

Going Out to Sea Past the Statue of Liberty!

Jesus Saves! Impressions of Japan News from "New Hope"

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to religion in Britain, Canon Charles E. Raven, chaplain to the Queen and former vice-chancellor of Cambridge University, said in Montreal, Canada. "One of the very encouraging factors in this postwar period has been the remarkable attitude of youth towards religion," he said. "This is in direct contrast to youth following the First Great War, when young men and women revolted against moral, political, and religious traditions." Canon Raven is conducting a mission among students at McGill University.

 Dr. Elmer G. Homrighausen, chairman of the department of Christian education at Princeton Theological Seminary, will spend three months this spring in Formosa, Hong Kong, Indonesia, and Malaya, according to an announcement made by the World Council of Christian Education and Sunday School Association. He will consult with faculty and board members of the theological seminaries in each country to help them develop the most effective courses for training prospective ministers in Sunday Schools, Vacation Schools, and youth work programs for the local church.

Southern Baptists will conduct a crusade for Christian morality in 1955 and 1956, it was voted by the Baptist Sunday School Board. The crusade was proposed by Dr. Clifton J. Allen of Nashville, Tenn., the Board's editorial secretary. "Our national life is marked by the most serious moral letdown," Dr. Allen said. "Moral standards are discredited. Immorality of every kind is corrupting personal character and social relationships to a widespread degree. The economic and political stability of our nation is imperiled by moral confusion, and the spiritual destiny of uncounted multitudes is hindered by vicious and aggressive social evils." The crusade will have these emphases: fall, 1955, the foundation of morality; winter, 1956, honesty; spring, 1956; clean living; summer, 1956, abstinence from beverage alcohol; fall, 1956, civic righteousness.

• "It is common knowledge," says Professor E. G. Homrighausen of the World Christian Princeton in Handbook of 1952, "that the evangelical Church in Brazil is the fastest growing Church in the world. Between 1911 and 1938 the evangelical strength of South America increased 88 per cent, but in Brazil it increased 624 per cent. No mission field can match it. The real reason for this phenomenal growth is the zeal and

• Youth is leading a general return tions." Dr. W. C. Taylor, for 40 years a missionary of Southern Baptists in Brazil, is authority for the claim that the growth of Baptists in the same period cited by Dr. Hormighausen was 1200 per cent.

> • Dr. and Mrs. William Axling sailed for America Jan. 18 to make their home henceforth at the Baptist Missionary Retirement Center in Alhambra, California. Dr. Axling first came to Japan in 1901. His nearly ten years of post-retirement service since the end of World War II have been more many a missionary. During those years he has spoken in over 600 churches and has obtained the signatures of some 10,000 persons professing conversion or rededication. Still vigorous at 81, he continued active up to the time of his departure for the United States. A few weeks ago he became the first foreigner to be made an hon

Century-Leaves from Life," has just been published. • A Sunday School that began and

flourished for many years in one of the country's best known hat factories marked its 75th anniversary in Philadelphia, Pa., in January 1955. The school was founded by the late John B. Stetson at his hat plant and has been attended by thousands over the years. During its most flourishing period, at the turn of the century, there was a weekly attendance of 2.000. Mr. Stetson organized the school in 1880 because he was disturbed by by the number of children who roamed the streets on Sunday morning "when they should be in Sunday School." Several years later he built an auditorium in his factory to accommodate the turn out. Since his death in 1906, it has been called the fruitful than the entire life service of John B. Stetson Mission Sunday School. Four of the school's original members were cited at the anniversary observance. They are Dr. William H. Ford, a prominent Philadelphia Methodist clergyman for 50 years, now chaplain in the Methodist Hospital; Mrs. Mary Zimmerman, 85, who taught a class for 60 years; Mrs. John Steinbronn, a member of orary citizen of Tokyo. Dr. Axling's the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist autobiography, "Japan at the Mid- Church; and Eugene Kraft.

otist Briefs

• The "SS Esperance Bay," the ship • Five airplanes, all operated by chartered by Australian Baptists for missionary pilots, now serve the the voyage to London in July 1955 for the Jubilee Congress of the Baptist World Alliance is now booked solid by Australian and New Zealand pilgrims. The ship has 500 berths. There will be a good representation of these Baptists of Australia and New Zealand at the Baptist Golden Jubilee Congress to he held in London, England, from July 16-22, 1955.

• Evangelism for the deaf is the ultimate purpose of a course in sign language taught at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La., once a week. A course in dactylology, the name for this type of speech, may be introduced into the regular curriculum of the school.

• A church within a church, at their own request, has been organized by 19 Japanese-American adults baptized in the North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago, Illinois. The Japanese, who have worshiped in the church for eight months, were immersed by a student pastor, Nathaniel Sonada of sian Bible production and distribution. Tokyo, now in school in Wheaton. Illinois. The pastor of the North Shore vigor of the evangelical congrega- Baptist Church is Rev. A. M. Hintz.

Southern Baptist (USA) mission fields of Brazil. The latest was dedicated December 19 at the Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina airport. It is the gift of a church whose pastor and wife were foreign mission volunteers but who due to a health problem did not qualify for appointment.

• At regular intervals the Baptist World Alliance office receives inquiries from various parts of the United States regarding some agents or agency claiming to work for the spreading of Bibles behind the Iron Curtain, especially in Russia. They report that certain individuals are canvassing their church or community for funds to finance the work of more or less unknown organizations. To all such queries the Baptist World Alliance secretary, Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, wishes to reply that, so far as the United States is concerned, the American Bible Society, 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, N. Y., is the agency to trust with funds for Rus-Baptists will be wise to channel their offerings through this well-established world-wide Bible house.



The Stone Was Rolled Away!

THE FACT OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION from the dead first struck the women with the impact of an avalanche when they realized at the tomb that "the stone was rolled away" (Mark 16:4). This was something startling and unexpected for the women. Very early in the morning on the first day of the week, they came to the sepulcher. But they were troubled and perplexed: "Who shall roll us away the stone?" For the stone was very great, as Mark in his Gospel informs us. Their introduction to the marvelous miracle of Easter began as they saw that the stone was rolled away!

That is still the imposing symbol of Easter's glory to this day. It is one of the facts of the Easter account that adds substance to our faith. It is our introduction to the unfolding revelation of God's revelation for us through the risen and living Christ. For Easter is the revelation of God's power which he wrought in Christ. The heavy stone could not be moved by the hands of the women or the disciples. The tomb was securely sealed. It was heavily guarded. But miraculously the stone was rolled away.

Easter is the miracle of "the working of God's mighty power which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead." So wrote the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 1:20. This was proclaimed by Peter on the day of Pentecost when he saw that the one "whom ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain, him God hath raised up" (Acts 2:23-24). The fact that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, is triumphantly revealed at the open tomb, where the stone was rolled away, and from which the risen Christ came forth.

Easter is also the revelation of God's glory in all of nature about us. The rolling away of the stone was the first of many amazing things that happened on that first Easter day. A great earthquake occurred. The angel of the Lord appeared, and his countenance was like lightning. The Lord appeared mysteriously to his disciples behind closed doors and on the shore of the lake. God's glory is seen in all his handiwork-in the upsurging beauty of springtime, in the miracle of a butterfly bursting forth from a chrysalis, in the exquisite grandeur of a flower and the stateliness of a tree, in the loveliness of a new creature in Christ Jesus.

Easter is therefore the acceptance by faith of that which God has done for our salvation and eternal life. The women believed that Christ had risen from the dead, even before they saw him. They ran from the open tomb with great joy and brought his disciples word about Christ's resurrection. But there were others who doubted. Even the stone that had been rolled away could not convince them. To this day there is an amazing simplicity about the faith of those who believe in the risen Lord and Savior. They accept what God has done for their salvation in Christ. They know that the record is true. The Easter glory has dawned in their souls and Christ, the wonderful Lord, lives triumphantly in them!

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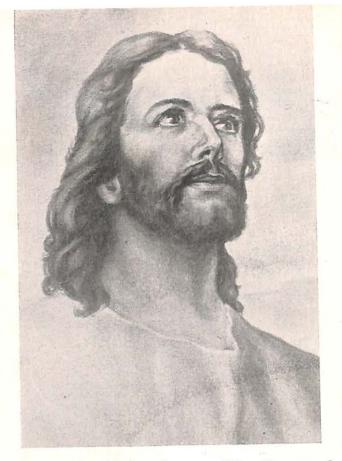
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Jesus Saves - The Power of God! By REV. M. WOLFF, Gackle, North Dakota

A FEW YEARS AGO a little ten- saves, alright, but the trouble is that year-old girl confronted two of her many do not realize that they need to companions following a Junior CBY meeting.

"When are you going to let Jesus save you?" she asked.

The two girls stared at her blankly. They were surprised at such a question coming from her. After all, wasn't it the pastor's job to ask people if they wanted to be saved?

"You know Jesus died on the cross for you," she continued, "and it's time you accepted him!"

THE POWER OF GOD

Jesus saves? Certainly! You don't have to be an intellectual giant to know that. Neither do you have to be a simpleton. The Apostle Paul had the best education available in his day. He was a brilliant man and he knew that Jesus saves. He said, "The preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but to us who are saved is it the power of God."

The Philippian jailer was not an educated man, I'm sure, but he found that Jesus saves. Remember his desperate situation and how he, trembling shall never perish, neither shall any with fear, fell down before Paul and Silas asking, "What must I do to be saved?" He wanted to know and the missionaries told him, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved," He did and found salvation.

The testimony of Scripture proves them, we wonder if they have not lost that. The testimony of men and wom- some of their precious meaning. In en throughout the Christian era cor- spite of their common usage, the Scriptural teaching, he is apt to acborates what the Bible says. Jesus truth that they express remains cept his own experience as valid.

be saved.

In order to be saved you must be saved from something. That something is sin. There's the rub. People are not conscious of the fact that they are sinners, nor are they conscious of the consequences of sin. As long as man is not conscious of sin in his life, he will not see the need of a Savior. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God," the Bible teaches.

Sin separates man from God, while salvation is union with God. Salvation requires a Savior. The New Testament is clear on this aspect of Jesus' life. From the very beginning of Jesus' life, there can be no doubt as to the purpose of his life. Jesus came to earth to be the Savior by taking upon and Jesus made it possible! Jesus himself the sins of the world. Jesus is saves, Oh, yes! And he keeps and the Savior! Jesus saves!

He Keeps -- Security in Christ! By REV. LAURENCE R. PRAST, Indianapolis, Indiana

satisfies, too!

Jesus Saves!

He Keeps!

"Jesus! the name that charms our fears,

change of mind.

That bids our sorrows cease;

'Tis music in the sinner's ears,

'Tis life, and health, and peace."

He Satisfies!

"My sheep hear my voice, and I I give unto them eternal life; and they man pluck them out of my hand" (JOHN 10:27-28).

HRISTIANS often testify that "Jesus saves; he keeps; he satisfies." These words, of course, are true, but There is no doubt that Jesus saves. when stated so glibly as we often hear

forever. Jesus does save, and know them, and they follow me: and he does satisfy the desires of his children, and that for all eternity.

Before Jesus can save, man must

realize that he is a sinner and needs

salvation. Then he must repent. The

word "repentance" comes from the

change of mind. There can be no

change of life until there has been a

It should be said that this change of

mind also touches the emotions. Mere

regret is not enough, for it is possible

to show regret and yet not be changed.

Repentance is concerned with estab-

lishing a right relationship with God.

To establish this right relation he must

He is "born again," regenerated! A

new nature is imparted. "Therefore

if any man be in Christ, he is a new

creature; old things are passed away;

Jesus we are regenerated and justi-

fied. A marvelous plan for salvation.

Through repentance and faith in

behold, all things are become new."

now believe in Jesus as his Savior.

Greek word "Mentanoia" and means a

SERMONETTES

It is quite common to hear Christians say that a certain individual was once a Christian, but, by his own choice, or by failing to live as a Christian should, he has now ceased to be a Christian. Such mistaken ideas are caused by relying too heavily upon human reason and experience. In this day of skepticism, when an individual's experiences seems contrary to

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When such is the case, either the Scriptures or the experiences are misinterpreted, for God's Word is enduring truth and cannot be contrary to the experiences of man.

SCRIPTURAL TRUTHS

The Christian has no other authority in such matters than the Bible. In it. Jesus tells us clearly of his keeping power. Jesus said of those who believe in him, "they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." Jesus did not mean that all church members or even all who have professed to be Christians, will be saved, for some of them are only playing at Christianity. Those who truly belong to Jesus will never perish because God gives them power to overcome temptations and remain true to him.

"There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it" (1 Cor. 10:13). So then, those who have received God's saving grace also receive his enabling grace which gives power over sin and permits the believer to persevere forever.

PRACTICAL VALUES

When Jesus said that all true believers "shall never perish," he did so for very good reasons. He intended that Christians should be comforted and should rest assured in those words. Christians need not spend needless moments, anxiously considering whether or not they are really saved, and whether, in the day of judgment, they will stand guiltless or condemned before Christ, Instead, such thoughts can immediately be dispensed with, and the time then used in seeking and winning the lost to Christ.

Those who have experienced salvation through Christ will bear testimony to the fact that, on the surface, it may appear that a Christian may at any time decide not to be a Christian, because he has been given freedom of choice. At the same time, no person would want to give up the joy and peace that Christ gives for the turmoil, strife, anxiety and uncertainty of the world. Such desires are gone forever. "Neither shall any man"not even the individual himself---"pluck them out of my hand," says Jesus.

Jesus is not one who promises and gives eternal life one moment and takes it away the next, or permits it to be taken away. All true Christians have faith in the keeping power of Jesus. There was no doubt expressed by Paul who said, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12).

