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March of Events

● Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, Quaker philosopher and writer, has resigned as chief of religious policy for the U.S. Information Agency. He returned to Earlham College, Richmond, Ind., on January 1 to resume his post as chairman of the department of philosophy and religion. He has been on leave from the Quaker school since March 1954, when he accepted the government appointment.

● Commercial Sunday sport was turned down by Winnipeg, Manitoba, voters after a strong publicity campaign against it was carried on by Canadian churchgoers and others opposed to Sunday afternoon games. The vote was carried with a narrow margin—just 152 votes—out of a total ballot of 67,000. Almost half of Winnipeg's voters, apparently, are in favor of Sunday sports. Local newspapers supported crusading clergymen who opposed Sunday sport by giving them liberal space in which to voice their disapproval.

● Chicago's famed Pacific Garden Mission in the State Street "honky tonk" area is going to expand. The mission where Evangelist Billy Sunday was converted to Christianity has purchased the Loyal Hotel next door for \$177,500 to increase its sleeping facilities from 85 to 200 persons. This is in addition to accommodations for 50 men in the mission's service men's center. Another \$200,000 will be spent to remodel and rehabilitate the hotel, a four-story fireproof building that is in sound condition but that had wire cages in Skid Row flop-house style.

● John Libi of San Francisco, Calif., is leading another expedition up Mount Ararat in an attempt to locate Noah's ark. During a similar trek last year he claims to have sighted "a promising 500-foot-long mound about 1,000 feet below Ararat's 19,946-foot peak," but he had to quit because of illness and other complications. This year he plans to chop through ice and snow to see what's in the mound, "even if the ice and snow is 50 feet deep." "I figure the petrified remains of the ark must be up there," he says, "and I'd like to find it. It would be a great discovery for Christians all over the world."—Moody Monthly.

● Plans for the participation by American churches in building the enlarged headquarters of the World Council of Churches at Geneva, Switzerland, were recently revealed at the Executive Committee of the United States Conference of the World Coun-

cil of Churches. The Conference includes the 32 Protestant and Orthodox communions in the United States which are members of the world body. The world body has 164 member communions in 47 countries. According to the plans presented by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, the new headquarters buildings will include a modern office building, a chapel and a library. The property is close to the center of Geneva and well situated for its purpose, he said. The present headquarters building is, however, a rather small Swiss-type chalet, quaintly lovely, but quite inadequate for the rapidly expanding program of the World Council. For the building pro-

YOUTH ISSUE
This special "Youth Number" of the "Baptist Herald" has been prepared for our denominational observance of YOUTH WEEK from January 29 to February 5. It is sincerely dedicated to the promising young people of our churches.
EDITOR.

Baptist Briefs

● Spurgeon's College, located at South Norwood Hill, London, England, will celebrate its centennial in 1956. Alderman C. W. Black, T.P., M.P., is chairman of the Centennial Committee. The College has appealed to the churches of the Baptist Union of Great Britain to participate in a wave of evangelism as a centennial activity.

● Trustees of Oklahoma Baptist University voted to admit Negro students to the school at the beginning of the next semester. Dr. H. H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City pastor and chairman of the board, said the trustees had acted from a "sense of obligation to the Baptists of Oklahoma and to the cause of Christian education."

● Baptists of Louisville, Ky., have joined in an invitation to the Southern Baptist Convention to hold its 1959 session in Louisville. The last convention in this city was in 1927. The Southern Seminary's centennial year will be the year 1959. Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the Seminary, states that 1,000 Southern Seminary alumni at the luncheon in Miami, Fla., stood to pledge their willingness to seek housing in private homes should the Convention go to Louisville, Ky., in the year 1956.

gram as outlined a total of \$750,000 will be required. The Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, which met at Davos, Switzerland, last summer, voted to ask the member churches to assume responsibility for the raising of \$300,000.

● The National Council of Churches has announced it is conducting the first nation-wide survey ever made on a county-by-county basis of the religious affiliations of Americans of the three major faiths. Results of the two-year study, which it is estimated will cost in excess of \$100,000 will be published in 1956. The study will be the first one ever made giving the religious picture in every county, rural and suburban. U.S. census reports have not covered country units or communities of less than 25,000 population. (The last Federal Government religious census was made in 1936.) The survey is being financed by an initial grant of \$35,000 from a foundation which prefers to be anonymous. Cooperating church statistical agencies are supplying services, which are expected to bring the total cost to more than \$100,000. Preliminary details were announced at the sixth annual assembly of the organization's Division of Home Missions at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

● Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, prominent Baptist, who for the past 14 years has been an executive of national and interdenominational church organizations with offices in New York, resigned as general secretary and director of The Japan International Christian University Foundation, Inc. Dr. Stuber will become on February 1 the general secretary of the Council of Churches of Greater Kansas City. Over 400 churches in Kansas and Missouri participate in its program. The office of the Council is located in Kansas City, Missouri.

