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It is a deeply moving account of the power of the Word of God

By CHARLES HARRISON CRANDALL

FOREWORD

(HANGING one's entire personality is one of the most difficult tasks an individual can ever hope to accomplish. The excommunication of life-long habits from one's character takes a great amount of determination and the infallible help of a Higher Being than mortal man. At 19 years of age, I am now a testifying example of God's extraordinary power.

The environment of my early youth can only be described as pitiful. In short, I was raised in the semi-slums of a large, industrial city.

In a home devoid of Christian principles and an incompatible mother and step-father, it was inevitable that, lacking the proper guidance, I should go astray.

Over a period of the last-nine years, my life has been a series of sinful and pagan offenses against both moral and social codes of correct behavior, for I would not recognize authority in any form. The strange thing about this is that, even at an early age, I knew God was after me.

Perhaps the reason it took me so long to find him was because someone was constantly trying to force him upon me. I recall how I would turn a deaf ear when faced with "religion."

Also, I remember awakening in a cold sweat several times during the past few years after having a dream in which I accepted God into my life. I was determined that I would not become a "religious panty-waist."

Recently I was sitting in a federal reformatory chapel service, listening intently to a sermon entitled, "God—How Can I Find Him?" The chaplain, to whom I shall ever be indebted, had the rare knack of speaking calmly, forcefully, and convincingly.

With the sudden realization of what his statement, "God is looking for you," meant, actual cold chills tingled up and down my spine. I thought to myself, "Yes—that's so. He is looking for me. I have seen evidence of it over and over again." It was then I made my decision to change.

MY LIFE STORY

It has finally dawned on me, with all the force and impact of an earthquake, that God is the most persistent, unrelenting Hunter in existence. Naturally, as in all things, God differs greatly from hunters as we know them. He is not a sportsman, for his

pected, The Hunter fell in step with me and we walked as one.

A WONDERFUL CHANGE

This business of praying, which I had formerly considered something for kids and old women, began to take hold of me, and I found myself asking him for strength and guidance. As the habit of praying became a steadfast part of my character, I found that I no longer felt a need to curse when faced with unfortunate circumstances. Also, I discovered how easy it was to prevent my mind from becoming infiltrated with the filth which circulated around me constantly.

Strangely, I felt a change come over me. The contentment and peace of mind, which I had searched so diligently for prior to this change, were now mine in reality. The conceit which I had for my personal appearance disappeared, for in his circle physical characteristics are not taken into consideration.

The false satisfaction which I felt in myself after having successfully deceived someone died away into oblivion. The greed I had for money and power dissolved into nothingness. The low opinion I held for his children was redrafted and emerged as a feeling of kinship and a desire to cooperate.

In retrospect, my only regret in regards to my decision to change is that I did not decide to do it sooner. No longer does The Hunter doggedly follow my trail, but I follow HIS!

search is not in sport. He is not seeking trophies to adorn his celestial mansion, for neither is he vain. But God still is "The Hunter." He is searching patiently for you and me.

During the course of my 19 years, I have hidden in the brush, so to speak, fearful lest I be found and captured by The Hunter. I have slyly tried to shake this Pursuer, but I have found that he can follow a trail with his eyes closed. Suddenly I stopped to reflect!

Was I enjoying my freedom as much as I thought. Was I completely happy in my present habitat? Was my past life as useful as it could have been? Did I have peace of mind? I knew immediately that the answer to each of these questions was "no."

After this question-answer session with myself, it was inevitable that I should wonder how life in captivity—God's captivity—would be. After much consultation with myself, I decided that I might as well give it a chance. What did I have to lose?

Instead of pouncing on me and casting me in a cage, as I had ex-

Baptist Briefs

● The Costa Rican Baptist Convention in Central America held its annual meeting February 8-11 in San José, with six Baptist churches represented and two new churches accepted for membership. The total membership of the eight churches is 433, with seven ordained pastors, six pastors not yet qualified for ordination, and two missionary couples from the Southern Baptist Convention, U.S.A. President Adolfo Robleto was re-elected. He reports that the recent political and military disturbance in Costa Rica, which lasted three weeks, did not seriously affect the churches. "In the city of Heredia," he writes, "our Baptist church was holding a revival when the pastor was put in prison and the services were called off. The impression we got was that the local priest had used his influence with the local military commander to stop the meetings, but two days later they let us continue the revival and the blessings of the Lord were poured out upon the church."

● The fifth session of the Council of Baptist Churches of Assam and Manipur brought together 100 delegates and missionaries in the northeastern section of India. A new constitution was adopted, under which the greater share of the responsibility for carrying on mission work is vested in the hands of national Baptists rather than missionaries. American Baptists, encouraged by Adoniram Judson, entered Assam in 1836 and established a mission center at Sadiya, on the upper Brahmaputra River. A chain of 13 stations has since been developed along the river, with 1,768 churches, 556 schools, six hospitals, and seven dispensaries. The Baptist ministry of evangelism, education and healing conducted by the Assam Mission's 57 missionaries is extended into an area where 12,000,000 people live. Nagas, Garos, and other tribesmen, formerly head-hunters, have now become partially evangelized, and 130,000 of them are members of Baptist churches.

Editorial

The Ministry of Flowers

FLOWERS ARE GOD'S silent messengers to our lives. Their subtle touch puts a spiritual stamp upon us that nothing can erase. The flower vases and blossoming plants on the church platform or in the sick room become pulpits from which God reveals the glory of his handiwork and the wonders of his love.

Flowers speak of beauty with a spiritual lift. Tennyson, the poet, held a flower from "a crannied wall" in his hand and was inspired to say that if he could know all that the flower is in its created beauty, he would know "what God and man is"! Flowers in the church underscore the minister's message of God's care and concern for us. "Consider the lilies of the field! . . . How much more will God clothe you, O ye of little faith" (Matthew 6:28 and 30). Flowers direct us to the things of the Creator, to the truths of God, to the touch of his beauty upon our lives. Many a church service has been beautified and enhanced by the ministry of fragrant flowers that were brought by loving hands to the sanctuary. With eyes feasting upon the splendor of flowers, it is certainly much easier "to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

Flowers also convey a message of loving concern by others in the name of Christ. Behind every bouquet of flowers there is a thoughtful donor, a consecrated gardener, a loving friend. The very sight of the flowers in the sickroom or from the invalid chair or at the funeral service is evidence of the comforting truth that someone is praying for you and is helping to bear your burdens in the spirit of Christ. You are not alone. Others are remembering you before the throne of mercy. God's arm is never too short to help you. Your troubles are the concern of many, many people. That is the message that flowers speak with a mighty even though silent eloquence.

Flowers also touch our lives with peace and healing balm. Tired eyes are rested and burdened souls are refreshed by the look of a flower, resplendent with colorful glory. They speak of heavenly things, of things that only God can do and create, of the more perfect life to which Christ is ever calling us. They open to us the portals into the chambers of a "peace that passeth all understanding." In the silent beauty of the flowers we are called on to become still and "to know that HE is God"!

Thank God for the ministering angels who tend the flowers in the garden and then reverently and with consecration bring them to God's house to enhance the services. Thank God for those who in thoughtful love and Christian concern take the flowers to the sick, the invalids, and the shut-ins. Thank God for those who in the summer months use their flower gardens as blessings to be scattered among others! I know of a church where some unknown person with a sweet spirit arranges for his pastor to have a flower in his coat lapel before entering the pulpit every Sunday morning. These are the servants of God whose ministry with flowers is a sweet savor unto him!

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I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes



"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth" (Psalm 121:1-2)

Examples of prayer, lessons concerning the future, and the subject of the ascension and return of the Lord come to us from the Mount of Olives (Matt. 24:3; John 17:1; Acts 1:12; Zech. 14:4. These mountain-top experiences of our Lord do remind us that we stand on Christ, the solid Rock.

The hills suggest victorious Christian living. Finally, by lifting our eyes to the hills, we find a personal lift to our own souls as we walk the pilgrim pathway. Too often do we feel the burdens and pressures of this life, getting down into the valleys of despair and into the ravines of defeat. We allow the worldly pleasures, the cares of this life, the many responsibilities of our work to hedge us in.

To soar above these and to "be on top," we can go to the Bible, to prayer and to fellowship meetings. By yielding to him we are filled with the Holy Spirit which gives us the victory that overcomes. Our song should be "I'm pressing on the upward way, new heights I'm gaining every day."

As Christians we can lift our eyes unto the hills—not failing to see the old rugged Cross on a hill far away.

Heights of Spiritual Vision

By REV. FRED FUCHS, La Salle, Colorado

"I WILL LIFT UP mine eyes unto the hills!" These words, written so many years ago by the Psalmist, still hold a meaning for us today. Always men have sought for divine help from the heights. Mountains have been viewed as meeting places with Deity because

they constituted thresholds by which Deity could step down to earth.

In the busy life of the 20th century we need often to lift our eyes from the low levels of monotony and speed to heights to which our spiritual vision will take us. Looking up, we realize

how lax we grow and often become content to remain on the plains rather than to climb. Life can move on around us; yet we remain stationary. We must make the effort to say, "I WILL lift up my eyes." The art of stirring and lifting ourselves must become a daily habit.