UUR PRESENT AGE is characterized which could only be supplied by himself. Any other approach to this probby dissatisfaction. We see evidences lem would be superfluous. It is God of it every day. World, national, state himself who is so constituted as to be and local conditions are magnified to able to supply our every need, leavtremendous proportions for the person ing nothing to be desired. experiencing dissatisfaction with life. The world is perishing for lack of This condition begins with improper thinking which in turn reacts on the love. Love and hate are so closely albody in a physical way. When the lied that sometimes it is hard to distinguish between the two. History has body pours chemicals into the system to meet an emergency which exists shown that the child that was not only in the mind these juices cause loved during the formative period of genuine physical ailments. From this its life grows up into a warped personality capable of causing tremendous point it is not too far for the dissatisfied person to escape from the boredestruction. At the same time the dom of life through the use of manuwhole world loves a lover because of factured stimulants. the good he is capable of doing.

is today

The truth of the matter is that, before man can become satisfied, he must find a solution to the problem within himself. In Ps. 145:16 we read: "Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the then is the answer to the satisfied person

When God, our Creator, made us he made us with certain basic needs



-Photo by Pan American World Airways "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him I will trust" (Psalm 91:2)

He Satisfies -- The Riches of God! By REV. WALTER BERKAN, Spokane, Washington

In the state of Washington 200,000,-000 dollars were spent last year on the use of intoxicants, tobacco and narcotics. This does not take into account the millions spent on gambling and other forms of destructive cures for dissatisfaction. A chain reaction is touched off until sin has complicated the world picture to the extent that it

THE NEED TO BE LOVED

But "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." It was a wonderful day for man when God showed us how the broken fellowship with him could be restored with the assurance that he loved us and we could love him. Because he has showered his love upon me, therefore I can love the unloveliest of my fellow-men.

THE NEED FOR PEACE

Because of the chaotic conditions around him, man is ever desirous of peace. The man-child of sin is fear, and fear is one of the deadliest enedesire of every living thing." Here mies we possess. It hurries people to their graves long before the summons. Jesus Christ said: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as (Continued on Page 23)

Our First Impressions of Japan

By REV. and MRS. CLEMENCE AUCH, **Missionaries to Japan**

(Article written by Mrs. Auch)

AVING DODGED two typhoons as we neared Japan, we finally docked in Yokohama on August 23, 1954, on our second wedding aniversary. Only seconds after the anchor was dropped, the ship was literally swarming with Japanese longshoremen ready to unload the cargo. I had never seen so many small men in one place or heard so much non-understandable chatter in my life.

It was fascinating to see with what proficiency they handled their chop sticks as they ate their lunch consisting only of rice and dried fish. As I watched these people from an upper deck and thought of the mission for which we came, I could not help but wonder, "How many of these people have heard about the Savior? Will I ever understand this chatter, and furthermore will I be able to move 'good news of salvation'?"

OUR ARRIVAL

While such thoughts were milling through my mind, Walter Sukut came on board to give us our official greeting to Japan. It seemed good to set our feet on good solid land again after ture of about 99 degrees. rocking to and fro in a ship for three weeks.



A crowded street scene in one of the cities of Japan awaiting the arrival of a Shinto procession

going through customs, we started off for our new home in the Nakano district of Tokyo. The closer we came to Nakano, the narrower the streets became and the more they seemed to be filled with pedestrians, bicycles, scooters, horses and wagons, and carts drawn by the street cleaners. Walter was using the horn more than any other device on the jeep. Much to my relief we arrived at our little house without hitting anyone.

We spent a very busy afternoon unpacking and getting partially settled. Then Walter Sukut informed us that we were invited to a sukiyaki dinner. My goodness-what was that? It is one of the famous national dishes. a preparation of bamboo sprouts, bean sprouts, shirataki, mushrooms and onions cooked in a soy sauce and my tongue that fast so as to tell the served with rice and raw egg. It is very delicious.

> We retired early that evening but sleep did not come easily. Ringing in our ears were the sounds of wooden shoes walking by, that incessant chatter of voices, howling dogs and screeching cats along with a tempera-

After spending a week in Karuizawa, we returned to Tokyo to enter

After spending about two hours language school. The denseness of the population again became very evident to us as we pushed and were pushed through the crowds in an effort to get the right train to school each day. One thing that impressed me very much and still amazes me is the ability of the Japanese to read the paper or study while they are being jostled around in the crowd and at the same time trying to stand with the train moving at a terrific speed.

The first sentence we learned at school was, "Kore wa hon desu" or "This is a book." The book referred to was our grammar and glossary which through the past few months has become very necessary and almost in constant use. Along with our regular class sessions, we have been attending some lectures on Japanese culture and social problems.

SHINTOISM

We had one tour of Tokyo at which time we visited one of the major Shinto shrines. My heart was saddened as I witnessed several people standing before this idol altar worshiping and praying for blessings. Even though I had informed myself on Shintoism by reading before coming to Japan, it was not until this moment that I actually came to the shocking realization of their pagan and heathen ways.

The question came to me, "How can these people who have such a keen desire for knowledge be so spiritually blind as to worship an idol god?" Then I was again stunned as the thought came to me, "Here are hundreds of people searching for comfort, security and truth. Has any one told them about Christ? How can it be possible that in our homeland we were able to enjoy the blessings from our One and only God for such a long time while millions in certain other lands have never heard?"

How thankful I am that the North American Baptists have taken an active interest in the souls of Japan and that God has directed Clemence and me to this land. "Truly the harvest is great, but the laborers are few: pray we therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth laborers into his harvest."



T MIGHT PROVE interesting to dis-

nominational household. Read 1st Corinthians, chapters 15 and 16.

In 1 Corinthians 15 the foundation truth of our faith is recorded. "That which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die." Without death, there could be no resurrection. From the empty tomb, came forth the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Because of the death of the testator, we participate in the inheritance of the saints. We believe that "when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality," then "death is swallowed up in victory."

YOUR LABOR IN THE LORD

Because we know that the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ are basic truths of faith, we are ready for the closing admonition of the chapter. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

If we examine the world climate into which this admonition projects us, we find, in spite of mass destruction, that the world population is increasing. More people have been uprooted and are living as displaced persons. There is more hunger and misery in many areas of the world. Many people are on the move in the hope of finding security somewhere else.

In our country, we have unprecedented prosperity, coexistent with restlessness and unhappiness. More new homes are being built than at any time in the history of the United States. Churches, too, are better attended. Furthermore, we have never had more of them than now. Even though people generally want to live closer to God, crime is on the increase.

In the midst of this confusion, to our duly elected denominational to fulfill the injunction of "abounding in the work of the Lord." Some just take comfort from the Scriptures which promise a new heaven and a new earth, with God wiping away all tears. There will be no more death or sorrow, no more crying or pain for, behold, all things will be made new. Others of us feel that until God brings this new state into being, we must continue to labor in this vale of toil and sorrow.

Christians.

From Jerusalem, missionaries were sent to the uttermost parts of the world. Churches had come into being throughout Asia Minor, and now they were being asked to assume their share in financing the further outreach of Christ's Church upon the earth. The apostle commends Timothy to the Corinthian Church. He had labored diligently for the Lord. He mentions Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus. These men, he said, were dedicated to the ministry of the saints. He refers to those who had refreshed his spirit as well as theirs.

Is it too much imagery to compare these fellow-workers of the apostles

THE EASTER OFFERING for our denominational household and missionary program on EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 10 Offering envelopes have been sent to the churches.



The main street of Ujiyamada, Japan with souvenir shops prominent on both sides of the street. This city is in the center of the Mie Ken area where our missionaries are proclaiming the Gospel

cover the scriptural basis for our de- Christians endeavor to know how best

Gratitude for God's Generosity

A Call for Sacrificial Living and Giving

By MR. WALTER W. GROSSER, **General Conference Moderator**

MINISTRY TO THE SAINTS

When we remember that Paul's admonition at the close of chapter 15 was to a church fellowship of believers at Corinth, it seems significant that in chapter 16 he speaks of their responsibility to a fund being raised for saints at Jerusalem. This city was the headquarters for the denomination of secretaries? Who have done more to bind our local churches together as a General Conference of North American Baptists than Dr. F. H. Woyke, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Dr. J. Levpoldt, Rev. R. Schilke, Rev. J. C. Gunst, and Rev. L. Bienert? Through their visits and through correspondence they bring before us our united responsibility to God.

They use denominational publications to inform us of the need of displaced persons. They report with joy what our contributions have done to alleviate the sufferings of these people. They promote interest in a program of Church Extension, which will help to establish new churches for newly developed areas. Immigrants, fortunate enough to reach our shores, are helped to build a House of God where they may worship.

We are kept aware of the victories on the foreign mission fields. In all things we labor together better, and not in vain, because these dedicated brethren move in our midst, keeping the denominational household aware of tasks still to be accomplished in the Kingdom of God.

THE EASTER OFFERING

From the office headquarters in Forest Park, Ill., every minister has received a News Letter, urging him to remind his congregation of the Easter Offering. He will encourage his people to express gratitude to God for his generosity to them. The message of Easter brings into focus anew the generous Gift of God's Son which brings the new birth

While from pulpits, God will speak to souls concerning the new life expressed in Jesus Christ's resurrection. we will be prompted to remember the many who need the Savior. We will think of the need for young men to (Continued on Page 24)

Highlights of My **Cameroons Trip**

By REV. R. SCHILKE, **General Missionary Secretary**

HE WEEKS AND MONTHS have a which to a certain degree has charactendency of rolling by more quickly than what one is ready to admit. Time cannot stand still, and with time the past fades out and grows dimmer. Yet there are always some things that stand out and glow with a special brightness. As a matter of fact, there are some things which take on a brighter luster as time goes on, and Nigerian jurisdiction although it is these things quickly come into focus as one looks back over the weeks and months of a given experience.

In my previous two articles on the Cameroons, I endeavored to give my impressions of our mission and our missionaries and also of what I saw as our opportunity and our obligation. in the history of the Cameroons! By In this concluding article, I wish to relate some of the highlights of my Cameroons trip as these come into focus with somewhat of a greater illumination than many of the other experiences.

A RARE OCCASION

Upon my arrival at Tiko airport in the British Cameroons on Saturday, October 23, I was met and welcomed by our field superintendent, Dr. Paul Gebauer, by missionary G. Ben Lawrence from Victoria, and by representatives from three of our native Baptist churches comprising several deacons and the church teacher from Bwenga, the children's choir from Tiko and the church choir from Mudeka, the latter having come five hours by canoe to welcome me with notes of harmony in songs of praise. After this hearty welcome and an expression of mutual greetings, we drove in a oneton Ford pickup to Victoria, the home of our missionaries, Ben and Margie Lawrence, where we rested and visited.

The following day brought the official welcome at our Victoria Baptist Church during the morning service. The newly organized church at Newtown joined with the Victoria church for this occasion. Victoria Baptist Church has a notable history. Its roots go back to the days of Alfred Saker, first Baptist missionary to visit the Cameroons in 1845-1876. It does not take long to sense a spirit of tradition ship responsibilities.



Rev. R. Schilke and Missionary Ben Lawrence admire the colorful "Camer-oons Baptist Mission" sign at Victoria, Africa

terized the life of the church.

My arrival in the Cameroons was unknowingly timed so that I became a participant in a very rare occasionthe opening of the first House of the Assembly of the Cameroons. With October 1, 1954 the British Cameroons, which until then came under under the United Nations, has received self-government. The opening of the first House of the Assembly was set for Tuesday, October 26, at the government center of Buea.

THE FIRST ASSEMBLY

This was indeed a historical event special admission I was given one of the seats of honor in a humble school house building, which housed this first Assembly. With great interest we watched the members of the House being sworn in. We took notice of the power of Rome in the political affairs of the land in controlling its adherents who refused one by one to give allegiance to her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, on the basis of the King James version of the English Bible until another version was produced that was acceptable to them.

It was indeed a delight to listen to the masterful address of the president of the Assembly, the High Commissioner of the Cameroons, Mr. John Gibbons, who in his address set the goal and pace for these leaders of the people of the Cameroons. If any of them had dreams of a utopia with the coming of self-government, I am afraid that they were rudely jolted to reality which knows no utopia except that which is brought about by the diligent and faithful work of men and women under the blessings and grace of God.

The next five years will be years of great interest in the further development of this young Assembly. It is important that the right goals be kept before the leaders of these people, so that they be not driven by sole materialistic philosophies. Missions have an important role to play in giving Christian character to those who seek and are entrusted with leader-

In visiting the native churches in small villages off the main station and off the motor road, one must go by horse or afoot or both. At Belo I had my first try at both. A visit to the bush churches at Belo was not on the program, but I requested it on the day set aside for my rest. In the company of Missionary Howard Roth, we called on three small churches: Anyayuna, Anjun and Muchef. We left at 8:30 A.M. and arrived back at 2:30 P.M. I was both anxious to see the village church and also to ride a horse. It had been about twenty years since I had ridden a horse.

The last stretch of half an hour was by return on the motor road, the only stretch where one could give the reins. I left my company behind in astonishment and bewilderment, but taught my horse as to who was master. To the surprise of all of us, I was none the worse the next day but ready for more.

ON HORSE AND ON FOOT

Mbem and Warwar can only be reached by horse or on foot. The toughest trek of all I consider that of going into Mbem over Rom Hill. Perhaps, this seemed so to me because we trekked this stretch in the heat of the afternoon sun. My top shirt was drenched as if it had been raining but my spirit was yet far from the valley of despair. The blessings we experienced over the week-end at Mbem more than compensated for this trek.

We allowed ourselves three days trekking from Mbem to Warwar by way of Lip, Bang and Mbamnga Manga where we visited and had services with the native church, and again three days from Warwar back to Ndu by way of Tamnyar, Sabun Garri and Mtem where we likewise held brief services wherever possible. These are places where it is safer to walk afoot from rock to rock or cross a log bridge over a swollen stream than to risk staying on the horse and so endanger your life and that of the horse.

A good part of the way was thus laid behind on foot. But there was one place where I particularly enjoyed my long legged Max (who in mountain climbing and stream jumping was

not as sure-footed as the other horses) and that was in crossing the Vokude swamp. I may have left our superintendent breathless, but at least I did not have to wade through the swamp nor sit in the water even though on the horse's back, as my fellow-travelers experienced!

CHURCHES, CHIEFS AND DASHES

I was interested in visiting as many churches as could be included on my trek in order that I might extend Christian greetings to the native Baptists and give a word of encouragement to the strengthening of their faith. It was thus my aim, not only to call on the main station churches, but also on the outlying smaller ones. these latter ones seemed especially appreciative that the "Big Massa" honored them with a visit. They invariably showed their appreciation in the form of a dash, mostly eggs and chickens. My delight was to find signs of progress almost everywhere. The Lord is blessing the testimony of his people.

It is always important to meet the chief of the village or area. Not many of the chiefs are Christians. Native customs keep them in the clutches of heathendom. Though some may be Christians, they may still be barred from church membership because of certain practices which the church does not condone and from which the chief may find it next to impossible to break away because of native custom and his position. However, without exception I found all the chiefs whom I met to be very friendly. They were glad for us to call on them and in many instances they called on us to show their respect.

