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March of Events

● A new law enacted in Jordan requires a special government permit for the sale of land to Christian religious bodies. Jordan controls Jerusalem's Old City, in which many Christian shrines are located. There is a recurring demand for land as the site of hospitals, monasteries, hospices, and other Christian institutions near these shrines. Christian leaders in Jerusalem were reported aroused over the new law.

● E. Stanley Jones has completed his fourth nationwide appeal in Japan, which continued through February, March and April. He spoke more than 170 times in 73 cities, besides conducting a five-day ashram, the first in Japan, which was attended by 90 leading laymen and clergy. Although he had been warned that mounting anti-Americanism might cut into attendance, he found at only two places smaller audiences than the last time he appeared here. Dr. Jones feels that the signing of over 25,000 decision cards in the face of an indisputably growing anti-American attitude reflects a spiritual concern even deeper than in former years.

● Dr. Karl Barth, noted Swiss Protestant theologian, says he will accept an honorary degree from Budapest Reformed Theological Academy, but will not go to Hungary to receive it. Dr. Barth is one of twelve theologians outside Hungary to be awarded degrees in connection with celebrations September 15-20 marking the Academy's centennial. He lectured at the Academy during a visit to Hungary in 1948. Dr. Martin Niemöller, president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse-Nassau, Germany, is another of the theologians to be honored. Both he and Dr. Barth have strongly opposed rearmament of Germany.

● For the fifth year Methodist ministers from the United States came to Cuba at their own expense this spring to lead a weeklong evangelism program in the 80 Methodist preaching places in the island. The 180 who came this year helped conduct 809 services attended by 67,470 Cubans, made 6,261 visits and recorded 2,257 decisions for Christ. Since the program began in 1951, the Methodist Church in Cuba has had a 34 per cent increase in membership and has gained in assurance and zeal. As its pastors work beside experienced American pastors they have been encouraged to develop evangelistic methods suitable to their own culture. And the pastors from the United States have learned much from their Cuban brothers, have been

inspired by their devotional life. From the Cuban sampling they have caught the vision of world missions.

● Gordon College of Theology and Missions of Boston, Mass., located on Evans Way for 66 years, will move to its new Princemere campus, of nearly 1,000 acres, at Beverly Farms in time to open classes in September, President T. Leonard Lewis announces. The Divinity School, with a student body of 150, is already on the campus and is using the big stone mansion formerly owned by the late Frederick H. Prince, widely known industrialist and philanthropist. The College purchased the property in 1947 for \$150,-

Baptist Briefs

● The Belgian Congo British Baptist mission fields will be represented at the Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance by the only two fully-trained African pastors of the country: Jacques Nzakimwena, whose father was the village evangelist at Kingemba, and Samuel Koli, son of non-Christian parents but graduate of mission schools.

● Philippine Baptists will be represented at the Jubilee Congress by the Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Vafior. He, a former Roman Catholic, is general secretary of the Convention of Philippine Churches. Senora Remedios is vice-president of the Ilio Christian Women's Union. They both plan to spend three months in the States after the BWA Congress.

● Unofficial ambassador from Midland, Texas, to Turkey is a Baptist coed of Baylor University, who was graduated as a sociology major last month. She is Dephane Tabor, chairman of the Baylor Religious Hour and secretary of the student body. She sails June 15 for Amsterdam, and will be met in Istanbul or Constantinople by her "adopted family" with whom she will spend the summer.

● Burma Baptists will be represented in London, England, by several men and women, including Thra Tun Shein, new secretary of the Burma Baptist Union; Daw Hla Shein, principal of Kemmendine Girls' School; U Zaw Yaw, principal of the Cutkai (Kachin) Bible Training School; and Maung San Kyn, youth leader. The two educators are to visit the United

600. A beautiful English chapel, with a seating capacity for more than 600, already has been completed.

● Memorial Day, May 30, marked the 25th anniversary of the founding of The Lutheran Hour, the world's most widespread radio broadcast. Now heard on more than 1250 radio stations, the broadcast originates in 65 countries and territories and is heard in 56 languages. Sponsored by the Lutheran Laymen's League, an 80,000 member organization, the program's annual budget is more than \$1,300,000. Paul Friedrich is executive director of the Lutheran Laymen's League, which has its offices in St. Louis, Missouri. When the program was originated 25 years ago in Chicago under Dr. Walter A. Maier the founders stated the purpose of the program was to bring Christ to a troubled world, and later, "Bringing Christ to the Nations" was adopted as The Lutheran Hour slogan.

States for graduate work following the Congress.

● A plea for greater cooperation between Baptists of the north and south was made at the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Miami, Florida, in May, by the first vice-president of the American Baptist Convention, Dr. Herbert Gezork of Newton Centre, Massachusetts. The American Baptist Convention received an invitation from the Southern Baptist Convention to co-operate in a five-year evangelistic crusade to "win America for Christ," delivered in person by the newly-elected president, Dr. Casper C. Warren of Charlotte, North Carolina, to the Convention in session in Atlantic City.

● The Film Commission of Southern Baptists, headed by Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor, Druid Hills church, Atlanta, Ga., will ask other Baptist groups in the world, at the London Congress of the Baptist World Alliance, to share their ideas regarding a film project. Results of these conferences will be reported to the Southern Convention when it meets in Kansas City, Mo., next year. It is hoped to be able to produce a film on Roger Williams, founder of the first Baptist church in America during Colonial days. Another project would be William Carey, an Englishman, a pioneer in the first Baptist foreign mission enterprise.

● Dr. T. B. McDormand, since 1950 General Secretary of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec, has

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Editorial

Our Leanin' Side!

ALL OF US ARE IN NEED of some kind of spiritual support. Our human frailties find us sagging at times in the work of the Lord. We need a vacation, not only for physical rest, but also for spiritual rejuvenation. We need to feel God's touch so that in our human weakness we are able to declare that we "are strong in the Lord."

Dr. Roy L. Smith has told the interesting story of a great laymen's gathering with several thousand men in attendance. An old country preacher, much beloved, was asked to lead in prayer. As the dignified preacher stood before the multitude, he bowed his head reverently, clasped his hands before him, and remained silent for almost a full minute. Then, in a tone which betokened great earnestness, he prayed, "O Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side!" Dr. Roy L. Smith went on to say: "It is highly improbable that any man in that vast audience had ever heard a more honest or more meaningful prayer. Into that single sentence the old saint had poured the essence of all good praying."

The difficulty with many of us is that we take pride in the fact that we need nothing. Many times we think our weakness is our strength. It came as a shock to the rich, young ruler that he lacked anything. Often we cannot really sing that "we are standin' in the need of prayer." To pray that we be propped up on our leanin' side implies our readiness to admit that we do lean, that we are in need of divine support, that we must be undergirded at all times by God's grace.

A weakness with some of us is the attitude of criticism and fault-finding. We justify our behavior by saying that we are "frank" and "candid," that we are trying to be honest with others. But we find a certain delight in hurting or grieving others, believing this to be a virtue. We are sparse with our praise and commendation in some North American Baptist churches, but quick to pull the trigger of sharp criticism. If you want to be frank, then face it squarely. God has to prop us up on our leanin' side by giving us a love that is long-suffering and patient, that believes the best and sees the good possibilities in other people and situations.

There are also a few whose leanin' side is an unforgiving spirit. They imagine that they are always right. They hold out the hand of apology but their spirit within is still without real forgiveness. They hurt themselves, physically and spiritually, by the grudges that they bury deeply into their soul. They go through life with this human weakness, like a house that is leaning badly to one side. But Christ, who spoke words of forgiveness on the Cross for his enemies, is able to give us a forgiving spirit toward others and thus to prop us up on our leanin' side.

These summer days will give you time to reflect, to take inventory of yourself, to consider the wonders of God's handiwork and grace. We ought to be stronger in the Lord as a result of our summer's adventures. We will be ready for greatness of service if we can sincerely pray, "O Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side."

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"WHAT THE SPIRIT SAITH TO THE CHURCHES" REV. 2:7



The Ministers' Chorus directed by Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt of Los Angeles, California, singing at the General Conference in Waco, Texas, on Wednesday evening June 8, 1955.

What the Spirit Saith to the Churches

The General Conference Sermon Delivered at Waco, Texas, on Sunday Morning, June 12, 1955

by DR. RALPH E. POWELL of the North American Baptist Seminary

WE ARE CALLED on to put a lie to the statement of a great and good theologian of our day when he states that Christians, for the most part, are in the same position as the disciples of John the Baptist whom Paul found at Ephesus. These said to the Apostle, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost."

Although this is by far an overstatement, at least for the constituency of our General Conference, nevertheless the average Christian knows far too little about the Holy Spirit, whereas this doctrine should be central. Even among the most evangelical Christians, there has been a tendency to major on minors. This is evidenced by the clamor for the spectacular, the popular, and the largely experimental type of highly illustrated preaching. Resulting from this is a spiritual impotency which inevitably follows a neglect of solid Biblical knowledge and experience.

What in this day of tragic confusion and impending doom, is the Spirit saying to the churches?

THE PERSON OF THE SPIRIT

In the first place, the Spirit is saying something basic as to his own nature. He is insisting, over against all unfortunate practices of impersonalizing him, that he is a Person—just as truly personal as the Father and the Son. He is not merely an influence, power, energy, faculty, or mode of being. He possesses personality in the highest sense: a mind or intellect to think with, a heart or emotions to

feel with, a will or voluntary faculty with which to decide. To put it another way, he has self-consciousness and self-determination.

There are various reasons for misunderstanding at this point. The use of neuter pronouns as "itself" in the King James version of Romans 8:16, 26, and the translation "Ghost" for "Spirit" give rise to misapprehension. Fortunately, these poor renderings are improved upon in recent translations.

But there are other difficulties in the way, such as the profound mystery of the Trinity—how one God could be three Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Instead of accepting by faith this inscrutable point of Christian truth, clearly taught in the Bible but terribly difficult for the human reason, some lapse off into a heretical notion. Actually, however, we should not stumble at the fact that we cannot completely understand God's triune nature. We do not adequately understand ourselves, for that matter. And the doctrine of the Trinity is not irrational (contrary to reason), although it may be unfathomable (above reason).

Abundant evidences of the Spirit's personality stand out clearly in the sacred text. He has personal individuality and life (John 6:63; 16:7-11; Acts 10:20). He thinks, knows, searches (Rom. 8:16; 1 Cor. 2:10, 11); speaks (Acts 8:29; 13:2); reveals and inspires (2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:21); prays (Rom. 8:36, 27); teaches (John 16:14), guides and leads (John 16:13); Rom. 8:14); hinders and

strives (Acts 16:6, 7; 2 Thess. 2:7); loves (Rom. 15:30); curses (Isa. 40:7); and sanctifies (1 Peter 1:2).

The Spirit is affected as a Person: resisted, grieved, vexed, lied to, blasphemed. He is spoken of as a Person in immediate connection with other persons: Christians, Christ, the Father and the Son together. Designations of personality are applied to him: Comforter, Advocate, Paraclete. It is significant that when the Spirit is spoken of as "another Comforter," the word used means "another of the same kind" (as Christ was), not "another of a different kind" (Greek: "allos," not "heteros").

So the Holy Spirit was sent to take the place of Jesus and personally to guide the disciples just as the Lord had done. No one but a person can fully take the place of another person. No mere influence or power could take the place of the greatest Personality the world has ever known.

When all the Biblical evidence for the personality of the Spirit is marshalled together, one cannot escape the compelling conclusion so basic to the nature of the third Person of the Trinity.

EQUAL WITH GOD

In the second place, the Spirit is saying to the churches that he is God, equal in every respect with the Father and the Son. Against any inadequate idea of his being a creature, it is to be affirmed that he is the eternal Spirit (Heb. 9:14) with all the attributes of Deity: omnipresence

(Psa. 139:7ff), omniscience (1 Cor. 2:10, 11), omnipotence (Rom. 8:11), absolute holiness (Eph. 4:30), truth (John 16:13), love (Rom. 15:30), life (Rom. 8:2), sovereignty (1 Cor. 12:11) and immutability. The Spirit is expressly called "God" (Acts 5:1-4) and "the Lord" (1 Cor. 3:17). He performs the works of God: creation (Gen. 1:2; Job 26:13; 33:4), the incarnation of Christ (Matt. 1:18, 20), the atonement (Heb. 9:14). Not only do the acts of inspiration, revelation, illumination, regeneration, sanctification, etc., indicate personality in the Spirit, but they also show his Deity, for none but God himself could perform these supernatural works.

Actually there is a vast comprehensiveness about the divine works of the Spirit. (Abraham Kuyper wrote a book of 650 pages dealing with this tremendous subject, "The Work of the Holy Spirit", which is a classic.) Honor, worship and adoration are addressed to the Holy Spirit, such as is only due to God. He is associated with the Father and the Son as co-equal.

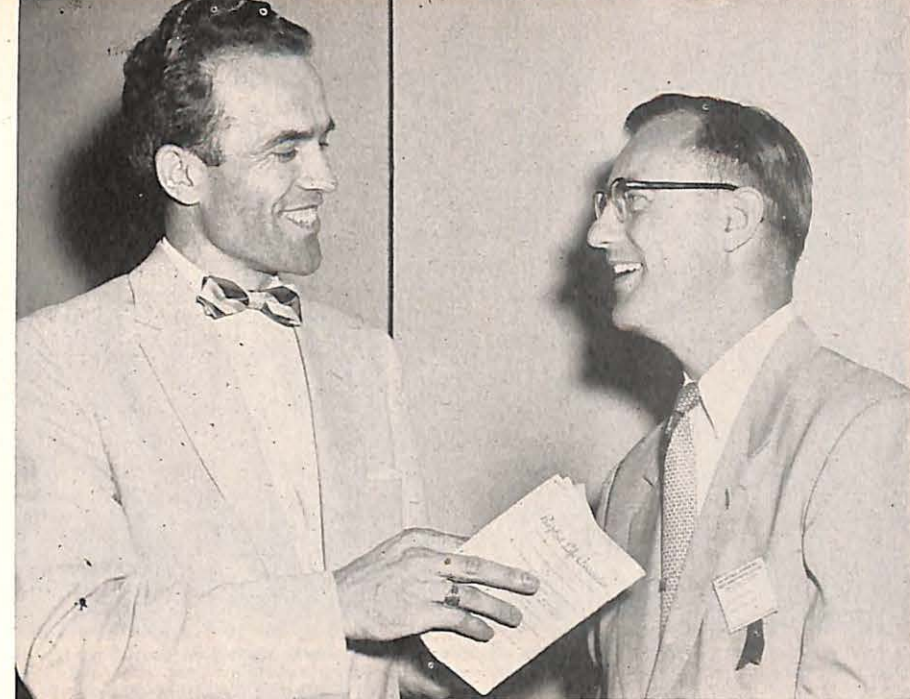
Now this should come to the Christian with a grand impressiveness, for this divine, personal Being dwells *within* him. Another Person of the rank of a full Deity lives in his life (1 Cor. 3:16; 6:19; Rom. 8:9). The true believer is a temple of God, indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This is a fact for every spiritually born again person (John 3:5), who was baptized into the family of God, the Church, by the Spirit. If anyone has not the Spirit of God, he is not a Christian at all.

