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**Sunday School Week**  
**The Ideal Sunday School Teacher**  
**My Part in a Growing School**

# What's Happening News

● Mr. Conrad Holzimmer, Detroit, Mich., father of Rev. Fred Holzimmer, our missionary to the Cameroons, passed away on August 2.

● Rev. Alphonz Lamprecht accepted the call of the McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton and began his pastorate there on September 1, 1955. He had been pastor of the First Baptist Church of Golden Prairie, Sask., since 1952.

● Rev. Louis R. Johnson reported in the Central Baptist Church's bulletin that Dr. Charles W. Koller, president of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Ill., received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Baylor University on August 18.

● The Rev. B. F. Taylor of Gotebo, Okla., reports that lightning struck the parsonage on Friday evening, July 15. Except for a few items the neighbors were able to remove, all was destroyed by fire, including Mr. Taylor's study. Church members and friends have loaned them furniture and they are living in the church basement. The church has purchased another house and are moving it to another location. Mr. Taylor states, "We will be very grateful for the prayers of God's people."

● Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., extended a call to the Rev. Rudolph Woyke, formerly of the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., to be-

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

This issue of the "Baptist Herald" is devoted largely to the Sunday School Week to be observed in our churches from Sept. 18 to 25, 1955. It deserves careful reading!

The Sept. 22nd number will feature several articles, reports and pictures about the Jubilee Baptist Congress held in London, England, from July 16 to 22, 1955. Watch for it!

come their new pastor, succeeding the Rev. Gideon Zimmerman now General Secretary of the Sunday School Union. Mr. Woyke began his pastorate on August 15.

● Miss Gretchen Remmler, of the denominational headquarters office, who is in charge of the shipment of relief and White Cross, reports that the largest shipment of White Cross ever sent from Forest Park left there the early part of August. This contained 28 bales of used and new hospital supplies, 24 cases homemade rolled bandages (46,348 bandages) and seven cases of used and new hospital supplies, making a total of 59 units or 8,527 pounds. At the same time 24 bales of used clothing and three cases of used shoes and rubbers were sent to Germany.

# The Teacher's Psalm

Dedicated to all Sunday School teachers for the observance of Sunday School Week, September 18 to 25, 1955

The Lord is my helper, I shall not fear in guiding these pupils.

He leadeth me to the heart of the truth, and prepareth the minds of the pupils for the truth.

He giveth me a vision of the immortality of these lives.

He leadeth me to see the sacredness of teaching his Book.

Yea, though I become discouraged and despair at times, yet shall I lift my head, for his promises cannot fail me.

His Word will not return to him void, and my faith undimmed shall burn through all the coming years.

Thou walketh before me that the seed planted shall grow.

Thou shalt stand by my side on Sunday, and speak through these lips so that these pupils feel the nearness of God.

Thou shalt cause each broken effort to gather sheaves through unnumbered years. My joy is full when I know that every effort in thy name shall abide forever.

Surely thy love and watchcare shall be with me every day of my life, and some day I shall live with those who turn many to righteousness for ever and ever.

Rosalee Mills Appleby.

# Editorial

## Sunday Schools at Their Best

SUNDAY SCHOOLS are at the center of our church life. They have a central place of importance in the church's ministry. This is the greatest evangelistic agency of the church, since more new members come from the Sunday School than from any other source. This is the most vital teaching branch of the church with lesson periods, Scripture memorization and discussion groups emphasized. In view of all of this, we should be greatly concerned that our Sunday Schools are always at their best!

What does this mean? When are Sunday Schools at their topmost efficiency? One of the answers ought to stress the objective that all of the family attend Sunday School! When all—children and parents—are at Sunday School, then the school is on the way to a more effective ministry. Then it can plan for a completely departmentalized school with graded instruction. Then it can be the teaching arm of the church, indoctrinating and informing its entire constituency concerning the precious truths of our Christian faith.

Everywhere adult education is receiving great attention. Everything is being done to provide courses, teachers, and materials to meet this great demand for adult studies. But sometimes it appears as if there are fewer adults attending Sunday School today than years ago. Only as the Sunday School ministers to ALL with its wonderful truths to be taught and with the latest methods of teaching approach can it be regarded as a Sunday School at its best!

There is no place of Christian activity where it is necessary to make such constant and consistent improvements as in the Sunday School. The field of Christian education is undergoing constant change as new studies of child life are made and as circumstances vary. There are all kinds of improvements in teaching methods, available materials, visual aids, classroom furniture. It will not be possible to keep up with all of the latest methods and gadgets to assist you in Sunday School work, but you ought to be concerned about making some changes and improvements in your Sunday School facilities and ministry as far as circumstances will permit.

Christian Workers' Conferences, leadership training courses, teachers' and officers' monthly meetings and the reading of some good book on Sunday School methods will make invaluable contributions along this line. A favorable attitude on your part toward suggested changes in your Sunday School work will also help "to get the ball rolling" in the right direction. Without constant improvements, no Sunday School can hope to be at its best.

When God's Word is treasured and taught, then a Sunday School is also at its best. Teachers, officers, and parents can inculcate a love for God's Word in the minds of their children by the way they approach and teach the Sunday School lesson. The Holy Spirit can bless such a ministry as the truths of the Word are hidden deeply in their hearts. But as the pupils are loved by the teacher for what they might become, the Word must also be honored and cherished until the glory of God shines through that teacher-child relationship. That is a Sunday School at its best, the kind we would like to have in every North American Baptist Church!

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Attractive decorations showing a globe, roses, and missionary dolls on the center table at the Women's Missionary Tea and Reception of the General Conference, planned and carried out by Mr. Ernest H. Steindam of Waco, Texas.

# My Part in a Growing Sunday School



Theme for Sunday School Week,  
September 18-25, 1955



—Eva Luoma Photo  
The ministry of a Sunday School teacher to one of "these little ones" is one of the greatest privileges of a Christian leader!

## A Teacher's Personal Ministry

By MRS. ALICE N. POHL of Portland, Oregon, Teacher  
in the Trinity Baptist Sunday School

A TEACHER has an important personal ministry in the Sunday School. A Sunday School does not grow of its own accord. A new building does not make a Sunday School grow. Growth has to be stimulated from within. Once the church has realized that it must reach out with the Gospel of God's redeeming love to those who have not heard it, or, having heard, have not taken a definite stand, the Sunday School must take up the duties of "Go . . . Teach."

A visitation program is necessary if the Sunday School is to grow, but first we must conserve our gains. Absentees need attention. After the secretary has checked the roll and made out the absentee list, it is shocking to believe that the list is so long.

Absentees should be visited early in the week. I usually begin Sunday afternoon to find the reason why they were not in Sunday School. By enlisting the help of faithful class members in a visitation program, the absentees will soon perceive whether or not the class is interested in their welfare. Class leaders can be a help to the teacher, and in so doing can develop themselves spiritually.

I have found it best to visit prospective members later in the week. Nothing will pay off like a personal visit. When the prospective member comes to Sunday School, I do not let them feel "conspicuous," but rather make them feel as much at home as possible.

The task of teaching has many responsibilities. In order to make a Sunday School grow, the teacher must

be the first to grow. To be a growing teacher means work. The first task of a growing teacher is earnestly to seek divine help. It takes time to prepare a lesson. A teacher should be constantly learning, not only the facts which the Bible offers, but how to make the lesson practical in the everyday life of the one being taught.

In order to do this, a teacher must know the needs of those in the class. Calling in the homes of regular members has been a great help to me, as it breaks down barriers and greatly improves the relationship which

should exist between teacher and member. A knowledge of every class member plus a visitation ministry equals continued growth. A growing teacher will usually mean a growing class, both numerically and spiritually. A growing class means a growing Sunday School.

People today are hungry for spiritual vitamins. There may be all sorts of ways to build up class attendance, but nothing builds so surely as the expectation that they will find the "Bread of Life" when they come. Sunday School work properly done is not an easy job. It takes work, sacrifice, privations, wounded spirits, love, and patience, and still more love and patience, work, and prayer.

## Goals of a Director of Education

By MISS La VERNA MEHLHAFF of Cleveland, Ohio, Director  
of Christian Education of the Erin Avenue and Parma Heights Baptist Church

HOW I PRAISE the Lord that he saw fit to call me and use me in the ministry of Director of Christian Education. There is no greater joy than in working in the Sunday School and seeing boys and girls at an early age surrender their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ and grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

A large part of the work of a Director does not lie in dealing directly with these pupils themselves but seeing that those who do deal with them will be equipped and prepared to do their best for the Lord. In Ephesians 4:11-12 we read: "And he gave some . . . teachers for the perfection of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

Our teachers are chosen of God and called of him to take his wondrous Word to those in need of it. But they need training in how to best present the Word. Thus one of the greatest responsibilities of a Director lies in teacher training.

"The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). There is joy then in seeing these teachers and officers taking charge of classes and leading them in confidence, so that they know how to carry out their responsibilities.

After these teachers are trained, that is still not enough, for unless the spirit of God is present in each class-

room session, we will find none of the results which we long to see. As a Director of Christian Education it is my deepest desire to uphold each one of these teachers in constant prayer, remembering special problems which arise.

It is my job to assist in the appointment of teachers for new classes. It is also my task to observe the classroom settings to see that space and equipment are put to the best possible use, making changes where it is deemed wise.

### HELPING TEACHERS

A program of follow-up and visitation are necessary for a growing Sunday School. It is absolutely essential that each teacher visit each of the scholars at least once a year to keep in constant contact with her students, to check on absentees and to visit new prospects for the class.

As workers in the Sunday School, if we would seek the will of the Lord, ask him for wisdom and guidance, be faithful in lesson preparation, prayer, and visitation. God will then bless and cause an increase in the school, both numerically and spiritually.

All in all, it is not an easy task but a glorious one when we find in Daniel



—Eva Luoma Photo  
Sunday Schools minister to children around the world with the Word of God and the blessings of Christ, the Savior.

12:3, "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

This, then, stands out as the most important part of a superintendent in a growing church school, to make a conscious effort to analyze the spiritual progress of the school and to take action to advance it to the level that it should be. Jesus' explanation of this parable starting with verse 18 (Matt. 13) points out the reasons for the lack of growth and can be used as a guidepost to overcome those deficiencies in church school scholars.

Witnessing the baptism of saved souls into the church body is reward indeed for the carrying out of Christ's great commission! This is the joyous increase—"in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty"—when the superintendent of a growing church school goes out to sow!

## The Superintendent's Important Part

By MR. HUBERT ZION of Cleveland, Ohio,  
Former Superintendent of the White Avenue Baptist Sunday School

"AND JESUS TOLD them many things in parables saying, A sower went out to sow." Thus begins one of the best known parables of Jesus (Matt. 13:3). The sower about whom he spoke typifies to me simply and beautifully a church school superintendent's part in a growing church school.

The many scholars, young and old, are exemplified in the seed that is sown. And just as God supplies the growth elements for plants, so he also supplies the elements for a growing scholar. Without the combined efforts of these three factors in the parable, there would be no fruitful fields. Likewise, there would be no growing church school without the combined efforts of leaders and teachers, scholars, and God.