By way of comparison I feel led to relate one experience. It was at Mbem where we staved overnight on our way from Warwar to Ndu. The church teacher soon called on us and brought us a dash of a calabash of oranges and papaya. Soon after that, the chief of the village called. I noticed that he glanced over to the calabash of

At Ndu the session of the Field Church Council gave evidence of leadership among the representatives. Its chairman is also the president of the newly organized Cameroons Baptist Convention. At Kumba on our return trip, the churches of the Kumba division met in conference over the week-end of

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God the glory!

other villages.

about it. Shortly after he left, he sent three calabashes of oranges, papaya and eggs. Apparently he was not to be outdone by the church teacher.

Three baptismal services were witnessed during my eight-week stay in the Cameroons. The first took place at Bamenda New Hope Settlement where on October 31 Evangelist Lukas Ndichafah baptized 14 persons, nine of whom were leprous patients. This was the first baptismal service at the Settlement, and there was rejoicing over these first fruits.

BAPTISMS AND CONFERENCES

The second took place at Mbem on November 7, when Evangelist Philip Nching baptized 45 persons in a stream which flows right past our Mission compound. The third was at Mante in the Bamenda field, where on December 5 retired Evangelist Thomas Toh baptized 15 persons. These are some of the many victories on the field which serve as encouragement to our missionaries and native church

The year 1954 is again a good year from all reports. The final statistics have not yet been received but in the Belo field alone Missionary H. Roth reported over 300 baptisms. We give

At Mbem over the week-end of November 7, the Kaka Conference was in session. More than one thousand was a joy to meet with the leaders and representatives of the Field Church Council after the conference and to see their interest in the work and their zeal to start new churches in still

fruit several times without remarking December 12. We could only be present on Saturday. Kumba is one of our later stations and is still in the midst of growing pains in a growing center of population. The opportunities here are manifold, and we pray that the Bethel Baptist Church on top of the hill might weather the storms of stress and strain and become a fortress of spiritual strength.

> At Soppo over the week-end of December 12, the Soppo division churches met in conference. About six choirs from churches in the area were represented, each vying with the other in harmony and volume, not only in the services on the Lord's Day but all through the night before. Yes, the coastal people can sing!

THE NEWTOWN CHURCH

The week after my arrival it was my privilege to officiate at the corner stone laying of the new church at Newtown just up from Victoria. We challenged these people whether the dedication of the church could possibly be held upon my return to the coast after seven weeks. Our faith was Thomas-like, but theirs was like Peter! Even our superintendent was taken by surprise upon our return. In his many years as missionary in the Cameroons since 1931, he had not seen the like of this.

On December 15, exactly seven weeks to the day, a permanent cement chapel with zinc roof was dedicated to the glory of God. True, many finpeople attended the conference. It ishing touches remained but it seated about 250 people. Missionary Ben Lawrence, our missionary builder, had driven them hard to accomplish this feat. What was more, they enjoyed it and loved him for it! (See "Baptist Herald," Feb. 24, 1955 issue.)

For the past two and one-half years Missionary Gilbert Schneider has been busy building up Bamenda New Hope Settlement, our leprous healing center. The grand opening day was set for December 7. It was a day of rejoicing for all who could be present: chiefs, counsellors, natives, British (Continued on Page 21)



The first baptism at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement (left) when Lukas Ndichafah baptized 14 converts, nine of whom are leprous patients; and (right) scene at the dedication of the New Hope Settlement buildings with the children arriving down the road. The ribbon across the street has not been cut as yet by the Deputy High Commissioner



News from "New Hope"

Latest reports from the Bamenda New Hope Settlement for leprous patients in the Cameroons, Africa

By MISS LAURA E. REDDIG, Missionary-nurse

The new chief or Fon of Bikom (with only 30 wives) looks at a Bamenda New Settlement draw-ing with Missionary Laura E. Reddig

BE OF GOOD CHEER; your sins are Richard Schilke, could be present. The forgiven." Although Jesus healed the little stream just below the doctor's bodies of the sick who came to him, house became a palm-fringed baptishis redemptive work was with the mal pool. A heavy rain preceded the souls of men. For a little over two baptism and followed almost immediyears, we have been looking for the ately afterwards, but God poured his physical and spiritual awakening sunshine down on all of us during among our leprous patients at the New the entire baptismal service. Hope Settlement in the Cameroons, Africa.

The physical progress was evident long before the spiritual, because, strange as it may be, persons suffer- shirts on, saving their best for the ing from leprosy seem to have a service to follow. Bandaged feet went strange idea that God will accept them into the water and no one minded geton entirely different terms as all others seeking the Lord. Being despised outcasts for so long, they find it hard to grasp the wonderful free salvation and tender love which Jesus has for them. Many of the patients had been attending the Inquirers' Classes and were looking forward to the first ice. The other patients welcomed baptism.

FIRST BAPTISM OF LEPERS

When the evangelist from Belo came to examine the Mbingo candi- gave them this new life at "New dates, only nine were able to pass the test. Nyanga was disappointed because he wasn't accepted, but the week before he had stolen another boy's shirt. He was not ready.

accepted for baptism, explained his Between 200 and 250 people suffering failure. "I see now that only what Jesus did is important. Not what I were told to "go home and pray for a do. But I shall be ready when we have doctor while you wait." On Nov. 11, the next baptism."

said he failed the examination be- portation problems, Dr. and Mrs. Kencause he couldn't answer enough of neth W. Jones and three children arthe questions. But he "knows" he rived at Mbingo. We were all looking loves Jesus and now he will listen for them in our own Settlement Ford carefully to all instructions so he can but that had collapsed along the way. help others to know Jesus.

shine and rain, beautiful beyond de- Some of the patients were working big day" had arrived. The "beef" and scription. We rejoiced in the fact that on the new road to the doctor's home, our general mission secretary, Rev. so they got to see him before most

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First, the three converts, who were not patients, were baptized and then the six patients followed the Lord into the baptismal waters. Some had no ting bandages wet for such a good reason. One could almost hear Jesus saying, "Do you want to be made clean?" As the rain clouds began to gather, every one hurried to the hospital where one of the wards served as the church for the communion servtheir new fellow-Christians and new names were chosen by the new converts for the new life which they would now live in Jesus Christ, who Hope."

DR. JONES ARRIVES!

For over three years we had been praying for a doctor for our new work Immanuel, our first patient, also not at Bamenda New Hope Settlement. from leprosy had come to Mbingo and after a real initiation by Cameroons Tih Toh, the Settlement's songbird, rainy season roads and African trans-So we did not at once recognize them Sunday, Oct. 31, was a day of sun- in the borrowed transportation.

of the other patients. "I saw the doctor first," one said and, of course, the others also claimed this honor. Every one wanted to help carry the doctor's boxes into the house. "God is good," whispered Immanuel to the nurse as she passed him at his road work. Mildred Schneider had a lovely meal ready. So we began to get acquainted with Dr. Kenneth Jones, Frances Jones and the three little Joneses: Barry, Susie and Gary.

After recovering from their trip, the initiation given by African insects and roads, the Jones family was welcomed into the Settlement family. Vincent, a patient from Banso who had seen his picture, said, "He is as big as I am." But now the doctor was "bigger than the picture." It took quite a while for some of the patients to address Dr. Jones as "Docktah" or "Sah," and many are the times when "Yes, ma" or "Please, ma" or "No ma" were the replies he got.

But every one was happy now because there would be real operations to help their troublesome hands and feet. And now, too, the "New Hope" would be extended to all those who had been turned away and those who have not yet been aware that there is help for them in their leprosy. How grateful we are to God for hearing our prayers on behalf of these sick ones, for calling a doctor who was willing to leave all and be used of God and for his glory! Thank you all for your prayers. Let us pray more!

OFFICIAL DEDICATION

The roads and paths, the houses and yards were all swept and clean for the official opening dedication of the Bamenda New Hope Settlement. The patients were dressed in their best and brightest colors, because "the the "chop palaver" had been carefully (Continued on Page 13)

BAPTIST HERALD

Our Church Extension Campaign

Expanding foreign missions are the blessed fruit of an expanded home missionary program

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By MR. ARTHUR SCHWERIN, Chairman of the Church Extension Campaign Committee

ended, and we are happy to announce that a total of \$135,000.00 in cash and pledges was received. Practically \$100,000.00 of this was in cash. The churches which participated did so with enthusiasm and zeal and received a real blessing.

When the plans for the program and the dates for solicitation were arranged, we knew that there were a number of factors that were unfavorable for raising \$250,000.00. But there were so many calls for financial help from the field and no money, that it was imperative that something be done at once. Money was needed to make surveys and buy building lots.

HOME MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

In some instances church buildings were offered us for cash at a fraction of what new buildings would cost. Organized groups were in need of leadership and it was up to the Church Extension Committee to supply them with a pastor. All of these items required cash. Even though the time for the campaign was not the best, it was essential that we get started. Otherwise these golden opportunities might have fallen away and never again presented themselves.

We also knew that many of our members were unaware of the changes that have taken place in the United States, as regards the shifting of population, the growth of population, and the general economy of the country. These changes have resulted in the building of large, new residential sections, where you may find as many as twenty to thirty thousand people without a church in the entire area, or in Canada, where thousands of immigrants have arrived since the war, many of them Baptists.

We also knew that we have members who are not particularly inter- were received from individuals who ested in home missions and the build- are not members of any of our coning up of our churches and member- ference churches. There were 352 ship on the home front. To them, the members who gave \$100.00. There word MISSIONS means a foreign were 85 members who gave \$31,000.00

MARCH 24, 1955

HE FIRST PHASE of the Church country, a place where the people are in sums ranging from \$200.00 to Extension Fund raising campaign is of a different color, a place where the \$1.000.00. customs and manner of living are altogether different from ours. But we are told that in these United States there are 80,000,000 people who do not profess to be church members, and who probably never see the inside of a church.

CHURCH EXTENSION CAMPAIGN

We also knew that many of our churches are building. Others are paying for the churches recently built. unit, it will be taken into one of our Still others are making plans to build. Quite a few of these churches are re-locating in new residential areas. In a manner of speaking they are engaged in church extension. Some of these churches are among our most R. Schilke and his General Missionloyal supporters, and we knew they ary Committee as soon as practical. would not be able to help us appreciably.

As a denomination we are growing. But in spite of all of these unfavorable factors, the decision was made to A total of 267 churches with a memgo ahead. Dr. Leuschner, our able bership of 40,785 was listed in the promotional secretary, did an excel-1950 directory. In the 1955 directory lent job in preparing the way for the we find 282 churches with a membersolicitors and in educating our memship of 45,920. And by the end of our bers as to the need and urgency of next triennium, we should have 300 Church Extension. churches with a membership of around 50,000. But in order to reach this goal During the Seminary campaign we it will be necessary for all of us to contribute additional funds for Church Extension so that the committee can carry on the good work it has started.

raised \$275,000.00 or an average contribution of \$6.75 per member. This money was to be used for ourselves, for erecting and equipping a new building. The Church Extension Fund is money to be used for helping others, and to build a larger and stronger denomination. To date, based on the 1955 directory figures, the average contribution for church extension is a little less than \$3.00 per member.



Quite a few churches exceeded their Seminary total for church extension, and, if space permitted, we would like to publish a list of them. You might be interested to know that \$4,360.00

At the present time we have some fifteen new projects under way. In the course of time this will mean 15 new churches. It is the duty of the Church Extension Committee to get these new groups established, provide them with a meeting place, supply them with a pastor, and to see to it that they grow and develop. As soon as a group has grown to the point where it can be organized as a church local conferences and then become a part of the North American Baptist General Conference. When this official recognition is accorded the new group, it will be turned over to Rev.

FIFTEEN NEW CHURCHES

The cash received during the initial phase has been put to good use, but it will not be sufficient to finish the job. Church Extension, like many other phases of our denominational activities, is not a "one time shot in the arm," but an activity that must be carried on, until the demand for help in establishing new congregations all over this land of ours is satisfied. The stronger and more powerful we get to be at home, the more and better foreign mission work we can do. Expanding foreign missionas is the fruit of an expanded home missions.

The fund raising committee is going to have to ask you for more (Continued on Page 24)



By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

7. EARLY CHURCH ORGANIZA-TION

From the book of Acts and the epistles one gathers that the churches were organized and governed independently under the superintendency of the apostles. They were bound together in Christian fellowship and missionary and benevolent activity.

Local leaders in the churches were known by the interchangeable titles of bishop (Greek, an overseer), elder (Greek, a mature man), and pastor (Greek, a shepherd) empasizing respectively their supervisory work, their maturity, and their pastoral office. Deacons formed a lower order of local Christians who assisted the leaders in their work. Paul's greeting is possible that the local churches to the Church at Philippi (Phil. 1:1) indicates that a plurality of both could be found in the local church.

The itinerating leaders familiar to readers of the New Testament, such as apostles, evangelists and prophets, disappeared during the latter part of the second century. The place of the apostles, as supervisory officers over the general church, was taken by the bishop of the capital city of the Roman province or diocese in a gradual development which took place during the second and third centuries.

As the bishops of the large churches in the capitals began to supervise the

lesser churches in the area, the pastors of the latter gradually dropped the title of bishop, although it properly belonged to them. The use of the word has become so ingrained into historic Christianity that it is almost impossible to think of a local pastor as a bishop.

The New Testament knows no supervisory bishop-there were two groups of officers in the local church, the bishop-elder-pastors and the deacons. The earliest Church Fathers, such as Polycarp, about 115 A.D., write only of these two orders. By the fourth century local leaders were known as elders or pastors, and above them were the diocesan bishops. It missed the guidance of the apostles, and, when they passed off the scene, tended to replace them with the new type of bishops.

Departure from the New Testament pattern of church government thus was one of the earliest of errors to creep into the Church. By the middle of the third century Cyprian of Carthage could write. "If any one be not with the bishop . . . he is not in the church," and simplicity of church order was lost. Walker, 4448, 87-93; Newman, I, 131-135, 293-295; Kuiper, 54, 81-82.

