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March of Events

● Titles to all property in northern India held by the Presbyterian (USA) Board of Foreign Missions have been released to "properly constituted and approved" native trust associations, following a vote of the board at a recent New York City meeting. Foreign missionaries working in Presbyterian units will henceforth be called "fraternal workers," and will be under the complete and absolute jurisdiction of the Kolhapur Church Council of the provincial division of the United Church of North India.

● According to the latest Bureau of Census reports, there are now 6,777 women ministers in the United States. Of those serving as pastors of local churches, about a tenth are in denominations affiliated with the National Council of Churches. Almost two thirds of all women clerics are affiliated with four denominational bodies: Church of God, International Church of the Four-Square Gospel, the Methodist Church, and Volunteers of America. Women make up 4.1 per cent of all ministers in the nation, as compared with 23.2 per cent of college teachers and administrators, 6.1 per cent of physicians and surgeons, and 3.5 per cent of lawyers.

● In Buffalo, N. Y., churchgoers were guests of the local transit company on Sunday mornings during the Lenten season. They rode to and from church free of charge. For the fifth consecutive year, the Niagara Frontier Transit System voluntarily incurred a loss in revenue to promote religion. Between the hours of 5 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sundays, churchgoers only had to tell the bus operator they were churchbound or going home, and they saved a 20-cent fare. "Why does the NFT do this?" asks Roswell F. Thoma, bus company president. "Because our churches are the custodians of great spiritual truths. Because the churches stand for brotherhood and justice."

● For the first time in nearly 200 years the Kingdom of Nepal has opened its doors to Christian missionaries. An international team of medical missionaries, including two man-and-wife teams from the United States, have already established a small hospital and five maternity and child welfare centers in the picturesque Himalayan country. And if the projects prove successful, there are good possibilities that the program will be allowed to expand. Not since 1771, when Nepal expelled a band of Capuchin monks, has the remote mountain kingdom permitted Christian missionary enterprises within its borders.

The bulk of Nepalese practice rites of an ancient branch of Hinduism. Buddhism also has many adherents. First details of the new venture came recently from Dr. James K. Mathews, executive secretary for India and Pakistan of the Methodist Board of Missions.

● Protestants of Germany have decided that their Kirchentag (church assembly), formerly held every year, shall now be a biennial affair. The thought is that this will allow more time for preparatory work and study afterwards. The next Kirchentag, the seventh, will be held in Frankfurt-on-Main Aug. 8-12, 1956. Previous assemblies met in Essen, Hannover, Berlin, Stuttgart, Hamburg and Leipzig. That in Leipzig, last summer, drew more than 600,000 men and women to its final session. Theme of the 1956

Baptist Briefs

● Southern Baptists have begun work on a 1,140,000-word encyclopedia about their denomination. Dr. Norman W. Cox, Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Southern Baptist historical commission, said at a meeting recently that 23 state Baptist conventions, 19 Southern Baptist agencies, and the Woman's Missionary Union will contribute to the publication.

● Southern Baptist churches united in their first conventionwide "career emphasis" throughout April. Appealing to 3,500,000 youths, ministers and Sunday School workers stressed a "serious witness for Christ in every vocation" through group discussion, and distribution of special literature. Meanwhile, Southern Baptists are looking toward their annual convention in Miami, Florida, May 18-21. Progress reports there will reveal a record membership of 8,169,491 and advances toward a daily goal of 1,000 new members, two new churches and one million dollars in giving.

● Baylor University has celebrated its 110th birthday. On February 1, the important date, Texas' governor, Allan Shivers, declared the day "Baylor Day in Texas." Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor, observed the day by speaking in the chapel on Baylor's historic devotion to the principles of Christianity and democracy. He blew out the 110 candles on the four-tiered

Kirchentag is "Be reconciled to God." This same quotation from St. Paul (2 Cor. 5:20) is the slogan under which the parishes, associations and academies of the Evangelical Church in Germany will carry on their programs throughout 1956.

● During 1954 over 800 packets of badly needed medicaments were shipped to churches in Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania and Yugoslavia by the health committee of the World Council of Churches' division of interchurch aid and service to refugees. In addition, the committee provided extended treatment through which 39 eastern European clergymen and other church workers were cured of tuberculosis and other serious diseases. Shorter "rest cure" periods at Casa Locarno, the ecumenical rest center in Switzerland, benefited 205 other pastors and church workers. The committee's work, which is supported by funds from a dozen churches and as many countries, continues as a symbol of the fellowship shared by the churches across political lines.

birthday cake in Baylor's Union Building. The date also was President White's 7th anniversary as Baylor's administrator. The net financial assets of the University have increased \$14,000,000 during the seven years.

● A Baptist building in Ibadan, Nigeria, largest native city on the continent of Africa, was formally opened December 17, 1954, with 300 Nigerian and European guests visiting the headquarters. A three-story stone and concrete structure, it is located near the main business section of the city facing one of the major highways through the city. On the ground floor are bookstores; on the first floor, offices for education and assistant education secretaries, evangelism chairman, Training Union department, Sunday School department and library. The second floor provides for the general secretary, the secretary-treasurer of the Mission, promotion secretary, and a dental clinic.

● North American Baptists were saddened recently to learn of the death of Mr. Orrin R. Judd of New York, New York. His wife was a daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Grimmell. Mr. Grimmell was pastor of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, N. Y., for many years and was a prominent denominational leader. Mr. Judd was a Christian businessman, the retired (Continued on Page 23)

Editorial

God Bless the Women!

AS MOTHER'S DAY APPROACHES, many of us are intensely occupied with preparations for the General Conference in Waco, Texas. It is interesting to observe that our women will be more prominent in the 31st General Conference program than ever before. Even now the Waco Conference is being billed as "A Family Conference" with many mothers and children who are expected to attend. It is therefore fitting for this editorial to present its tribute to the women of our churches.

We have a great many women in our conference who give the rest of us an example in patience, faithfulness, devotion and perseverance in Christian service. They have made outstanding contributions to our homes, churches and General Conference. Their leadership at all kinds of gatherings is inspiring. This will be seen to good advantage at the Waco Conference. We don't need to put these women on a pedestal, even though they deserve such an honor. It is sufficient to recognize the lofty ideals by which they live from day to day and the high spiritual objectives that motivate them, all of which result in drawing the rest of us to that same high level of life!

The best informed people of our churches in missionary matters and along spiritual lines are usually the women. You may try to justify yourself by saying that the women have more time to inform themselves. But shouldn't we all give more attention to reading? The women through their societies have Bible books to read each month, missionary books to peruse for special reading credit, and programs for which they have to prepare by much study and meditation. It is no dark secret that the women are probably the best and most faithful readers of the "Baptist Herald" as well as of other Christian publications. It's no wonder that they are so well acquainted with our mission fields and denominational enterprise and can give a reason for their faith.

The world outreach of our women in thought and activity is amazing. Their White Cross bundles arrive by the tons in the Cameroons, Africa! Their "love packages" with sweets, cookies and sundry articles brighten the hearts of our missionaries on all fields. Their relief parcels and bales of clothing for Europe, if all put together, would probably require an entire freight train filled from one end to the other. Their intercessory prayers would require an even longer chain of golden thoughts from earth to the portals of heaven. With a few strokes picture a need in their Woman's Missionary Union paper, "The Broadcast," and soon the loving response by our women is overwhelming.

At the Banso Hospital and in the Leper Camp of the Cameroons, as a new shipment of supplies arrives, the missionaries breathe a prayer: "God bless the women at home." In our churches on Mother's Day the pastor's sermon and the tributes of the congregation will center around the thought: "God bless our women!" At our General Conference in Waco, Texas, as the women participate in the program and demonstrate the things that they have done for the Lord, we all shall say: "God bless the women of our churches!"

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Mother's Day 1955

Personal tributes by three North American Baptist ministers to their mothers as a message of honor and esteem in behalf of **MOTHERS** everywhere!

Far Above Rubies . . .!

By REV. DONALD PATET, Randolph, Minnesota

THE WORDS of Abraham Lincoln express the tribute of my heart to my own mother, Mrs. Paul Patet of St. Paul, Minnesota, when he said, "All that I am or hope to be I owe to my angel mother."

To me the experience of Hannah of old parallels that of my mother, for she too "lent her son to the Lord." Mother prayed before and after my birth, that if it pleased the Lord he would call her son to become a minister of the Gospel. The early years of Christian training and nurture and the memory of faithfully being brought to the House of God are cherished.

MY MOTHER

A recollection, indeed precious to me, is the time mother counseled with me about my soul's salvation. A series of evangelistic meetings was being held in our church in the spring of 1934 by a Rev. Mr. Mead, a chalk-artist-evangelist. My heart was especially touched during one of the services, and as mother and I walked home that night, I questioned her concerning one's acceptance of Christ. Her words of Christian truth and mother-love bore fruit unto eternity, for I accepted Christ as Savior before the series of meetings was ended.

In the spring of 1954 mother was taken seriously ill, and almost every day for the seven weeks she was in the hospital I had the privilege of praying with her. Time and time again she testified that during her earlier years she prayed that if it pleased the Lord he would grant her sufficient days that she might rear her children to Christian manhood and womanhood. She was now satisfied that God had granted her request.

One day as I was in the hospital room reading from the epistle of

James, the 15th verse of the 5th chapter came to me so pointedly as one of the precious promises of God, "And the prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up." Each night we as a family claimed this wonderful promise and trusted God. Today mother is once again enjoying health by the providence and power of God, and we praise him for it. I thank God for my Christian mother, and pay tribute to all that her influence and life mean to me today.

MY MOTHER-IN-LAW

I could have wished for no finer or nobler woman for my mother-in-law than Mrs. Louise Gossen of Waco, Texas. Hers has been and is a life of love, service and devotion to God, to various churches and to her family.

She and her late husband, Rev. C. C. Gossen, labored in three pastorates—the Mowata Church in Louisiana; the Canaan Church of Crawford, Texas; and the Emmanuel Church of

A Tribute to Mother

By REV. G. G. RAUSER, Lodi, California

IN THE BOOK of Proverbs 31:28, we have the beautiful words concerning a good Mother, a tribute which cannot be improved on. "We children shall rise up and call her blessed."

I am most happy to give a personal tribute to my own loving mother who is still with us. My father died 13 years ago. Mother is now 76 years old and still lives alone, taking care of her own modern little home and enjoying fairly good health. She is the mother of twelve children, eleven of whom are still living.

Of the six sons, two are deacons in their respective churches, two are active in other church offices, and I,

Marion, Kansas. It was after a ministry of only two years in Marion that Mr. Gossen was called up higher at the age of 49—a faithful servant of God, giving himself unreservedly to his ministry even to the end. His final sermon was preached on the last Sunday of May, 1945. Already quite weak physically after several months' illness, it was necessary for him to finish his last sermon sitting down. That afternoon he was taken to the hospital, and one week later he went to be with the Lord.

The days following her husband's death were especially trying for Mrs. Gossen, since she was left with four children, ranging in age from 10 to 18. Difficult, too, was the question the children asked repeatedly that needed to be answered—"Why should Daddy be taken when there are yet so many souls to be saved?" For Mrs. Gossen and her family these were days of confusion and bewilderment, and yet days of complete and utter dependence upon God for every need.

She with her children moved to Waco, Texas, where she has made her

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the youngest of the boys, am now pastor of 850 members. The five daughters are all active in church work, with the exception of the oldest one, who is handicapped because she is both deaf and dumb. However, she is a Christian and a member of the Baptist church.

As far back as my recollections go, I have always known my mother as a praying, God-fearing and consecrated person. She not only cooked and baked for her large family, but she always had an open hand for the visitors and strangers. If the meals given away to strangers and visitors would be priced at fifty cents each,



the total thereof would build a spacious and most modern home in this present day.

She entertained all the servants of God who came to the little country church, who, because of the distance, had to remain over the weekend. Not only the ministers of her own faith, but any servant of Jesus Christ found a welcome at her humble but happy home. As a general rule, her Sunday table was always twice the size of the immediate family, since people who were far from church would always be welcome to have dinner before they drove home, especially in the winter months.

Aside from all this, she was very active in church work, and never absent from the services, except for illness of her own or of the children. Today her children and the many grandchildren truly fulfill the text of Proverbs 31:28, "Her children shall rise up and call her blessed."

There are several reasons why her children shall rise up and call her blessed. Not because she is beautiful; not because she stood high in the social life of her community; not because she is a well dressed person. They shall call her blessed, first, because of her faith in God. This is the greatest heritage any daughter or son can receive. It is worth more than silver or gold.

Paul in his words to Timothy gives us a very striking example. "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (2 Tim. 1:5). Mother's faith had reached the third generation.

A LIFE OF PRAYER

Secondly, they shall call her blessed because of her life of prayer. Hannah, the mother of Samuel, is a wonderful example of such a mother. She took him to the temple, and in prayer dedicated him to God's service. Many a child can truthfully say, "My mother's prayers have followed me the whole world o'er."

In the third place, they shall call her blessed because of the influence of her life. It's the kind of influence that comes through a consistent life, and through words of warning, instruction and wisdom, mingled with a heart of love and concern. Moses refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter when he was come to years. He made his choice rather to suffer with God's people, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. His mother's influence and training remained with him in all the years in Egypt.

We cannot honor our loving, consecrated mother too much. My personal word of praise goes out to all mothers everywhere. May Mother's Day of 1955 be a most blessed one for them.



"Her children shall rise up and call her blessed" (Proverbs 31:28)

Cherished Treasures of Mother

By REV. ARTHUR WEISSER, Rochester, New York

A LAD was recently asked by a television master of ceremonies: "Who is the father of our country?" Without a moment of hesitation the lad replied, "God." "Who," ventured the MC further, "is the most important woman in the United States?" "My Mother," burst forth the boy.

How right that little man was! Such a home provides stabilizing factors that anchor the soul.

