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# March of Events

● Scriptures now in 1,084 languages. Some part of the Bible has been published in 1,024 languages and dialects, as of December 31, 1954, according to a statement issued by the American Bible Society. The whole Bible has been published in 206 languages.

● "The Baptist World," a tiny paper with a big name, is free upon request. It is published ten months a year—October through July. A postal card addressed to: The Baptist World, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington 9, D. C., will bring this paper to you regularly. It contains up-to-date information on news about Baptists around the world.

● Churches of four denominations in Massachusetts have taken steps to bring 126 refugee families into the state. The figure has been announced by the Massachusetts Council of Churches' Committee on Refugees, which serves as a liaison between the state's Refugee Commission and the denominations. Baptists lead with plans to resettle some 60 families immediately. Other assurances include 12 for the Methodists, 40 for Episcopalians, and 14 for Congregationalists, part of a total quota of 75 families.

● Since we as North American Baptists send a considerable number of publications to South America, also used books to Argentina, the following report might be of interest. While attention is focused on Argentina, take a quick look at the Protestant situation in the predominantly Roman Catholic nation of over 18 million population. There are 415,000 persons who list themselves as Protestants or evangelicals. The Protestant population of Argentina has increased twelve-fold during the past sixty years, while the national population has only doubled. Indication that such Protestantism as exists is well rooted may be seen from the fact that only about 15 per cent of such members worship in languages other than Spanish. There are seven Protestant theological seminaries in Buenos Aires. Co-operating in Union Seminary are the Methodist Church, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., and the Waldensians. The Buenos Aires Bible Institute also has a number of co-operating denominations. The Southern Baptists have just built a new seminary. Also there are Missouri Lutheran, Nazarene, and Pentecostal seminaries, plus a Salvation Army training institute. A United Lutheran seminary is in the planning stage.

● Racial prejudice and discrimination "as illustrated in the American pattern of segregation . . . is a sin," the Committee on Economic and Social Relations of the Mennonite Church said in a statement issued here. The statement was the first comprehensive pronouncement on racial relations by an official agency of the Church. It was drawn up by a special committee of the economic and social relations body appointed at a Conference on Christian Community Relations. "Racial prejudice and discrimination is the perpetuation of a myth long proved false both by Christian faith and modern science," the statement said. "It is a violation of the human personality as created by God, a denial of the opportunities and privileges which in the providence of God are meant for all peoples to enjoy." It called upon all institu-

tions of the Mennonite Church to end any segregation they may be practicing and to "make meaningful" the denomination's "doctrine of non-resistance which professes love for all men."

## MY PRAYER

Strengthen my faith in myself, O God,  
For the task assigned by thee,  
In the hidden powers that in me lie  
For the work thou hast for me.  
Help me to meet each day's demands  
With courage to do and dare,  
And a willing heart to do my part—  
That is my prayer.

Strengthen my faith in thee, O God,  
And in thy sustaining pow'r,  
That I in confidence may lean  
Upon thee every hour.  
To have the blessed consciousness,  
Lord, of thy love and care,  
Through all my days, in all my ways—  
That is my prayer.

—Herman von Berge

# Baptist Briefs

● An 82-year-old Baptist missionary said the bamboo door that barred Christianity from Japan for centuries has now swung "wide open" and is even "off its hinges." "Hearts are open," said Dr. William Axling. "Homes are open. Communities are open. The nation is open.

"The first Protestant church in Japan was organized in 1873," said Dr. Axling. "That is the year I was born. Today there are 3,000 Protestant churches in Japan with a total membership of 360,000. There are 2,600 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 150,000. There are 197 Christian schools with a total student body of 100,000. There are 460 Christian kindergartens that enroll 30,000 tots." "This adds up to Protestant constituency of 640,000," he said, "and mark you this total development in the 82 years of my lifetime!"

● A statistical summary of the six-week All-Scotland Crusade, conducted by Billy Graham and his team, reveals that the 52,253 decisions for Christ include those for all the relay services, not just for Glasgow, as reported in the May Baptist World. In Kelvin Hall, Ibrox Stadium and Hampden Park, decisions for Christ totaled 19,835. Other Crusade meetings conducted by Dr. Graham or his team members brought 3,-

174 more decisions. Ministers in charge of the relay services had reported, up to May 1, a total of 29,244 decisions for Christ at Crusade meetings. The total attendance as recorded by this summary was 2,647,365.

● The 1955 meeting of the Baptists of Argentina, held in the capital city in May, gave opportunity for this body of citizens to register their opinion publicly. Without taking part in the present conflict between the Argentine government and the Catholic Church, the Baptists reaffirmed their historic position on the subject, and declared their wholehearted support of any move to separate the political organization from the ecclesiastical powers. The declaration affirms that Baptists believe in a complete religious liberty for all churches, which implies liberty of worship and liberty of propaganda or publicity for religious principles. It cites the statements of Baptists on this subject through the centuries and more recently in Argentina itself. An edition of 20,000 copies of a booklet by the Rev. Santiago Canclini entitled "Why the Church Must Be Separate from the State", released by the Baptist Publishing House in Buenos Aires, will make a distinct contribution to the public discussion of this important political issue.

# Editorial

## Lengthen Your Cords!

**L**ENGTHEN YOUR CORDS! That's a missionary summons, Scripturally inspired, to attempt great things for God! It was the text (Isaiah 54:2) of William Carey's deathless sermon which he preached at Nottingham, England, on May 30, 1792, which launched the modern missionary movement. Carey asserted that God had called the Church to a new and splendid destiny. The shabby, wind-blown tent, wherein she could ill find shelter, was to yield to a pavilion—yes, to an ever-multiplying family of tents, strong and beautiful. "Get up," God said. "Find larger canvas, stouter and taller poles, stronger tent-pegs. Catch wider visions. Dare bolder programs. Dwell in an ampler world. Thy Maker is thy Husband. He is the Lord of all the earth."

Those are stirring words for our united effort in the Church Extension Campaign planned for the days of October 1955 to July 1956. Lengthen your cords of faith and vision. Lengthen your outreach of service for Christ. Lengthen your ministry as an individual disciple and as the Church of Christ by expecting great things of God and by attempting the impossible task in a bold program for Christ's Kingdom. Our Church Extension Fund will be the means of strengthening our stakes and lengthening our cords spiritually in the great work of our God.

Lengthen your cords! That is always for every Christian the faithful carrying out of the Lord's commands. Christ's words are always marching orders: "Go ye into all the world! Preach the Gospel! Launch out into the deep!" Church Extension is this crusade of Christians in our day to reach many people in new mushrooming areas who have no church and who are not touched by the Gospel and then to win them for Christ through the church that has been planted into their new community.

Lengthen your cords! This has the promise of God of great returns for sound investments that have been made in the program of Church Extension. You are actually helping yourself by helping others. Through the establishment of new churches, we will become stronger as a denomination and shall build a better "home base." We shall be investing in thousands of lives who will be transformed by the Gospel's power and who will become shining lights for Christ in the years to come. Every monetary gift to be placed upon God's altar will be a spiritual investment with heavenly high returns!

Lengthen your cords! All of this means the enrichment of our lives and of the ministry of our churches with incomparable blessings. Every new church which is built and every life which is touched will in turn brighten our denominational fellowship and add spiritual contributions to our corporate ministry. You are actually bringing the glory of God's blessing to shine upon your own life by giving generously to the Church Extension Fund.

The month of October 1955 will be the springboard in our churches for another great Church Extension Campaign. The effort will continue with repeated emphasis until July 31, 1956, when we hope to have raised at least \$250,000 toward the Church Extension Fund. This is God's program, Scripturally inspired. Lengthen your cords in outreach and do your part. Plan now for your gifts for Church Extension. God will then bless accordingly beyond expectations!

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# The Twenty-third Psalm



These six verses of Scripture reach deep into every human experience and find in God, the Good Shepherd, the sufficiency for every need

## The Shepherd Psalm

By REV. NORMAN H. KLANN, Union City, New Jersey

FROM ALL Scriptures there is perhaps no other one portion that has been committed to memory by more people than the 23rd Psalm. This beautiful, sacred poem known to millions as the "Shepherd Psalm" has brought comfort in sorrow, hope in the midst of tribulation and peace in anxiety to many, who by faith, have claimed its promises. These six verses of Scripture reach deep into every basic need of human experience, and find in God, the Good Shepherd, the sufficiency for every need.

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want."

The first verse of this Psalm states, as it were, the basic premise, or the fundamental thought of the Psalm. It is, therefore, of utmost importance that we understand this fundamental thought if we are to claim the precious promises of this portion of the Word of God.

### OUR SHEPHERD—GOD

The Psalmist began with the word JEHOVAH, the covenant name of God. He is not here referring to a god carved by the fingers of man's imagination, for of such there are many gods and many lords. Neither is he here referring to a god of common concept, but he here refers to JEHOVAH, who had revealed himself in the Holy Scriptures as David had them in his day. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God who had given the Law to Moses, the

God whose Word David had hid in his heart. Specifically, he is "the God of the Bible." This God is the LORD of the 23rd Psalm, and only those who know him and are his can claim its promises.

"Is my shepherd!"

Of all the figures that are applied to God in the Scriptures, that of a shepherd is the most beautiful. It brings to the godly, when they read it or hear it, as it were a confidence, a consolation, a security like the word, Father.

"It is to be observed, that in both the cases in which the figure of the shepherd is first used in Scripture, Jacob and David, were the speakers, it from their own per-

## The Shepherd's Power

By REV. ROBERT SCHREIBER, Lodi, California

TWENTIETH CENTURY man is interested in performance. From soap to automobiles all advertising is geared to persuade the public that a certain product can out-perform all others in its field. Human values are judged on a similar basis. When a man has lost his ability to out-perform his competitor, his usefulness has vanished. The placing of such a high premium upon outstanding performance has resulted in many a man being cast upon some forgotten shore to live out

sonal experience. Having been introduced by them, the figure was made use of by other writers, who were not led to make use of it from their own history. This is the case particularly with Isaiah 40:11 and Ezekiel 34:12-14, who comforts the poor, dispersed, neglected sheep of Israel during the time of their captivity, by referring to the shepherd-faithfulness of God. It is in obvious reference to these Old Testament passages, that our Savior calls himself the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-16), and is also so called by the Apostles (1 Peter 2:25; Hebrews 13:20). All that Jehovah, under the Old Testament, does to his own, he does through his Angel and Mediator! this is his common aspect to his Church. He—the Logos—appeared in flesh in Christ. Hence, whatever in the Old Testament was said of Je-

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his life as a mental and physical wreck.

With this insistence upon performance in the material realm, it is strange that so many Christians are content with a mediocre spiritual life and experience. In Christ we have a Savior whose performance is not only outstanding but unique in every respect and in every case. This was the experience of the Psalmist, and the testimony of his experience is expressed in these verses of the Shepherd Psalm.



—Eva Luoma Photo  
"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1).

### GOD'S RESTORATION

The Shepherd's power is experienced in restoration. Again and again the children of God reveal their sheep-like characteristics. We foolishly rely upon our own wisdom and, like Pilgrim, we get into trouble when we decide to go into By-Path Meadow. How gracious we find the Lord to be then in his willingness to restore the wandering sheep!

The Lord wasn't angry with Peter for having denied him. After his resurrection Jesus sought Peter, not to get even with him for what he had done, but to restore him to fellowship. Even on the night of that terrible betrayal, someone has reminded us that "it was a look and not a lecture that sent Peter out to weep bitterly."

God promised Israel, "I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten" (Joel 2:25). Not only does he restore to blessed fellowship with himself, but he is also able to make us to abound in fruitfulness and effectiveness when we are brought back, so that the bitterness of the wasted years is mellowed by the sweet joy of fruitful years.

The Shepherd's power is experienced in his guidance. In submitting to him and yielding to his will the believer discovers that God's way is the best way, because it is the right way. We know it to be the right way since his way led us to become righteous, when in obedience to his Word we exercised saving faith in Christ. We know it to be the right way because by personal experience God's way has proven itself to be the way of blessing and peace. "All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies" (Psalm 25:10).

Even though that way may lead us through deep and dismal places we can still have the confidence that it is the right way. The unpleasant experiences are the proving ground for our faith and confidence. As long as he was free, John the Baptist was full of confidence in the person of Jesus. He boldly proclaimed him to be "the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." When he was thrown into prison and Jesus seemingly did nothing about it, his confidence turned to doubt and he had to send his disciples to Jesus for a reassuring word.

### THE SHEPHERD'S GUIDING PRESENCE

Most of us are no better. As long as all is well, we testify happily to the goodness and the marvelous guidance of the Lord. Let afflictions and adversity become our companions and we are puzzled and perplexed. It just doesn't make sense to our materialistic minds that God should permit such things to happen to his faithful and obedient children. To the disobedient ones—yes! That makes sense.

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—Eva Luoma Photo  
"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures" (Psalm 23:2).

## The Host and the Guest

By REV. RICHARD GRENZ, Underwood, North Dakota

"Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever" (Psalm 23:5-6).

THIS SURELY is a delicious dinner. I have never tasted such good pie before. Our fellowship has been uplifting, Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

"Thank you, it is a real joy to have you people."

We enjoy eating and having fellowship with people around the table. Summer months are months for vacations, dinners, suppers, and picnics. Think of all the preparation of food by the host prepared for the guest.

A table is prepared. The Psalmist seems to say that he is not only the Lord's sheep but also the Lord's guest. In the Orient it was a mark of intimacy and affectionate love to sit with a man at his table. We sit at the table of God's daily material provisions. The material food needs to be supplied and prepared.

How great are the blessings when taken from the hand of God! "Give us this day our daily bread" (Matthew 6:11). Of course, we work for our material food in providing it and the housewives work to prepare it for the table, but it originally came from God.

A few evenings ago, at this time of writing, a member of the church asked the Lord for two inches of rain and during the night it did rain two inches on this man's farm. Prospects for a prepared table are good!

### GOD'S PROVISIONS

We sit at the table of God's daily spiritual provisions. This can be daily; not just weekly as some do.

Haven't you come into the Presence of God penniless, and he has filled your soul to overflowing? Many a person has said that even though he hasn't much in earthly goods he is rich in the Lord.

According to John 21 the disciples toiled all night fishing, but all in vain. In the morning Jesus stood on the shore and instructed them as to where to fish. When they returned with their nets filled with fish, they discovered a fire likely prepared by Jesus. Tired, disappointed and with fruitless efforts they came to Jesus and he provided the material and the spiritual necessities. Likewise the Lord deals with us.