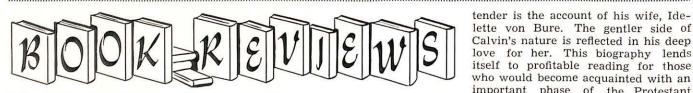


By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER ··· NEWS

HE PUBLISHING House has stocked a new line of greeting cards. It is the well-known and exceptionally good "Doehla Scripture Text Line" and comes in All Occasion, Birthday, and Get Well Assortments. There are 14 cards to a box and it will sell at one dollar per box. There are also Baby Congratulations, Relatives Birthday, Sympathy, and Gift and Thank You Assortments. In addition, there are correspondence notes and stationery. Folders are being sent to our people. Please examine this new and excellent assortment of cards.

A mimeographed Alphabetical Table of Contents as well as a General Classification of Hymns in the proposed new NORTH AMERICAN HYMNAL is now available and a copy will be gladly sent on request. We think you will be very well pleased when you read this very practical and usable collection of hymns.

As soon as it arrives here, the publicity material covering the Vacation Bible Schools will be sent to our Sunday School superintendents. Your Publishing House is anxious to receive your orders for this material, regardless of who the publisher is and we will do our utmost to give you fast and accurate service. Remember that every order boosts the Publishing House and makes for a stronger denomination.



GOD AT YOUR DOOR. By C. Gordon Bayless. Fleming H. Revell Co. 159 pages. \$2.00.

These 15 revival sermons were preached by the author who has been a Southern Baptist minister for 36 years. He is now serving the Central Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas. This is Gospel preaching at its best, ever exhorting us to attain to similar heights of effectiveness. The sermons on salvation flash with phrases that cling to the mind and are colorfully lighted by many fascinating stories and illustrations. His topics (as well as many sentences in the sermons) scintillate with unforgettable power such as "The Man Who Couldn't Take It" (who was Demas): ster who violated Christian principles. "Traveling Without Lights" (the foolish virgins); and "Here Comes the est so that Calvin comes alive against Champ!" (the Apostle Paul). With the background of the stirring times Dr. V. Raymond Edman, president of to which he belonged. Particularly

Wheaton College, we can heartily recommend this book for it is "evangelism that is direct, dynamic, earnest and eloquent."

GENIUS OF GENEVA: A POPULAR ACCOUNT OF THE LIFE AND TIMES OF JOHN CALVIN. By L. Penning. Wm. B. Eerdman's Publishing Co. 392 pages. \$3.00.

This life of the great reformer has been translated from the Dutch by the Rev. B. S. Berrington. The biography is a growing panegyric of Calvin, yet the great man's role in the death of Servetus is not glossed over or condoned. Unfortunately for accuracy, the author identifies the Anabaptists completely with the radicals of Mün-The book is filled with human inter-

lette von Bure. The gentler side of Calvin's nature is reflected in his deep love for her. This biography lends itself to profitable reading for those who would become acquainted with an important phase of the Protestant Reformation.-Baptist Leader.

CALVIN, A LIFE. By Emanuel Stickelberger. John Knox Press. 174 pages. \$2.75.

John Calvin was possibly the greatest figure of the Reformation. At 22 years of age he was called the most learned man of Europe. When he died at the age of 55, he left volumes, notably the immortal "Institutes," and a system of theological thought behind him that still influence large sections of Christianity today. The "Institutes" have been called "a mine of information for the searching Christian, a theology of action, a perfect exposition of Scripture." In this unusually fine biography of John Calvin, the author shows how Calvin "takes the whole Bible absolutely serious: this the secret of his being reveals." Dr. Stickelberger, the author, is both a

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NEWS FROM "NEW HOPE" (Continued from Page 10)

guarded all night and was ready for the guests. High stacks of sugar cane, the dessert of the feast, could be eaten while they walked home.

The paint on the new sign, Bamenda Settlement, had barely dried when every one began to arrive. The Honorable Deputy Chief Commissioner of the Cameroons and the Resident of Bamenda Province, together with a District Officer and Medical Officer of Bamenda, were present in the thatched pavilion which was surrounded by hundreds of Africans with beaming faces. Several African leaders added their good wishes and expressions of gratitude to the Baptist Mission for new work begun among those who suffer from leprosy.

Rev. Paul Gebauer and Missionary Gilbert Schneider both gave special recognition to the Africans who had helped make the Settlement possible: Sam Gabe the headman of the laborers; Joseph Nfor, the chief carpenter; Solomon Ngang and Daniel Chamba, the chief masons—who under the Schneiders' guidance got up the excellent buildings.

The top four classes of the Belo Schools had marched to Mbingo to take their part in the parade with a carriers song. Bekom Christians joined in a happy song of praise.

The highlight came in the dedication address by Rev. R. Schilke, our general missionary secretary, who was our guest of honor. He expressed the gratitude and appreciation to Her Majesty's government for offering this great work to us, for the building the patients, for Gil Schneider and his grants and financial aid given, for the guidance and advice given by their officers.

There was an expression of gratitude to the late Fon of Bikom for giving the generous land grant for the Settlement and its various projects. The meaning and significance of the name, "Bamenda New Hope Settlement," was stressed as to the full purpose of our aim to be carried out in Jesus' Name.

NEW HOPE IN CHRIST

Following the dedication prayer, about 120 guests went to the nurse's house for "elevenses" or morning snack. Tours were made to the Settlement, questions answered and information passed out. When the doctor returns from his three months' study in Nigeria, patients will again be admitted. The year 1955 should see great and wonderful progress at "New Hope." The hospital will be equipped and put into use. Operations will bring relief and encouragement. Patients will be trained to be nurses and dressers and attendants. This year may see the discharge of some patients as "symtom-free."

Mbingo, for the organization of the claims of his wonderful Gospel. We Continue to pray for our doctor at

entire leprosy control work among our half-million people, for the setting up and efficient working of our new hospital, for Betty Roth and Mildred Schneider and their work among manifold responsibilities, for new life and new hope for every patient coming to or contacted through this "New Hope" adventure for Jesus' sake.

Rev. Wallace A. Olson Our Cameroons missionaries all 903 Fulton thank you, our beloved denominational Wausau, Wisconsin leaders and members, for making this work possible! You have caught the Rev. Peter Pfeiffer vision of the need! You have heard the cry for help, and our Cameroons 2728 Auburn Street patients at "New Hope" want to thank Erie, Pennsylvania you. How this "New Hope" shines at the other end of the dark tunnel they Rev. Howard Schenk are passing through toward complete-Rt. No. 2

ENGAGEMENTS:

ness in Christ.

March 27-April 8-Ebenezer Church, Elmo, Kansas. Rev. N. A. Berkan. Pastor. April 17-29-Odessa, Washington. Rev. O. H. Meth, Pastor.

WE THANK GOD:

I Know That Christ Lives

By EDNA JANE ALLEN

I saw not the hill nor the cross where they nailed him. Nor heard his last words through his quivering breath; I bore him not hence to the tomb that received him So silent and cold in that chamber of death; But stronger than sight is the faith that believes it, And greater than reason, God's witness to me; For sin and uncleanness the Christ made atonement: I know that he died, for his blood cleanseth me.

I saw not the angel that came at the dawning To roll back the stone where the Crucified lay, Nor saw him arising, majestic in triumph O'er death and the grave, on that first Easter Day; But deep in my heart is the peace that abideth. And joys growing big, like as streams near the sea; Not dead my Redeemer! He's risen! He's risen! I know that Christ lives, for he liveth in me.

I heard not him utter his wonderful promise Again to return from his glorious throne, To call from the graves his redeemed, his beloved. With all those who love his appearing-his own; But the gladness that burst into song as I read it Is proof strong enough of the truth that I see; He's coming! He's coming! My risen Redeemer, In the day of thy glory, remember thou me.

-Gospel Herald.

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CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Lorena, Texas

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist

There is one hope still today on the horizon of this sin-scarred world. That hope is in Jesus Christ and in the rejoice in the privilege of proclaiming this Gospel in an age such as ours.

PRAYER REQUEST:

Revival begins with a deep conviction of sin. Pray that people might realize with conviction and repentance that they are sinners who need the Savior. Pray that they might act on heaven-born conviction and make the necessary decisions.



By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

A CLERGYMAN passed an old curiosity shop. His attention was drawn sacrifice of Christ was sufficient for the to a large glass bottle that was too dusty to reveal its contents. Stepping inside, the owner proudly dusted off the bottle, held it up triumphantly and said, "Did you ever see anything so wonderful? I have the whole crucifixion in that bottle." Inside the glass was a tiny crucifix with three women kneeling at the foot of the cross.

Easter was seen through that glass darkly. Three Marys bottled up could never bear the glad tidings of the resurrection

Women since the first Easter Day have been giving testimonies of what the new life in Jesus Christ means to them.

* * * WHAT THE RISEN LORD MEANS TO WOMEN

By MRS. LAWRENCE B. BIENERT

The empty tomb calls forth, "Arise, go tell that HE is risen!"

The women were highly honored to be the first to be told of Christ's resurrection and also the first to whom the risen Lord appeared.

The empty tomb which Mary Magdalene found is tha symbol of LIFElife through Christ, life triumphant, and live everlasting. It is a new life that death cannot touch and the grave cannot hold.

As the angel appeared to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary, the command was: "And go quickly and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead" (Matt. 28:7a). We are told that the women departed quickly with fear and great joy. They ran to bear the glorious news to the disciples.

When Jesus appeared to the women, he said, "Go, tell my brethren." This commission we can accept as our challenge to GO and TELL someone that "he that believeth in me hath everlasting life" (John 6:47).

News of the risen Savior should move our lips and feet in service for him. We need not go far to tell someone of our risen Lord. We often neglect to tell those closest to us, perhaps our family and neighbors. We must communicate that which our Lord has imparted to us. We must GO and TELL.

The resurrection of Christ manifested the power of Christ. The resurrection assures us that whatever may be the perplexities of our day, and, we truly have many, the world is really under God's most loving, wise and over-ruling care.

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The resurrection assures us that the needs of the world. The resurrection is our guarantee that Christ is not only willing but just as able as he is willing to supply all our needs.

Through our risen Lord we have our all in all for every task, be it large or small. As the women on that Easter morn were given the honor and sent to tell, so we too have the honor and privilege to tell some soul out of our personal knowledge and conviction that Christ is RISEN, and that therefore there is hope for all mankind. * * *

WHAT THE RISEN SAVIOR MEANS TO ME MRS. DANIEL FUCHS

"Lo, I am with you always" (Matt. 28:20).

"He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today;

He walks with me and talks with me, upon the narrow way."

It would be an impossibility for me to put into words all that the risen Christ means to me. His living Presence is the only satisfying answer to all of the deepest needs of my soul. But let me more specifically refer to just one thing he means to me. His living Presence means power to me.

The Apostle Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens by the assurance of his silent Presence, I know that I would be weak. helpless and unable to do very much. Church.

The fact that "he walks with me and talks with me, upon the narrow way" gives me strength and courage for every new day and every new task.

It is my firm conviction that this power of his living Presence is not only necessary for our individual effectiveness, but it is necessary for our churches and our women's missionary societies as well. No matter how wonderfully organized and wellequipped we might be, if we do not have his power, there can be no real progress in our witness and service.

The enabling power of his living Presence does not happen to us just by accident. It comes to us only as we are prepared for it, and really expect it. It comes when we are ready to make God's will our law, his command our joy, and his marching-orders the music of our lives.

Our living Savior, Jesus Christ, is here with us today. "Lo, I am with you always." He is looking us full in the face. With his wounded hands he holds our hands.

Must we not go out from his challenging Presence to be his followers without condition, and his witnesses without reserve?

So shall we be women full of his power, swept clean of all that is narrow, petty and selfish, and filled with a life that is radiant and strong.

Mrs. Lawrence G. Bienert is the wife of our denominational Youth Director. At present she is finding great joy in caring for the Bienert's attractive baby daughter

Mrs. Daniel Fuchs is the wife of one of our denominational evangelists. Her duties at home, where she cares for the four Fuchs' children, are multiplied when her husband is out on the field proclaiming the Gospel. She me." Without the strength that comes teaches a Sunday School class and is president of the Woman's Missionary Guild of the Forest Park Baptist

Our Ministers' Fellowship

Announcement of the Pastors' Program at the General Conference in Waco, Texas

By REV. G. K. ZIMMERMAN,

Member of the Executive Committee of the Ministers' Fellowship

RAINS, BUSSES, planes and auto- for the pastors' meeting on Thursday, ference without having a spiritual Church of San Antonio, Texas. uplifting experience.

The Executive Committee of the North American Baptist Ministers' on February 15 to formulate the plans Watertown, Wisconsin,

mobiles will bring together the dele- June 9th. The meeting will be held gates and visitors to our General Con- in a dining room of a local hotel in ference, June 6 through 12, 1955. With Waco. The special meeting for the the use of the facilities of Baylor Uni- pastors on Thrusday afternoon, June versity, we are assured that it will be 9th, will feature additional opportunan event none of us will want to omit ities to hear the message of the Lord from our schedule in 1955. The pro- as presented by an outstanding Southgram of the conference has every as- ern Baptist minister, Dr. Perry F. surance that none will leave the con- Webb, pastor of the First Baptist

In the near future a detailed program will be mailed to every minister Fellowship met in Forest Park, Ill., by our secretary, Rev. J. G. Benke of



By REV. J. C. GUNST, General Secretary

ANNUAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE general secretary for each organiza-MEETINGS

WE ARE growing! Every affiliated organization in our denominational family has a distinctive contribution to make to the Christian cause and to stitutions, making the necessary adthe denominational family's fellowship. The Commissioned Baptist Youth and Sunday School Union is no exception to this rule. Each year, at the annual meeting of the Executive Committee for the CBY and SS Union, there was evidence of growth.

On February 11 to 13 the Executive Committee met at Forest Park, Ill., for the annual meetings. The committee members, consisting of E. Ralph Kletke, president; Herman Balka, vice-president; Mrs. Esther Breitkreuz, recording secretary; James D. Billeter, council member at large; Dr. F. H. Woyke, executive secretary, exofficio member; the general secretary; youth director and children's worker, plus the office stenographer were all present. "History is being made in these sessions" our president stated several times. The reports of the general secretary, youth director, and children's worker were studied for adoption.