God chose a human woman to mother his Son. To this high honor Mary, the mother of Jesus, responded with a song that revealed her glow of inner faith when she sang, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Savior." And the angel said, "Thou art highly favored . . . the Lord is with thee!"

Not the mere fact of giving birth enthrones a mother to her true greatness and highly favored position. The Bible says, "Favor is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." This is the kind of mother we honor on Mother's Day.

I would pay tribute to a mother born in Scotland, who mothered ten children, whom I am proud to call "Mother." Being born in Scotland does not make me a Scotsman, for, you see, it was Scotland, South Dakota. However, being born and reared in a home where God was sovereign and where neighbors often met to worship God prepared her for the task of molding the raw material out of which a son would one day rise up and call her blessed, and magnify the God of her fathers, her own Lord and Savior.

The spirit of adventure sent our parents into the vast unknown Canadian

North West. They drove their tent stakes into soil thirty miles from the railroad. Wooded, mosquito infested land stubbornly resisted the plough. The elements of frost, hail, drought and long cold winters were met with sheer determination, endless hope and dauntless courage. It became Home!

Powerful were the adverse forces of nature, yet there were soon fields of grain for bread. Powerful, also, were the forces of evil that incessantly made their impact upon the pliable mind and behavior of a young boy being constantly bombarded with lewd jokes, rancid cursing and low moral living by the many farm hands employed on the farm. More powerful, however, was the influence of a Christian home, where the sacred Book was read in awe and reverence, where prayers ascended to God in thanksgiving and in petition for safe keeping.

No human influence had a stronger stabilizing effect upon my life, when the winds of temptation blew fierce and wild, than that of mother, who by her quiet, pure and noble spirit held sway over her brood. Her many prayers were answered in that she saw all of her children accept Christ as Savior, of whom three sons serve in the Gospel ministry and North American Baptist churches. The sight of mother in her rocking chair, after a day of toil and care, nimble fingers plying knitting needles with a contented smile on her face while humming her favorite tunes, is a cherished treasure never to be forgotten.

Thank God on Mother's Day if you have a mother to whom you can say, "The Lord is with thee—blessed art thou among women," for she is the most important woman in the land!

Our Mother's Bible

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"Abide thou in the things thou hast
learned. Remember your mother's faith
and return to the Book that will make you
wise unto salvation"
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The First of a Series of Three Articles by
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"We search the world for truth,
We cull the good, the true, the
beautiful,
From graven stone and written
scroll,
And all old flower-fields of the soul;
And, weary seekers of the best,
We come back laden from our quest,
To find that all the sages said
Is in the Book our mothers read."

ONCE AGAIN it's Mother's Day. Throughout the land hearts grow tender with appreciation and blessed memories. More devout and thoughtful people follow the impulse to worship in God's House, to render thanks to the Perfect Giver for so wonderful a gift as mother.

How can one adequately pay tribute to her in a one-day's observance upon remembrance of the debt of gratitude we owe? If "heaven lay about us in our infancy" it was because mother sheltered our budding life, and her kindly light of untiring care fell steadily upon our way. By day and night, in sickness and health, her hand smoothed the wrinkled pillow or brow. Her healing virtues mingled freely in our misfortune's bitter cup. Always there was the rustling of wings close-by.

With mixed emotions we recall the hymns our mother sang, the fervent prayers she uttered in our behalf, the genuine faith she lived, the bright hopes she cherished for her own. Still others praise her voice and words,

her hands which accomplished so much with so little, her heart throbbing with prayerful concern, her eyes radiating goodness, kindness, concern, reflecting approval or reproof. Of course, everybody praises mother's cooking.

One could say much about every one of these blessings of a godly mother, as poets and preachers have eloquently done. This humble tribute is to lift into focus mother's Bible, that Book which means so much to her, filling her life with sweetness, blessedness and peace, building virtue and abiding comforts into her character and that of her children.

MOTHER'S LOVING CARE

In his last letter to Timothy, exhorting him to be strong and faithful, to hold to his convictions against seducers, deceivers, traitors, perverting and betraying the Christian faith, Paul tenderly reminds his spiritual son of the "sincere faith which dwelt first in his grandmother Lois, his mother Eunice" and now in him. "Remember who your teachers were; remember how you have known from childhood the faith in Jesus Christ."

To be sure, Timothy, whose name means "the gifted, honored of God," had already been wondrously saved from sin unto service, from fruitlessness to fruit-bearing, from partial concern to definite loving care for the churches, much to the delight of mother and grandmother whose greatest joy is ever to see their children walking in the truth. However, the times were such that demanded the

full strength and endowments of his youth to be disciplined and streamlined for effective, saving service. Let the radiant faith of your mother and the unfailing light of the Scriptures guide you into salvation's perfect wisdom.

But why this association of the Bible with mother? Because both appear so indispensable to each other and to our youth—to make life meaningful and bright, the heart of men and God glad, and to fill time and eternity with joy. As yet I have not found anybody who knows the depth of a mother's heart, nor have I found anyone who understands the Bible completely. In our foolishness we sometimes had our difficulties with our mothers; in our ignorance we have our troubles with the Scriptures.

There is no hiding of the fact that some portions of Scripture are difficult to understand. Mother knows it from her Bible reading. Even the Apostle Peter found it so who had witnessed the enactment of spiritual truth in the Master's matchless life. Then he had his difficulties, along with the other disciples, in understanding the Lord's teachings, especially when the Lord spoke of the Cross when facing Jerusalem. Now he finds in Paul's epistles "some things hard to be understood."

This is not strange when one views the struggle over dark and mysterious passages in current theological thought and witnesses unexpected shifts of emphasis in the thinking of prominent Christian leaders. Many stubborn difficulties remain to add

incentive to search the Scriptures, to challenge the intellect and to keep the soul awake. However, it is comforting to know that the assurance and joy of salvation do not depend on the clearing of those mysteries. Over-concentration on points of difficulty may cause loss of perspective and disturb the peace and power of the fellowship. They do not warrant the price that is often spent on them.

In reality, our most serious troubles arise not from the deep and difficult passages, but rather from those whose meaning is quite obvious and clear, mirroring our imperfect obedience, the foolishness of our ways, the ungracious spirit, the lack of love. This is what caused mother often to sigh and turn to God with fervent petition and holy aspiration. During these days may many lift their voices to heaven and pray with fortunate young Timothy: "Oh God, for a Christian mother that I have, and her Bible, I thank thee!"

THE INSPIRED WORD

In our Scripture reference (2 Tim. 3:14-17) the highly-learned Paul makes the assertion to the youth, steeped in the knowledge of the Word, that his mother's Bible will qualify him for godly living and great usefulness. Only "abide in the things which thou hast learned" in the university at mother's knee and been assured of since. Knowing that nothing great and lasting can be done or written except by inspiration, Paul makes some more helpful statements about the supreme worth of the Bible. They are golden words of appreciation whose significance has often been lost in fierce, dusting and profitless quibbling over words, particularly the word "inspiration." And yet it is a very simple affirmation, resting upon indisputable experience, and intended for practical purposes.

Inspiration or "inbreathing" is the endowment with the divine Spirit for a specific task or experience which would be otherwise completely beyond a man's comprehension or achievement. When a man writes better than he knows, and says more than he realizes, there is inspiration in the act. When it can be said, as Jesus expressed it to Peter, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 16: 17), that proves inspiration. When Peter reached right out of himself to meet God's mystery, and declared, "Thou art the Christ, the son of the living God," Jesus detected unmistakable inspiration. Or when Paul stated in 1 Cor. 11:23, "I received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you," inspiration lends divine authority to the words expressed.

So it is with all divinely directed men who wrote as God breathed upon them. Personal inspiration involves the total personality and is a blessed experience in which the human and

the divine spirit meet. Here is sacred ground and no one can penetrate the mystery of the divine encounter. But we are presented with the significant result—"holy men spake (and wrote) as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (1 Peter 1:21).

GOD'S APPROACH

Wonderful fact, that God in love condescends to speak to men, for how terrible are the silences of God! Prolonged silence would envelop mankind in eternal night and death. But God did "speak at different times and in divers manners through his prophets and his Son," never enforcing a methodical, monotonous uniformity of revelation after the fashion of men, overrunning and killing individuality.

How different was his approach even within the lifetime of his servants! He began speaking to Moses out of a burning thornbush, yet later he talked with him as with a friend. Friends will understand God also without a thornbush. He answered Elijah on Mount Carmel with falling fire, yet later he was neither in the fire nor earthquake but in the still small voice. No wonder that when Paul pondered the mysterious ways of God with men he exclaimed: "O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments and his ways past finding out" (Rom. 11:33).

How wonderful also the privilege and grave responsibility these holy men had to be a medium of divine revelation, an instrument of the creative spirit, as frail human vessels to hold the precious content of the redemptive message, infinitely more valuable than their very life and breath, and the sanctified channel of their speech. They were great minds and burning hearts setting forth the glory of him who is immeasurably greater than the Book which contains the records of what Christ was and did.

They were happy, divinely burdened men and women, holding aloft the precious pearls of saving truth upon the silver thread of faith and sharing their sparkling wonder with hearts expectant and tender! Never will the world let slip into oblivion the immortal words of the Son of Man. His authority guarantees that "heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

LIFE'S PROFITABLE WORD

Inspiration is an indisputable fact, and its best proof—the inspiring Scriptures. When D. L. Moody was asked, "How do you know that the Bible is inspired?" he significantly replied, "it inspires me." In some such simple way and with a deep sense of wonder mothers and hosts of Christians everywhere come confidently to the Bible and find all that Paul promised Timothy to gain from

its persistent study; sound doctrine, piercing inner conviction of wrong, correction, fortification against temptation and weakness, and instruction in righteousness unto perfection and usefulness—a well-balanced emphasis on doctrine and life, theology and ethics, belief and practice. How easily people are now swayed by those who emphasize doctrine as though nothing else mattered, and then again they swing with the pendulum to the other extreme, magnifying Christian conduct, as though one could do that without deep persuasions.

As a theological bulletin recently put it: "One group is concerned with the circumference of the wheel of Christianity, the other with the hub. We need the hub and the rim bound together by spokes, our Christian living rounded in Christian truth in order to advance effectively." There is no substitute for such balance of power, for the genuine reality in which faith and practice, talk and walk, salvation and behavior go together.

We have one perfect example in the Bible—the Word Incarnate, and HE is infinitely more than our Example. He is our Redeemer and Risen Lord. None of the sons of men are as straight and tall in soul as he is! How can we become like him and grow "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ"?

OUR SCHOOL MASTER

The deepest concern of mothers and fathers everywhere is: How can we keep our children straight and pure? With the Psalmist they believe, "By taking heed according to thy Word" (Psalm 119:9). In the preface of the King James version of the Bible are these words: "If we be ignorant, the Scriptures will instruct us; if out of the way, they will bring us home; if out of order, they will reform us; if in heaviness, comfort us; if dull, quicken us; if cold, inflame us." Surely, such a Book is a school master unto Christ.

Our mother's Bible is a treasure that made her rich in God. But for many, it has become a lost treasure, just a beautiful phrase, a painfully avoided subject, a real tragedy. Since Paul's injunction to Timothy is part of the Bible, hear ye the Word of the Lord: "Abide thou in the things thou hast learned. Remember your mother's faith and return to the Book that will make you wise unto salvation."

Former President Garfield, when he took the oath of office and had rested his lips upon the Bible, turned to kiss his gray-haired mother. On the grave of Phillips Brooks' mother is the inscription: "O woman, great is thy faith; be it unto thee even as thou wilt." The best testimony of the Christian faith is a radiant, godly mother who reads, loves and lives her Bible, and leaves to her children a shining example of Christian faith. "Her children will rise up and call her blessed."

Home Again After Five Long Years!

By MISS LAURA E. REDDIG, Cameroons Missionary

AS I BEGIN my third furlough in the States, my heart is filled with gratitude to God for the privilege that has been mine to be chosen of him to carry the Gospel of Christ to Africa. How I long for the gift to be able to praise him adequately!

Having moved out of my house at Bamenda New Hope Settlement so that the Roth family could move in before Christmas, I finished my packing while living in the Schneiders' guest room. The last days of fellowship with Mil and Gil Schneider, with little Linda and Evan, were greatly enjoyed. God has used the Schneiders marvelously in the work at Mbingo, and I have enjoyed working with them and being their nearest neighbor.

CHRISTMAS AT MBINGO

As most of our patients had gone to spend Christmas at their homes, we all had a rather quiet Christmas. The Christmas service was held on the veranda of the new hospital, with just a few patients left there to worship with us, and with our new doctor, Dr. Kenneth Jones, and his family. How great is God's love to us in answering our prayers on behalf of a doctor for the work among leprosy patients! We rejoiced at the wonderful Christmas story given in Scripture, story and song.

Now we faced the New Year with untold joy and anticipation. The new doctor was here. The new hospital would be equipped and opened for patients. There would be new patients admitted again! And there would possibly be some patients discharged as "symptom-free" who would go back to their villages and families and show forth the new life they had found at New Hope. One hundred and forty-four patients were being treated and were from 1½ to 2 years along recovery's road. And just now when all these interesting things are about to happen, I had to come home for a furlough.

But my furlough was already overdue, so when the patients had all called, "Walka good, ma," I left Mbingo on Dec. 28th. That day was spent at Bamenda going over the patients at the little camp for leprosy patients there, and turning the patients, records and problems over to Dr. Jones and Betty Roth. Betty would now be their new "ma." As I left Mbingo, it was with thankful heart that God had let me see a dream come true—our mission doing something for the leprosy victims of Bamenda Province!

Dr. Jones left early in January for special studies at Uzuakoli, Nigeria, and when he returns in April, 1955,



Laura E. Reddig, Cameroons missionary, photographed following her return to the United States in January 1955.

new patients will be admitted for treatment. How great is God's faithfulness!