A thoughtful analysis of the task of a superintendent in the roll of the sower will reveal the grave responsibilities that are his. The duties of administration and planning are well known to all who attend a church school. Teacher training and the providing of adequate facilities are additional tasks expected of a superintendent.

### SPIRITUAL CLIMATE

Not quite so obvious, but of the greatest importance, however, is the spiritual climate of the church school. A school that grows in numbers is a joy to those who labor in it, but of

prime concern should be the spiritual growth of every member. Just as we look with pity upon a child that does not fully develop physically, so too the Father must look with pitiful concern upon those of his followers who do not grow spiritually but who remain as little children.

## The Pastor and His Church School

By REV. H. JOHN VANDERBECK of Elgin, Iowa

THE QUALITY and size of any Sunday Church School is largely determined by the attitude of enthusiasm expressed by the pastor. The importance of the pastor in achieving the objectives of the school cannot be minimized as it presents an unparalleled opportunity for a growing ministry. Here are a few practical suggestions concerning the pastor's relation to the Church School.

Study the trends in Christian education. An informed pastor is a progressive pastor. Anyone who is even dimly aware of recent advances in Church School procedure and Christian education understands that the Church School will be the stronghold of the church of tomorrow. Opportunity for service is unlimited when the pastor becomes aware of the promising trends which are helping to draw whole families into fellowship with Christ through the Church School.

Clearly define the goals and objec-

tives of the Church School. Some schools are woefully inadequate because they aim at nothing in particular and consistently achieve that goal. A pastor, leading his people into clearly defined pathways of progress, will experience the joy of witnessing lifted morale and a sense of high mission. Any Church School, large or small, that plans its work and works at the plan will prosper spiritually.

"Sell" the Church School to the congregation. When progress is achieved the pastor has a wonderful opportunity to publicize the growing work of the school. This is accomplished through pulpit announcements, weekly bulletins and other avenues of church publicity. Include reports of class activities, memory work, attendance records, names of new members, projects, missionary offerings, special programs, social affairs and decisions of the Board of Education.

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# Sunday School Week



September 18-25, 1955

Theme: "My Part in the Growing Sunday School"



By REV. J. C. GUNST of Forest Park, Illinois



—Photo by Ewing Galloway  
Sunday School Week with its special emphases will tie the family more closely to the ministry of the church.

SINCE VACATION days have ended and the families are now back in their places at the home church, children, youth, and adults no doubt look forward to Sunday School sessions, anticipating rich spiritual nurture as they study and learn from the Word of God.

Leaders and teachers in the Sunday School have a great responsibility as they serve "for Jesus' sake." Across the land the members of this select group of Christian workers need encouragement from one another. They need each others' prayers, plus divine guidance, if they expect to serve in such a way that young and old will come to know Christ and to grow spiritually.

Sunday School Week has, and is serving, many purposes since its initial introduction. Each year at the outset of the fall program, the church leaders and teachers of the Sunday School have opportunity to present vividly the Sunday School program to church constituency and community. The workers are called upon to think through the Sunday School work, lay plans, and arouse interest for a dynamic Sunday School program for the year.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL'S MINISTRY

The entire church membership is alerted to the fact that the Sunday School, not only exists as a church organization, but that it carries out one of the major functions of the entire church, that of teaching the Bible on the age level of every child and adult.

It is significant to every conscientious worker that the spiritual needs of people are properly met. The body is kept healthy and strong because

proper care is given in rest, exercise, and food which nature provides. The soul is kept healthy, enriched and becomes useful as the mind and heart of the person receive proper spiritual nurture as the teachings of Christ, through the Word of God, are properly presented.

Christ came to save and to make men free. Christ came to teach, to make known the Father's plan for those who would heed his teachings and seek his will for their lives. Christ chose those who would assist him in the teaching of the great unchangeable truths which the Father has declared unto all mankind. Sunday School workers are among those who are to carry out Christ's commission according to Matt 28:19-20.

Sunday School Week for many years has served as a means to bring to the attention of men and women everywhere the importance of this great ministry.

This year again every Sunday School superintendent and every pastor of our churches has been informed about Sunday School Week. It is significant that we are united in the work of Christ and our churches. A suggested program for Sunday School Week can unite local church workers to demonstrate what great service is being rendered through the Sunday School in and for the church.

The theme, "My Part in the Growing Sunday School," is of great significance to all the officers and teachers. Of course, it is meant for every member in the Sunday School. It is important that workers in the school impress upon the minds of scholars

that each one has a vital part in the growing Sunday School.

A program of growth must contain spiritual growth. There must be advance in the learning of God's truth as revealed in the Word of God. Growth is evident in the outreach for more souls won to Christ, a greater zeal to enlarge our home and foreign mission interest, and a greater faithfulness in our stewardship of material blessings God has bestowed on us. In all these God-given opportunities every scholar should have a part. This is only possible as workers in the school provide opportunity for participation.

## RESULTS WE CAN EXPECT

What are some of the results we can expect from uniting our efforts to carry out a strong Sunday School Week program? Several thoughts may be expressed:

(1) Sunday School Week should provide a more unified effort among officers and teachers in the teaching program of the school.

(2) Planning together, praying together, and carrying out the program of work together will demonstrate spiritual strength and a better understanding of the God-given task for the Sunday School.

(3) This week of special emphases will tie the family more closely to the church. It will make the church more conscious of its responsibility to the family and community.

(4) This week of united effort will make the families realize that the Sunday School renders a much needed spiritual service for every member of the family from the youngest member to grandfather and grandmother.

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# Why Have a Board of Education?

The task of Christian education in the church demands a well planned and well coordinated program

By MISS MARTHA LEYPOLDT,  
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THE TASK of Christian education in the church is to work with God in guiding and changing attitudes and directions of the lives of children, young people and adults in the way that God has instructed us in his Word. The major objective in Christian education is the new person in Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 5:17) and to help persons "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

The Apostle Paul gives us guidance in the manner in which a Christian education program should be carried on: "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14:40). The task of Christian education in the church demands a **well-planned and well-coordinated program**. This can be carried out most effectively through a Board of Christian Education in your church.

Since this is a new concept of procedure in many of our churches, numerous questions need to be answered before such a Board is organized. Let us consider the most frequent questions that arise.

## ELECTING THE BOARD

1. Why have a Board of Christian Education in a church?

The denominational Committee on Education has outlined the following reasons:

- "To strengthen the spiritual life of the church.
- To unify the purpose and program among all organizations of the church.
- To coordinate all organizations with one another in the total life of the church.
- To provide for a well-balanced and well-planned program.
- To study present methods, materials, and equipment with the possibility of improving them or acquiring new ones."

2. Why should the members of the Board be elected by the church?

- This is a democratic way of appointing and yet investing responsibility in a small group who can effectively carry out the educational program of the church. All members of the church should be thoroughly acquainted with the duties invested in the Board and elect those people in whom they have confidence to carry out these responsibilities. Qualifications for members of the Board should be clearly defined and members should be carefully selected.

- Election of members should be on a rotating basis so that a continuity of policies can be maintained if there is a change of key leaders of the church.

3. Why should provision for the Board be made in the church constitution?

- The duties of the Board are well defined and all members of the church are aware of the responsibilities.
- It gives dignity to the Board and gives the members of the Board the support and confidence of the church.

(By-laws for the Board are helpful in giving detailed procedures of operation.)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL POLICIES

4. Why should the Board determine the general policies of the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, youth program, etc.?

Many people think the Board's only function is to determine the policies of the Sunday School. This is far from true since the Sunday School is only one part of the total Christian educational program of the church. It is a very important part of it, however, and therefore demands considerable time in establishing its policies. Doing this has several advantages:

- The monthly workers' conferences of the Sunday School can

be planned to be an educational and inspirational time rather than one of transacting business, appointing leaders or planning details.

b) A group which is not directly and emotionally involved in one phase of the educational work can look at matters more objectively and consider the policies and programs in a broader sense.

c) Executive action becomes easier because it is less personal. Any incompetent worker can be helped much easier by group action than for one individual to assume this responsibility.

d) It is easier for a Board to advocate programs of improvement which might be unpopular but more beneficial to the entire work of the church.

## SELECTING TEACHERS

5. Why does the Board select the teachers and leaders?

- Teachers and leaders are the key to our Christian education program, for the best equipment and the best materials are of little value without good personnel. One of the important responsibilities of the Board is to set up qualifications for teachers and counselors and to provide training.

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Photo by Eddie Reynolds  
Board of Christian Education at the Bethel Baptist Church of Anaheim, California. Left to right: Frank Klutow, Herbert Bowen, Alta Isbell, Adel Stabbert, Victor Schmidt-mann, Martha Leypoldt, Esther Leuschner, chairman; David Willis, Berthold Jacksteit, Ervin Mabs.

# The Graded School



People need to study God's Word and to worship him on their own level of development and learning. Sunday Schools should therefore provide for graded departments to render their most effective service

By MISS RUTH BATHAUER, Children's Worker

"WHEN I WAS a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things" (1 Cor. 13:11). It is evident that the thoughts, ambitions and problems vary at the different age levels. People need to study God's Word and worship him on their own level of development. It is difficult to provide a program of learning which is satisfying to the child as well as to his parents.

The primary aim of the Sunday School should be to strive to meet the spiritual needs of individuals and to help them in their daily life. Each individual should be placed in a department to receive spiritual benefit. This placing of the individual is called grading.

In giving the purpose for grading Oliver DeWolf Cummings in his book, CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH, says: "The fundamental reason for grading is that God has graded life . . . We eat graded food, wear graded clothes, play graded games and think graded thoughts. It is natural that in public school and church we should be graded, that we may the better live and learn. If we are to co-operate most wisely in God's plans for growth, we must discover how he has made life, and what are its needs and capacities at each stage of development. There is spiritual work to be accomplished at each period of life that can never be done as well as then."

## HOW TO GRADE

When referring to grading in a Sunday School, we think not only of space for separate departments but we must also think of lessons, worship, equipment, pupils, and teachers. Usually the best system of grading is to grade children according to school grade

because that generally implies the social and mental development of a child. That too is important because grading not only includes the chronological age but also the mental and social age of a person.

If grading is done by school grade, a school may be conducted with real standards of achievement because the pupils are all in the same grade and their advancement in reading and writing will be on the same level. A slow pupil will enjoy Sunday School so much more if he is able to do the work according to his mental ability, than if he were placed with advanced pupils who are far ahead of him mentally. Generally the plan of dividing groups by sex is being replaced by mixed classes.

The following chart might best explain the divisions of departments.

| Department and Age      | School Grade |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Nursery, 2-3 years      | Pre-school   |
| Kindergarten, 4-5 years | Pre-school   |
| Primary, 6-8            | 1-3 years    |
| Junior, 9-11            | 4-6 years    |
| Junior High, 12-14      | 7-9 years    |
| Senior High, 15-17      | 10-12 years  |
| Young People, 18-24     | College      |
| Young Adults, 25-40     |              |
| Adults, 41              |              |

## GRADING AND THE SMALLER CHURCH

Many times there is an opinion that a church is too small to carry out the program of a graded Sunday School. Every school, however, whether it be large or small needs to have some system of organization. It is important that each small church study the facilities and available space and grade accordingly. It will be necessary to make adjustments in a small church, but a certain amount of grading might be carried on which will be beneficial to the pupils. If people are

kept in large groups, the individual loses out because he cannot participate fully.