TWO SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONS

This being General Conference year, considerable time was devoted to the final details of the various activities which the CBY and Sunday School plans to carry out at Waco, Texas, during General Conference week. Both the CBY and Sunday School organizations will have several sessions or activities vital to all young people and Sunday School workers at this 31st General Conference. We assure everyone interested in youth and Sunday School work a most profitable week of information, inspiration and

warm Christian fellowship. For about three years a special committee appointed by the General Council, in cooperation with the Executive Committee of the Conference Union, made a thorough study as to the advisability of dividing the Conference Union into two separate organizations. After much prayer, continuous hard work, and much counseling, the General Council and Executive Committee of the Conference Union will recommend to the delegates of the General Conference that the division of the Conference Union be made, thus giving the denomination two cooperating societies instead of one. It is to be recommended that each of the two organizations operate under its own list of officers with a

tion.

A constitution for each one of the proposed new organizations had to be drawn up. The Executive Committee needed to study carefully these con-Conference Constitution Committee will further study and put these constitutions in final form to be presented at the General Conference. All this meant that a good many details had to be worked out by our Committee. In a later issue of "The Baptist Herald" the president of the Conference Union, E. Ralph Kletke, will have a detailed article on the development

of this plan.

The records reveal that our local conference and regional officers have done nobly in the past year. Without their splendid cooperation, it would have been impossible to carry out nine regional Christian Workers' Conferences, 16 youth camps and summer assemblies, and a great many youth and Sunday School rallies. "Youth Week" and "Sunday School Week" were successfully observed in nearly all of our churches. Leadership training study courses were held in more churches than in previous years.

Our Sunday Schools and CBY Fellowships have reached an all time high in missionary contributions. The total sum designated for mission projects by local Conference Unions was \$43,750. These generous gifts for the Lord's cause are highly supplemented by surrendered lives among our young people, ready to go where the Lord wants them to go, either to the foreign fields or to serve him faithfully at home

Our Sunday School attendance as moting the plan. well as interest have definitely shown A new program for our Junior CBYs an increase. From our local conferhas been adopted. In the near future ence minutes we were able to glean this program will be introduced to all the encouraging figures: 294 Sunday our churches. Schools, 39,200 scholars, and 4,527 "Youth Compass" under the editor-Sunday School teachers. This is a most encouraging record. We need to ship of the youth director, Rev. L. Bienert, is very well received by our remember, however, that several of our newly organized churches and local CBYs. All in all, the officers Sunday Schools have not yet been and workers of the Conference Union recorded. Our goal for the next trihave conscientiously, prayerfully and ennium should be 50,000 Sunday devotedly tried to serve the Lord and School scholars by 1958. Through our churches. Yet with the Apostle united effort, relying on God for wis-Paul we say: "Not as though I (we) dom and the necessary strength, we had already attained, either were already perfect: but I (we) follow can attain that goal. The newly revised program for after I (we) press toward the Scripture Memorization received warm mark for the prize of the high calling commendations from all committee of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:12a, members. The response to this pro- 14).

ENCOURAGING RECORDS

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

March 27 (Sunday)-Dedication of Parma Heights Building, Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Ohio.

April 8 (Good Friday)-Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill.

Rev. R. Schilke

- March 24-25-North American Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
- March 27 (Sunday)-Trinity and Sioux Northside Churches, Falls, South Dakota.
- April 3-4-Bethel Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.
- April 6 (Wednesday)—Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn.
- April 7 (Thursday)—Seventh Street Church, La Crosse, Wisconsin.
- Rev. L. Bienert
- March 28-April 1 Leadership Training Course, Immanuel Church, Loyal, Oklahoma.

Dr. M .L. Leuschner

- March 27 (Sunday) Calvary Church, Billings, Montana.
- March 31 (Thursday)—State Park Church, Peoria, Illinois.

COMING DATES

April 3 (Sunday)-Palm Sunday.

April 8 (Friday)-Good Friday.

April 10 (Sunday)—Easter Sunday. Easter Offering to be received for our denominational household and enterprise.

GENERAL CONFERENCE LEAFLETS

about lodging facilities, special train arrangements, hotel and motel reservations are now being distributed. Write for copy (if not available from your pastor) to Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

gram from the field has been most gratifying. Our children's worker, Ruth Bathauer, has done well in pro-



A LESSON PLAN

Date: April 3. 1955 Theme: THE CROSS AND CHRIS-TIAN DISCIPLESHIP

rinthians 5:14-19.

PURPOSE: To indicate the central- III. ity of the Cross in the life of the disciple.

GETTING STARTED: Ponder the following statement by Bishop Mc-Dowell. It wonderfully sets forth the essence of today's lesson. "I would not cross the street to give India a new theology: India has a better theology than she can understand. I wouldn't cross the street to give Japan a new religious literature; Japan has a better religious literature than she has a religious life. I wouldn't cross the street to give China a new ethical code: China has a better ethical code than she has an ethical life. But I would go to India, Japan, and China and around the world again and again to tell the story that

'There is a fountain filled with blood,

Drawn from Immanuel's veins, And sinners plunged beneath that

flood. Lose all their guilty stains'."

Developing the Theme:

I. CHRISTIAN DISCIPLINE BEGINS AT THE CROSS OF CHRIST.

No man is a true disciple until he has personally come to the Cross, there___

1. To confess his sins and seek God's forgiveness:

2. To accept the forgiveness and reconciliation Christ achieved by his death on the Cross (2 Cor. 5:18-19);

3. To receive the spiritual rebirth that God accomplishes in all those who in faith accept Christ (2 Cor. 5:17);

4. To turn away from and die to an old life of self and sin (Gal. 6:14); 5. To turn to a new life pattern after that of Christ and fully surrendered to him (John 12:26a; 2 Cor. 5:15).

II. CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP EX-ALTS THE CROSS AND KEEPS IT CENTRAL.

1. Only in the crucified Savior can all the deep needs and desires of the human heart be met and satisfied (John 12:20-24).

2. Only in the Cross of Christ is to be found the power that can bring spiritual and moral regeneration to men (2 Cor. 5:17).

conciled to God (2 Cor. 5:18-19).

can speak to the real needs of men SCRIPTURE: John 12:20-26; 2 Co- and move their hearts to seek the Savior (2 Cor. 5:18).

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP CHOOSES THE WAY OF THE

CROSS AS THE WAY TO LIVE. 1. Our lives as Christians can be fruitful only as we walk the way of the Cross-the way of self-sacrifice

(John 12:24). 2. Life at its fullest and best can be ours only as we lose our lives in glad service for the sake of Christ (John 12:25).

3. We fulfill the demands that Christ's love and sacrifice make upon us only as we give ourselves to him in sacrificial service (2 Cor. 5:14-15).

Applying the Lesson:

1. Just what happened on the Cross to give it its central place? 2. How can we best carry on our

"ministry of reconciliation"?

A LESSON PLAN Date: April 10, 1955 Theme: OUR ASSURANCE OF ETERNAL LIFE

SCRIPTURE' 1 Corinthians 15:3-10. 53 - 58

PURPOSE: To set forth the assurance and happy prospects that are ours in Christ.

GETTING STARTED: What a transformation takes place in a man's life when like Paul he can say, "For me . . . to die is gain," and can face death not only with "unfaltering trust" but with an eager sense of anticipation. One thinks of the university professor who, whenever he heard of a friend who was dying, would make a personal call and congratulate that friend on his good fortune and the happy prospects of his dying. Eccentric? To be sure. And yet, why not! Whenever a friend or loved one starts out on a tour of Europe, or other distant lands, we congratulate them

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON EDITOR

The editor of this page is Rev. B. Jacksteit, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California. His fine editorial work is deeply appreciated by many of our readers in the study of their Sunday School lessons. His address is Bethel Baptist Church, Broadway and Lemon Streets, Anaheim, California.

3. Only by way of the Cross can on their good fortune. Why, then, no men be redeemed from sin and be re- congratulations when we who have been "begotten again unto a living 4. Only the message of the Cross hope" set out on our journey to a promised land so unbelievably beautiful and radiant that even our most lavish imaginings are nothing more than crude sketches when compared to the realities that will be ours!

Developing the Theme:

I. ETERNAL LIFE-NOT MERELY IMMORTALITY.

1. Immortality is only endless existence-a prospect that in itself is not very inviting.

2. But as Christians we have the assurance of eternal life—life that is life indeed! Freed from the limitations of the flesh, fully realized, infinitely happy, eternally thrilling and purposeful, unbelievably rich in fellowship, clothed in a "glorified body," forever at home, ravished by the glorious presence of Father, Son and Holy Spirit (John 14:1-3).

II. ASSURANCE - NOT MERELY HOPE.

1. Note the words-must, shall, is, giveth, know-in verses 53-58. No doubt, no questioning here, but only undaunted affirmation!

2. This assurance is based on-

- a) An historical fact-Christ's resurrection from the dead, with such proof to back it up that no unbiased person can doubt it (1 Cor. 15:3-8):
- b) A reliable word and witness-of none other than Jesus Christ himself (John 11:25-26):
- c) A transforming experience-the living Christ becomes a known, living, ever-abiding Presence in the life of the believer, empowering him to live life at its best and to render Christ-like service (1 Cor. 15:10).
- III. LIFE ABOUNDING NOT MERELY PUTTING IN OUR DAYS.

1. Because of this assurance, eternal life begins for us here and now-life that is not merely existing but that is full, abundant, radiant, useful.

2. This life abounds in (1 Cor. 15: 58)-

- a) Purposefulness--"steadfast";
- b) Strength—"unmovable":
- c) Loving and devoted service-("abounding in the work of the Lord")

Applying the Lesson:

Wherein does the Christian concept of "eternal life" differ from that of mere immortality?

studying at Baylor University in Waco, of Winnipeg, Man., Canada.

• Rev. and Mrs. William H. Jeschke of St. Paul, Minn., have announced the birth of a son to them on Feb. 4th who has been named Jon Theodore. This is their fourth child. Mr. Jeschke is pastor of the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church. Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred Reimche of Glidden, Sask., Canada, have announced the birth of a son to them on Feb. 2nd to whom the name Timothy James has been given.

• Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch, missionaries in Japan, who at present are stationed in Tokyo, have announced the birth of a daughter to them on Feb. 1st who has been named Karen Lee. This is their second daughter. Our missionaries on the Spanish-American field, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Appel of Monte Vista, Colo., have announced the birth of a son to them on Feb. 12, to whom the name William Timothy has been given. This is their

• Mr. David Nasgowitz of Milwaukee, Wis., has been supplying the pulpit of the Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wis., in recent weeks since the pastor, Rev. J. F. Conner, left. Mr. Nasgowitz, a 1954 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, is also studying at a college in the Milwaukee area. He and his wife, Sharon, are active in positions of leadership in the Sunday School and CBY of the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., of which Rev. G. K. Zimmerman is the pastor.

• Rev. John Wobig, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., baptized a couple and their daughter on Sunday, Jan. 30, and another group of six converts in February. The church is conducting a visitation program, making assignments to various Sunday School classes who are then given two weeks to make the visits in the community. The pastor stated that "the program has already been paying good dividends." The church has likewise raised the salary of its pastor and voted to pay all of his pension dues.

• Dr. A. E. Kannwischer, chaplain at tacts with new terk, reports that the B. Nasgowitz, clerk, reports that the B. Nasgowitz, clerk, reports that the the Federal Penitentiary, Chillicothe, church is "now seeing the real harvest

• Mr. John Luebeck has resigned Ohio, attended the Conference for as pastor of the Fine Conference for Hospital Chaplains at the as pastor of the Elm Creek Baptist Ohio, attended the Content at the Protestant Hospital Chaplains at the Protestant House, Chicago, Ill., on Feb. Church of LaVernia, Texas, effective Protestant Hospital Chaptans on Feb. February 28. He has a seffective Palmer House, Chicago, Ill., on Feb. February 28. He has served the church since the beginning of the church and 11 and also visited the denomisince the beginning of 1954 while also studying at Baylor Unit 1954 while also Texas. He will continue his studies Illinois. He reported that he continue his studies family are living on the federal reat the university. He is a member of the McDermot Avonue D a member of the member of the conducting a choir comthe McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg. Man ary who will render the Easter cantata, "Peter and the Resurrection," published by the Lorenz Company, on Easter Sunday morning, April 10. His services as chaplain are highly regarded by federal officials.

> • The Baptist Church of Startup, Wash., has extended a call to Rev. Walter Dingfield of Tacoma, Wash., to become its pastor. He has accepted the call and will begin his ministry there on April 3rd, succeeding Rev. R. G. Kaiser. Mr. Dingfield is a 1954 graduate of the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas, and he has been very active in the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church of that city. He and his family have been busy in their home church, the Calvary Baptist Church of Tacoma, Wash., since the summer of 1954. His ordination to the Gospel ministry was in this church on Nov. 3 and reported in the Dec. 30, 1954 issue of the "Baptist Herald."

> • Dr. Albert Bretschneider of Rochester, N. Y., former teacher at our Seminary in Rochester, N. Y., and Sioux Falls, S. Dak., is interim pastor at the Ogden Baptist Church, three miles west of Spencerport, New York. This church of 130 members is located about 16 miles from Rochester. He served as associate pastor for one year in the Greece Baptist Church near Rochester and has been at the Ogden Church since September 1953. He preaches, teaches a Sunday School Class and brings a children's story every Sunday morning. He is also active in visitation work, usually once a week in the Ogden Church area. Mrs. Bretschneider accompanies her husband on all of these trips.



• On Sunday, Feb. 6, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, pastor of the Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wis., received five young couples into the church's fellowship. Four came by baptism, three by letter and the others on confession of faith. The church, now located in this new residential area for five years, has made several surveys of the community and house to house con-

field for us in this area." To show their apprecation to the pastor, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, and his family, the church and the women's society presented them with a 21-inch television set as well as with a money gift for Christmas.

• On Monday evening, Feb. 7, a reception was held for North American Baptist students and young people of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., at the Seminary dining room. About 130 young people and friends enjoyed the "get acquainted" games and songs led by Rev. L. Bienert, denominational youth director. Dr. George A. Lang brought the welcome from the seminary. Rev. J. C. Gunst, CBY and SS Union secretary, introduced the students from various colleges in the Sioux Falls area and the young people in attendance. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, brought a message with denominational information. A film on Church Extension was shown by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor. Several musical numbers were also rendered.

• Miss Laura E. Reddig, Cameroons missionary, visited the Forest Park headquarters on her way to North Dakota during the first days of February. She also brought a devotional message at the Women's Missionary Guild of the Forest Park Baptist Church on Thursday evening, Feb. 3. On Sunday evening, Feb. 6, she spoke at the Daytons Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn., where she holds her membership at present. She hopes to spend about a month in "a refresher study course" at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Her home address is Cathay, North Dakota. Beginning with Sept. 13, 1955 she will begin a six-months Pharmacy Course in England before returning to the Cameroons, Africa.