The Lord prepares the table in the presence of enemies. Many a good man has his enemies. The Lord prepares the table and the Christian sits down and eats in perfect peace, because the Lord gives peace to his people in the most difficult situations of life. The enemy cannot rob the followers of Christ of the bountifully prepared table and peace.

Not only is the table prepared but the guest is anointed with oil as priest and king (Rev. 1:6). A priest or king without anointing of oil missed the chief qualification for his office. Likewise, the Christian without God's anointing lacks his fitness for service.

This blessed Host continues with his special attention to the guest by not only filling the cup but filling it to overflowing. Where else do you get that measure today in this day of high cost of living and self-centeredness, The Lord hasn't changed for he gives the same amount today as in the days of the Psalmist.

Have you thought of some of the ingredients of this cup, our cup? For instance, good health of body, mind,

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Air view of the National Leprosarium at Carville, Louisiana, with the Mississippi River at the right.

# A Visit to Carville, America's Only Leprosarium



By MISS LAURA E. REDDIG,  
Missionary to Leprous Patients at the  
New Hope Settlement, Africa

CARVILLE, Louisiana, is the only place in the United States where persons suffering from leprosy (Hansen's Disease) can be assured admittance, proper medical care and full maintenance.

In 1894 the State of Louisiana purchased the present site on the banks of the Mississippi River, about 60 miles north of New Orleans, and made that a state treatment center for all those suffering from leprosy. It was later to become the National Leprosarium, with people from all over the States coming there for treatment.

There is adequate room for 400 patients there, but the present patient population is 305. The staff consists of 250 well-qualified employees, including many commissioned officers of the United States Public Health Service. Doctors from nearby cities, from all over the States, and even from foreign countries spend their time here to bring to these unfortunate patients the best that science and skill and research can offer. The hospital is called the U.S. Public Health Service Hospital of Carville.

## MIRACLES AT CARVILLE

On June 2nd, it was my privilege to arrive at Carville for a short visit to this famous hospital. The chauffeur who met me at Gonzales, La., has been working there for 30 years, and he was just bursting to tell me all about the miracles happening at Carville. He personally knew the author of "Miracle at Carville" and has watched her and other patients come and depart again.

As we neared the hospital grounds, I was told that the grassy bank to the left of the highway was the levee of the Mississippi River which encircles the hospital grounds on three sides. I met the medical officer, Dr. Gordon, who is in charge of the hospital. After getting settled in one of the guest

rooms of the administration building, I was taken to the infirmary to meet the many Sisters of Charity who compose the nursing staff in this busy hospital.

There are 30 beds, all in private rooms. There are many special treatment rooms for those suffering from eye complaints, ulcers, deformities, etc. The very latest of equipment and drugs are accessible and used for these patients.

The starched hospital gown which I was requested to put on, together with the Louisiana steam heat, conspired together to melt me. Following the dressing cart and the Sister, who had charge of it, gave me a view of how they treat their ulcer patients. There was a wonderful three-hour session with Sister Hillary, world renowned because of her laboratory research contributions to leprosy work. She had spent most of her life in the laboratory and certainly knew and loved her work.

There were countless Kodachrome enlargements to view which showed the progress of the various types of leprosy patients. Never having seen a white-skinned person with leprosy, I wondered if it could be as easily recognized as on brown skins, such as we have at Bamenda New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons.

## "HAM AND EGGS"

I talked with many of the patients who seemed to enjoy seeing someone new and strange. Two of these patients, both blinded by leprosy, are lovingly called "Ham and Eggs" by other patients and staff, because they are always together. What a lot of good humor and laughs they scattered around the ulcer clinic and hallways as they tapped along with their canes. What a lot of questions they asked about our work in Africa! They were so happy to hear that our patients

were also getting the sulfone drugs which they received here.

The visit to the Dressing Clinic, where there is an endless supply of the dressings and bandages, made me all the more aware of the blessings which are ours on the mission field because of our faithful women making White Cross supplies. Were we to use the new and expensive materials used at this Louisiana hospital, we couldn't afford to keep running very long. The patients with ulcers at Carville are not permitted to walk at all, but have wheelchairs to transport them down smooth corridors and hallways to their living quarters.

I told one doctor that our patients have to work to support themselves, and that we have no wheelchairs for them to ride around in. He replied, "We are very fortunate here in being able to give the patients full support, plus every aid and advantage of every new discovery to hasten their progress. They also re-use their factory-made bandages, but theirs are the advantages of washing machines, adequate staff, and equipment to re-roll the bandages again.

The visit to the Physician Therapy Room was most interesting, for it is here that crippled and useless hands and feet were massaged and bathed, heated and pulled back into usefulness again. Tendon transplants into fingers and hands result in hands which can become fairly useful again. It is a miracle!

The Sunfone drugs now being used for the treatment of Hansen's disease are not cure-all nor miracle drugs, for it still takes years to bring about a condition called "symptom-free." But the Sulfone drugs are by far the most revolutionary drugs yet to be used in this age-old disease, and they have brought new hope all over the world.

## "THE STAR" MAGAZINE

Carville with its hospital for the treatment of leprosy patients used to have a high fence around it. It was patrolled constantly by guards and had its big front gates locked. The Sulfone drugs have changed not only the treatment, the time of treatment, but also the attitude of the outside world toward leprosy. Now visitors are encouraged to visit the hospital and are taken on a tour through the entire grounds and buildings.

I had the extra privilege of having the Protestant Chaplain, Rev. N. Carl Elder, take me on this tour. The highlight of the tour for me was the visit to the officers and printing rooms of "The Star," the only magazine for the purpose of "radiating the light of truth on Hansen's disease." The editor, Stanley Stein, completely blinded by leprosy, proudly told me that the last edition of "The Star" required 10,000 copies. Mr. Stein is now "symptom-free" and has traveled about considerably, giving lectures and helping the world to regard leprosy as a disease, and not as a curse or a stigma.

He was very much interested in our work at Bamenda New Hope Settlement, and while I was answering his questions I suddenly realized that another patient was taking short-hand notes. "We are working together for a great cause; you in Africa, and we here in the United States." Mr. Stein was very pleased when an order was placed for two subscriptions to "The Star" to be sent to Africa each month for two years. The Magazine is published by the patients at Carville.

There are many patients' enterprises such as dress shops, photo-developing and printing shops, shoe and bicycle repair shops. There is a well equipped grocery store, a snack shop, bakery and other shops run by the patients and for the patients. It is estimated that there are between 1,500 and 3,000 persons suffering from leprosy in America. Only two out of every ten are infectious, and the other eight could be permitted to receive treatment at their family doctor's hand and carry on a life that is as normal as possible.

Most of those coming to the Carville Hospital for treatment for Hansen's Disease come from the southern states: Louisiana, Florida, Texas, and California. Of all the contagious diseases, leprosy is the least contagious. Early treatment is still the secret of prevention of the crippling and disfiguring features of leprosy. If only the method of transmission were known, greater progress might be made in eradicating this ancient disease from the earth.

## HOPES FOR THE FUTURE

While sitting in the laboratory at the microscope, a man came up behind me and asked me who I was,



The Surgical Clinic for men at the National Leprosarium at Carville, Louisiana, visited by Missionary Laura E. Reddig.

where from and doing what? Then he introduced himself as Dr. Cochrane. I said, "Not the Dr. Cochrane." He laughingly replied, "Yes, the Dr. Cochrane." Then for a few moments, this world famous leprologist sat and talked with me about some of the leprosy doctors in Nigeria known to both of us.

This cheerful Scotsman was full of his plans for lectures and conferences with leprosy workers in all parts of the world. So great a man, yet so humbly dedicated to the work which he feels is his life's calling from God. With such men in guiding positions, great hope and new hope will continue to be brought to those who throughout the ages have been the most mistreated, misunderstood, feared, and despised of all sick people.

The beautiful yards of the hospital were colorful with magnolias, fomasas, crepe myrtles, and tall live oaks bedecked with grey Spanish moss. The Louisiana mosquitos are overly energetic, and will be out



Mr. Stanley Stein (left), former Hansen's disease patient and now editor of "The Star," with Rev. H. Carl Elder, Protestant chaplain of Carville Leprosarium.

hunting even at 7 A.M. One employee laughed at my struggles with them and said, "They have found new blood. They don't bother us old-timers here anymore." African mosquitoes are less barbaric!

The chaplain at Carville suggests that if people who are Christians would apply the Golden Rule in their attitudes toward Hansen's disease, we could all make a great contribution toward these patients all over the world. The American Leprosy Mission is ready to receive any gifts for research, so that the great dream of all leprosy workers might come true—that in 25 years leprosy will practically be wiped off the face of the earth. May we as North American Baptists enter more whole-heartedly and generously into this dream to help make a reality of it.

## THE SHEPHERD'S POWER

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If our hope in Christ is for this life only, we truly are the most miserable people among all mankind. If we have become Christians only because we hope that Christ will give us good health, a good disposition, long life, a comfortable bank account and a multitude of other benefits, we have a shallow faith. It takes a deep faith to see us through the deep places. That kind of faith is in a Person, not in a proposition.

To know the guiding presence of the Shepherd in affliction is to have a consciousness of the abiding fellowship of One who cares. Then we are comforted and strengthened by being delivered from our fears.

"Once earthly joy I craved,  
Sought peace and rest;  
Now thee alone I seek,  
Give what is best."

This power of the Shepherd to restore and to guide his children persuades us that nothing "shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." This Shepherd's power can be yours today, if you claim it.



# My Experience Concerning Tithing

By MR. NORMAN B. SHOULTS, Sunday School Superintendent,  
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WHEN ASKED to write this testimony for the "Baptist Herald," I can only say I was thinking along the same lines as was Moses when the Lord asked him to go unto Israel and bring forth the people out of Egypt. "Who am I, that should go unto Pharaoh and that I should bring forth the children of Israel of Egypt?" (Exodus 3:11.) I was ready with excuses for myself. But, of course, "prayer changes things."

Through personal experience, I have found that "our Lord always helps us find a way to do all things." And if we really want help, of course, we are going to have to begin with prayer. One of the most commonly used excuses of a Christian is, "Just can't afford it; we are giving all we can now." To this I say, nonsense!

If you are not giving your tenth, you had better pray about it. Time after time as my wife and I have sat down to prepare our envelopes this question has arisen, "Can we afford it this Sunday?" But something always comes along to help out, and another tithe has been given.



Mr. Norman B. Shoults of Indianapolis, Indiana, superintendent of the Bethel Baptist Sunday School.

Having just recently served our church as treasurer, I can say with some degree of experience, that small

churches need good tithers and regular tithers. Perhaps the average person doesn't know the expense that can and does occur. If not, then they as good members should take more interest in these affairs and want to know more about their church. I'm sure it would shed a different light on tithing. We should not forget that the Lord wants us to give willingly and freely.

But if anyone should ask me about tithing, I would refer them to Malachi 3:10. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

What better answer could anyone ask for? Is there any clearer promise than these wonderful words? If you have any trouble concerning tithing, read Malachi 3:10 several times, then ask the dear Father to help you, as he has helped us.

temps that failed for lack of faith, the ones that were filled with so many mental reservations? Whatever the reason, all of us, at some time or another, have struggled with words like these: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." If you have ever been on the receiving end of some tactless persons giving, you know what Jesus meant in reverse.

GIVE the TITHE. I never liked that phrase, and even today unhappy memories and resentments arise. I don't think that I am much different than others in this respect, but it is quite possible that some of the dogmatic presentations of "The Law of God" caused me to rebel. I can recall many unhappy "bouts" wit well meaning people on the subject of tithing. What changed my thinking was an experience with a Chinese chop suey merchant.

## A CHOP SUEY MERCHANT

Late, one afternoon, I walked into my favorite "Chop Suey" store. After I had placed my order, the proprietor, Richard Leong, said, "I'd like a coke or two. Will you get some for me? This is my busy hour." "Sure, Dick, right away." I returned with two bottles and said, "It's on the house." He grinned and took the bottles.

When my order showed up, there was an extra package, a special dish. (Continued on Page 11)

# Giving, Sometimes Called Tithing

By MR. WILLIAM F. HEINE, Superintendent  
of the Adult Department Forest Park Baptist Sunday School,  
Forest Park, Illinois

FOR SOME PEOPLE, giving is easy, but to most of us, it presents a few problems. By nature, most of us want something for what we give, and experience teaches us that life must be lived on the basis of a fair exchange, or someone gets hurt. The kind of giving from which we can expect no immediate or possible future hope of return is the one that trips us up.

The habit of expecting a return has a tricky way of throwing us off balance, because we have a right (within bounds) to expect normal grown-ups to react by sharing with us in return for our giving. Our Lord tried in so many ways to bring us to a place above the daily struggle of "You give me—I give you," and it is wonderful to see so many of his children living on a higher plane by following his perfect suggestions.