This Biblical teaching will save us from much popular, heretical fanaticism. Every Christian, therefore, is pregnant with divine life, and his conduct ought (must) be moderated by this spiritual reality—in outward behavior, the spoken word, the thoughts of the mind, and the intentions of the heart.

Thus, this exalted truth of the indwelling of the Spirit must become much more than a truth or a fact of knowledge to us. It must become a daily reality in our experience. We should be constantly reminded that we are his temples and we must practice the presence of this One who not only goes *beside* us (Paraclete, Advocate, Comforter) to help along the way, but who actually resides *inside* us. He has taken up his dwelling within and is ready always to speak God's words to us and to do God's works through us.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the third place, the Spirit is saying to the churches that he is the Holy Spirit. Today especially he is calling us to reckon with this particular and characteristic quality of his divinity. He is infinite, perfect and transcendent in holiness. His is abso-



Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Seminary professor (right) and Rev. Joe Sonnenberg of the Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill., review some of the General Conference highlights before their messages given on Sunday morning and Saturday night, respectively.

lute righteousness and ethical purity. And he is calling us by means of his own inner workings in our souls to personal perfection and holiness. "Be ye perfect, as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48). "Be ye holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16).

One of the most glorious gifts and opportunities available to the Christian is sanctification through the Holy Spirit. He is constantly ready to work within us to maintain and strengthen the holy disposition imparted in regeneration. Mortification of the sinful nature and deliverance of the believer from pollution of sin is his work. But he does more. He renews the whole human nature in the image of God and enables the yielded person to perform good works.

God alone is holy. There is no holiness but that which descends from him, the Fountain of all good, hence of all holiness. Self-righteousness or again self-reformation is the creature's effort to be equal with God and as such is essentially sin. A holy disposition cannot spring from man himself. Isaiah said that "we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags..." (Isa. 64:6).

It is only by the particular ministry of the indwelling Holy Ghost that we can increase toward the divine standard of perfect righteousness. He pervades the inmost recesses of man to soften the heart, to infuse new qualities into the soul, and to redirect the life according to the perfect will of God. It does not lie within man by nature to be able to perform good works to the glory of God and to do that which is well-pleasing in his sight.

Now this does not at all take away the will of man and its voluntary properties. It rather quickens, hea's

and corrects the will as it sweetly and powerfully bends it. In so doing, it makes the will *really* free. The Spirit causes good works to proceed from us in such a way that they are truly *our own*, but without his aid we could not do even one really good work which wholly merited God's approval.

THE SPIRIT'S MINISTRY

B. B. Warfield states in the introduction to A. Kuyper's monumental book dealing with the work of the Holy Spirit that the practical effect has been that just in proportion as the autocracy of the human will in salvation has been emphasized, the interest in the internal work of the Spirit has declined. The Spirit's work may not be displaced by the activity of the human will; yet this does not at all negate the activity or responsibility of man.

The question is not one of our responsibility (that is clear—it is our duty to advance in holiness), but *how* it shall be achieved. The answer is that it can only be achieved through the ministry of the Spirit. The practical effect of this is wonderful: the Spirit will lift a man up without allowing pride, and will at the same time humble him without sabotaging effort. Through the Spirit, the better we become, the less we think we are; and the less we think we are, the better we become.

In the imperative mode the Spirit is saying to the churches: Recognize intensively my personal, divine, holy Presence in you! Yield to my control and be filled with (ruled by) Me! Come under my complete influence. Be "drunk" with the Spirit! Don't be satisfied with second-hand religious experience. Know me and feel my working in you by direct, personal experience. Get into action under my power and do things for God!



A fine view of the pagoda of Kofukuji Temple in Nara, Japan (left), as seen through the willow trees that fringe Sarusawa Pool; the Great Buddha at Kamakura (center) that was cast seven centuries ago; and (right) the ancient Buddhist court dance that is featured at the Miyajima Shrine at the summer festival.

Japanese Testimonies for Christ

The story of another baptismal service in Japan and the heart-warming testimonies of our Japanese Christian friends

By REV. WALTER SUKUT of Ise Shi, Japan

ON SUNDAY afternoon, May 15th, we had a beautiful baptismal service in the Miegawa River near our house in Ise, Japan. We had a perfect day for the occasion. We also took two hundred feet of moving pictures at that time. We hope that these pictures will help us share with you this wonderful time that we had in Christ. Clemence Auch took a number of black and white pictures, and I took some slide pictures.

Ten converts were baptized. The oldest one was grandmother Murakami about whom you will read in this article. The youngest one was Shoichiro, the son of our interpreter and family. Mr. Ono, his wife, and his son were all three baptized. Clemence Auch brought a wonderful message on the subject, "Living the Christian Life," at the river side. Miss Miller led the service.

In our evening service I dealt with the subject, "Characteristics and Privileges of a Christian." Miss Miller welcomed the new Christians into the church, and Clemence Auch led in the observance of the Lord's Supper. So we had a wonderful day of fellowship in the Lord.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him" (Psalms 126:5-6).

Satan strikes hard at those who bring light into a land that he has been able to keep in darkness for centuries. For this reason the work of your missionaries in the land of Ja-

pan with the many gods is often met with difficulties and opposition that make the heart cry out to God.

However, the joy of which the Psalmist speaks in the above verses is a great joy, indeed, and our rejoicing is all the greater when those who have met with great opposition come through with a clear-cut testimony for God. It is with joy in my heart that I sit down to share with you the testimonies of some of our Japanese Christians as they themselves have related them to us.

REIKO YUKI'S LETTER

Let me begin by sharing with you parts of a letter which was addressed to our Yamada Baptist Church by a young girl whom Miss Florence Miller led to Christ. This girl is a very sick patient in our local tuberculosis hospital, but she has a wonderful testimony for Christ.

Dear Christian Friends:

Permit me to write and ask about the health and welfare of all of you. I am sorry that I have caused all of you concern for me. I have been wanting to write a letter to thank you for your concern for me, but due to a constant fever I have been unable to do so. However, today I am feeling fine, so will write to you.

I have been treated very well since my hospitalization was made possible through the kind efforts of Miss Miller. I am now being kept in the safety of our heavenly Father who has not forsaken me here. Before I believed in God, I had great unrest in my soul. But now that I believe in Christ I possess a wonderful hope, even though I am sick in bed.

It is, of course, very hard to possess a hope while one is suffering from illness; but every day I am filled with gratitude and hope. If I did not know Jesus, I would be a poor, poor creature. But now that Christ died for my sins, I am being delivered by God. Unless we trust Jesus we are bound for hell where we will have to spend eternity. Therefore, don't you all agree with me that our greatest present need is salvation . . . ?

Jesus is indeed a great Physician. Jesus said, "They that are whole need not a physician: but they that are sick." The moment we, who are sick in sin, believe in him, he heals our souls. As I trust in him he is close to me and gives my poor heart peace. Living in bed here in this hospital I am always thinking from the bottom of my heart that if all the sick had such faith as I have and joy, how pleasant it would be.

I am trying to get well at the earliest possible date so that I can be with you.

Good bye!

Reiko Yuki.

This young lady is indeed a bright testimony of the grace of Jesus Christ. In a recent interview with the head doctor of the hospital, we were told that her faith and spirit are quite amazing to the doctors and nurses of the hospital. Even though she has fever much of the time, they say that she never complains, and always eats her food. Though she is a very sick girl she is always cheerful.

However, she is rapidly dwindling away, and I fear that it may not be

long until she will go to see her Jesus. Pray for her and for her father who is also a very fine Christian and has met with many severe trials in life. This family, as did most of the Japanese, suffered greatly from the war.

MR. KONDO'S VICTORY

Another bright star among the patients at the T.B. hospital is Mr. Kondo. We had made our first contact with Mr. Kondo and his family through Miss Yuki. She told us of a poor family that was in dire need, because the father and son are both sick with T.B. We called on this family and found that their situation was indeed pitiful.

We first called on them last October. The family then consisted of an old grandfather, three children and the parents. They all lived in a little room (about 10 feet square) until the father and the son were admitted to the hospital. On Christmas day another child, a daughter, was born into the family. This girl was named Ami, meaning grace, because she was born on Christmas day, and because her mother had learned about the grace of Jesus Christ. The little material assistance that we were able to give to this family was used by God to open up their hearts so that we could help them with their much greater spiritual needs.

Today Mr. Kondo and his wife are among the most radiant and fervent Christians whom I have met. Mrs. Kondo, strange as it may seem to us, is still using her maiden name which is Hashisumae. The reason for this is that both she and her husband are the only children in their respective families, and neither family is willing to let their family name go out of existence. Generally when there is an only daughter, the family adopts the son-in-law and he drops his name and takes the last name of his wife. But in this case he is the only son, so the family on his side was not willing to let him change his name and adopt the name of his wife. However, his wife has told us as soon as the old grandfather (her father) dies, she will take the name of her husband because now that they know that the ancestors who have died have not become gods, there is no more need for them to be so careful with the family name and history.

Mrs. Kondo is a regular little missionary now that she knows the Lord. She is always inviting others and bringing them to church. How we praise the Lord for her! Even though Mr. Kondo cannot come to church, he has read almost every book that we have in our church library, and whenever we call on him he just bubbles with questions. He has a regular daily schedule in which he has set aside 3½ hours each day for prayer and Bible study.

Even though he is one of the younger Christians of our church he



Three of the Sunday School teachers at the Baptist Chapel and Mission in Ise, Japan, showing their radiant joy in the service of Christ.

has memorized more Scripture verses than anyone else in the church. Shortly after we had called on them for the first time, Mr. Kondo told us that before he met us he had lost all hope for life and wanted to die. But now he has new hope and a new desire to live. Recently he testified that when we first introduced him to Christ his only prayer was that God might heal his body.

But he said: "The more I read and hear about Christ and his teachings, the more I realize that my spiritual needs are much greater than my physical needs because I have many sins to conquer in my life." He went on to say, "I am now praying primarily that God will help me overcome these sins in my life, such as selfishness, and since I have prayed thus, I can see a real improvement in my life." Such is the testimony of one who has been touched by the grace of God.

USHIBA'S RADIANCE

Another radiant Christian whose testimony I would like to share with you is Mr. Ushiba. This man is a very young Christian, but I believe he is a very sincere Christian. He heard about Christ for the first time in the middle of March at one of our street meetings. From that time until now, he has not missed a service unless he did not get back in time from his job.

Let me tell you his testimony as much as possible in his own words. He told it in Japanese, of course, so this is perhaps not a very literal translation, but this is the testimony that he related to us.

"I and my wife have never believed in any of the Japanese religions. There have been times when we have gone to the shrine, but we did not go there to worship. We went there to see the shrine grounds and to be with the crowds." (Sounds a lot like our Easter and Christmas churchgoers in the states, doesn't it?) "However when I heard you preach at the street meetings, I immediately felt that this 'Way' of which you were

speaking was different from those taught to us by our parents. I immediately felt compelled to hear more about this 'salvation' in order that I might be able to follow this way of life." Thus he came to church where he learned to know Christ as his personal Savior. Then he went on to say: "When I first started to pray before I eat, my two children laughed at me. They thought it was awfully funny. But now they fold their hands and pray with me."

Certainly, this is a real evidence of the power of the Holy Spirit working in the heart of a man.

GRANDMA MURAKAMI

Now let me tell you about Grandmother Murakami and her son. Grandmother Murakami is 67 years old. It was our privilege to baptize her and her son on Sunday, May 15th, at which time ten souls were added to the church through baptism. Mrs. Murakami has been faithfully attending the church for about two years. If she isn't at the service, you can rest assured that she is sick in bed with a cold or something.

When we had special meetings early in March with a Japanese evangelist from Tokyo, she prayed very fervently for the salvation of her son. On the very first night of the meetings he came. However, all through the service he had a very distinct look of anger and hate on his face. After the service Mr. Ono asked him to sign our guest book, but he refused to do so and stormed out of the church. I wondered who he could be and felt that we would surely not see him in church again.

To our surprise he was there again the next night, but this time he tried to start an argument with the evangelist. I couldn't imagine who this strange man could be, and why he was coming to church, because he certainly didn't look as if he were enjoying it.

However, on the third night when he came, his appearance was consider-

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Ordination of Rev. David Y. Nyanganji

An ordination service held by the Mbem Baptist Church in the Cameroons
Grasslands, Africa

By MISS MINNIE KUHN, Missionary-nurse

AT THE CALL of the Baptist Church of Mbem in the Cameroons, Africa, an ordination council was formed on March 19, 1955 to examine Mr. David Y. Nyanganji, a candidate for the Christian ministry. Fifteen delegates were present: nine from Mbem Association of churches; two from Rom Church, Mr. Nyanganji's home church; and four missionaries. The council elected Rev. F. K. Goodman as chairman and Miss M. Kuhn as secretary.

After an opening prayer, the chairman proceeded to instruct the delegates, who were all participating in an ordination council for the first time in the history of the church here, on the following: "What is ordination?" and the qualifications of a candidate for ordination. He explained that ordination is "the formal setting apart of qualified persons, called of God, to the Gospel ministry." The passages of Acts 13:2-3 and 1 Timothy 2:7 were cited as instances. Biblical qualifications were given as found in 1 Timothy 3:2-7; and Titus 1:7-9.

ORDINATION JOYS

Mr. David Y. Nyanganji then gave his personal testimony regarding his Christian experience and his call to the work of the Gospel ministry. He also satisfied his questioners on his knowledge of the Word of God and his views of Christian doctrine.



The New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients in the Cameroons, Africa, showing the new patients' quarters which allow four patients in each house and a small veranda in the front of each building.