ALONG CAMEROONS TRAILS

The Gebauers sent me off along the Cameroons trails in the big Ford truck. This truck was to bring Myrtle Weeldreyer up to Bamenda from Soppo where she had just landed to begin her second term of service. The "kwark-kwark" at the resthouse door in Mamfe proved to be my first cook Peter Shu who was with me during my first two terms in Africa. We had a happy hour recalling the happy times of trekking all around the Cameroons in the days when our missionary staff numbered only three on the field. He bade me a "Walka good, Ma, and God bless you!"

Between Mamfe and Kumba are stretches of road about which one can say: "Choose your rut. You will be in it a long time." One hour's travel among puddles and ditches took our Ford just one mile. There was an opportunity to stop and visit the Basel

HOME AGAIN!

After five long, arduous years in the Cameroons, Africa, where she pioneered in starting the New Hope Settlement to the lepers, Miss Laura E. Reddig is home again with a heart overflowing with gratitude to God to tell the story of Christ's redeeming work among the Africans.

EDITOR.

Mission's new settlement at Munyemen. They were planning their official opening on Jan. 9th. Whereas our Mbingo station is in the cool, open highlands, Munyemen is in deep tropical forests, and literally has its entire station cut out of the forest. We rejoiced together over the fact that the leprosy sufferers in the rest of the Cameroons would now have a chance to be treated also.

New Year's Eve found me at Kumba, sleeping in the house built by George and Alma Henderson. Several Christians asked me when the Hendersons would return. I told them to pray that God might restore their health and bring them again to the land they love and where they are needed.

"You may spend the New Year as you spend its first day." If that is so, there will be plenty of traveling ahead. The 64 miles on the new and wider roads brought me to Soppo for three very short days of fellowship with Esther Schultz, Ruby Salzman, Eleanor Schulert and the Michelsons. Myrtle Weeldreyer said "Hello and goodby" and was off to Bamenda and her new work at Belo.

WELCOME HOME!

On Jan. 4th I was taken on the banana steamer, the "Tilapa," which was my restful and storm-tossed home for two weeks. Two days in England gave me a taste of London's heavy smog and delightful fellowship with our missionaries, Ben and Margie Lawrence and Eleanor Weisenburger, who are in London because of studies they are taking for our Cameroons work.

The "Saxonia," my sea home for over nine days, was a lovely new ship launched in Canada last September. Nearly 900 passengers spent the crossing either too sick to eat or enjoying every minute of it, as I did. British broadcasters told the world of the fact that the "Saxonia" was being severely storm-tossed. We got into New York over two days late but were welcomed by "Old Glory" flying over the harbor and the Statue of Liberty raising her hand to say "Welcome back!" It was easy to identify the new tall white building as the United Nations building, a new landmark since I left in 1950.

Brooklyn friends and their "Welcome home, Laura" made it possible for me to reach the Evergreen Church in time for the evening service where I spoke and showed some African pictures. The next day was taken up in medical examinations and other

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A women's meeting at the New Hope Settlement, Mbingo, Cameroons, with the wives of the "clean" laborers working at the settlement and with Missionaries Laura Reddig and Mildred Schneider.

EDWIN SMITH in "African Beliefs and the Christian Faith" writes: "In the belief of the African, all power is not in the hands of one unseen being—not even the highest. There is a distribution of power. A number of beings are able to make man unhappy. It is good sense, the Africans say, to get on the right side of all who may be able to do damage to men or give them help."

African stories make clear the belief that at the start God had made man. God and men were living together in harmony as friends. Today they are separated because of man's wrong-doing or foolish behavior.

It is clear to us who work here that a number of Africans do offer prayer to God as well as bring him offerings. The purpose is chiefly, in fact, almost completely to make requests of God for things he is able to give them and for which man has need, namely, food, drink, strong bodies, help in the time of trouble and an increase in children and animals.

CROP ROTATIONS

The women of Bamenda carry on a crop rotation, usually covering about three years. However, with grass fallow, the rotation system may cover from four to ten years, depending upon the availability of land, location of the land, the age and health of the woman. Incidentally, death records are kept from the stage of farming the person was in when death overtook her. The chief crops grown are maize, guinea corn, millet, yams, sweet potatoes, bambarra nuts and ground nuts.

All of us living in Africa have watched with interest the burning of the yellow, bronze and vermilion grasses of the grasslands. We have often wondered what game the men and boys were hunting in the wake of the fires. Have you ever thought of the hours of back-breaking toil which the natives avoid by this burning? Burning the grasses also serves as a protection for the compounds from fire outbreaks. All natives favor the burning because it destroys many pests which would invade their homes and which do ravage the crops.

The Women of Africa

The story of African planting seasons and harvest festivals

By MISS ESTHER SCHULTZ, Cameroons Missionary

The farm implements are few and primitive. Women use chiefly the hoe. Hoeing in Africa must be back-breaking because they bend over the work without bending the knees. Besides her hoe, she carries a small farm knife, a calabash, a bag or basket, and her walking stick. The men use machetes for clearing the land and planting, and the small mattock for weeding the raffia palm. They treasure the European axe if they can afford it.

Nsaw (Banso), Ndop and Oku women prefer carrying raffia bags. At seeding time you will see the women carrying small baskets which hold about a pint of seed. The baskets are tied about the waist with a string. Some carry them like a bustle. In gathering the harvest large cylindrical baskets are used.

Most generally, the clearing of the land falls to the men, but in Mbem and Mambila country both sexes take over this task. In some of the fields in which we work the men must carry out the ritual of pouring mimbo (native wine) on the land to insure a good yield. According to Dr. Kaberry (an anthropologist who did extensive research on the women of the grasslands), it is doubtful if the men spend more than ten days on the farm. However, they do spend up to 36 days bringing in timber and carrying grass to repair their houses.

The women prepare the seed beds. Most of the plots lie up and down the slope instead of across. In Mfumte, Nsungli, Bamessi, Bafut and Kom special preparation of the seed bed for maize is undertaken. Usually grass is cut and covered with earth for a month or six weeks, after which it is set afire and allowed to smolder. It is interesting to note that the soil turns vermilion red and appears to be puffy but yields an excellent crop the first year. It is claimed that this procedure destroys pests and lowers soil acidity. However, the burning of the humus reduces fertility after the first year.

Often the women work in teams on the farms. It does take away the monotony and the work goes faster. If many women are employed and they go from farm to farm, some may be

late in getting the farm ready for planting. In times of sickness the women are very generous about going to the farm of the sick person. When a new bride comes to the compound, all the women will spend the first day helping her with her farm. Encouragement could be given to group work in the cases of pregnant women. The church people should take the lead in such consideration. Men offer little assistance because it is considered an infringement on the division of labor between the sexes.

Dr. Kaberry feels that missions should be encouraged so that the men might be willing to assume the extra responsibility of incurring new expenses and so that the women can go to the maternity centers, and money for the medical fees, clothing and school fees for their children who attend Mission schools can be found.

WOMEN'S WORK

In all cases the weeding of the farm lies in the hands of the women. They can do this work at their own pace and pleasure. Of course, if a friend or sister comes along, the monotony is relieved and they can gossip together.

Once the maize is planted they intersow the maize with plots of spinach, peppers, dwarf beans, cassava, okra, pumpkin, gourds, egusi (something like pumpkin seeds which are made into rich stew gravies), sugar cane and, in some places, potatoes and coco yams.

April and May find the grassland women with a lean and hungry look. Food in the farms is not ready and the stores remaining are small. Children are given food first and then always the best.

After the maize is ready to be harvested, many women will leave it in crude huts on the farm because there are fewer rats to eat it. Some take it home and toss it into the bunda to afford a fine feast for the rats, and if the roofs are poor and leaky the maize will be mildewed when the heavy rains come. In November the corn is transferred to raffia bins which will hold from 220 to 330 pounds of maize.

Native rituals and festivals are tied up with agriculture. The chief

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Our First Term in the Camerouns

By REV. and MRS. FRED HOLZIMMER,
Camerouns Missionaries on Furlough in the
United States



Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer and their daughters, Juanita and Miriam Sue, photographed in Africa just before their return to the United States.

AS WE LOOK BACK upon this first term of service of ours in the Camerouns, Africa, we consider it as a time of learning. Our lives have been filled with new things—a new land, new people, new customs and new languages which all add up to a new standard of living.

In America our lives are filled with rushing and hurrying about. When one wishes to go visiting, he jumps in his car and in a matter of minutes he has reached his destination. In Africa when one goes visiting, one either rides a horse or walks and thinks twice about going, for there are many steep hills to climb and descend and distance is figured by the hours it takes to reach one's destination.

NATIVE CUSTOMS

Local customs in Africa can be a fascinating study, but ignorance of them can often be embarrassing. We remember the visit of the local chief at Ndu shortly after our arrival. After our visit with him, we asked his name and, after evading the answer several times, he politely told us it is not the custom for a chief to give his name.

Even after several years on the field, imagine our chagrin when a native speaker at our Missionary Conference told us that it is considered bad etiquette to cross our legs in the presence of a chief or big man for it shows disrespect to him. The same policy is carried out in church, thereby honoring God. We guiltily thought back and wondered how many people we have offended by this common American practice.

To learn African languages is always a big problem on our field, for there are usually three or four different languages in each of our areas. We

therefore learn or rather pick up a form of English called Pidgin English. In the early days on the field, quite often we misunderstood those with whom we were conversing for they used an English word meaning (to them) quite the opposite from what we understand by the same word.

The word, "wonderful," to the African usually means very bad or terrible. You might be telling a native of some accident or of the death of a friend and he will exclaim "Wonderful!" very emphatically. In the early days you might have thought that he is not in his right mind at such an exclamation but later the language becomes so familiar that even the missionaries often use it when conversing with one another.

Some other such confusing terms are "he schweet bad" meaning "it is very good," or "I do find em, I do find em, so tay I no do look em" meaning "I have looked and looked but couldn't find it."

RETURN TO AMERICA

On our way out to Africa we met one of our missionaries on his way to America who told us a few of the problems facing one upon returning to America. One of them dealt with the difficulties encountered in speaking proper English again, and he suggested, if possible, that it would be best not to speak in public the first three months after our return. We couldn't understand the missionary then, but we do now.

ANOTHER MISSIONARY HOME!

Mrs. Margie Lou Lawrence arrived home in Portland, Ore., on April 17 with her children. Her husband, Rev. Ben Lawrence is finishing his studies in London, England.

Our thinking, speaking and even some of our actions are influenced by the people among whom we have been living. We have picked up many of their traits and expressions, and constantly we have to correct ourselves. We are thinking on a level which the African understands, and we must constantly re-think and re-word our talks in presenting our work.

These early years have been richly rewarding ones despite these problems and early difficulties. To see some natives won to the Lord, others grow in the faith and still others, in the face of opposition and persecution, boldly proclaim this "good news" to their own people, is certainly encouraging to our hearts. We are looking forward to many more years in Africa, for these people are now our people and our hearts are one with theirs.

FAR ABOVE RUBIES

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home ever since, and has been an active member of the Central Baptist Church. The experience of being both mother and father to four children, rearing them in the nurture and admonition of the Lord has developed Mrs. Gossen into a mature Christian woman of spiritual wisdom and understanding. The tribute of her children over the years is, "She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness."

For Christian mothers everywhere, and very personally for my own Christian mother and mother-in-law, we turn to the Proverbs, "A woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised. Her children arise up and call her blessed . . . her price is far above rubies."

Music at the General Conference

By REV. L. R. JOHNSON of Waco, Texas

AMONG the unforgettable experiences of attending a General Conference is the thrill and blessing that comes from the musical program. Who can forget the spine-tingling thrill at the last Conference, as the mass choir at Philadelphia sang the Hallelujah Chorus! It was one of the highlights of the Conference. The Conference at Waco, Texas, gives promise of continuing the traditional standard of good music.

There will be great congregational singing, accompanied by the mighty organ in Waco Hall, and led by some of our talented song leaders. There will be "special music" breaks in the busy Conference program, when gifted soloists and smaller vocal groups will lift our hearts heavenward in the midst of caring for the Lord's business.

There will be singing by the Seminary Quartet, a choral group of 23 voices from the Christian Training Institute, a Men's Chorus from the Strassburg Church in Kansas, a Ministers' Chorus, and a Ladies' Chorus from the Southern Conference. Last, but not least, there will be singing by two great choirs—the Toliver's Chapel Baptist Church Choir, which is the finest Negro choir in this area, and the mass choir of the Southern Conference churches. (See front cover picture.)

This latter group has been rehearsing for the past several months. The

FRONT COVER

The General Conference Mass Choir with six churches of the Southern Conference represented is featured on the front cover. These churches are Cottonwood, Crawford, Dallas, Gatesville, Kyle, and Waco. The choir members are robed in the gold and green colors of Baylor. Mrs. L. R. Johnson, the director, is in the middle of the second row. It ought to be a great thrill for every General Conference visitor and delegate to see and to hear this Conference Choir!

response has been magnificent. Upwards of 80 voices have been joined together, with six churches represented. Some of the singers travel over 100 miles one way for each rehearsal. Under the able leadership of Mrs. L. R. Johnson of Waco, Texas, these voices have been blended together in beautiful harmony. The numbers being prepared all carry a Gospel message, several with a distinct Southern flavor.

You'll be glad you came to the Conference to share in the blessings as the ministry of music unfolds!

THE WOMEN OF AFRICA

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purpose for holding rituals are 1) to perform sacrifices to the god of earth; 2) to perform sacrifices to ancestors (the ties between dead and living are not broken as they are with us); 3) to be sure of the fertility of the land and the women; and 4) for the general welfare of the women and all the people.

Not all the societies in existence today are to insure fertility of the land and the women, but some are purely for recreation and pleasure. However, the farm produces much which is used by the societies for their feasts. Feasts in societies mean the sharing of the surplus crops with a larger number of people.