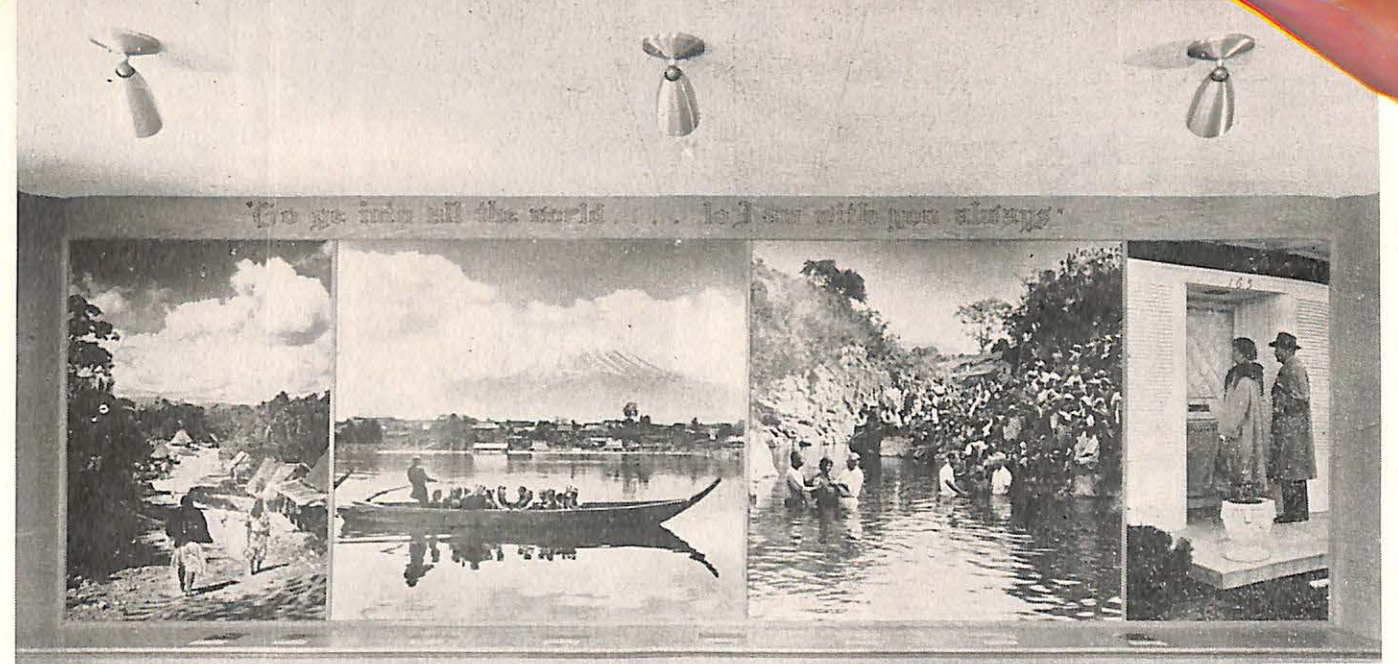
## PUT IT TO THE TEST

When Jesus said, "Give, and you will have ample measure given you,

they will POUR into your lap measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over; for the measure you deal out to others will be dealt back to yourselves," he was not theorizing; he was simply stating an Eternal Fact. He challenged all of his hearers to make the TRY—to test its practicability.

So much of Jesus' ministry was spent in teaching and demonstrating the Laws of Life that we can hardly think of him in any other terms than something like this: "The Kingdom of heaven is like this." Were Jesus not God, the indifference of his hearers could have been maddening; yet he knew that eventually men would see God, and learn to live as they ought to.

Jesus always tried to provoke his hearers to TRY the experiment. The response was to dodge and side-step. Why are people like this? Are they selfish? Do they fear consequences? Do they remember some foolish at-



Beautiful missionary mural in the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan, showing various mission fields of the world.

# Your Best Investment in Life!

A Call for Christian Recruits  
by DR. JOHN LEYPOLDT of Forest Park, Illinois

MILLIONS of Americans and Canadians have invested their money in various enterprises. Each one hopes he has invested his capital in the most profitable business.

In one of our former churches three businessmen invested between \$100,000 and \$150,000 in a gold mine venture. The engineer dug deeper and deeper but, alas, discovered no gold vein in the depths of the earth.

What a disappointment! What a loss!

## INVESTMENT IN LIFE

Jesus calls our attention to the best of all investments: the investment in character or in life. One day the Master saw four men along the shore of Lake Galilee. They were experienced fishermen. But Jesus called them from their useful and profitable trade to a higher calling. They were no longer to catch fish but men. Did not Jesus say to Simon: "Fear not, from henceforth thou shalt catch men?"

On another day Jesus called Matthew from his business of tax collector to a higher calling. He was no longer to be in the service of the Roman government but in the service of the King of kings. He was to invest his life in the winning of men to God and his Kingdom.

A certain young man with fine qualities came to Jesus. Though he was wealthy, he was not satisfied. This promising young man was primarily interested in things, in his wealth. Jesus, however, pointed out to him that life's best investment is not in money but in people. Christ told him

that he should give his wealth to the poor. He should invest it in life because it would bring rich spiritual dividends.

## THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

The best way for any able young Christian to make his life count for time and eternity is to invest it in the service of the church, to dedicate his life to the work of the Gospel ministry. What a great privilege it is to be a minister of the best news in the world, to represent the Most High, to be a mouthpiece for God, an ambassador for Christ!

Paul believed it was great to be a minister of Christ. He counted it to be the greatest of all privileges to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ to a pagan world. He knew he had what the world needed. He knew he was in possession of the greatest truths upon which the human mind could dwell. He had found the secret of forgiveness, of peace, of power, and of eternal life. The best investment he could make was to spread the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the Roman Empire.

Paul couldn't keep his priceless treasures to himself. He had to share them with others. Years after his conversion he realized that he had made his greatest mistake when he persecuted the church of God. But after his conversion his one passion was to love Christ supremely, to serve Christ faithfully, to honor him above all men, to sacrifice everything for Christ, and if need be, even to die for Christ. Paul knew of no higher in-

vestment in life than to give all he had for his Savior and Lord.

As we look back upon Paul's life and ministry we must exclaim: "What an investment he made!" How he has influenced millions down through the centuries for time and eternity.

## CHRIST SERVED OTHERS

Christ came into our world for one purpose. He was to be the greatest Servant of all times. Did he not say, "For the Son of man himself has not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many". The purest among the pure, the greatest among the great, the Son of man and Son of God came to serve and to sacrifice.

He did not come into this world to become rich or famous or powerful. His primary interest was not in himself but in others. He pleased not himself. He invested his matchless life in serving the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, the outcast, the helpless in body and soul. Through his ministry of unselfish service and of unique sacrifice he has enriched the world for all time.

He is not a savior but the Savior. He lived and died for us. His greatest service he rendered in his death. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." Through Christ's unique service and sacrifice, he has made us spiritual millionaires. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your

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# The Future Ministry of Jesus Christ



The hands of God's Clock are fast advancing to the midnight hour. Pray the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers!



By PROFESSOR GEORGE A. DUNGER of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, for the equipment of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:11-13).

IT IS ONLY A MATTER of a few moments now. The door will open any time. Where, but where, are the other students?

Beyond the door lies the hallway, classrooms to the right and left and, straight ahead, the Seminary Chapel, filled with the radiance of the sun, permeated with the atmosphere of worship, charged with spiritual challenge. Thus another school year will begin, another year of intensive study and service for the Lord Jesus Christ.

## GOD'S HIGH CALLING

Strong emotions well up in the young man's heart. It seems as if the Inspired Writer of the Word of God speaks to him: ". . . this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, I press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

The Apostle Paul realized that high calling. The other apostles and, following in their train, many witnesses continued to realize that high calling, often under the most trying circum-

stances, sealing their testimony with their blood. And so the Inspired Writer's words are being fulfilled" . . . these all, having obtained a good report through faith, received not the promise: God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect" (Heb. 11:39-40).

Thus, in the light of the New Testament record and the witness of Christ's consecrated workers, the Christian ministry was characterized by an intimate personal relationship with the Crucified, Risen and Ascended Lord. It was characterized by the intensive urge to strengthen his Church and, in unequivocal obedience to his command, to go forth in missionary service.

This means that God's servant, if he is to be counted among those who have obtained "a good report through faith," must ever ask a closer walk with Christ, that he must unwaveringly and unselfishly minister to the spiritual welfare and growth of the Church and extend his missionary outreach in ever widening circles. This was true from the very beginning of the Church. It is true at present, and it will be true in the future until his glorious appearance.

## OUR FUTURE TASK

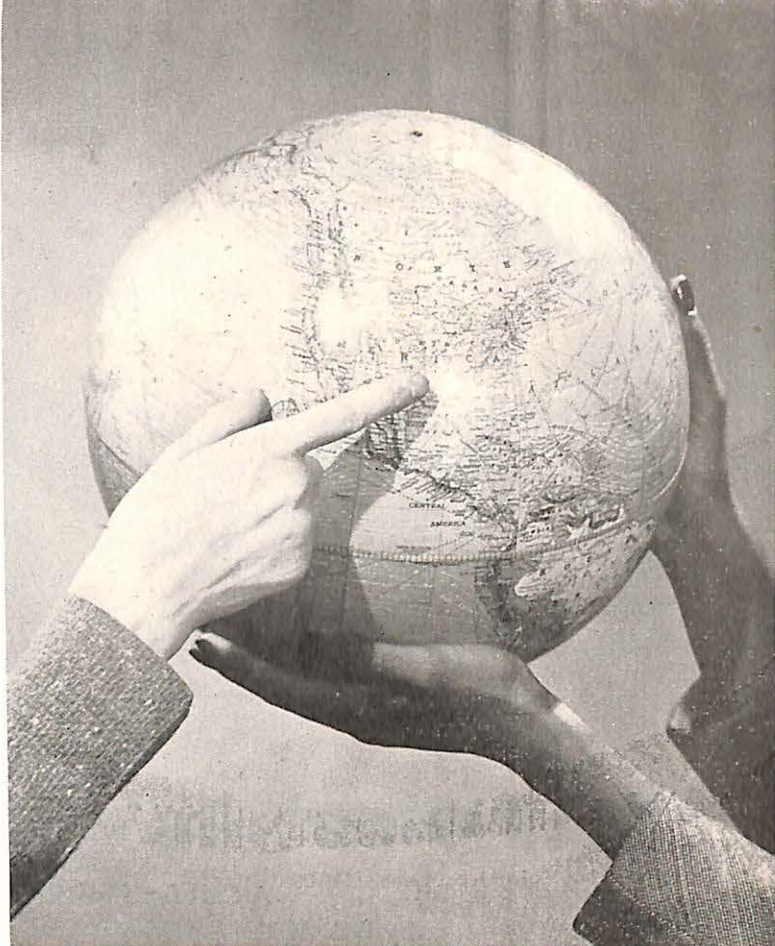
How wonderful, that ever closer walk with Christ, the loving, sustaining and enabling companionship of the Savior. What a task, that ministry of the never ending spiritual

needs of his flock! What a scope, that far flung mission field! What marvelous grace of God that should call the believer to a task like that!

But what is the meaning of this task in the future? The local church faces a never-ending battle against spiritual callousness, moral laxity and all kinds of sin in both individual and institutional life. There are communities with constantly diminishing numbers and ever diminishing flocks; there are communities with stabilized populations with hardly any expansion potentials; and there are communities growing so rapidly that it is practically impossible for the minister to reach all the people he should reach.

Denominationally speaking, many doors of Church Extension work and home missions are opening and will continue to open. This means that larger numbers of people are being reached, that planning, traveling, organizing, fund-raising and distribution have to be done on a larger scale, that efforts must be made to unite church members and churches through prayer towards the achievement of even greater tasks.

On the mission fields the work of evangelization must continue, and efforts must be intensified for the mission churches to become self-supporting and self-propagating—a development not realized merely by organization, but chiefly through spiritual growth. In that task, too, the home



—Ewing Galloway Photo  
God's servant must unwaveringly minister to the spiritual welfare and growth of the Church and extend his missionary outreach in everwidening circles.

church is to share through fervent prayer and intelligent participation.

## THE SEMINARY'S CHALLENGE

That young man, who thoughtfully and expectantly is considering the Seminary is aware of the great opportunities God has placed before him, and he is challenged by them. He is deeply grateful that God in his loving care and providence has provided the Seminary for him where he can be trained for the ministry in all of its important and far-reaching aspects. He is grateful to his pastor and his church who constantly support him in their prayers and, in connection with his practical work during the summer months, recalls many happy memories of service and fellowship.

He thinks of his professors and the subjects. His mind and soul anticipate the exciting, stimulating, taxing, challenging give-and-take of the class sessions, the quiet hours of serious, searching application in the library. He is eager to come to grips with the spiritual, intellectual, ethical, social issues of today! There is no room for superficiality! These issues stem from the heart of man, and they encircle the globe! There is no room for complacency! The hands of God's Clock are fast advancing to the midnight hour . . . !

As he rises to enter the Seminary, his eyes roam over the entrance, down the stairway and along the empty path. Suddenly the question comes back to him: "Where, but where, are the other students?" Then, overcome by the realization of the gigantic, superhuman tasks of the FUTURE

## GIVING, CALLED TITHING

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I said, "I didn't order that much!" With that especially inscrutable Chinese grin, he said, "You don't know Chinese too well, do you? Don't you know that you can't outgive a Chinaman," I don't know about the rest of his race, but I never could outgive him.

This encounter troubled me. "You can't outgive a Chinaman." "You can't outgive God." Try me herewith—and see if I will not open the windows in heaven. Now it was beginning to work. Why not try it a little? That's it. The woman who touched only the hem of Jesus' garment "tried a little bit" and never forgot it. Our family tried it—giving just a little for a start—and we are forever grateful for having tried.

Some mistaken notions about giving, tithing, or whatever term is used, need a little airing. Much good has been said on this subject, much of it harmful, because of some legalistically righteous expounding.



The dormitory building of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., showing the picture windows of the dining hall at the edge of the grass.

MINISTRY, the awareness of the Risen Lord's command and the service to be performed, together with those whom God called into the FUTURE MINISTRY, he recalls the request of the Lord Jesus Christ, and prays "the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into the harvest. . ." (Luke 10:2).

## The Parson's Prayer

I do not ask  
That crowds may throng the temple,  
That standing room be priced;  
I only ask that as I voice the message,  
They may see Christ!

I do not ask  
For churchly pomp or pageant,

Or music such as wealth alone can buy;  
I only ask that as I voice the message,  
He may be nigh!

I do not ask  
That men may sound my praises  
Or headlines spread my name abroad;  
I only pray that as I voice the message,  
Hearts may find God!

I do not ask  
For earthly place or laurel,  
Or of this world's distinctions any part;  
I only ask when I have voiced the message,  
My Savior's heart!

—Ralph S. Cushman.

## BOOK REVIEWS

**IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.** By W. L. House. Revell Co. 96 pages. \$1.50.

In this small volume there are about 100 carefully planned, complete worship programs for use in Sunday Schools, fellowship meetings or any other gathering at which a devotional service is scheduled. Each of these programs in outline form features recommended music, a passage of Scripture, and an outlined talk. The subject matter covers a wide range such as Bible, Evangelism, Stewardship, Church Loyalty and Missions. The author was professor at Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, for more than 20 years. He is currently director of the Education Division of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Sunday School leaders and teachers, CBY officers, program leaders of other organizations and pastors will find the volume of inestimable value. It can be a blessing to every Christian who wants to dig a little deeper in his devotional life!

I am convinced that God cares very little about the percentage mark. He is interested in the response of a heart that has faced God's amazing goodness. Giving may very definitely be a good barometer of a person's gratitude.

## JOY AND RELEASE

Another thought! Time, effort, and giving of one's self are certainly weights in the scale. Some can give much money, with no privation, yet give so little service and self that the scale gets awfully wobbly.