THE EXILE'S THOUGHTS

The psalm from which we have taken our text was no doubt written during the time of the exile. We can see the exiles, wearied with the monotony of the long-stretching, flat plains of Babylonia, summoning up before his mind the distant hills where his home was. We see him wondering how he will be able ever to reach that place where his desires are set. We see him settling down in hopeful assurance that his effort is not in vain, since his help comes from the Lord.

"I will lift up my eyes unto the hills. Away out yonder westward, across the sands lie the lofty summits of my fatherland that draws me to itself." Then comes a turn of thought, most natural to a mind passionately yearning after a great hope. "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills. From whence cometh my help? How am I to get there?" And then comes the final turn of thought: "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."

So then, there are three things here—the look of longing, the question of weakness, the assurance of faith.

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills." It's a resolution, born of intense longing. Now the hills that the Psalmist is thinking about were visible from no part of that long-extended plain where he dwelt. He might have looked until he wore his eyes out, before he might have seen them on the horizon of sense. But although they were unseen, they were visible to the heart that longed for them.

Do we know anything of that longing that the Psalmist had? He was perfectly comfortable in Babylon. But for all that fat wealthy Babylon was not Palestine. So amidst the lush vegetation, the wealth of water and the fertile plains, the Psalmist longed for the mountains, though the mountains are often bare of green things. It was that longing that led to his looking to the hills.

AN IMMORTAL LONGING

Unless we know something of that immortal longing to be nearer to God, and fuller of Christ, and emancipated from sense and from the burdens and trivialities of life, we have yet to learn what the meaning of "walking not after the flesh but after the Spirit" really is.

So, unless we take up and persevere in maintaining a habitual attitude of stirring up and lifting up ourselves,

gravitation will be too much for us, and down will go the head and down the eyes, and down will go the desires, and we shall be like men that live in some mountainous country, who never lift their gaze to the solemn white summits that travellers come across a continent to see. Christian men and women too often walk beneath the very peaks of the mountains of God, and rarely lift their vision there!

Notice also the question of weakness. "From whence cometh my help?" The loftier our ideal, the more painful ought to be our conviction of incapacity to reach it.

A Sermon of the Mountains

By REV. C. T. REMPLE, Missoula, Montana

PEOPLE of all ages have spoken about the cruelty of nature. You do not have to go very far until you see a great measure of cruelty round about us. There does not seem to be much love and mercy in nature. If we are interested in real love and mercy, we turn to the Lord Jesus Christ. Nature respects power and might.

John Stuart Mill looked for love and mercy in nature and was bitterly disappointed. His disappointment in nature induced him to write thus: "Nature impales men, breaks them on the wheel, casts them to wild beasts, burns them to death, crushes with stones, starves with hunger, freezes with cold, poisons with exhalations. A single hurricane destroys the hopes of a season; a flight of locusts or a flood desolates a district, a trifling chemical change in the potato starves a million people."

It is very interesting to note that Christ took a different attitude toward

ity to reach it. The Christian man's one security is in feeling his peril, an the condition of his strength is his acknowledgment and vivid consciousness always of his weakness.

Finally, notice the assurance of faith. The Psalmist asks himself, "From whence cometh my help?" Then the better self answers the question, timid self, "My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." May we, too, fully realize that our help, in times of joy as well as in times of sorrow, comes from the Lord.

nature. He seems to have been deeply in love with it. He reminded his disciples of the beauty of the flowers, of God's care for the grass. He also amazed his disciples by telling them that God cared so much for the worthless sparrows that it made a difference to him whether they are living or dying. He did not walk in nature with closed eyes. He saw the power and wisdom of God in it.

THE GREATNESS OF GOD

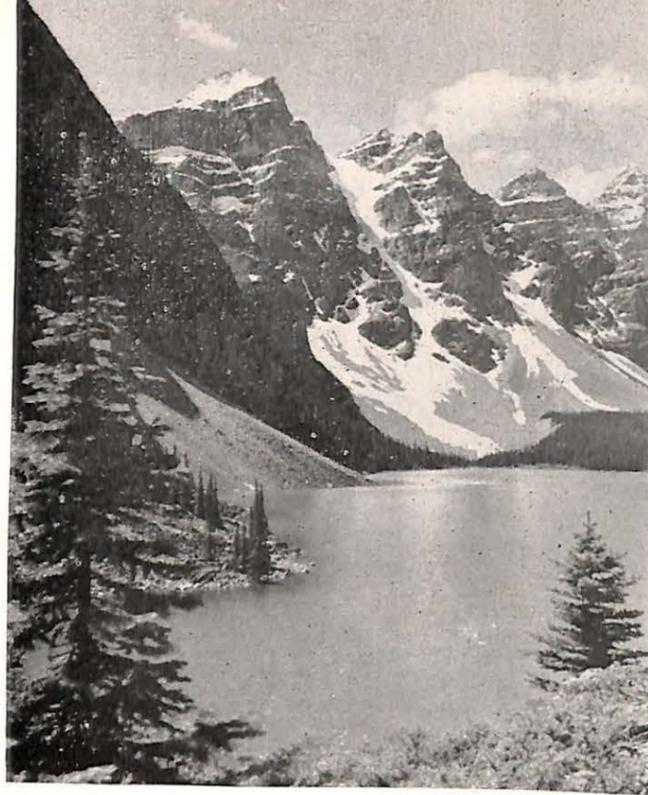
As the Psalmist looked into nature, he was especially overwhelmed by the greatness of God when he beheld the mountains. He was fully convinced that only God could move and act in such a mysterious way which resulted in the beautiful hills and mountains. As he looked at the mountains, he found it very easy to pray and also very easy to praise. That is why he said: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills . . ."

The people of the Old Testament were fond of mountains. There was hardly an aspect of God's nature which they did not set forth in pictures of mountains. When they thought of eternity, they said: "Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God."

When they wished to advise a soul to make God a refuge, they said: "Flee O my soul, as a bird to your mountain." When they spoke about the privilege of preaching the Word of God, they said: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace."

Mountains have played a vital part in the history of the Bible. The law of Moses was given on the Mount Sinai. When Jesus was tempted, the devil took him to an exceedingly high mountain. The greatest sermon that possibly Jesus ever preached was delivered on a mountain. His transfiguration was witnessed by some of his disciples on a great mountain. Yes,

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A majestic mountain scene in the Canadian Rockies.

Source of Strength in God

By REV. WALTER DINGFIELD, Startup, Washington

THE MOUNTAINS and the hills of Palestine were much in the thoughts of the Scripture writers. Although their general outlines are not striking, yet these mountains are the features of the country itself. In Palestine proper there are no snow-covered mountains, nor are the slopes bedecked with forests. Nevertheless, the Psalmist typifies the mind of the people when he penned the line, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills" (Psalm 121:1).

SOURCE OF STRENGTH

When one reads the King James Version of this verse, he might be led to believe that the mountains were the source of strength and help. In this version a comma is placed after hills which would make the next phrase, "from whence cometh my help," a modifier of the word hill, thus suggesting that they were the source of help. But are the hills sufficient to give help to a soul? Obviously not.

Although we recognize our source of help as our Heavenly Father, yet we can continue to lift our eyes unto the hills, not for help, but to enjoy the beauty and to learn some spiritual lessons.

The hills symbolize the strength of the Lord. As we let our eyes rest upon these horizon-breaking monuments of beauty, we see in them the element of ruggedness and endurance. They give the appearance of being unmovable and eternal.

Yet, the Word of God, when speaking of the majesty of the Lord, indi-

cates that the hills and mountains are as dust and chaff, capable of being melted like wax, and having their foundations shaken (Psalm 18:7, 97:5; Isa. 40:12, 41:15; Jer. 4:24; Nahum 1:5).

Therefore, as we behold the hills and mountains, we can be reminded that our Father in heaven is even stronger than that which he has created. "The Lord is our Rock and fortress."

REMINDER OF CHRIST

The hills remind us of Christ's experiences. By looking to the hills we can think again of Christ and his relationship to certain ones. The exceedingly high mountain during his temptation experience shows us that Christ did not yield to temptation (Matt. 4:8). A fore-gleam of the coming Kingdom was presented on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matt. 17:1). It was on a skull-like hill called Calvary where the Lamb of God was slain for us, bearing our sins in his own body on the tree (Luke 23:33).



Mt. Index and Stevens Pass Highway near Startup, Washington.



The Adere Cameroons Baptist Mission School in the grassland area of Africa, showing the Baptist Chapel of Adere in the background (left) and (at right) the younger pupils showing some of their handiwork.

The Missionary's Trek to Adere, Africa!

A weekend of adventures in the grassland town of Adere, visiting the church services, mission school, handiwork class and school farm and helping to keep order in a shouting committee meeting

By MISSIONARY IDA FORSCH of Mbem, Africa

ADERE, a small town in the grassland country of the Cameroons, Africa, is three days trekking distance from Mbem and a good five hours trek from Lus, one of our larger mission schools in this area. After riding for four and a half hours along a rather pleasant stretch of valleys, you begin to climb a hill, not too steep, but enough to keep you puffing.

Reaching the top, you suddenly look down upon a very large plain, on either side of which there is thick bush which is a hunter's paradise. The palm trees in the plain are all very short. I was told that years ago many elephants roamed throughout this plain and uprooted most of the palms. Gradually the elephants left, and now the trees are beginning to grow again.