As I stated previously, the first ritual on the farm is the pouring of mimbo onto the land which is being cleared, thus insuring a good crop. In some villages medicine is made and rubbed on the body prior to going to the farm. It is also supposed to bring success in farming. The Nsaw people believe harmony must exist among the people in order to have proper relationship to the earth's fertility. Should quarrels arise, sacrifices must be made.

Where there is land lineage, the Fai shaves off small pieces of ebony into a basket which the chief woman brings to him. She plants the first crop, and the remainder is distributed among the other women for their farms.

In some areas sacrifices of food and animals are made by the men. The feast is eaten by the men in the juju house. Many put mimbo, leaves and place them in a calabash in the center plot of the farm. This first fruit as they call it is given to the juju. Some areas also make medicine through the juju man. He plants his crop first, and all then plant theirs. He also harvests his plot first. In some places sacrifices are made on stones. If the food is eaten, the people believe there will be a famine. Some men even believe they can make rain if it is needed. A spot of ground is well watered, then a chicken is killed and the head is placed pointing upward, thus inducing the rain to fall.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN

Women do not consider agricultural responsibilities placed upon them as an inferior status. Rather they confer status and are bound up with

feminine self-respect and dignity. They take pride in their work and are sensitive to charges of laziness. Women of Africa feel that a woman's work is never done!

How does this knowledge help us in trying to help the African Christian? Since the African feels that many gods control his life, it will take much teaching and prayer to show the oneness of God and his greatness and purpose in man's life.

Teaching the proper ways of farming should constantly be our aim. Since the African believes he has a dependence upon God's goodness and should show his gratitude for the harvest, I believe the Church should offer many seasons of prayer for God's blessing upon them before the planting season. We do hold harvest festivals now, but there is much room for teaching true giving for the abundance of God's goodness. Since hunger does exist, we are and have been working through our schools to introduce in-between crops which should help in the future more than at the present.

We and the natives need your prayers as they learn to live a Christian life in a land where every act is tied up with a pagan religious experience. How thankful we are that "Christ is the Way!"

HOME AGAIN AFTER FIVE LONG YEARS

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coming-home business, interspersed with good meals and fellowship at the Zoschkes and the Markleins.

Rev. R. Schilke welcomed me at the Chicago depot, and the welcome which I got from all the secretaries at Forest Park made me feel as if I were the prodigal returning from afar. Those welcomes and handclaps felt mighty good. A fellowship luncheon followed a brief conference with all the secretaries. My furlough plans were briefly outlined.

A required six-month's course in London, beginning in September, 1955, will make my furlough very short. I am praying, however, that God might make even this short furlough rich in his blessings and use me entirely for his glory.

It will be a joy to tell you of his marvelous works and the leadings of his Spirit at work in Africa and of Christ's redeeming work among the Africans he has touched. It will be with a heart overflowing with gratitude that I'll thank you for your prayers and gifts which have made possible our Camerouns mission work!

At Cathay, N. Dak., I was welcomed by a toy horn played by a brother of mine, twenty-two friends and relatives, and a temperature of 30 degrees below zero. Every step of this homecoming made me realize anew that "God is good."



Vignettes of Church History

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

10. THE APOSTOLIC FATHERS— CLEMENT OF ROME

By the close of the first century, all of the books which compose the New Testament had been written and were being circulated individually through the churches. They were not equally known and received at first. Paul mentions a spurious letter written to the Thessalonians in his name (2 Thess. 2:2). At the same time, no one supposes that the New Testament contains everything a given writer ever penned.

A vast literature comes down to us from the early centuries of the Church, and the authentic writings remaining from the period up to about the year 600 are referred to as the Church Fathers. The earlier writers used the Greek language, and Latin came into use in the West about the year 250.

The earliest of the Fathers, those who were younger contemporaries of the apostles, are known as the Apostolic Fathers. The last of these, Polycarp of Smyrna, was martyred in 155, and the Sub-apostolic Age closed.

Clement of Rome, thought by many scholars to be the Clement mentioned by Paul as one of his fellow-workers

when writing from Rome (Phil 4:3), was a leading elder in the church there toward the close of the first century. His letter to the Church of Corinth is considered the earliest non-canonical Christian writing left to us.

The letter was written immediately following a period of persecution by the Roman government, undoubtedly that of the Emperor Domitian during 95 to 96 A.D. Its purpose was to advise the Corinthians on a dispute which had arisen. Clement writes as if bishop and elder were interchangeable terms in the Roman church of his day, and he urges the members to be in subjection to their leaders.

The salutation begins, "The Church of God which sojourns at Rome, to the Church of God sojourning at Corinth . . ." and the writer makes no claims for himself, indicating that at this period there was no exalted head of the Roman church claiming to stand in Christ's place as leader of all the Church. The whole letter breathes an atmosphere of apostolic simplicity with many quotations from both the Old and New Testament books. Walker, 42; Newman, I, 211-219; Kuiper, 49-50.

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist

ENGAGEMENTS:

The Lord willing, we shall be in the Immanuel Church of Edmonton, Alta., from May 8 to 17. Rev. Hornbacher is the pastor. From there we go to Jansen, Sask., Canada. Rev. Waldemar Ertis is the pastor at Jansen. With prayerful anticipation we look forward to these appointments.

WE THANK GOD:

He was under deep conviction of sin. His whole body seemed to sag under the load of guilt. He came to me and said, "My sins, my sins! They rest like a rock upon my soul!" He sank upon his knees and poured out his heart to the Lord in agony of soul and mind. A lost son was coming home. And he who had been dead was made alive through saving, regenerating faith in the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. There was joy in heaven over one sinner who repented.

The next evening he came to me, put his arms around me and said, "O brother, they are gone, they are gone, even my besetting sin, which kept me from the Lord so long!" Our tears of joy mingled together in thanksgiving

and praise. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!

PRAYER REQUEST:

Pray with us that the Lord may pour out streams of blessing upon our churches in true revival, to the searching of hearts and forsaking of sin on the part of God's people, and the salvation of precious lost souls still in the power of bondage of Satan and sin. Pray for your evangelists!

ENGAGEMENTS

Rev. R. Schilke

May 8 (Sunday)—Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pennsylvania.
May 15 (Sunday Afternoon)—Women's Anniversary Program, Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

May 15 (Sunday)—20th Anniversary Festivities, Conner Church, Detroit, Michigan.
May 22 (Sunday)—McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Rev. L. Bienert

May 22 (Sunday)—Grace Church, Racine, Wisconsin.

CONFERENCES AND GUEST SPEAKERS

May 12-15—Atlantic Conference at Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa. Dr. John Leypoldt, Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson.

May 12-15—Central Dakota Association at Linton, North Dakota. Rev. Daniel Fuchs and Miss Laura E. Reddig.

May 19-22—Central Conference at Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois. Dr. George A. Lang, Rev. R. Schilke and Miss Laura E. Reddig.

May 27-30—Northwestern Conference at Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa. Miss Laura E. Reddig and Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

COMING EVENTS

May 1-8—National Family Week sponsored by the National Sunday School Association. Theme: "Every Parent Is a Teacher."

May 8 (Sunday)—Mother's Day.

May 15 (Sunday)—Commencement exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Commencement speaker, Rev. R. Kern, Forest Park, Illinois.

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By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER

A NEW NOVEL with a background of Biblical history and an array of characters taken from the Bible has just appeared on the market. The book is called "Maid of Israel" and is written by Tolbert R. Ingram and published by the Broadman Press of Nashville, Tennessee. It is believed that this book will become as popular as "The Robe."

It deals with such people as Miriam, the captive Jewish girl; Baskan, the reckless and war-loving captain; Naman, the chief captain who hardly dared to hope for victory over leprosy; Ben-Hadad who was always scheming; Jehoram, a weak-willed king of Israel; Gabbar, ambitious beyond all bounds and Elisha, Jehovah's servant.

To read this novel will provide very interesting background information for a certain portion of the Old Testament. We recommend this novel. By reading it you will follow Miriam, who through tragic experiences found her faith tested while she affects the destinies of nations as well as individuals.

This 270-page novel sells for only \$3.00. ORDER IT FROM YOUR PUBLISHING HOUSE, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

Women's missionary groups and young people's groups will do well to review this book.

BOOK REVIEWS

CHANNELS OF SPIRITUAL POWER.

By Frank C. Laubach. 186 pages. \$2.50. Revell Company.

Dr. Frank C. Laubach is one of Christendom's greatest missionaries in teaching millions of people around the face of the globe to read and to write so that the Bible will become a familiar Book to them and the Way to the Lord Jesus Christ. He is convinced that we are awaking to a new spiritual consciousness. "History will record that from 1950 onwards, America began to have her greatest religious revival," as he writes. "There is reason to hope that this is the beginning of the greatest revival of all time, not only in the United States but throughout the whole world. We are too human to be trusted with atomic bombs. We must rise to a new level, or we shall destroy one another. We must try to turn our enemies into friends, to change evil men into good men, to remove the causes which produce enemies." He believes that we can do these things only if we become channels "through whom the infinite power of God pours down to meet the



One of the "Baylor Bears" in the bear pit on the campus of Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Strolling Around Baylor's Campus

By DR. M. L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of the "Baptist Herald"

IN YOUR STROLLS around Baylor campus, you as a General Conference visitor will be surprised to find a miniature zoo! Just back of the Student Union building is Baylor's famous bear pit, housing the mascots for the renowned football teams of Baylor University. Five bears make this pit their home as they welcome visitors with the friendly wave of a paw, asking for a few more peanuts! The present mascots are named Topsy and Turvy. Their parents, Joe and Josephine, stay in the bear pit all the times. Another bear, Barney, a former mascot, is also housed here.

If you arrive at the bear pits with a bag full of peanuts (and in your unappeased hunger if there are still a few peanuts left), you will have a barrel of fun watching the bears go through their favorite tricks to get you to throw more of those peanuts at them. It will be a pleasant break in the discussions and programs of each day during the General Conference to spend a few minutes with "the bears" at the pit.

infinite needs of humanity." In short, we must experience spiritual rebirth. —Presbyterian Life.

YOURS FOR FOUR YEARS by Paul Hutchens. Van Kampen Press Publishing Company. 316 pages. \$3.75.

To portray the power of Christ to change lives—the most sordid as well as the most sophisticated and highly educated—is the purpose of this latest book by Paul Hutchens, well known Christian novelist whose stories have appeared in the "Baptist Herald." This

All books reviewed and other books as well can be ordered from the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio.

As you and the bears share together that bag of peanuts in your hand, you will be led to muse on the great role that a football team plays on a modern college campus. The Baylor Bears have been on nationwide television programs, beating the football team from the University of California and playing in one or another of the famous New Year's Day bowl games. Their mascots from this bear pit have frolicked with the football team on the gridiron. Baylor University's multi-million dollar stadium seating 50,000 people is located only two short blocks from the Central Baptist Church of the city and is certainly well worth a trip to see.

So remember the Baylor bears at the bear pit on the campus, if the hours of the General Conference week seem to be uneventful. You'll laugh at the bears and their antics, and life will be all bright with sunshine, and Baylor campus will seem like a grand and wonderful place, after all!

dramatic, realistic story impresses on the reader that life and love can be beautiful in spite of a broken home, broken hearts, tragic adolescent mistakes, and minds that are uninged because of skeletons that remain too long in the conscience without repentance. Not only that, but there is vivid picturing of the human mind at war with God, and the peace and joy found in surrender to him. Young Dr. Dietzwood has the care of the ne'er-do-well Pomeranz' family for four years. He is initiated into the family circle by being attacked by the estranged husband of the beautiful, narcissistic Nona Pomeranz, who meets an untimely end in a drunken state. Through the course of the story, the inhibited daughter of Nona and Dan, with many complexes, finds a purpose in life. Dr. Schaeffer meets his tragic past (Continued on Page 23)

We...the Women

By MRS. WALTER W. GROSSER, President

MOTHERHOOD TODAY

Today the God-given admonition to "replenish the earth" is not as simple and self-evident a statement as it might appear. The real job of replenishing just begins with the creation of a new life.

With vast advancements in the fields of science, hygiene and medicine, the infant mortality rate is lower than ever today. Consequently masses of human beings are produced at an unprecedented rate. Unfortunately in this densely populated world mothers often fail to realize the full meaning of their God-given responsibilities.

Today more than ever, when the world is rapidly changing under forces of mass propaganda and thought, it needs dedicated mothers to nurture responsible Christian individuals so they may grow "in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man."

INSIGHT NEEDED

Young mothers of this day have access to many helpful and informative resources concerning the duties of child-rearing. Eminent pediatricians and specialists offer such guidance for only 35 cents in the pocket book editions. Magazines, books, forums, and panel discussions give constant aid to the alert mother. Thus it may seem that motherhood of today is an easy task. Quite to the contrary! It is one thing to be a well-informed mother and quite another to practice consistently what she knows.

Wisdom and insight are needed by a Christian mother to interpret the information she has received in relation to her child. For instance, a good mother realizes that each of her children is an individual and cannot develop normally in an assembly line with the same set routines and techniques used for another child, so she meets his personal needs.

Motherhood today is a great challenge to Christian women. Not only must a mother live her own life as a new-born creature in her Christ, triumphantly before her children, but she has the God-given privilege of rearing Christian children who will make a constructive contribution to the world into which they have been born. The concern of such a mother is not only for her own offspring but for the well-being of every mother's child the world around.

A MOTHER'S CONCERN

Due to a mother's concern she does not bury her head in the sand like a

fearful ostrich and lament the awful state of the world into which her children have been born but she is motivated by Christian love to action. She takes a vital interest in the methods of Christian education of her church. She finds out what is being taught in the Church School. In the secular world she supports the school-aid projects and good P.T.A. programs. The over-crowded, poorly equipped and staffed schools of others become her concern, even though her own children's situation may be above the present-day level of education.

Baptist Men at Waco!

