dormitory.

At the farewell service both Mr. and Mrs. Brenner told of their call and of the work they would be doing. The Rev. J. R. Kruegel of Mt. Zion Church spoke briefly and the Rev. John Hooge, brother-in-law to Mr. Brenner, led in the dedicatory prayer. A reception was held afterwards.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Brenner have taught public school for several years, and Mr. Brenner has served as a grade school principal. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brenner of Mt. Zion Church and until recently was a member of that church also. The Brenners left for the field on September 9.

J. R. Kruegel, Pastor

WHAT'S HAPPENING

● The Bismarck Baptist Church of Bismarck, N. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. John E. Grygo of Chicago, Ill., to which he has given a favorable answer. Mr. Grygo has served the Ogden Park Baptist Church since 1950. He will begin his ministry in the Bismarck Church on Dec. 15, succeeding the Rev. Edward Kary, now of Cleveland, Ohio.

● The Rev. Henry Lang of Napoleon, N. Dak., took official part in the inaugural procession and program at Jamestown College, Jamestown, N. Dak., on Monday, Oct. 4, with the induction into office of Dr. Edwin H. Rian as president. Mr. Lang represented Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., among 100 other representatives from other educational institutions. The Honorable James Morris, Chief Justice of the North Dakota Supreme Court, brought greetings for the state.

● The Grace Baptist Church has extended a call to the Rev. Walter Stein of Tyndall, S. Dak., to which he has favorably replied. On Sunday, Oct. 3, he presented his resignation to the Tyndall church, and on Sunday, which he has served since 1950, and announced that he would begin his ministry in that church on Sunday, Dec. 12th. The Rev. H. J. Waltereit will bring the Rev. H. J. Waltereit close on Nov. 15 before going to the McDermott Ave. Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

● The Baptist Church of Linton, N. Dak., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 3, with services at Hazelton and Linton in the morning and the showing of missionary films in the evening at the Linton church. All three services were very well attended. Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, editor of English Publications, served as guest speaker for the day. The offerings amounted to \$1300, as reported by the pastor, the Rev. Arthur Fischer. A lighted bulletin board has been erected in front of the Linton Baptist Church.

● A Re-dedication and Homecoming Service was held by the Grace Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., on Sunday, Oct. 3rd. The church sanctuary and lower hall were redecorated at a cost of about \$2200. Mr. Herman Siegmund, church moderator, gave a formal report of the work. Mr. Walter W. Grosser of Oak Park, Ill., moderator of the General Conference, brought the message. The service

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"If Christ is the center of our lives, the circumference will take care of itself."

—Contributed by Mr. Herman E. Balka, Dallas, Texas.

was concluded with the Lord's Supper with the Rev. William L. Schoeffel, pastor, officiating. The church choir rendered several numbers.

● The Rev. Olland F. Cole, pastor of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Mo., received two new members on Sunday, Sept. 26, by baptism and by letter. This brings the membership of the church up to 53. The young people of the church have placed an attractive sign on the highway, directing people to the church on the hill. On Sept. 19 the first meeting of the "Cherub Choir" was held, composed of those who are too young for the Junior C.B.Y. They seem to be interested in singing together and the adults love to hear them sing as well.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, N. Dak., has extended a call to the Rev. George W. Breitzkreuz of Springside, Sask., as its pastor to which a favorable answer has been given. Mr. Breitzkreuz, who was recently ordained by the Springside Baptist Church of Saskatchewan, is already on the field at Lehr, N. Dak., having succeeded the Rev. John Heer, now of Rochester, N. Y. Mr. Breitzkreuz is a 1954 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Mrs. Breitzkreuz is the recording secretary for the denominational CBY and SS Union.

STUDENT RECEPTION FOR CHICAGO AREA AT HEAD-QUARTERS BUILDING,

November 15

On November 15, 1954 at 7:30 P.M. the annual Student Reception will be held at the North American Baptist Headquarters office in Forest Park, Illinois. All seminary, college, and Bible School students, as well as nurses in training, who are members of our North American Baptist churches studying in the Chicago area are cordially invited to this time of fellowship.

● The Rev. and Mrs. Carl Fuellbrandt of Salzburg, Austria, left Bremen, Germany, on the "S S Seven Seas" on Sept. 28 and arrived in Canada about October 8 to make their permanent residence at Toronto, Ontario. Mr. Fuellbrandt was formerly our director of the Danubian Mission Field in southeastern Europe and later of our Austrian Mission. He has visited many of our churches and conferences over the years. His new address in Toronto is given on page 11 of this issue. An article by Mr. Fuellbrandt about his observations of European conditions will appear in an early number.

● From Oct. 13 to 17 the Burns Ave. Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., held its annual missionary conference with our Camerouns missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson and Mr. Ernest Hildebrand, bringing messages and showing pictures along with missionaries from other fields. Dr. S. F. Logsdon served as Bible teacher during these inspirational days for the church. On Oct. 1 and 2 many Burns Ave. Church men attended the Men's Retreat at Lapeer Camp. Beginning with Oct. 24 the Sunday evening services are being held from 6:00 to 7:00 P.M. Encouraging progress is being made in the new church building. Dr. A. Dale Ihrle is the pastor.

● On Monday afternoon, Sept. 27, the Ministers' Fellowship of Chicago, Ill., and vicinity, held its annual election of officers at its first meeting of the fall in the headquarters building, Forest Park, Ill. The following officers were elected: president, Rev. William L. Schoeffel; vice-president, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg; secretary-treasurer, Rev. George W. Lang, Jr. The Rev. Otto Roth, president for the past two years, introduced the guest speaker, Miss Gretchen Remmler, who spoke about her experiences and observations in Germany, Switzerland and Austria last summer. The second of her articles about her trip appears in this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., has called Mr. David Draewell of Detroit, Mich., a third year student at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, as Youth Director. He began his ministry in this capacity on Oct. 1st. Mr. Draewell is a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit. He is the holder

of the Hagel Scholarship at the seminary, which is awarded annually to the unmarried Senior student with the highest scholarship attainments. He is also president of the seminary's Student Council. At the Forest Park Church he will likewise assist the pastor, the Rev. R. Kern, with some preaching assignments besides serving as the church's Youth Director.

● The Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., held its Harvest and Mission Festival on Sunday, Oct. 3rd, with the Rev. E. P. Wahl of Edmonton, Alberta, president of the Christian Training Institute as guest speaker. He also addressed the joint meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union and Men's Brotherhood on Sunday afternoon. The Mission Festival offerings amounted to about \$2000. From Oct. 3 to 15 evangelistic services were held at Herreid with Mr. Wahl as evangelist. From Nov. 1 to 12 similar services are being conducted at the Gnadenfeld Station with the Rev. Paul Galambos of Streeter, N. Dak., serving as evangelist. The Rev. E. S. Fenske is pastor at Herreid.

● The site for a new youth camp for the churches of the Central Dakota and Northern North Dakota Associations and Montana area has recently been purchased. This tract of 220 acres is located at Crystal Springs Lake, 8 miles west of Medina, N. Dak., on U. S. Highway 10 and 60 miles east of Bismarck, N. Dak. As the "Crystal Springs Baptist Youth Camp," it is incorporated in North Dakota. Chairman of the board of trustees and camp is Rev. Edward Oster, Hettinger, N. Dak.; vice-chairman is Rev. A. Fischer, Linton, N. Dak.; secretary, Victor Bettger, Bismarck, N. Dak.; and treasurer, Rev. Irvin Schmuland, Goodrich, N. Dak. Plans are being made to erect buildings and to begin holding assemblies on the grounds by next summer.

● The Immanuel Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held a farewell reception for its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Esperson, on Sunday evening, Sept. 26. More than 225 people attended the supper, which was in charge of Mrs. Grace Wood and other women of the church. The church moderator, Mr. E. C. Quade, introduced the speakers who paid tribute to Mr. Esperson and his fine ministry of 2½ years at the Immanuel Church. They were Rev. Byron Kinlaw of the First Baptist Church of Milwaukee; Dr. M. L. Leuschner, representing the North American Baptist General Conference; and Dr. Ezra Roth, speaking for the American Baptist Convention. The Rev. E. M. Wegner of Delavan, Wis., was also present and spoke briefly. Dr. Esperson brought his ministry in Milwaukee to a close on Sept. 28th and became the executive director of the Baptist Home for the Aged located in Maywood, Illinois.