MY ADERE HOME

At the bottom of the hill is Adere. The village is rather scattered, compounds being here and there. You keep winding along the narrow path that leads across small streams and valleys with thick bush all about. After crossing one small creek, you suddenly come upon the Mission grounds. It is a beautiful spot, flat with no bush. But the buildings do not look beautiful, since all are in dire need of repair.

Where was I going to sleep? Not in the church, as the next day was Sunday! There was a little, low roofed mud house a few yards from the church which is supposed to be the rest house (guest house) but at the present it is occupied by the churchteacher. His house, eight by eight, is occupied by one of the schoolteachers. On my arrival the churchteacher moved out of the rest house and shared a room with the schoolteacher.

The rest house has three small rooms. The two inner rooms have no windows. Fortunately one wall of one of the rooms had partially fallen down, which allowed a bit of air to enter. This room served as my bedroom. It was stifling hot at Adere, and it was not much better in the little house.

After having set up my cot, table and wash stand, I began to drink tea. There is no end to the number of cups one can drink after a long trek in such a hot climate. For the next two and a half days my diet consisted of liquids, tea, coffee, and soup, mostly tea. Towards evening it gradually began to get a bit cool.

THE DONGA RIVER

The Donga River, which is also the border line to the Northern Cameroons, is only an hour's walk from Adere. Early Sunday morning the two schoolteachers and I walked down to the river. We left at 6:30 A.M. but already it was very warm. Waves of heat hit us as we walked up and down the endless valleys. However, we passed a small compound where a man was sitting beside a fire warming himself. Some distance from the river we could hear the roar of the waters and see the mist rising in the bushes. After walking through some thick bush, we suddenly came upon the beautiful Donga River.

How wonderfully cool and refreshing it was as we stood under the trees and watched the water swirl and surge over the rocks! A little boy led us to a spot where we could sit on the rocks and enjoy the beauty of the river. At this time of the year the waters are low, but we could see by the trees on the bank that during the rainy season it is very high. During

that time, crocodiles can be found at most any place in the river.

After half an hour's rest and meditation, we began our trek back to the village. We reached the Mission at 9:30 A.M., hot and tired. My cook had prepared a delicious breakfast. Shortly after breakfast there was a shout in one of the teachers' houses. A boy had entered to find a deadly poisonous snake curled up in a corner of the room. After a great deal of noise, the snake was killed and brought out for all to see it. After this incident, I carefully shook out my shoes every morning before putting them on!

CHURCH SERVICE

At 12:30 noon, the people began to gather for the church service. By one o'clock the small church, 15 by 20 feet, was packed. My chair had been put upon the narrow, three feet wide platform and beside the table that served as a pulpit for the churchteacher. Soon I had to push my chair as far back to the wall as possible, as the children began to crowd about my feet, trying to get a place to sit. One hundred and forty people had packed into the church, of whom 100 were children. It grew hotter and hotter by the minute. As wave after wave of odor from perspiring bodies hit me in the face, I deeply regretted having left my cologne at Mbem.

The song service was led by the children, first by a small boy of about eight years of age and then by a girl a few years older. It is not very often that one sees such a vivacious song leader, especially a girl, but she got the people to sing. With the beating of the drums, the clapping of hands and the shouting, it was indeed a joyful noise made unto the Lord! Even the termites that were in the ground

under the platform were roused and came out to fly about the room to give their praises! As soon as the drumming and singing stopped, they stopped coming out of their holes.

The churchteacher had gone to Mbem for a churchteachers' conference, so one of the schoolteachers was in charge of the service. His talk was based on Ezra 8:21. "Separate yourself from the evil ways of the people of the land." It was a challenging talk. After the service, all went to Sunday School. The three classes are being taught by the churchteacher and the two schoolteachers. The two adult classes were combined for the day.

MISSION SCHOOL

The Mission School of Adere was opened in 1954 with one class. This year there are two classes, Infants I and II. The teachers' salaries are being paid by the people by means of an education tax rate. In 1953, thirteen villages got together and paid one shilling for each tax payer (equivalent to 14 cents) toward the support of their two schools, Lus and Koffa. In 1954 they paid two shillings for each tax payer. This was enough to open a new school, which was Adere.

Forty little tots attended the first year. This year the enrollment is not quite as good with 56. The people are responsible for all the school buildings. The second classroom has not been built as yet, so one class is held in the church. It is very unsatisfactory since there are no desks and the kiddies use small boards on which to place their writing books.

One has to be constantly coaxing, begging and threatening to get people to do something for their own good. Much patience is required to work with these people. If we did everything for them, they would never learn to become independent. So we insist that they do all the building, even if it takes one or two years or more.

All of Monday was spent at the school. Before 8:00 A.M. some of the little children were already busy sweeping the classrooms and the yard; others carried drinking water. One large clay pot stands in front of the classroom which has to be filled every morning. Neatly against the wall are hung all the children's drinking cups. Each child has his own.

At 8:00 A.M. the band began to play. Children could be seen running from all areas to take their places in the inspection line. Hands, teeth, hair, and clothing (what there is of it) are inspected for cleanliness. Then all marched into the classroom for morning prayers. After two songs were sung in the vernacular, the teacher led in prayer which was followed by a Bible story. Two children led in closing prayer.



Students at the Cameroons Baptist Mission School at Adere work on their school farm, which had just begun at the time of Missionary Ida Forsch's visit.

HANDIWORK AND THE FARM

On this particular day the children were engaged in handiwork. It was fascinating to watch the little tots clean fibres for ropes and another kind for brooms which are used to sweep the classrooms and yard. A few were weaving mats, some were making small school bags. Every child has his own little bag in which he carries his school books. Two boys were carving wooden combs; some were making baskets. The five little girls were moulding clay pots. In half an hour's time one girl had completed one. The teacher showed me the many pots the girls had made. After they are sun-dried, they are fired. All the handiwork articles, which are not used for school purposes, are sold. The money goes into the school fund.

A school farm has been begun. This year the little children plan to plant corn, potatoes, tomatoes, and beans. The soil at Adere is very fertile, so they should have a good yield. Even as "Infants" they are taught the value of composting and the use of fertilizer. Part of the harvested produce will be divided among the children. The rest will be sold and the money will go to their school fund.

In the afternoon most of the big men of the village came for a Village School Committee meeting. One of the teachers acted as chairman. The second one was secretary, since minutes are kept of all such meetings. Most of the time was spent in discussing how the new buildings could be put up in a short time. This included a

Mr. Roland Ross, our denominational comptroller, was called to his eternal home on August 1st, after an illness of about one week. Further information and tributes will follow in a future issue of the "Baptist Herald." The denomination will miss this consecrated servant.

school house, a teacher's house and kitchen. The importance of sending children regularly to school was discussed.

A stranger listening to such a meeting would be shocked to hear the men shouting at each other and waving their arms as if they were going to hit each other. At Adere they yelled louder than I have heard at any other village, so that even I had to ask why they were hollering at each other so loudly. "That is the way they talk to each other," said the teacher.

LEPERS IN ADERE ALSO!

Some of the men asked whether any help could be given for leprosy. With joy I was able to tell them that we now have a doctor for the Leper Hospital and very soon news would reach them of how they would be helped. They were overjoyed. There are so many lepers at Adere, and many are little children. One seldom sees the more serious cases where the hands and feet are nearly all gone since such people will stay in their huts.

That evening colored slides were shown out on the church yard. It was a beautiful moonlight evening. At a previous visit I had taken several pictures of their school and children. The children were overjoyed to see themselves. They shouted and screamed with laughter.

Before going to bed, all boxes were packed. I was going to get an early start the next morning so that we would get to the top of the hill before the heat of the day began. As soon as the dawn began to break, we were up. Within 15 minutes, my cot was packed and we were on our way. By 7:00 A.M. we had reached the top of the hill, and once again we bade Adere "Adieu."

"See, the Lord your God has put the land at your mercy; go up and occupy it, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, told you; do not be afraid or dismayed. Then you all came up to me and said . . . and bring us back a report' (Deuteronomy 1:21-22).



Sunday School Lessons

A LESSON PLAN

Date: August 21, 1955

Theme:

HOPE FOR THE DESPAIRING

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 55.

PURPOSE: To show wherein there is hope for the despairing.

GETTING STARTED: The years immediately following World War II made all of us keenly aware of the plight of the D.P.'s—the Displaced Persons—who had been driven from their homes by the misfortunes of war and found themselves as unwelcome guests in alien lands where there was little chance for them to rebuild their shattered lives. In response to their need, America—together with other nations—was moved to open its doors to hundreds of thousands of these unfortunate people; and many of our churches, as a result, have had the privilege of helping some of these "Delayed Pilgrims" come to America and build a new life here.

The Jews in Babylon were D.P.'s. Only their displacement lasted through many, many years; so long, in fact, that they despaired of ever seeing their homeland again; and God, it seemed to them, had forgotten them. It was to such people that God sent Isaiah with his message of hope and promise.

Developing the Theme:

I. HELP IS AVAILABLE FOR THE DESPAIRING.

1. God has not withdrawn his help from them; rather, they have withdrawn themselves from him and have been seeking help and strength from the wrong sources (v. 2).