By MR. HARRY H. GEIS of Okeene, Oklahoma, President of "Baptist Men"

WE AS OFFICERS and directors of "Baptist Men" have put forth considerable effort to enlist our laymen into a more vital fellowship and effective Christian service. When Jesus came to establish his earthly ministry, he called men for a three-fold purpose: to follow him, to learn of him and to serve his cause. That is still the case today.

The task is so great that all who are saved need to realize that we are saved to serve. The question arises, Where shall we serve? How shall we serve? When shall we serve? The



Mr. Raymond R. Lindsey of Little Rock, Arkansas, president of the Gideons International and a member of the Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, who will speak on Friday evening, June 10, at the Baptist Men's Rally of the General Conference, Waco, Texas.

She joins in protests against the low-grade crime and horror comic books. She lends her support to the best radio and TV programs for children. Her loudest protest is raised against liquor and its attendant evils. She is aware of the increasing crime rate for young people under 20 years of age. She realizes that her children have been born into a world where lost human beings have fallen prey to godless ideologies of mass thinking, trying to destroy the true values found in a saving faith in Jesus Christ and all that it implies.

Mothers of today! Let no one praise you unless you are willing to meet the big challenge of Christian service that is yours today through the home, church and your denomination. Lift high your voices in protest to the evils of this day. Do not become discouraged in the task, for in all ages past, over and over again, situations

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purpose for organizing our laymen into "Baptist Men" and into a larger fellowship of our General Conference is to help meet the where, how and when of serving.

There are many worthwhile activities in which men can engage within the local church and community, but the real objective and purpose should always be to deepen the spiritual life of our men through a program of Christian service, to make more positive the spirit of Christ in our homes, churches, communities, state and nation, and to provide a wholesome influence for spiritual growth and development. It is interesting to note that definite progress is being made by local organizational activities as well as several of our conferences that are organized.

As "Baptist Men" we now have our eyes upon Texas, and you can rest assured that Texas will not only have their eyes upon us but will share with us a hospitality that can only be fully realized by our presence at the General Conference in Waco, June 6 to 12, 1955.

Yes, "Baptist Men" will have a part on the program. Friday evening, June 10th, will be Laymen's Night. Raymond Lindsay of Little Rock, Ark., will be our guest speaker. He is president of "The Gideons International," a devout Christian business man who has a unique way of winning men to Christ.

On Thursday, June 9th, our laymen will have a luncheon and rally followed by a short business session and then another worthwhile program designated to be of special interest to men. Let us believe that men have a work to do and let us believe that we can do that work!

C.B.Y. Fellowship

By LAWRENCE BIENERT, Youth Director

OBJECTIVES IN CHRISTIAN CAMPING

The time for our summer camps is drawing near. We trust that you are making definite plans to attend. Your experiences at camp can be most fruitful in the area of Christian growth.

The importance of Christian camping cannot be emphasized enough. The Sunday School offers 52 hours of guided activity with about 26 hours of actual study during the year. Most of our churches conduct a Vacation Bible School each summer. Three hours per day for a period of two weeks amounts to 30 hours of guided activity. A summer camp of one week will include at least 70 hours of guided activity with 20 to 25 of these hours used in actual study. If your young people are able to participate in all three programs, the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and camp, then it is possible for them to receive at least 150 hours of supervised religious training with about 60 hours of this time spend in actual study.

This is indeed a small amount of time spent in religious education. We are falling way behind in training our youth as compared to the 300 hours of training the Jewish young people received or the 200 hours of training the Catholic youth receive.

The total number of hours of religious training received at camp almost equals the amount of training received by the combined efforts of the Sunday School and the Vacation Bible School. There is one great advantage in favor of a camping experience. The camp provides for an accumulation of inspiration, knowledge and guidance in a concentrated time which involves the entire living experience of the camper. A camp provides for spiritual growth, mental growth, social growth and physical growth.

TEN CAMPING OBJECTIVES

There are ten objectives of Christian camping as we have them listed in our Camp Leaders' Guide. They are as follows:

1. To provide an experience of Christian living through which campers come to a better understanding of Christian principles and teachings, as revealed in the Bible.
2. To provide an experience of living out-of-doors and to gain new knowledge of its resources, and develop the skills in using them.

3. To give campers a new perspective through the experience of being away from home.

4. To help campers in their understanding of God and his purpose as they make discoveries about his work in nature.

5. To provide time for contemplation not always possible in other parts of the program of the church.

6. To let campers learn to worship God in new ways in the out-of-doors.

7. To aid campers, through small group experiences within the total camp group, to develop self-reliance and responsibility as cooperative citizens of a Christian community.

8. To enable campers to have a wholesome and happy time.

9. To relate Christian growth in camp to life at home and in the church.

10. To aid in the process of developing genuine Christian fellowship based upon respect for individual worth.

THE CAMP CURRICULUM

The curriculum of each camp should have a proper balance between the physical, the mental, and the spiritual. We realize that the spiritual emphasis is our main motive for establishing a camp. However, we realize also that the mental discipline of study and the physical exercise through recreation play an important part in our total camp program.

We must keep a few facts in mind. A camp is not a Bible conference, although much time is given to Bible study. Neither is a camp primarily an evangelistic meeting, although evangelism plays an important part. Some people feel that a camp has not been successful unless a large host of young people make decisions for the Lord. We believe that if the program has been planned well with the proper emphasis, which includes every phase of the camper's life activity, there will be decisions prompted by the Holy Spirit. There are times when all the young people at a camp are already Christians. Then we will have to meet some of their other needs. A Christian camp is primarily a Christian community where the benefits of a

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Don't be afraid of tomorrow; God is already there!"

—Lane Miller.

well planned program meet the physical and mental needs of our young people.

Every camp curriculum should include two hours of Bible study, three to four hours of guided recreation, music, vespers, devotions, and an inspirational or evangelistic service each day.

To provide a program to meet the needs of the entire individual means that there will be less of a discipline problem. The energies of young people will thus be directed into channels of wholesome activity in which every camper is required to participate. The camper will be challenged mentally. New visions of God's purpose for life will deepen his spiritual life.

WE, THE WOMEN

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of complete depravity have faced man. Christian mothers have rallied to face those situations. They can do it again. Continue to nurture those young lives entrusted to you in this day so they may grow, "in wisdom, in stature and in favor with God and man."

Announcements

Year Books. Please choose one of the best year books your society has prepared during the past triennium. Mail it immediately to: Mrs. Roland E. Ross, 16 Franklin Avenue, River Forest, Illinois. Mrs. Ross was elected by the Executive Board to prepare again a display of these booklets at the General Conference.

Program Packets. Your Missionary Education Chairman, Mrs. Albert E. Reddig, assisted by Mrs. Adam Huber and many other contributors, has again prepared excellent Program Packets to be ready for mailing about June 1, 1955. Orders may be sent at any time to: Woman's Union, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois. (Prices — English, \$1.50; German, \$1.00.)

WHITE CROSS CORNER

By MRS. WALTER STEIN

Will you please make the following correction on your 1954-1955 White Cross List. Change number 37 to read as follows: "Wool blankets, aqua, wine or blue. Size 92" x 72" at 3½ pounds each. Could be 75 per cent wool and 25 per cent cotton."

Another item which is not on this year's list, and again needed, is baby diapers, size 18" x 36", pastel colors.

Item 7 on the list—delete the first clause, "four inch squares of best quality gauze," and let it read "four-inch squares of white cotton cloth, not necessarily new." Item 20 takes care of the sponges.



Sunday School Lessons

A LESSON PLAN

Date: May 15, 1955

Theme: REVERENCE FOR SACRED THINGS

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 26:3-5, 16-21.

PURPOSE: To show that reverence for sacred things is essential to worship.

GETTING STARTED: Sometimes a preacher or Sunday School teacher feels like the forgotten man. Over against the important personages that make the headlines of the day, he appears as a mere nobody. His words and activities never set the editorial rooms abuzzing. The columns of "Who's Who" make no mention of his name. The history books will pass him by. And even the little world of his immediate surrounding takes scant notice of him. He is but one among the many—too ordinary and unimportant to attract the world's attention. And yet, in the providence of God, and in the long run, the truly important personage of the day may not be the man or woman who makes the headlines but rather the Sunday School teacher or preacher who is faithful to his God-given task. Uzziah was a great and famous king. But behind Uzziah stood Zechariah, the faithful man of God who led the king to "seek God." He rates only a phrase in the sacred record; yet in the final count was he not even greater than Uzziah?

Developing the Theme:

I. SACRED THINGS HAVE THEIR PLACE IN THE WORSHIP AND SERVICE OF GOD.

1. Since Baptists have almost entirely rejected the idea of sacred things and holy places, they need to be reminded that there are things both sacred and holy: such as the House of God, the Service of Worship, the Bible, the Family Altar, the Communion Table, the Baptistery, the Preaching of the Word.

2. These things are sacred because they were appointed by God and are set aside for the worship of God, and anything so designated is sacred.

3. Because they are sacred, they should never be handled with thoughtless, irreverent and un consecrated hands; nor should we ever presume to set aside what God has appointed (2 Chron. 26:16-18).

4. Disregard and disrespect for the things of God always bring with them tragic consequences (2 Chron. 20:19-21).

a) Pride gets in and starts us on the road to spiritual ruin.

- b) Sin is given its chance to mar and gain control over our lives.
- c) Our usefulness for doing God's work and will comes to an end.
- 5. Without an appreciation for the sacredness of such things, no real worship is possible.

II. A SENSE OF REVERENCE IS ESSENTIAL TO TRUE WORSHIP AND ACCEPTABLE SERVICE TO GOD.

Such reverence is the fruit of—

1. Religious nurture in the home, where parents bring up their children in "the fear and admonition of the Lord" (2 Chron. 26:4).

2. Consistent training in the things of God under the tutelage of faithful and consecrated teachers (2 Chron. 26:5)

3. A church and ministry that are faithful to and safeguard the religious heritage given them by God (2 Chron. 26:17-18).

4. Personal commitment of one's life to God: his Word, his commandments, his church, his mission.

A LESSON PLAN

Date: May 22, 1955

Theme: A MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 30:1, 6-13.

PURPOSE: To set forth the need for a ministry of reconciliation.

GETTING STARTED: The recent retirement of Winston Churchill invites an interesting comparison between this great man of our century and King Hezekiah of long ago. Of the two, who was the greater leader? That Churchill was a great man and one who stood up magnificently in a time of crisis no one can deny. But what effect will the centuries have on his stature? Will he still seem great 2500 years from now? Hezekiah was leader of a much smaller nation; but one has a suspicion that in the final accounting he will come forth as the greater man; for he was more than a great leader. He was also—and this was his most distinguishing trait of character!—a great man of God!

Developing the Theme:

I. IN A TIME OF CRISIS THE GREAT NEED OF MEN IS RECONCILIATION.

The editor of these Sunday School Lessons is Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California.

1. Hezekiah saw this need and therefore tried to bring Judah and Israel together; for therein lay their only hope of survival against the common danger that threatened them (vv. 6-7).

2. Today, too, our weakness lies in our devisiveness. Confronted by a common enemy that threatens to destroy us all, there is nothing more needed than that we become reconciled to one another.

II. THIS RECONCILIATION CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY BY WAY OF THE CROSS.

1. Hezekiah did not try to bring the two peoples together by means of political maneuvering. Rather, he called them together to keep the passover in the house of God (v. 1) realizing—

a) That the people needed to be reconciled to God before they could become reconciled to one another (vv. 6, 8);

b) That they could become reconciled to God only if—

- 1. They repented of their sins;
- 2. Accept God's redeeming grace as symbolized in the passover;
- 3. Gave themselves to seek and do God's will.

2. In becoming reconciled to God, they would also become reconciled to one another, and everything would take a turn for the better (vv. 9, 20).

3. We too need to realize that political maneuvering will not reconcile men. What is needed is that men become reconciled to God first; by repenting of their sins, accepting Christ and the redemption he achieved for them on the Cross, and giving themselves to walk in his ways.

III. ONLY AS MEN DEDICATE THEMSELVES TO A MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION CAN THE WORK OF RECONCILIATION BE CARRIED ON.

1. Without Hezekiah and his willingness to be used of God, the work of reconciliation would not have been undertaken (vv. 1, 6).

2. Today, too, we need Hezekiahs who will become ministers of reconciliation: men and women who—

- a) Have themselves been reconciled to God—and thus their brother;
- b) Will speak forth the word of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18-19).
- c) Everywhere will seek to reconcile men to God and to one another.

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Walter Berkan of Spokane, Wash., have announced the birth of a daughter to them, who has been named Coralie Kaye. Mr. Berkan is pastor of the Arthur Street Baptist Church of Spokane. Rev. and Mrs. F. Fuchs of LaSalle, Colo., have sent word that a son was born to them on March 26, to whom the name Steven Frederick has been given.

● Rev. Harold Ekrut of Henrietta, Texas, has announced his resignation as pastor of the Hurnville Baptist Church and has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Hollister, Oklahoma. This is a Southern Baptist Church located in the southwestern part of Oklahoma, about 75 miles from Henrietta. He began his ministry there on April 1st. He served the Hurnville Baptist Church since 1952.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Windsor, Ont., has extended a call to Rev. Alfred Lueck of Yorkton, Saskatchewan. He has responded favorably and hopes to begin his ministry in Windsor on Sunday, May 8. He has served the Central Baptist Church of Yorkton since 1951. The Bethel Church of Windsor since its organization in 1954 has been served by Rev. G. P. Schroeder as interim pastor.

● The Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., has extended a call to Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn of Loyal, Okla., pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church since 1947. He has accepted the call and hoped to begin his ministry in Pound on May 1st. He is succeeding Rev. James Conner, who is now serving a church of another denominational fellowship in Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

● The Elm Creek Baptist Church near LaVernia, Texas, is being served by Mr. Edward Schmeltekopf in a student pastorate. He is a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kyle, Texas. At present he is a student at the Southwest Texas State Teachers College at San Marcos, Texas. Mr. Schmeltekopf has succeeded Mr. John Luebeck, a student at Baylor University in Waco.