• Forty-four young people of the Immanuel Church, New York, N. Y., recently conducted a service at the Bronx Baptist Home for the Aged. A varied program of musical numbers and testimonies was given. Youth Week was observed as young people conducted the Sunday evening service on Jan. 30 and the midweek prayer service. Evangelistic meetings were held at the Immanuel Church from Feb. 13 to 25 with Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominataional evangelist, bringing the messages. Miss Margaret Stuermer, former organist of the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash., and the organist at the 1946 General Conference held in Tacoma, is attending the services of the Immanuel Church. She holds an important executive position with the Woolworth Company.

 Sixteen beautifully framed certificates were recently issued to Indian Christians on the Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alta., for having completed the course, "What the Bible (Continued on Page 24)



Christian Institute

Closing Exercises of Bible School Department, Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta.

Christian Training Institute,

10810-78th Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

- Sunday, April 10, 2:30 P.M.-BACCA-LAUREATE SERVICE (McKernan Baptist Church). Address by Rev. George Henderson, Missionary to the Cameroons.
- Monday, April 11, 8:00 P.M.-ANNU-AL SCHOOL PLAY (Garneau High School Auditorium). Title of play, "Simon's Wife" by Francis Alwaise.
- Tuesday, April 12-Meetings during the day at School Chapel. Mrs. George Henderson bringing a missionary lecture. Prof. Herbert Hiller leading in a Bible Study of Phil. 1:1-11. Subject: "A Sense of What is Vital.'
- 8:00 P.M. ANNUAL SACRED CONCERT (First Presbyterian Church). Director: Rev. E. B. Link. Brief Message by Missionary George Henderson.
- Wednesday, April 13-Meeting all day at School Chapel. Graduates taking special part. Prof. Herbert Hiller bringing a devotional message. Rev. Willy Muller leading in a Bible Study hour.
- 8:00 P.M. COMMENCEMENT PRO-GRAM (Garneau High School Auditorium). Prof. Herbert Hiller from the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., bringing the Commencement Address: Theme, "A Constant Pageant of Triumph."

Southern Conference

Program by the Men's Brotherhood. Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas

The Brotherhood of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, met on Tuesday evening, February 1, for a time of fellowship and worship. After enjoying a fine Spanish meal, every-one joined in the singing of hymns led by Mr. Kittlitz and accompanied by Mrs. Louis R. Johnson. Some 35 men were present at this meeting in which four new members joined our Brotherhood

The Lord has richly blessed our group in helping us pay for our project which amounted to about \$50. For our special musical treat we were able to secure the services of our pastor, Rev. Louis R. Johnson, who ual blessing for all. sang a solo for us. For our speaker of

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Charles E. Pringle, Reporter.

Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Howard Schenk by the Cottonwood Church of Texas

On Thursday evening, Jan. 27, a reception was held in Cottonwood Baptist Church of Lorena, Texas, honoring our new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Howard Schenk. They came to us from the Baptist Seminary at Forth Worth, Texas. He has been the educational director at Itasca, Texas. The leaders of the various departments of the church extended their welcome. Mrs. Schenk was presented with a corsage by the Woman's Missionary Union. Mr. A. W. Guderian presided over the service. Rev. Edwin Kraemer of Gatesville welcomed them into our Northern Texas Association

On Sunday evening, Jan. 30, the women of the church presented a "Sermon in song" entitled "The Light of the World."

On Monday evening, Feb. 14, at the close of a joint Brotherhood and Woman's Misionary Union meeting, we gave "a pounding" to Mr. and Mrs. Schenk. The gifts were taken to their home while refreshments were being served in the church.

Mrs. H. D. Lynn, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Watchnight Service and Evangelistic Meetings at Bethany Baptist Church, Vesper, Kansas

The old year closed with a Watchnight Service at the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kans., directed by the young people of the church. One of the latest Moody Science films

was shown. A time of fellowship was then held in the basement of the church. At 11:30 P.M. all came to the sanctuary for a brief devotion, season of prayer, and a candlelight communion service led by our pastor, Rev. John Wood.

Our New Year began with evangelistic services from Jan. 2 to 14. Rev. Daniel Fuchs served as evangelist. The Christians were strengthened, and several rededicated their lives to the Lord. We are thankful for the number of persons, though small, who found the Lord Jesus as Savior, and who will soon follow the Lord in baptism. Brother Fuchs' ministry here was enjoyed by all and had a spirit-

Mrs. Leslie Van Amburg, Reporter.

Observance of Youth Week at West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Nebraska

The young people of the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb., began their observance of Youth Week on Tuesday evening, Feb. 1st, with a service in the new church sanctuary. We received many blessings as Rev. C. Scott brought an inspiring message, instructing the young people to "remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth." Many of our young people were deeply touched by the in-spiring message. We were also favored with a special "Calvary" number by Mr. Scott and a number by the girls' trio consisting of Misses Joyce Hall, Joyce Williams, and Beverly Whitehead.

On Wednesday evening the junior young people were in charge of the meeting. The program was opened with the singing of choruses led by Lois Neubert. Miss Delores Bryson, Jo Ann Wherry and Lois Neubert sang a song. Steve Ahl played his ac-The young people then led cordion. a panel discussion on some problems which confront them.

The senior young people climaxed this observance of Youth Week with a party on Saturday, Feb. 5. We pray that our young people will heed the call of the Lord and enter into full time service and training for their Lord and Master.

Beverly Whitehead, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Calvary Baptist CBY, Bethlehem, Pa., Observes Youth Week With **Inspirational Programs**

The Calvary Baptist young people of Bethlehem, Pa., observed Youth Week from Jan. 30th to Feb. 6th. They boarded the "SS Fellowship" at their regular Sunday CBY service. A Bible drill, discussion groups and personal testimonies of a "Quiet Time" were the main devotions.

The CBY was also in charge of the evening service on Jan. 30th. Bill Swanson led the singing. Members of the Junior CBY took part as ushers and read Scripture, while the entire group rendered vocal selections. We praise God for our Junior group because of their rapid growth under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills. In three years the membership has risen to thirty-five. Rev. Robert W. Cook gave the message after which the following persons submitted to believer's baptism: Mrs. Edward Davis, Miss Miriam Klausen, Miss Norma Klausen and Robert Patterson. Offering of the evening is to be used in establishing a camp scholarship fund for our young people.

The mid-week prayer service also was in charge of the CBY. Devotions were as follows: Christian fellowship in school by Janet Leeb, in church by Mrs. Herbert Dorozowski, and at home by Mr. David Stangl. The meeting was closed in a prayer period.

Thursday evening the group met at the church for a visitation to other young people.

Our 7th annual banquet was held at Walps Restaurant Saturday night with an attendance of eighty-five. Mr. Talmage Forester served as master of ceremonies. Special music was presented by Mr. and Mrs. William Stangl and Pastor Cook. Special speaker for the affair was Rev. Kenneth Masteller of the Hadden Heights Baptist Church of New Jersey.

Youth Week was concluded by the CBY taking charge of the evening service February 6th. Marlene Masteller, CBY president, served as leader. Special speaker was Mr. Andrew D. Robb, student at Princeton Seminary, who was a former member of our group.

Mrs. Herbert Dorozowski, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Sunday School and Choir Programs and Youth Week Observance at Ebenezer, Saskatchewan

We as the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Ebenezer, Sask., are happy to report some of the activities for which we have been thankful to God. Some of the Christmas activities included the presentation of the following programs. The Sunday School held its Christmas program on Dec.» 24th. Our Sunday School is of particular interest to us, in that we have adopted the Graded Lesson Series, and have also organized a new class, "The Nursery Class "

The Sunday School also sponsored a Teachers' Training Course from Jan. 10 to 14. As our basis for study we used the Moody film strips on "Successful teaching." The Junior Choir presented the pantomime, "Let Earth Receive" given on Dec. 25th. The Junior Choir serves their Lord as they sing for the Sunday School Hour.

Our Chorus Choir rendered the cantata, "While Shepherds Watched" on Dec. 26. The choir takes an active part in "The Message of Hope" radio broadcast presented every Sunday at 8:30 a. m., and they also blend their voices in singing the praises of our Lord at the Sunday worship services.

The Male Chorus known as the "Singing Men" find themselves busy in song. Their task is that of presenting the radio program, "Songs in the Night," which is heard every Sunday at 10:15 P:M:. They also go out to present the Gospel in song in various churches and communities in what we call "radio rallies."

Our CBY has completed the observance of Youth Week with many other youth groups. For their services during this week they showed several films: 'The God of Creation," "The Lepers of the Cameroons," "Our Lep-ers and our Bible School" as well as the film of the "1953 Jubilee Northern Conference." This proved to be a blessed week for our young people in taking charge of these services.

Walter Hoffman, Pastor.

new year.

Thirty-one Converts Are Baptized at Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

God's glorious promise, "As thy days, so shall thy strength be," has been more than fulfilled during the final days of the old year in the activities of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta. We can find no other solution except to say that the spirit of the glorious city-wide revival under Dr. Hyman Appelman, and one in which we had such a large part, continued to move among us. All midweek services from the first to the last one in December brought us the testimonies of those who had surrendered to Christ, and who are willing to follow the Lord in baptism.



Rev. Henry Pfeifer (center, seated) of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, and some of the new members whom he received in December 1954 by baptism and letter

When the final hour of the old year was upon us, 31 converts walked into the baptismal waters before an audience that more than filled the church. Accompanied by beautiful selections from the German Youth Choir, happy converts walked through the baptismal waters during the last hour of the old year and the first hour of the

On December 19 our young people offered a White Christmas program that was climaxed by a special offering for the needy and unfortunate at Christmas. This offering enabled the young people to pack and distribute twelve large food hampers of 50 pounds each and seven fruit baskets of eight pounds each. Our Sunday School observed Christmas in an appropriate manner presenting the play, 'Out of Darkness." This play, together with recitations from the children and appropriate selections from the choir, found a great reception and consequently a fine response in an offering for the Children's Home at St. Joseph, Michigan.

Christmas morning found another large congregation gathered to hear the German Youth Choir in Christmas selections with Heinz Kleiber directing. The message of our pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, was on "The Unsurpassed Christmas Selection." The final Sunday of the year marked the third straight day that radiated the true Christmas Spirit, and the blessings of God were greatly upon us.

Iris Goltz, Reporter.



"The Singing Men," Male Chorus of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Ebenezer, Saskatchewan, with Rev. Walter Hoffman, director, seated

Observance of Youth Week at the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Youth Week was held one week earlier at the McDermot Ave. Church of Winnipeg, Man., than the official date, since Rev. L. Bienert, our denominational Youth Director, was in our province.

Sunday afternoon the English group of our CBY at McDermot Ave. Church followed a vast program of visitation. Tuesday the CBY leaders of the three Baptist churches met to make preparations for a combined Youth Rally. Wednesday evening the prayer meetings were under the leadership of the young people, and on Thursday Mr. Bienert and Rev. I. Faszer, our Manitoba Tri-Union Youth Director, spoke to us on how to become a better young people's society and more effective Christians. On Saturday the two CBY groups in our church enjoyed a banquet at which we were again privileged to have Mr. Bienert and Mr. Faszer speak to us before being rushed away to another meeting.

Sunday, Jan., 30, was our climax for the entire week. The three churches of our city and the churches of Morris and Whitemouth were present at our Youth Rally held in the McDermot Ave. Church. The auditorium was filled to capacity with eager young people as a special program of musical numbers and testimonies was presented by the different CBY groups represented. Two mass choirs also warmed our hearts and the guest speakers challenged our youth.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

Observance of Youth Week With Special Programs at Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta

Youth Week at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., began on Sunday, January 23, with the young people participating in both services. At the evening service words of welcome and encouragement were given by the president, Irma Schonert, After the message, the film, "Billy Graham — Miracles, Signs, Wonders," was shown.

Monday evening was visitation night after which reports were brought, refreshments served, and the film, "They Follow On," was presented.

On Tuesday evening a fellowship supper and program were held at which our honorary deacon, Mr. A. Rudolph, gave his personal testimony on "What My Fellowship With Christ Means to Me." On Wednesday evening we had prayer fellowship and testimonies on the theme, "What Fellowship With Christ Means To Me." Thursday evening was mission night with Rev. J. G. Thiessen of the Lauderdale Baptist Church of Edmonton speaking on "Our Fellowship Across The Seas." On Friday evening special music and the film, "As We Forgive" were presented.

On Saturday evening a banquet was held with a program of special numbers and Rev. Edgar Klatt as Iris Goltz, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Highlights of Activities at the South Canvon Baptist Church, Rapid City, South Dakota

The work of the South Canyon Baptist Church in Rapid City, S. Dak., has progressed steadily since its organization in August, 1954. Both Sunday School and church attendance have been increasing.

We enjoyed having George and Alma Henderson, Cameroons missionaries, with us in September. Our people were confronted with the challenge of the Cameroons mission work in a vital way, and the many questions from both young and old in the coffee hour following the service revealed their interest.

A Seminary Gospel Team, including a male quartet, served us in October while the pastor, Rev. Merle Brenner, was absent. Their message in song and word was heartily appreciated.

In November we were blessed by the series of "Uncle Elmer" meetings with Rev. Elmer Strauss of Ellinwood, Kansas Though planned especially for the children, the services proved profitable and stimulating to the adults also. A number of decisions for Christ were made by the children and young people, and many new contacts were made. Average attendance for the six services was 90.

A Young People's Training organization was started. It has been functioning steadily with the youth showing good response. With the Christmas season came our first Sunday School Christmas program presented very well by the Sunday School classes.

A week of prayer meetings was held the first week in January. The pastor used the theme, "Abiding in Christ," from John 15 in a series of meditations.

The first annual business meeting was held the second Thursday in January. New officers were elected and a constitution, drawn up by the board of trustees, was tentatively adopted, subject to final approval at the next annual meeting. The present Sunday School enrollment is 67, and with the four young people who were baptized at our first baptismal service in September the church membership now totals 17.

The church is deeply grateful for the continued interest and assistance of the sister churches. It is our confidence that they who go forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing their sheaves with them. We are busy sowing the seed. Pray with us for the harvest!

Merle Brenner, Pastor.