2. God is ready and eager to supply their every need if they will but do the following: a) recognize their need of him (vv. 1-2); b) sincerely turn to God and seek his help (vv. 1-3); c) accept in humble faith the help he offers them (v. 1b); d) believe that he will keep his promises (vv. 3b-4).

II. GOD IS ALWAYS NEAR.

1. God has not forsaken the despairing. They have forsaken him (v. 6).

2. He is near at hand and may be found and known if men will but do the following: a) seek him with their whole heart (vv. 6-7); b) repent of their sinful ways and turn to him (v. 7); c) accept his forgiving and saving grace (v. 7); d) submit themselves to the doing of his will (vv. 8-9).

III. HIS PROMISES ARE SURE.

1. He has promised that: a) none who come to him will be turned away empty-handed (v. 2b); b) he will bless and glorify his people (v. 5); c) he will forgive and restore all who turn to him (vv. 6-7); d) he will guide, and guide aright, those who entrust their lives to him, though it may be in ways they do not understand (vv. 8-9); e) he will richly bless and help all along the way those who put their trust in him (vv. 12-13).

2. His promises cannot fail of fulfillment because: a) His covenant is an everlasting one and has not been revoked (v. 3b); b) it is guaranteed by none other than his own Son (v. 4); c) It is witnessed to by the beneficent and unfailing processes of nature (v. 10); d) it is set forth in his own Word, which cannot fail in the accomplishing of its purposes (v. 11).

A LESSON PLAN

Date: August 28, 1955

Theme: A NEW START

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 45:1-4, 13; Ezra 1:1-7.

PURPOSE: To show that God offers the opportunity of a new start to every lost sinner and every fallen saint.

GETTING STARTED: One of my predecessors in a church I served some years ago had a sermon that he loved to preach. It was entitled, "The Land of Beginning Again." In it he spoke of the wonderful truth today's lesson sets before us. Whenever under the pulverizing blows of circumstances it seems to us that life has come to an end, God sets before us "the land of beginning again." As often as we stumble and fall along the way, he gives us a chance to get up and march ahead again. When sin has gotten its way with us and with its stainless-steel chains of habit has bound us in a prison house of guilt and condemnation, he opens to us a door to freedom and redemption. When bitter tragedy and loss seem to have written "finis" to all that makes life dear and meaningful, he puts a pen into our hands that we might write another chapter, better, happier, fuller than the last. Always—as long as life shall last—God gives us another chance, the privilege of a new start, the opportunity of walking undismayed into "the land of beginning again."

A new start, "the land of beginning again," are possible because—

I. GOD IS WORKING OUT A GRAND DESIGN IN HISTORY (Is. 45:4a, 13b).

1. That design is to raise up unto himself a chosen people and to prepare and perfect this people for the glory he has reserved for them.

2. That chosen people is the "spiritual Israel"—the believers in Christ, the redeemed, the children of faith.

3. Finally he lets nothing stand in the way of accomplishing that design.

II. HE MAKES ALL THINGS SERVE AND FIT INTO THAT DESIGN (Isa. 45:1-4, 13a).

1. Even the pagan king, Cyrus, was made an instrument for accomplishing God's purposes for Israel.

2. Even the people who had crushed Israel and been the cause of all their misfortune now were made their benefactors and the means of accomplishing God's purposes for them (Ezra 1:4, 6).

3. And so it always is. He makes even the wrath of man to serve him and turns it into blessing for his people.

III. HE GIVES EVERY MAN A CHANCE TO BECOME A PART OF THAT DESIGN.

1. To those who are outside the fold he gives the opportunity to be "saved" and become a part of the chosen people (Is. 45:22).

2. To those who are in the fold but fall and stumble along the way he gives the privilege of a new start, to restore what sin has destroyed, to regain again what seemed to have been irrevocably lost (Ezra 1:3, 7).

IV. HE MAKES THESE DEMANDS UPON THOSE WHO WOULD HAVE A SHARE IN THAT DESIGN.

1. That men turn to him in faith and contrition (Is. 45:22).

2. That they turn away from the sin that has separated them from God and brought his judgments on them.

3. That they believe his word and accept his offer of pardon and a new start.

4. That they resolutely do what he has commanded and take advantage of every opportunity he offers them (Ezra 1:5).

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Of all Acts of man, repentance is the most divine. The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.

—Thomas Carlyle.

What's Happening

● Miss Donna Mae Rabenhorst of Watertown, Wis., has accepted the position of secretary for Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Secretary of the Sunday School Union, and Rev. Lawrence Bienert, Secretary of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship, at Forest Park, Illinois. She will be starting her work there on August 8.

● The new parsonage at the Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., is nearing completion. It is being built on the site of the old house which was moved. Following the trend of modern architecture, the new building is a one-story ranch type structure. The breaking ceremonies on Easter Sunday morning, as reported by Harriet Herr. Rev. L. O. Wahl is the pastor.

● The Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Ore., has extended a call to Rev. Everett A. Barker of Newark, N. J., to become its pastor. He has responded favorably and announced that he would begin his ministry in the Salem church in August, succeeding Rev. Rudolph R. Woyke. Mr. Barker has served as the assistant pastor of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., since 1952.

● The Baptist Young People's Cottage at Madison, Conn., is open to all the remainder of the summer season until Sept. 4. Accommodations are by the day or week and meals by reservation. Mrs. Mabel Rungee, the manager, can be reached at P.O. Box 99, Madison Beach, Madison, Conn., or by telephone CIrcle 5-9551. This cottage is for the summer vacation of Baptists and their friends and is highly recommended.

● Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang of Chicago, Ill., have announced the birth of a son on June 24 who has been named Daniel George. Mr. Lang is pastor of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church of Chicago. He and Mrs. Lang are missionary appointees for the Cameroons, Africa, hoping to leave for Africa with their son early this fall. Mrs. Lang could not be present at the commissioning service for the new missionaries at the General Conference in Waco, Texas, on Sunday evening, June 12.

● On Sunday, June 26, the guest speaker of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., was Rev. Fred G. Ferris, a former pastor. He told about his work in Liberia, Africa, under the auspices of the LeTourneau Founda-

tion. Mrs. Ferris and their children accompanied Mr. Ferris on this visit to Lorraine. A new reading club was started by the church library for the boys and girls with an objective of 25 books to be read from June 26 to August 31. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke is pastor of the church.

● The resignation of Rev. G. K. Zimmerman as pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., became effective on July 31. He has moved to 1104 S. Second Ave., Maywood, Ill., on August 1. Mr. Zimmerman is the new General Secretary of the denominational Sunday School Union. The church has elected Rev. George Hensel, to serve as the interim pastor. On July 1 the church also lost the services of Mr. Donald Jenni, its organist and choir director for several years.

● The annual meeting of the Ogden Park Woman's Missionary Society was held on Friday, June 24, with the president, Mrs. John Nixon, in charge. The program featured a message by the pastor, Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, the showing of missionary Kodachrome pictures of the Spanish-American Field in the San Luis Valley of Colorado, and musical numbers. The devotional was led by Mrs. H. Wiedemann. Other officers of the Woman's Society are Mrs. F. C. Bauman, vice-president; Mrs. John Parker, secretary; and Mrs. Otto Horn, treasurer.

● On Sunday, June 26, Rev. Louis B. Holzer presented his resignation as pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., and announced that he had accepted a call to become the

1955 HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL PROGRAMS

The programs and recitation material (English and German) for the Harvest and Mission Festival Program to be observed this fall have been sent to all Sunday School superintendents to be received by the end of July or early in August. This early date of dispatching the program material will give the Canadian churches sufficient time to prepare for their Thanksgiving programs in September and for the churches of the United States to plan for a Sunday in October for this observance. The offering is designated for the foreign mission enterprise of our Conference.

associate pastor of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, of which Dr. Hayse Braker is the pastor. Mr. Holzer has served as the minister of the Temple Church for 18 years and has held many prominent positions of denominational leadership. He will begin his ministry at the Mt. Lebanon Church, one of the largest American Baptist churches of Pittsburgh, in September.

● At the Children's Day program held at the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn., on Sunday, June 26, five children were dedicated in an impressive service. The pastor, Rev. Raymond P. Yahn, conducted the dedication service. The annual fellowship meeting of the CBY and SS Union of the New England Association was held at the nearby Madison Cottage on that Sunday afternoon, June 26. Mr. Yahn reported about the 31st General Conference at Waco, Texas, to the Bridgeport Church on Wednesday evening, June 29. He was speaker at the CBY and SS Union sunrise service during the General Conference sessions in Waco.