C.B.Y. and S.S.U.

HERALD NEWS

SUNDAY SCHOOL, KENOSHA, WIS.

During Sunday School Week an extensive training program for Sunday School workers was carried on in the Immanuel Church of Kenosha, Wisconsin. Every evening an important phase of the Sunday School work was presented, discussed and studied. Another period was spent in the showing of a film from the "Leadership Training Kit." Emphases stressed were: "A Visitation Program for the School," "Why the Christian Workers' Conference," and "Missions in the Church School." On Friday night a consecration service was held. Several film strips were shown and discussed. Prior to the period of study a delicious chicken dinner was enjoyed by all the Sunday School workers. The Rev. J. C. Gunst served as guest instructor and speaker. Miss Lillian Hvitved is the able Sunday School superintendent of the Church School. On November 21st the congregation will move into their lovely new church located in a new area where there will be unlimited opportunities for a growing Sunday School and church program.

ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

Tuesday night, September 28th, will remain a memorable time for the Sunday School workers of the First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Michigan. Under the able leadership of the superintendent, Mr. Gus Beinfuhr, a compact and enriching program for all workers was carried out. Eighty-five of the interested, capable and enthusiastic Sunday School workers enjoyed a delicious fellowship supper. A two-hour program of instruction, information, and inspiration on various phases of the Sunday School activities followed.

Following a devotional by the superintendent, the Rev. J. C. Gunst, guest instructor for the evening, pointed out the importance of a strong visitation program for the Sunday School. He also stressed the value of a regular Workers' Conference. Following that he presented the film strip, "The Growing Teacher." A lively, informative discussion followed.

The Sunday School attendance averages around 400. Under the aggressive leadership of the superintendent and able pastor, the Rev. L. H. Broeker, plans are under way for an intensified leadership training program and general progress for the Sunday School. The officers of the Sunday School meet every month to study the Sunday School program

seeking to improve the efficiency of the school where possible.

Four times a year all officers and workers meet to discuss the overall Sunday School curriculum and attend to necessary business. The school has a strong evangelistic and missionary program. We thank God for excellent Sunday School workers who have a deep concern for children, youth, and adults in our churches.

GRAND AWARD WINNERS

Several weeks ago the Grand Award winners in the Scripture Memory program were announced in the "Baptist Herald." Immediately after that, we found additional award winners who had not been reported.

Sincere congratulations to the following boys and girls who have also completed the nine courses in the Scripture memory program during 1954: Walter Fehr, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Phyllis Fisher, Ingersoll, Okla.; Billy Meyer, Ingersoll, Okla.; Shirley Pope, Loyal, Okla.; Mary Vilhauer, Loyal, Okla.; Leonard Werre, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

With these six additional winners there are 21 Grand Award winners for 1954.

MISSION PROJECTS

To date the conference and regional mission projects adopted by our CBY and Sunday School Unions total \$46,150.00 for 1954 and 1955. When all reports have been received, the Conference Union Mission Projects will be an all time high. We congratulate our leaders on their vision and concern. May these goals become a reality by next summer. We are confident they will if we all do our part.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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him our praise and adoration; for he is supremely worthy of it (v. 1).

2. If our eyes are open and our hearts attuned to the glory of all that he has made, we cannot but sing our praises unto him (v. 33).

3. Once we recognize his unfailing goodness in giving us all that we are and have and need, we cannot but be grateful unto him.

Applying the Lesson:

1. How can a knowledge of the physical universe help us to understand and appreciate God more?

2. What is wrong with people who cannot recognize the hand of God in the things of nature?

The Enchantment of Old Europe

By
MISS GRETCHEN REMMLER
of Forest Park, Illinois

The second of two articles about a memorable trip down the Rhein River, into the Bavarian Alps, to many scenic cities of Austria, into the lovely Salzkammergut, and everywhere to Baptist churches and mission fields

AN UNFORGETTABLE motor trip in Germany took us into the Rhein Valley—an entrancing trip through panoramic vistas as we cruised along the highways. Majestic mountains meet the horizon; gigantic bridges span the valleys of lovely grandeur. "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork."

As we stood viewing the Rhein River, we saw many boats and all kinds of craft gliding back and forth. On the other shore we noticed a train disappearing in one of the many tunnels and after a while emerging from the other side of the rock.



A thrilling view of the Rhein River in Germany, winding its way among the high cliffs, from which old historical castles look down upon the boats crowded with sightseers

Then we stopped at the foot of the Lorelei Rock which extends into the river. After a short time of contemplation, we decided to go to the top. When we reached it, we were rewarded with the most magnificent view over the Rhein—vineyards all along the slopes, old castles and ancient ruins, churches and sacred places for pilgrims; some in the valley, some half-way up, some on top of the mountains—and with the river winding its way along the valley between the mountains which rose right and left like stage-setting scenery, amazingly beautiful.

Some of the names of these castles are Stolzenfels, Langeneck, Marksburg. Looking over to the west shore,

we saw the charming city of Boppard, and looking on the east side we beheld on the tops of two mountains the ruins of two castles called "The Enemy Brothers," namely, Liebenstein and Sterrenberg, built during the 12th century.

The legend has it that these brothers quarreled and finally killed each other in the church of Bornhofen. We passed two other peculiarly-named castles, namely, "Maus" (mouse) and "Katz" (cat.) They had one owner whose name was Katzenellenbogen and he nicknamed his castles that way. Most of these places, mountains, castles (some standing on islands in the mid-

dle of the Rhein) and ruins are surrounded with interesting stories and legends.

On Tuesday, June 29, after lunch, we reached the world-famous health resort, Wiesbaden, where in the chapel a women's meeting was held. About 100 Baptist women from various neighboring groups were present. Some of them spoke and related experiences which they had had in distributing our relief goods, and the joy and gratitude of the recipients. These comments were not given in a casual way but with vibrant enthusiasm and the touching ring of sincerity.

Often they had formed their thoughts into rhymes which usually

first described the distress and despair into which the cruel war had gotten them, and then how God answered their cries for help through his compassionate children in America.

REFUGEE CHURCHES

Continuing our journey, we stopped at Griesheim near Darmstadt where a group of ethnic Germans from the Danubian countries are settled. They hold the late Dr. William Kuhn in sacred memory, for he had visited them and cheered them in their home country, Yugoslavia. Now they had undertaken to build themselves a little meeting place, for which a small contribution had come through our Forest Park office. The visit with these plain but very sincere people was touching and very much appreciated.

Our trip took us then to Nuremberg, and we were invited by the Rev. and Mrs. J. Schoof for the noon-day meal. In the afternoon there was, as usual, a women's gathering under the leadership of Mrs. Thiel of Gunzenhausen. After the meeting we went on our way to Munich. On our trip we again drove on smooth highways without much traffic bothering us.

Although some rain was falling, we enjoyed the southland in its sylvan beauty, its hills and valleys, fields, meadows and forests, here and there getting a glimpse of the distant mountains along the horizon—the Bavarian Alps. We again went past old castles, ruins of medieval fortresses, convents and churches, some of them towering high above small villages and towns. Ingolstadt was one of the larger cities we passed.

In Munich we stayed at the beautiful Bethel Home for the Aged, erected by the Baptist World Alliance especially for D.P.'s for whom there is no opportunity either to emigrate or to make a living on account of their age. Sister Minna Ebeling is the capable matron of this Home.

OBERRAMMERGAU

The next day, July 7, we started out in rainy weather. Hoping that it might clear up, we went to Starenberg Lake, later to Kloster Ettal, a mediaeval convent, then to Oberammergau. Going to the Passion Play grounds, we joined a tour and saw the stage and the many rooms of the players and

their garments which are on exhibit. We saw the huge auditorium and were told that 700 villagers are taking part in the plays, of which there are 100 children. The play lasts 7½ hours. The play will be given again in 1960.