If a church is small, there are several possibilities for grading. A small church might have four departments including Primary, Junior (9-12), Youth (Junior High through young people) and Adult. If there is room for only three departments, the breakdown would include the Primary, Junior, and Adult. In some cases space might make it necessary to have only two departments. It is important, however, that those two departments, Children and Adult, be organized.

When grading a school where adjustments must be made, it is well to remember some of these factors. If necessary, it is possible to group the nursery age and pre-school children together. Bear in mind, however, that if pre-school children are placed in a class where class work is carried on, the work will be too advanced for those children and they will become discouraged and lost. It will be necessary then for the teacher to spend so much time with the younger ones that the rest will receive very little help.

Often the older Juniors may very well be grouped with the Junior High department. Their interests are still similar and due to their rapid growth and advancement in school they are becoming more independent and may take care of themselves. In that case the younger Juniors may then be classified with the Primary pupils.

## GRADED ACTIVITIES

The next step after departmentalizing a school is to provide classes for the various age groups. The Nursery and Kindergarten departments should not be divided into classes but their

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—Eva Luoma Photo  
A Junior High Sunday School class discusses the lesson with their teacher.

# Records for the Sunday School

By REV. ALBERT WARDIN of Salem, Oregon

THE ADMONITION by the Apostle Paul, "Let all things be done decently and in order," is a verse which could be applied with great effect as far as the records of the Sunday School are concerned. Many Sunday Schools only keep a record of individual attendance, class offerings and their totals.

Without records and their proper use, these schools are unduly handicapping themselves, and, in fact, are not making proper use of the resources they have. Just as a businessman would not think of operating a successful business without proper records, the Sunday School should feel likewise in its even more important task.

## SIX POINT RECORD SYSTEM

Why only keep a record of attendance and offerings? Why not stress other important phases of the work of the Sunday School? A most valuable record system, often known as the Six Point Record System, has been developed by the Baptists of the south, a system which other groups have copied and adopted. In this system, the individual Sunday School scholar, Junior age on up, not only records his attendance, but also, if he was on time, brought an offering, brought his Bible, studied the Sunday School lesson, and if he is staying for the morning worship service.

If the individual is able to mark all the points, he has earned 100 per cent, but gets less percentage if he earns less. Such a system not only emphasizes regular attendance, but also punctuality, systematic giving, a regard for God's Book, a study of God's Word in preparation for the Sunday School lesson, and worship in the church service. All these things need to be instilled into the hearts and minds of our Sunday School scholars, and here is a means by which this may be accomplished.

## SPIRITUAL EVALUATION

This system not only helps to teach these things to our pupils, but a study of the record should give one some indication of the spiritual level of the school. From such a study one might find where certain emphases are needed for the entire school, or where a department, class, teacher or pupil is failing in a certain area and where help is needed. For instance, all absentees should be listed from such records, and provision made to contact them by visitation or otherwise.

Such a system would use these records as individual report slips or en-

velopes, class records, and cards reporting the totals of the whole school. Also one may send or give at the home individual monthly report cards on the pupil's standing in the Sunday School as far as the six points are concerned.

Also six point record blackboards may be procured in order to record the school's standing for the benefit of the whole school. Such a system, properly worked, can help accomplish great things. The Southern Baptist book, **The Six Point Record System and Its Use**, gives full information.

## A PUPIL'S INDEX FILE

As a part of any record system, a Sunday School needs to keep a permanent file on all those who are enrolled in the school. Such a file can give valuable information when needed, and should include the following: name, address, telephone, date of birth, if a Christian, if a church member, the parents' names and church membership, if the pupil is under eighteen, and space for personal information.

Such a file not only is a permanent record, but it also can be used to give a Sunday School teacher valuable information on his pupils' backgrounds. It can be used to make visiting and mailing lists, and it can be most helpful in giving information for the

proper arrangement and administration of the Sunday School. One of the churches of our Conference keeps such a record in a permanent visible index file, a very modern and easy to use arrangement.

The Sunday School needs always to think of enlargement, of reaching others for the Lord. In this respect a prospect file maintained by the Sunday School can be most helpful. Such a file may be composed of the names of visitors to the church and Sunday School, church members not in Sunday School, unaffiliated persons found in a religious census, names gained through visitation, other members of the family not in Sunday School, names from Vacation Bible School records, names gained from other Sunday School members, and other sources.

A prospect file, like other records, must be used, however, to be effective. Enlargement may also be helped in showing by chart the year's attendance as compared with last year. Also goals may be set for each class and records kept and presented, comparing the actual attendance with the goals.

## THE LORD'S SERVICE

Records may be used to show projected growth and need for new classes. This can often be determined from present enrollment and prospect

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—Eva Luoma Photo  
A system of records is important in the Christian life and in Sunday School work in order that we might be more effective in the Lord's service!

# The Ideal Sunday School Teacher



What a force the Sunday School of today would be if every school had a teaching staff that complied in every way with these standards of the ideal teacher!

By MISS MARIE BAUDISCH,  
Bethany Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

THE FOLLOWING article by Carl Hogendorn appeared recently on the editorial page of our local newspaper, "The Milwaukee Journal."

"A youth is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit where you are sitting and, when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important.

"You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried out depends on him. He will assume control of your towns and cities, states and nation. He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities, and corporations.

"All of your books are going to be judged, praised or condemned by him. The fate of humanity is in his hands. So it might be well to pay him some attention."

Does not this thought challenge us anew to the greatness of the task of the Sunday School teacher? This very important work of the church is often assumed in such an indifferent manner. Have you ever heard this reply to the question, "What share have you in the work of the church?" to this effect, "I only teach a Sunday School class"? Only? When theirs is the greatest opportunity in the world to tell the greatest Story ever told to children, youth, and adults, that will help to mould the lives of those they teach for all eternity!

## A DEDICATED CHRISTIAN

This in no way minimizes the work of those countless numbers of loyal teachers who serve faithfully for the joy of serving. We are to consider briefly whom we would consider as "The Ideal Sunday School Teacher."

According to the dictionary the word itself means "a mental conception or an individual regarded as the standard of perfection." We shall list some of the attributes that we should like to see in the ideal or perfect Sunday School teacher.

1. He must be a dedicated Christian, having experienced the new birth in his conversion. This should make him zealous in the Lord's work and eager to have a share in it.

The story is told of a little boy whose eyesight was restored through a very delicate operation. When his mother met him at the station, all he could say again and again was, "Oh, mother, I wish you could have met the wonderful doctor who made me see again."

The Sunday School teacher cannot effectively tell the story of Jesus unless he has had this glorious experience in his heart and life, and then only will he have a deep desire to tell others.

2. He must be consecrated to the task of teaching. In James 3:1 we read: "Be not many of you teachers, my brethren, knowing that we shall receive the heavier judgment."

Someone was approached to teach a certain class of boys in the Sunday School and gave this answer: "I can't be bothered preparing my lesson and then try to teach that group of wild Indians who don't listen anyway."

If we had ideal Sunday School pupils in the Sunday School, there would be no need of seeking for ideal Sunday School teachers. We teach to train and guide others in the Way of Life that they may attain toward perfection. Christ challenged us with these words: "Be ye perfect, even as

your Father who is in heaven is perfect."

3. He is a growing teacher . . . "till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13). The Bible further exhorts us in 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study, to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed . . ."

## A GROWING TEACHER

The Bible will ever be his guide in rule and practice. He will want to attend special training classes in the field of Christian education to improve his methods of teaching. He will want to attend Bible study classes that will enrich his knowledge of this Book.

4. He is a praying teacher. Those whom he teaches will ever be his concern, and he will not be satisfied unless he avails himself at all times of the greatest force at his disposal—the power of prayer. This will make him strong in his teaching and help him lead his pupils in their decision to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

5. He will make visitations in the homes of his pupils at least once a year, if not more often, as a part of his teaching program. Absentees will be contacted by him, and the name of a child not having come for a while will not be taken off the class roll unless he knows the reason why the child no longer comes.

In a certain Sunday School the name of a child was taken off the list without inquiry, only to learn later on (Continued on Page 13)



—Harold Lindner from A. Devaney, N. Y.  
The ideal Sunday School teacher opens the pages of the Bible to every growing child and touches their lives with the unfolding glory of God.

# Objectives of the Sunday School Union

By REV. G. K. ZIMMERMAN,  
General Secretary of the Sunday School Union

GREETINGS TO YOU who are a part of the Sunday School work of our denomination! This is my first message to you as your newly-elected general secretary of our Sunday School Union.

The task is much greater than my human capacities, but I am grateful for the knowledge that any work for the Kingdom of God must be undertaken with the Lord as one's ally. The song writer has expressed this in the words, "My God and I, we walk the way together." I express my appreciation for the many expressions of "God bless you" and "We'll be praying for you" or as one of the letters stated, "You may rest assured that I shall be praying for the success of your ministry in the Sunday School Union."

These best wishes as expressed also through the hearty handclasp give the assurance that we are going to do this task TOGETHER. The personal experience of God speaking to us and guiding us has given us as a family the assurance that this is the Way which the Lord would have us labor in his Kingdom. Your prayers will always be needed.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MOTTO

The objectives of our Sunday School Union were generally outlined at an executive committee meeting earlier this year. The theme for the triennium is EFFECTIVE GOSPEL TEACHING IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. In addition to this challenging theme a motto was selected for each of the three years. The motto for the year 1955-56 is THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVANCE. To attain higher enrollment and attendance goals during the triennium, we shall need to put action into this motto.

The first three goals of our Sunday School Standard have been suggested for emphasis during the current year. There are: "A Growing School," "A Bible School," and "An Evangelistic School."

In several widely read periodicals an article was featured describing how one of America's great automobile industries was near collapse because it lacked in efficiency in the engineering research and design departments. If Sunday Schools, small or large, wish to ADVANCE in the coming years, we too will need to plan for every meeting and every class.

Your local committee on Christian Education and your Sunday School teachers and officers at their meeting will want to give much time to planning activities of your Sunday School well in advance. Extensive advance

preparation for the following is necessary if success and benefit are to be realized by your school: seasonal programs; the regular visitation program as well as the special visitation emphasis period; leadership training program; evangelism program; the missionary emphasis and the monthly workers' conferences of your Sunday School staff.

It will be beneficial to your Sunday School to display prominently a calendar in your church indicating the activities which are being planned for the months ahead or for the entire year. Do not underestimate the value of planning.

## A GROWING SCHOOL

Research of the total Sunday School program usually brings to light the reasons for a decreasing attendance, enrollment and interest. The first goal of our Sunday School Standard is that of "A Growing School." With the increasing population in America it is to be expected that public schools and Sunday Schools should be growing in enrollment and attendance as well. No doubt you have access to your enrollment records for a period of ten to twenty years.