—Photo by Laura E. Reddig

The ordination service was held on Sunday, April 3, 1955. Rev. F. K. Goodman presided. Mr. Joseph Chufu led the singing. Special musical numbers were brought by Mbem school children and the Rom Church. Mr. John Saisrum Toge read an appropriate Scripture passage and Mr. Stephen Langwa led in opening prayer. Mr. Solomon Tongsebuin, deacon of Mbem church, welcomed all visitors, which included Nyanganji, father of the candidate, and also the chief of Mbem.

Rev. E. H. Ahrens brought the ordi-

nation message. The dedication prayer, with the laying on of hands, was offered by Rev. A. J. Yerimah of Bansa Baptist Church. Rev. F. K. Goodman gave the charge to the candidate and Rev. A. J. Yerimah the charge to the church. Rev. E. H. Ahrens welcomed the candidate into the ranks of the Gospel ministry.

Mr. Solomon Tongsebuin then presented the candidate with a Bible, the gift of Mbem church. Following a closing song, Rev. David Y. Nyanganji offered the benediction.

Another Cameroons Clinic!

By MISS MINNIE KUHN, Missionary-nurse

"PLEASE, MA, when is the big doctor coming?" This question was asked over and over again when I was out on trek with Kenneth and June Goodman recently. My answer always was, "Small time now he go come. I go send book for your church teacher and he go tell you when time done catch."

Finally the day arrived. Friday morning two carriers and the horse were sent out to await the doctor's arrival at the end of the motor road. Friday evening people began arriving at my door to tell me, "I done come

Ma; you think Doctor fit see me for early morning?" I reassured them that if they got registered early they would be seen early. Content, they went to find places to sleep in the village.

NEW HOPE FOR THE SICK

Saturday morning I quickly had breakfast after morning prayers, and dashed down to the dispensary to get things ready. It was only 7:30 A.M. but already many were sitting patiently waiting. Among them were three lepers. One of these had trekked four days to get here, a trek that usually takes about six hours. One was a very young man, possibly not even twenty, with most of his toes and fingers missing already.

How they rejoiced when the doctor told them that the new doctor was back from Nigeria and they could now make their arrangements to go to Mbingo and "New Hope." Praise God for answered prayer in our doctor at Mbingo!

What a day Saturday was! It was begun with morning devotions brought by our newly ordained evangelist, Rev. D. Y. Nyanganji, on Jesus, the Great Physician. Over one hundred people were seen, some coming from as far away as Warwar. Among them were people for tooth extractions, babies for circumcision, women for gynecology examinations, maternity examinations, people with malaria, pneumonia, dysentery, ulcers and many other complaints.

LOTS OF ACTIVITY

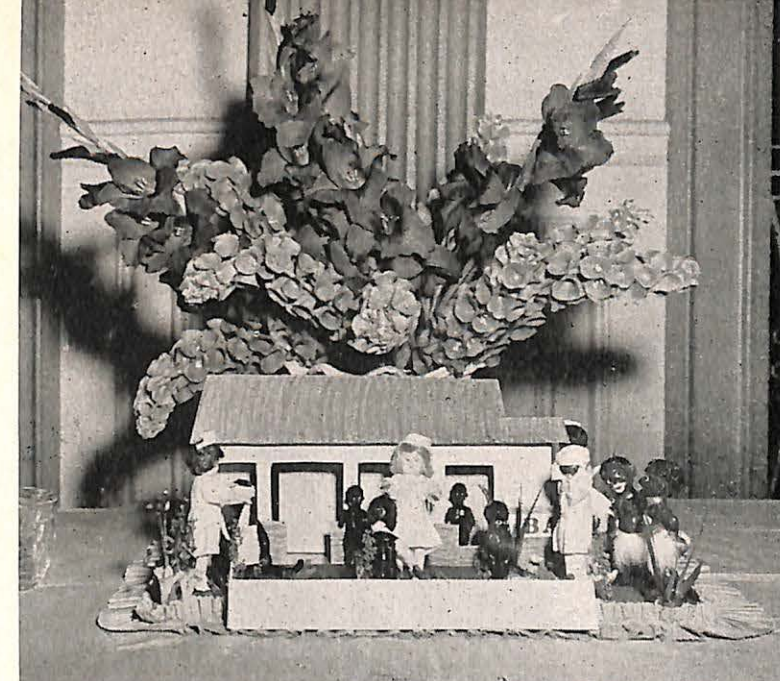
In the midst of all this activity a young man arrived with a tiny baby in his arms. His complaint was "Ma, my woman done die, how I go do for
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What the Gladiolus Said to Me!



The story of flowers planted and nurtured for the Woman's Missionary Tea during the General Conference days at Waco, Texas

By MRS. ERNEST STEINDAM
of Waco, Texas



A miniature reproduction of the Bansa Baptist Hospital, Cameroons, Africa, showing Dr. Chaffee at right and Nurse Ardice Ziolkowski (center) on the African Table and with the gladioli raised by Mrs. Ernest Steindam behind the hospital building for the Women's Missionary Tea and Reception.

WE HEAR MUCH of the "language of the flowers". Yes, flowers have a language all their own and if we care to listen, they will speak their message to us. The sunflower as it holds its face toward the sun tells us to "KEEP YOUR EYES UPON JESUS", the Light of the world. Was there ever a sweeter demonstration of modesty and humility as you see revealed in the shy little violet? Roses, especially red roses, say, "I LOVE YOU," in a tongue familiar to all nations. That is why they are so popular for special occasions and for anniversaries.

But I want to tell you what the GLADIOLUS said to me. This is a little sidelight to our recent General Conference—a personal testimony to the fact that God is interested in us as individuals and in the things which we do IN HIS NAME. It is with reverence and humility that I share this experience with you because I love God and I love our group of fine Christian people.

PLANTING PLANS

Along with other preparations for my assignment of duties for the General Conference, I purchased and planted an assortment of gladiolus bulbs in colors to blend with the pastel tones of the covers to be used on the refreshment tables for the Reception and Tea honoring our missionaries, hoping that they would be in full bloom during the first week in June to use for our floral arrangements at that time.

As I planted and watered and nurtured these plants over a period of three months or so, these flowers spoke their language to me and impressed upon my heart some of the great truths of Scripture which strengthened my faith and caused my heart to rejoice. I would like to share some of these truths with you.

First, outside appearance can never reveal what is in the heart. Ugly, dry bulbs—how disappointing they looked! I paid \$10.00 for a little pile of them. I wondered if they would produce even one nice arrangement for our decorations. Perhaps it would have been better had I saved the money to purchase the flowers from a florist on the day of the Tea.

But how glad I am now that I did not take the easy way out. I would have missed the message of the flowers which they later spoke to my heart. One day I saw the signs of life as the first little green shoots came through the ground and I realized the truth of the Scriptures that before there can be new LIFE there must first be death.

The whole story of the resurrection was re-told in the green foliage. The ugly, brown bulb had sacrificed itself in order to give birth to a beautiful flower, yet to be revealed! In John 11:25-26 Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me SHALL NEVER DIE." So it was to be with the little brown bulb which I had planted.

PATIENCE AND FAITH

Another truth the gladiolus spoke to me was this: It takes TIME to produce something beautiful. My planting chart said: "Allow 70 to 90 days for blossoms to appear". We have an old adage, "Rome was not built in a day." Even a little brown bulb must lie dormant in the ground soaking in the essential elements from the soil necessary to produce a flower.

Neither can a Christian come to full maturity in a day, or a year—it takes a life-time of feeding upon God's Word, meditation and prayer, experience in Christian service, faith and obedience before we reach the prime flowering stage of our existence.

Ephesians 4:13 bears out this truth with the statement, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

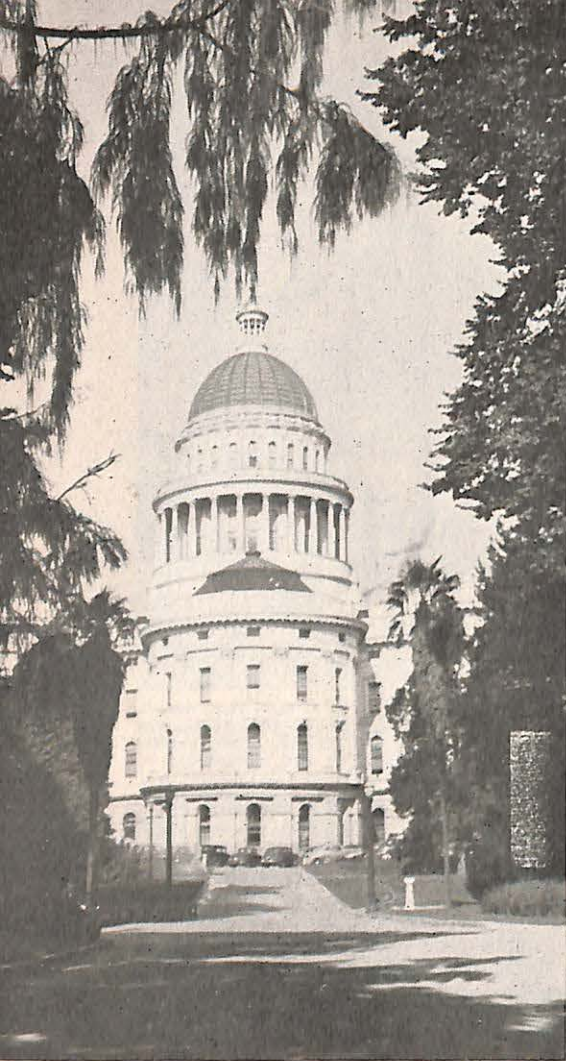
Again the gladiolus speaks saying: "Patience and faith always bring their rewards." After waiting nearly three months, a beautiful spire of blossoms appeared in my garden. I cut the flower and placed it in a vase on the kitchen table, and as I watched it unfold day by day it continued to reveal spiritual truths to me. It was true to color and form! The producer of the bulbs which I purchased told me this particular bulb would bear a gorgeous red "glad" and that it would produce from 13 to 16 buds on its stalk. It WAS a gorgeous red color and it DID produce the maximum of five blooms and eleven buds.

Others which bloomed later were in colors of orchid, yellow, coral, pink and even white—some were on short stalks, the blossoms very compact, which was their particular characteristic. Others bore their blossoms on tall spires with blossoms more widely spaced out but ALL were as they had been described.

UNFOLDING BEAUTY

These flowers said this to me. God, the producer of his children, knows our color and our kind, our possibilities and our weaknesses. To him we are INDIVIDUAL PLANTS, each with our individual personalities and he knows what each will produce when we bring forth our blossoms. Then I had to think of Matthew 10:30—"even the very hairs of our head are numbered," and Psalm 103—"for he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust."

This flower which I had cut continued to unfold—the blossoms on the
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The beautiful California state capitol in the city of Sacramento.

WHEN WE CAME to California nearly nine years ago to take over pastoral charge of the Zion Baptist Church of Franklin, California, we were unduly surprised to find that out of the 145 members of that church, about 25 were making their residence in Sacramento. It became at once apparent that there should be a church of our denomination in that city.

The one fact to hinder us in doing something definite in that direction was the relocation and building project of the church edifice in Elk Grove, Calif. The other fact to deter us was the goodly number of Baptist churches already active in Sacramento. Knowing that a large number of North American Baptists who had moved there within recent years had already become integrated with Baptist churches in that city, I could think of nothing more distasteful than to become a competitor with these churches. Thus such an endeavor on my part was mentally tabled for the time being.

A HARVEST FIELD

But from time to time voices could be heard expressing a desire for a church of our fellowship in Sacramento. I, too, cast my eyes upon that field and saw it white unto harvest.

Church Extension in the Capital of the Golden Empire



By REV. W. W. KNAUF of Elk Grove, California

This fact became repeatedly impressed upon my heart and mind by the numerous opportunities of service which presented themselves to us in that city and the fine number of members whom we were able to gain for the Kingdom of God and to gather into the fellowship of the church in Elk Grove. At present, 56 of our members live in the city of Sacramento.

Right from the start I discussed the possibilities of a church in Sacramento with my church board without pressing the issue. This happened several times during the course of the years.

Nearly two years ago I met with all our members living in Sacramento to discuss such a project with them and to ascertain their interest in such an undertaking. To my utter astonishment I discovered that by far the majority were not very much interested and declared that they would continue their present affiliation in spite of future developments.

Their attitude changed considerably when we pointed out the missionary and evangelistic possibilities we might have if such a work were in progress. Nothing definite, however, was done until we requested the General Mission Committee to have a Church Extension worker make a thorough investigation of the possibilities of a future North American Baptist Church in Sacramento.

In response, Dr. and Mrs. William Appel were sent here, beginning their work of investigation and canvass in July of last year. A rapidly-growing and thriving area in the northeast section of Sacramento was subjected to a thorough canvass. In this area a few of our members were already living, including the Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Rutsch.

However, the findings were not too encouraging in that the number of Baptists living in the area was comparatively small. This and the inability to locate a suitable site led the Church Extension worker, Dr. Appel, to give up this area as an unsuccessful job.

Following the above efforts, a successful canvass was undertaken in the southwest area of Sacramento. In

each canvass, Dr. Appel had the assistance of some of our members. These fruitful efforts led eventually to the purchase of five lots most strategically located in what was then an undeveloped subdivision, called the Willow Rancho.

The lots are located on Wakefield and Cromwell Ways, which form a V. All the lots in this subdivision have been sold and construction will soon be under way. Considerable work has already been done in the adjoining subdivisions. The property is about seven miles from downtown Sacramento, situated within a mile from a golf course, and is about twelve miles from Elk Grove.

About 60 percent of our Sacramento folk live between two to five miles from the church site. So far, one family has bought lots near this church property. The area has been allocated to us as North American Baptists by the local Comity Committee, and, as far as I know, we are the only Protestant group to hold property rights in Willow Rancho.

The subdivision is designed for medium-priced homes. There is a subdivision across the street which will have more expensive homes.

CLARENCE WALTH, PASTOR

Considering these facts, the future church of North American Baptists in the Capital of the Golden Empire is faced with a profound challenge. If we can maintain that which has been so unique about our denominational family, we can by the grace of God and by a positive presentation of the Gospel of Christ our Lord lead many out of sin's darkness into his marvelous light.

The interest and enthusiasm are mounting to see these efforts come to fruition. Mr. Clarence Walth, a 1955 graduate of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., has been appointed by the Church Extension Committee to serve as Church Extension pastor in Sacramento. He and his wife and family arrived here in June. Brother Walth is now putting forth definite efforts in the direction of getting the work started. May it please the Lord to lead these efforts to glorious victories!

I Met God in the Hospital



By DR. O. E. KRUEGER of Rochester, New York, After a Long Siege of Illness

"O God, help me to be a patient patient!"