After several adventures, our next destination was Salzburg, Austria. We went through Tyrol, Soolbad Hall, Schwaz, along the River Inn, constantly through Alpine country—ridges, snow-capped mountains, slopes and bridges spanning over valleys, trains coming out and going into tunnels—a constantly changing picture. Then came the Karwendel Mountains, the Stubaier Alps, Tuxer Alps, Kitzbuehler Alps, Zillertal. We passed picturesque villages, the houses of which had balconies on second and third floors. The roofs were held down with big stones. We watched the cow herds with their bells ringing as they lazily grazed on the meadows. Many waterfalls were gushing from immense heights. Once or twice we met a funeral procession with people dressed in their special garbs, each district or tribe having their own national costume.

We also came across refugee camps which have their own desolate aspects. Austria has about 200,000 refugees who are in direct need of aid. It is a sovereign state—freed from Germany after the war but only a fraction of the vast territory it once was in the days of its greatness. This fact—often perhaps not properly understood by us in the United States—has seriously handicapped Austria in its economic recovery from the war.

Primarily agricultural, it has not been able to develop the industrial potential which its large neighbor, West Germany, has used to attain its remarkable comeback. I was glad to hear that the 20 bales of clothing and four cases of shoes, which we sent to Austria on May 20, had just then reached their destination, and at Salzburg they were working with the customs and shippers to distribute these clothes.

SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

We arrived at Salzburg around lunch time and found dwelling quarters at the Germania Hotel. We then looked up the Fuellbrandts and found that they had just sold their home and were in the act of moving their furniture. They had not yet decided whether they should emigrate to Canada or stay in Austria, but since then they have decided to go.

We also went to the church and visited the pastor, Rev. Martin Gigseder, and his wife. This being altogether a Catholic country, the people call their pastor "Brother Martin." Brother Martin as a native of Salzburg was a good guide at sightseeing tours. On Friday morning we did some sightseeing, and in the afternoon we had a women's meeting at the church. There were about 80 women



Berchtesgaden in all of its scenic splendor with church steeples unable to reach the majestic heights of the snow-covered mountains in the background

present, and they had come from Vienna, Bad Ischl, Villach, Hütteldorf, Seekirchen and Freilassing (Germany).

The ancient city of Salzburg is divided by the Salzach River winding its way through it. Both sides are mountainous. On one side is the Kapuzinerberg and on the other the Mönchsberg, the latter a long stretched-out mountain range at the foot of which is the city. There are so many interesting things to be seen that on almost every step you take is something historic to be mentioned. I only refer to the "Catacombs of Salzburg" which were the place of refuge for the first Christians, where they were martyred and buried.

As you go around with "Brother Martin," he will tell you about the Baptists and other true followers of Christ who were martyred in a cruel way by Roman Catholic inquisitionists in Salzburg. But Salzburg is also known for its music festivals. It was the birthplace of Wolfgang Amedäus

Mozart, the composer of so much rich and joyful music. People from all over the world come annually to attend these festivals. Some cry tears when the tender, sincere and loving power of Mozart's music takes hold of them, but these are tears of joy. We saw the house of his birth and the place where the music festivals are held.

SCENIC SPLENDORS

We had dinner with the Rev. C. Fuellbrandt in the castle garden up high on a mountain after which we took leave of him and went on our way toward Bad Ischl. This way leads through the mountainous and picturesque Salzkammergut. For the afternoon coffee we stopped at St. Gilgen at St. Wolfgang Lake within sight of the mount St. Wolfgang. Here Mr. Schroeder opened his briefcase and pulled out the BAPTIST HERALD of June 17, pointing at the front page on which we saw the picture which was in nature before us in its "scenic splendor." Schroeders also



Salzburg, Austria, is world-famous for its castles and royal palace, its entrancing views of the Salzach River and of mountains in the distance, its music festivals, and historical shrines. In this famous Austrian city we as North American Baptists have a most promising mission field



Miss Remmler is given a fond farewell and "Auf Wiedersehen" at the time of her departure from Germany by Mr. and Mrs. Eberhard Schroeder of Kassel (left to right), Rev. R. Milbrandt, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Schmidt of Berlin (to left of Miss Remmler) and other friends

told me that this day was their 33rd wedding anniversary, and so we celebrated with strawberry "torte" and whipping cream—at this time not minding the calories.

Late in the afternoon we arrived at Bad Ischl where we were put up for the night at "Pension Grüne Linde." Rev. and Mrs. A. Hirnboeck had invited us for supper. They live in the home of Mrs. Hirnboeck's parents, to which also an annex was built to serve as chapel for the little congregation. After supper we went to see the swollen River Traun, which flows through Bad Ischl, and watched the grim, fear-inspiring waves roll along toward the Danube, the waters of which caused that great flood catastrophe, destroying many lives, whole villages, sweeping away the harvest grain—the like of which had not happened in centuries.

BEAUTIFUL BERTCHTESGADEN

On account of the floods which had made many roads impassable, we had to return to Salzburg the same way we had come and after dinner started on our homeward trip. We crossed the German border near Bad Reichenhall, in the vicinity of a huge mountain, called "Predigtstuhl." Now we were again on the Autobahn, with Alpine mountains both right and left, the beautiful nature scenes changing constantly.

Soon we arrived at Berchtesgaden. It is hard to describe in mere words the incomparable beauty of these lofty and towering mountain regions. Here again I can only say: "The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows his handiwork."

Our next stop was at "Königssee" (Lake of the Kings). There we saw in a distance the top of Mt. Watzmann, the "Steinerne Meer" with many high

mountains. Sunshine and rain changed off as we drove along and at one time we saw a rainbow of such exquisite beauty that we could hardly believe our eyes—it was like a dream in the night. Our road sometimes brought us on high ground so that we could look across mountain peaks. At a sudden turn of the road we discovered the top of the Zugspitze which is the highest elevation in the Bavarian Alps. It soon vanished as we drove downward, past the Chiem Lake, another of the many Bavarian lakes with their beautiful Alpine backgrounds.

HOMEWARD BOUND

Leaving all this beauty behind us, we had to take the fastest roads toward Frankfurt, for my vacation came to an end and I was scheduled to leave Frankfurt by PAA plane on Tuesday, July 20 at 4:15 P.M. At Frankfurt a send-off coffee party was held with a number of good friends, among them Rev. and Mrs. Paul Schmidt, Rev. I. Walter, Mrs. Dreisbach and Mrs. Livingstone, Rev. R. Milbrandt and his secretary, Miss Ilse Fuhrmann. The weather was beautiful although not all the way. Newfoundland was fogged in, and from there on we flew repeatedly through thunderstorms, but finally reached Idlewild airport in good weather. To God be praise and glory for his watchcare over me!

THANKSGIVING AND SACRIFICE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 21, to
Sunday, Nov. 28

God is well pleased with a thankful heart!

THAT BLESSED HOPE

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upon the entire creation as a result of man's sin, so the many crowns or diadems which he shall wear when he comes again will be the emblem of his conquest over that curse. The crown of thorns, the emblem of his sufferings, is the pledge and earnest of the many crowns, constituting the emblem of his glory.

In concluding this message, I would also add that when our Lord instituted the rite to be observed in remembrance of his sufferings, it also included the forward look to his coming again in glory. "This do in remembrance of me until I come!" Every observance of this rite was to be a fresh reminder of his coming again. May God give us all a real love and an ever increasing desire and expectation for this blessed hope of our Lord's return, especially as we now see the day so fast approaching.

WE, THE WOMEN

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"Last night, after getting down the hill from Schneiders where I had Sunday dinner, I decided to go over to the Settlement and see how all the patients were. I put on my hob-nailed shoes, took umbrella and raincoat, and visited each house. Some were enjoying an afternoon nap, others were beginning to cook their evening meal. It had been such a bright sunny day that all had gotten really warm for a change, and felt good.

"Every evening the patients all gather to have their temperatures taken. When this was over, I called them for devotions. Several songs were sung, and when Bible verses were asked for, it seemed almost everyone took part. I sensed a theme throughout the favorite verses: Come unto me . . . and I will give you rest . . . I shall not want . . . He cares for me . . . Let not your hearts be troubled . . . Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever . . . I will not leave you nor forsake you. Then several led in short prayers of thanksgiving. When it was over, there were sighs of gratitude and good feelings for Christ's presence with us.