My idea of what the prophets and our Lord have tried to say to all of us might sound something like this: "Pull that deadly stopper out of your soul and give of yourself. You will be surprised to find the foul waters of existence flow out and you will experience the life-giving air of God bring JOY and RELEASE, such as you never dreamed could be yours."

Yes, you receive more in blessings than you give—much more—than you do when you are at the receiving end.





# Vignettes of Church History

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

## 16. THE OLD CATHOLIC CHURCH

The word "Catholic" usually signifies to Protestants the Roman Catholic Church. The word, however, simply means "general" or "universal." It came into use in the early centuries to distinguish the general body of Christians from the adherents of the sects and heresies, such as the Judaizing groups, the Marcionites, and the Montanists. To be associated with the Catholic Church meant only that one was not heretical or sectarian in practice.

Thus the co-called Apostolic Creed, which was in the process of development during the early centuries, refers to "the Holy Catholic Church," and Protestants can subscribe unqualifiedly to the term. The Roman Catholic Church, as organized western Christianity under the leadership of the Pope, Bishop of Rome was an important church, with wide influence, and its Bishop, or Pope (Father), was held in reverence as "the first in honor" among the five Patriarchates of Christendom. The bishops of Jerusalem, Antioch (in Syria), Rome, Alexandria, and Constantinople were known as Patriarchs (the Greek equivalent out of the Latin Papa, Pope, ruling Father) and were the leading ecclesiastical

figures in their areas, but not for several centuries will the Bishop of Rome seek to enforce his claim to be the "universal Bishop," or Christ's vicar on earth.

Two very important processes in the Old Catholic Church were hurried by the contrary claims of the heresies and sects. The first was the determination of the canon or rule of the New Testament. The early epistles and gospels were handed about from church to church, and each assembly collected its own set of Christian Scriptures, the list varying greatly from place to place. Marcion's espousal of a canon limited to a revised Gospel of Luke and Paul's letters had the effect of causing the non-heretical or Catholic Church to ask, "What is our list of New Testament books?" The settlement of the Canon of the New Testament answered the question once for all.

The second process was the development of creed in the Church. The word "creed" comes from the Latin, *credo*, I believe, and signifies a statement of faith, by which the Catholic Church could be distinguished from the heretical groups. (Cairns, 124, 127; Kuiper, 51-52; Newman, I, 300-301; Walker, 50-63.)

## BEST INVESTMENT

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sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich."

What a privilege for any Christian young man or young woman to follow in the footsteps of the greatest Servant of all times and the only Savior of all time. He challenges us to follow him. Again and again he says: "Follow Me!" If you want to invest your life in something worth-while and that brings the greatest satisfaction, then consider very carefully and prayerfully whether you should not prepare yourself for the highest of all callings.

## REWARDS IN HAPPINESS

This kind of service brings the highest rewards. God does not want us to work for him for nothing. Christ spoke again and again of rewards, of "treasures in heaven." His service pays the highest dividends, both here and hereafter. When we think of investments, we usually are thinking of money that will bring us dividends. But the highest reward, the best divi-

dends, consist not in dollars and cents but in satisfactions.

Christ had some of his rewards already on earth. He was the happiest man who ever trod this earth. We speak of Jesus as a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. But we forget that he was also a man of joy. In fact, his cup of joy was constantly running over.

A well-known preacher has said: "The reason for Jesus' joyfulness corresponds to a universal law that the happiest people on earth are those who are doing most for others." Yes, Jesus found great joy and satisfaction in serving and saving others. That was his reward.

Young people often start out in life by seeking joy through getting, but later learn that the greatest joy and the deepest satisfaction in life lies in serving and in giving. One of the greatest rewards in a minister's life is the satisfaction of having helped someone in trouble, someone who was in moral or spiritual need. Such a satisfaction is worth more than money.

Dr. Weldon M. Wilson has said of the ministry: "There is more abiding

joy in it, there is more consolation in it, there is more challenge in it than any calling on earth." Dr. George W. Truett found the ministry so rewarding and challenging that he said: "If I had a million lives to live, I would give them all to the ministry."

## PRIVILEGES OF THE MINISTRY

No work on earth brings such dividends and such satisfactions as the work of a minister of the Gospel. What can be more satisfying than to dedicate little children to the Lord, to guide boys and girls into the Christian faith, to lead young people into a deeper meaning of the Christian life, to challenge manhood and womanhood to the highest, noblest and best, to call on the aged and infirm and bring them cheer in the evening of life and finally in the hour of death and sorrow to throw light even upon the grave with the matchless words of Jesus: "I am the resurrection and the life!"

Is there a more challenging or rewarding task on earth than that of a Christian minister or missionary? Lord Beaverbrook once said: "The evangelist is the man who has the greatest capacity for doing good, and therefore if I were in a position to influence the lives of sincere young men today, I would say to them, 'Rather choose to be an evangelist than a cabinet minister or a millionaire.' When I was a young man I pitied my father for being a poor man and a humble preacher of the Word. Now that I am older I envy him his life and his career."

The Lord is saying today: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Will you answer: "Here am I, send me"?

## THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Whatever you dislike in another person, take care to correct in yourself.

—Thomas Spratt.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. Richard Schilke

Aug. 17 (Wed.)—Chilliwack, B. C.

Aug. 21 (A.M.)—Ebenezer, Vancouver.

Aug. 21 (P.M.)—Bethany, Vancouver.

Aug. 23 (Tues.)—Startup, Wash.

Aug. 24 (Wed.)—Tacoma, Wash.

Aug. 28 (Sun. A.M.)—Billings, Montana.

Aug. 28 (Sun. P.M.)—Plevna, Montana.

Sept. 4 (Sun. A.M.)—Appleton, Minnesota.

Sept. 4 (Sun. P.M.)—Faith, Minneapolis, Minn.

## THE SHEPHERD'S PSALM

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hovah and his Angel, is immediately transferred in the New to Christ (Hengstenberg's Commentary on the Psalms).

"I want for nothing."

The word, shepherd, brings two thoughts to mind. First, a good shepherd's main concern is to care well for the sheep. So we have in our good shepherd, the Lord Jesus, one who gave his life for our salvation. In the words of Romans 8:32, "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" No matter what may come in the experiences of life, we know our good Shepherd will care for our every need.

## SHEEP THAT ARE BLESSED

There is another aspect here, however, that warrants our attention. As it is true that a good shepherd's concern is for the sheep, so also is it true that the sheep must yield themselves to the care of the shepherd if they are to benefit from that care. A stray sheep, although loved and sought for by the shepherd, does not and can not partake of the shepherd's protection and care.

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters" (Verse 2).

After the Psalmist has expressed the thought that whoever has the LORD for his Shepherd shall be in want for nothing, he goes on to expand in fine glowing words and comparisons how well it is with those who are the LORD's sheep. Verse 2 speaks of the times of rest and refreshment provided for the sheep by the Shepherd. "He layeth me down on the meadows of tender grass. He tendeth me by the waters of rest."

The comforting thought here is that amid the trials and tribulations of life in the heat of the day, our Shepherd has provided a place of quiet rest near to the heart of God. It is the same thought expressed by our Savior when he said, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

## HOST AND GUEST

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and soul. What value is the plan to promote happiness and good will if our life is tinged with pain and constant illness? No doubt, very often our sad days are due to bodily sickness and our ecstasy of glad days to vigorous health.

## GOODNESS AND MERCY

These are the ingredients of human friendship and the comforts of home.

## Out of the Silence

Out of the silence come beautiful things—  
Sweet-smelling bluebells, and birds on the wing,  
Gleaming white snowflakes that flutter and fall,  
Floating and whirling with no sound at all,  
Dewdrops that sparkle in God's morning light,  
After they've cooled the sweet face of the night.

Out of the silence come heavenly things—  
Kindness that heals the wounds deep sorrow brings,  
Forgiveness and patience, and joy from above—  
All these—sweet fruits of the spirit of love.  
Softly and tenderly all these fruits fall,  
Healing, and teaching, with no sound at all.

Out of the silence come terrible things,  
Creeping, then striking as when a snake stings,  
Flooding with poison the heart and the mind,  
Trying to reproduce after their kind.  
Satan is silently wand'ring world-wide,  
Empty hearts seeking where he may abide.

Try now the spirits and see which they are—  
Whether they've come for to save or to mar.  
If it's God's Spirit that seeks to abide,  
Ask him in quickly, your heart open wide.  
Close then the door, invite no other in—  
If God dwells with you, there's no room for sin.

—Grace Violet McDill, in United Presbyterian.

Oh, for the warm friendship of friends and the joys of a fine home!

The promises and preparations of God continue with **goodness and mercy for all the days of my life.** Not only goodness, for sinners are in need of forgiveness, and not only mercy, for many things besides forgiveness are needed. We need goodness to supply the want and mercy to forgive sin. Frequently, the Psalmist David linked these two together, when he said, "The Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting."

Life is often made up of dangers and hard struggles, but it is to be pursued constantly by these two God-given attendants, goodness, and mercy. What a life it is to be graciously taken care of and bountifully provided for by a loving Shepherd. The Psalmist makes the thrilling announcement that a heavenly home awaits the child of God when the toils of life are ended for "**I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**"

A little girl telling the story of Enoch's walk with God said, "The man walked and walked and walked and when it became dark God said, 'Enoch, you are nearer my home

than yours, so you should come in with me,' and he did."

Why stumble along when the Good Shepherd wants to be your Savior and Host and receive you unto himself? Jesus reassured his disciples and us with a definite promise when he said, "I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am there ye may be also."

## Did You Know . . .

● A brand new Radio Station in Alaska has begun broadcasting the age-old story of the Gospel. It is Station KSEW, owned by the Presbyterian Board of National Missions, has been on the air since October 8, 1954. It is sending its sound waves out from Sitka. The religious content of the program is the result of careful thinking; for KSEW is being heard in outlying homes of the 586,000-mile territory where missionaries have been unable to call personally. The theme song of the station is "Pioneers of Christ," the National Missions Sesquicentennial hymn.



# We...the Women

By MRS. THOMAS D. LUTZ

## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Women of the North American Baptist General Conference and Friends:

Over two months have passed since we, the new officers, and you became united in the women's missionary field of service for our denomination. The field is "The Whole Wide World."

We trust that each society of our Union has received the Chart for this triennium. If your president has not received the Chart, PLEASE encourage your secretary to write the Woman's Union, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Ill., and ask for it. We hope you have ordered the "New Packet" printed June 1955 from the same office.

Many people have asked me why the packets were not sold at the local Conferences this year. This is easily understood. Last year we tried to do this and besides having large shipments to be sent out, many had to be returned. So order a new packet today, unless you already have one. The English Packet sells for \$1.50; the German Packet for \$1.00.

School will start soon. We the women have had a very busy summer. Most of us attended Conferences somewhere, helped with Vacation Bible Schools in our local community, and helped by our prayers, money or service in camp programs. We have carried a heavy schedule of homework, harvesting, vacationing, etc. Now we must prepare for the school sessions and the winter schedule of our churches.

## MRS. LEROY SCHAUER

How are we preparing? Are we witnessing? To help put us in the spirit for the days ahead, I would like to quote a few devotional thoughts presented by Mrs. LeRoy Schauer at an inspiring devotional period of our Dakota Conference. Mrs. Schauer is not only a capable, young minister's wife but she is also president of our local society in Mott, North Dakota. Her devotional was entitled, "The Christian Woman's Witness in the Community."

"Old Teseament commandments make life become a bore—"Don't do this!"—"Don't do that!" Thou shalt not kill, steal, bear false witness, covet. When Jesus came, he made life beautifully positive—"Do this!"—"Do that!" Obey my commandments! Do unto others as you would they would do unto you. Above all, love thy neighbor, and you will never

have any trouble with him. Love him and you'll never want to do him any harm. You won't need to tell your neighbor of your love—he will sense it—see it—feel it. Where love is, there can be no evil. Be an active Christian in doing kind deeds, helping the sick, feeding the poor, comforting those who need comfort.

Florence Nightingale was slandered, hissed at, misrepresented, and opposed bitterly when she tried to bring decent nursing to those wounded in battle. Accept such sufferings happily.

## WITNESSING IN DEEDS

Do not repeat gossip—rather be a peace-maker, which is much harder, but which is well worth your efforts. The reward will be love from both parties involved, and you will be called a child of God.

Let us not shut ourselves off from the world. We may do this by locking the doors of our minds and pulling the shades over our eyes. In doing this we are actually by ourselves un-mindful of the need of others all around us. Paul said: "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." In 1 John 3:18 we read: "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." Are we witnessing in deed and in truth?

When we are out shopping, are we kind and gracious to the clerks? When we leave a store, and the one ahead



Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz, Aberdeen, S. Dak., president of the Woman's Missionary Union.

of us holds the door open for us, do we stalk through it as though he owed it to us, or do we graciously thank him for his kindness?

Are Christian women in our country witnesses for our Lord, such as Naomi was? Her daughter-in-law, Ruth, saw in Naomi a lovable character and a very attractive personality. She was true to her God, and was a good example of a believer in him. Will our loved ones say: "Your God shall be my God"?

A woman was at an outdoor theater while her seven children were suffocated in a fire that wrecked the home. God gave mothers not only children but a great responsibility and a duty to instruct them and bring them up in the fear of the Lord.

## TEST OF CONDUCT

Let us not store up riches in granaries, where moth and rust destroy, but let us first seek God and his righteousness. Love is the test of conduct. We must consider what effect our conduct has on others. Will our brother stumble if we eat meat or drink wine. What effect does our conduct have on "the least of these."

We have all seen mothers sitting and blowing cigaret smoke across the tiny baby in her lap. How much better that time would be spent singing hymns to the child or meditating on how that new life might be reared in order to reach the highest level in life.

Another's first duty to her child is to pray for him, to dedicate him to the Lord. If more mothers did this, there would be less delinquency among our youth. But how many mothers send their children to Sunday School while they stay home? How many Christian women go to church, while their children are on the streets?

Christian women: Do not forsake assembling yourselves together in the house of the Lord. Let us present our bodies a living sacrifice unto God. Only then may "we see Jesus" and only then will others see Jesus in our "witnessing."

It is my belief that this devotional will strengthen the members of "We, the Women."

● Railway Missions, an international, interdenominational group of Christian laymen, celebrated its 25th anniversary with a convention in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The group, founded in 1930 by William A. Fuller, holds gospel meetings in railroad workshops in Canada and the U.S. during lunch hours. A monthly publication, The Broadcaster and Christian Railroader, reaches some 17,000 members and their fellow workers. Now 75 years old, Fuller was ordained to the Methodist ministry in England in 1903 and gave up his pastorate to work with railroaders in 1930.