Question Series Featured in Evening Services at Baptist Church, Selfridge, North Dakota

"Where in the Bible do you read that a man fell out of a third-floor window because he fell asleep during a long sermon?" This question, and many others similar in a series of questions submitted to the congregation of the First Baptist Church, Selfridge, N. Dak., in the evening service have resulted in searching of the Scriptures by young and old alike. As a result of this interest, our evening services have been just about as well attended as the morning services. The young people in the evening service usually outnumber the adults.

A young people's choir has been established with 15 voices and is appearing in the services of the church to add to the blessing of the listeners.

We have been thrilled at our attendances at prayer meeting as we have been having over half of our membership present at almost every prayer meeting. Our record attendance in this service was 31 when we had a brief 20-question test over a series of studies on the Beatitudes which we had covered in eight weeks of study. We are looking to the Lord for continued blessing, and are happy for the fine co-operation we are receiving from the people.

Bernard Edinger, Pastor,

Recent Activities and Programs at Baptist Church of Washburn, North Dakota

A great spiritual revival among us at the Baptist Church, Washburn, N. Dak., was experienced during the heart searching messages heard for two weeks last fall when Rev. John Engel of Martin, N. Dak., was in our midst. Several accepted Christ as their personal Savior and baptism followed on New Year's Eve.

Our Sunday School attendance has been most gratifying. A number of our Sunday School workers have attended the Workers' Conferences and are striving very enthusiastically to put to use some of the things brought to them. Recently it has been necessary to provide additional classrooms, and new tables and cabinets to fit the need have been added to the younger classes.

The Woman's Missionary Society has been active as ambassadors for Christ. A program was held to observe the World Day of Prayer. A visit was made to the Old People's Home, Bismarck, N. Dak., in December, with a program and gifts. An effort is made to do their best for the mission cause through prayers, White Cross and love gifts. The CBY recently brought a message by giving a oneact play at home and various churches.

The Lord Jesus Christ has burdened hearts to give for his cause. Since fall over \$1000 has been given for missions, the new camp and such worthy causes to help spread the Gospel and win souls to Christ. The pastor, Rev. F. Alf, and his family were remembered at Christmas.

Mrs. Orrin Enockson, Church Clerk.

Northwestern Conference

Open House at the Oak Street Baptist Church Parsonage, **Burlington**, Iowa

Sunday, Feb. 6th, was open house at the parsonage of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa. It is just a year since Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Wolff came to Burlington. During the afternoon, from 2:30 to 6:00 P.M. some three hundred and fifty members and friends called to have a look at the redecorated rooms and a time of fellowship with the pastor and his wife. They were presented with a gift from the church. Refreshments of gaily decorated cakes, coffee, punch, mints and nuts were served.

This has been a blessed year with Rev. Emanuel Wolff as our shepherd. We have learned to love him and his family, and all of us wish for them a long and fruitful ministry at Oak Street Church. We are now making plans for a remodeling program in the Sunday School department, so as to make practical use of all space.

Ruth Lohmann, Reporter.

Observance of Youth Week at First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wisconsin

The young people of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., have been busy for their Lord and have many things for which to be thankful.

On January 30, the beginning of Youth Week, we were happy to have Dr. M. L. Leuschner with us. His inspiring message during the morning worship service inspired us as young people to yield our lives completely to Christ. In the evening he showed pictures on the Spanish-American Mission Field in Colorado, portraying the great need for missionaries right here in our own country.

The following Sunday the young people had complete charge of the Sunday School opening exercises. In the evening our pastor, Rev. J. G. Benke, directed his messages around the Youth Week theme, "Fellowship With Christ." At the close of the service the young people rededicated their lives asking Christ to have complete control and making their earnest prayer, "Where He Leads I'll Follow."

Our Junior young people have been very active in our church. They have a splendid choir under the very capable direction of Mrs. E. Hinterberg and accompanied by Mrs. J. G. Benke. They have been beautifying our services with their lovely ministry of music on special occasions.

We as Christian young people have received countless blessings from our wonderful Lord. Our sincere prayer is that we may yield our lives completely to him since someday we shall Donna Mae Rabenhorst, Reporter. finest choir I heard in the Cameroons. be the future church.

hundred leprous patients.

We are especially glad that on this dedication day Laura Reddig could be FIRST AND LAST present before she proceeded home for the furlough year and that Doctor I cannot complete my report on the Jones had arrived in time for the oc-Cameroons without mentioning our casion. The honor of cutting the ribvisit by motor boat to Mudeka. The readers will recall that it was the choir bon and declaring the Settlement officially opened was given to the Depfrom the Mudeka Baptist Church which greeted me at Tiko on my aruty High Commissioner, Mr. Braine Baker, who accepted the invitation to rival. This church was also the last officiate in that capacity. I counted it on my program to be visited. Mudeka a privilege to give the dedicatory mesis about 26 miles from Tiko, most sage and pray for God's blessing upon easily accessible by boat. this phase of our mission work. (See Mr. Lawrence's "Margie Lou" was Laura Reddig's article in this issue, taken by motor from Victoria to Tiko page 10.)

At Soppo another dedication service was held on Dec. 12. The Sunday School of the Temple Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y., had given a sizable contribution as a memorial to Jacob C. Bender who for many years served as missionary in the Cameroons. This contribution was applied to the erection of teacher's quarters and in a brief ceremonial service the plaque in memory of Jacob C. Bender was unveiled. To the Soppo people the name of Bender will always be a living symbol. He lies buried near the entrance to the church.

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HIGHLIGHTS OF MY CAMEROONS TRIP

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officials and doctors, missionaries and, most of all, the 58 patients.

To date the following buildings are completed: home for the Schneiders, home of Nurse Reddig, home for Dr. Kenneth W. Jones and his family, hospital, administration building, clinic, market, cannery and patients' huts for about one hundred. We hope to build enough to house about five

A GRAND SENDOFF

December 12 was to be my last Sunday in the Cameroons. It was spent with the Soppo Baptist Church. It was my only Sunday with the church. In my eight Sundays I could include a visit to nine out of our ten main The Bender Memorial Church at Soppo thus combined a welcome and farewell at the same time. As the choirs from neighboring churches arrived during the nightly hours, their coming was heralded by their 'harmonious singing. We tried to sleep but were awakened again and again. On Sunday morning I saw one of the placards, "Angelic Choir." I then had my answer that what we heard was not just a dream but the singing of these angelic choirs.

The expressions of gratitude on the part of these native Christians for what the Baptists have done were heart-warming. In a heathen country the woman usually is on a much lower level than the man. But here at Soppo one can readily see that Christianity has elevated womanhood. The women's choir of the Soppo Church is the

Sarah Esingi, representing the Women's Society of the church, gave a masterful message.

I was reminded of the words in John 7:37, "In the last day, that great day of the feast . . ." Truly, this last Sunday in the Cameroons belongs to the great days I was privileged to spend among those whom we seek through our missionary effort to win for the Lord. With praise and thanksgiving to our Lord, they sent me on my way.

and thence we launched it and set sail. In the boat were Ben Lawrence, Paul Gebauer, Evangelist John Musa and I. The next two and one-half hours were most delightful as we sped through the waters around endless curves and past many picturesque tropical scenes. We arrived at Mudeka by noon on December 16.

A number of the church people greeted us upon our arrival. They had hoped that we could stay overnight and have a service with them early the following morning and so were not prepared for a service that afternoon. Many were away at work. But in two hours we got as many together as could come in order to have a brief service with them. We had to leave before the tide was too low or else we would have been stranded until the next day.

Chief Gabriel Ekete, a nominal Catholic, was very friendly to us. He showed us his village and the plot of ground which he gave our mission. He attended the service and accompanied us back to the boat. As he and our people took farewell with many thanks for the visit and greetings to the homeland, I suddenly realized that my tour had ended. This was the last service with these native Christians in the Cameroons.

With the outgoing tide we sailed back to Tiko, seeking the deeper places to avoid the sand bars. The day was dving in the west as we arrived after three and one-half hours back at Tiko Bay. But all of us agreed that this last day of trek by motor boat had been a day of rest and refreshing for body, mind and spirit. We praised God for his goodness and his manifold blessings, which will continue in many ways on our mission in the Cameroons



GILBERT E. WALZ of Lehr, North Dakota.

Gilbert E. Walz of Lehr, N. Dak., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Walz, was born son of Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Walz, was born on July 31, 1954 and passed away to be with his Father in heaven at a Bismarck hospital, on Feb. 2, 1955 at the age of 6 months and 2 days. The cause of death was pneumonia.

Gilbert leaves to mourn his homegoing Gibert leaves to mourn his nomegoing his parents; one sister, Sharon; one grand-mother; and a host of relatives and friends who learned to love the child. May the Lord comfort those who mourn!

Ebenezer Baptist Church,

Lehr, North Dakota

GEORGE W. BREITKREUZ, Pastor.

MRS. SUSANNA ZIEHMER of Aubrun, Michigan.

of Aubrun, Micnigan. Mrs. Susanna Ziehmer, nee Wolfram, of the Beaver Baptist Church, Auburn, Mich., was born October 26, 1872 in Rüssia, and died February 7, 1955 in the home of her daughter, Hulda Ringquist, in Detroit, Mich., after a lingering illness. Susanna was married to August Ziehmer in 1889, and they came to the United States in 1896. For eight years they lived at Mun-son, Pa., and in 1904 they moved to Michi-gan. To this family 16 children were born. The husband and nize children preceded The husband and nine children preceded the mother in death.

The following mourn the death of their loved mother: three sons, John and Oscar of Williams township, Otto of Detroit; and four daughters, Lydia Roseroot and Hulda Ringquist, both of Detroit; Martha Issette of Birmingham, Mich.; and Pauline Houghton of AuGres, Mich.; and 25 grand-children and 8 great-grandchildren. Our sister in the Lord became a member of the Pacyore Benetict (Deperture 100 of the birth Beaver Baptist Church in 1904, of which she was a faithful member until her peace-ful death. The pastor of her own church. Rev. Henry Hirsch, spoke words of com-fort at the funeral service held at the fu-neral home at Auburn, Mich. Burial took place at the Beaver township cemetery.

Beaver Baptist Church.

Auburn, Michigan

HENRY HIRSCH, Pastor.

MR. ADOLF RISKE of Orlando, Florida

of Orlando, Florida. Mr. Adolf Riske of Orlando. Florida, and formerly of Irvington, New Jersey, passed away on December 11, 1954 after an illness of about two months. He was born on February 5, 1884 in the Ukraine and at an early age took Christ as his personal Sav-ior. Mr. Riske saw service in the German army during World War I. In 1923 he brought his family to this country and made his home in Irvington, N. J., where he engaged in business as a general con-tractor.

He was a faithful member of the Evan-gel Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., and took an active part in all its services. He always showed a special interest in the work of the North American Baptist denomination and attended the various conferences whenever it was possible.

Since 1948 he made his home in Florida, at first in Kissimmee and later in Orlando, where he attended the Orlando Baptist Church. Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Clara Riske, two daughters: Mrs. Em-ma Scheiber and Mrs. Hilda Lvon; and one son, Mr. Paul Riske. His widow lives at 521 Sunrise Drive, Orlando, Florida.

Orlando, Florida HILDA RATTASEP, Correspondent,

MR. STEWART W. MELOTT

of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Stewart W. Melott of Portland, Ore-gon, was born at West Branch, Iowa, on Dec. 15, 1881 and died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Portland, Oregon, on Jan. 28, 1955 at the age of 73 years, 1 month and 13 days. While living in Iowa ne was engaged in the general mercantile business. In September of 1926 he came weat to Portland and war attack and west to Portland and was active as a farmand dairyman.

He was converted to the Christian faith in 1898 and became a member of the Methodist church. In May of 1951 he join-ed the Lentz Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, and at the time of his death was a member of Trinity Baptist Church. He was a faithful Christian, a good husband and father, and always manifested a fine community spirit.

On December 10, 1947 he was united in marriage to Sarah Marie Feldman who now sorrows his sudden passing. One daughter also preceded him in death. Others who mourn his departure are 7 sons and 1 daughter from a former marriage; 3 brothers: 4 sisters; 14 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; besides a host of relatives and friends. A large audience in attendance at the memorial service was evidence of his many friends and the es-teem in which he was held. May all the bereaved find comfort in Christ and in the hope of eternal life.

Trinity Baptist Church,

Portland, Oregon

JOHN WOBIG, Pastor.

MRS. EDNA GIESEKE of Trenton, Illinois.

Mrs. Edna Wilkinson Gieseke of Tren-ton, Ill., the daughter of William and Al-verina Burroughs Wilkinson, was born in Trenton on October 24, 1883, and passed away in St. Joseph's Hospital, Highland, Illinois, on January 15, 1955. She reached the age of 71 years, 2 months and 21 days.

As a girl of 13, she accepted Christ as As a girl of 13, sne accepted Christ as her personal Savior and joined the First Methodist Church of Trenton, where she served with devotion in many capacities. She graduated from Trenton High School in 1899, a member of the first graduating class.

On July 2, 1937 she was united in mar-On July 2, 1937 she was united in mar-riage to Henry Gieseke. This happy union brought a new circle of relationships and a new church home. In October, 1937, she joined the First Baptist Church, where she served as Sunday School teacher, president of the Ladies' Missionary Society and church clerk.

church clerk. Her parents, 2 sisters, a niece and her husband preceded her in death. Surviving are: one sister, Mrs. F. L. Sager of Vero Beach, Florida; a step-son, Harold W. Gie-seke, and his family, of Lorraine, Kansas; n e p he w s, nieces, grand-nephews and nieces, cousins, and a host of other rel-clines and friends. atives and friends.

Through a life of unusual suffering and illness, she held firmly to this testimony of triumph: "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Tim. 1:12).

Funeral services were held from the First Baptist Church of Trenton on Jan. 18, with Rev. James B. Hutton officiating. Rev. Theo. Frey, a former pastor, led in prayer. Interment was in Trenton City Cemetery

Trenton, Illinois

JAMES B. HUTTON, Pastor.

MRS. CHRIST WAGNER of McClusky, North Dakota.