● On Easter Sunday evening, April 10, Rev. R. Jaster, pastor of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church, Regina, Sask., baptized 16 persons on confession of their faith in Christ. This was a most impressive service for the large audience in attendance. Evangelistic meetings were held at the church from March 8 to 18 with Rev. R. Milbrandt of Medicine Hat, Alta., serving

as evangelist. He was formerly pastor of the Victoria Avenue Church.

● On Sunday evening, March 13, an impressive baptismal service was held jointly by the Baptist Churches of Bison and Isabel, S. Dak., of which Rev. Herbert Vetter is pastor. The service was held in the Timber Lake Baptist Church with Mr. Vetter speaking on "Questions About Baptism." He baptized five converts on confession of their faith in Christ. These and another person received by letter were welcomed into the Bison church's fellowship on Sunday, March 2, as reported by Mrs. Berthold Fried.

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 27, the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., held a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Richard Grenz and their family. Mr. Grenz had faithfully served the church during the past three years, especially in the strenuous building program. Prof. Herbert Hiller, church moderator, was in charge of the program. Representatives of the diaconate, the board of trustees and organizations of the church brought words of recognition and Mr. and Mrs. Grenz were represented with a gift. Mr. Grenz is pastor at Underwood, N. Dak., at present.

● Rev. Gustav Schmidt of Frederick, Md., former pastor of the West Baltimore Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., for 28 years, has accepted the call of the Calvary Baptist Church of Ridgeville, Maryland. He was forced to retire from the active pastorate several years ago due to ill health, but he now feels able to serve this rural church of the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. H. G. Laube of Baltimore, Md., has reported that "many improvements are being made in the Ridgeville Church building, including a new tile floor, a vestibule for the church entrance and also the decorating of the interior."

● The Bridgeland Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta., held evangelistic meetings from Feb. 21 to March 6 with Rev. H. Schatz, Northern Conference worker, serving as evangelist. Three persons made their confession of faith in Christ, and Christians were strengthened spiritually. Mr. Gus Holwegner reported that "Mr. Schatz brought dynamic messages that were filled with the Holy Spirit and that stirred the hearts of the listeners." Mr. Schatz is a former pastor of the Bridgeland Church, having served in Calgary from 1946 to 1951. Rev. Ervin J. Faul is the present pastor.

● On April 1st Mr. Henry P. Donner, former business manager of our Publication Society, was able to type a letter and to thank his many, many friends who remembered him during his recent serious illness for their "lines of Christian sympathy and brotherly interest." He has made a remarkable recovery, especially in view of his 95th birthday on April 13th. He also stated that he hoped to be in the White Avenue Church on the following Sunday and to be with his Bible Class where he had not been for five months. His address is 21739 Shaker Blvd., R.R.D. 3, Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

● The Baptist Church of Lorraine, Kans., held a missionary conference from April 17 to 19 with Rev. Paul Appel of the Spanish-American field, Miss Laura E. Reddig and Miss Margaret Kittlitz, Cameroons missionaries, and Rev. Elden Schroeder of Kyle, Texas, serving as guest speakers. The Lorraine church choir sang Stainer's "Crucifixion" at the Good Friday service on April 8. Paul Myers and Ruben Regier were soloists and Mrs. Edward B. Stacker the organist. The Easter offering amounted to \$2847.94 for the support of Dr. Leslie M. Chaffee at the Banzo Hospital in the Cameroons. Rev. Harold W. Gieseke is pastor of the Lorraine church.

● The Central Baptist Home for the Aged in Chicago, Ill., through its president, Mr. Roland E. Ross, has announced that Rev. and Mrs. Reinhold Sigmund of Billings, Mont., have accepted the call to become superintendent and matron of the Home effective on July 1st. Rev. and Mrs. Otto Roth resigned some months ago as superintendent and matron, expecting to retire from the active ministry. Mr. Sigmund resigned as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings on Sunday, April 17, and announced his acceptance of the call from the Chicago Home. Plans have been made for a new building project for the Chicago Home for the Aged to be begun as soon as possible.

● The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., has called Mr. David Draewell, a 1955 graduate of the Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., to become its Director of Activities and Youth. He is a spiritual son of the Ebenezer Church. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Draewell. For the past year he has served as director of youth activities for the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois. He will begin his ministry in the Detroit church in July. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wiese of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Betty, to Mr. David Draewell. She is secretary at the Forest Park headquarters office. Miss Wiese and Mr. Draewell plan to be married in September 1955.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Northwestern Conference

Fellowship Supper and Slides on Korea and Colorado at Steamboat Rock, Iowa

On Friday, March 11, the families of the First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa, held a fellowship supper. Special numbers in song were brought by the Boys' Quartet consisting of Royce Luiken, Robert Luiken, Richard Rose and John Frerichs; a duet by Alice Frerichs and Bonnie Pierson; and a solo by Shirley Kruse.

Richard Rose, who recently returned from service, showed slides of Korea, and Rev. F. Y. Lower, our pastor, showed slides of his trip through Colorado and some of the western states.

On Thursday, March 24, the young people showed the film entitled "Dead Men on Furlough" with a large audience in attendance.

K. L. Gast, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, Holds Reception for Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Haire

Sunday, Feb. 20, was indeed a happy day for the members of the Temple Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta. It was the day when we welcomed our pastor, Rev. T. J. Haire, and his family into our midst, after being without a pastor for almost six months. During the absence of a pastor, faculty members of the Christian Training Institute supplied the pulpit, for which we are very thankful.

During the course of the evening various readings and musical selections were rendered. Also words of welcome were extended by each organization of the church. We were also privileged to have three visiting pastors in our midst, representing the neighboring churches and C.T.I. They too extended words of welcome and said that their desire was to work together for the glory of God.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Haire spoke words of appreciation for the hearty words of welcome extended to them. Our earnest desire as congregation is that we all might work together to build God's Kingdom and to do the work which he has entrusted to us as children of his.

Eunice Kern, Reporter.

Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Domreis, Temple Church, Leduc, Alberta

On Dec. 17 the members and friends of the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc,

Alta., honored Mr. and Mrs. Gus Domreis on their golden wedding anniversary which actually occurred on Dec. 9. Since the church was without a minister at that time, Mr. Herman Bohlman was in charge of the festivities.

The program consisted of solos, duets and poems with various representatives of the church bringing messages of congratulation. The church presented them with a beautiful gold vase and the women of the Missionary Union presented Mrs. Domreis with a lovely corsage. A three-tiered wedding cake had been baked and skillfully decorated by some of the members.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Domreis could not find words for all this kindness and for these good wishes. God had blessed them with good health and has kept them, even when dark clouds hovered about them. They have four daughters, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Mr. Domreis' mother is still very active at 93 years of age and resides in Portland, Oregon.

Herta Falkenberg, Reporter.

Central Conference

Annual Meeting of Board of Directors of Children's Home, St. Joseph, Michigan

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors of our Children's Home was held at the Home in St. Joseph, Mich., on Saturday, March 12. A majority of the members were present, and much important business was discussed.

We found that the children are being well cared for and all seem happy as is natural in a fine, Christian atmosphere. The superintendent, Rev. August Runtz, and his wife are doing



Mr. and Mrs. Gus Domreis of the Temple Church, Leduc, Alberta, at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

a fine job of caring for the children that come to the Home. Some are orphans, some are from broken homes, some are young, some are older, but all receive love and understanding that will cause them to grow into Christian men and women.

There were 22 different children at the Home during the year. At present there are nine being cared for. Among these are four children from an American Indian family from the State of Michigan. The members of the Board had lunch with the staff and children, and all enjoyed this time of fellowship.

After nearly a full day of discussion concerning the present needs and future welfare of the Home, the meeting was adjourned. All were happy for the privilege of sharing in this portion of our denominational work.

Merle Gibbens, Secretary.

Pacific Conference

Annual Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

We of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., have once again been privileged to present our annual program. On Sunday evening, March 13, under the leadership of our president, Mrs. Bertha Schopp, the ladies presented a very fine program.

The program consisted of vocal duets, a Felt-O-Scene story of Christ in Gethsemane presented by our pastor's wife, Mrs. G. G. Rauser, while one of the ladies sang, "Alone"; and a playlet entitled, "And They That Shall He Wise Shall Serve" depicting the story of a busy woman, too busy for God's work because of her many social activities, but as she pondered over her refusal to work for God, her conscience showed her how many people depended upon her, and other women like her, to help further the Kingdom of God.

Reports were given by the secretary which indicated that we have 153 members, with four groups—the Faith Group, Tabea Group, Rebecca Group and the Naomi Group. Mrs. Malvina Gatzert, one of the charter members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, is still with us in a very active capacity. Another charter member, Mrs. Pauline Helwig, is now a member of the First Baptist Church of Stockton, but visits us quite often. The third living charter member, Martha Meyer, lives in Oregon.

The treasurer gave her report and it indicated that we raised over \$4,200 in all of our projects during the year, and with that money we helped support the Japanese Mission, the Bansa Baptist Hospital, the Hope Leper Colony, and various other missions. We contributed \$800 to the Building Fund, and purchased one of the two rose windows in the church at a cost of \$1,560. Another project has been added to our list this year and that is the Church Extension program.

Thelma F. Fischer, Reporter.

Oregon Baptist League Holds Sunday School Teachers' Institute in Two Oregon Churches

A Sunday School Teachers' and Workers' Institute was held under the auspices of the Oregon Baptist League during the first part of March for the Sunday School teachers and workers of the nine Sunday Schools in the Oregon Association. The first two sessions were held at the Central Baptist Church and the last two were held at the Villa Ridge Baptist Church.

The class sessions were ably conducted by Dr. C. S. Tunnell of the Western Baptist Seminary of Portland, Oregon. The textbook studied was "A Church Using Its Sunday School" by J. N. Barnette. Forty-four registered for the course, some even coming from distances of over 40 miles away. Also each church of the Association was represented. Twenty-nine were able to complete the course and earn Sunday School certificates given by our General Conference Sunday School Union.

The certificates were presented to them on April 15th, which was Sunday School Night of the Oregon Baptist League Spring Rally. This institute, it is hoped, will only be the first of many to be held in the future. It certainly proved to be both challenging and inspirational.

Albert Wardin, Jr., Reporter.

Ordination of the Rev. Albert Wardin, Jr., by the Glencullen Church, Portland, Oregon

In response to the call from the Glencullen Baptist Church of Portland, Ore., on Friday evening, Feb. 25th, 29 representatives from nine North American Baptist Churches, one Conservative Baptist Church and one Western Conservative Baptist Theological Seminary, and one denominational worker composed the council to examine Mr. Albert Wardin, Jr., for ordination to the Gospel ministry. Rev. John Wobig was elected moderator and Rev. Robert Penner clerk of the council.

Mr. Wardin testified as to his conversion and call to the ministry and read his statement which clearly outlined his doctrinal beliefs. After a period of questioning and discussion, the delegates unanimously voted to recommend that the Glencullen Church proceed with the public service of ordination.

The ordination service was Sunday afternoon, Feb. 27th. Rev. Arthur Schulz of the Bethany Church led in the opening song service. The invocation was given by Rev. Eldon Seibold of the Glencullen Church. Scripture was read by Dr. W. J. Appel, our denominational church extension worker. The minutes of the council were then read by the clerk, Rev. Robert Penner of the Salt Creek Church, who presented the original minutes to the candidate and a copy to the ordaining church. A ladies' trio, composed of Miss Merle Hume, Mrs. James Bramblet and Mrs. Eldon Seibold of the Glencullen Church sang.



Some of the Sunday School Teachers and workers as well as pastors of the Oregon churches at the Institute conducted by the Oregon Baptist League.

This was followed by the ordination sermon. Dr. Chester S. Tunnell, registrar and professor of Christian Education at Western Baptist Theological Seminary, entitled his message, "Fools for Christ's Sake." The ordination prayer was led by Rev. Frank Friesen of the Villa Ridge Church and the welcome into the ministry was given by Rev. Ervin Gerlitz of the Stafford Church. At this time the moderator, Rev. John Wobig of the Trinity Church, presented the Certificate of Ordination to Rev. Albert Wardin. The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. Henry Barnett of the Immanuel Church and the charge to the church by Rev. Rudolph Woyke of the Bethel Church of Salem. The benediction was given by the newly ordained minister, Rev. Albert Wardin.

Robert Penner, Clerk.

Dakota Conference

Programs and Activities of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, Cathay, North Dakota

Recently at its annual program the Woman's Missionary Society of Cathay, N. Dak., reviewed a year's work, summed up in the secretary's report. One of the interesting projects we carried out was raising money for missions with a "tithing" towel. This special tea-towel had Bible verses pertaining to giving and tithing written all over it. The member who put it into circulation, following a lesson on tithing, sewed a gift of money under a patch (a handkerchief). It was passed to each member, and each one likewise sewed on a gift of money. A total of \$150 was raised for missions by this unique method.

In February we had a delayed Christmas Party for our missionary, Miss Laura E. Reddig. Gifts were placed under the lighted Christmas tree for her, and after a luncheon a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. It was also our privilege to have Miss Reddig as our guest speaker at our annual program.

Other activities during the year included special White Cross sessions, clothing drives, and preparing gifts for our Spanish-American and Indian Mission fields.

Regina Pepple, Reporter.

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Link at Fessenden, North Dakota

On Sunday, Feb. 27, the First Baptist Church of Fessenden, N. Dak., held a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Link who closed their ministry with our people here on that day. Brother Link had served us faithfully for five years and nine months and with his wife had won the love of members and friends of the church.