According to our records it was reported last year that we have 39,200 scholars enrolled in the 294 Sunday Schools of our denomination. This may appear as an encouraging record when compared with our church mem-

bership. We must strive for the higher goal, which is that of attaining an enrollment exceeding our church membership. The suggested goal for our denomination by 1958 is 50,000 scholars enrolled in our Sunday Schools.

A research and study of your Sunday School enrollment, church membership list, and the membership list of every organization within your church will unveil a surprising list of prospects for your school. Community surveys are another source which produces the evidence of unreached people for the Lord Jesus Christ. This objective of an increased enrollment and most of all regular attendance will need our prayerful commitment.

Even as industries find in new designs a cause for advancement, so must the Sunday School continue to redesign its program and methods. Progress has been made in our Sunday Schools so far as departmentalizing the various age groups and using graded materials. This needs to receive continuous attention in order to discover the design which will make it best possible to present the message of God.

## A BIBLE SCHOOL

The second goal of our Sunday School standard is "A Bible School," stressing the use of the Bible in the classroom and in the home. The Bible is indeed the Book we want to use in our teaching. All other material is supplementary. The Committee on Christian Education together with your Sunday School Union is undertaking a study and review of Sunday School materials from several different publishers. We hope that within another year we shall be able to suggest a more definite list of literature for our Sunday Schools.

Jesus knew the importance of training his disciples and workers to whom he entrusted the salvation message. He met with his disciples often and regularly to equip them for the greatest task on earth. An objective of the Sunday School Union which will receive continuous emphasis is that of training our teachers and leaders. Workers' Conferences which have been held in local churches as well as regional areas have brought forth responses indicating the importance of training our workers. Leadership training courses are a "must" for every Sunday School.

The suggested course for the current year is "The Place of Evangelism in the Sunday School" by J. N. Barrette. An alternate course may be (Continued on Page 12)



Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary of the denominational Sunday School Union which was organized at the General Conference in Waco, Texas.



# Vignettes of Church History

By DONALD G. DAVIS, Ph.D.

## 17. CONSTANTINE AND THE CHURCH

Constantine the Great, Roman Emperor, died in 337. The church was indebted to him in many ways. At the climax of nearly 250 years of persecution of the Christians by Roman emperors, he was the first to declare himself a Christian. It may well be doubted that he had experienced the saving grace of Christ. As early as 312 A.D. Constantine seems to have felt that the God of the Christians gave him victory over one of his rivals at the Battle of the Mulvian Bridge. With Licinius he issued the Edict of Milan in 313, in which Christians were declared, along with all others, to have full religious liberty throughout the empire. Church buildings and other property taken from them during the persecution were to be immediately restored. The persecution ended, except for one or two sporadic outbreaks under later emperors, such as Julian the Apostate.

The Edict of Milan marked a great change in the condition of the Christians. Christianity became, in effect, the state religion of the empire, because of Constantine's espousal of the cause. His subsidization of the Church, for example, at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D. made him the virtual head of the church, and the evil principle

of "church and state" in union was born. Those who hold to the historic Baptist position, the New Testament doctrine of separation of church and state, believe that only when the church is independent of government can God's full program be carried out.

The changed conditions after 313 A.D. did not mean that paganism was dead. For the time its devotees were accorded every liberty in their worship. Indeed, despite the emperor's adoption of Christianity, many elements of paganism were brought into the church. Little by little paganism died out, and a formal type of Christianity took its place.

Constantine became the sole emperor in 323 and in 330 he founded his eastern capital city—Constantinople. Not handicapped by heathen customs it became a great Christian city. Here was built St. Sophia (Holy Wisdom), one of the oldest Christian churches in the world. Since the fall of the city to the Turks in 1453 it has been used by the Mohammedans as a mosque. Not the least important of the effects of the new city was that the Bishop of Rome was left the most important and influential Christian leader in the West, and important developments were to follow. (Cairns, 123-135; Newman, I, 168-172; Walker, 108-113.)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

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May we call your attention to all the excellent articles in this issue of the "Baptist Herald." We are grateful to the editor, Dr. M. L. Leuschner, for the space devoted in this issue of the "Baptist Herald" to the Sunday School Union. May all churches become inspired by the emphasis of Sunday School Week! As a result every person connected with the Sunday School should be challenged to have a vital part in the Sunday School.

## S.S. UNION OBJECTIVES

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used with emphasis on "The Art of Teaching." We hope that the suggested course on evangelism will aid you in making your school "An Evangelistic School" which is the third goal of our Sunday School standard.

Unsaved scholars in classes must become a reason for teachers and officers to pray that somehow the message of salvation through Christ may be presented in such a way that decisions for him will be made.

The missionary objectives outlined by your Sunday School Union for the triennium will include all our foreign and home mission fields. For this year, 1955-56, we suggest a special emphasis upon the Home Mission Fields, which include our Spanish-American Mission, our Indian Mission Fields in Canada and our Church Extension program. Materials and program suggestions will be made available during the year for your information and use in your school.

It is the Lord our God who gives us the vision of so many opportunities and unfinished tasks wherein we may be used. Jesus prayed for workers because "the harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few." Let us be confident of blessings which shall come to pass because "we are laborers together with God."

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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ing for them. In selecting these leaders the Board would know the kind of training and guidance which is needed for effective work.

b) A Board can look at the entire teaching staff and know all vacancies that need to be filled in the entire church program and therefore would be able to appoint the leaders who are best qualified and place them where they are most needed.

c) The work of the teachers and officers is made more important when the leaders are appointed by the Board and approved by the church.

d) Leaders have the support of a responsible body of the church which authorizes their work and hears reports on it.

6. Why does the Board select materials for the Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and youth work?

a) A well-balanced program can be effected only if there is one group responsible for selection of all materials. This avoids confusion in the minds of children, young people and adults and provides for a program of similar emphasis in all educational organizations of the church. Without a Board to direct this selection, there is a possibility of some leaders emphasizing special interest or hobbies that might confuse those who are under the constant teaching of the church.

7. Why is so much responsibility invested in one Board?

a) This is the best way that coordination can be effective.

b) A small well-qualified and well-selected group can better direct the Christian educational program of the church than a large group.

c) Since the Board deals with the entire Christian education program of the church, it helps to bring the classes or organizations which consider themselves the most or only important group in the church into the proper relation to the entire church program.

d) Christian education is dignified by putting it under responsible leadership and giving this group well-defined responsibilities.

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"The Work of the Board of Christian Education," 25 cents.

"Improving Your Sunday School." Vieth (Headquarters' Library.)

"Planning Christian Education in the Local Church," Hoiland (Headquarters' Library).

"Church Officers at Work," Asquith. 75 cents.



The beautiful new Colfax Elementary School, Colfax, Wash., built during the administration of Mr. Eugene Mohr as chairman of the school's Board of Directors.

## THE IDEAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER

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that the child had been very ill. He had called for his Sunday School teacher repeatedly and wondered why he never came to call. It means much to the parents as well as to the pupils to have the teacher make a personal call. To know the background of the home makes his teaching so much more effective.

### THOROUGH PREPARATION

6. He will prepare his lesson thoroughly, beginning on Monday and continuing through the week, saturating his mind with the lesson and its source materials. Being well prepared, he will captivate his class with what he has to teach. By his good example he will have inspired his pupils also to come prepared to take part in the lesson, and there will be no time to make the brief half hour of the lesson a "reading class." He will want to use different methods of approach from time to time to stimulate interest in his class.

One teacher found it easy to teach a class because on Sunday morning she gave a glowing report to her class of where she had been the night before. The children enjoyed it and reported back to the home, much to the concern of the parents. "It is required of a man that he be found faithful"—faithful in the preparation of his lesson, faithful in the presentation making the most of the time allotted to him.

8. He will by precept and example make application of the lesson to his pupils. He must create in them the desire to pattern their lives after the perfect example, Jesus Christ, for if we fail here, our teaching is in vain. The ultimate aim of the Sunday School is to win the pupils to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. If 80 per cent of our church member-

## A Prayer for Teachers

By J. ELLERTON

Shine thou upon us, Lord,  
True light of men, today,  
And through the written Word  
Thy very self display,  
That so from hearts which burn  
With gazing on thy face  
Thy little ones may learn  
The wonders of thy grace.

Breathe thou upon us, Lord,  
Thy Spirit's living flame,  
That so with one accord  
Our lips may tell thy name.  
Give thou the hearing ear,  
Fix thou the wandering thought,  
That those we teach may hear  
The great things thou hast wrought.

Speak thou for us, O Lord,  
In all we say of thee;  
According to thy Word  
Let all our teaching be  
That so thy lambs may know  
Their own true Shepherd's voice,  
Where'er he leads them go,  
And in his love rejoice.

Live thou within us, Lord;  
Thy mind and will be ours;  
Be thou beloved, adored,  
And served with all our powers,  
That so our lives may teach  
Thy children what thou art,  
And plead, by more than speech,  
For thee with every heart.

—The Evangelical-Christian.

ship comes from the Sunday School, is it not important that we seek "Ideal Sunday School Teachers" to help in this great task for the Kingdom of God?

9. The ideal Sunday School teacher will be punctual and regular in attendance, and never be absent unless he has a substitute for his class. He will plan outings and other recreation with his class so that they all get to know one another better. He will cooperate in the work of the Sunday School as a whole, attend workers' meetings, share in the responsibilities of the school as it branches out in other activities. What a force the Sunday School of today would be if every school had a teaching staff that complied in every way with these standards of the ideal Sunday School teacher.

### THE TEACHER'S REWARD

The reward? When he meets the Master face to face, he will hear, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful in a

few things, I will set thee over many; enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

I looked upon a sea  
And lo, 'twas dead;  
Although from Hermon's snows  
And Jordan fed.

How came a fate so dire?  
The tale's soon told;  
All that it got it kept,  
And fast did hold.

All tributary streams  
Found here their grave,  
Because that sea received,  
And never gave.

Oh, sea that is dead,  
Help me to know and feel  
That cruel grasp and greed  
My doom will seal.

And Father, help me my best,  
My very self to give,  
That I may others bless,  
And like thee—live!

Author unknown.

# A Denominational Tribute to H. P. Donner

Expressions of Tribute by Denominational Leaders

## Our Beloved Brother Donner

By DR. H. VON BERGE, Dayton, Ohio

In 1904 I first met Brother Donner, when our Pittsburgh church had asked me to serve there for about two weeks in daily special meetings. In that church he was superintendent of the Sunday School. As a business man he was an executive at a very prominent business in the city. But being a minister's son, a remarkably gifted one, and so deeply interested in religious work, why did he not become a minister?

God had the answer. By guiding him into the business world for experience and training, He prepared him for a most important position in our denomination. God's call to it came when we needed a business manager for our Publication House. But to accept that call meant sacri-

ficing his huge salary in business and accepting a very humble one at the new position. It took a man like Brother Donner, and he did it. January 1st, 1912, he became our business manager and served 33 years in that position until, due to a sad accident, he felt compelled to resign. Brother Baumgartner succeeded him January 1st, 1945.