● The ordination for Rev. Robert Fuchs was held by the Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., on Friday evening, July 22. He had met the examining ordination council on July 12. Rev. Sam Appel, a personal friend of Mr. Fuchs, brought the ordination sermon. Rev. Robert Fuchs is a 1955 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He served as assistant pastor for about six weeks, following graduation, at the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa, supplying the pulpit while the pastor, Rev. E. Wolff, was away at conferences. His decision as to a full-time pastorate will be announced in a forthcoming issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● Rev. Julius Kaaz, of Philadelphia, Pa., a retired minister, traveled more than 6,000 miles from his home in Philadelphia at the Home for the Aged, to attend the General Conference in Waco, Texas (June 6 to 12), and then to visit relatives and friends in Denver, Colo.; St. Paul, Minn.; La Crosse, Wis.; Chicago, Ill.; and Kankakee, Ill., before returning to Philadelphia for Sunday, July 3rd. He celebrated his 82nd birthday at the Forest Park Headquarters and in Kankakee, Ill., on June 29, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Woodrich, at whose wedding he had officiated. It was also the birthday of Mr. Ed. Woodrich; his son, Edward; and his grandson, Wayne Wright. Mr. Kaaz served as pastor of the Immanuel Church of Kankakee from 1905 to 1912. His ability to travel alone from place to place and his eagerness to "visit everybody" amazed those who met him! Thank you for your inspiring visit, Brother Kaaz!

Our Denomination in ACTION

Dakota Conference

Dakota Conference at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, June 22-26

The conference opened at the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls in their 1000-seat auditorium. Professor Herbert Hiller spoke on the conference theme "But We See Jesus." Dr. Everett Quinton, pastor of the church, extended greetings to which Rev. Alfred Weisser responded.

The conference continued on Thursday with Rev. A. Voigt bringing a devotional message, "Anchored in Jesus." Church letters were read in the morning business session as well as in other sessions throughout the day. Dr. C. H. Seecamp spoke on, "Sanctified Unto Him." The men met for luncheon on Thursday noon. The afternoon session was opened by a devotional led by the Woman's Missionary Society. Conference business sessions and denominational reports occupied the balance of the afternoon. The evening service was in charge of the Baptist Men. Rev. Richard Schilke presented a deeply moving message.

Rev. O. Fiesel opened the Friday sessions with a devotional period on the subject, "Christ, Our Redeemer." Conference reports, mission reports, and election of officers preceded an address by Dr. George Lang, "Christ and His Church." Rev. Richard Schilke spoke on the theme, "The Christ Centered Family." Rev. Thomas Lutz opened the afternoon sessions speaking on the theme, "The Captain of Our Salvation." After the business session, Rev. John Grygo presented a message on "Conquering Evil."

The evening program was under the direction of the Woman's Missionary Society with Miss Laura Reddig as the speaker.

Saturday morning Rev. Victor Prendinger spoke on "Trusting the Lord" and Rev. D. Zimmerman spoke on "Breaking the Bonds of Fear." Rev. Henry Smuland presented the "Merciful and Faithful High Priest" and Rev. Schilke presented a formula for being "More Than Conquerors." At noon we enjoyed a Sunday School luncheon presided over by Leo Friez. The Rev. Bernard Edinger spoke on "The Sunday School Standard." The afternoon session was spent in working out the details and electing officers for the newly formed CBY. The banquet in the evening was well attended. Sunday morning services were held at the Trinity and the Northside churches. Sunday afternoon Miss Laura Reddig offered a challenge to young people to give their lives in service for Christ.

A deep spiritual tone ran through the entire conference. According to present plans, the next conference will be held at Bismarck, North Dakota.

New officers for the Conference are as follows: Rev. A. J. Fischer, moderator; Rev. Henry Lang, vice-moderator; Rev. Herbert Vetter, recording secretary; Rev. Manuel Wolff, statistical secretary; Rev. Victor Prendinger, Children's Home representative; Sunday School Committee, Ministers: Richard Grenz, George Breitzkreuz, John Grygo; Sunday School Committee, laymen: Elmer Westerman, Raymond Deneui; Missionary Committee, Ministers: Bernard Fritzsche, Raymond Dickau; Missionary Committee, layman: Walter Aman; General Council, Minister: Alfred Weisser; alternate, C. H. Seecamp; General Council, laymen: Leo Friez; alternate, Fred Reddig.

Rev. Bernard Edinger, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School and CTI Chorus Program at McLaughlin, South Dakota

The First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., held a Vacation Bible School from May 23 to 27 with great success, in spite of adverse weather. The opening exercises with chorus singing and devotions under the direction of our pastor, Rev. Bernard R. Fritzsche, were conducted in the church sanctuary. A daily offering was received which totaled about \$23.00. This was decided by the children to be divided for the church building fund and the camp fund at Crystal Springs, North Dakota.

CONFERENCE GATHERINGS

(Also denominational representatives at these sessions)

August 10-14—Southwestern Conference at Columbus, Nebraska. Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson.

August 14-20—Iowa Junior and Senior Camps at Camp Ingawanis, Waverly, Iowa. Miss Margaret Kittlitz.

August 20-26—Central Conference CBY Camp at Camp Tower Hill, Sawyer, Michigan. Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzhammer.

Aug. 27-Sept. 2—Atlantic Conference CBY Assembly (place not definite as yet). Miss Laura E. Reddig.

September 1-4—Eastern Conference and CBY and SS Union Conference at the Bethel Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York. Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzhammer, Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

The classes were as follows: Mrs. B. R. Fritzsche taught the Intermediate, "Answering Why's of Young People." The Juniors were taught "The Christian's Time and Talent" by Clinton Berndt and Mrs. C. E. Aldinger. Mrs. Clinton Berndt and Darlene Schott taught "God's Family" to the Primary Class. The course, "God's Creation" for the Beginners, was taught by Mrs. Delferd Strobel and Mrs. A. K. Bertsch. There were 40 children enrolled with a perfect attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Berndt won the hearts of the children during their one week (which passed too quickly) with us. We pray God's blessing upon them as they are "Looking to the mission field."

A program was rendered by the children on Saturday evening, May 28, at which time the certificates were awarded. Several children received Special Honor Seals in their certificates after working hard to achieve them.

The Christian Training Institute Chorus of Edmonton, Alta., rendered a beautiful concert to a large audience in our city auditorium on June 1st. The Junior CBY presented a program during a morning worship period in the absence of our pastor on June 5. The program was under the direction of our Junior CBY leaders, Mrs. D. Strobel and Mrs. A. Moser.

Mrs. C. E. Aldinger, Reporter.

Concert Tour of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church Choir

Individual members and organizations of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., are busily engaged in raising funds for the construction of a new church. The choir presented a concert at the Goodrich, Turtle Lake, Washburn, McClusky, and Bismarck churches. The combined offerings amounted to over \$450.

The Rev. H. Schauer, pastor of the Turtle Lake Church, directed the choir and organized the program and the traveling schedule. It was a joy for the choir to serve in this manner and they are grateful for the generous response received toward the building project.

Mrs. Vernon R. Wolitarsky, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Vacation Bible School at Baptist Church, Creston, Neb., With 25 Children

A Vacation Bible School was held in the Creston Baptist Church, Creston, Neb., from May 23 to 27 with both morning and afternoon sessions, except for the nursery class only in the morning. We had four classes with 25 pupils enrolled.

We sought to secure teachers through the student service plan but were unable to. We were fortunate in securing two fine young ladies from the Shell Creek Baptist Church to

help our school. They were Miss Doris Lange who taught the nursery class and Miss Marcella Menke who taught the intermediate class. From our own group Mrs. Donald Kallweit taught the Primary Class and Mrs. Alvin Prang taught the Juniors. Rev. R. C. Stading was our supervisor who directed the opening exercises and the singing.

The theme of our course was "Sailing With Christ." This was well presented by the teachers. On Sunday evening, May 29, the program was given when all the pupils and the teachers were dressed up in sailor uniforms consisting of caps and vests which the children had made during the week. The children had a perfect attendance record. Treats were enjoyed each day which were furnished by the different members of the congregation. On Friday a picnic lunch was enjoyed which was provided by the teachers.

We thank the Lord for the blessings he bestowed upon us during this blessed week, and our prayer is that the seed sown will bear much fruit for his Kingdom.

Mrs. Donald Kallweit, Reporter.

Lorraine Baptist Church Has Successful Vacation Bible School

A most successful Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted by the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., from May 23 to June 3. Sixty-nine pupils and 24 teachers and helpers went "sailing with Christ" for the two-week period. Average attendance was 93; highest was 97. Much credit for the good school goes to the faithful department heads: Beginners, Mrs. Paul Schroeder; Primary, Mrs. R. S. Rolfs; Junior-Intermediate, Mrs. Ralph Fowler. The pastor, the Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, acted as general superintendent.

The Primary department spent one period each day "discovering" our church. They studied the bell, the organ, the baptistry, the communion table, the stained glass windows, and visited the pastor's study and the parsonage. On Memorial Day, the entire school took a trip to our beautiful church cemetery, where a short service was held.

The last Wednesday was "Visitors' Day." A large number of parents came to see the Bible School "in action" and to inspect the pupils' handiwork.

Harold W. Gieseke, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School, Musical Programs and Guest Speakers at Okeene, Oklahoma

We of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., feel humbly grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ for the privilege of adding to our church fellowship twelve new converts and two additions by letter. Several decisions for Christ were made during the "Gospel of John Crusade" of several weeks under the inspirational leadership of Rev. John W. Walkup, pastor of the



Pupils and teachers of the Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church, Lorraine Kansas, with Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, pastor, at the right.

Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa. Our pastor, Rev. Leland H. Friesen, conducted the baptismal services and granting of the hand of fellowship to new members.

The Vacation Bible School theme, "Sailing for Christ," proved to be a real time of sailing along towards a more realistic knowledge of our Captain, Jesus Christ. Although our school was not a large group, all felt it had indeed been a successful voyage. Our hearts were truly blessed to have had with us the Gospellers Quartet from our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and the Choristers from the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. Both groups rendered a beautiful message in testimony and song.