"It is always so easy for them to be good on Sundays, but for some this goodness is quite worked off before the week is finished. I reminded them of God's constant presence and his help which is always available. They do have such a struggle, but it made me feel good to know they knew these words of God which brought comfort to them occasionally, as they permitted themselves to be receptive to his comfort."

As women, missionaries or lay women, we dedicate anew ourselves to building and strengthening his Church in both Judea, and "unto the uttermost parts."

We, the Women

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

II. THE OUTREACH—JUDEA

Home missions has been called "the arm that reaches beyond the local church." Others have called it "the Judea of Christ's great commission." However it may be defined, Christ was interested in the outreach of the local church in a Judean ministry. In whom is Christ more interested, in the well-fed church or in the lost sheep without a church or shepherd?

"It is not the will of the Father that one of these should perish." He looks upon the vast unchurched areas. He sees the new communities without a witness. He also sees the neglected big city areas of the underprivileged that the church and people have left behind to move into more comfortable quarters. Then he calls, "Go ye!"

The Judean ministry of the Woman's Missionary Union is a vital and timely one. The three-fold financial goal includes Home Mission Expansion, meaning Church Extension. The support of the Women's Worker and Leper Mission in Africa have appealed strongly to the generous hearts of the women, but the Home Mission Expansion project has lagged behind.

Then the Church Extension program launched out with much publicity. This gave the answers to the queries, "What is meant by Home Mission expansion?" Now the women feel a new impetus in giving for this goal.

Women will help much in the work of Church Extension by their stronger faith in the project itself. Just an enthusiastic suggestion that the Home Mission expansion needs support may take hold elsewhere as it did in the Southern Conference women's business meeting. Knowing the need, immediately the women voted to send \$400 to support this cause.

You, reader, may be the very woman on some executive committee who may be called upon to suggest how your society should disperse its money. Will you please suggest the woman's project for Home Mission Expansion? This falls in line now with the great Church Extension program of the General Conference.

Some years ago Gates Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio, only a block long seemed to be the block of all the misery and poverty of that city. The men found their principal recreation in the saloon. Their drab houses did not even have running water. Gates Avenue families carried their pails to the hydrant at the curb. The streets were unpaved and rutted, and the railroad at the end of the block added

grime and noise to the scene. There wasn't even a street light.

Then one day an observing teacher looked at a little girl from Gates Avenue. She wore a sailor middie and a tattered skirt. Her face was streaked with dirt and her hair was a tangle. But she was friendly and industrious and the teacher asked her to wash her face before coming to school the next morning. When she arrived scrubbed to a shining pink, the teacher gave her a bright blue pinafore as a reward.

The next morning the little girl was a bundle of brightness. When her father saw her that evening, he blinked with the rather shocking realization that she was his little girl. He had not known she was so pretty. He blinked again when he walked into the kitchen for supper and found a cloth on the table, the first he could ever remember.

After supper the mother started scrubbing floors. Her husband looked

the Gospel message. The door was now opened to him. He tackled civic officials and persuaded them to pave the street, pipe in running water, and to put up a street light. Landlords began to repair their houses and best of all the drunks went to church.

This transformation became known as the Gates Avenue Clean-up. From Cleveland it spread to other cities and communities until annual paint-up and clean-up campaigns have been instituted.

All this train of events proceeded from one scrubbed little face and the gift of a blue pinafore to a little girl.

The sum-total of the widow's mites like the scrubbed, shining face of a little girl, may lead a strengthened local church to share its ministry with the unchurched. The entire missionary work of the General Conference will shine more brightly "unto the uttermost parts" if the Church Extension program succeeds.

III. THE UTTERMOST PARTS—FOREIGN MISSIONS

In examining the records of the Woman's Union foreign missions contributions, one is reminded of the commendations the Apostle Paul gave the Macedonians for their faithful stewardship. They counted it a privilege to have a share in missionary work so they gave joyously and sacri-



Missionary Laura Reddig makes "a joyful noise unto the Lord" with some of the leper boys at the New Hope Settlement, Mbingo, Cameroons

on in amazement for a while and then wandered out to the backyard and began to repair a broken fence. The next evening he cleared away the debris in the yard and planned how he could make a garden there.

A week later a neighbor, stirred by the activity next door, started to paint his house—the first time in ten years.

In the weeks that followed a young pastor of a nearby church observed the men of that block hard at work. It was the block into which he had prayed he might gain entrance with

ficially. The explanation of such giving is simply that they had first given themselves to the Lord.

MISS LAURA REDDIG

Our missionary nurse, Miss Laura Reddig, admits that her work with the leprosy patients of the Bamenda New Hope Settlement is by far the hardest assignment she has had in the Cameroons, yet she considers it most rewarding. Her enthusiasm never wanes.

From a letter written on August 30, 1954, the following is shared:

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Reports



FROM THE FIELD

Northwestern Conference

Farewell Reception by Grace Church, Sheffield, Iowa, for Rev. and Mrs. H. Smuland

Friends and members of the Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa, gathered on Thursday evening, August 26, for a potluck supper in honor of the Rev. and Mrs. Henry Smuland and family. After the meal, a program was presented in the main auditorium, with Robert Fedelleck, chairman of the church board, presiding.

Presidents of the various organizations of the church, the leader of the Junior C. B. Y. and one of the deacons expressed their thanks to the Smulands for their faithful ministry during the past five years and to wish them God's best. A member of the church board presented a swivel platform rocker and a coffee table to the Smulands in behalf of the church. Mr. and Mrs. Smuland responded with words of appreciation and exhortation.

We praise God for the opportunity we have had of sitting under Pastor Smuland's ministry these years. The material blessings received during the last months of his ministry are evidenced in a new front entrance and new carpeting on the platform and aisles of the auditorium. Two offerings on the last Sunday of Mr. Smuland's ministry in Sheffield were large enough to cover the entire cost of the carpeting with money left over. Praise the Lord!

May the Lord continue to bless them as they continue in his work in Avon, South Dakota.

Warren Schoepf, Secretary

Senior Camp of Minnesota CBY and SS Union Held at Camp Tipi Wakan

The senior young people of our Minnesota churches gathered for a week-end at Camp Tipi Wakan, Spring Park, Minn., from August 27 to 29. II Timothy 2:15 was the theme verse and "Deeper, Deeper, In the Love of Jesus" the theme chorus.

Our camp dean, the Rev. Don Patet of Randolph, brought a challenge to each one during the opening service of our camp on Friday night. "Revelations from Galatians" was the theme of our classes which were in charge of Rev. Wesley Gustafson, pastor of the First Evangelical Free

Church of St. Paul. Rev. Richard Schilke, denominational mission secretary, also was with us for the week-end, and spoke during the Saturday evening service and again on Sunday morning. Special music was provided throughout the week-end by the young people.

The 50 young people who gathered together not only received blessings from the classes, but also through Christian fellowship during times of recreation.

At the annual business meeting, held on Saturday, the following officers were elected: president, Doris Glewwe, St. Paul; vice-president, Ronald Fratzke, Hutchinson; secretary, Ramona Adam, Minneapolis; treasurer, Jerry Fluth, Minneapolis.

Our instructor, Mr. Gustafson, spoke on Sunday afternoon, closing our 1954 Senior Camp. For the blessings received, we thank our Lord. It is our prayer that we might work together in his service.

Doris Glewwe, President

Minnesota Junior Camp at Camp Tipi Wakan Considers Theme, "Shining for Jesus"

"Shining for Jesus" was the theme of the Minnesota CBY and SS Union Junior Camp which was held August 15-21 at Camp Tipi Wakan in Spring Park, Minn. Our theme chorus was "Brighten the Corner" and Matt. 5:16 was the theme verse. There were 52 youngsters attending along with 10 pastors and counsellors. The Rev.



Minnesota pastors and counselors at the Minnesota Junior Camp held at Camp Tipi Wakan

Don Patet of Randolph, Minn., was our camp dean.

We count it a privilege to have had the Rev. Carl Zimmerman, our pastor from LaCrosse, Wis., to teach the older group of Juniors and also Mrs. Paul Miller, Randolph, Minn., who was instructor for the younger group.