His many years of service have been a real blessing to our fellowship. He was a real leader, always wise and cautious in making decisions. In his cooperation with his associates he was always genial and in true Christian spirit. We thank God for having given us our beloved Brother Donner, who has now been welcomed as a good and faithful servant to our home above.

## A Gentleman and a Christian

By REV. W. S. ARGOW, Erie, Pennsylvania

My acquaintance with Brother Henry P. Donner goes back to 1895, 60 years ago, when the General Conference met in my home church, Dayton, Ohio, which he attended. He was already vitally interested in the work of our beloved denomination. I next met him, when as a seminary student I was canvassing the churches in the Pittsburgh, Pa., area and was a guest in their beautiful home. Our paths crossed often during the following years at conferences or during the six years when I was a member of the Publication Committee.

Brother Donner was always the same—aggressive, whether in the Sunday School as efficient superintendent of the former First German

Baptist Church, or as manager of our publishing house. He was alert, progressive, positive in his convictions, but never antagonistic when he differed with the brethren, lovable, a perfect Christian gentleman at all times! He was a man of prayer, a devout Bible student. He would have been one of our outstanding preachers, had he entered the ministry, for he had a forceful, convincing message.

He filled a large place wherever he was. As someone has said: "The greatest use of a life is to spend it for something that outlasts it." He shall be missed, but not forgotten. Our lives were enriched through his influence. He served his Master and the denomination well.

## A Man Sent from God

By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER, Business Manager of the Publication House, Cleveland, Ohio

I feel certain that Dr. Leuschner and Dr. Woyke would be here today if at all possible. However, they are on the high seas on their way to London, England, to attend the Baptist World Congress. I am also sure that they would want me to express in their behalf and in behalf of the denomination our heart-felt Christian sympathy to the family of Mr. H. P. Donner.

In the Bible we read, "There came a man who was sent from God whose name was John. The same came for a witness." With all due respect to the Bible, may I change these sentences as follows: "There came a man sent from God whose name was H. P.

Donner. The same came for a witness." It is proper to ask what kind of a man did God send and what was his witness. Mr. Donner was a Bible man; by that I mean that he knew his Bible and knew it well. He was deep-

The accompanying message by Mr. Baumgartner was brought at the memorial service held on Sunday, July 10. The obituary of Brother Donner appears on page 23 of this issue. The editorial in the next number (Sept. 22) will bring the editor's tribute to his dear and highly esteemed friend, Brother Donner.

ly religious and to him religion was more than mere words but a way of life, living and believing.

Early in youth he received a splendid business training and this business training was applied with much success in the commercial world before he became business manager of our Publication Society. All who knew him were deeply impressed by his strong convictions as to what he believed to be right and wrong. Faith in his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and trust in the will of God were really predominant in his life. In addition to a pleasing and genial personality, Brother Donner also had remarkable abilities as a public speaker. His keen and analytical mind, the gift of oratory, and his heart-felt enthusiasm all served in the presentation of many and varied kinds of sermons. One of the outstanding characteristics of our late brother was the gift to analyze a problem quickly and accurately. That is the kind of man that God sent. He came at a time when the denomination needed him most; thus God in his loving care for his own sent the right man at the right time.

What did Brother Donner do? What was his witness? Under his supervision the building in which Roger Williams Press operates at the present time was erected. It is the home of the Publication Society and the construction and arrangements in the building, even today after so many years, speak well of the man who directed its construction. Brother Donner established business methods for the publishing house which I still largely use today. He always maintained that the first and foremost function of the publishing house was that it might serve the denomination and the world in the ministry of the printed word and no effort was spared to bring this about. Under his guiding hand, our publications were sent throughout the land, books were published and the spiritual value of the Publication Society was upheld.

During his 33 years of service he came to know most of our churches and delivered his challenging messages to many of them. At our conferences, local and national, in the committee meetings of all kinds and in the many problems which arose in the publishing house and the denomination, the conferences and the committee meetings, Mr. Donner, under the direction of him who had sent him, always brought the remarkable qualities of his personality and character into play. He also had a deep concern for the individual and in the course of his career as business manager, many of our people, especially ministers, were

the recipients of his kindly interest and fatherly care.

Much has been written and said about the meaning and power of prayer. Brother Donner knew about this and employed prayer to meet the daily tasks and challenges he was called on to face. He knew that prayer was the greatest power on earth. On his prayer list were not only the names of his loved ones but also the names of men, especially ministers, throughout our denomination whom Brother Donner remembered at the throne of grace, asking the Father to supply their every need.

The North American Baptists have been blessed by a number of spiritual giants and one of these was the Christian layman, H. P. Donner, and we can well number him along with such spiritual giants as Professor A. J. Ramaker, Professor Lewis Kaiser, and Dr. William Kuhn.

The North American Baptists in far away Northwestern Canada, from the rocky coasts of the Pacific states, from the Great Plains of the West and Middle West, from the far flung spaces of Texas and the South, from the busy Great Lakes area, from beautiful Northeastern Canada and the throbbing Atlantic coastal states are grateful to God for, "there came a man sent by God whose name was Henry P. Donner."

## Henry P. Donner — Man of Peace

By MR. HAROLD B. JOHNS, President of the Publication Board

A number of years ago my Dad was talking to Brother Donner (after he had been business manager of our Publication Society for some years). Times had been rather hard—business conditions were not too good—many business men had "worries" far beyond the usual.

Dad asked Brother Donner how he was asking the strain—how were the current business problems and conditions affecting him personally?

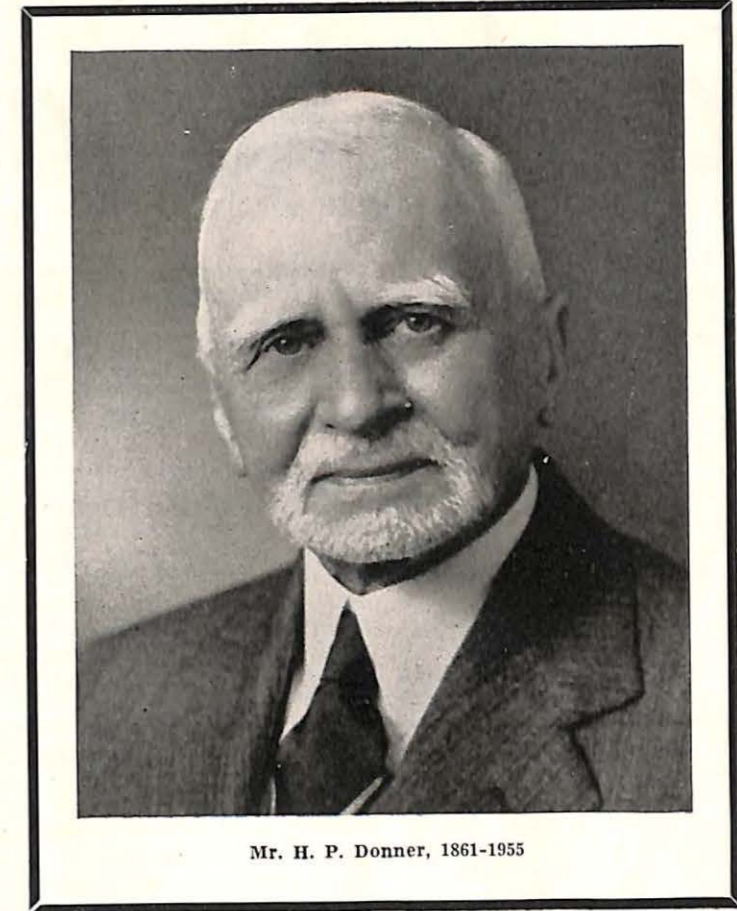
I hope I never forget Brother Donner's reply.

"I no longer have such things as business worries," was the essence of his statement. "When I was in the secular business world I sometimes had my share of worries but at the age of 51 I turned my business as well as my personal life over to God.

"At that time I also took over this position of business manager of our Publication House. Since then I have never had a worry."

This peace of mind—a gift of God—no doubt contributed very much to Brother Donner's long and fruitful life on earth.

We who have been affiliated with our publication work know full well that his responsibilities presented him with many problems, typical of the business world and of the times. In-



Mr. H. P. Donner, 1861-1955

shop. We still are doing our own printing today.

Problems and difficulties of these types could very well have become "causes" for worry in men whose walk was not as close to God. Through them all, however, Brother Donner had that peace of God (a gift of God's Love) "which passes all understanding."

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on thee: Because he trusteth in thee."

## As I Remember H. P. Donner

By DR. O. E. KRUEGER, Rochester, New York

Recently it was reported that Herbert Hoover, Jr., does not regard accepting a position in the government at a drastic cut in his income as a sacrifice. He thinks of it as a privilege, an opportunity for service. Brother Donner demonstrated that very thing many years ago, when he gave up a very attractive position as manager of the credit department at Joseph Horne's, Pittsburgh, Pa., to accept a humble, low-income task in our Publication Society. In so doing he followed the example of his spiritually stalwart father who gave up a position of great promises to become a humble German Baptist minister. He disregarded the sacrifices involved in those pioneer days. Both Donners measured values not with the rule of gold but with the golden rule of service.

My admiration for Henry P. Donner began in 1909 when I met him for the first time as his guest in Pittsburgh. I became his pastor in 1925. He belonged to that group in a church who are a challenge to the pastor to do his very best every time he goes into the pulpit. Thank God for them! Their presence will not allow him to skid into slipshod preaching. Brother Donner has been a Bible student from his youth and a Sunday School teacher for probably 75 years. He taught his class not so long ago after his return from the hospital. He often encouraged his pastor with a word of appreciation.

He was not a stickler for his own convictions, but he held them firmly, based upon his own careful interpretations. He regretted very much that he had not mastered Greek in his

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# We...the Women

By MRS. THOMAS D. LUTZ

## INTRODUCTION

Women throughout the "Whole Wide World" have arisen to the call of need. So Mrs. Freda Reddig of Cathay, N. Dak., has left her household tasks many times to answer the call of need in her community. She has done so for us at this time. She has many talents, which she has shared unstintingly with us. Among her outstanding abilities is her ability to cook, but since it would be asking too much for her to feed us with physical food, may we all attend to the food of thought which she offers us here.

She has mentioned that if her article should be too long, I could omit the poem. I want to share it with you and because she has been known to us as the former Missionary Committee Chairman and Editor of our Program Packet, I will spend no more time in this introduction. I now present her to you as the new vice-president for the term 1955-1958 of our Woman's Missionary Union.

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## REMARKABLE WOMEN

By MRS. FREDA REDDIG  
of Cathay, North Dakota.

The first article in a current popular magazine is entitled, "America's Amazing Women." It is the story of our twenty million volunteer welfare workers whom President Eisenhower called "the greatest glory of our society."