THAT WAS the prayer with which I went to a Western New York hospital to submit to surgery. During 54 years of continuous ministry I had stood at the bedside of thousands of sufferers, but had never been a patient myself. Then as out of a blue sky came the report from the X-rays: Ulcers!

I said to my doctor, "How can I have ulcers? I have no tensions, no strains, no worries. I trust God for today and tomorrow. Faith and ulcers do not go together." He simply said, "Acid." But why should I accumulate so much acid? A friend of mine wrote, "I often wonder why calm people should have ulcers. We who develop so much acid should have them; but we spill our acid as we go on the innocent. They get the ulcers—we go free."

GOD'S SUSTAINING POWER

Be that as it may. I had them in the stomach and the duodenum. After the top surgeon in the hospital had removed them, he said to me, "We took a goodly part of your stomach away; you'll be able to eat anything you like." Of course, he meant the bad part.

How marvelous that God's creative and sustaining power is active in the human body so it can adjust itself to the use of a greatly reduced stomach with a new outlet. But this time the unlooked for thing happened. The new opening went into a deadlock. Its refusal to function lasted so long that a second operation became necessary. And again it went on strike. A third operation was being considered. The head nurse in our section seemed very much distressed about the situation. I assured her that I had long ago accepted the philosophical faith of Paul who said: "To them that



Dr. O. E. Krueger of Rochester, N. Y., former pastor, Seminary teacher, and General Conference moderator, on the occasion of his being honored at the 1954 commencement exercises of the Seminary with the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

love God all things work together for good."

Was that faith now to have a show-down test? I had committed myself to God and the hands of a skillful surgeon. Letters from hundreds of friends assured me that ten thousand prayers were being offered up for my speedy recovery. Was God letting me down?

"Happy Anna" sang to the sailors in Riga about going through the fields with God, walking and talking with him as good friends should and do. God is not only in the fields; he is in the hospital, too. I asked him, "Is this my day?" He seemed to say, "No, but it will be a long process, and you'll need much patience."

But I hear you say, "O shucks, Preacher, that is all wishful thinking!" Let that be as it may; I do not argue the point. It is working out that way, however. Months are passing by and I still have need of patience.

6,840 HOSPITALS

God is in the hospitals, in all hospitals, not only in those controlled by this church or that denomination. He is in every hospital, whether he is recognized or not. There are 6,840 hospitals in the United States with a capacity of 1,573,014 beds. God, present in every hospital, was available to the 19,869,016 patients taken care of last year.

A top surgeon who was also a deacon in a church, is reported to have said, "When I go into the operating room I leave God outside!" What kind of a conception did he have of God? He might tell the pastor who had come to pray for the patient to stay outside, but no one can tell God where he is to stay.

He is in the operating room before the surgeon gets there. It would be a sorry day for surgeons and patients if God were to abandon the hospitals. It is too bad that thousands of

surgeons and patients are not conscious of his Presence and healing power which, though it cannot be manipulated by magic, is active nevertheless, whether formally called upon or not.

Another great surgeon, not a church member, said, "I never go into the operating room without prayer." That means, "My skill is limited, my mind must be clear, my hand steady, the patient needs spiritual reinforcement." That is probably the attitude of the vast majority of medical men in our land. Such prayer is a state of mind, not a posture of the body, not a flow of words.

In my early childhood God became vocal to me in the frightening voice of thunder, and then in the calming voice of my widowed mother who sang with tears in her eyes, "Gott ist die Liebe" (God is love). We find God wherever we look for him in nature, in history, in joys, in sorrows, in human lives, in ourselves. He is vocal in the song of birds. "The voice of the Lord is upon the waters, the voice of the Lord is full of majesty."

God becomes focal in the lives of men and women who lend themselves as instruments of his manifestation. To the Christian, God became vocal and focal in Christ in whom we see the best picture of God's character.

"CAN I HELP YOU?"

My hospitalization brought to me a unique experience in the fact of the focalization of God. On the floor in my section there were 33 beds under the supervision of the floor office, with which every room has telephone connection. When the patient wants attention, he signals the desk and gets the standard response, "Can I help you?"

That is the central thought night and day, "Can I help you?" When (Continued on Page 13)



Vignettes of Church History

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

15. EARLY HERESIES— MONTANISM

MONTANUS, from Phrygia in Asia Minor, proclaimed himself to be the spokesman of the Holy Spirit for the Christian Church during the second quarter of the second century (135-160). He soon gained a large following who felt with him that the Church had become too formal, lacking the immediate manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the apostolic period.

The Montanists were earnest, high-minded Christians who believed that God spoke to them in visions and revelations just as he had to the prophets and apostles, and they went so far as to hold that truth thus received superseded the earlier Christian truth. Tertullian wrote: "If Christ abolished what Moses taught, because from the beginning it was not so (Matt. 19:8), . . . why should not the Paraclete abolish what Paul indulged . . .?" Among the new "truths" thus received was their teaching that second marriages are adulterous.

Common among the Montanists were ecstatic visions, speaking in unknown tongues, and similar experiences. They felt that the Church as a whole failed to realize the closeness to God which they cherished. In common with most of the Christians of their day, they believed that Christ

would soon return to earth to set up his Kingdom of righteousness and peace. Their "revelations," however, led them to specify details of the second advent which went far beyond Scripture.

The Montanists placed a great deal of emphasis upon holiness of life, separation from worldly things, and a full consecration to God. There can be no question but that the Montanists represented a protest in the church against formalism and worldliness. They misunderstood the Scriptural teaching concerning the walk of faith and insisted upon experiences which appealed to sense and feeling. Their numbers increased, and they were finally declared to be heretics by the Council of Constantinople in 381.

Throughout the history of the Church, outbreaks of similar movements can be traced. They flourish for a time and then disappear. In our own day various forms of so-called "Pentecostalism" represent the same general kind of protest put forward by the Montanists—much that is good and much that arises from a misunderstanding of the Word of God. Note how the Judaizing, the Gnosticizing, and the Montanizing tendencies seem to classify Christian sects through the centuries. (Cairns, 110-11; Newman, I, 202-06; Walker, 57-59.)

It Was Said at Waco!

Quotes from General Conference Addresses

"Brethren, I believe the world is hungry for you and me to tell them about the Lord Jesus Christ," Mr. Raymond R. Lindsey, Little Rock, Arkansas.

"If the world is to know who we are and whose we are, we are going to have to surprise them with the boldness of our faith." Rev. Harold W. Gieseke, Lorraine, Kansas.

"It is said that when prayer goes up, power comes down." Rev. R. C. McCormack, Parkersburg, Iowa.

"If our young people are going to realize the promises of God, they will have to have a purpose big enough to live for." Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Chicago, Illinois.

"Our ability is the measure of our responsibility." Quoted by Rev. W. S. Argow, Erie, Pennsylvania.

"Our voice as Christians in public affairs is as strong as our votes are

plenty." Rev. C. Emanuel Carlson, Washington, D. C.

"We need to have the spiritual insight when we behold these social revolutions of our day to be sufficiently disturbed and aroused to change our way of life to one of unselfish devotion to the proclamation of the Christian Gospel." Mr. Walter W. Grosser, Moderator of the General Conference.

"The Holy Spirit is insisting, over against all unfortunate practices of impersonalizing him, that he is a Person—just as truly personal as the Father and the Son. He is not merely an influence, power, energy, faculty or mode of being. He possesses personality in the highest sense." Prof. Ralph E. Powell, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

"The outstanding hallmark of our denomination has ever been the evangelistic spirit of our people. The Word of God is the sword of the spirit; and HE will have us wield no other sword.

Roger Williams Press

... NEWS

By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER

A SPECIAL NOTICE to our Woman's Missionary Societies. A new book which will be of special interest to the women of our churches will be published approximately September 1st. It is called, "All of the Women of the Bible," written by Edith Deen who is well-known throughout the Southwest and who has a national reputation as an outstanding writer, editor, and commentator on women's affairs. Years ago she ran a series of articles in her newspaper column on "Great Women of the Bible." The unexpectedly large response started her on research work which emanated in the present book.

It is our opinion that this type of book which contains 300 minute biographies, 52 searching studies, over 100 sketches of nameless women in the background will be exceedingly helpful for program and inspirational material for our Woman's Societies.

Since it is a source book containing much material and is also fully organized, the price of \$4.95 is not too high and we believe every society will make a worth-while investment by purchasing this. You can place your orders at any time at the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

MR. H. P. DONNER CALLED HOME

On July 8, 1955, Mr. H. P. Donner of Cleveland, Ohio, was called home to be with the Father. Mr. Donner was in his 94th year. He served as business manager at the Publication House for a period of 35 years. A future issue of the "Herald" will contain articles regarding the life and work of this consecrated brother.

It is by the Spirit through the Word that we are begotten unto newness of life and through it he wants is to be true witnesses and ambassadors of Christ." Rev. H. Palfenier, Denominational Evangelist.

"To be successful in our Church Extension program we must possess a passion for prayer and for lost souls. New people move into our cities and neighborhoods every day. They will probably not be there three days before the grocery man, paper boy, milkman and even the politician will have hunted them up. Yet they can be there for years before a Christian will call on them and seek to win them for Christ and his Church." Rev. John Wobig, Portland, Oregon.

Waco's Welcome to the General Conference

The Committee on Ushers was headed by Mr. J. N. Kittlitz, Sr., of Waco. About 30 ushers from Southern Conference Churches went about their important business of showing people to their seats, receiving the offerings and counting the money with quiet precision and amazing effectiveness. In addition, Mr. Kittlitz served busily at the Information Window, answered all questions that were directed to him by Conference visitors and distributed "Texas One Hundred Dollar Bucks" from his famous "Welcome Wagon of Waco." For many General Conference visitors Brother Kittlitz was "Mr. Texas" himself!

The General Conference decorations were uniquely beautiful. Mrs. Charles Marsteller and her "Flowers and Decorations Committee" had transformed the Waco Hall platform into a veritable garden. Green and red tinted calladiums rose above the footlights. A huge fountain of hydrangeas at the center was flanked on both sides by white calladiums and baskets of apple blossoms and green palms. The latticework in the decorations was covered with dogwood and "real" lemon leaves. The Southern Conference Woman's Missionary Unions had contributed \$219 toward the cost of the decorations. They were superb and, best of all, they were just as fresh and lovely on June 12 as at the opening of the Conference!



Rev. Roy W. Seibel of Emery, South Dakota, General Conference announcer, in action. At the Conference Mr. Seibel was appointed Director of Field Work and Promotion of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.



The men's chorus of the Strassburg Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas, sang at the Baptist Men's luncheon and at the General Conference sessions in Waco, Texas, lifting many hearts to inspirational heights of blessing.

For the first time in General Conference history the "Property and Displays Committee" headed by Mr. Erich H. F. Arnold of Waco prepared all exhibits, posters, Conference signs, etc., with no charge whatsoever for their services except for materials. It was a colorful, informative exhibit with all of our cooperating societies represented. In addition, a good sized Cameroons Baptist Chapel was set up in the vestibule of Waco Hall. Louisiana sugar cane bamboos formed the sides of the chapel and grass from Texas fields covered the top, giving it a realistic appearance. Large posters inside the chapel showed the amazing progress that has been made in our Cameroons mission during the past twenty years. The entire chapel has been shipped to London, England, to be placed on exhibit at the Baptist World Congress there.

The city of Waco gave North American Baptists its largest key of welcome! Representatives of the city and of Baylor University expressed their welcome in warm, hearty words from the platform. The new illuminated sign of the First National Bank on Waco Drive leading to the city welcomed the 31st General Conference in large bold letters. A calling card from the salesman of the Hamilton Furniture Company of Waco was left on one of the North American Baptist cars with this inscription, "I put a nickel in the parking meter for you, brother! A cop was about to give you a ticket!" That was the spirit of Waco's grand hospitality.

The General Conference announcer, Rev. Roy Seibel of Emery, S. Dak., brought his notices about meetings, telegrams, changes in schedule, and conference data with precision, distinctly and briefly. His ministry was greatly appreciated by the Conference. The Conference

Prayer Room in the Foyer of Meditation of the Armstrong-Browning Library was quite well used, according to Rev. Edwin Kraemer of Gatesville, Texas, who was in charge. All the local Conference Committees carried out their assignments with detailed skill. Two Conference Bulletins of four pages each were issued during the week, published by the Baylor University Press. A 36-page Official Conference Program was printed by the Roger Williams Press with the cover showing the front of the Pat Neff Hall on Baylor University Campus.

The hearty welcome and wonderful hospitality of Baylor University from President W. R. White to the staff of the University Cafeteria contributed greatly to the General Conference success in Waco. Dean Monroe Carroll extended Baylor's welcome in very friendly words on the opening night of the Conference. In the first General Conference Bulletins Dr. White, president, welcomed delegates to the campus in this brotherly spirit: "We welcome you because you represent a staunch Christian witness; furthermore, you hold to the great cherished doctrines and principles that have given Baptists their place in history. We have so many things in common that are dear to both of us. You will not only be among friends but among your brethren."

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We...the Women

By MRS. THOMAS D. LUTZ of Aberdeen, South Dakota, President

WE ARE ON OUR WAY home from the 31st General Conference, traveling through the big state of Texas. It is a beautiful day. We have had enough rain and cool weather to make the vegetation green and the atmosphere most pleasant.

We are reminiscing. Into our minds flashes the theme of the General Conference which now has become history. The expression of this theme is ringing in our ears and we pause to hear "What the Spirit Hath Said" through every phase of the General Conference. The Spirit of God has spoken and does speak to us today, echoing many calls to service.

"We the Women" will use the Woman's Union theme for the next triennium as an expression of our dedication to God in service.

"CHRIST FOR THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD"

Into our hearts and pealing forth from our voices comes the song which echoed again and again at the Conference.

"We will give, we will pray,
We will witness every day,
That the millions of the whole wide world
May know our Savior's love."

Memories of the Southern Conference women and the outstanding hospitality to us as hostesses in every

way make us want to do better work for our God.

You are surprised to note a change in writers on this page. June 10th was our wedding anniversary and on this day, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary, installed a new group of officers for our Woman's Missionary Union. They are: president, Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz, 516 N. 2nd St., Aberdeen, S. Dak.; vice-president, Mrs. Albert Reddig, Cathay, North Dakota; secretary, Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer, 2728 Auburn St., Erie, Pa.; treasurer, Mrs. Edward Kary, 3010 E. Overlook Rd., Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio; and Council Representative, Mrs. Frank Veninga, Aplington, Ia.