# C.B.Y. Fellowship

By LAWRENCE BIENERT, General Secretary

## THE COMMISSIONED BAPTIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

I am sure that by this time you are all aware of the important decisions made at our 31st General Conference at Waco, Texas, regarding the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union. The General Conference delegates voted to divide the Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union into two separate but co-operating organizations of the General Conference.

How does this affect the Youth Department of our denomination? The Youth Department will continue to function much the same as it has in the past. Our official name now is the "Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship of the North American Baptist General Conference." For convenience sake we will be known as the "CBY Fellowship." The constitution which was adopted at the General Conference will be made available to our young people as soon as we have had opportunity to print some copies.

## YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee now consists of a president, vice-president, CBYF secretary, and three committee members. These officers are elected by the delegates of the General Conference when the regular conference ballot is submitted. Members take over their office at the close of the General Conference and serve for a period of three years.

Let me introduce you to the members of the first Executive Committee of the CBY Fellowship. Your president is Mr. Herman Balka. Many of you are familiar with his smiling face, pleasing personality, and his enthusiasm for the work of the Lord. He served as vice-president of the CBY and SS Union for the last triennium. This period of training has acquainted him with the work and goals of our youth department. His home is in Dallas, Texas. Witnessing for the Lord is his business. Selling paint for the Minnesota Paint Company is his livelihood.

Miss Betty Meister of Chicago, Ill., is our vice-president. She is an active member of the Foster Avenue Baptist Church and is presently a student at the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Illinois. Miss Meister served as council representative of the Central Conference CBY and SS Union this last year, and has often been

called upon to contribute her ideas an "Youth Compass" and other phases of our youth work. She has already shown herself to be a competent person for the office of vice-president.

There are three committee members serving on the CBY Fellowship Executive Committee. They are Mr. Jerome Janssen, Miss Sena Plucker, and Mr. Russell Middleton. Mr. Jerome Janssen of Lorraine, Kans., has served as president of the Southwestern Conference CBY and SS Union for the year 1954-1955. He was instrumental in arranging for a fine Christian Workers' Conference for the entire Southwestern Conference last year. His home is on the farm and therefore he can make a vital contribution to our youth work from the standpoint of the rural young people.

Another well qualified committee member is Miss Sena Plucker. She is the president of the Trinity Baptist CBY Fellowship in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She has also served as the president of the South Dakota CBY and SS Union for 1954-1955. As a school teacher she is well acquainted with the behavior of young people. Her radiant Christian personality is an evidence of the joy she has found in Jesus Christ her Savior.

Russell Middleton, an enthusiastic youth worker, is a member of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He served as 1st vice-president of the Atlantic Conference CBY and SS Union for 1954-1955, and has recently been elected president of the Atlantic Conference CBY Fellowship.

The Rev. Lawrence Bienert, Youth Director for the past year and a half, was elected to the office of CBY Fellowship Secretary.

There is one other change in the setup of the CBY Fellowship. The office of council representative has been deleted. The presidents of the local conference and state or regional organizations will function in that capacity.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE CBYF

The objectives and aims of the CBY Fellowship as set forth in the constitution are as follows:

1. To create a bond of union and fellowship.
2. To develop, present and promote youth programs for the CBY Fellowship in the local churches and in the local conferences and state or regional organizations.

3. To encourage and develop an increasing knowledge of and love for the Word of God.

4. To encourage and develop an evangelistic and missionary zeal in the local CBY Fellowship.

5. To encourage the development of trained and consecrated leaders among the youth in all phases of the local church and denominational activities.

7. To encourage Christian stewardship.

8. To secure the effective co-operation of constituent CBY Fellowship organizations in all denominational enterprises.

9. To promote the publishing of such literature as may seem advisable to further the aims and purposes of the organization.

Your CBY Fellowship officers will endeavor to serve you as faithful, conscientious servants of the Lord. We will appreciate any suggestions which you may have from time to time. Above all, we covet your prayers that the work among our youth may go forth unhindered.

## Vacation Bible School Report of the Streeter, North Dakota, Baptist Sunday School

The Streeter Baptist Sunday School youngsters went "Sailing with Christ" during their week of Daily Vacation Bible School under the able teaching of the Misses Betty Meister of Chicago, Ill., and Luella Wolff of Ellendale, North Dakota. Being pressed for time because of the Waco Conference, work for two weeks was done in 4½ days, with a fine program being presented on Friday evening, June 3. Since the theme was "Bible Ships," choruses and Bible verses pertaining to these were learned. There were two classes with Miss Meister teaching the younger group and Miss Wolff teaching the Juniors. Iva Jean Dockter and Norma Jean Brenneise assisted. Rev. Paul Galambos, pastor of our church, led the opening exercises. The attendance was over 20 this year. This was the highest number attending in several years.

We trust God will bless all youngsters and Daily Vacation Bible School teachers as he blessed the group here.

Mrs. Theodore Meisch, S.S. Reporter.



Vacation Bible School at Streeter Baptist Church, Streeter, North Dakota.





# Sunday School Lessons

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: September 4, 1955

Theme:

### WORSHIP IN A NATION'S LIFE

SCRIPTURE: Ezra 3:1, 3, 10-11; Haggai 1:7-9, 14; Zechariah 4:6-9.

PURPOSE: To show how important worship is to the life of a nation.

GETTING STARTED: Begin the lesson by sketching in the historical background in which it is set. In 538 B.C., Cyrus permitted the exiles to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their Temple (Ezra 1:2-4; 6:3-5). Seven months after their return they were ready to start the work of rebuilding (Ezra 3:1). The first project was to erect the altar (Ezra 3:3). Next followed the foundation for the entire Temple—a task finished by the second year. At this point, opposition on the part of the peoples living in the surrounding country put an end to the project (Ezra 4:1-24), and not until 16 years later, during the reign of Darius, was it resumed (Ezra 6:1-3). Even then, the people had by this time become so discouraged and pre-occupied with their own affairs that it was only the continual prodding and encouragement of Haggai and Zechariah (Hag. 1:7-9, 14; Zech. 4:6-9) that induced them to undertake again the task of reconstruction and carry it to completion in 515 B.C. (Ezra 6:15.)

### I. WHY WERE HAGGAI AND ZECHARIAH SO CONCERNED THAT THE TEMPLE BE REBUILT AND THE WORSHIP OF GOD RE-INSTITUTED?

1. The Temple and its services of worship were the unifying center around which the life and faith of the people revolved. Without them, the people would have drifted apart and fallen into idolatry. Thus they were essential to the spiritual strength and political unity of the nation.

2. They were the outward expression of their loyalty and devotion to God; and without such loyalty and devotion, the people could not expect to be blessed of God and prosper in their undertakings (Hag. 1:9).

3. The people would have strength and courage for the difficult tasks and dark days that lay ahead only as they drew strength from God through regular worship (Zech. 4:6-7).

### II. WHY ARE CHURCHES AND THEIR SERVICES OF WORSHIP ESSENTIAL TO THE LIFE OF A NATION TODAY?

1. Without churches and regular services of worship men would soon forget God and find no time to worship him.

2. Once God has been lost, a people's life would soon deteriorate and God's favor and blessing be removed from them.

3. Failing to draw strength from God, the nation would be inadequate to the demands made upon it and soon deteriorate and go down in ruin.

### III. WHAT KIND OF WORSHIP IS ESSENTIAL TO THE LIFE OF A NATION?

1. It is worship that keeps the altar—the cross, the sacrifice of Christ—at the center (Ezra 3:3a);

2. That expresses itself in sacrificial service to God and to one's fellow men (Ezra 3:3b).

3. That shows reverence for the ordinances of God and the provisions for worship (Ezra 3:10);

4. That is an expression of joy and gratitude to God for his unfailing mercies (Ezra 3:11);

5. That leads to a life of faithfulness and obedience to his commandments and will (Hag. 1:7).

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## A LESSON PLAN

Date: September 11, 1955

### Theme: THE JOY OF WORKING TOGETHER

SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 4:6-9, 15, 21-23; 12:27, 43.

PURPOSE: To show that much can be accomplished when men work together.

GETTING STARTED: What tremendous things can be accomplished when a man of vision, faith, and prayer gives himself without reserve to the doing of a great task and his hands are undergirded and strengthened by a willing and united people! Difficulties simply melt away, and the seemingly impossible is accomplished with an ease that makes the faint-hearted and unbelieving gasp with wonder. For inspired and inspiring leadership plus a group of people that have learned the art of teamwork make a combination that is well-nigh unbeatable. And fortunate is the church, or the nation, that has that happy combination of leadership and teamwork; for great days lie ahead of it, and great accomplishments will be achieved! Thus today's lesson sets before us the two-fold secret of success and significant achievement:

### I. INSPIRED AND INSPIRING LEADERSHIP.

1. Whenever God wants an important job done, he always calls a man; for without adequate leadership, nothing significant is ever accomplished.

2. God, however, cannot use a man until he is willing to be used and has prepared himself for leadership responsibilities.

3. Leaders who would be used of God for significant undertakings must have these qualifications:

- a) The ability to see great needs and opportunities (Neh. 1:1-4);
- b) A sense of personal responsibility to do something about them (1:4-11);
- c) A spirit of humility that grows out of a realization of one's own inadequacy and one's utter dependency upon God (1:5-6);
- d) A life of prayer that draws strength from God and seeks his help and guidance in all things (1:5-11);
- e) A willingness to assume personal risks and pay the price for leadership in difficult undertakings (2:1-8);
- f) A sense of the importance of the tasks undertaken (6:3);
- g) Faith that God will enable them to see it through (2:20);
- h) Courage to stick to the job against all discouragements and opposition (4:8-9, 15, 21-23);
- j) The ability to inspire and lead others (2:17-18; 4:14-23).

### II. PEOPLE THAT KNOW HOW TO WORK TOGETHER.

1. Great things can happen when a group of people—

- a) Recognize the leaders God has sent them and are willing to follow their inspiration and leadership (2:18);
  - b) Catch the vision of a great need or a task to which God calls them and give themselves to it wholeheartedly (2:18; 4:6);
  - c) Strengthen their effort through united prayer (4:9);
  - d) Stand together against all odds and work together harmoniously, each doing his part (4:15, 21-23).
2. The results of such teamwork are that—
- a) Difficulties are overcome and great things accomplished (12:27);
  - b) The joy of real achievement is theirs (12:43);
  - c) God is honored and his purposes are furthered.

# What's Happening

● Mr. Herman Effa is the new student assistant at the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., Canada, rather than Mr. William Effa as "Baptist Herald."

● Mr. Bert Hulsing, Sibley, Iowa, a 1953-1954 special student of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Moosehorn, Man., Canada. He began his pastorate on August 7, 1955.

● Rev. Ed. McKernon has resigned as of July 1, 1955 from the Portland Avenue Chapel, Mission station of the Washington Baptist Church of Tacoma, Washington. He is awaiting the Lord's pastorate.

● The Rev. Fred Lower has announced his resignation from the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, which was effective August 1, 1955. He has accepted the pastorate of a church in Colorado, Mr. and Mrs. Lower's home state.

● Mr. Victor Priebe, 1955 graduate of our North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has accepted the position of Youth Director and Assistant pastor of the Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. He began his work there August 1. Dr. A. Dale Ihrle is the pastor of the church.

● The Reverend Norman Miller reports that the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kans., had a fine Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 44 children and a teaching staff of eleven. There were nine conversions and the church expects to have a baptismal service soon. Mr. Miller states that their church is blessed with a number of teachers and some very talented young girls who are fine assistants.

● Rev. and Mrs. Howard Roth, missionaries to the Cameroons, Africa, and their son David, sailed on July 8 from Dualla on the freighter "African Patriot" directly to the United States. They arrived home during the first week of August. — Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson and their family, of the Cameroons, Africa, left by plane from Tiko, Africa, on August 20, for London, England. They will be arriving in the United States shortly thereafter. — Rev. Ben Lawrence, after a time of study in England, arrived home on June 25 by plane to be with his family in Portland for the months of July, August, and September. During this time he will be doing some deputation work.

● The Reverend L. H. Broeker, pastor of the First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mich., was honored on his 20th anniversary as pastor of the church at the Sunday evening service, July 17. He was presented with a new car, Chevrolet Bel-Air, by Mr. Henry Bartz on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the congregation. Deacon Edward Doescher and Rev. A. F. Runtz gave short talks on Rev. Broeker's work in the church. Rev. Broeker began his pastorate at the First Baptist Church July 21, 1935.

● From June 27 to July 1, the Mowata Baptist Church of Mowata, La., conducted their Vacation Bible School. They had an average daily attendance of about 30. The studies of the Bible School centered around the Life of Christ. Mr. Harold Lang, student of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, also taught the children many new choruses. The Bible School was climaxed on Friday evening with the Commencement exercises. The children rendered a short program of what they had learned during the week. Afterward everyone was invited to the annex to observe the handiwork of the children.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak., as reported by Mrs. Joe Werre, recently had two "baby dedications" at which time 15 babies were brought to the altar by their parents. A very inspiring challenge was given by Rev. W. Stein, pastor, to the parents and the others in the service. During the time that Rev. Stein attended the Baptist World Congress in London, England, the pulpit was supplied by Rev. Edwin Kern, newly appointed missionary to Japan, and other missionaries attending the School of Linguistics, a branch of the University of North Dakota, in Grand Forks. The church was also blessed by the message of Miss Laura Reddig concerning her work in Africa.

● Robert C. Anderson, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles J. Anderson of Kenosha, Wis., was commissioned recently as a second Lieutenant (Chaplain Corps) in the United States Army Reserve, and assigned immediately to active duty at the U.S. Army Chaplains School at Fort Slocum, N. Y., where he reported for duty on July 4. Lt. Anderson is a middler student at the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago, and was commissioned under the Army "seminarian" program, by which seminarians are commissioned while still in Theological Training, and assigned to

active duty during vacation and between semester periods; with permanent assignment and commissioning as First Lieutenants upon completion of Theological Training and ordination. Lt. Anderson enters the Chaplains Corps with the endorsement of the North American Baptist General Conference and the American Baptist Convention. He expects to return to his studies at Northern Baptist Seminary sometime in September, and continue his Theological training, including on-the-campus army related instruction under resident Reserve Chaplain Dr. Stanley Anderson, instructor at the Seminary.

## Spice of Life

Father: "Remember, Son, a job well done need never be done again."  
Son: "What about cutting the grass?"