The Bible contains many accounts of remarkable women. Who can forget the devotion of Ruth, the courage of Esther, the prayers of Hannah, the curiosity of the Queen of Sheba, the adoration and love of Mary, or the industry of Martha? For every famous man in the annals of history, there has been a woman in part responsible for such fame—a praying mother, a devoted wife, a loving sweetheart.

Our denomination, too, has its remarkable women. Though there are no available statistics to prove it, it can be said without fear of contradiction that most of our Sunday School teachers are women, most of our missionaries are women, and our missionary enterprises are supported in a large measure by our Woman's Missionary Union.

We are grateful to God that we have been blessed with wonderful leadership in our Woman's Missionary Union. From the beginning of our history, women of talent and vision have guided our destiny. We owe a

## BAPTIST WOMEN AT LONDON!

The next number (Sept. 22) of the "Baptist Herald" will tell the colorful story of the many women at the Jubilee Baptist Congress in London, England, prepared for the "Herald" by Mrs. Frank Woyke, one of the speakers on the women's program.

EDITOR.

debt of gratitude for the unusually fine leadership of our recent presidents—Mrs. H. G. Dymmel, Mrs. William Schoeffel, and Mrs. Walter W. Grosser. Our growth and development in recent years have been in direct proportion to their able leadership, their inspired vision, and selfless devotion to the Union.

But there are other remarkable women in our denomination—women whose names have perhaps never appeared on the printed page, who have never so much as held an office in their own local groups, and to many of whom English is still a rather foreign tongue. Our Union is composed of thousands of these remarkable women who are devoted to the cause of Christ and whose hearts are full of love for their fellowmen. It is these remarkable women who painstakingly memorize a "reading" and modestly present it at the annual program—or spend hours learning a part in a dialogue to be given for the missionary program.



Mrs. Freda Reddig (left) of Cathay, N. Dak., vice-president of the Woman's Missionary Union, and Mrs. Arthur Sherman (right) of Aplington, Iowa, Mission Committee chairman.

These same remarkable women give many hours of their time to make White Cross supplies or to roll bandages so that a steady flow of these necessities can be sent to the mission fields where they are so vitally needed. It is the sacrificial gifts of our women that constitute a substantial contribution to our general missionary budget. It is the missionary zeal and interest in our denominational enterprises of these devoted women in all our churches that have made it possible for us to attain our goals in each triennium.

Those of us who are privileged to attend conferences, missionary rallies, and General Conferences catch the enthusiasm and uplifting spirit that such wonderful gatherings generate. But it is the women back home who perhaps have never attended a General Conference or special missionary rally who responded to the call for funds, supplies, and prayers, and on whose loyalty we can always depend.

To these remarkable women in all our churches may we say: "Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." You will soon receive the new goal charts, in which are presented the aims and special projects for the triennium just begun. God has entrusted us with specific fields of service in which each of us can have a part.

Your generous gifts for missions must keep flowing to support more new missionaries, and so spread the Gospel to a greater area. White Cross supplies will be needed in larger quantities as more and more patients are admitted to the Banso Hospital and New Hope Leper Settlement in the Cameroons.

Though you may feel you have no outstanding talents, you can make a worth-while contribution to God's Kingdom by even your smallest gifts. God sees and knows. Give from the heart, and God will bless your gifts, and use you for ever greater service.

May we as North American Baptist women—remarkable or not—be inspired anew to attain greater heights of service throughout the triennium so that each of us may be worthy of the Lord's commendation—"She hath done what she could."

God needs common remarkable women

His Kingdom work to do;

Won't you open your heart and listen—

He has a special task for you.

There's only one of you to do it—

That work he's entrusted to you.

Even today fields are ripe unto harvest;

As always, the laborers are few.

So give of your time and talent;

God only lent them to you—

There's no greater joy for his children on earth

Than living his will to do.



# Sunday School Lessons

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: September 18, 1955

### Theme: GOD'S CALL TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

SCRIPTURE: Malachi 3:1-6, 13-18.

PURPOSE: To help us hear God's call to righteousness and obey it.

#### I. THE MEANING OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

1. We begin by asking, "What is the meaning of righteousness?" The dictionary defines it as "the quality or state of being blameless, upright, just."

2. In Christian thought, righteousness has a two-fold meaning:

a) Righteousness is a quality of life—a quality we achieve through a continual effort to obey God's commandments and to live blamelessly, uprightly, and justly in his sight and in the sight of men;

b) Righteousness is a state or position that is ours in relationship to God—a position that God ascribes to us in response to faith in Jesus Christ. It is not our "own righteousness" in the sense that we achieve it; rather it is "the righteousness of God" in the sense that God gives it to us as a gift.

3. In today's lesson we are concerned with the first meaning of the word.

#### II. THE REASONS FOR GOD'S CALL TO RIGHTEOUSNESS.

1. In Malachi's day, these were the conditions that brought forth the call to righteousness:

a) The people had grown cynical, doubting that God really cared for them and that it really paid to serve him (1:2; 2:17; 3:14-15);

b) The people had grown indifferent and lax in their religious life, offering their second and third best to God (1:6-8, 13), disregarding his demands upon their lives and possessions (3:8), and following heedlessly the example of an indifferent and corrupt priesthood (2:6-9);

c) The people had become socially irresponsible, indifferent to their responsibilities toward one another (2:10; 3:5)—especially in matters of marriage (2:11), divorce (2:15-16), their larger social contacts (3:5).

d) The people had become morally confused, losing all sense of right and wrong and of true moral values (3:15, 18).

2. So today the very evils and problems that beset us constitute a call from God to repentance and righteousness.

#### III. THE REASONS WHY MEN MUST HEED GOD'S CALL TO RIGHTEOUSNESS.

1. They are confronted by the fact of God:

a) The God whose nature and law are unchangeable (3:6) and whose demands no man can escape (3:1);

b) Who has created all men and expects them therefore to treat one another in ways worthy of those who are made in his image (2:10);

c) Who expects of men obedience and their best and will not be satisfied with anything but their best (3:4);

d) Who takes note of all that men do and holds them responsible, rewarding the righteous and punishing the unrighteous (3:16-18);

e) When judgments are inescapable, just and thorough (3:2-3).

2. They are confronted by the fact of a day of judgment, which is always coming and is absolutely certain (3:1).

## A LESSON PLAN

Date: September 25, 1955

### Theme: NEW RESPECT FOR GOD'S LAW.

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 20:19-20; Nehemiah 9:1-3; 10:32, 35, 37, 39.

PURPOSE: To foster within us a deeper respect for God's law.

GETTING STARTED: Speaking to a group of business and professional men recently, a prominent judge said, "One of the most dangerous developments of our day is the growing lawlessness among the American people. Anything goes; nothing is wrong as long as you don't get caught at it; get what you want—regardless: such seems to be the only code of ethics held to by far too many of our fellow-citizens."

Unfortunately, this same spirit of lawlessness is everywhere manifest within the life of the church. Far too many of those who call themselves Christians have no respect for God's law, their covenant obligations, their

sacred Christian duties. They are ready enough to accept the gift of God's grace; but they forget that that gift brings with it obligations that God expects them to respect and fulfill. Thus what is needed today is a new reformation in the church that will instill in Christians a new respect for God's law and a new desire to keep his every commandment.

#### Developing the Theme:

##### I. THE CHRISTIAN IS SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF GOD.

1. He is subject to that law not as a means of gaining his salvation but as the prescribed way in which to express the new life that is his as a Christian (Ezek. 20:19).

2. These obligations are a part of the divine law to which he is subject:

a) To honor the Lord's Day and be faithful in his attendance at the services in God's house (Ezek. 20:20; Neh. 9:3c);

b) To live a disciplined and separated life (Neh. 9:1-2a);

c) By repentance and confession to keep his life free from known sin (Neh. 9:2b, 3b);

d) To attend to the reading and study of God's Word (Neh. 9:3a);

e) To be a faithful steward of his possessions, giving a God-honoring portion of his income for the work of the Lord and the support of the church (Neh. 10:32, 35, 37, 39).

##### II. HIS RESPECT FOR GOD'S LAW WILL GROW IF HE DOES THE FOLLOWING.

1. Increases in his conception of the greatness, power, majesty, and love of God (Ezek. 20:19a);

2. Realizes the wonder of his personal relationship with God, achieved for him at great cost by none other than God's own Son (Ezek. 20:19a; 20b);

3. Recognizes the immutability of God's law and that it is the only lasting foundation for life at its fullest and best (Ezek. 20:20);

4. Learns from history the terrible price man pay whenever they disregard God's law (Neh. 9:2b);

5. Holds himself to the spiritual disciplines of prayer, Bible reading, public worship, giving, serving that nurture within him an increasing love for God and a sense of obligation to him (Neh. 9:1-3; 10:32, 35).

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Central Conference

### Vacation Bible School and Open-air Services at Ripley Blvd. Church, Alpena, Michigan

Vacation Bible School was held at Alpena, Mich., July 5 to 13, with Miss Angie Visor as director. Mrs. Sally Preston had charge of the Nursery; Dorothy Barber and Angie Visor, the Primary Department; and Lillian Timm the Junior Department. Our pastor, Rev. Eric Kuhn, helped with the handicraft and Mrs. Kuhn with the refreshments. The theme of the Bible School was, "Pioneers on the Trail of Life." A very interesting contest was held with the two sides being named Scouts and Cowboys. The Cowboys won and were treated by the Scouts to ice cream.

A fine program was held on the evening of the 13th, with the children all being dressed in costumes of cowboys and Indians. The average attendance for the Bible School was 50.

Open-air services were held again at Mich-e-ke-wis Park from July 3 through August 28. These services were sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood of our church of which Edward Ratzloff is president. The services were conducted through a newly purchased amplifying system. Listeners remained in their cars during the entire service (from 9:00 to 9:45 P.M.) each Sunday. The first half hour was composed of vocal and instrumental selections and then a 15-minute message was given. Fine testimonies have been given at these meetings. There have been a great number of cars at each service and we pray that many souls were won for our Lord through this ministry.

Mrs. Clarence Zgorski, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Vacation Bible School and Program of Washburn Baptist Church, Washburn, North Dakota

"Marching On" was the theme of our Daily Vacation Bible School at the Baptist Church of Washburn, N. Dak., which was held from June 12 to 26 with morning and afternoon sessions.

There were 40 pupils enrolled with an average of 33 in attendance, and of these 25 had perfect attendance.

A very fine program of memory work and songs was given on the last Friday evening. There was a fine offering of \$78.45.

Teachers were Miss Gloria Fedelleck, Intermediates; Miss Lou Ella Wolff, Juniors; Mrs. Donald Dolpke,

Primary; and Mrs. Orin Rieser, Beginners. Helpers were Gladys Gudd who acted as our Secretary and Marriean Schacher.

Miss Fedelleck of Sheffield, Iowa, and Miss Lou Ella Wolff of Ellendale, N. Dak., were secured through our denominational headquarters.

Mrs. Bennie Grueneich, Reporter.

### Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Reinhold Sigmund of Billings, Montana

On Sunday evening, June 19, the members of the Calvary Baptist Church of Billings, Mont., held a farewell service for Rev. and Mrs. Reinhold Sigmund who closed their ministry with us on that day.