Yes, it was a wedding anniversary and a wedding in June, at Waco, Texas. We as the new Woman's Union officers were installed to walk not ahead but with you, side by side, on the road of service for God.

We want to express a deep love to our outgoing officers. They continue to carry on with us in a spirit of courtship.

To Mrs. W. Grosser who was constantly presenting corsages of love and appreciation throughout the Conference and has served us in untiring sacrificial service of love, we wish to say "Thank you!" We thank God for her. We cannot express our thanks in words, but we know our God will reward her and give her the joy of

A GOLDEN ILLUSTRATION

A little black boy asked a missionary in Africa, "Was Jesus a black man?"

"No, my boy, he was not," answered the missionary.

The boy turned away disappointed, saying, "The white people have all the good things."

Then, reflecting that the hot Syrian sun would have darkened the face of the Master, the missionary said, "I think his color would be between yours and mine."

And the boy clapped his hands and shouted, "Then he belongs to both of us."

—The Prairie Overcomer.

"Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

To our vice-president, Mrs. W. Stein, who has carried on in every way she could and who has faithfully promoted our White Cross work, we thank her and pray God to bless her.

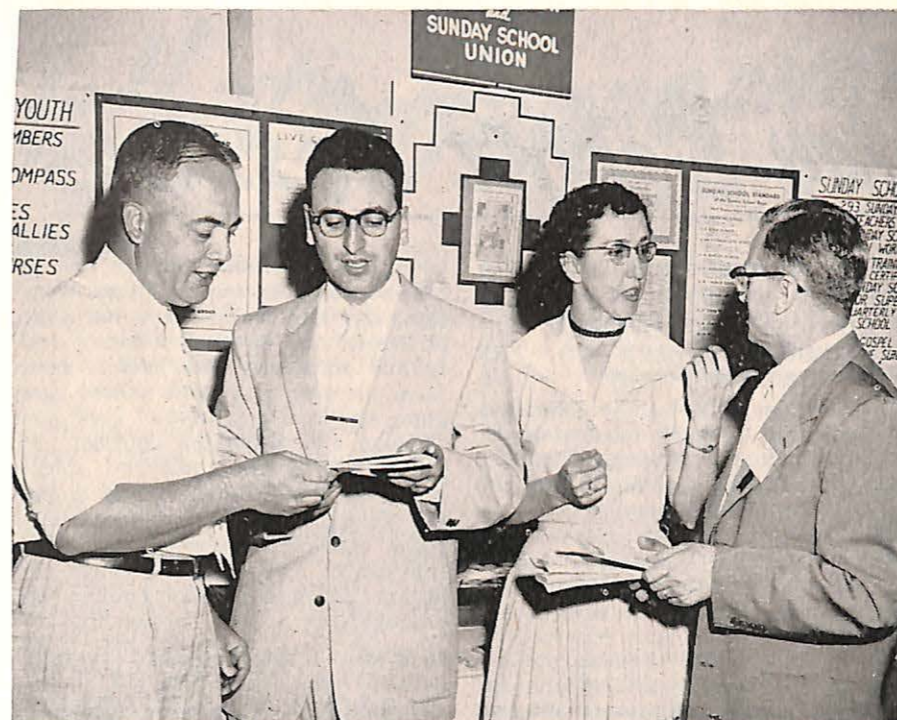
To Mrs. E. Wolff, our faithful secretary, who amidst the chattering was able to record and report all actions accurately, we say "Thanks!"

Our outgoing committee chairmen, the historian and "We, the Women" have made the past triennium one of high record and achievement. We are thankful that God has made us co-workers with him in this great field of "service".

Little did I think when I laid down my treasurer's book at the General Conference, that I would be given the mantle of the presidency. You have been most cooperative with me as your treasurer in the past. I appreciate your handshake of confidence. Of myself I can do nothing, but together we can do everything through our God who strengthens us. With HIM as our leader, we shall go forward side by side to carry on the mission God has called us to do that "the Whole Wide World" might come to know our Jesus.

Each Society of our Union will receive our charts, our goals and a letter from your president in the near future. Let us read all promotional materials, and "Watch, Work and Pray!"

May I add to the list of new officers, already mentioned, the other members of our Executive Board. You will hear from each of these people in the future through this page. Chairman of Missionary Education and Stewardship: Mrs. Arthur Sherman, Aplington, Iowa; Scholarship Chairman, Mrs. Emanuel Wolff, 1415 Osborn Street, Burlington, Iowa; and Broadcast Editors—English, Mrs. William Schoeffel, 1725 N. Burling Street, Chicago 14, Ill.; German, Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler, Leduc, Alta., Canada.



CBY and SS Union leaders engage in a lively conference in front of their General Conference Exhibit booth.

Left to right: Rev. Harold W. Gieseke of Lorraine, Kansas, speaker at the Youth Rally on Sunday afternoon; Rev. Lawrence Bienert, CBY Fellowship secretary; Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's worker; and Rev. J. C. Gunst, former CBY and SS Union secretary and now the denominational promotional secretary.



By REV. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary

THE NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARY

WHEN God's work prospers, God's people have reason to rejoice and be grateful. The inevitable has come to pass in the North American Baptist General Conference. God has permitted the General Conference to grow in all branches, our Sunday School Union not excluded. To keep pace with our rapidly growing missionary outreach at home and abroad, our local churches must expand in every field of training, service, and development.

Additional leadership for our Sunday Schools was long overdue. All delegates and visitors at the General Conference in Waco, Texas, were therefore overjoyed when the Conference elected a general secretary for the newly organized Sunday School Union.

REV. G. K. ZIMMERMAN

We are grateful to God for giving to the General Conference the Rev. G. K. Zimmerman to be the first full-time Sunday School Secretary. Brother Zimmerman was pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., when he was elected general secretary of the Sunday School Union. He comes

to this new position with twelve years of pastoral experience.

Brother Zimmerman is a native of North Dakota. He responded to the call to the ministry when he was a member of the First Baptist Church, Wishek, North Dakota. He graduated from the North American Baptist Seminary in 1943, furthermore from the Wesley College and the University of North Dakota. Brother Zimmerman has had successful pastorates in the following churches: Beaver Church at Auburn, Mich.; Grace Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak.; and Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. As a student he served one summer in the Bethel Church, Detroit, Michigan.

THE SECRETARY'S PROGRAM

As pastor of his churches Brother Zimmerman exercised commendable leadership in developing a good program of Christian education in the Sunday School, the Daily Vacation Bible School, and the Week Day Church School. He will be able to give helpful leadership in Workers' Conferences and Sunday School Conventions.

Rev. and Mrs. G. K. Zimmerman with their three boys will make their home in Maywood, Illinois. About half of his time will be spent in the field giving leadership at Sunday School conventions, teaching at leadership training sessions and directing Sunday School work in general. It will also be necessary for Brother Zimmerman to spend considerable time in the office, preparing printed materials, visual aids, and making preparations for his field activities.

He will be working together closely with the local conference Sunday School secretaries and Sunday School committees. To make arrangements for engagements and help in the Sunday School in local conferences and churches, leaders should get in touch with Mr. Zimmerman by writing to him at 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

By giving our wholehearted cooperation and prayers to Brother Zimmerman the work of the Sunday School Union will move forward with God's blessings.

WHAT THE "GLAD" SAID

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stalk continued to open—and as the new blossoms came the old blossoms faded away. I realized as I watched this process taking place from day to day that Christian people must also continue to develop, to unfold, to grow in beauty and grace. There is no standing still—no going backward. The old experiences are but stepping-stones to higher ground, just as the blossoms on the stalk open first at the BOTTOM and continue to unfold HEAVENWARD.

As the old blossoms wither and fade and are plucked off, just so must we forget the past and look to a brighter future. Again I was reminded of the experience of Paul when he said: (Phil. 3:13-14) "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect; but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus." Sometimes God uses a flower to make this truth real to us. We have but one purpose in life, that is to LIVE CHRIST.

Another lesson impressed upon my heart was that of DEPENDABILITY. The gladioli bloomed on schedule! I planted these bulbs at intervals with the purpose of having a maximum of blossoms for the first week in June—the week of the General Conference. They were purchased for this purpose; and they did not disappoint me! I had all the flowers I needed to decorate the drawing room for the reception and tea honoring our missionaries. In addition, one large arrangement was presented to me by a friend who was fearful I would not

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Women who participated in the missionary pageant, "The Macedonian Call," at the General Conference program of the Woman's Missionary Union held on Friday afternoon, June 10, at the Seventh and James Baptist Church, Waco, Texas.



Sunday School Lessons

A LESSON PLAN

Date: August 7, 1955

Theme:

LOYALTY UNDER DIFFICULTIES

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 137:1-6; Daniel 3:13-18.

PURPOSE: To set forth the need for loyalty even under difficulty.

GETTING STARTED: For several years now the question of loyalty has been much in the minds of the American people. Confronted by the realization that there were people and movements in these United States that would not hesitate to lead the nation even into ruin in order to achieve their ends, we have been persistent in our efforts to uncover such subversive elements and to remove them from positions of responsibility and influence. Not always have our actions been of the wisest sort; yet we dared not take this matter lightly, for we realized that nothing less was at stake than our nation's survival.

For the Jewish exiles the question of loyalty was even more pressing. Enormous difficulties stood in the way. Elements favoring it were almost nonexistent. Thus loyalty did not come easily. Yet it was all the more essential! For nothing less depended on it than the survival of the spiritual heritage that was God's chosen tool for bringing salvation to the world.

I. THE ESSENTIAL PROBLEM IN LOYALTY.

1. Not whether men are loyal or disloyal; for they are loyal by nature; loyal to something, to someone, if nothing more than their own desires;

2. But to Whom and to What they are loyal; for the test is between conflicting loyalties, and men must choose whether they will be loyal to—

a) That which will win the favor of men, or the favor of God; that which conforms to the world and the fashion of the hour, or remains loyal to the time-tested and the eternally valid and true; that which is expedient at the moment, or is true to the highest principles; that which brings the rewards of earth, or the approval of heaven (Psalms 137:1-6);

b) That which is the law of man, or the law of God; that which is the demand of my country, or the demand of my religious faith; that which serves my self-interest and self-preservation, or the cause of righteousness and truth; that which satisfies my ambition, or honors God (Daniel 3:13-18).

3. The problem, the challenge, is to be loyal to the highest and best.

II. DIFFICULTIES THAT TEST AND HINDER LOYALTY TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST.

1. In Psalm 137:1-6 these difficulties are indicated: a) great misfortune; b) an environment that tends to lead us astray and drag us down; c) the natural desire to please men and win their praise and good will; d) the ridicule of those who reject and despise our faith; e) the thoughtless and unfair requests important people make of us.

2. In Daniel 3:13-18 these are indicated: a) prosperity and success, for the Jews in exile did prosper and this would tend to make them forget God and their religious heritage; b) the desire for security and thus the tendency to play it safe; c) unjust and evil laws; d) the demands of powerful and ruthless men and nations; e) fear of what men will say and do.

III. RESOURCES THAT PROMOTE LOYALTY TO THE HIGHEST AND BEST.

1. Love for God and country (Ps. 137:4-5).

2. Unflinching faith in God (Dan. 3:17).

3. Strong convictions and the courage to hold them (Dan. 3:18).

4. The encouragement and support of like-minded people (Dan. 3:13).

A LESSON PLAN

Date: August 14, 1955

Theme: TRUE TO CONVICTION.

SCRIPTURE: Daniel 5:17-28.

PURPOSE: To point out the need for being true to our Christian convictions where beverage alcohol is concerned.

GETTING STARTED: There is a close relationship between chapters five and one of the Book of Daniel. The fearless sage of chapter five, so impervious to bribery and any promise for reward (5:17) and so courageous in the presence of a corrupt king and his sodden court (5:23-28), can be understood only in terms of the dauntless and well-disciplined youth of chapter one. Had Daniel not learned to stick to his guns when he was

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young, to discipline himself to the highest, to avoid anything and everything that had the power to harm him physically and to weaken him morally and spiritually, he would never have become the man whose very name stands as a symbol of great convictions and boundless courage. For great convictions must be deeply rooted in life when men and women are young. And courage to stick to those convictions through thick and thin can be learned only through persistent discipline, early applied and courageously held to through life.

I. THE CHRISTIAN FAITH SETS BEFORE US CERTAIN BASIC CONVICTIONS THAT ARE PERTINENT TO THE THEME OF TEMPERANCE.

1. The sanctity of the body; for it is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19-20). Therefore anything that defiles our bodies is wrong.

2. The need of being and giving one's best for Christ (Rom. 12:1). Therefore anything that keeps us from this best is wrong.

3. The common responsibility we bear for the well-being of our fellowmen. Thus anything that hurts another man is wrong for the Christian (Rom. 14:21).

II. THE MANUFACTURE AND DRINKING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES RUNS CONTRARY TO AND BREAKS DOWN THESE BASIC CONVICTIONS.

1. Alcohol is detrimental to bodily well-being, while abstinence is beneficial to it (Dan. 1:8-20). Every scientific fact bears out the truth of this assertion.

2. Alcohol does not help men to be and do their best; rather it tends to degrade them and leads to every kind of sin and degradation (Dan. 5:1-4).

3. Alcohol does not benefit the life of society; instead it ruins countless lives, breaks up innumerable marriages and homes, causes more unhappiness and misery than any other single cause, and leads nations into misfortune and ruin (Dan. 5:22-31).

III. LOYALTY TO OUR BASIC CONVICTIONS DEMANDS OF US THAT WE TAKE A COURAGEOUS STAND AGAINST THE MANUFACTURE AND USE OF BEVERAGE ALCOHOL.

1. By no stretch of the imagination, nor by any amount of rationalization can we as Christians speak ourselves free of this responsibility.

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What's Happening

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Derman of Ponoka, Alberta, missionaries to the Indians on the Montana Reservation, have announced the birth of a son to them on Wednesday, June 15. He has been named Dale Timothy.

Dr. Donald G. Davis, pastor of the Berean Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., served as instructor in the United States Army Reserve School, Chaplain Department, at Fort Meade, Maryland, from June 12 to 26. Some fifty army reserve chaplains from all parts of the country attended the training. Chaplain Davis worshiped with the West Baltimore Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., while at Fort Meade.

The Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., held a farewell reception for Rev. and Mrs. Otto Roth, superintendent and matron of the Home, on Monday evening, June 20. A detailed report will appear in the next issue about the service. Mr. and Mrs. Roth are spending the months of July and August on a well deserved vacation, after which they will make their residence in Portland, Oregon. He will be available for supply engagements in nearby pulpits from time to time.