Motor cop: "Hey, you in that grey car! Didn't you hear me say, 'Pull over there?'"

Driver: "Why, I thought you said, 'Good afternoon, Senator!'"

Motor cop (smiling): "Isn't it a nice day, Senator?"

Bill was drawing a picture to go with his history lesson on the settling of the West. When it was finished, he brought it to his teacher. She looked at it and was puzzled. "But this stagecoach does not have any wheels on it, she protested. "What holds it up?"

"Bandits," came the solemn reply.

An elderly gentleman observed a small boy trying to ring a doorbell. The boy couldn't reach the bell, so the kindly old man rang it for him. He asked the boy what he was going to do next. And the boy replied, "I'm going to run, mister; what are you going to do?"

A Los Angeles teacher training her class in the use of proverbs said, "Cleanliness is next to what?"

A little boy exclaimed feelingly, "Impossible!"

A lad away at school recently wrote his parents: "In biology, we went and found a lot of animals in the school pond, and then told them what they were."

Carpenter: "Say, you really hammer nails like lightning."

Apprentice, eagerly: "You mean I'm fast?"

Carpenter: "I mean you rarely strike twice in the same place."



# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Central Conference

### Dedication of New Sanctuary of Colonial Village Baptist Church of Lansing, Michigan

With great anticipation and many prayers of thanksgiving, the members and friends of the Colonial Village Baptist Church of Lansing, Mich., gathered on Sunday, June 19, to dedicate joyfully the beautifully completed new sanctuary to the Glory of God.

In the year 1916 a small group of people, who had come from Europe, met for worship in various homes in the Lansing community. Once a month pastors for our Detroit churches came to serve them. A small chapel was rented in 1917, and used for worship under the name, "Baptist Mission Chapel." In 1921 the first German American Baptist Church of Lansing was organized with 65 charter members. Of the 20 still remaining the oldest, Mrs. Ludwig Dier, is in her hundredth year. In later years the name of the church was changed to Holmes Street Baptist Church and upon relocating to its present site it was named after the new community, "Colonial Village Baptist Church."

All three services, held throughout the day were of significance, with the dedication service in the afternoon as the highlight. Among the many visitors and friends joining us on this festive occasion were the Rev. Herman Riffel of Kankakee, Ill., our former pastor, who brought the morning message. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor of the "Baptist Herald," brought the dedicatory message in the afternoon. Rev. Otto Patzia, of Detroit, brought a word of greeting and led in the prayer

of dedication. Rev. H. Hirsch of Beaver, Mich., read the Scriptures. Our pastor, Rev. Aaron Buhler, read congratulatory messages from our President, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Michigan's governor, Mennon G. Williams, and the mayor of Lansing, Ralph Crego.

Words of greetings were brought also by the building contractor, Bert Sult and the architect, Bill Carver. Mr. E. A. Dachtler spoke in behalf of our Sunday School and Miss Bonnie Morgan, our church worker, in behalf of the young people. The Church Building chairman, Robert Baker, spoke for the building committee.

Six young men from our church participated in the three services in various capacities. Three of them are ordained ministers and the other three are now studying for the ministry: Lloyd Kwast, Wilbert Dachtler, Robert Krueger, Rev. Eric Kuhn, Alpena, Mich., Rev. Elmer Marquart of Michigan, and Rev. Kurt Marquart, St. Paul, Arkansas. Music was provided by the local choir under the direction of Mrs. Oscar Baier, with Mrs. A. Buhler at the organ.

The evening service was concluded with missionary pictures, by Dr. M. L. Leuschner. The pastor then asked all the people to turn around and face the missionary map as they sang, "Spirit of the Living God Fall Fresh On Me." Rev. Ewald Roloff dismissed the service in prayer.

The size of the church is 122 feet long, 50 feet wide, and the wing is 11 x 11. The seating capacity in the auditorium is 432. The wing seats 225 and the choir 40, making to total of 700. The church property covers almost an acre of land with off-street parking. The auditorium has wall to wall carpeting. The pews are in blond oak finish-cushion-eze. The pulpit and communion table are combined

into one unit. Modernfold doors seal off the wing when in use by a Sunday School class or when not used during the preaching service. A lighted missionary map graces the back wall on the north side of the entrance. A windowed cry room is seen on the left side of the main auditorium entrance. Identical entrances lead both to the upstairs and downstairs from both sides of the building.

Above and back of the choir is a picture baptistry.

At the extreme west end of the building is located the church parlor with two large picture windows, a 15-foot fireplace, choir robe, and music closets. The room is oak paneled. It seats 75 to 200 people and is used for all smaller meetings throughout the week. Off the parlor is the pastor's office also done in oak.

Five adult classes and one young people's class meet in various rooms upstairs. Five complete departments are now functioning in the basement with more classes to be added soon. The basement floor is tiled and the ceiling has sound proof acoustical plaster. The nursery is equipped with a washroom and baby cribs. A white uniformed attendant is on duty at all times.

One of the most unique features of our church is the scientifically advanced electrical system. It is believed to be the most modern of any church in central Michigan. Three "master control stations" located at both ends of the building turn on or off all the lights in the entire building. The colored lights, mounted on the steeple, and the outside floodlights turn on automatically. Public address system has speakers in parlor, cry room, nursery, control room, basement.

Parking area flood lights turn on as car drives over a special electrical device built into the driveway. Ten thousand hours of donated labor was contributed by members and friends of the church. The value of the building and all furnishings has been placed at \$250,000.

We believe that the mission of the church is the evangelization of the world. We pray that our vision of the spiritual need at home and abroad will increase. As a church we want to be a beacon light in the city of Lansing and beyond the shores of our nation to the millions who have never heard the name of Christ.

Mrs. Evelyn Stobert, Reporter.

### Ordination of David J. Draewell at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan

Rev. David J. Draewell was ordained to the Christian ministry on Friday, July 22, at the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit. Dr. T. W. Bender, professor of theology at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, delivered the ordination address at the 7:30 P.M. service. Rev. E. Arthur McAsh, Ebenezer pastor, gave the ordination prayer. Dr. Wilbur Bloom, Executive Secretary of the Detroit Baptist Missionary Society, extended the hand of fellowship and welcome

to the ministry to the newly ordained pastor. Miss Betty Wiese, Rev. Draewell's fiancée, sang "With Thy Spirit Fill Me."

Rev. Draewell, a native Detroit, is a graduate of Southeastern High School, Wayne University, and the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church since early boyhood. On July 1, he was engaged as the Activities and Youth Director of that church. Rev. Draewell's grandfather, the late Rev. J. G. Draewell, formerly had served the same church as its pastor for a period of 13 years.

Marilyn R. Althouse, Reporter.

### Vacation Bible School of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Missouri

The annual Daily Vacation Bible School of the Pin Oak Creek Baptist Church, Mt. Sterling, Mo., was held during the week of May 30 to June 3, 1955. The enrollment was 30 pupils with an average attendance of 28.

Brother Olland Cole, our pastor, served as principal with seven teachers and helpers. The school was a two-week course in five days. The children had Bible study, memory work, chorus singing and handiwork. Some of the things that were made will be sent to the missionaries. The noon hour was enjoyed by playing games.

On Friday we were treated with a weiner roast picnic. In the evening we had the commencement exercises. The parents and visitors enjoyed the displays of the things the children made and the program given by them. Everyone enjoyed the week and is looking forward to another Bible School next year.

Ruth Lipskoch, Secretary.

## Dakota Conference

### Vacation Bible School at First Baptist Church, Hebron, North Dakota

A very busy and blessed week began on May 30 at the First Baptist Church of Hebron, N. Dak., during which we had our Daily Vacation Bible School. There were 45 boys and girls in attendance. The following



Daily Vacation Bible School of the Pin Oak Baptist Church, Mount Sterling, Missouri.



Daily Vacation Bible School at Hebron, North Dakota. Pastor and helpers in the rear.

Sunday evening the children rendered a very inspiring program of singing and reviewing their experiences of a week spent in Vacation Bible School. The following teachers were in charge: director, Mrs. Theophil Frey; Beginners class, Mrs. Chas. Hienle and Mrs. Roland Walth; Primary class, Mrs. Art Frey and Mrs. Art Hienle; Junior class, Mrs. Seecamp and Mrs. Adam Fehr; Intermediate class, Dr. Seecamp and Mrs. Fred Klein.

Dr. Seecamp also had charge of the music and Darlene Frey served as pianist. On July 4 our Church and Sunday School gathered at a grove near our town for our annual picnic which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Mrs. John Stading, Reporter.

### Vacation Bible School at the First Baptist Church, Underwood, North Dakota

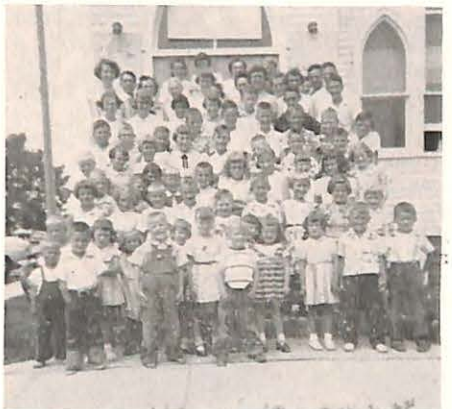
A successful Vacation Bible School was conducted at the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., from June 27 to July 1. We enrolled 64 boys and girls with an average attendance of 60 with 12 staff members. The teachers in charge of the various departments were: Beginners Department: Mrs. L. Schafer and Mrs. N. Swanson; Primary Department: Miss Verna Saylor and Mrs. Rex Wood; Junior Department: Mrs. R. Hepper and Mrs. H. Grimsley; Junior High Department: Mrs. G. Simpson and Mrs. E. Blatchford. The pianist was Mrs. R. Grenz. Rev. Richard A. Grenz was the director.

The material "Sailing With Christ," was used and enjoyed by younger and older pupils alike. The blessings of God were evident in that five youngsters accepted Christ as their Savior.

Each morning an offering was taken for the Spanish-American Mission Field in Colorado. The program was held on Friday evening, July 1, at which time the children recited some memory work and sang songs and choruses always in keeping with the material used "Sailing With Christ." The display of handiwork was enjoyed by all as displayed in the church basement.

Throughout the week hearts, minds, hands were kept busy. We trust our work with the boys and girls was not in vain for we are sure the seed that was sown will bring forth its fruit.

Emma Blatchford, Reporter.



Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church, Underwood, North Dakota.

## Southwestern Conference

### Mr. and Mrs. Solomon H. Geis, Durham, Kansas, Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Solomon H. Geis of Durham, Kans., celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary with Open House May 15, at their home in Durham. Both have lived in Durham all their lives and have been members of the First Baptist Church of Durham for over 50 years. They have three children: Irwin, of the local community; Mrs. Frances Claywood of Hutchinson, Kans.; and Clifton of Circleville, Kansas. There are also six grandchildren.

Loved ones and friends from far and near brought many lovely gifts and wished Mr. and Mrs. Geis many more years of happy married life. Their pastor, the Rev. Norman Miller, was requested to make a tape recording of the highlights of the day which also included a brief devotional service by Mr. Miller.

Mrs. Henrietta Geis, Reporter.



The new house of worship of the Colonial Village Baptist Church in Lansing, Michigan.



## Northern Conference

### Cornerstone Laying of Muscowpetung Indian Chapel in Beautiful Quappelle Valley

"Behold, I build a house to the Lord my God" (2 Chronicles 2:4).

As you approach the beautiful Quappelle Valley, in the distance, standing proudly on one of its picturesque hills, is our new Muscowpetung Indian Chapel. One cannot help but notice the wonder of God's handiwork as it is observed in its natural state, unmarred by the white man's commercialism. The new Indian Chapel located in one of the choicest spots of the Muscowpetung Reservation now stands as the answer of the Indians' hopes and dreams.

The building is 30 x 70 feet and includes both the church auditorium and the missionaries' living quarters. The parsonage includes a kitchen, washroom, living room and study, and four bedrooms. The cost of the building is estimated to be \$12,000. The building is to be completed over a four-year period. The General Missionary Society is supplying the funds for the erection of this building and the Saskatchewan Baptist Association is donating its labor to make the construction of this church a reality. From churches more than a hundred miles away, carloads of workers came and donated their time for this worthy cause. "So built we—for the people had a mind to work."

Following the sod-turning service at the end of November last year, the construction on the chapel commenced. Now the basement is being used for services.

On July 3, the cornerstone laying service was held at the reserve. The service was attended by over 400 people. The missionary, Philip Grabke, was in charge of the service. The stone was laid by Rev. R. Grabke, Regina, Sask., secretary of the Saskatchewan Association, assisted by Mr. Ed. Rumpel the contractor. The message was brought by Rev. R. Jaster, pastor of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, Regina, Saskatchewan. He mentioned that this is no one person's church, nor the Indians' church, but God's church. With God as the builder, and Christ as the foundation, the work shall never fail.

R. Grabke, Secretary.

### Miss Laura Reddig and Rev. R. Schilke at McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

We were indeed privileged to have Miss Laura Reddig, missionary from the Cameroons, in our midst the afternoon of July 2nd. Her choice of Scripture was 2 Cor. 5 and topic, "Be His Ambassadors." She brought very close to us the work in the Cameroons, showing us the joys and sorrows endured by the fellow-missionaries.

We were thrilled with the progress shown in this field and the numerous

conversions. We thank God for those who were willing to go into the vineyard to be His Ambassadors who need not be ashamed proclaiming the Word of Truth, and we were again challenged to support, realizing that there is still a great need, and pray for these endeavors that God will still work marvelously as we do our part.

Rev. Richard Schilke, our General Mission Secretary, was also in our city and acted as Miss Reddig's interpreter into the German language. In the evening service and our CBY meeting, Rev. Schilke showed slides on his trip to our Mission Fields, which imprinted into our hearts and minds the message heard earlier from Miss Reddig.

How thankful we are that we have a small share in this important work. May God help us to be true Ambassadors.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

### Choristers of Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, Tour United States and Canada

For the first time in the history of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., Canada, its Choristers have made a tour to the United States. Of the 20 concerts given by the 23 Choristers, four were held in Canadian churches in Alberta and Saskatchewan; the remainder were in American churches in Montana, North and South Dakota, Kansas, and Oklahoma. The ultimate goal was the General Conference at Waco, Texas. Here the group was privileged to sing for the conference guests as well as to appear on a local television program.