An inspiring message was brought by Mr. Zimmerman on Sunday night, opening our week of camp. The chapel periods were taken over entirely by the youngsters who attended camp. They presented a half hour devotional program each morning. Various speakers and films were used during the evening services and a fireside singspiration program was held outdoors each night. The campers enjoyed the fine recreation.

During camp, two of the boys found Christ as their personal Savior, and we thank the Lord for having given us such rich blessings throughout the camp week.

Doris Glewwe, President

Annual Birthday Service of Central Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, George, Iowa

The Women's Missionary Society of the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa, held its annual birthday service Sept. 1st, with the Missionary Guild as its guests, some of whom also participated in the program. The meeting was opened by Mrs. Harvey Schmidt, president, with prayer, after which Mrs. Henry DeGroot, vice-president, read Psalm 27. Following this, the life story of Fanny Crosby was given, interspersed with singing of her hymns. Mrs. Schmidt was the narrator. Mrs. Anita Schrick and Mrs. Ellen Schrick sang "Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet."

The remainder of the program consisted of a missionary playlet entitled, "Living for Others" and was presented by the following members of the Missionary Guild: Rosalyn Bettenga, Norma Sudenga, Phyllis Walkup, Mrs. Phyllis Peters, Inez and Shirley Van Westen and Marcey Kix, with Mrs. Frances Van Briesen as coach. Mrs. Wendell Shaeffer sang, "Just a Little Closer Walk With Thee."

At the close of this service all were invited to the lower auditorium for refreshments and a time of fellowship. The tables were decorated with garden bouquets and autumn leaves and at each setting was a lighted taper and tiny birthday candle. Following the two-course lunch, Mrs. Schmidt read a Scripture verse for each month of the year and each one responded as their month was read by rising and lighting their candle and giving the date of their birthday. Then our attention was directed to a white background with colored lights and a small manger, reminding us of the most important birthday, which was the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ and thoughts on his grace and goodness toward us were expressed. An offering of \$73.85 was received.

Alma Schrick, Reporter.

Annual Banquet of the Baptist Men's Fellowship at Watertown, Wisconsin

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 28th, the Baptist Men's Fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., met for their annual banquet, which was held at the Hotel Carleton. The wives of the members were also present.

After some singing by the group and several selections by the Male Quartet, we had the pleasure to hear our good friend and brother, Dr. M. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill. He gave a very challenging talk, as he chose his subject from the Book of Exodus, the 3rd chapter and the third verse, and spoke on the topic, "High Expectations." About fifty people attended the banquet.

We meet as a Men's Fellowship every month at the home of one of the members. We do not have a standing membership, but we have an average attendance of over twenty men. There are no fixed dues, but we all give voluntarily, and usually have sufficient funds to get along successfully. Among the projects which we sponsor is the upkeep of a road sign poster, which is changed every three months and furnished by the Wayside Evangel Service.

All of our officers serve only one year, so all members have a chance to be active.

B. V. Krueger, Reporter

Eastern Conference

Vacation Bible School and Baptism of Five Converts at Killaloe, Ontario

The days of July 5 to 16 passed altogether too quickly for the 96 pupils and 14 teachers who were busily engaged in the study of God's Word at the Vacation Bible School held by the Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario. As in previous years, we had children attending from our neighboring churches, some for their first experience in such a school.

Our pastor, the Rev. L. W. George, served as director of the school. Attendance was very good with an average of 89. The offerings taken during the school term amounted to \$106.

In charge of the Beginners group was Mrs. L. Fehlhaber with Mrs. W. Kuehl, Mrs. H. Argue, Miss Jule Weber and Miss Miriam Burke as helpers. The Primary group had Mrs. M. Kuehl in charge with Mrs. G. Kuehl, Mrs. Floyd Chatsick, Mrs. R. Kuehl and Mrs. A. Hartwig as assistants. The Junior group was taken care of by Mrs. L. Getz as superintendent and Mrs. G. Krantz, Mrs. Hal Banas and Mrs. A. Kuehl as helpers. The Intermediate class was in charge of Mrs. Percy Getz.

At our closing program the church was filled with parents and friends



Rev. Lawrence W. George of Killaloe, Ont., Canada (right), and five converts whom he recently baptized

who came to hear the various phases of the lessons learned and also to view the handwork which was displayed in the classrooms.

On Sunday afternoon, August 15, the Baptist churches of Killaloe with many friends gathered on the shores of Round Lake for a baptismal service. The pastor, the Rev. Laurence George, brought a very challenging message after which five converts, including the pastor's son, stepped into the water to be baptized.

Mrs. M. I. Kuehl, Reporter



Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer of Ashley, N. Dak. (right, back row), and 14 young people whom he baptized on Sunday, Sept. 5, 1954

Dakota Conference

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz by Calvary Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota

On Sunday, Sept. 5, the Rev. Thomas Lutz began his ministry at the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, South Dakota. A reception was given in the evening service for our new pastor and his family. The song service was led by John Human. Scripture was read by Carl Schauer and Elmer Seidel led in opening prayer.

Words of welcome were given by

John Human and J. C. Fischer, deacons; Elmer Seidel, Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. C. Weintz for the Woman's Mission Society who also presented Mrs. Lutz with a corsage from the society; and Ted Bertsch for CBY. Several musical numbers were also given by the various organizations of the church.

At the close the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz and their son, Thomas, spoke of how God had called them to this field. After the service we met in the church basement for coffee, cake and ice cream. We are thankful that our prayers have been answered and we can sing, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Mrs. Alice Shrenk, Reporter.

Fourteen Converts Are Baptized and 33 New Members Received at Ashley, North Dakota

We of the First German Baptist Church, Ashley, N. Dak., are glad to report to our fellow-Christians about God's blessings in our midst. Early in June a Vacation Bible School was held at which five teachers taught 82 pupils in graded courses in Bible, handwork and singing. The demonstration program was given to a capacity audience. A large number of our young people attended the summer assembly and also the fall rally. These active young people have

charge of the fourth Sunday evening service of each month.

On September 5 we experienced a time of special blessings when again the members and friends of the three stations of our church assembled in Ashley for the baptizing of 14 candidates and the extending of the hand of fellowship to them, also to seven who came by letter and one person upon confession of faith. Prior to this eleven others came by restoration. At this meeting music was rendered by the choir, men's chorus and men's quartet.

We look to the future with confidence in God's promised blessings.

A. W. Bibelheimer, Pastor.



Vacation Bible School at Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

The harvest season is upon us, and we of the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., are gathering in early fruits. We sowed some of our seed unusually late this summer, for we were waiting for our ground to be prepared.

Since our new church building was not quite ready at the time most Vacation Bible Schools were being held, we waited for the next best time and conducted our school from August 16 to 27. It was our first Vacation School in the new area, so much visiting had to be done and results were gratifying. Including teachers our total enrollment was 58, average attendance was 45, and 25 children had perfect attendance. Most of the group were newcomers.

The teachers, some part-time, included Rev. Richard A. Grenz, director; Mrs. Richard Grenz, Mrs. H. Hilger, Mrs. R. Powell, Misses Gladys Hoogestraat, Sena Plucker, Virginia DeBoer, Daphne Dunger, Diana Schmidt, Messrs. Henry Ramus and Le Roy Lippert.

Throughout the school response was excellent and at the closing program nearly all of the parents were

Some of the teachers and children attending the Vacation Bible School of the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., with the pastor, Rev. Richard Grenz, at extreme left

present. We were happy to have many new people in our church building and are now delighted to see that some of them are still in our midst.

Two missionary offerings were taken for the Spanish American Field where Miss Helen Lohse, a member of our church, is serving as missionary. On the accompanying picture of the school a number of the leaders are not shown.

Mrs. R. Powell, Reporter.

Great Mission Festival for the Little Baptist Church of Medina, North Dakota

It was a big day for the little Baptist Church of Medina, N. Dak., on Sunday, September 19. The 14 members of the First Baptist Church of Medina with their pastor, the Rev. Paul Galambos of Streeter, N. Dak., held their Mission Festival and invited their friends of the community and neighboring churches to attend. They came in good numbers until 110 to 120 people crowded the worshipful sanctuary to capacity for each of the three festive services.