The General Missionary Committee in session during the General Conference days from June 6 to 12 accepted the resignation of Rev. and Mrs. John Rhoads as our missionaries in Japan. They had been asked by the General Missionary Committee to serve in the rural area where our mission stations are located, which they felt they could not do. In view of these circumstances, their resignation was regretfully accepted. They have served as our missionaries in Japan since 1952.

The Faith Baptist Church of Camrose, Alberta, has extended a call to Rev. Herman A. Pohl of Burstall, Saskatchewan, to which he has given a favorable response. He has presented his resignation to the Burstall Church, which he has served for the past two years, and announced that he would begin his ministry at the Faith Church of Camrose on Sept. 1st. This church has been served in an interim pastorate by Mr. Bernard Schalm, a student at the University of Alberta. The church is located in the town of Camrose.

On Sunday morning, June 19, the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia,

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Fa., honored its school graduates by presenting them with appropriate gifts. The graduates were Mrs. Lois McLutchie, Philadelphia Bible Institute; Mr. Daniel Pfeiffer, University of Pennsylvania; Mr. Mark Pfeiffer, Eastern Baptist College; and Miss Barbara Hertrich and Mr. H. Peter Heinz, high school. Rev. W. C. Damrau, pastor, made the presentations and spoke on "Losing and Finding Life." The Vacation Bible School of the church was held from July 11 to 22.

The Central Baptist Church of Erie, Pa., held a joint Vacation Bible School from June 20 to 24 with the Simpson Methodist and Chestnut Street Baptist Churches. Rev. and Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer of the Central Baptist Church were in charge of the largest department. A total of 128 children attended the school. The Father and Son Banquet of the Central Baptist Church was held on Thursday evening, June 21, with Mr. George Dickey, director of the health service department at the Erie Y. M. C. A. as the guest speaker. Mr. Dickey is blind and had his "seeing eye" dog with him to help explain his interesting message.

1955 HARVEST AND MISSION FESTIVAL PROGRAMS

The programs and recitation material (English and German) for the Harvest and Mission Festival Programs to be observed this fall have been sent to all Sunday School superintendents to be received by the end of July or early in August. This early date of dispatching the program material will give the Canadian churches sufficient time to prepare for their Thanksgiving programs in September and for the churches of the United States to plan for a Sunday in October for this observance. The offering is designated for the foreign mission enterprise of our Conference. Extra copies of the program material can be ordered from the Roger Williams Press, 3754 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

Rev. O. A. Ertis of Lethbridge, Alberta, and members of the Bethany Baptist Church of that city have established a mission station at Tabor, 35 miles from Lethbridge. An attendance of 30 to 45 people has made this new work quite encouraging. The membership of the Lethbridge Church is 228. About 20 families have established their own homes in the city and three families are on rented farms. The new edifice of the Bethany Church was dedicated on Sunday, June 26, with Dr. John Leypoldt as guest speaker. An illustrated report about the dedication festivities will appear later in the "Baptist Herald".

At the Central Conference sessions held at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., from May 19 to 22, the Bible Baptist Church of Detroit, Michigan, and its pastor, Rev. Purl Atkinson, were received into the fellowship of the Central Conference and of the North American Baptist General Conference. The church is located at Riopelle and Nevada Streets in Detroit, Mich. The address of the pastor is given elsewhere in this issue. An illustrated report about the ministry of this new North American Baptist Church will appear later in the "Baptist Herald". There are now seven churches of our Conference in Detroit and vicinity.

Mr. Vic Seipke of Detroit, Mich., a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods Baptist Church and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Seipke, on May 15 won the title of Mr. America, Junior, at Lauderdale, Florida. On June 5 at Cleveland, Ohio, he tied for third place in the Senior Mr. America contest. He also won several trophies in physical culture honors. Mr. Vic Seipke is a member of the Grosse Pointe Woods CBY and Sunday School. He was baptized by Rev. P. G. Neumann, now of Costa Mesa, Calif. An illustrated article about him appeared recently in the "Iron Man" magazine. Congratulations, Vic Seipke, on these unusual honors that you have won! Dr. A. Dale Ihrie is his pastor.

Twenty-five children were enrolled in the Primary and Junior Departments of the Vacation Bible School held by the Tyndall Baptist Church, Tyndall, S. Dak., from June 6 to 10. Perfect attendance was registered by the children throughout the week. Teachers were Miss Delana Saylor, Mrs. Wilbert Berndt, and Rev. and Mrs. Rubin Herrmann. A large audience attended the closing program on Friday evening, June 10. The daily offerings brought by the children were designated for the New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons, Africa. The report about the ordination of the pastor, Rev. Rubin Herrmann, appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Committee on Education

By MISS MARTHA LEYPOLDT, Secretary of the Committee

"COORDINATION" is the key word of the Committee on Education in our denominational setup. Once each year the members of the Committee on Education meet to discuss the entire Christian education program of our denomination.

This year's meeting was held at Waco, Texas, prior to the meeting of the General Council and the General Conference. Reports from the following cooperating societies were heard:

1. **Our Seminary:** Acceptance as an associate member of the American Association of Theological Schools; improvement in immigration status; appointment of new professor of Christian Education; proposed appointment of a promotional worker and field work supervisor; a student exchange arrangement with the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany.

2. **Christian Training Institute.** Increased interest in the high school division, and presentation of a Development Plan for consideration.

3. **Missionary Society:** Progress in the Bible School in the Cameroons and the appointment of additional workers for the school; increased educational requirements for our Cameroons missionaries; and a well-defined field organization for the Cameroons Baptist Mission.

4. **CBY AND SS Union:** Proposed separate organizations of young people's and Sunday School work; new Junior CBY organization booklet; newly revised Scripture Memory Course; increased regional workers' conferences; and proposed study of Sunday School lesson materials.

5. **Publication Society:** The appointment of a Study Committee to consider the feasibility of publishing our own English Sunday School quarterly.

To coordinate the proposed plans of these cooperating societies the Committee on Education made the following recommendations to the General Council for consideration:

1. The endorsement of a promotional worker and field work supervisor at our Seminary.

2. The recommendation that the present program of the C.T.I. be maintained until the General Council can make a thorough study of the proposed Development Plan of the C.T.I. in relation to the entire denominational program.

3. The recommendation that the Committee on Sunday School lessons work in cooperation with the Study Committee of the Publication Society.

Further consideration was given to the following: 1. The endorsement of a Committee or Board of Christian Education for each local church; 2. the printing of a leaflet suggesting materials on Christian Education; and 3. a unified ordination procedure.

probably been down deep where they do the most harm.

That a group, however large or small, should set itself up as standard and make salvation dependent upon following that standard is irksome indeed. Social exclusiveness is bad enough. Commercial braggadocio ruffles the nerves, even of a calm man. What do the lying Russians think of our commercial lying with such claims as "the only" and "no other." Our stars come down from their high heaven to give a "puff" to their favorite brand. But business is business!

SERVICE OF LOVE

And so in the hospital I had much time to think. Was God in my thinking processes? I can hardly imagine that spiritual exclusiveness is God-inspired. In business and politics such attitudes and claims may be expected. But in religion, which majors in truth, love, and humility, one should look for a different attitude. But it is drilled into the child mind, "If you believe as I do, you'll go to heaven too." Hasn't that been a keynote in all religions? We call the roll of Pagans, Jews, Catholics, Protestants—all claim to hold the keys.

The high spots in the Bible are opposed to such exclusiveness. Ruth of Moab finds entrance among the chosen people. Nineveh finds mercy. Jesus accepted the Samaritans; he rejected nobody but hypocrites. Peter had to be taught through a vision "that God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that fears him and works righteousness is accepted with him." How far removed that is from the cheap, "If you believe as I do, you'll get to heaven too." Exclusiveness is shattered by Scripture.

How refreshing to be in a hospital in which God is manifested through service of love and kindness. David was anxious to show the kindness of God to a grandson of King Saul whom he would have slain if he had followed the custom of his day. If poor Mephiboseth was to experience the kindness of God, it must come through the hands of man.

I met God in the hospital in all the acts of kindness prompted by the desire to help. He came to me also in the hundreds of letters, over 600, written by loving friends assuring me of their love and concern and prayers for recovery.

For 54 years I had been trying to bring to a focus the love of God through my dealing with people. "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" had been a compelling command from my boyhood. That meant, love everybody! No seed is more certain to produce a harvest than the seed of lovingkindness. My hospital experience was a real harvest of lovingkindness. God was there!

Our Denomination in ACTION

SEMINARY REPORT

Appointment of Two New Teachers to the Seminary Faculty, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

Two appointments have recently been made by the Board of Trustees to the faculty and staff of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Miss Martha M. Leypoldt of Anaheim, Calif., will assume the position of Registrar and Professor of Christian Education. Rev. Roy Seibel, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., is to become Director of Field Work and of Promotion. Both will assume their responsibilities on September 1st of this year.

MISS MARTHA LEYPOLDT

Miss Leypoldt received her A.A. from Multnomah Junior College, Portland, Ore.; her B.A. from Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore.; and her M.R.E. from the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. She has taken additional studies at Oregon State College Extension School, Portland, Ore., Berkeley Baptist Divinity School and the University of California at Berkeley, California. While at college, she was general manager of the Student Body. She taught for several years in Gresham Union High School, Gresham, Oregon. For seven years Miss Leypoldt was editorial staff assistant in the department of the CBY and Sunday School Union at the North American Baptist Headquarters in Forest Park, Illinois. For the past two years she has been serving as Director of Christian Education in the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., and at present is president of the Southern California Director's Fellowship. Thus she comes to the Seminary with a wide experience in academic and practical Christian Education, strengthening this department very materially.

REV. ROY SEIBEL

Rev. Roy Seibel received his B.A. from Tabor College, Hillsboro, Kans.; his B.D. from the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls; and his M.A. in Bible from Baylor University, Waco, Texas. He was ordained as a minister in the Strassburg Baptist Church, Marion, Kans., in 1943, where he was pastor for several years. For eight years he served as pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas. For the past four years he has been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Emery, South Dakota. He has had much experience in young people's and camp work, having been dean on several occasions. He erected a new church building and parsonage while at Waco, Texas. He has been very active in the denominational program in evangelism

and missionary outreach. Recently he served as the General Announcer at the large General Conference of North American Baptists which assembled in Waco, Texas. The Seminary is fortunate in securing Mr. Seibel as Director of Field Work and Promotion. He will develop plans for recruitment of new students and the general promotion of the Seminary. He will also teach Survey of the New Testament and Worship.

The appointments are part of a plan of expansion of the Seminary developed by the Board of Trustees in its recent sessions.

George A. Lang, President.

Northern Conference

Many Fine Programs and Baptism at First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

On Sunday evening, May 15, at the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., our pastor, Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, baptized four persons upon their faith in their Lord Jesus Christ.

The church celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Miller on Sunday evening, May 29th. An appropriate gift was presented to the happy couple by Mr. R. Grabia, honorary deacon of the church.

On Sunday evening, May 8th, the young people rendered a Mother's Day program, featuring a play, "The House on the Sand." All the mothers were presented with a beautiful flower from



Miss Martha Leypoldt of Anaheim, Calif., recently appointed to the faculty of the North American Baptist Seminary.

the CBY. This program was later presented at the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, the Wiesenthal and the Camrose churches.

On Saturday evening, May 14, the young people from the Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta., presented a very fine program featuring the play, "The Lost Church," and several musical numbers by a ladies' trio and a men's quartet. The CBY of the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, presented an interesting program at our church on Wednesday evening, May 25th. J. C. Kraenzler, Pastor.

Nine Converts Baptized and 16 New Members Received, Lauderdale, Edmonton, Alberta

The work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of people in the past came to evidence at the Lauderdale Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., when the Rev. G. J. Thiessen led nine persons into the waters of baptism on Sunday, May 15th. These converts were the result of concentrated efforts by the church over the period of the last year. During the month of April the pastor instructed all grades of Sunday School from Junior to young people's classes in the course of the "New Life" series.

Most of the converts were adults. One came from Catholicism. Another, a middle aged man, was wonderfully converted just a week before. After trying every other thing and finding no rest, he came to Christ for satisfaction and forgiveness. The baptismal service was held in the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton. Rev. H. Pfeifer spoke in the German language and Rev. G. J. Thiessen in English to a capacity audience.

Besides the nine baptismal candidates, seven others came to join the church by experience and letters from other churches. The following Sunday, May 22nd, the hand of fellowship was extended to these sixteen new members. G. Thiessen, Pastor.

Central Conference

Evangelistic Meetings and Baptismal Service at the Ripley Blvd. Church, Alpena, Michigan

Evangelistic meetings were held at the Ripley Blvd. Baptist Church of Alpena, Mich., from March 21 through April 3, with Rev. A. Fadenrecht, pastor of the Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich., as evangelist. Several decisions were made for Christ and many reconsecrated themselves to the Lord. Our pastor, Rev. Eric Kuhn, spoke at the Gladwin Church on Sunday, March 27.

Recently four persons were baptized on confession of their faith in Christ. Among those baptized were the Deputy Sheriff of Alpena County, Carl Enger, his wife and daughter. The baptismal service was held at the Church of the Nazarene since the baptism in our new church building is not as yet completed.

Mrs. Clarence Zgorski, Reporter.

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2. On the one hand, like Daniel we must make it our purpose to abstain absolutely from the use of alcoholic beverages ourselves.

3. On the other hand, we must use our influence to root out a growing evil that destroys countless lives, leads to every kind of vice and evil, and weakens and may finally destroy our own nation.

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this pekin? Ma fit help me?" Another woman had been nursing the baby for him but refused to continue, so a bottle was prepared, blankets and baby clothes were given and a bed for the baby prepared. The father is staying in one of the wards at the dispensary and he looks after the baby except for bathing and fixing of formula. He will be shown how to do these things and gradually will be able to take over full responsibility.

Pray that God might bless and heal all those who came for physical help and that they might have found healing for their souls as well.

I MET GOD IN THE HOSPITAL

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hospitalization becomes necessary, it is wonderful to fall into the hands of a company of Good Samaritans: doctors, interns, nurses, student nurses, attendants, aids. There were Jews, Roman Catholics and Protestants. There were Americans, French, Italians, Chinese, white and black.

What impressed me most of all was that there was no noticeable difference in their attitude toward the needs of the sick. One and all were there to make the patient comfortable. My wife placed chocolates and nuts in the office with the label: For all good Samaritans! God was vocal and focal in these fine people.