The song service was led by Dale Kost. One of our deacons, Mr. Gus Fuhrman, was in charge of the service. Friends from four neighboring churches were our guests. After a choir number, various officers of the church spoke in behalf of their groups as follows: Christ Martin for the Deacons; George Fuhrman as honorary deacon; Mrs. W. E. Kieper for the Sunday School, Mrs. C. K. Martin for the Woman's Missionary Society. A trio was sung by three girls of Mrs. Link's Sunday School class. Ralph Edinger and Janice Rodacker spoke for the CBY. Rev. Elmer Buening spoke in behalf of the neighboring Germantown Baptist Church. We were also glad to hear a few words by Mr. Henry Fuhrman of the Harvey Baptist Church. A solo was sung by Gordon Paul. Gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Link were presented by the CBY, Ladies' Missionary Society, Sunday School and church.

Rev. Carl Weisser of Carrington, N. Dak., spoke in behalf of the Calvary Church of that city. An opportunity was then given to Mr. and Mrs. Link for remarks. Then Rev. David Zimmerman of Cathay, N. Dak., brought a most appropriate message on Acts 28:31. Afterwards all were invited to the dining room for refreshments and social hour around the tables. May God richly bless Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Link on their new field in Sheffield, Iowa!

Mrs. John Schmidt, Reporter.

World Day of Prayer Service at the First Baptist Church, Mott, North Dakota

The First Baptist Missionary Circle of Mott, N. Dak., held a World Day of Prayer service on February 25 with 175 persons attending the service.

We invited the Protestant churches from Elgin, New Leipzig, and Mott, North Dakota. We had the New Leipzig Baptist Church with Ebenezer of New Leipzig, the German Congregational, the Assembly of God, and the First Baptist Church, all of Mott, taking part. Our theme for the service was, "Abide In Me and I In You," using John 15:1-14 as our Scripture. Mrs. Carl Ruff from the Baptist Church of Mott led our service.

Using the acrostic method we took the word, CHRIST, and let each letter represent a talk. "C" for Cleaning, "H" for Holy Spirit, "R" for Revival, "I" for Intercession, "S" for Sacrifice, and "T" for Thanksgiving." Each one of the churches, was responsible for a talk, a special, and two people leading in prayer. We closed the World Day of Prayer service with a season of prayer for all. Rev. Le Roy Schauer pronounced the benediction.

Our offering of \$25.80 was sent to our North Dakota Children's Orphanage in Fargo, North Dakota.

Mrs. Carl Ruff, Mrs. Herb Reich and Mrs. Richard Fiedler, Reporters.

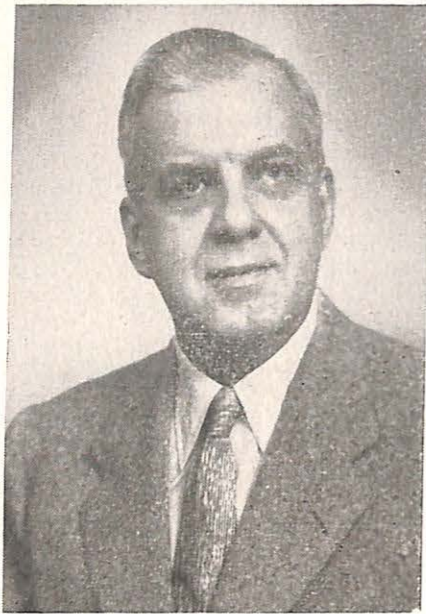
Atlantic Conference

Baptism of Twelve Converts at the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut

On Sunday evening, Feb. 20, the members and friends of King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut, were privileged to witness the baptism of 12 young people who had recently accepted Christ as their personal Savior. On the following Sunday evening, Feb. 27, we were privileged to witness the baptism of three adults and one young person. It was a blessing to see our sanctuary filled at both services, and we believe that it was a real source of inspira-



Fourteen persons who were baptized by Rev. Raymond Yahn (left) and received into the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut.



Rev. Paul Wengel, Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

tion and testimony as these young people and adults followed the Lord in baptism.

We feel that the Lord has greatly blessed our church in the past year. Church attendance and interest have increased. We have welcomed a number of new members into our fellowship. Last spring the church purchased a lovely six-room parsonage. In the fall we began a midweek Bible study and prayer hour in which we are presently studying the Acts of the Apostles. Also in the fall a CBY was organized and is progressing nicely. About 18 young people attend regularly, including the new converts.

One of the highlights of our fall program was a sacred concert by the choir of the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa. Under the direction of Mr. Fred Hofmaier, the choir presented a beautiful program of sacred music at our morning worship hour.

We also held a week of evangelistic meetings, April 26 through May 1, under the ministry of Rev. Charles Benedict of Danbury, Connecticut. God blessed these meetings in a very special way.

Raymond Yahn, Pastor.

Colorful Centennial Jubilee of the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York

The 100th birthday celebration of Ridgewood Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., is a part of the past, but what a glorious celebration! St. Augustine has described the fleeting nature of time: "In what sense is that long or short which is not? For the past is not now and the future is not yet. There is not one day present as a whole. One hour passeth away in fleeting particles. The present flies so rapidly from future to past that it cannot be extended by delay."

On Sunday, March 13, our former pastor, Rev. W. A. Mueller, now Professor of Philosophy of Religion at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., spoke at the German service. At the general Sunday School session which followed, Dr. and Mrs. Mueller brought messages from their rich experience. Congratulatory messages were read by our own beloved pastor, Rev. Paul Wengel, at each meeting from various churches and many well-wishers. At the various gatherings our theme song, "Thou Hitherto Hast Helped Us, Lord," translated by Rev. Paul Wengel from the German, was sung by the congregation.

Wednesday, March 16, was Community Night. Rev. John Schmidt of New York City led in prayer. Rev. Norman Klann brought greetings from the Atlantic Conference. Rev. Wm. A. Bennett of the Queens Federation of Churches spoke of the goals for which the member churches are striving. Dr. Stanley Hazzard of American Baptist Headquarters in New York emphasized work and faith in the future rather than the backward look.

Dr. Frank Woyke, executive secretary of our North American Baptist Conference, brought into focus the history of Ridgewood Baptist Church in comparison with several other century-old churches of our Conference. With the third chapter of Revelation as his theme, Dr. Woyke pointed out that those words were written to a smaller group of Christians than those associated with the North American Baptist Conference. Rev. Max Rust of our neighboring Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church also spoke.

The banquet on Saturday evening was well attended. Rev. Paul Zoschke of our sister church offered the invocation. The guest preachers present were introduced. Rev. Frank Orthner, who was our preacher at many German Sunday services while we were without a pastor, was given special mention. Our oldest member, Mrs. Minnie Wagner, was honored with a corsage. Dr. Norman Paullin, Professor of Homiletics at Eastern Baptist Seminary, was the speaker.

On Sunday morning, March 20, Dr. A. E. Kannwischer, our former pastor, now a chaplain at the Federal Penitentiary in Chillicothe, Ohio, preached at the German service and spoke at the Sunday School session following. Mrs. D. S. McAlpine, a former missionary, also addressed the Sunday School, and Miss Alethea Kose, another former missionary, who

is an instructor at the Chicago Missionary Training School, brought an appropriate story.

Dr. A. E. Kannwischer preached at the Family Worship Hour on the admonitions to the church in Philadelphia found in Revelation and told us we could meet Christ's standard for the victorious church by carrying out that advice.

At the Vesper Service in the afternoon a full program brought the centenary program to a fine climax. Mrs. H. V. Ross, our loyal organist for 30 years, rendered a brief recital on the newly reconditioned church organ. The church and balcony were filled with members and friends. Both our choirs beautified the meetings with their music, and at the vesper service they rendered the "Festival Te Deum" by Dudley Buck with the able assistance of Rev. Roger Schmidt, our former student pastor.

A GOLDEN ILLUSTRATION

Every Sunday morning sharply at 11:00 o'clock the Montana Indians on the reservation near Hobbema, Alta., are happy to hear the church bell ring. Everyone gets ready to go to church and Sunday School. When asked who rang the bell, a 10-year-old Indian boy with long black braids smiles and says shyly, "I did." Yes, since last fall Clifford Makinaw has been very faithful in coming to church every Sunday and ringing the bell to announce another day of worship. Thank you, Clifford, from your missionaries, for a work well done, and may God bless you! —The Light.

Mrs. D. S. McAlpine reviewed her first contact with the church when engaged as a missionary and recalled the helpfulness of Rev. J. C. Grimmell and of others in the church. She presented us with a large picture of Jesus and his disciples. Miss Alethea Kose reminisced about her missionary experiences during her four years as church missionary.

Photographs of personalities and events in the life of the church had been converted into slides and Mrs. Edwin Neithardt gave a most interesting commentary of the pictures as they were shown. After the last picture Mrs. Neithardt read Rev. Paul Wengel's centennial poem written for the occasion.

Everyone was invited to the supper which followed and urged to look at the exhibits which consisted of the pulpit Bible brought back from the Holy Land by Rev. J. C. Grimmell, our communion service with two decanters and four large chalices, the plaque which hung in our former church building to commemorate the mortgage liquidation, the first book of minutes listing the charter members and many photographs of highlights in church life.

Miss Marion von Ahnen, Clerk



Mortgage burning ceremony at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., is watched intently by the pastor and church leaders.

Left to right: Jeanne Nolte, Audrey M. Miller, Robert Pfeiffer, Rev. Walter S. Damrau, Otto Draeger, Jacob Gruhler, William McClain, Mrs. Rudolph Jahn, Oscar Hiebner and Mrs. Sarah Mace.

Mortgage Burning Ceremony at the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

On Sunday, March 6, we of the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., held our mortgage-burning service. The words taken from Ps. 96: 2-4a, "Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day," reflect our feeling as we relate in brief the events and activities which culminated in this mortgage-burning service.

For 75 years Pilgrim Baptist Church bore testimony to Christ's redeeming grace in the Kensington area of Philadelphia under the leadership of consecrated pastors and laymen and women. The work began under the leadership of Rev. John Linker, prospered greatly during the successive pastorates of Dr. William Kuhn, Rev. S. A. Kose and the Rev. John G. Draewell (all now gone to glory).

Under the dynamic leadership of the Rev. Assaf Husmann, the church caught a vision of a new and greater field of ministry in Lawndale, one of the newer sections of the growing city, and the present site was purchased. Under the able leadership of his successor in the pastorate, Rev. Herman Palfenier, now our denominational evangelist, this vision was carefully nurtured as funds toward the building of a new edifice were accumulated, and additional land adjoining the site was purchased.

With the coming of the present pastor, Rev. Walter C. Damrau, actual construction of the new edifice was begun and successfully carried forward. In October 1948 ground was broken, and on May 8, 1949, the cornerstone was laid.

In order not to burden the church with an excessive debt, it was decided to let the general contractor build the building and finish only the lower auditorium. The men of the church, under the faithful leadership of Mr. Otto Draeger, undertook to finish the sanctuary as additional funds became

available. Thus scores of men gave thousands of hours of free labor to finish this edifice to the glory of God.

The total expenditures for the building and furnishings (including a beautiful three-manual pipe organ) amounted to about \$200,000, of which sum \$15,000 were made available to us in the form of a mortgage by our denominational Church and Parsonage Loan Fund. This mortgage we have now paid, and our entire church plant valued at about \$300,000 is entirely debt free.

Our guest speaker for this occasion was Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary of the North American Baptist General Conference. He chose as his topic, "I Will Build My Church," which was a blessing to us all.

Others participating in the mortgage-burning ceremony were Mr. Edwin Marklein of Brooklyn, N. Y., chairman of the denomination's Church and Parsonage Loan Fund Committee; Mr. Jacob Gruhler, chairman of our Board of Trustees; Mr. Otto Draeger, chairman of our Building Committee and Church Treasurer; Mr. Robert Pfeiffer, chairman of our Board of Deacons; Mr. William McClain, superintendent of our Bible School; Mr. Oscar Hiebner, vice-moderator of the congregation; Mrs. Rudolph Jahn, president of our Missionary Society; Mrs. Sarah Mace, president of the Service Guild; Miss Jeanne Nolte, president of our Senior C.B.Y.; Miss Audrey M. Miller, our church worker; and the pastor.

After our mortgage-burning service we held our communion service at which time nine received the hand of fellowship, six of whom had been baptized the previous Sunday.

The Lord has not only prospered us materially but spiritually as well, as scores have found Christ here as their personal Savior and joined our fellowship. During this time of building we also took on added responsibility in the full support of several foreign missionaries. We are grateful to God for supplying our every need.

Audrey M. Miller, Church Worker

CBY Formal Party and Sunday School Expansion for Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

The CBY members of the Calvary Church, Bethlehem, Pa., enjoyed the formal party which was held last year so much, they they decided to place it on their social calendar again this year. This special affair took place on Saturday, March 19, in the lower auditorium of the church. Decorations consisted of pink and white streamers and bouquets of carnations. There were about 30 young people in attendance.

Christian games and charades were under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Cook and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zentgraf, advisors. A cut glass punch bowl was presented to the advisors in appreciation of their helpful guidance to the group. Christian recordings were played during the serving of dainty refreshments. The evening was concluded with a devotional message by Rev. S. Tholman of Easton, Pa.

For the past few years the Sunday School at Calvary Church has been sponsoring a bus into two of Bethlehem's projects. Each week an average of 50 children are reached through this ministry. It is our desire to reach even more families for Christ in some of the more recent housing developments of the city where there are no churches at all.

In conjunction with this, some of the young people cooperated with Rev. Robert Cook, our pastor, in visiting one of these communities on Sunday, March 13. A survey of each family was made in regard to church affiliation. On Sunday evening the film, "This Way to Heaven," was shown to the church members. How it encouraged our hearts to reach out to the unchurched. In many instances this requires expansion of a building which is already filled to capacity, but it is our sincere desire to serve and to please the Lord.