In addition, Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., editor of English Publications, had followed the invitation of the church to share in the

REPORTS FROM THE FIELD

Some of the reports scheduled for this issue will have to appear in the next number (Nov. 18, 1954) issue of the BAPTIST HERALD. Editor.

Mission Festival activities. He spoke at the morning worship service, at the afternoon German meeting and showed three films in color of our Camerons Mission Field in the evening.

More than 100 persons swelled the Sunday School attendance. This special program was introduced by the superintendent, Mr. Gust Martel, and Rev. Paul Galambos and Dr. Leuschner taught the lesson. Special musical numbers throughout the day were rendered by the Streeter Church Choir and by Miss Iva Jean Dockter and Mrs. Edwin Izler as soloists. A very delicious dinner and supper were served with the compliments of the church in the spacious basement, with the members of the Woman's Missionary Society working hard to have everything just right! Mrs. Elizabeth Bitz is the society's president. At the dinner shining new silverware was used and window drapes were displayed which were the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gosling of Fargo, North Dakota.

The people also had a mind to give! The sum of \$300.00 was laid upon God's altar for the advancement of his Kingdom, as reported by Mr. Wilbert Staiger, treasurer and a deacon of the church. A vision of the world's needs came clearly to those who listened intently and watched the mission pictures eagerly and then went home saying thankfully: "It's been a good and blessed day in God's House!"

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Four Converts Are Baptized at the Faith Baptist Church, Camrose, Alberta

Sunday, September 12, was a special day for our newly organized Faith Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, when four persons followed the Lord Jesus in baptism. The service was held in the afternoon in the Camrose Baptist Church, and all present felt the presence of the Holy Spirit and were blessed by the challenging words and songs of God's people.

As a church we are especially grateful for the inspiring message of our guest speaker for this occasion, the Rev. H. Pfeifer of Edmonton, who also performed the baptismal ceremonies. In addition, we were privileged to listen to the lovely songs of praise as they were brought to us by the German Youth Choir of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton.

The fields truly are white already to harvest. Blessed is the church that has the vision of this convincing truth and that gathers fruit unto life eternal. Although our congregation is small as yet, and faces many difficulties and problems, nevertheless, we experience God's presence and his provisions for our daily needs.

Bernard Schalm, Student Pastor.

Three Great Summer Months at Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta

The months of June, July and August often have been months when churches have closed their doors for the evening services and have looked discouragingly over the many vacant seats. Activities ordinarily slow down to the bare minimum. Not until the schools open again in the fall and all vacationers return do activities increase and the doors swing wide.

However, this year it has been different, vastly different, at Central Church in Edmonton, Alberta. On June 2nd our church met to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Strauss for services at our church for the summer months. A fine group gathered and expressed in various ways the hopes and expectations for the coming months.

In spite of the Alberta Association meeting in the middle of June at Leduc, our services were well attended. And when the Northern Conference met at Carbon during the early part of July great interest was manifested. Participation in these gatherings was splendid and that which was learned was put into operation for the Lord. Then came the days for the children at Sylvan Lake from July 12 to 18 with more than 50 going from our church alone. That Junior Camp blessing was reflected in our Vacation Bible School that followed.

On Sunday evening July 4th, we were privileged to baptize two very fine young people and August 29th nine others followed the Lord. On September 1st we gathered for a farewell reception for Ervin and Rovia Strauss. We could not help but thank God for the countless blessings that came to us during those three months. There were no idle moments but a constant stream of blessings that proved to us that God does wonders in summer and winter. In eager anticipation of what he will do, we are now preparing for a city-wide revival campaign with Dr. Hyman Appelman.

Henry Pfeifer, Pastor.

Many Young People at Saskatchewan Baptist Tri Union Assembly at Echo Lake

We of the Saskatchewan Tri Union Assembly can say that the days of spiritual blessings and refreshing which the young people and children enjoyed at camp were days that will long be remembered. The camp dates were July 19 to August 1, and during the first week 110 young people registered. The classes that were taught were a study of the book of Colossians by Rev. K. Korella of Edmonton, and a study of missions by Rev. R. Schilke of Forest Park, Illinois. The afternoons were spent in physical recreation under the leadership of Rev. R. Grabke.

The evening services were inspirational and challenging, for the presence of the Holy Spirit was felt as several young people accepted Christ, and others rededicated their lives for more consecrated and devoted service.

The rally on Sunday was rich in blessings as many friends and parents came to participate in the services. Also the registration office was busy as 157 children registered for the activities of the following week. The teachers during Children's Week were: Nursery, Mrs. F. Ohlman and Mrs. Paul; Beginners: Mrs. C. Wirth, Mrs. O. Orthner, Miss Evelyn Seifert, and Miss Lydia Lang; Primary, Misses Audrey Schmuland and Isabelle Bresch; Juniors, Mrs. Kuehl and Mr. O. Orthner; Seniors, Rev. P. Grabke and Mr. C. Wirth. The nursery class learned about some Bible heroes, and the others studied the course, "This Is My Bible."

The director of music, Rev. W. Hoffman of Ebenezer, was hard at work during both weeks of camp, rehearsing with the choirs not only for the Sunday services, but also for the "Message of Hope" broadcast which is heard every Sunday morning over CJGX of Yorkton. The Larsen sisters of Regina

tor, the Rev. E. O. Gutsche, had the joy of baptizing twelve young people into the death of Christ. This was the fourth time since his coming a year and a half ago that he had this experience. After the baptismal service, the congregation gathered around the Lord's Table at which occasion the hand of fellowship was extended to the newly baptized.

With a flourishing Sunday School, a well attended Junior Church, intensive choir activities, consecrated radio ministry, diligent propagation of the Gospel in two languages, active young people's work, missionary-minded Ladies' Aid and many other activities, ours is a strong going concern in the Kingdom of God. Recently we conducted a week of successful Vacation Bible School with 86 teachers and pupils attending. On August 24 our ladies celebrated their 29th birthday anniversary. The speaker for the occasion was Mrs. R. Milbrandt, matron of our local Home for



Rev. E. O. Gutsche, pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., Canada, and twelve converts whom he recently baptized

were with us during the camp days; Alice serving as camp nurse, and Sonia as registrar.

The annual business meeting of the Saskatchewan Tri Union took place on July 24. The mission fund was set at \$1200 and is to be divided among the leper work in Africa, missions in Japan, and the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve in Saskatchewan. The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: president, Rev. E. Janzen, Fenwood, Sask.; vice-president, Rev. E. Thiessen, Southey, Sask.; dean, Rev. R. Jaster, Regina, Sask.; youth director, Rev. O. Fritzke, Nokomis, Sask.; music director, Rev. W. Hoffman, Ebenezer, Sask.; Sunday School director, Rev. R. Grabke, Regina, Sask.; treasurer, Mr. Bill Bonney, Jansen, Sask.; secretary, Miss Isabelle Bresch, Esk., Saskatchewan.

Esabelle Bresch, Reporter.

Baptismal Service and Many Activities at the Grace Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta

On Sunday, Sept. 5, during the evening meeting at the Grace Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alta., our pas-

the Aged, "Haven of Rest," who reported about her recent trip by plane and ship to Germany, where her good husband serves as immigration official. The president of the society is Mrs. A. Zeithner.

A unique feature of home mission work finds expression in the taking of each Sunday morning service on a tape recorder by our junior deacon, Mr. Ted Hoffman. He then takes these recorded services to the homes of our aged and infirm members. Needless to say, this service is very much appreciated. We are also privileged to be able to serve the Lord and his people in two languages, German and English. Although immigration has slowed down for the moment, there are still Christ's D. P. brethren arriving.

Pertaining to the denominational Church Extension program, Grace Baptist Church is determined to make its substantial contribution, both spiritual and financial. Under the strong spiritual leadership of pastor and helpers, we anticipate further expansion and conquest for Christ and his Kingdom.

Alice Huber, Reporter.



Members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Medina, N. Dak., who attended the festive Mission Festival services on Sunday, Sept. 19

Vacation Bible School at Lashburn Baptist Church Near Lashburn, Saskatchewan

The Lashburn Baptist Church of Lashburn, Sask., held its annual Vacation Bible School from July 26 to August 10. The school was well attended with a record enrollment of 69 children. The average attendance for the ten-day school was 55. In spite of the muddy roads, the attendance was quite satisfactory.