Mr. Fritz Albrecht, chairman of the deacons, was in charge of the service. The various officers of the church spoke as follows: Mr. Dan Fuchs, on behalf of the deacons; Mr. Ray Seidel, Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Leah Seidel, Woman's Missionary Society; Mr. Fritz Albrecht, CBY and Berean Society.

Musical numbers were presented by the male chorus; two German selections by four ladies; a duet by Mrs. Herman Fuchs and Mrs. Ray Seidel; and a number by the Herman Fuchs family. A gift was presented to Mrs. Sigmund by the Woman's Missionary Society. Also the congregation presented Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund with a love offering in appreciation of the work they had so faithfully done. Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund gave short talks pertaining to the years spent with us and the spirit of cooperation and harmony that existed between us. To our amazement the Sigmunds donated their piano to the church to which we are inexpressibly grateful for such generosity and kindness.



Rev. John C. Kastelein of Harvey, North Dakota.

After the close of the program a lunch was served in the church basement at which time another duet was rendered by Mr. and Mrs. H. Fuchs. We wish the Sigmunds every success and may God bless them in their new field of service as superintendent and matron of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged at Chicago, Illinois.

Herman G. Fuchs, Reporter.

### Rev. John C. Kastelein and Family Welcomed to Bethel Church, Harvey, North Dakota

On May 6, 1955 the congregation of the Bethel Baptist Church of Harvey, N. Dak., convened in special session to call a new pastor to the field. Rev. John C. Kastelein, evangelist and Bible teacher, from Elliott, Ill., was given the call by the church. Mr. Kastelein accepted the call from the church and began his ministry on the Harvey field on July 3.

Mr. Kastelein had worked in the field at Harvey last spring when he conducted a two-week Evangelistic Campaign at the Harvey Baptist Church, therefore he was no stranger to the people in Harvey.

The Kasteleins have three sons, John Edward, 16, David William, 14, and Daniel Robert, 11. The three sons and their father form a Gospel quartet with Mrs. Kastelein as the accompanist. For the last ten years they have been engaged in evangelistic and Bible conference work all over the nation. During the summer months they used a big tent to conduct their campaigns. They were in a pastorate in Sioux Center, Iowa, when they felt led to enter into full-time evangelistic work. After ten years of travel they are happy to be in the pastorate again.

Rev. Kastelein was born in Holland and came to America at the age of 18. He was converted to Jesus Christ in Passaic, N. J., at the age of 26. He was an electrician by trade when the Lord called him into the ministry. He prepared for the ministry at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. J. C. Kastelein, born in Iowa of German-born parents, is an R.N. The convention at Carrington, N. Dak., convened the week after the new pastor came to the Harvey field and gave the family an opportunity to become acquainted with their fellow workers in the Dakota Conference.

On Sunday night, July 3, a reception was held for the Kastelein family with other Baptist churches of the Association also participating. The speakers for this occasion were Rev. M. DeBoer, Fessenden, N. Dak.; Rev. L. Potratz, Martin, N. Dak.; Rev. A. Voigt, Rosenfeld, North Dakota. A great blessing was enjoyed by all.

The Kasteleins are eager to work for God in the Harvey field which is a needy field with a great opportunity and are asking for the prayers of God's people. They are looking to God for great blessings with the people of the Harvey church and with the sister churches of the Association as well as a blessed fellowship with the entire North American Baptist General Conference.

Mrs. Leonard Keszler, Church Clerk.

### Anamoose Baptist Church Holds Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Krombein

Sunday, July 17th, was a very important day for the Church at Anamoose, North Dakota. On this day Brother Krombein brought his first message in the morning, and for the evening our neighboring churches with their pastors were invited for a reception honoring our new pastor and family, Rev. and Mrs. Krombein.

Brother E. Wehr, our deacon, was in charge of this program. He first called on the representatives of the various organizations including our church at Lincoln Valley. Then the pastors from the Rosenfeld, Martin, and Harvey churches spoke words of welcome and encouragement and best wishes as good neighbors.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Krombein expressed their joy and appreciation for the Lord's guidance in leading them to Anamoose. After this program, everyone was invited to the church basement for refreshments and fellowship. We are happy now and feel that God has answered our prayers in sending us Brother and Sister Krombein. May the Lord richly bless us as we toil in his vineyard, and may his name be praised and souls won through this ministry.

Thomas Derman, Secretary.

### Woman's Missionary Union of Northern North Dakota Association at Carrington, N. Dak.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Northern North Dakota Association held its annual business meeting at the Baptist Church of Carrington, North Dakota.

The meeting was opened with singing led by Mrs. Irvin Schmuland of Goodrich, N. Dak., and Mrs. Elmer Buenting of Germantown, N. Dak., read the Scripture taken from Hebrews 13 and led in the opening prayer. The president, Mrs. Wilfred Meyer, welcomed all societies present. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Mrs. David Zimmerman of Cathay, president; Mrs. Wilfred Meyer of Carrington, vice-president; and Mrs. Henry Fuhrman of Harvey, secretary and treasurer.

The secretary reported 27 new members received into the Union during the year, making a total of 315 members. The total money raised amounted to \$10,704.33, averaging \$39.98 per member. \$3,476.96 was given to missions. The Washburn Society gave a very effective memorial service honoring those who have gone to their heavenly homes from our midst. After singing the song, "I'll Walk With Thee," our morning session was brought to a close.

Approximately 150 women gathered at the noon luncheon. A fine time was spent in singing of choruses. Sixteen societies reported regarding their activities during the year. Mrs. W. Meyer acted as toastmaster. At this luncheon Mrs. Fred Holzhammer, missionary, was presented with a corsage from the Carrington society.



Rev. Gerhard Gebauer (right) and Group of Baptismal Candidates, Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia.

In the afternoon a large attendance met at the city armory where a well planned program was given under the leadership of our president, Mrs. W. Meyer. The program was opened with singing led by Mrs. Harry Schultz of the Martin society. Mrs. Martin De Boer of the Fessenden society read a passage from Psalm 105 and led in opening prayer. Mrs. Okert, president of the Carrington society extended a hearty welcome to all societies and friends present. The president introduced and extended a hearty welcome to all the new minister wives in our Association. The following were asked to come to the platform: Mrs. R. Grenz of Underwood, Mrs. M. De Boer of Fessenden, Mrs. Kastelein of Harvey, Mrs. L. Potratz of Martin, Mrs. A. Krombein of Anamoose, and Mrs. H. Schauer of Turtle Lake. A vocal duet, "He'll Understand," was rendered by the Underwood Society.

The new officers were installed by Mrs. H. Hiller who spoke fitting words of challenge.

Mrs. Fred Holzhammer was our guest speaker and spoke inspiring words from Psalm 62:5 and of the progressing work in Africa. In closing the program the ladies chorus sang, "We Thank Thee," directed by Mrs. Albert Reddig. The offering at this service amounted to \$171.74 of which one half was donated to the Crystal Springs Camp and one fourth to the women's work in Africa and to the Church Extension Fund. This blessed service was brought to a close with a song and Mrs. Fred Holzhammer lead in closing prayer.

Mrs. Henry Fuhrman, Secretary.

## Pacific Conference

### Baptismal Service and Vacation Bible School at Bethany Church, Vancouver, British Columbia

Our church does not only grow as a result of immigration, but men and women come to the knowledge of salvation in Christ as the Lord reveals himself to us. Rev. C. Remple from Missoula, Mont., held evangelistic services in our church which were

well attended. The Lord blessed the clear messages; men came to faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. In special meetings the pastor of our church, Rev. Gerhard Gebauer, introduced these and other converts to the basic doctrines of the Holy Scripture. Twelve converts gave a testimony of their faith in front of a large audience on Pentecost Sunday, when they were baptized in the death of our Lord. May all live as real "Baptists"!

Our church was host to the British Columbia Conference. This occasion brought manifold blessings and joy to our hearts. Presently Brother Gunter Rochow, student at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton serves the church. He helped in our Daily Vacation Bible School campaign and administered the regular church services.

Again, as in previous years, we shared the blessings of a Daily Vacation Bible School program. From July 4 until July 14, 65 children attended classes of all departments in our church building. The best attended department was the Junior High Class. In all we had six teachers for this ministry, some of whom even worked at night and taught during the forenoon.

The general topic, "Sailing with Christ," increased the interest of the pupils to such an extent that the majority was in regular attendance. We had the morning devotional periods together with all departments. After that we returned to our individual classes and emphasized during the following hours the highlights of the specific daily topic by means of discussion or more suitable methods. We were especially interested in student participation and attempted to achieve this important factor in child training. The following period, devoted to games in this out-of-doors, was vividly anticipated by children and teachers alike. The remainder of the forenoon passed by all too quickly with the various workbook activities.

We believe that this work constituted a blessed service to the children, and thus we thank our Lord for his guiding and never-failing hand with which he has strengthened our efforts.

Gunter Rochow, student worker and Adolf Litke, secretary.



Vacation Bible School, Chilliwack, British Columbia.

### Daily Vacation Bible School at Victoria Avenue Church, Chilliwack, British Columbia

The Victoria Avenue Baptist Church was a center of joyful activity for two weeks from June 27 to July 10, when 43 boys and girls enrolled for Daily Vacation Bible School with an average attendance of 35.

Besides their daily Bible lessons and handiwork projects the children also memorized special Scripture passages and enjoyed missionary stories and lively songs and action choruses. Their weekly offerings for missions amounted to \$5.35.

Sunday evening, July 10, was the Demonstration Program, with the pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, in charge. The well-filled auditorium was decorated with flowers and lovely handiwork as the children, led by the Bible and flag bearers, marched in singing lustily: "We are the Savior's girls and boys." Led by the teachers the pupils then gave a fine expression of some of the Bible truths and memory verses learned during Bible School.

Miss Iris Trabant, assisted by Mrs. Ervin Schinkel and Miss Mildred Wilkie, had taught the Beginners about "God's World and God's Word." The Primary class, in action, showed us "God's Family—How to Belong to It, and Live in It," directed by their

teacher, Mrs. Fred Schroeder and her assistant Miss Marlene Ratke. The Juniors reminded us what Christians should do with their time and talents. Mrs. Beutler and Miss Adeline were their teachers.

The pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, had instructed the Intermediates in two vital subjects: "Questions of Young People about God," and "The Christian Doctrine and Life," and they thrilled our hearts with their fine answers.

The vice-superintendent of our Sunday School, Mr. Ed. Schinkel, spoke words of encouragement to the pupils for their achievements as well as to the teachers for their ministry to the children. The offering received to cover expenses amounted to \$25.35.

Mrs. G. Beutler, Reporter.

### Atlantic Conference

#### Vacation Bible School Held at the Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Under the direction of Miss Audrey M. Miller, the Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., conducted a successful Vacation Bible School from July 11 to July 22. Our enrollment was 123 girls and boys, with an average attendance of 103. With the aid



Vacation Bible School, Pilgrim Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

of 23 teachers and helpers, the children of school age through Intermediate age were kept busy learning God's Word, singing and various other activities that are included in Vacation Bible School.