On Sunday, June 5, we experienced another time of Christian joy and worship with Professor H. Lueck of our Seminary faculty, also with our former pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta. We are grateful to the Lord for the messages God inspired them to bring.

Mrs. Weldon Leisher, Reporter.



Vacation Bible School children of the Baptist Church, Creston, Neb., present their closing program at the church.

Northwestern Conference

Northwestern Conference at Applington, Iowa, Considers the Timely Theme, "The Christian Home"

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15b). This was the inspiring and timely text related directly to the program theme, "The Christian Home," of the Northwestern Conference held at the Applington Baptist Church, Applington, Iowa, May 27 to 30.

Four long-to-be-remembered days for those privileged to attend were spent in hearing this theme developed by such outstanding men of God as Rev. Emmanuel Wolff, Burlington, Iowa, whose theme was "The Home, a Divine Institution"; Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, Forest Park, Ill., who addressed us on two occasions on the subject: "The Home's Influence in the World" and "The Home's Influence on the Church," and also was the speaker for the Sunday morning worship hour; Rev. Adam Huber, Minneapolis, Minn., whose topic was "The World's Influence in the Home"; and Rev. John Vanderbeck, Elgin, Iowa, whose theme was "The Church's Influence in the Home."

We were also privileged to have Rev. Clate R. Risley, secretary of the National Sunday School Association, address us twice, his topics being: "Why Do You Go to Sunday School?" and "How Can We Make Our Community Sunday School Conscious?" Miss Laura Reddig, R. N., widened our understanding and appreciation of our Camerons missionary endeavor by her inspiring message before the Woman's Missionary Union.

The Commissioned Baptist Youth planned two meetings, the delightful banquet on Saturday evening which was held at Blacks in Waterloo, Ia., as well as the Sunday evening service, both of which were much of a spiritual stimulus. Separate breakfasts for the men and women were held on Monday morning, with Mrs. Donald Gannstrom, St. Paul, Minn., addressing the

women, and Mr. Richard Mulder, Parkersburg, Iowa, addressing the men, both of which were a real blessing to those in attendance.

Spirited song-services, ably led by Rev. Don Patet, Randolph, Minn., and Rev. John Walkup, George, Iowa, added much to the spiritual fellowship of the meetings. Rev. Emmanuel Wolff served as our moderator, and very ably and expeditiously handled the business affairs of the Conference.

Statistically speaking, there were 90 voting delegates, and 159 registered in all, with the host church members housing 126 visitors. The record attendance at meetings was 527 on Sunday evening.

That this Conference was such a success and a time of real spiritual and physical refreshing was due in no small measure to the untiring efforts of Rev. Frank Veninga and the members of the host church, who more than went the second mile in anticipating and meeting our every need; and also to the work done by the Program Committee under the chairmanship of Rev. Fred W. Mashner for arranging such a worth-while program.

The delegates could well leave for their respective homes and communities with the prayer in their hearts that, God helping them, they would endeavor to make their own homes more Christ-centered and Christ-honoring, and would lend their efforts and prayers to bring that challenge to their communities as well.

Mrs. Fred L. Paul, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School With 71 Children at Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa

The Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa, held two weeks of Vacation Bible School from June 13 to 24. There were 71 children enrolled in addition to 14 teachers.

We started at 8:45 A.M. and closed at 11:30 A.M. We lined up outside and marched in to the song "Boys and Girls for Jesus." The Nursery, Beginners, and Primary children went down to the basement and had their opening exercises and the Juniors and Intermediates went upstairs for theirs. They had 15 minutes for the opening exercises and then they went to their classes. We used the Scripture Press material. At 11:15 A.M. for the closing exercise Rev. Vernon Link told us a "Sugar Creek Gang" story.

On Sunday evening, June 24, we had the closing program. It was well attended by the parents and friends of the children.

Evelyn Moore, Reporter.

Father-Son Banquet at Central Baptist Church in George, Iowa

On Friday evening, June 24, a total of fifty fathers and sons of the Central Baptist Church of George, Iowa, met at the beautifully decorated banquet tables in the basement parlors of the church. This Father and Son Banquet

was sponsored by the Missionary Guild Ladies under the leadership of their president, Mrs. Etta Dreesman, and was ably served by them.

The theme of the banquet, "Fishers of Men," was carried out in the blue and white decorations which consisted of beautiful boats as centerpieces, boat nut cups and programs of blue paper decorated with white anchors. A large fish net was hung at one end of the room and articles pertaining to fishing were placed on the net and around the room.

The toastmaster, Gaylord Schrick, gave the welcome which was followed by prayer by Ed Bartels. The song service was led by Wendell Schaeffer. The group also enjoyed hearing an instrumental duet by Mr. and Mrs. Schaeffer. A Tribute to Fathers was given by Weldon Peters and the Response from Fathers by George De Neuvi. The following were honored with gifts: Ben Schrick, the oldest father present; Gaylor Schrick, the youngest father present; and Hillery Krull, the father with the most sons present. Carl Dreesman sang a solo after which a fine inspirational message was given by Rev. Willis Nicholson. A missionary offering was received which will be used toward the support of missionary, Dorothy Walker.

Much appreciation was expressed by the men for the hours spent in preparation by the various committees and it was the prayer of all that through it the Lord himself might receive the glory.

Mrs. Kenneth Harms, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Manitoba Convention and Tri-Union With the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church

Under ideal weather conditions the Manitoba Convention and Tri-Union convened with the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Man., from June 23 to 26. A cordial welcome was extended to all delegates and friends who gathered to feast upon the "Bread of Life," by the local pastor, Rev. H. Waltereit. Rev. Wm. Sturhahn brought the opening message. The theme "What God means to us" was provided by the program committee. The messages and reports were built around this theme. "Christ our Redeemer, Our Longing for Christ, Christ our Example, Christ our Hope" were the topics effectively dealt with by the convention pastors: R. H. Nikkel, H. Zepik, W. Laser, B. E. Milner. The choir of our three Winnipeg churches, McDermot, Mission, 3rd Baptist Church, each served for one evening.

Rev. W. J. Luebeck, editor of "Der Sendbote," brought heart searching messages, daily, during the quiet half hour.

Rev. I. Faszler served as moderator for the Convention sessions which terminated on Friday evening. Newly elected officers for the coming year

are: moderator, Rev. H. Waltereit; vice-moderator, Rev. R. Kanwischer; secretary-treasurer, Mr. R. J. Stober. The Convention donated \$200.00 for Camp project, and \$300.00 to be sent to Forest Park for mission work. In the coming years the Convention and Tri-Union will be separated and hold their sessions at different times—the convention will in the future begin on Friday evening and end on Sunday.

On Saturday morning, under the capable leadership of Rev. R. Kanwischer, moderator, the Tri-Union business sessions were held. A \$2,000-project for our camp site was unanimously adopted. Two buildings are built on our new location at Lake Nutimik in the Whiteshell area. The newly elected officers are: moderator, Rev. R. Kanwischer; vice-moderator, Rev. J. Kuehn; secretary, Miss Ida Hoffman; treasurer, Mr. Paul Bergstresser, S. S. director, Miss Lynda Rempel; youth director, Mr. Herman Effa; music director, Mr. Hans Rogalski; camp director, Rev. J. Kuehn; editor for "Tri-Union Echo," Miss E. Redlich.

It was a blessing to have Rev. E. P. Wahl, President of C.T.I., speak to a large assembly on Saturday evening. The play portrayed by the McDermot Church young people was enjoyed by many.

Sunday was a day of special blessing to all who attended. Rev. W. J. Luebeck brought the morning message. The afternoon meeting was held in the Grace United Church. Rev. E. P. Wahl and Rev. H. Herrmann spoke at this time. The mass choir under the direction of Rev. R. Kanwischer sang two numbers. Manifold were the blessings received from our heavenly father. We express our appreciation to the McDermot Church for their gracious hospitality. May God continue to bless His work!

J. Kuehn, Reporter.

Dedication of Newly Purchased Church and Parsonage, Immanuel Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta.

Pentecost Sunday, May 29, the birthday of the Church of Christ at Jerusalem, also became a memorable day in 1955 for the Immanuel Baptist Mission Church in Edmonton, Alberta. On this Sunday we were privileged to hold a two-fold observance—the second anniversary of the church and the dedication of our newly acquired church building and parsonage. Virtually all of our members are immigrants who have come from Germany in recent years.

On Sunday afternoon, May 29, a large crowd of members and friends from Edmonton and vicinity gathered for this festive occasion. The pastor, Rev. E. Hornbacher, greeted the audience with several verses (1 Kings 8: 29-30) from Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the new temple. The program also featured several choir numbers, recitations and greetings. Rev. William Sturhahn of Winnipeg, Man., denominational director of immigration, brought the message based on Psalm 84:1-4.

In addition, the church moderator, Mr. K. Bornau, told the story of God's guidance in the purchase of the new property. A check of \$100 was received from a friend in the United States, who cannot be named at his own request. We as a church are very grateful for the loan of \$10,000 from the Church Extension Fund of the denomination and for the grant of \$2,000 from the North American Baptist General Conference.