Listening to the radio one Sunday morning I heard a man evidently teaching a class of boys and girls, drilling them in Bible passages and choruses such as, "You can't go to heaven on roller skates, you'll skate right by the Pearly Gates," and "If you believe as I do, you'll go to Heaven too!" "Yes indeed, I am the standard, I am the pattern!" What arrogant spiritual pride some folks have! It irked me, me who said, "I have no tensions, no resentments." They have

Atlantic Conference

Sessions of the Delaware Association at the West Baltimore Church, Baltimore, Maryland

The Delaware Association assembled in regular session at the West Baltimore Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., on Saturday, May 7th, to consider the advisability of continuing the work of this organization. Rev. Henry G. Laube acted as moderator and Rev. Christian Peters as secretary pro tem.

After a period of discussion, a resolution was passed that the Delaware Association be dissolved. A very meager attendance of the association meetings gave the apparent reason to believe that it no longer serves the needs for which it was originally organized.

A further resolution was passed that the money in the treasury in the amount of \$139.34 be equally divided between foreign missions and the Home for the Aged in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A third resolution was passed that all minute books be sent to our denominational headquarters at Forest Park, Ill., for filing and for future references.

The reports from the churches representing the Delaware Association were very encouraging, setting forth fine increases both spiritually and numerically.

May the dear Lord grant his blessings upon the work of the association, so nobly begun and consistently carried on throughout the years of its activity, that in the years to come its fruitage may be realized through other branches of his work more properly adapted to the needs of our present generation.

Christian Peters, Sec'y Pro Tem.

The Obituary of the Delaware Association After Its Final Meeting in Baltimore

Responding to the request to write an "Obituary" for the Delaware Association for our periodicals, it may be said that the beginning of the association came before 1893. In 1893 a reorganization took place.

The programs were similar to those of the conferences, but since the number of the visitors was smaller, the people came closer to one another and the leaders present had opportunity to find a place in the program.

What will take the place of the association? Our enthusiastic youth secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst, gave the answer in the Youth Institute. As far as the time of meeting is concerned, that may be true, for a year ago we met in the Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa., where the association was held in close connection with the Christian Workers' Conference.

May God help us to adapt ourselves to changing conditions, that in all changes we may not lose ground but gain in spirit and efficient work for his Kingdom.

John Kemnitz, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Baptismal Service and Missionary Message by Laura E. Reddig at Mowata Church, Louisiana

On Sunday, May 15, three young people followed the Lord in baptism at the Mowata Baptist Church, Branch, Louisiana. Before the baptism Rev. Alex Sootzmann gave a short sermon about the meaning and purpose of baptism. After the baptism, the new members were welcomed into the church and the Lord's Supper was observed. Those who followed the Lord in baptism were Cynthia Casselmann, Elizabeth Lengefeld, and Blanche Bieber.

On June 4 and 5, we were happy to have Miss Laura Reddig, one of our missionaries to the Cameroons, Africa, in our church. On Saturday afternoon, Miss Reddig spoke at the Woman's Missionary Society. On Sunday morning she brought an inspiring and challenging message of the work in the Cameroons. On Sunday afternoon, Miss Reddig showed slides of some of the work in New Hope Settlement. Let us pray for Miss Reddig when she returns to the Cameroons. Let us also pray that the Lord will expand the work there.

Raymold Loewer, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Ordination of Rev. Rubin Herrmann at Tyndall, South Dakota, Into the Gospel Ministry

At the call of the Tyndall Baptist Church of Tyndall, S. Dak., an ordination council comprised of ministers and lay delegates from 13 churches of the South Dakota Association, convened at the Tyndall Baptist Church on May 31st at 2:30 P.M. The council was called to order with the singing of "O Worship the King," after which the Rev. George Lubbers, interim pastor of the local church, read Psalm 67 and led in prayer.

Permanent officers of the ordination council were duly appointed as follows: Rev. Alfred Weisser, moderator; Rev. Willis Potratz, clerk. The candidate, Mr. Rubin Herrmann, was presented to the Council by Rev. George Lubbers. At the request of the moderator, Mr. Herrmann gave clear and satisfactory statements concerning his conversion, call to the ministry and doctrinal views. After a period of questioning the Council went into executive session and declared itself completely satisfied with the candidate.

The ordination service was held that evening in the Tyndall High School Auditorium, with the moderator presiding. Rev. A. Beaty led the song service. The Scripture lesson was read by Rev. G. Huisinga after which Allan Rieb of the local church sang a solo. We were led to the Throne of grace

by Rev. E. Kirstein. The minutes of the Council were read by the clerk. Miss Frieda Herrmann and Mrs. Caroline Zeitner, sisters of the candidate, brought a message in song. The ordination sermon based on 1. Cor. 6:19-20 was brought by Dr. George A. Lang. After the laying on of hands and the ordination prayer by Rev. H. Weiss, the male quartet of the Danzig church sang. Rev. H. Smuland gave the charge to the church, and Dr. George Dunger gave the charge to the candidate. The welcome into the ministry was given by Rev. G. Lubbers and Rev. F. Schmidt handed the candidate his certificate of ordination as tangible proof of that which had transpired.

After the singing of a closing hymn, the Rev. Rubin Herrmann dismissed the audience with the benediction. May the Lord give this fine, consecrated servant and his wife much joy as they serve the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches, and richly bless their ministry to the salvation and upbuilding of many souls.

Willis Potratz, Clerk.

Southwestern Conference

Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas, Honors Its School Graduates at Banquet

The Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kans., held its annual banquet honoring its school graduates on Wednesday, May 11. The graduates are Sharon Allen who graduated from the eighth grade; Phyllis Eisenhower, Della Ann Towse, and Robert Wendelburg graduating from high school. The high school class motto is "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:6).

The theme for the banquet was "The Promising Future." Mrs. Kenneth Whitehouse served as toastmistress. Rev. H. J. Wilcke gave the invocation. The welcome was given by Mrs. Ronald Fritzeimer. Phyllis Eisenhower gave the response. Two piano solos were given by Sharon Allen and Janice Reimer, an outstanding piano student from Stafford. Vocal solos were given by William Kane of Stafford and by Robert Wendelburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Whitehouse were recognized since both have graduated from John Brown University within the past year. Mrs. Herman Hildebrand who is graduating from a four-year Menninger Bible Course was also recognized. Mr. Alvin Reimer, the Stafford High School music director for the past nine years who is leaving Stafford, was honorably recognized for his Christian influence and fine musical training which he has so generously given the young people and the entire community.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Kenneth S. Hill, superintendent of the Stafford Schools. He spoke on "The Promising Future" and emphasized the opportunities and the helps along life's road that make for a blessed and secure future.

Mrs. Edward Lichte, Reporter.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church Near Junction City, Kansas, Reports Many Inspiring Activities

The member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kans., considered it a real privilege to have had Rev. Elmer Strauss of Ellinwood, Kans., for a week of special services from March 27 to April 2. He spoke not only at the church but made use of his unique talent with boys and girls by presenting his activated Bible stories in various schools in the vicinity. Messages for the adults centered around the Second Coming of Christ.

Once again Mt. Zion Church has completed a happy week of Vacation Bible School from May 23 to 27. There were 23 boys and girls enrolled with an average attendance of 21. Teachers were Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Kruegel and Betty Zoschke.

Our pastor, Rev. J. R. Kruegel, has extended his ministry to the village of Skiddy, Kansas. There he preaches once every month. He has reported some fine services and encouraging attendance at Skiddy. Also from Skiddy we secured two carloads of boys and girls for the Vacation School each day.

The next issue (August 11) of the "Baptist Herald" will be abbreviated to 16 Pages.

We are happy to report the largest group of boys and girls enrolled in our Scripture Memorization project this year than ever before. One of our girls, Jeanine Martinitz, is completing her ninth year of Scripture Memorization and will be eligible for the grand award. She is the first of our church to achieve this distinction. The Scripture Memorization boys and girls presented the evening's service on June 12 with a varied program of Bible verse recitations, missionary stories, brief dialogues, and a vello board message.

Mt. Zion's missionary sons and daughters write home of their busy lives in the Lord's service across the seas:

Robert Brenner with his wife and small daughter is stationed in Managua, Nicaragua, Central America. Robert recently participated in a young people's conference which was held for all the youth of the Baptist churches in Nicaragua. He writes: "The site was on a farm, the hub of activities being located in a cattle corral. It was horribly dusty and dirty, but the Lord wonderfully blessed." Mr. and Mrs. Brenner have now assumed full responsibility for the boy's boarding department of the Christian Boy's School located in Managua. Robert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brenner of Mt. Zion.

Rachel Zoschke is engaged in missionary endeavor high up in the beautiful Andes of Chile, South America, at a lumber camp horse and buggy town known as Liquine. She assists with the school, dispensary, and little chapel. Rachel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Zoschke of Mt. Zion.

Betty Zoschke, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Women's Program, Piano Recital, and Building Project at Los Angeles' Fifteenth St. Church

On Sunday afternoon, May 9th, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Fifteenth St. Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., celebrated its 65th anniversary. Mrs. Elizabeth Mittelstedt, faithful long-time president of the society, led the inspiring program enjoyed by a full auditorium. The day was one of manifold blessings beginning with the "Dedication of Children" during the morning worship service. This impressively beautiful ceremony has become a tradition every Mothers' Day. Our pastor, Rev. E. Mittelstedt, delivered an appropriate message on "Mary, the Mother of Jesus."

During the afternoon program, we were honored to have as guest speaker, Mrs. Albert M. Boggs, who has served in the India Mission Field for 45 years. Her stirring story about "The Handful of Rice" left its imprint on the heart of each one present. We heard how the Christian women of India deprive themselves of sorely needed food by giving a "Handful of Rice" from each meal in order to further God's cause. This example of true sacrificial Christian giving is an opportune lesson for each member of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church as we prepare to go into our building project.

On Sunday afternoon, May 29th, Mr. George Wall, Jr., grandson of one of our pioneer members, Mrs. Specht, gave a piano recital for the benefit of our church building project. Hearing that Mr. Wall was an artist at the piano caused us to expect a blessed afternoon. However, as he played, we evidenced a greater joy than we had anticipated. He has a wonderful God-given talent, which he is dedicating to God's honor and glory. His inspiring recital enriched our Building Fund by \$412.82 for which we are grateful.

We are happy to report that we, as a church, have purchased four lots for the sum of \$30,000 (with an option on the fifth one), on which we plan to build our new church edifice. The lots are located in a lovely residential section in the southwest part of the city on Imperial Highway and Spinning Street. We feel God's guidance in the purchase of these lots, for they came along at a crucial time—just when we were facing what looked like insurmountable problems. The members, the survey committee, and especially our loyal pastor, spent many months looking for suitable lots as soon as the Board of Education informed us that we must vacate our present location. After many disappointments, our pastor found these lots which were purchased immediately. We are thankful to God for answered prayers, and know that he will continue to guide us as we undertake this great building project.

Esther Johnston, Reporter.

"Baptist Men" of Oregon Hold a Father's and Son's Banquet in Portland, Oregon

The Baptist Men of Oregon held a state-wide Father's and Son's banquet on June 6 at the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon. At this banquet, the Baptist Men observed their second annual anniversary. This state organization had its inception at a rally on May 22, 1953 at the Villa Ridge Baptist Church. They adopted the activities and objectives as outlined by the national organization.

Mr. Stewart, president of the Trinity Baptist Men, welcomed all the fathers and sons. Rev. Eldon Seibold led the song service and also favored us with several piano selections. He also brought forth the subject of the Men's Chorus which sang for the first time at the Oregon Association in the Salt Creek Baptist Church and stressed continuance of this activity.

Mr. Don Sturzell of the Glencullen Church played several numbers on the accordion. He is a boy of about twelve years of age. It is this type of youth to whom the Baptist Men of Oregon have dedicated themselves to help. Mr. Schneider generously offered to sell the beautiful camp grounds located four miles from Falls City, Ore., consisting of 160 acres with the buildings and majestic trees for the cause of Christ's Kingdom. The Baptist Men of Oregon presented this offer to the churches in Oregon and it was accepted and the Oregon Baptist Camp was organized, giving our youth a Christian camp ground.

Mr. Victor A. Loewen, president of the state Baptist Men, presented roses to the oldest father, youngest father, fathers with the most children, and father with the most boys present. Mr. Loewen was also the first president of the state organization serving with Abe Haas, vice-president; Charles Wagner, secretary; and Ted Lindey, treasurer.

The speaker of the evening was Mr. Kenneth Grafham from Australia. He gave an interesting discourse on the "Baptist Men of Australia." Not always are there special speakers called in, since the laymen of the Oregon churches have given messages. Four outstanding laymen spoke on subjects relating to the activities of the state organization at the Oregon Baptist Association in 1953, which were well received.

Election of officers took place and the following will serve for the 1955-1956 term: president, Sam Rich; vice-president, Carl Roberts; secretary, Arrol Rook; treasurer, William Radke.

A delicious steak dinner was served by the ladies of the host church to a great many more men than met at the first banquet at the Immanuel Baptist Church in 1953.

The Baptist Men of Oregon are looking into the future with a vision of more weekend retreats at the Oregon Baptist Camp, more youth camp groups, more spiritual growth and greater growth of the men's chorus.

Charles Wagner, Reporter.

Sessions of the Pacific Conference at Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California

June 1st and 2nd were the days of a unique session of the Pacific Conference at the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California. The unusual features were its brevity and the accelerated order of the business procedure. Under the able and pleasant leadership of Rev. Frank Friesen of Portland, Ore., all matters were well taken care of. Mr. Friesen was acting moderator in the absence of Rev. Lewis B. Berndt.

The genial and warm-hearted host pastor, Rev. B. Jacksteit, expressed the friendly welcome at the opening session, which was demonstrated by the members of his congregation to the delegates and friends. The music, meals and abundance of flowers furnished by the host church were much enjoyed and appreciated. Representation from many of our churches was lacking. This may have been due to the shortness of the conference and the forthcoming meetings of the General Conference at Waco, Texas.

Rev. C. E. Schoenleber, our faithful statistical secretary of many years, could not be with us due to illness in the family. He was truly missed, but his good work was present as an evidence of his diligence and interest.

"Look to the Foundations" was the timely theme chosen for the Conference, taken from Psalm 11:3. Rev. F. E. Klein of Colfax, Wash., brought the initial message on the subject, "The Unchanging Christ." It was a powerful presentation of the claims of Christ. Both heart and conscience were awakened to our responsibilities as those who are his witnesses.