Mrs. Christ Wagner, nee Schaefer, of McClusky, N. Dak., was born November 18, 1868 in Johannesthal, South Russia, and died in the Bismarck Hospital, Bismarck, N. Dak., January 27, 1955 at the age of 86 years, 2 months and 9 days. She was mar-riage eight children were born 5 sone and ried to Christ Wagner in 1886. To this mar-riage eight children were born: 5 sons and 3 daughters. She emigrated to this coun-try in 1889 and settled at Eureka, S. Dak. In 1898 she moved to Lincoln Valley, N. Dak., where she and her husband home-steaded. In the spring of 1940 they moved to McClusky, N. Dak., and in 1942 her hus-band died leaving her alone in her home and very lonesome in the world. In 1949 she moved to the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak., where she ware Aged in Bismarck, N. Dak., where she was a guest until she was taken to the hospital 2 weeks before she died.

2 weeks before she died. She accepted the Lord Jesus as her per-sonal Savior in Eureka, S. Dak., and was baptized in 1894 and united with the Bap-tist Church of Eureka, S. Dak. Later she became a member of the Lincoln Valley Baptist Church and, after they moved to McClusky, she united with the McClusky Baptist Church, whose member she re-mained until death. She was also a very faithful member of the Ladies' Missionary Society.

Mrs. Wagner leaves to mourn her pass Mrs. Wagner leaves to mourn her pass-ing four sons: Henry, Milwaukee, Wis.; Gust, Rhame, N. Dak.; Emil, Lincoln Val-ley, N. Dak.; Albert, Dallas, Oregon; two daughters: Mrs. John Renner, McClusky, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Andrew Klein, Carring-ton, N. Dak.; one sister, Mrs. Emilia Okert, Spokane Wash.; 15 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren; and many other rel-atives and friends. The undersigned spoke words of comfort based upon 2 Cor. 5:10.

McClusky Baptist Church McClusky, North Dakota

DANIEL KLEIN, Pastor.

MR. PAUL E. TAPPER of Dayton, Ohio,

Mr. Paul E. Tapper of Dayton, Ohio, was born to William and Amelia Tapper on December 25, 1880 in Berlin, Germany. While still a comparatively young person, he migrated with his family to the United States, coming to Dayton, Ohio. Here he lived his entire lifetime, except for a few years after retirement, which were spent in Florida. Death took him from our midst quite suddenly on November 22, 1954.

He was married to Blanche Gilmore on September 18, 1902, who shared the joys and sorrows of life together with him for 52 years. Most of his lifetime was spent in the employ of the National Cash Register Company, where he worked for 46 years. He retired from active work nine years before his death.

He was baptized into the fellowship the Fourth Street Baptist Church in 1895 by the Rev. R. T. Wegner. These many years he continued as a loyal and faithful member, being a member of the male guartet and choir for many years. He was active in the Sunday School men's class, the ANCHOR CLASS.

His loss is mourned by his wife, Blanche; two daughters: Mrs. Evelyn Thaman and Mrs. Nellie Moyer; a son, Norman; two sisters: Miss Lydia Tapper and Mrs. Martha Reinicke; two brothers: John und Wil-liam: two grandchildren and two greatgrandchildren.

Standenhuten. Services were conducted by the under-signed, with the message based on Romans 8:38 and 39, "For I am persuaded that neither death nor life... shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord." Shroyer Road Baptist Church,

Dayton, Ohio

ALEX H. ELSESSER, Pastor.

MRS. EVA WEBER of Wessington Springs, South Dakota.

Mrs. Eva Weber, nee Huether, of Wes-sington Springs, S. Dak., was born in Paulstal, South Russia, on September 21, 1869. At the age of ten years she came with her parents to the United States and settled near Bridgewater, South Dakota.

In 1889 she was united in marriage to Jacob Weber, and in the same year they moved to a homestead in Emmons County, Jacob Weber, and in the same same second moved to a homestead in Emmons County, N. Dak. That year she accepted Christ as her personal Savior, and later was bap-tized on confession of her faith. In 1910 the family moved to a farm in Hand Coun-ty, near Miller, S. Dak. where they were active in the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak. They lived on the farm until 1940 when Jacob Weber passed away. Eva Weber made her home with her children for a time, and then went to an Old People's Home in Marion, S. Dak. In August of last year, she was brought to the Memorial Hospital in Wes-sington Springs, where she passed away on sington Springs, where she passed away on January 24th, at the age of 85 years, 4 months and 3 days.

4 months and 3 days. Among those who mourn her passing are one brother, Simon Huether, Calgary, Al-berta; 3 sisters: Mrs. Carl Lang, Emery, S. D.; Mrs. Carry Kludt, Longview, Wash.; Mrs. Emilia Aktoersky, Pasadena, Calif.; her children: Jacob, Willie, Bennie and Fred, of Wessington Springs, S. Dak.; John and Edward of Emery, S. Dak.; Carl of Huron, S. Dak.; Emil of Miller, S. Dak.; Pauline (Mrs. Herbert Koening) of Red-field, S. Dak.; Mrs. Eva Losing of Salem, Oregon. She had 34 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wessington Springs, S. Dak.

ELTON KIRSTEIN, Pastor.

MRS. KATIE KIRSCH of Spokane, Washington.

On Jan. 16, 1955, Mrs. Katie Kirsch of Spokane, Wash., was called to her heaven-ly home after a period of illness. Increas-ingly as the years went by, she turned her thoughts heavenward in anticipation of a meeting with her husband, a son and a daughter who preceded her. Born on Nov. 17, 1874 of German parents in Wola Wolzk, Poland, she was baptized there at an early age by Rev. Alf, and came to the United States in 1899 via Galveston, Texas. She moved to Oklahoma City, Okla., where she

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All coach and Pullman train reservations to be made on "The Texas Special" to the General Conference in Waco, Texas, should be made, if possible, by April 10-15, 1955. Fill in the reservation on the back page of the leaflet (see page 15 about an nouncement concerning the leaflet) and send to the railroad office in Chicago, Illinois.

met and married Mr. Kirsch on August 22. 1900. In 1901 they moved to Spokane where

they made their permanent home. Their union was blessed with three children: Max, who passed away in 1923; Martha, who passed away in 1925; and Katie, the present Mrs. Beeby, who resides at San Leandro, California. Mr. Kirsch passed away on Aug. 21, 1943. Devotion to Christ's cause was the keynote of their lives. It was through the Kirsch's efforts that meetings held in their home culminated in the birth of the pres-ent Arthur St. Baptist Church in Spokane, Wash., where she was a charter member. The last 2½ years of her life were spent in San Leandro, Calif., at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Beeby.

Primary funeral services were conducted on Jan. 18, 1955, by Rev. Jesse Parker of the Bancroft Baptist Church in California. This was followed by interment in Spo-kane, Wash., where services were con-ducted by Rev. C. McHarness, and Rev. W. Berkan. She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, four nieces and two nephews in Spokane, and three nieces in Berlin, Germany.

Arthur Street Baptist Church, Spokane, Washington

of Vancouver, British Columbia.

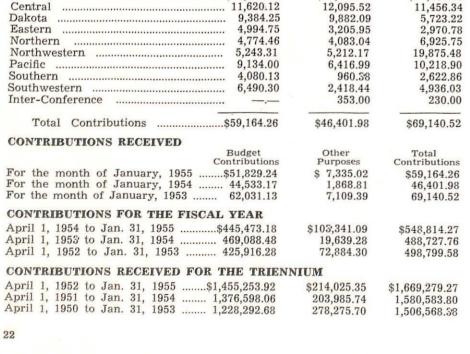
Mr. Jacob Herman Martin of Vancouver.

British Columbia, was born on April 11, 1902 in Rumania. Together with his par-ents he came to North Dakota of the United States in 1906, and after three years United States in 1906, and after three years the family moved to the Golden Prairie district in Saskatchewan, where he lived from 1909 to 1944, with the exception of three years when he with his loved ones lived near Yorkton, Saskatchewan. To-gether with his wife and children he moved to Vancouver, B. C., in 1944 and lived in our midst to his passing hour. The deceased entered holy matrimony with Miss Erna Tepper on April 12, 1927. Into the marriage three children were born: two sons, Marvin and Ronald, and one daughter, Merle. daughter, Merle.

daughter, Merle. Mr. Martin was converted and upon the testimony of his faith in Christ Jesus as his personal Savior he was baptized and received into the Baptist Church of Rosen-feld, Saskatchewan, in 1939, where he faithfully served his Lord till coming to Vancouver in 1944. He was a faithful mem-ber of our fellowship, serving in the ca-pacity of church usher for four years, as a member on the Board of Trustees for eight years, and for the last four years he served as chairman of the Board of Trus-tees. God blessed him with a friendly dis-position. He made many friends, and con-tributed greatly to the blessedness of Christian fellowship in our church and far beyond its membership.

Although sickly for the last six months, Although sickly for the last six months, his passing was very unexpected. He will be greatly missed by his bereaved wife; his three children, daughter-in-law and grandson; his aged father of Medicine Hat, Alberta; his three sisters: Mrs. Lena Hor-ton, Golden Prairie, Saskatchewan; Mrs. Sophia Silsly of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Mrs. Alvina Kutinsky of Medicine Hat, Al-berta; and two brothers: John of Church-bridge, Saskatchewan; and William of Brandford Ontario; and by a host of relberta; and two brotters: John of Church-bridge, Saskatchewan; and William of Brandford, Ontario; and by a host of rel-atives and friends and his beloved church. May God's comforting blessing and sus-taining favor rest upon all who mourn his passing

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BOOK REVIEWS

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scholar and a poet as well as a profound Christian. He is like an artist who knows "how to describe the spirited and spiritual Calvin in form and figure, so that the life of this great reformer, freed from the mysteries and prejudices that surround it, becomes a compelling figure for the present." This book, chosen by the Pulpit Book Club as one of its recent selections, is a profound, heart-warming introduction to the life and thought of John Calvin, God's spokesman in the 16th century.

HE SATISFIES— THE RICHES OF GOD

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the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Because God is still on the throne. I realize that all things work together for good to them that love him. Furthermore, the Christian has the assurance that if we acknowledge him he will direct our paths, Lastly, "thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee."

THE NEED FOR ACHIEVEMENT

When judgment was pronounced upon man because of sin, God knew that the restlesness in man would need to be sublimated by achievement. He was told to go forth and to conquer the secrets of the universe. If a man feels that he is no longer useful, his desire to live is taken from him. Jesus said that "it is more blessed to give than to receive." What he meant was if we could do something outside of ourselves for others and for our God we would be satisfied.

In God we have the greatest joy and opportunity for achievement. First, we can have the joy of overcoming sin in our own lives and in the lives round about us. Secondly, there is the success of growing in grace and the knowledge of Christ. Thirdly, there is the challenge to go into all the world and to preach the Gospel. And finally, there is the effort of so living our lives according to the Book that we can qualify for the commendation of God in the hereafter.

In this world of keen competition manufacturing companies guarantee their products to the satisfaction of the customer or the money will be cheerfully refunded. God said that he would supply our every need according to his riches in glory which are unlimited. Though heaven and earth pass away, his Word will not pass away. Having our every need supplied makes us very satisfied people. He saves! He keeps! He satisfies!



Pedestrian: The man who thought there were still a couple gallons of gas left in the tank when the gauge read empty.

Teacher: "Now, Johnny, what would a land flowing in milk and honey be like?"

Johnny: "Sounds like it would be sticky."

"Why has your wife decided to give up the European plan she was contemplating?"

"She happened to hear somebody say that travel broadened one."

I admire Dr. Young immensely. He is so persevering in the face of difficulties that he always reminds me of Patience sitting on a monument.

Mr. Brown: "Yes, but what I am becoming rather alarmed about is the number of monuments sitting on his patients.

As a newspaperman, I am always glad to know that we are not the only ones who make typographical errors. One of my neighbors, on a business trip to Chicago, sent his wife the following telegram:

"Having a wonderful time. Wish you were her." REMEMBER CHRIST in the EASTER OFFERING! He remembered YOU on the Cross!

Easter Sunday, April 10, 1955

CHURCH EXTENSION

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money. It is our hope and prayer that our members will respond as liberally as they have in the past when asked to give to a worthy cause. During the coming months you will be able to see by means of pictures and the printed word, both in the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote," just how much has been accomplished in a very short period of time. Please bear in mind that this is only the beginning. The opportunities are boundless, and what the final result will be no one can predict.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Teaches." The certificates were presented to the Indians by the missionary, Rev. R. Neuman. Twenty-three young people on the reserve are enrolled in the youth course, "Lessons for Christian Living." On the Montana Reserve near Hobbema, Alta., a young people's society has been organized. Marvin Buffalo is the president; Melvin Potts is treasurer; and Victor Cattleman the usher. Fifteen of the Indians on this reserve are enrolled in the Bible study, "What the Bible Teaches." Every other week Mr. and Mrs. Jake Derman, missionaries on the Montana Reserve, hold a service in an Indian home on the nearby Samson Reservation.

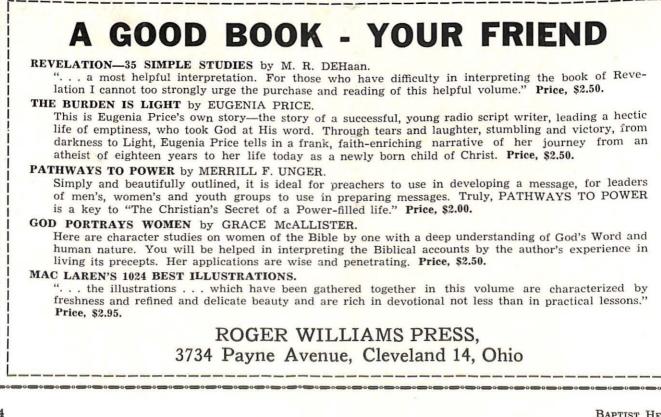
GOD'S GENEROSITY

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take places of Christian leadership. We will see the need of strengthening our Seminary and the Christian Training Institute in order that new churches may be supplied with dedicated and well trained ministers.

We thank God for the victories on the fields in which we have participated, but remembering, too, that "he who gives the seed to the sower and turns that seed into bread to eat will give you the seed of generosity to sow, and for harvest, the satisfying bread of good deeds done." The more you are enriched by God, the more scope there will be for generous giving, and your gifts administered through us will mean that many will thank God.

For your giving does not end in meeting the wants of your fellow-Christians. It also results in an overflowing tide of thanksgiving to God. Moreover your very giving proves the reality of your faith, and that means that men thank God that you practice the Gospel that you profess to believe in, as well as for the actual gifts you make to them and to others. Still further, men will pray for you and feel drawn to you because you have obviously received a generous measure of the grace of God.



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