The church building and adjoining parsonage were purchased from an American Lutheran Church for \$16,800. The Immanuel Baptist Church contributed \$8,000 toward the purchase price in addition to \$2,000 of volunteer labor to repair the edifice. Church pews had to be bought and considerable renovations had to be made.

Brief messages of greeting were also brought by Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, and by Rev. G. J. Thiessen of the Lauderdale Church. The pastor brought the closing remarks concerning the joy of the congregation in having its own church for purposes of worship and evangelistic outreach. Afterwards a time of fellowship was enjoyed in the downstairs auditorium where coffee and cake were served to many friends.

E. Hornbacher, Pastor.

Central Conference

Recognition Service for Rev. and Mrs. Otto Roth, Central Baptist Home, Chicago, Illinois

On Monday evening, June 20, a group of friends met at the Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., to recognize the four years of service of Rev. and Mrs. Roth, superintendent and matron of the Home, who are leaving the home as of July 1st.

Mr. Roland Ross, the president of the governing board of the Home, welcomed the friends and introduced Rev. Wm. Schoeffel who led us in some fine group singing. Rev. J. C. Gunst conducted a devotional period. Mrs. Carrie Gnass sang "Bless This House." We do want that to happen to our Home, particularly with our building of a new home practically under way. Dr. F. Woyke spoke of the years of service the Roths have rendered in warm words. A mixed quartet sang, "Waiting on Jesus." The Roth's informed us that such they will be doing since their plans for the future are indefinite.

In a more tangible way, their ministry in the Home was recognized through gifts of money and luggage. Mr. and Mrs. Roth then responded by telling us that the years spent at the Home awarded them experiences which at times were trying but also humorous. They will carry with them a bundle of laughs. In leaving, they covet your prayers for divine guidance in the future.

Joe Sonnenberg, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Baptismal Service, Children's Day Program and Sacred Concert at Elk Grove, California

Two baptismal services were held recently at the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, California. We rejoice with those who have taken this step of obedience and have joined our fellowship.

Our pastor, Rev. W. W. Knauf, spent several weeks attending the Pacific and General Conferences. In his absence Rev. G. Rutsch, Rev. Carl Jungkeit of the American Sunday School Union, Rev. Clarence Walth, Church Extension pastor, and Bible School students home for the summer months supplied the pulpit. We are glad to have Brother Knauf back home and, according to his fine report of the General Conference, we regret that not more of us were able to attend.

Our Sunday School observed Children's Day on Sunday, June 26. Wilbert Wolff, superintendent of the Senior Department, opened the program with words of welcome, followed by the reading of Scripture by Edwin Schuh. Lillian Graf, assistant superintendent of the Junior Department, led in prayer. The program of music and recitations was in charge of Mrs. Naomi Neher, superintendent of the Junior Department. The offering was designated for Church Extension work.

The choir under the direction of Edwin Schuh presented a sacred concert on Sunday evening, June 26. We were also privileged to listen to numbers by the male octet, the male quartet, a vocal duet and a vocal solo. The choir, consisting of 28 voices, has served faithfully for the past nine months. They will resume their ministry in the fall. The organist is Mrs.

Naomi Neher. Mrs. Wilbert Wolff served as organist part of the year. Lillian Graf, Reporter.

A Thought Starter

By REV. R. C. MacCORMACK, Parkersburg, Iowa

FREIGHT often bears a "perishable" stamp in transit. Produce such as lettuce and other garden items must be shipped carefully and quickly.

I wonder if the "perishable" stamp should not appear on every material thing which man sets his heart upon. The hymn writer says, "Change and decay, all around I see." Even of the so-called solid things the Bible says, "Moth and rust doth corrupt and thieves break through and steal."

Life brings its changes, welcome or otherwise. The things and people we love may be soon departed, or we may be called to move out of these temporary and perishable bodies, so subject to accident and disease.

On Heart Island in the St. Lawrence River is a two million dollar castle, unfinished. It was built by a wealthy man for his wife. She died while the 365-room, 65 bathroom mansion was under construction. All work was stopped. Tourists now step quietly through the silent, darkened interior and notice the crates of beautiful, imported, hand-carved wood-work rotting away. There is a touch of sadness in all this. Here is an illustration of an inescapable fact.

There is a place without change, death and tears. Jesus spoke softly to his friends, "In my father's house are many mansions: if it were not so I would have told you."

This is the imperishable place!

JUNE CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	June, 1955	June, 1954	June, 1953
Atlantic	\$ 2,793.32	\$ 1,260.13	\$ 1,686.02
Central	3,574.24	4,584.74	5,425.27
Dakota	3,021.02	4,248.58	2,596.73
Eastern	646.05	3,728.46	1,069.29
Northern	2,753.01	3,075.24	4,803.83
Northwestern	7,732.43	7,985.22	9,010.56
Pacific	2,233.06	1,373.62	5,578.24
Southern	702.47	609.93	2,049.41
Southwestern	2,796.57	3,939.04	6,614.92
Inter-Conference	2,327.78		
Total Contributions	\$28,579.95	\$30,804.96	\$38,834.27

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of June, 1955	\$25,244.82	\$ 3,335.13	\$28,579.95
For the month of June, 1954	30,125.31	679.65	30,804.96
For the month of June, 1953	35,321.66	3,512.61	38,834.27

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1955 to June 30, 1955	\$112,595.11	\$11,573.79	\$124,168.90
April 1, 1954 to June 30, 1954	130,962.67	2,837.44	133,800.11
April 1, 1953 to June 30, 1953	137,040.58	7,130.73	144,171.31

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium Same as for the "Fiscal Year."



Mrs. John W. Ries of Cleveland, Ohio
† 1867 — 1955 †

through the distribution of the printed word in various forms of which Mr. Ries had an important part in the mechanical preparation for 60 years. Somehow I feel that when Mr. Ries entered the presence of the Father there was a special welcome for him in the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

May we as a Publishing House and as a denomination never forget that great multitude of quiet, unheard, and humble, but sincere hard workers that gave their best to the Lord. They are the unsung heroes. Here at the Publishing House we feel that Mr. Ries is numbered as one of these.

SERMON OF THE MOUNTAINS

(Continued from Page 5)

Jesus was crucified on a hill, Mount Calvary.

Mountains in our days still are serving a tremendous purpose. Mountains still preach to us and do something to our souls. This I can say from experience as I watch the mountains every day.

THE POWER OF GOD

To a believer in God, nothing impresses him more of the power of God than the mountains. Whatever science teaches about the formation of mountains, it is very evident that God is behind it all. As you see the power of God behind the mountains, you realize that his power is at our disposal and in his power we can do all things through Christ which strengthens us.

To a Christian, nothing impresses him more of the immutability of God than the mountains. Mountains are symbols of fixedness and unchangeableness. This is ever so true of our wonderful Savior of whom the Bible states: "The same yesterday, today, and forever." We are living in a changing world; however, our Gospel and our Christ never change.

Mountains very vividly remind us of another world. They seem to endeavor to grow out of this world, and they seem to reach out to another realm. How true that is of every believer in God. They realize that "this world is not my home." The Christian is here for a special purpose, to find God and serve him, and when that purpose has been accomplished, he departs to a more real and blessed world.

The Psalmist was aware of that spiritual world and abode of God. To him that world was above the hills and the mountains. He not only lifted his eyes to the mountains, but above the mountains. To him, the spiritual world was a blessed reality and kept in touch with it.

May God help us to lift up our eyes also for power, courage and for eternal life.

OBITUARY

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

MR. JOHN W. Ries of Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. John W. Ries of Cleveland, Ohio, was born in Germany on October 2, 1867 and passed to his eternal reward on June 21, 1955 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Grace Berneike. He had been apparently in the best of health, but just fell asleep while sitting in his favorite rocking chair.

As a lad of nine he came to America with his parents and lived for a short time in Pittsburgh, Pa., later moving to Cleveland, Ohio, where he had made his home ever since. For sixty years he was a faithful worker in the North American Baptist Publishing House here in Cleveland.

He was united in marriage with Emily Prekschat with whom he shared the joys and sorrows of life until she passed away six years ago. Four children were born to them. One daughter, Mrs. Norma Bailey, preceded her father in death. His two sons, Mr. Paul D. Ries, Manhasset, N. Y., and Mr. Clarence V. Ries of Cleveland, and his one daughter, Mrs. Grace Berneike, remain to mourn his passing.

On March 2, 1886 he was baptized by Rev. J. C. Hasselhuhn and received into the fellowship of the Second German Baptist Church, now known as the White Avenue Church. Mr. Ries served his Lord and his church with love and devotion these many years as a Sunday School teacher, deacon, and financial secretary and had the distinction of having had a longer membership than anyone else at the time of his death. He will be greatly missed by his church and his many friends.

At the memorial service conducted by the pastor of the White Avenue Church, the words of the Apostle Paul, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain," served to guide our thinking. May God's blessing be upon all who are bereaved!

White Avenue Baptist Church,
Cleveland, Ohio

EDWARD KARY, Pastor.

MR. SIMON TRIEBWASSER of Emery, South Dakota.

Mr. Simon Triebwasser of Emery, S. Dak., son of William and Wilhelmina Triebwasser, was born November 10, 1865, in the Ukraine and went to his heavenly reward on June 26, 1955 at the age of 89 years, 7 months, and 4 days.