The morning devotional period was led by Rev. Eldon Seibold of Portland, Oregon. His text was Matt. 7:24-27, the subject "The Eternal Word." Rev. John Wobig ministered the Word in the afternoon from Ephesians 2:19-22 on the subject, "The Abiding Fellowship."

The women of the Pacific Conference met for a luncheon at noon, which was followed by a business session and a program. They were addressed by Mrs. B. Ben Lawrence. At the same hour there was a meeting of the laymen and ministers. A missionary rally brought this streamlined conference to its close. Mrs. G. Ben Lawrence spoke on the subject, "The Ongoing Task," and afterwards showed pictures of the work in the Cameroons.

Newly elected officers are as follows: moderator, Rev. W. W. Knauf, Elk Grove, Calif.; vice-moderator, Rev. F. E. Klein, Colfax, Wash.; recording secretary, Rev. Arthur K. Schulz, Portland, Ore.; statistical secretary, Rev. C. E. Schoenleber, Yakima, Wash.; representatives to the General Council, Rev. John Wobig and Mr. A. Sauer; mission secretary, Rev. Robert Penner; representative to the General Mission Committee, Henry F. K. Hengstler; representative for the Sunday School Union and CBY, Mr. Paul Jungkeit.

Henry F. K. Hengstler, Reporter.

Sessions of the Pacific Conference Woman's Missionary Union at Anaheim, California

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Pacific Conference met for its annual meeting at the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, Calif., on June 2. Our time was limited since there was only a one-day session for the Pacific Conference. We as a Woman's Union were allotted the noon hour on this day.

A delicious lunch was served in the recreation hall of the church. As we sat around the beautifully decorated tables and while lunch was being served, our president, Mrs. F. E. Klein, of Colfax, Wash., presided over the brief business program. Mrs. F. W. Bartel of Santa Ana Heights, Calif., conducted the devotional service. Mrs. Boehi of Portland, Ore., gave us her treasurer's report in mimeographed form, and Mrs. H. Hengstler of Los Angeles, Calif., reported as secretary. Mrs. Jennie Boehi of Portland, Ore., rendered a beautiful solo. Our president, Mrs. Klein, welcomed Mrs. E. Seibold of the Glencullen Church, Portland, Ore., into our conference.

We had the privilege of having Mrs. Margie Lou Lawrence, our Cameroons missionary, with us. She gave us a message about their work in the Cameroons and also showed some pictures. We were again reminded that we should pray more fervently for the laborers of Christ in Africa and for the natives of Africa.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Mrs. F. E. Klein, Colfax, Wash.; vice-president, Mrs. G. G. Rauser, Lodi, Calif.; vice-president, Mrs. John Wobig, Portland, Ore.; vice-president, Mrs. A. S. Felberg, Vancouver, B.C.; secretary, Mrs. H. Hengstler, Ebenezer Church, Los Angeles, Calif.; treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Boehi, Portland, Oregon.

We were again favored by a trio from the women of the Bethel Church of Anaheim. We voted to give the offering which was taken at this time to the Cameroons Mission Field. Mrs. A. S. Felberg pronounced the benediction. We as the women of the Pacific Conference churches are looking forward to another year of service for our Lord.

Mrs. Wm. H. Kroesch, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Rally of German-speaking Baptist Young People of Ontario at Toronto Church

An enthusiastic group of German-speaking Baptist young people of Ontario gathered at the German Missionary Church in Toronto for its semi-annual Youth Conference, representing Baptist churches from Toronto, Hamilton, Kitchener, Windsor, and other places. Speakers at the conference were as follows: Rev. John Wahl from Hamilton who was the chairman of the rally; Rev. John Goetze, the

dynamic pastor of the Central Baptist Church in Kitchener; and Mr. John Wahl, Jr., from Hamilton. The theme of the conference was taken from the two epistles of the Apostle Paul to Timothy. It was very adaptable to young people in that it encouraged them to live more Christ-like lives.

The conference commenced on Saturday evening, May 21. One hundred and forty young people were present for the initial program. A cordial welcome was extended by the youth leader of our church in Toronto. Rev. John Wahl delivered his first address to the conference entitled, "The Influence of the Christian Home." The young people assisted in the services by bringing various numbers in song and word. Accommodations were provided for the young people by the church members.

On Sunday morning devotions were led by the deacon, Mr. Schultz. Rev. John Goetze spoke on "The Goal of the Christian Life" emphasizing the important role the Christian young person is playing in world drama. He also spoke on "Why We Believe in Christ." Following the address, a large number of young people participated in a short prayer meeting.

The final sermon in the evening service was delivered by Rev. John Wahl who spoke on the theme, "Trust God and Be Trusted by Men." Before the close of the conference, the young folk were given an opportunity to express their relationship to Christ which they did warmly and fervently in their testimonies.

R. Goetze, Reporter.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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been appointed General Secretary of the Baptist Federation of Canada. He will assume his new duties on Nov. 1. A native of the Maritimes, Dr. McDormand received his B.A. degree from Acadia University in 1929. Following pastorates at Middleton and Amherst, N. S., he went to Western Canada where he was pastor of the Strathcona Church in Edmonton, Alberta. He received his B.D. degree from St. Stephen's College, Edmonton, in 1935. From 1938 until 1942 he was Secretary of Christian Education for the Baptist Union of Western Canada, and in 1942 he became editor of Sunday School Publications for the Baptist Publications Committee of Canada and continued in this position until 1948. From 1945 until 1950 he was editor of "The Canadian Baptist". During two years of this time he served also as Associate General Secretary of the Ontario and Quebec Convention and on the death of Dr. H. H. Bingham, succeeded him as General Secretary in 1950. In 1952 he received his Doctor of Theology degree from Emmanuel College, Toronto, and the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from McMaster University. He is well known in many North American Baptist churches.

JAPANESE TESTIMONIES

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ably better. When we opened up the meeting for testimonies, he testified that he had become a Christian. It was then that I learned that he was the son of Grandmother Murakami. A few nights later both he and his mother came into church beaming with joy, and I immediately sensed that they must have experienced a real victory or something.

When the time came for testimonies we learned what this victory was. Before they had come to church, he and his mother had taken their family idols and had thrown them into the river. This testimony electrified the whole congregation. Some of the people said that this was the first time in the history of our city that anything like this had been done. The fact that this is a very old and influential home in the community made the importance of the testimony all the greater.

Some of the people stayed for a long time after the church service was over with to talk about it, and I think I can safely say that no one was any happier than this grandmother. Not only had her son found Christ, but the idols which had been a stumbling block to her had been removed from her home.

OVERCOMING ANCESTOR WORSHIP

In my last article I told you about Mrs. Sekoguchi, the widow, who found her way to the church and to Christ through a tract. After I had written that article Satan made a very hard attempt to take this young Christian from us. She went through a real period of trials and doubts, and it looked very much as if we would lose her.

However, God honored our prayers in her behalf, and it seems that she has come through this period all the stronger for it. Her big struggle was that of leaving the idol and ancestry worship. The problem that this widow faced were very grave problems. Many whom we feel are really coming through with a clear cut testimony for Christ fall at this point. At first, it seems as if they have made a clear break with these things but after a while we discover that they have fallen back into their old life.

This is very heartbreaking for the missionary when it does happen, and underlines why we continuously keep requesting that you pray for our Christians here in Japan. You cannot begin to imagine how great the struggle is that goes on in their hearts when they must make a break with all of their idols and ancestor worship. This break is especially great when the rest of the family and the relatives are all opposed to it.

CONFERENCE GATHERINGS

(Also denominational representatives at these sessions)

July 28-31—Kansas CBY Camp at Camp Fellowship, Goddard, Kans. D. Ralph Powell and Rev. George Henderson.

July 31-August 6—Pacific Northwest Young People's Assembly at Pinelov Park Camp, Loon Lake, Washington. Rev. R. Schilke and Miss Ruth Bathauer.

August 1-5—South Dakota Junior Camp at Camp Riverside, Mitchell, South Dakota. Miss Alethea S. Kose and Miss Margaret Kittlitz.

August 6-7—Michigan Tri Church Rally at Beaver Baptist Church, Midland, Michigan. Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson.

August 6-27—Oregon Junior, Intermediate, and Senior Camps at Oregon Baptist Conference Grounds, Inc., Rt. 1, Falls City, Oregon.

Aug. 6-13: Junior Camp, Rev. and Mrs. Ben Lawrence.

Aug 13-20: Intermediate Camp, Rev. and Mrs. Ben Lawrence, Rev. L. Bienert.

Aug. 20-27: Senior Camp, Rev. and Mrs. Ben Lawrence, Rev. L. Bienert.

August 8-12—South Dakota Senior Youth Camp at Camp Riverside, Mitchell, South Dakota. Rev. E. P. Wahl and Miss Margaret Kittlitz.

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

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

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

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

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

The most difficult break is to break with ancestor worship. The families and relatives of the Christians feel that the Christian is dishonoring the ancestors whom they believe have become gods (Buddhas). Therefore in most cases the young Christian faces real opposition at this point. Many of them stand up against this opposition for a time but gradually weaken and fall back into their old way of life. Continue to pray for all of these. Pray that they may become strong enough to overpower the opposition and temptations of Satan.

OBITUARY

(A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries, except for those of our pastors and their wives.)

MRS. JULIA DEAL of Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Julia Deal of Shattuck, Okla., aged 71 years, 6 months, 13 days, slept away to glory the morning of June 14, 1955, resulting from a blood clot near the heart. She was born January 1, 1884, in Scheleng, Russia, of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fritzier. She came with the family to Marion, Kans., in 1892, and to a Shattuck homestead in 1902. In 1903 she was married to Mr. George Deal who passed away Oct. 7, 1940. The couple accepted the Lord Jesus Christ and were baptized and united with the Ebenezer Baptist Church during the great revival of 1910.

To them were born five sons and seven daughters. Two daughters preceded her in death: Elsie, a twin, dying at the age of two, and Mrs. Carrie Fiel in 1948. The children remaining to mourn her death are Willie (Bill) Deal of Lubbock, Texas; Mr. Andrew Deal, May, Okla.; Mr. George Deal, May; Mrs. Alma Marchant, Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Lydia Birkle, Fresno, Calif.; Mrs. Norma Bay, Shattuck, Okla.; Mrs. Ella Eichman, Fresno, Calif.; Mr. Roy Deal, Shattuck; Mr. Harvey Deal, Shattuck; and Mrs. Pauline Pshigoda, Perryton, Texas. Her sisters and brothers also mourn her going. They are Mrs. Gottfried Longhofer, Shattuck; Mrs. George Rexius, Pasadena, Calif.; Mr. Henry Fritzier, Shattuck; Mrs. Reinhardt Meier, Shattuck; Mr. Jake Fritzier, Shattuck; Mrs. Reinhardt Meier, Shattuck; Mr. Jake Fritzier, San Lorenzo, Calif.; Mr. Adam Fritzier, Shattuck; Mrs. Fred Wunsch, Shattuck; Mr. Jonas Fritzier, Mangum, Oklahoma. Besides 23 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and many relatives and friends remain.

She was a modest diligent mother who sincerely loved the things of the Lord. She was laid to rest beside her husband in the cemetery of the congregation. Words of assurance were found in Acts 13:36a.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Shattuck, Oklahoma

OLIVER K. RINGERING, Pastor.

MR. ALBERT BEISE of Mound, Minnesota.

Mr. Albert Otto Beise of Mound, Minn., son of Fritz and Bertha Beise, was born March 10, 1891 and passed away June 16, 1955 at the age of 64 years, 3 months and 6 days. Albert spent most of his life on the parental farm northwest of St. Bonifacius, but since 1945 the family had their home in Mound, Minnesota.

On June 16, 1907, as a boy of 16 years, after having accepted Christ as his personal Savior, he was baptized upon confession of his faith in Christ and accepted into the fellowship of the Minnetrista Baptist Church where he remained a faithful member until death.

On December 30 he entered the Ashbury Hospital where a complete checkup revealed that surgery was necessary. On January 20 he was transferred to the Waconia Hospital where he remained until death. His simple faith in Christ was a good testimony to all who came and went as he lingered in the men's ward.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers and one sister. He leaves to mourn: two sisters, Minnie Beise, Minneapolis, Minn., and Hattie Beise, Mound, Minn.; and many other relatives and friends.

Memorial gifts will be forwarded to the North American Baptist Headquarters designated for "Church Extension." Funeral services for Albert Beise were held on Sunday afternoon at the Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn., with Rev. D. S. Wipf officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Minnetrista Baptist Church, St. Bonifacius, Minn.

D. S. WIPF, Pastor.

Spice of Life

"The earthquake," said the explorer, "was quite severe. Dishes flew all over the place."

"That reminds me," exclaimed one of his listeners, "I've again forgotten to mail my wife's letter."

The judge asked the married couple why the case wasn't settled out of court.

"That's what we were doing, your honor," the husband replied, "until the cops interfered."

A woman riding a trolley car was anxious not to pass her destination. She poked the operator with her umbrella.

Woman: "Is that the Citizen's National Bank?"

Operator: "No, ma'am. That's my stomach."

A man was showing a friend over his farm. "How many sheep would you suppose there are in that flock?"

After some hesitation, the visitor replied, "Five hundred."

"Correct," said the farmer, "How'd you guess?"

"I just counted the legs and divided by four," said the visitor.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"There are two freedoms—the false, where a man is free to do what he likes; the true, where a man is free to do what he ought."

—Charles Kingsley.

WHAT THE "GLAD" SAID

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have enough flowers and whose interest and kindness I deeply appreciated.

This experience, however, was not without its anxious moments. For instance, a sudden windstorm descended upon us on Wednesday afternoon. My precious flowers were in full bloom waiting to be cut for Friday's tea, and I was not at home to rescue them! Even though they went through the storm, some of them bruised from the wind, some soiled from the splashing rain, a few were even broken from their moorings. They bore up bravely, and after a thorough spraying with clean water and discarding of a few bruised blossoms, they were still stately and strong and beautiful. They were not defeated in their purpose because they had been through a trying experience. Rather, they seemed to hold their heads higher than ever.

Then I remembered Psalm 61: "When my heart is overwhelmed;

lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower."

In the beginning of this experience I put my trust in the verse in the 7th chapter of Matthew which reads, "Ask and it shall be given you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." I asked God for good success when I planted my bulbs. I asked God to take care of all my needs for the General Conference. I asked God to make all things work out for good in tribute to our missionaries. I asked God for faith to take him at his Word. God marvelously brought it to pass!! I acknowledge my gratitude to him in opening my heart as I share this experience with you.

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