The choir traveled by our school bus which was ably piloted by two of the singers: Eugene Neufeld and Reiny Brust. Over 6,000 miles were covered during the three and one half weeks from May 26 to June 20. We are thankful to the Lord for his protecting hand which kept us safely throughout the journey, though the bus did get a couple of knocks.

The concerts, under the direction of the Rev. E. Link, included a devotional period, testimony time, besides other feature numbers. Every program was concluded by a melody-picture rendition on the theme, "What of the Night, O Watchman?" While Mrs. Link made a chalk drawing, ap-



Corner stone laying for the new building at the Muscowpetung Reserve Indian Mission. Left, P. Grabke; right, R. Grabke; middle, Contractor.

propriate numbers were sung by the choir members, climaxed by the singing of Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

We are grateful for the warm hospitality shown to us by Christian friends along the way who were "not forgetful to entertain strangers." We realized again the bond that unites us in Christian love as they received us into their churches and homes. Upon our arrival a tasty dinner was always awaiting us in each church; after the concert comfortable beds were provided for us in the homes. Often the people sacrificed their own sleep in order to get us on our way in time. May the Lord bless you for all the kindness shown to us.

As choristers we are thankful for the privilege which was ours to serve our Lord in this manner. Blessings innumerable were ours as we sought to be a blessing.

Verda Scheeler, Reporter.

### Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the CBY of Zion Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alberta, Canada

On Sunday, June 19, the evening service was in charge of the young people commemorating the 25th anniversary of the CBY. The service was opened by present members of the Society: Arthur Freitag, song service; Newton Schmidt, opening prayer; and Freddie Schmidt, introducing the chairman for the program, Rev. William Effa.

Two choir selections were sung by a choir consisting of charter members and other older members. One number was sung in German and one in English. Charter member and first vice-president, Emmanuel Bertsch, spoke a few words on, "Why We Saw a Need for a CBY at That Time." Charter member Alvina Renn Bertsch also brought a short talk on what the CBY has meant to the young people through the years. Roll call of the charter members was read and it was found that most of them are still active in our own church. A letter of congratulation was read from the first secretary, Mary Klein Betscher, of Calgary, who was unable to attend. The Zion CBY president, Freddie Schmidt, spoke a few words and read a card of congratulations from the pastor and his wife. President Vernon Betscher of Carbon CBY brought a few words of congratulation. Pastors W. Muller, Carbon, and W. Effa, Zion, each brought short messages to the CBY. Special numbers were sung by a ladies' sextet, male quartet, soprano soloist, and as a special feature, by the first mixed quartet of the CBY, consisting of John Grose, Ella Bertsch Schmidt, Martha Forsch Ziegler, and Emmanuel Bertsch.

After the program a light lunch of coffee, and angel cake with strawberries and ice cream was served to about two hundred guests. Guests from Rosebud and Carbon were present for this joyous evening. We see the hand of God in this work and pray for his continued blessing upon our church and CBY.

Mrs. William Effa, Reporter.



Daily Vacation Bible School at the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

## Pacific Conference

### Daily Vacation Bible School at the Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon

The Trinity Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., has just finished a very successful daily vacation Bible School held June 20 to 29, having two all day sessions in order to finish the full course of ten lessons. Our school was led by our pastor, Rev. John Wobig, with the help of our Bible School superintendent, Mr. James Billeter.

There were 28 teachers and helpers for four departments: nursery, beginners, primary, and junior. Some of the Junior High and High School pupils were used as teacher helpers and office workers. The theme of our school was "Sailing With Christ," and was carried out in memory work, Bible study, true missionary stories, singing, and handiwork. These lessons were all enjoyed by young and old, and kept the pupils' hearts, minds, and hands busy in these eight days of school. Recreation period was spent outside on our large church grounds, in games appropriate for the ages. One member of our missionary society came every day to make "coffee" for the teachers, and serve donated cookies, to afford a period of relaxation for the teachers, and thereby better the caliber of teaching in the school.

Our enrollment was 208 with the largest attendance 187. Perfect attendance was recorded for 97 pupils. Our largest department was the primary, with 90 enrolled. On the last day of school, the children were given a treat of ice cream and cookies. In the evening, the closing program was given to a capacity audience. Each department gave an exercise showing their work and singing. After the program, the rooms were open to display handiwork and workbooks. The offering in the evening to defray expenses of the school was \$101; and the daily offerings of the children for missions amounted to \$85.50.

May the Lord richly bless the work that was done in these busy days on the hearts of teachers and pupils alike.

Jennie Boehi, Reporter.

## Northwestern Conference

### Bible School and Vesper Service Conducted by Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa

The Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, has been greatly blessed by another Daily Vacation Bible School. From June 20 to July 1 sessions were held each morning, Monday through Friday. Scripture Press materials were used; class included ages from nursery through intermediate; 13 adult workers were in charge.

Joint leaders of the school were Marilyn Junker, a local member and student at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minn., and Betty Meister, vice-president of our denominational Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship. On the final day the boys and girls paraded through the business district carrying Gospel posters and in the evening a fine display program was held for the adults. We thank the Lord for his blessing on our 1955 Bible School.

Parkersburg's second Annual Outdoor Sunday Evening Vesper Service, sponsored by the Calvary Baptist Church, was held on June 26, at the Community House Park. An ideal setting and pleasant weather combined to bring out a large congregation. Many of the worshipers listened to the amplified service from their parked cars, others from their lawns. Pastor R. C. MacCormack spoke on the topic, "How to Be Sure of the Future," mentioning that the past is gone, the present is also gone even as we speak the word, all we have is the

future, and only a Christian can be sure of that. Music was furnished by the Senior Choir, directed by Marion Arends; the Junior Choir, directed by Mrs. William Heerts; the male quartet, William Heerts, Harold Freese, Alvin Lindaman, and Wilbur Huisinga; a duet, Mrs. Bernette Buss and Mrs. John Goldhorn; and solos by Betty Meister of Chicago. George Thorne and Mrs. R. C. MacCormack presided at the piano.

On Sunday night, June 19, Conference reports echoing appreciation for the outstanding and uplifting General Conference recently held in Waco, Texas, were given to the congregation by many who had been in Waco. We were happy to have 15 of our members journey to Texas for this event, including both the pastor and Mrs. MacCormack.

R. C. MacCormack, Reporter.



Daily Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa.

## Eastern Conference

### First Baptismal Service of German Baptist Mission Church at Hamilton, Ontario

July 10, 1955 was a spiritual highlight in the history of our new church. We were privileged by the grace of God to perform our first baptismal service. It was in reality the first baptism of our denomination here in our city. Since we have as yet no accommodation of our own we asked our Baptist neighbor, the McNeil Memorial Baptist Church, to lend us their beautiful sanctuary for that special occasion. Through the courtesy of local press and radio a big crowd turned out.



A group of workers, Daily Vacation Bible School, Parkersburg, Iowa.



After giving a detailed message on the meaning of New Testament baptism, our pastor, the Rev. John Wahl, was privileged to baptize five persons who confessed previously the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior. At the succeeding Communion Service the hand of fellowship was extended to the newly baptized, as well as to three newcomers and to a greater number of a newly organized Mission station from St. Catherine. The brethren from St. Catherine expressed their desire for closer union with our church at Hamilton. We wholeheartedly consented and accordingly St. Catherine with its 14 charter members will become a mission station of our church here in Hamilton.

At present newcomers repeatedly stream in through our North American Baptist Immigration office to our city. Recently we received twelve persons, and it was a great satisfaction to assist those newcomers in finding jobs and in helping them to establish new homes and to become accustomed to the new circumstances. The Lord is with us. Praise be to his Name.

Mrs. W. Henschel, Reporter.

## Pacific Conference

### Enrollment of 176 Children in Bible School, First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

A very successful Daily Vacation Bible School came to its completion at the First Baptist Church in Lodi, on Thursday afternoon, June 30, with open house for the parents and friends. Our pastor's wife, Mrs. Sarah Rauser, was superintendent of the entire Bible School. Mrs. Elsie Bolen was the head instructor of the beginners group with Mrs. Deborah Krause, Mrs. Adeline Zimmerman, Mrs. Lulu Quaschnick, Mrs. Lorraine Goehring, Mrs. Bertha Schopp, Misses Joella and Barbara Schmiedt, and Miss Kathy Lippert as her assistants. Th head instructor of the Primary Group was Mrs. Sarah Rauser with Mrs. Delores Hoffman, Mrs. Tillie Bertsch, Mrs. Mabel Drebert, Misses Adella Koth, Bernice Hanselman, Barbara Chappuis, and Bernice Schuber as her assistants. Mrs. Ruth Mauch was instructor of the Junior Department with Mrs. Francis Machel, Mrs. Dorothy Bogle, Mrs.



Daily Vacation Bible School, First Baptist Church, Lodi, California.

Katherine Beck, Mrs. Frieda Michelson, and Messrs. Eddie Deibert and Gail Gunst as assistants.

The entire enrollment reached the high point of 176 children with 25 teachers and helpers for a total of 201. The theme of the Bible School was "Sailing With Christ." In listening in to the children during the open exercises each morning one was thrilled beyond words, and it is with gratitude and deepest thanks that we say, "God bless you teachers and helpers in giving of your time and talent that these youngsters, some of whom never had previously gone to Sunday School, might hear about Christ and his love." It was indeed a thrill when a number of eight- and nine-year-old children came to their teachers and indicated their desire to be saved. We know that God will bless the fruits of these labors.

Thelma F. Fischer, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Evangelistic Services and Bible School Held at Berlin Church, Fredonia, North Dakota

The Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia is grateful to God for the blessings we have recently experienced. We had Rev. Daniel Fuchs as our evangelist for two weeks. The members of the church were revived, and supported the meetings with personal work and prayer. Fifteen people came forward and accepted Christ as Savior. We thank Rev. Fuchs for his work among us and for the spirit-filled messages he brought to us. May God continue to make him a blessing to our churches.

A successful Daily Vacation Bible School was held in the first week of June in the absence of the pastor. The teachers did a noble job and the children gave a very interesting program Sunday, June 6. The offering of \$40.00 was sent to the Chapel Building Fund.

The members surprised the pastor at his return from the Waco Conference by having the church interior cleaned, the basement painted, and a carpet laid in the three aisles of the church. We are looking forward to greater blessings.

Victor H. Prendinger, Pastor.

### Vacation Bible School Held at First Baptist Church, Mott, North Dakota

A vacation Bible School was held at the First Baptist Church at Mott, N. Dak., from July 11 to 15 with 32 children attending from 9 to 4 o'clock each day. The material "Pioneering With Christ" by the Gospel Light Press was used and enjoyed by young and older peoples alike.

A program was presented on Sunday night, July 17th, at which time the children eagerly recited the many Scripture passages and songs which they had learned during the week. Certificates and awards were also given to the children that night. The display of art handiwork was enjoyed by all.

Throughout the week hearts, minds, and hands were kept very busy. It was the desire of each teacher that the children's lives may have been drawn closer to the Lord.

Teachers for the following classes were: Beginners Class: Mrs. Le Roy Schauer assisted by Mrs. C. E. Schwartz. Primary Class: Mrs. Walter Auch assisted by Mrs. Rudy Fiedler. Junior Class: Mrs. Marshall Phillips assisted by Mrs. Ben Auch.

The Rev. Le Roy Schauer was in charge of the devotions and music. Our pianist was Miss Deloris Reich. The offering for the week was \$29.90 and was designated to go for foreign missions. We trust our labor was not in vain for we are sure the seed that was sown will bring forth its fruit.

Mrs. Walter Auch, Reporter.

### Daily Vacation Bible School at Rosenfeld Baptist Church, rural Anamoose, North Dakota

A well organized Bible School was held at the Rosenfeld Baptist Church of rural Anamoose, N. Dak., June 6 through June 10, from 9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. each day. A small token was presented everyone who registered by the pastor and his wife.

The school, under the supervision of the pastor, Rev. Arthur A. Voigt, was well attended with an enrollment of 61 pupils and eleven teachers. A number of different denominations were represented at the school. There were 12 Intermediates, 17 Juniors, 12 Primaries, ten Beginners, and ten Nursery pupils. The faculty consisted of the following: pastor and superin-



Daily Vacation Bible School at the Rosenfeld Baptist Church, Anamoose, North Dakota.

tendent of work, Rev. Arthur Voigt; teachers for Intermediates, Miss Lu Ella Wolff and Mrs. Emil Fandrich; teachers for Juniors, Mrs. Dave Dieterle and Mrs. Ben Hauff; teachers for Primaries, Mrs. Albert Isaak and Mrs. Emil Spear; teachers for Beginners, Mrs. Walter Ebel and Miss Normeley Nachatilo; teacher for Nursery class, Miss Geraldine Plesuk, pianist, Miss Normeley Nachatilo, and secretary, Mrs. William Isaak. We were privileged to have Miss LuElla Wolff of Ellendale, N. Dak., who was sent out by our denominational headquarters, to assist with the school.

We are happy to report that six young people expressed their desire to be saved. May God bless them in their new-found happiness.

Hot lunches were provided daily for the children by the women of the community and together with the Sunday School they arranged a picnic dinner for the school on Friday.

The children presented their program on Friday evening and the church was filled to capacity to witness what the children had learned about their Lord and Savior. The certificates of completion and appreciation were also awarded to the children and teachers by the pastor. The Sunday School superintendent, Brother Albert Isaak, also awarded a certificate of appreciation to Rev. Voigt for his fine efforts in making the school a success.

Mrs. William Isaak, Secretary.

### Sessions of Dakota Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Sessions of the Dakota Conference Woman's Missionary Union began with a noon luncheon on Friday, June 24, at the First Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., where the Dakota Conference was held. Approximately 200 women attended the luncheon which was held in conjunction with the annual business meeting. Mrs. A. J. Fischer, president, capably led in the business session dispensing in orderly manner the usual items of reports,

recommendations, election of officers, and correspondence.

Two new societies, the Woman's Missionary Union of Plevna, Mont., and the Tabitha Society of the First German Baptist Church of Ashley, N. Dak., were welcomed into the conference union.

Upon the recommendation of the finance committee three-fourths of the evening offering (\$242.44) and the available funds in the treasury were designated for our National Project and one-fourth was given to the Home for the Aged in Bismarck, North Dakota.

The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. A. J. Fischer; vice-president, Mrs. Harold Weiss; Secretary, Mrs. Edward Oster; treasurer, Mrs. Carl Fischer.

The business session was closed with a devotional message by our own Laura Reddig who applied the conference theme, "But We See Jesus," to the women of Africa who, too, have seen Jesus. The remarkable, simple faith of the African woman who has seen Jesus stirred and challenged the conference women to a greater horizon of service.