Children from various church groups in the community attended the school and still others were unchurched. The daily offerings were designated for the mission work in Japan and a Sunday School Register. The theme for the school was "Pioneering With Christ."

The teachers for the four classes were: Beginners, Mrs. John Gudmundson and Mrs. Edwin Kern; Primary, Miss Verna Martin and Mrs. Henry Schock; Juniors, Mrs. David Schaffer, Mrs. Bert Huber and Mrs. Sam Martin; Intermediates, Edwin Kern, who also acted as superintendent. The men of the church provided transportation for the children.

On Tuesday evening, August 10, the school held its demonstration program. It consisted of singing by the group, and each department demonstrated a portion of their daily activities. The church was filled to capacity to witness what the children had learned about Christ the "Pioneer Leader."

David Schaffer, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Junior and Senior Assemblies of Oregon Baptist League at Their Own Camp

We of the Oregon Baptist League were privileged to have our own camp grounds this year, thus enabling us to have two summer assemblies. The Junior Assembly was held from August 14 to 21 and the Senior Assembly from August 21 to 28. Both camps had the theme, "Conquering With Christ" with Romans 8:37 as the theme verse.

Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker from headquarters, was the guest speaker at the Junior Assembly. Assisting her in teaching the mission classes was Mrs. Nance, who has been a missionary to China. Mrs. Barnett from Immanuel Church and Mrs. Fern from Salt Creek Church taught our Bible classes. Bruce Rich of Bethany led the handcraft classes. The Rev. Henry Barnett, pastor of the Immanuel Church, Portland, was dean of the Junior Assembly. The topics of the classes at both camps were based on our theme of Conquering.

At our Senior Assembly the Rev. J. C. Gunst was the guest speaker. The Rev. Robert Penner, pastor of Salt Creek Church, served as dean for this assembly and also taught classes. In Open Forum class we discussed the many problems that we as young people face at school and in our daily living.



Vacation Bible School group of the Baptist Church, Lashburn, Saskatchewan

Our recreation for the two weeks consisted of softball, swimming, volleyball, pingpong, badminton, horse-shoes and hiking. These activities were enjoyed by all and kept everyone busy during the afternoons. Also during the afternoons we had special prayer groups and open time for individual prayers in the newly erected chapel.

Our early evening hours were devoted to various activities, such as a get-acquainted party, wiener roast, talent night, stunt night, game night, and good old-fashioned singingspirations. Our vesper services were led by various ministers, teachers, and young people. During this time decisions were made to follow Christ. Our last evening at both camps was our consecration service. During this time full-time service decisions were made as well as nearly 100 per cent of the young people attending reconsecrated their lives to Christ.

We of the League wish to thank the ones who made it possible for us to have these beautiful camp grounds of our own in which to worship our Lord and we thank God for the success of it.

Sharon LeClair, Secretary.



Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., for the past ten years

Central Conference

Rev. E. Arthur McAsh Begins Eleventh Year at the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Michigan

It is a startling thing for a minister to be set aside and not allowed to deliver his evening sermon. Such was the case of the Rev. E. Arthur McAsh on Sunday, Sept. 12, when the Ebenezer Baptist Church members of Detroit, Mich., decided to express their appreciation for the pastor's ten successful years at this church. This was the pastor's first Sunday back from vacation. Prior to the evening service, Mr. Irvin Draewell, deacon chairman, had asked the pastor for a portion in the evening's schedule to make "a very important announcement." This was not out of the ordinary for Mr. Draewell to do since he has requested this on many occasions of importance. When his time came to make his "announcement," he also brought an expression of appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. McAsh for their faithful past years.

Mr. Draewell gave a brief review of the past ten years—how the members had been strengthened through the pastor's ministry—how they had been encouraged to bring their Bibles, thus becoming a Bible-believing church—how they were thrilled in giving to missions throughout the globe—and how the young people had grown in spiritual values and ideals.

It was during these years that Ebenezer planned and executed its building program. In this critical and important time, Mr. McAsh gave invaluable leadership. This building project involved an expenditure of over \$300,000.00 with still more to be added in the very near future. The re-location brought many new families into the church and with them added responsibilities to our pastor. Mr. McAsh gave unselfishly of his time in ministering to the needs of the congregation and to the friends in the community. We rejoice in the large number accepting Christ as Savior and following him into the waters of baptism.

Other members voicing their appreciation on behalf of the church to the pastor and his wife for their ministry through the years were Mrs. Hazel Meredith, Woman's Missionary Society chairman; Mrs. Marvin Skubick, general Sunday School superintendent; and Mr. Brodie Kozicki, one of Ebenezer's newest members.

During the surprise service several numbers of special music were given. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Meena sang and Mr. Meena played two numbers on his "golden coronet." Mrs. Jeanette Dorsey, organist, and Miss Ruth Ann Rickett, pianist, rendered an instrumental duet. The music was appreciated by a large congregation present.

The pastor was given a check as an expression of love from the church and friends. Mrs. McAsh received a lovely orchid corsage. After the presentation, refreshments were served.

Jim Lowe, Reporter.

Obituary

MR. FREDRICH PEPPE
of Carrington, North Dakota.

Mr. Fredrich Pepple of Carrington, N. Dak., passed on to his heavenly reward on September 21 at the age of 72. Mr. Pepple had suffered a great deal during his lengthy illness. He was born in Cataloe, Romania, May 8, 1882. He migrated to America with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pepple, the same year of his birth.

On arrival in this country they settled in Jamestown, North Dakota. Later he homesteaded in Longview Township, N. Dak., in the Pleasant Valley area and lived there until his retirement in 1944, when he moved to Carrington. He was active in civic affairs such as township supervisor and school director for some 20 years.

On June 3, 1909 he married Isabelle Wagner at Edenwald, Saskatchewan. God blessed this marriage with five children. His wife and one daughter (Ann) preceded him in death. Those who remain to mourn his loss are: Delford, Frederick, Mrs. Elmer Okert (Millicent) of Carrington, and Betty Jane of Fargo; three sisters: Mrs. Lyman Robertson (Minnie), Mrs. Franz Zink (Elizabeth) of Carrington, and Mrs. William Seibold (Marie) of Cathay, and two brothers, Thomas and Christ of Portland, Oregon.

He was converted under Evangelist H. Schwendener's ministry and baptized by the Rev. William Wahl in June 1904. He was a faithful and active member of the Calvary Baptist Church until his home-going. For many years he held the office of deacon, Sunday School superintendent and was a beloved Sunday School teacher of young and old.

For words of comfort the undersigned spoke on the text from Rev. 3:12. Carrington, North Dakota

CARL R. WEISSER, Pastor.

MRS. KATHERINE BARON
of Fenwood, Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Katherine Baron, nee Gabel, of Fenwood, Sask., was born in Austria on March 21, 1885 and passed away in St. Peter's Hospital in Melville, Sask., on August 25, 1954 at the age of 69 years, 5 months and 4 days.

In 1902 she came to Canada with her parents and obtained work in Grenfell, Saskatchewan. In November 1905 she was united in marriage to the late William Baron. Two years later they moved to Melville, Sask., where they remained for seven years. Moving then to Birmingham, Sask., they remained there five years. Then the move was made to Fenwood, Sask., where she lived for 32 years. Mrs. Baron was a hard working woman and respected throughout the community, being a faithful member of the Fenwood Baptist Church until the time of her passing. For the past two years she was in Melville, Sask., with her daughter Carrie and much of this time was spent in St. Peter's Hospital.