The teachers were as follows: Beginners, Mrs. Anna Eisbrenner, Mrs. Ruth Schweitzer, Mrs. Louise Jelonak; Primary, Mrs. Lydia Richards, Mrs. Olive Pfeiffer, Mrs. Virginia Matter, Mrs. Hazel Duke, Miss Barbara Hertrich; Juniors, Mrs. Lois McLatchie, Mrs. Sandy Gruhler, Mrs. Hilda Priestly; Intermediates, Mrs. Greta Damrau, Miss Audrey Miller. Mrs. Lydia Kosik was the secretary, and Mr. Shaw played with the boys during recess time. The Rev. Walter C. Damrau is the pastor of the church.

A new part of our Vacation Bible School this year included a teachers' training class taught by the pastor, in which five high school students were enrolled. After the class was over these students were placed in various departments as helpers. We found this very profitable as it gave them an opportunity to apply many of the things they had learned.

Our offering this year amounted to \$104.00. It was designated towards our new missionary in Austria, the Rev. Franz Hacker.

A program was held Friday evening, July 22nd, in which all the children took part. The handiwork from the departments was displayed.

Miss Audrey M. Miller,  
Church Worker.

### Northern Conference

#### Alberta Association Sessions Held at East Olds Baptist Church, Alberta, Canada

From June 23 to 26, the 55th meeting of the Alberta Association of the Northern Conference convened at the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta. This year's Association theme was: "Christ Commissions His Church," Acts 1:8.

The Association commenced with an evangelistic message on Thursday evening, June 23. During the following days, doctrinal, evangelistic, and devotional messages were delivered by the various pastors, and by our guest speaker, Dr. R. Powell, professor of theology at our Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Other items of interest which added many blessings to the Association were the special selections in music and song; the Women's Missionary Union program on Saturday afternoon, the Young People's Rally Saturday evening and the Sunday activities.

The Association's business was taken care of Saturday. A new constitution was presented and it was adopted. The Association's name was changed to "The Alberta Association of North American Baptist Churches."

The new officers are: president, Rev. W. R. Muller, Carbon; vice-president, Rev. E. J. Faul, Calgary; secretary, Rev. E. Hoffman, Millet; treasurer, Rev. Wm. Effa, Drumheller.

The Association adopted a mission project of \$1,800 for the coming year. The mission offering amounted to \$598.00.

We are very thankful to God for the many blessings which he so abundantly showered down upon us during those days. All praise and honor be unto him, our Lord.

Wm. Effa, Pastor.

#### Daily Vacation Bible School of Edenwold Baptist Church, Edenwold, Saskatchewan

July 11 to 15 marked a very important week for our children in Edenwold. In spite of rain the first three days of our Daily Vacation Bible School we had an enrollment of 35 children. Brother and Sister Chalmers Wirth, who are pastoring the Davin church were a great help to us in serving as teachers for the Intermediate and Junior classes. Mrs. D. Warkentin taught the Primary classes with Miss Marlene Rumpel as helper. Mrs. Fred Ohlmann taught the Beginners with Miss Loretta Kurtz as helper.

Rev. Fred Ohlmann was the supervisor of the school and led all devotions and singing. The Lord gave us much joy in teaching these little ones, and parents' hearts were touched when the closing program was rendered that Sunday night.

Friday night after a full week with the children, the young people of our church invited the Grace Baptist Church of Davin, our neighboring church, and surprised their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Ohlmann, on their 10th wedding anniversary. They were presented with gifts.

Mrs. Fred Ohlmann, Reporter.

#### Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Millet, Alberta, Celebrates 5th Anniversary of Pastor's Coming

On the evening of July 17, the members of the Wiesenthal Baptist Church of Millet, Alta., celebrated the fifth anniversary with their pastor, Rev. E. A. Hoffman. We rejoiced to see a full church of members and friends who had come out on this joyous occasion. Our band played a few numbers before the service started. Then Arthur Smith, chairman for the evening, led us in several gospel hymns. It was a hot evening, but nevertheless the congregation sang heartily. Our male quartet sang, "Following Jesus," after which a portion of God's Word was read. We then looked to the Lord in prayer. A fitting solo was sung in German, "Thou Hitherto Hast Helped Us, Lord," and this was followed by the announcements and offering. After Mr. and Mrs. Norman Kern sang, "Jesus Leads," our pastor and his wife, and also Mrs. Lorenz (Mrs. Hoffman's mother), were presented with corsages. A poem, "The Preacher's Wife," and a reading, "Who is my Pastor's Pastor?" were then given, after which Arthur Smith spoke on, "How a Member can help his Pastor." These were fitting words for the occasion and ones that every member should practice. Our choir then rendered the anthem, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds,"

and Rev. Hoffman gave a short sermon. In closing the choir sang, "Lead on O King of Glory," and Arthur Smith led in prayer.

After the program we all gathered in the basement for refreshments and a time of fellowship. An offering was taken and given to Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman as a gift.

God has greatly blessed us in sending Rev. and Mrs. Hoffman to us. These five years have gone very quickly, and there is always the fear that some day they will leave us. However, we hope that they will stay with us for many years yet, as there is still much work to be done. Only as we work together with our pastor will God bless us.

Arlene Scheeler, Reporter.



Vacation Bible School, Edenwold, Saskatchewan.

#### Central Alberta Saskatchewan Assembly and Tri Union in Medicine Hat, Alberta

June 30th, 7:30 P.M., marked the opening of the Central Alberta Saskatchewan Assembly and Triunion gathering at Grace Baptist Church in Medicine Hat, Alberta. The opening service was under the leadership of the Rev. R. Milbrandt, and Dr. J. Leyboldt brought the message, "The Fellowship of God's Children," in the German language.

The morning hours of July the first were filled with various activities. Devotion, business, and Bible study followed each other. The Rev. O. Ertis, pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church of Lethbridge was elected president. In the Bible study, Dr. Leyboldt lectured on the First Epistle of John.

Since July first is a holiday for all of Canada, the afternoon was set aside for a picnic. Young and old gathered to participate. However the weather did not co-operate, and soon it began to rain, thus cutting short the hours of outdoor activities.

In the evening again we gathered for an inspirational service. A fine selection of musical numbers gave variety and beauty to the service. The Rev. Otto Schmidt, from our beloved C.T.I. brought the evening message.

The Saturday morning hours were set aside for Triunion business. The Rev. A. Lamprecht, of Golden Prairie, Sask., was reelected president of the

Triunion. He also was in charge of the Saturday evening service, for which a large crowd had gathered. The different churches of the Triunion brought musical selections, and Rev. Schmidt presented the message which challenged one and all to a more consecrated Christian life, and a more useful service for our Lord.

As usual on such gatherings, so here too, Sunday brought the crowning events of the Assembly. Beginning with the Sunday School at 10:00 A.M. for which the older generation had gathered in the Main edifice, and the younger generation gathered in the lower auditorium of the church, God's Spirit was with his people. The Sunday School was conducted bilingually. Following the Sunday School

a German worship service was conducted. Rev. Milbrandt was in charge and Dr. Leyboldt, as the representative of our Headquarters, brought the message. Using as his text Acts 1:8, he painted the picture of the development of the New Testament church. Then he launched out and drew the parallel and visualized the development of our own Denomination. This was richly illustrated by personal experiences of Dr. Leyboldt's long and active years of service as pastor and denominational worker of the North American Baptist General Conference. All were impressed by the work done, and the work of progress to which God has called our group of North American Baptist Churches.

The final service, Sunday afternoon, was a thrill to all present. The newly elected officers of the Assembly and Triunion were introduced and challenged to a useful service in the coming year by the Rev. R. Milbrandt. Dr. Leyboldt led in the consecration prayer. The mass choir under the direction of Mrs. A. Lamprecht beautified by its selections the service. The Rev. O. Schmidt brought the message.

As we look back upon these days of blessing and inspiration, we are strengthened and challenged for greater work as Central Alberta and Saskatchewan Assembly and Triunion. May he find us faithful and true, "always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

A. Gellert, Reporter.



# Spice of Life

Mother: "The teacher tells me that you are at the foot of the spelling class again."

Sam: "Yes, Mother."

Mother: "How is that?"

Sam: "I put too many 'Z's' in scissors."

"Your hair wants cutting badly, sir," said a barber insinuatingly to a customer.

"No, it doesn't," replied the man in the chair; "It wants cutting nicely. You cut it badly last time."

Camper: "My cot is too short for me."

Counselor: "That's because you sleep too long in it."

The photographer had just taken a picture of an old man on his 98th birthday. He thanked the old gentleman, saying, "I hope I'll be around to take your picture when you're 100."

The old man replied, "Why not? You look pretty healthy."

The customer was buying a fountain pen for his son's graduation present. "It's to be a surprise, I suppose," observed the clerk.

"I'll say it is," said the father. "He's expecting a convertible."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORDS

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pects. During evangelistic services, the prospect file and those recorded as not being Christians in the permanent enrollment file may give excellent information on those who need to be reached.

Records to be of the greatest benefit need to be kept accurately and carefully. There should be secretaries in each class from Juniors on up, a general secretary for the whole school, and department secretaries if the size of the school warrants it.

One should avoid certain practices in the handling of records which are too common in too many schools. Names should not be dropped from the record by a class secretary or teacher or other member because of non-attendance. Such names should only be dropped by the superintendent or general secretary if the person has moved, died, or is attending some other church.

If the person continues to show no interest, the name could at least be transferred to the prospect file for further visitation, but at least not completely dropped and forgotten. Also new pupils should be enrolled the first Sunday they attend, and they should not have to be made to wait for enrollment.

How important it is that we improve our records and properly use them in order that we may be more effective in our Lord's service!

## TRIBUTE TO MR. DONNER

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youth. He tried to catch up in his old age. In preaching upon the publican and the Pharisee in the temple, I said we should read, "He KEPT smiting on his breast." The Greek verb implies repeated action. At once he saw the publican in a new picture and made this comment: "When you can get these fine distinctions through the Greek, why has the Seminary given up teaching it?"

At another occasion I preached on Jacob as bargain-hunter (if you will do this for me, I'll do that for you) in contrast with the three young men facing the fiery furnace who would not bow down to the golden image even if God would not save them. He had studied Jacob very carefully and felt I had not given him a fair deal, saying that Jacob was not seeking a bargain, but merely accepting the promise God had given him many years ago. He was right.

A layman may not readily accept a minister as example and pattern for his life, for the minister lives in such a different realm. But here is a layman who stands out as an example of devotion to the cause of Christ, a challenge for our laymen today. For his manly Christian character he is held in high esteem in our whole denomination. He was always a welcome guest at our conferences and associations, and of course in our homes. The people heard him gladly.

# Important Christmas Items

## CHRISTMAS GREETING CARDS

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Many of our churches find need for these cards. This year there is a completely new assortment of ten cards to a package, each card has an appropriate religious sentiment and a Bible Verse. The price of these cards is 60 cents per package.

## SCRIPTURE TEXT CALENDARS

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