Doris Dorozowski, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Sessions of the South Texas, Louisiana, Alabama Association at Elberta, Alabama

The South Texas, Louisiana and Alabama Association met from Feb. 24 to 27 at the First Baptist Church, Elberta, Alabama, where the Rev. Philip Potzner serves as pastor. During the delightful days in Alabama we gathered daily in God's House to center our attention on the theme, "God's Men and Their Message," based on 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

The program committee, composed of the host pastor, Mr. Potzner; the moderator, Rev. Alex Sootzmann, and the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Lengefeld, planned an excellent program which was enjoyed by all. Sermons on the life and message of Abraham, Isaiah and Paul were given by Rev. Frank Armbruster (Greenville), Rev. Eldon Schroeder (Kyle) and Rev. Alex Sootzmann (Mowata)

respectively. The three devotional periods were by the following lay-people of our churches: Mrs. Emil Schmeltkopf of Kyle, Mr. Arnold Deiss of Greenvine and Mr. Norman Lengefeld of Mowata.

We were greatly privileged to have several guest speakers with us for the days of the Association. Dr. George Dunger, our Seminary Professor of Missions, wonderfully fed us from God's Word at the opening service, the Quiet Hour and the Sunday worship services. An interesting and informative report of our seminary was given to all in attendance. Because of Dr. Dunger's personal acquaintance with our Camerons Mission work and Sioux Falls Seminary, he rendered a unique and challenging ministry in our midst.

Miss Margaret Kittlitz, missionary to the Camerons, came to us from her home in Waco, Texas, to describe our work on the African field. At the Friday evening program, which was conducted by the local Woman's Missionary Union, Miss Kittlitz gave a vivid account of the work carried on with the women of the Camerons. Saturday night the work was again described and illustrated with beautiful colored slides.

The new Latin-American work in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas was ably presented by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Castro. Truly we have learned to love these servants of God as they have been faithfully laboring at the new North American Baptist Home Mission project near Rio Grande City. Forty-one new converts are meeting in an overcrowded building to learn of God's Word. Both Mr. and Mrs. Castro brought to us God's Word and shared some of their blessings of the past few months.

No one will forget the interesting guided tour of the U. S. Naval Air Station at Pensacola, Florida, and the time aboard the air craft carrier, U.S.S. Monterey, made famous during World War II in the Pacific by earning 12 gold battle stars and hundreds of victory symbols. Many of the visitors enroute to the meetings viewed the beautiful white sand beaches along the Gulf, crossed numerous bayous completely surrounded with giant moss covered oaks and walked along the flower-bordered paths in the famed Bellingrath Gardens, all of which is only a sample of the scenic south in the springtime.

Eldon G. Schroeder, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Grace Church, Sheffield, Iowa Holds Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Link

The Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa, held a reception on Friday, March 4, for its new pastor, Rev. Vernon Link, and his wife and their son, Richard. With Carroll Boehlje as master of ceremonies, the evening began with singing, Scripture reading and prayer. Words of welcome were expressed by Clarence Koenigsberg, representing the church board; Erwin

Spice of Life

Senior to Freshman: "Hey, Freshie, give me a dime. I want to phone my friend."

Freshman: "Here are two dimes. Call all your friends."

"Some idiot has got my pen," growled the teacher searching his desk.

"Oh, um, yes. I thought so," he said in a quieter tone, as he took the pen from behind his ear.

Peeved Lecturer (who had told a story that failed to produce the expected outburst): "Well, I suppose you folks will laugh at that story next summer."

Voice in the Audience: "No, sir, we laughed at it last summer!"

Jim: "A dime and a nickel were on top of the Empire State Building. The nickel jumped off, but the dime wouldn't. Why?"

Bill: "I don't know. Why?"

Jim: "Because the dime had more cents."

Teacher: "Johnny, why do you say oysters are lazy?"

Johnny: "There're always found in beds, aren't they?"

"All the mechanical toys you make seem to be very successful," said the visitor.

"Yes," said the inventor: "I've had only one failure."

"What was the matter with it?" asked the visitor.

"Too lifelike. It was a toy tramp, and it wouldn't work," came the reply.

Miller, Sunday School superintendent; LaVonne Soucek, CBY president; Mrs. Fred Stein, Woman's Missionary Society president; and Mrs. Waldemar Mehlberg, Mary and Martha Fellowship president. A song, especially composed for the occasion by Mrs. Harry Koenigsberg, was sung by Mrs. Koenigsberg and Mrs. Clarence Koenigsberg. Mrs. Warren Schoepf also sang a vocal number.

Mr. and Mrs. Link expressed their appreciation for the happy occasion and also gave brief testimonies. Rev. Ronald MacCormack of Parkersburg, Iowa, brought a short message on "The Pastor and the Church."

Previous to the arrival of the Link family in Sheffield, the members and friends stocked the parsonage cupboards and refrigerator with articles of food, as well as establishing credit with one of the local grocers. We are looking forward to God's blessings on the church and new pastor as we labor together to win souls for Christ, for that is our primary purpose.

Warren Schoepf, Church Secretary.

OBITUARY

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

MRS. ROBERT HIRSCH of Munson, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Pauline Hirsch, nee Woyke, of Munson, Pa., was born in Poland on Oct. 8, 1891 and passed away after an operation in the Phillipsburg State Hospital on Feb. 20, 1955 at the age of 63 years.

Mrs. Hirsch came to the United States at a very early age. She was a faithful and praying member of the Forest Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband, Robert Hirsch; 4 daughters: Emma, Frida, Mathilde, Amanda; 2 sons: William and Gust; and 8 grandchildren.

The memorial service was conducted by her pastor, Rev. George Zinz, Sr. Our thoughts were directed to the word of Rev. 14:13. May the Lord of all comfort grant sustaining grace in this hour of bereavement!

Forest Baptist Church,
Munson, Pa.

GEORGE ZINZ, Sr., Pastor.

MR. WILLIAM ARNDT of Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. William Arndt of Detroit, Mich., was born in North Russia, December 15, 1887, and passed away peacefully in his sleep in the early hours of January 15, 1955, having had a heart condition for over 5 years.

In his teens he migrated with his father to Canada, while his father went on to Leduc, Alberta, to farm. He preferred to stay in Winnipeg, Manitoba. There he attended the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, and it was there when he accepted the Lord Jesus as personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. Hoffman.

In 1914 he was united in marriage to Helen Grabke by Rev. J. P. Rempel in Whitemouth, Manitoba. The Lord blessed them with 7 children—3 sons and 4 daughters. Hannah, the second oldest, preceded her father in death in 1924, the same year the family came to Detroit, Mich.

The deceased leaves to mourn his sudden passing his dear wife, Helen; 6 children: Mrs. Leonard (Lydia) Parks, Anderson, Indiana; Walter J., William F., Edward P., Mrs. Victor (Phyllis) Crump, and Dorian, all of Detroit; also 10 grandchildren, 5 sisters and 3 brothers, and many friends.

The deceased was a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Detroit. He loved his Savior and his church. Rev. E. Arthur McAsh chose the 23rd Psalm for his text at the funeral service. Burial took place at White Chapel Cemetery.

Ebenezer Baptist Church,
Detroit, Michigan

MRS. HELEN ARNDT,
Correspondent.

MR. WALTER SIELER of Plevna, Montana.

Mr. Walter Sieler, son of Edward and Pauline Sieler of Plevna, Montana, was born Aug. 6, 1903, in the vicinity of Java, S. Dak. In June 1911 the family moved to Montana in the vicinity of Plevna, where he grew to manhood, was converted at the age of 17 years and on confession of his faith was baptized in 1920 by the Rev. H. P. Kayser and united in membership with the Baptist Church at Plevna, Mont.

On June 14, 1925 he was united in holy matrimony with Caroline Quenzer. Together they shared in the family circle the sunshine and shadows of life for 3 months less than 30 years. To this union 8 children were born: 6 daughters: Frieda, Minneapolis, Minn.; Verna, Billings, Mont.; Loraine, Leona, Tabetha, and Carol, at home; and 2 sons: Emanuel and George, both married and living in Miles City, Montana.

His departure from this earthly life came unexpectedly and suddenly on Friday, March 4th, at 8:10 P.M. by a heart attack at the age of 51 years, 6 months, 28 days. On the day previously, he attended the funeral services of Father Hepperle. He was seemingly in good health and spirit. He was a loving father and Christian example to his family, a beloved and faithful member of his church, active in various church duties such as Sunday School teacher, treasurer and trustee. He loved his Lord and his church, and recently led the church meeting in which he gave a testimony of his spiritual fellowship with his Lord.

He leaves to mourn his departure besides his wife and children, 2 daughters-

in-law, 4 grandchildren, 8 brothers, 2 sisters, a step-mother, and his church. The church being without a minister at present, the Rev. Emanuel Broeckel conducted the services in both German and English with words of comfort and admonition. May the Lord comfort the hearts of those who mourn!

Plevna, Montana

EMANUEL BROECKEL,
Correspondent.

MR. WILHELM ROTH, SR. of Portland, Oregon.

Mr. Wilhelm Roth, Sr., of Portland, Oregon, was born October 28, 1861 near Odesa, Russia, and passed on to his heavenly reward on March 14 at the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland at 93 years of age after a period of illness.

In 1882 Mr. Roth married Katharina Moser, and in 1886 they came to America settling in Lincoln, Nebraska. In 1897 they moved to Eureka, S. Dak., by means of the covered wagon. Before moving to Marlin, Washington, in 1903 they lived in Ventura, N. Dak., a few years. In 1907 Mr. Roth and his family homesteaded near Warden, Washington, where he built a store and managed it until 1937 when he sold it and retired. Before entering the Baptist Home for the Aged in 1946, he lived with his daughter, Lydia Berndt, in Yakima, Wash.

Mr. Roth was married three times, his wives having preceded him in death. His first marriage was blessed with ten children, five of whom remain, all living in Washington: John, Sr. of Harrington, Adam of Marlin, Mrs. Lydia Berndt of Yakima, Mrs. Kathrine Trautman of Warden, and Christine, Mrs. Ed Richter of Wenatchee. He also leaves to mourn his departure, 24 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren and many friends.

In his youth Mr. Roth accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. While living in Warden, he was baptized and became a member of the German Baptist Church of Warden. Due to circumstances the Baptist Church of Warden disbanded, and in 1944 Mr. Roth joined the Odessa Baptist Church where he remained a member until his death. Funeral services were held from the Community Congregational Church at Warden, Washington, on March 17 with the undersigned conducting the service.

Odessa, Washington

ORVILLE H. METH, Pastor.

BOOK REVIEW

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face to face and makes restitution. Bitter Pomeranz' hearts learn to forgive those who have wronged them—and so on. Readers who are accustomed to a wholesome and mentally-elevating romance in a Hutchens' novel will not be disappointed, for true romantic love is seen at its purest and best, and in a spiritually-satisfying way throughout.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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executive vice-president of the King's County Savings Bank. He was also treasurer at one time of the American Baptist Convention and for 20 years a trustee of Colgate University. Dr. John W. Bradbury, editor of "The Watchman-Examiner," paid him this fine tribute: "Mr. Judd was an exemplary Baptist layman who held his convictions idealistically, intelligently, and with great charity. It was always an enriching experience to be in his fellowship. He so lived as to bear witness that the Lord came first in his life!"

MARCH CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST

GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	March, 1955	March, 1954	March, 1953
Atlantic	\$ 1,475.43	\$ 1,994.96	\$ 3,690.86
Central	8,803.65	5,317.11	3,952.43
Dakota	6,057.29	6,404.49	9,484.08
Eastern	892.08	924.53	978.75
Northern	1,856.68	2,256.25	1,651.79
Northwestern	9,906.27	8,094.32	5,566.28
Pacific	8,945.39	6,176.85	4,458.99
Southern	701.47	663.61	1,002.73
Southwestern	3,518.39	3,589.14	3,579.12
Inter-Conference		303.56	
Total Contributions	\$42,156.65	\$35,724.82	\$34,365.02

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of March, 1955	\$36,655.45	\$ 5,501.20	\$42,156.65
For the month of March, 1954	32,805.58	2,919.24	35,724.82
For the month of March, 1953	30,363.73	4,001.29	34,365.02

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
April 1, 1954 to March 31, 1955	\$506,890.38	\$113,291.62	\$620,182.00
April 1, 1953 to March 31, 1954	531,999.26	24,724.79	556,724.05
April 1, 1952 to March 31, 1953	477,781.48	85,959.47	563,740.95

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNIUM

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
April 1, 1952 to March 31, 1955	\$1,516,671.12	\$223,975.88	\$1,740,647.00
April 1, 1951 to March 31, 1954	1,439,508.84	209,071.25	1,648,580.09
April 1, 1950 to March 31, 1953	1,280,158.88	291,350.87	1,571,509.75

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By MRS. EMMA B. MEIER of Portland, Oregon,
Member of the Denomination's Hymnal Committee

WHERE CAN I FIND a song that deals with the Christian home and the family altar? That was my problem at the Pacific Conference last June when Rev. E. Mittelstedt asked me to sing for the devotional service which he was to lead on the theme, "A Summons to the Family Altar." If you have ever scanned hymnal indexes for a song on this theme, you will know how fruitless such a search usually is.

IN SEARCH OF A SONG

Immediately I thought of the old "Glaubensharfe" favorite, "O selig Haus," and its translation, "O Blessed Home," which will appear in our new hymnal, and I sang it. And what a responsive chord it struck in the hearts of the hearers! Many inquired afterwards where they could get a copy of the song. One delegate wanted to use it at a housewarming. That gave me a chance to put in a good word for our new "North American Hymnal."

Later, when I was trying to select appropriate hymns for the memorial service of my dear father, who passed away last December, I could think of nothing more fitting than "Take Thou My Hand and Lead Me" and "The Heaven-Born Pilgrim Now Homeward Is Bound"; also translations of beloved old hymns.

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We shall probably never know how many hours of labor our chairman, Rev. Paul Wengel, has put into this hymnal. The work of the other committee members was intensive, to be sure, but confined to relatively short periods. He had to carry on the painstaking, meticulous work throughout many weeks and months, even years, to bring this hymnal to completion.

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