Predeceased by her husband in 1947 she has eight daughters: Phyllis, Mrs. A. J. Arndt of Shevlin, Manitoba; Barbara, Mrs. Emil Arndt of Vancouver, Brit. Col.; Carrie, Mrs. Ralph Dohms of Melville, Sask.; Katie, Mrs. Lionel Schick of Lemberg, Sask.; Mary, Mrs. Robert Dohms of Duff, Sask.; Linda, Mrs. Stan Weinmeister of Dunleath, Sask.; Ruth of Regina, Sask.; and Evangeline of Melville, Sask.; three sons: Bill, Jack, and Ed, all of Fenwood, Sask.; also two sisters: Barbara, Mrs. G. Gieb, and Carrie, Mrs. C. Reinheimer of Melville, Sask.; three brothers: Fred Gabel of Melville, Sask.; Jack Gabel of Fenwood, Sask.; and Adam Gabel of Duff, Sask.; as well as 31 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The pastor led the funeral service which was held in the Fenwood Baptist Church and the Rev. A. H. Stiller, pastor of Elim Chapel in Melville, Sask., spoke words of comfort based on Philippians 1:21-23.

Fenwood, Saskatchewan

ELDON L. JANZEN, Pastor.

MR. CARL BARSUHN
of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Carl Barsuhn of Detroit, Mich., was born Nov. 4, 1874 in Germany and died Sept. 23, 1954 at the Ford Hospital in De-

troit. He almost reached the age of 80 years. Suffering severe pains in his right foot, he was taken to the hospital where it was found necessary to amputate his right leg. Although this operation was successful and the patient found relief, yet at last he was stricken with pneumonia which led to his death. Thus he spent about two months at this hospital.

As a young man Mr. Barsuhn left the old country and spent a few years at first in Nebraska. From here he went to Germantown, N. Dak., where the Rev. D. Paul baptized him. At this same place he was married to Emilie Seidel. Together they went to Anamoose, N. Dak., to take up a homestead. To this union eight children were born of whom William preceded his father in his best years.

On account of crop-failures the family planned to move to Gladwin, Mich., where they stayed only a short time. Finally the family went to Detroit, Mich., where they joined the Burns Ave. Baptist Church. Soon Mr. Barsuhn was elected as a deacon in which capacity he served the church the rest of his life. He was loved and respected by all for his faithfulness.

The funeral service was held at the Burns Ave. Church on Sept. 27. Dr. Dale Ihrie was in charge of the service. He and the undersigned spoke words of comfort to the bereaved family. After the service the funeral procession went to the Forrest Lawn Cemetery where the body was committed to the earth until the day of Christ's return.

The deceased leaves to mourn: his wife Emilie; his children: Ernest, Mrs. Anna Wegner, Alvin, Robert, Mrs. Elsie Koenke, Mrs. Florence Young, and Herbert; 26 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. May the Lord comfort the bereaved family!

Burns Avenue Baptist Church,

Detroit, Michigan

H. P. KAYSER, Correspondent.

18931 Common Road, Roseville, Michigan.

MR. THEODOR MATTIS
of Avon, South Dakota.

Mr. Theodor Mattis of Avon, S. Dak., was born in Israelofka, South Russia, on November 12, 1867, and was taken to his heavenly home on Saturday night, September 11, 1954. He died at Bismarck, N. Dak., having reached the ripe old age of 86 years, 9 months and 30 days. In June 1886 at the age of 19 years, Mr. Mattis emigrated to this country from Southern Russia and settled on a farm in the Avon vicinity, where he resided until two years ago, when he lived at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck, North Dakota. On January 9, 1889 he was united in marriage to Dora Radack with whom he lived in happy relationship until her decease on June 23, 1947.

As a young man of 26 years, in 1892, Mr. Mattis accepted Christ as his own personal Savior, and sought to live faithfully for him the remainder of his days upon earth. He was baptized the same year of his conversion by the Rev. John Regier and joined the Danzig Baptist Church. In the year 1911 he transferred his membership to the First Baptist Church of Avon where he remained a member until his death. His faithfulness for the Lord Jesus will long be remembered by those who knew him best. During the years of his membership in the Avon Church he held a number of offices. He was superintendent of the Sunday School for six years, the church treasurer for two years, a trustee for six years, a Sunday School teacher and a deacon for 14 years.

Mr. Mattis looked forward with anticipation to that day when death would release him from his body to be forever present with his Lord. Two of his favorite texts of Scripture which he had selected for his funeral service were: Psalm 17:15 and II Corinthians 5:1.

Surviving his death are his nieces and nephews, the members of his church and many other friends who came to know him throughout his lifetime. Assisting the pastor in the funeral service was the Rev. Walter Stein who brought a brief message in the German language on the text, Psalm 17:15, while the undersigned spoke briefly in English on the text, II Corinthians 5:1.

First Baptist Church,

Avon, South Dakota

HENRY SMULAND, Pastor.

Cornerstone Laying Service for the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma Heights, Ohio

The laying of the cornerstone for the new edifice of the Parma Heights Baptist Church, Parma Heights, Ohio, took place on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 12, with 350 members and friends from neighboring churches enjoying this happy occasion. A prelude of sacred musical recordings was enjoyed, followed by congregational singing. The Rev. W. J. Luebeck, editor of "Der Sendbote," gave the invocation. The responsive reading was led by our church clerk, Mrs. Walter Miller.

The Erin Avenue Church choir rendered the anthem, "All Hail the Power," under the direction of Mrs. Walter Laurence. The Rev. George O'Keefe, pastor of the Brookside Baptist Church, offered a prayer of praise. Greetings were brought by the Rev. Edward Kary, pastor of the White Avenue Church. Our pastor, the Rev. Edwin Miller, gave the main address on "Christ the Chief Cornerstone" (Eph. 2:9-20).

Those who took part in the actual cornerstone laying were Mr. Carl Guenther, Sr., financial secretary; Mr. Louis Schaefer, general contractor; Mr. Rolland McGilvray, secretary of Broadview Savings and Loan Association; Mrs. Bernice Miller, church clerk; and Rev. Edwin Miller, pastor. Mr. Philip Pfaff, church member and superintendent on the job for the contractors, laid the cornerstone with Mr. Archie MacFarland, foreman of the bricklayers, assisting. The inscription on the cornerstone reads: "Parma Heights Baptist Church, 1954."

Much work still has to be done in order to complete the structure which is expected to be finished between Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. We had our ground breaking service two



Rev. G. P. Schroeder of the Bethel Baptist Church, Windsor, Ont., Canada, and five young people whom he baptized in the first baptismal service of this church

months ago and praise God that we have been able to progress with our work so rapidly.

Delores Ziemann, Reporter.

Story of the Bethel Baptist Church, Windsor, Ontario, and First Baptismal Service

The Lord answered our prayers and gave us a German Baptist Church in Windsor, Ont., where the new immigrants from Germany can praise and worship the living God in the German language. On July 17 of this year the German Baptist Church was established and we trust the Lord that he will make our church to grow in his own glory.

On August 1st it was our privilege to have our first baptismal service in the Walkerville Baptist Church. Many of our friends from far and near joined us at this solemn occasion. Our pastor, Rev. G. P. Schroeder, in convincing words spoke about the necessity of

baptism according to Romans 6:1-11 when souls completely yielded to the Lord begin a new life in Christ Jesus. So through the baptism of these five converts the number of our members has grown to twenty.

At the present time we are meeting in the Mission Hall of the United Church at 1175 Langlois St., where it is our privilege to gather for Sunday School and worship on Sunday morning and evening. We also have a period for Bible study and prayer each Tuesday night. Our young people meet on Saturday night and also are in charge of one of the Sunday night services which are always well attended and have been a blessing to all of us. The mixed choir and the male quartet as well as our musicians serve the Lord and the church with their wonderful talents.

As you may know, Windsor is just on the other side of the river from Detroit and it takes less than five minutes and only 12½ cents to drive from one place to the other either through the tunnel underneath the river or over the Ambassador Bridge. There is a heavy traffic between the two cities which for us as a church is of great importance. We enjoy having visitors from the Conner Baptist Church of Detroit, whose pastor, the Rev. Otto Patzia, started the work here, and also from other churches. The climate is mild and people grow a lot of fruit and vegetables here.

We thank our God for our dear brother, the Rev. G. P. Schroeder, who temporarily serves us and brings us the messages in our mother tongue, who teaches us and also shares with us in our joys and sorrows. Those who would like to know more about our church and general situation please write to Rev. G. P. Schroeder, 805 Kildare Road, Windsor, Ont., Canada.

Ed. Liegman, Church Clerk.

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