He came to America in November, 1880. On October 1, 1890, he was married to Louise Lang; thus, this fall they would have been married 65 years. Eight children were born to their happy union of whom two died in infancy. He leaves to mourn, his bereaved wife; four sons, and two daughters: William and Louie, both of Alexandria, S. Dak.; August, Parkston, S. Dak.; Mrs. Fred (Elizabeth) Bender, Alexandria, S. Dak.; Mrs. Louise Oldewartel, Long Beach, Calif.; and Carl, Alexandria, S. Dak.; one sister, Mrs. Carl (Lydia) Hueber, Alpena, S. Dak.; 20 grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren. Seven brothers and five sisters preceded him in death.

Our brother loved the work of the Lord. He was baptized by Rev. A. Liebig and united with the Plum Creek Baptist Church on June 4, 1893. He served his Lord and the church as deacon for 34 years, and then as an honorary deacon since 1946. He was also a trustee for many years and taught a Sunday School class for a number of years, as well as filling the pulpit in the absence of the pastor.

"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith giving glory to God; and being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able to perform" (Romans 4:20-21). May the Lord comfort those who lovingly remember him!

Plum Creek Baptist Church,
Emery, South Dakota

WILLIS POTRATZ, Pastor.

MRS. MAGDALENA GENANT of Avon, South Dakota.

Mrs. Magdalena Genant, nee Vilhauer, of Avon, S. Dak., was born in Kassel, South Russia, on July 21, 1860 and passed away quietly at the home of her daughter in Yankton S. Dak., on Sunday, June 26, 8:00 A.M. She reached the ripe old age of 94 years, 11 months, and 5 days.

In the year 1874 at the age of 13 years, she emigrated with her parents and brothers and sisters from Russia settling on a homestead in the Bon Homme County of South Dakota. On December 11, 1887, she was united in marriage to Peter Genant. To this union were born six children, two sons and four daughters. Together with her family she resided on the farm until 1914 when she moved to the town of Avon where she remained a resident until 1954. The last months of her life were spent with her daughter, Mrs. Willard Luke in Yankton.

At the age of 58 years, in 1918, she confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. F. Olthoff upon confession of her faith. At the same time she became a member of the First Baptist Church of Avon, which remained her church home until her departure to be with the Lord.

Her husband, one son and one daughter, three brothers and four sisters preceded her in death. Those who survive her passing and mourn her death are: one son, Philip Genant of Avon; three daughters: Mrs. Lena Luke, Mrs. Eva Janssen, and Mrs. Gerie Genant of Yankton; five brothers: Adam Vilhauer of Avon, S. Dak.; Fred Vilhauer of Milwaukee, Wis.; Jake Vilhauer of Long Beach, Calif.; August Vilhauer of Parson, Kans.; Adolph Vilhauer of Loyal, Okla.; two sisters, Mrs. Carry Sellon of Darwin, Minn., and Mrs. Lizzie Betz of Avon; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, along with many other relatives and friends.

Funeral service was conducted by the pastor, being assisted by ministerial student, Arnold Meiers.

Avon, South Dakota

HENRY SMULAND, Pastor.

MRS. HENRIETTA SCHMIDT of Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Henrietta Schmidt, nee Dollaske, of Chicago, Ill., was born at Elbing, Germany, May 6, 1865. At the age of twelve she confessed Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord, was baptized by Rev. Henricks, and added to the Baptist church.

At the age of 17, she came to Chicago with her parents and lived here ever since that time. She joined the membership of the First German Baptist Church (Foster Avenue Baptist) and remained a faithful and stable member until her end, a total of seventy-three years!

At the age of 19 she was married to Edward Zellmer. One child, Wanda, was born to this union, but after eight months of joy and happiness, she past from their midst in death. In 1927 her husband was called from her side. In 1929 she was married to Hugo Schmidt who preceded her in death in 1947.

On June 23 she was involved in an accident and sustained severe head injuries from which she never recovered. She leaves to mourn her passing: two nieces and seven nephews, and a large group of friends made during 90 years, 1 month, and 17 days life span. Death came suddenly, but she was ready to go. She died in hope!

Foster Avenue Baptist Church,
Chicago, Illinois

JOE SONNENBERG, Pastor.

MR. JOHN C. LEMLE of Everett, Washington.

Mr. John C. Lemle of Everett, Wash., was born on September 22, 1877 at Fort Wayne, Ind., and died in a hospital in Everett on June 13, 1955. In 1912 he was united in marriage to Mary E. Craig at Maroa, Illinois. A daughter born to their home passed away at an early age. His wife passed away in 1940.

Mr. Lemle moved out to the west settling in the Startup area in 1925. Under the ministry of Rev. C. E. Schoenleber, the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior in 1938, and was baptized

on confession of his faith in the Lord on July 31st of that year. He joined the fellowship of the Startup Baptist Church.

He is survived only by three brothers: Charles and Robert of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Jacob of Churubusco, Indiana; furthermore he leaves eight nieces and four nephews.

His well-marked Bible gave visual evidence that the Word of the Lord was precious to him. He spent much time reading and studying the Word while he was confined to his home and rest homes during the recent years of his life. As he had requested before he passed away, the funeral message was to be based on Hebrews 4:3a, "For we which have believed do enter into rest..." The pastor spoke on this precious promise, stressing the people, the certainty, and the provision of this marvelous promise.

The funeral, held on June 18th at the Startup Baptist Church, was well attended by many of his friends. His body was laid to rest next to his wife's at the Sultan Cemetery.

Startup Baptist Church,
Startup, Washington

WALTER DINGFIELD, Pastor.

MRS. LORETTA KLOCK of Emery, South Dakota.

Mrs. Loretta Klock, nee Fowler, of Emery, S. Dak., was born at Chancellor, S. Dak., on January 10, 1917 and passed away on Sunday, June 12, after a lingering

illness. On February 15, 1938 she became the bride of Fred W. Klock and lived in the community of Emery, S. Dak., until the time of her death. Two children, a son and a daughter, were born to this union.

She was baptized and became a member of the First Baptist Church of Emery in December of 1937 after having professed her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Savior the previous year. She was a very faithful member and served in various capacities, such as teaching in the Sunday School and Vacation Bible School and as a member of the King's Daughters Society.

After Mrs. Klock became ill and could no longer do the work in the church which she loved so well, she became an even greater witness to the Lord as she testified of his goodness and grace during her time of illness. The patience and fortitude which she manifested during the hours of severe suffering she attributed to her faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ who was her comfort and strength. Her radiant, living testimony will never be forgotten by friends and loved ones. This child of God now is experiencing the joy of being in God's Presence where there is no more suffering and pain.

Mrs. Klock is survived by her husband; one son, Roger; one daughter, Rhonda Lou; her mother, Mrs. Blanche A. Fowler of Chancellor, S. Dak.; three brothers; one sister; and many other relatives and friends.

First Baptist Church,
Emery, South Dakota

ROY W. SEIBEL, Pastor.

March of Events

● Concentration evangelism came to Brazil as Youth for Christ's 7th World Congress on Evangelism opened in Sao Paulo, Brazil, with more than 7,000 paulistas crowding Pacaembu Gymnasium to hear Youth for Christ's President, Dr. Bob Cook, in the opening public rally. The eight day congress from April 17 to 24 represented only the beginning of a wave of evangelistic campaigns that has spread to most of the major population centers of South America's largest and most progressive country. In this congress, held across the world from Tokyo to Cannes, France, evangelism was the subject for discussion and the aim of the more than 400 registered delegates from 16 nations, plus hundreds of auditors from Sao Paulo. Following daytime sessions which treated such matters as revival, evangelism and perils to Gospel work, the delegates joined Brazilian evangelicals and missionary personnel in 48 campaigns in Sao Paulo churches of ten denominations.

● A permanent foundation to give scholarships to Americans in Britain will, it is hoped, result from a second Mayflower crossing of the Atlantic scheduled for sometime in 1956. Mayflower II—its keel will be laid in a British shipyard this year—is the responsibility of Project Mayflower Ltd, a non-profit company formed for the venture. Like her namesake of

more than three centuries ago she is a 180-ton vessel. She is intended as a gift from the British to the American people "as an expression of the enduring community of interest of our two countries." The vessel, crewed by ex-Royal Navy men, is expected to bring over passengers distinguished in the world of religion, the arts, commerce and letters, and to land them at Plymouth Rock, where the Pilgrim Fathers made their landing. Funds for the scholarship foundation, it is hoped, will be raised by the ship's exhibition in the United States, and by a film and a book on the voyage.—Moody Monthly

● Because of the manner in which the staff of the Bolivian Indian Mission handles leprosy in its leprosarium at Tane, Bolivia, there are now 48 new patients to be cared for by the missionaries. On a recent visit, officials of the National Health Department noted that all the lepers for whom the mission was responsible were well fed and clothed, and making rapid progress in their recovery. The successful conduct and treatment of the patients—eight have been discharged as "symptom-free" since the treatment center was established—was in sharp contrast to that of the official government-administered clinic at Trinidad. A recent decision of the Minister of Health closed the Trinidad clinic and transferred the patients to Tane. — Moody Monthly.

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