The program of the evening was opened with a song service led by Mrs. C. H. Seecamp of Hebron, North Dakota. Scripture was read by Mrs. John V. Terveen of Emery, S. Dak., and Mrs. Thomas Lutz, our National Union president, led in prayer.

A women's choir led by Mrs. H. Hiller of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., a solo from the Madison, S. Dak., societies, and a duet from the Woman's Missionary Union of Avon, S. Dak., provided the special music for the program.

The newly elected officers were installed by Miss Laura Reddig who was also the guest speaker for the evening. Mrs. Richard Schilke, the wife of our Mission Secretary, presented a corsage to Miss Reddig assuring her of the love and esteem of the women in the Dakota Conference.

Mrs. A. Bibelheimer of Ashley, N. Dakota, led in a memorial service for twelve members who had entered into the Great Beyond during the past year.

In the message of the evening, Miss Reddig in her enthusiastic and inimitable manner presented the needs and the progress of the newest "baby" in the Cameroons, the New Hope Leper Settlement. We rejoice with Miss Reddig that not only does the leper receive physical health and strength again when he comes to the settlement, but above all he receives the spiritual "new look" when he meets the great Physician, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Roy Seibel, Reporter.

## OBITUARY

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

### MRS. ANNA STRACKE of Chicago, Illinois.

Eighty-five years ago Mrs. Anna Rodenburg Stracke began her pilgrimage in Hannover, Germany; on Nov. 9, 1870. At the age of 18 she came to this country, and a few years later entered a happy and blessed union with the late Rev. Robert Stracke.

At the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio; the Lorraine Baptist Church of Kansas, and the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago 1909-1915 she stood side by side her husband loyally and with sacrificial devotion. Her home was her kingdom where with sweetness and wonderful tact she presided over a family of seven children and sharing gladly the added burdens of a city parsonage.

Twice she passed through the valley of tears: in 1917 when her beloved husband, the late Rev. Robert Stracke, was called home, and not too long ago when her son, Alfred, also answered the call from above.

All these years she was loyal to her friends and fellowship of the Grace Baptist Church serving as president of the Woman's Missionary Society for more than 20 years and many years as member of the Board of Directors of the Baptist Girls' Home in this city.

She became a child of God when she was 16, loved and served her Savior and Master gladly and devotedly. When he called she was ready, and after a lingering illness during which she was tenderly cared for by her children she entered triumphantly "Jerusalem, the Golden" on July 12, 1955. Psalm 91, her favorite, served as inspirational scripture passage. The Rev. Dr. John Knechtel assisted the pastor, the Rev. William L. Schoeffel.

Grace Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois

WILLIAM L. SCHOEFFEL, Minister.

### MR. RICHARD EGGERT of Vancouver, B. C., Canada.

Brother Richard Eggert was born on January 21, 1907 at Schitomir, Russia. His childhood and youth were spent near the place of his birth. He came to Canada in September of 1928, and lived at Edmonton, Alta., till July 1946 when he, together with his family moved to Vancouver, B. C., where he dwelt and labored in our midst till the Lord called him home on Monday evening, July 27.

The deceased entered holy matrimony with Miss Louise Ohlmann on October 25, 1934. Into this marriage three children were born: one daughter, Leona; two sons, Arven and Wallace, who together with their mother mourn over the unexpected departure of their husband and father.

The deceased accepted Christ as his Savior and Lord as a young man of 17 and was baptized upon the testimony of his faith by Rev. Ed. Weurch and added to the Baptist Church at Neudorf, Russia. He has been active, especially in the Musical Department of the church at Neudorf, at Central Baptist Church in Edmonton, and also in our own church throughout the years of his membership. He served as



usher, church clerk, assistant director of Male Chorus, trustee and deacon. His heart and interest were in the things of Christ, especially in the field of music. He will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends and his beloved church. He leaves behind to mourn over his departure his wife and three children; one sister, Mrs. Leona Belter of Edmonton, Alta.; two brothers, Arthur of Thorsby, Alta., and Edmund of Vancouver; many relatives and friends. May the Lord of all comfort console and bless those who mourn.

Ebenezer Baptist Church,  
Vancouver, B. C., Canada

A. S. FELBERG, Pastor.

**OSCAR JACOB RAISER**  
of Carbon, Alberta, Canada.

Oscar Jacob Raiser was born at Swallow, Alta., October 23, 1930. Shortly thereafter he was brought by his parents to their present farm where he resided until his untimely death.

In the early weeks of 1944, during revival meetings conducted by Rev. Fenske in the Zion Baptist Church, Oscar made public profession of Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and followed him in baptism on June 18 of that same year. He united with the Freudenthal Baptist Church and served as a faithful member of that congregation.

He went to be with his Lord on May 2, 1955, through a fatal tractor accident on his farm. To mourn his passing, he leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Raiser; his sister, Mrs. Irma Biebrick; his fiancée, Miss Pearl Huber, to whom he was engaged to be married on July 6; and a host of relatives and friends.

May God comfort and sustain those who were so suddenly bereft of their loved one.

Carbon Baptist Church,  
Carbon, Alberta, Canada

Rev. FRED PAUL,  
Rev. W. R. MULLER.

**MR. CHRISTIAN DIEDE**  
of Carbon, Alberta, Canada.

Mr. Christian Diede was born in Johannesthal, near Odessa, Russia, on August 8, 1882. In 1887, when just five years old, he came with his parents to Eureka, South Dakota. On January 6, 1906 he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Weigum. God blessed this union with seven children, one son having preceded his father in 1915.

In 1913 he again moved and came to Canada, making his permanent home in the Carbon, Alta., district, where he lived until his recent homegoing. In 1918, under the faithful ministry of Rev. A. Kujath, Mr. Diede found new life in Christ Jesus. He was baptized that same year and united with the Freudenthal Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member. On July 6, 1955 he passed away at the age of 72 years, 10 months, and 28 days.

To mourn his passing, he leaves his wife, Elizabeth; two sons, Chris and John of Carbon; four daughters, Mrs. Chris Harsch of Carbon, Mrs. Emanuel Sailor of Kathryn, Mrs. Cyril Beingsner of Calgary, and Mrs. Art Biebrick of Beiseker; two brothers, Andrew of Venturia, N. Dak., and August of Bismarck, N. Dak.; one sister, Mrs. Barbara Weigum of Trochu; 15 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many friends and other relatives.

May the Lord of all comfort enfold and draw near to all those in deep sorrow over the loss of their loved one.

Carbon Baptist Church,  
Carbon, Alberta, Canada

Rev. DAVID BERG,  
Rev. W. R. MULLER.

**MARY RUTH LENTZ**  
of Startup, Washington.

Mary Ruth Lentz of the Winters Lake area, near Startup, was born in Monroe, Wash., on October 24, 1949, and passed away quietly on July 11, 1955, at 10:50 P.M. Mary had contracted the measles, and seemed to be on the road to recovery, when she took a turn for the worse going into a coma on Sunday afternoon. Complications of some nature had set in which prompted quick removal of Mary to the Monroe General Hospital where special medical care was given her. Late Monday night the Lord answered special prayer by taking her to be with Himself.

Besides leaving her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lentz, she leaves a brother, John; two sisters, Barbara and Margaret; her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Sophie Lentz of Startup; and her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Christine Range of Minneapolis.

Though only a five-year-old girl, little Mary had endeared herself in the community and in the church bearing qualities of leadership and concern for the younger members of the family. Her faithfulness in Sunday School attendance and other activities will be missed.

The little church was filled for the funeral services of July 16, with the Rev. Walter Dingfield bringing a message of comfort from Matthew 18:2, "And Jesus called a little child unto him." Her body was laid to rest in Sultan Cemetery. The Lord has indeed brought comfort to all the hearts through His precious Word and His abiding presence.

Startup Baptist Church,  
Startup, Washington

WALTER DINGFIELD, Pastor.

**MR. OTTO MARTIN FREIMUND, SR.,**  
of Racine, Wisconsin.

Mr. Otto Martin Freimund, Sr., was born in Russia on July 11, 1883, and had lived in Racine since 1913. On March 7, 1909 he was united in marriage to the former Rosalea Scheffler. He was converted and baptized under the ministry of Rev. E. Umbach in 1914 and became an active member of Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wis., for 42 years. He was a member of the Men's Bible Class and an honorary member of the Board of Trustees and for some years served lovingly as a custodian of the church he loved. He was also a member of the local Belle City Stamp Club.

Mr. Freimund passed away to his heavenly home on July 12, 1955, at the age of 72. He is survived by his wife, Rosalea; two sons, Harold H., of Kenosha, Wis., and Otto, Jr., of Racine, Wis.; two daughters, Mrs. Harm (Margaret) Frey, of Waterloo, Iowa, and Mrs. Richard (Ida) Sorensen of Eau Claire, Wisconsin. There are four grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted July 15 at 2 P.M. in Grace Baptist Church with Rev. D. Raymond Parry officiating. The favorite scripture of the deceased, John 14, was the text for the memorial services. Two solo numbers, "Oh Think of the Home Over There" and "Oh That Will Be Glory for Me" were sung by Mrs. Otto Boss.

Brother Freimund also was an agent at one time for many years for "Der Sendebote" and "Baptist Herald" in the Grace Baptist Church. He often expressed concern for a missionary enterprise in Russia where the gospel is sorely needed. Mr. Freimund will be greatly missed by his beloved wife and family, and relatives as well as a host of friends who were well aware of his witness for Christ.

Grace Baptist Church,  
Racine, Wisconsin

MR. RICHARD SORENSEN, Reporter.

**MR. HENRY AMMAN**  
of Ste. Rose, Manitoba, Canada.

Mr. Henry Amman of Ste. Rose, Man., Canada, was born on Feb. 8, 1880, in Ostfriesland, Germany. As a youth of 19 he made his decision for Christ and was baptized and joined the local Baptist Church there on April 9, 1899.

On April 29, 1906, he was married to Friederike Ortland. This union was blessed with three sons and two daughters. One infant son preceded his father in death.

In 1929 Mr. Amman emigrated to Canada with his family and settled on a farm in the Ste. Rose district, remaining there until on July 20, at the age of 75 years, 5 months, and 12 days, the Lord saw fit to take him home after an illness of several months. Triumphant he went to be with his Maker and Redeemer.

The deceased was a faithful member of the Grace Baptist Church of Ochre River and served in the capacity of deacon for over 20 years. He will be greatly missed. To mourn his departure he leaves his wife; two sons, Henry, Jr., and Fritz, both of Ste. Rose; two daughters, Mrs. Johanne de Vries, of Ste. Rose, and Mrs. Annette Oltrap, of Makinak, Man.; two sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, nine grandchildren, one brother, and one sister-in-law in Germany.

Since the church is without a pastor at present, and at the special request of the deceased, the undersigned conducted the services on Friday, July 22, in the Grace Baptist Church of Ochre River.

Grace Baptist Church,  
Ochre River, Manitoba

A. J. WALTEREIT, Officiating Pastor.

**EDWARD JULIUS ENGBRECHT**  
of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Edward J. Engbrecht was born in Chicago, Ill., on Christmas day, December 25, 1892 and died suddenly and unexpectedly as a result of a heart attack on July 2, 1955 in a hospital near his summer home in Michigan. He reached the age of 62 years, 6 months, and 7 days. On Palm Sunday in 1907 he was baptized on confession of his faith in Christ and received into the fellowship of the East Side Baptist Church, remaining here a faithful member until his all too early death. On June 11, 1914 he was united in marriage with Miss Olga Wolff, sharing with her the joys and sorrows of life for a little over 41 years.

He is survived by his wife and three children: one son, Mr. Edward R. Engbrecht of Trenton, N. J.; and two daughters, Mrs. Marvin Joachim (Dorothea) and Mrs. Robert Hite (Edith), both of Hammond, Indiana. There are six grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. George Corman, now living in Missouri, as well as many other relatives and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held in the East Side Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon, July 5, Rev. Henry R. Schroeder officiating. A large attendance and many floral tributes testified to the high esteem in which he was held by all who knew him. Burial was in Cedar Park Cemetery, Chicago, Illinois. May God comfort the bereaved family and grant all a glad reunion in heaven where sorrow and sighing shall flee away and death be no more.

Chicago, Illinois

HENRY R. SCHROEDER, Pastor.

**MR. WILLIAM STUECKLE**  
of Streeter, North Dakota.

Mr. William Stueckle was born on June 3, 1884, in South Russia. He died in the Bismarck Hospital after a long suffering on July 3, 1955. He was 71 years and one month old. As a young child he came to the United States with his parents who settled down in the Dakotas. On April 2, 1900, Brother Stueckle married Miss Lydia Brenneise. Out of this wedlock eight children were born of which four died in their early youth. His son, Daniel, died in 1937. About the year 1909 Mr. Stueckle moved with his family to Bessie, Oklahoma. In 1915 they came back to North Dakota to a farm east of Streeter. His first wife died on October 24, 1949. In the same year he established his home in the city of Streeter. On October 12, 1950 he married Mrs. Caroline Zimmermann of Napoleon, North Dakota.

Brother Stueckle was converted to the Lord Jesus and baptized by the Rev. Burgdorf near Streeter in the year 1904. He joined the Baptist church of Streeter. As a member of the church he was very faithful and very active. For about 25 years he was deacon of the church and for several years Sunday School teacher and treasurer.

He is survived by his wife, the following children: Emile, Mrs. Gottlieb Bertsch; Frieda, Mrs. Ted Bertsch, both living in Greenway, S. Dak.; and Amanda, Mrs. Albert Knecht, Gackle, N. Dak.; by the following step-children: Luella, Mrs. Gideon Iowing; Mary, Mrs. Pet Telzer; Mr. Oldenburg; Lorraine, Mrs. Dale John Zimmerman; Lorraine, Mrs. Dale Schulz, all of Napoleon, N. Dak.; by his brother, Philip, Calgary, Alta, Canada; by four sisters: Mrs. John Handel, Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Carl Graf, Henrietta, Texas; Mrs. Len Ewert, Herbert, Sask., Canada; and Mrs. John Edinger, Lockwood, Sask., Canada; by nine grandchildren; by eight step-children; by the sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, and by many other relatives and friends. The funeral service was held in Streeter on July 7, 1955, with the Rev. Paul Galambos in charge. A men's quartet sang songs of comfort.

First Baptist Church,  
Streeter, North Dakota

PAUL GALAMBOS, Pastor.