● Baptists of Philadelphia, Pa., are beginning preparations for the celebration of the 250th anniversary of Baptist work in the City of Brotherly Love in 1957. Among the goals set are 2,500 baptisms by 1957; increase in regular Sunday School attendance by 2,500; at least six new churches established; and the raising of \$250,000 as capital funds to be earmarked for church aid and extension. As part of the anniversary year's program, Philadelphia Baptists are planning to entertain the American Convention in its annual meeting.

Editorial

Striving With Serenity!

EVERYONE who wants to strive with winning success must learn how to be completely relaxed, to be restfully composed, to be serene in spirit. The athlete who strains every nerve fibre in the winning of the race must, first of all, learn the art of physical relaxation, mental alertness without being overly anxious. Television has shown us this truth in a new light. The "television stars" are those who, in addition to their unusual skills, are fully relaxed with a casual "at ease" attitude, serenely meeting with their unseen audience. In the Christian life this spirit of serenity is likewise important, and especially when young people strive to win their coveted prizes. Every fibre of their being becomes tense in these strenuous efforts to win the prize, but in this striving they must never lose sight of the importance of spiritual serenity as the real secret of success!

In the Christian life this serenity is ours when the goals of life are clearly in sight. Much of our striving goes around in a circle, getting us nowhere. In Shakespeare's words, a great deal of our intense activity in modern life is "much ado about nothing." But a life that is undergirded by God's purposes, that is motivated clearly by God's will, that is focused on this goal that "I may win Christ and be found in him" (Philippians 3:8-9), possesses a serenity that gives increased power to every striving effort. The envisioning of these spiritual goals comes to us in quiet moments of revelation and inspiration. They belong to the serene experiences when we wait on God and our Savior. Only when we are able to say, "To do thy will, O God, is the delight of my heart," can we strive with success.

In every effort of striving, we find increased power necessary. Striving burns up energy. It requires the utmost of our capacities. We have to put our all into the race. But often "our all" is not enough! It would be a puny effort for the Christian if he did not have the assurance of God's inexhaustible resources, of his unfailing gifts, of his marvelous powers that supplement all that we can do. "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" until with the Apostle Paul you can say: "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me" (Philippians 4:19 and 13). That divine power that is always available for the Christian assures his victory in every striving effort!

As we strive to win, we shall also be spiritually relaxed and composed, more certain of winning, if we realize that we are associated and allied with great hosts of people and with "principalities of powers." We are not alone! Even the angels of heaven and the stars in their courses fight for us, for "nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:39). There is encouragement toward victory in the inspiring fellowship with like-minded people.

So strive to win, but remember that those who have laid hold on serenity of spirit, which is uniquely the gift of the Christian, will win the prize!

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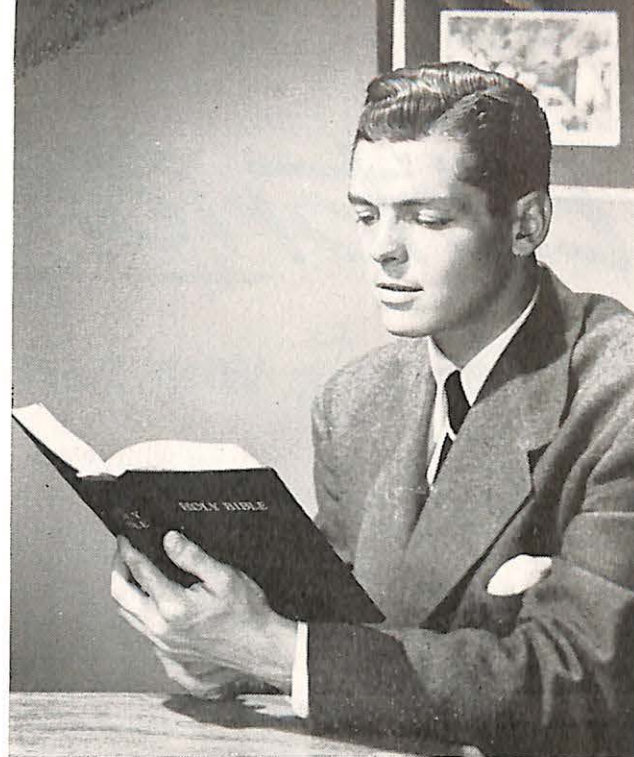
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Possibilities Unlimited!

The stirring message for youth delivered at the General Conference Banquet in Waco, Texas

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When the desire to want our life to count is at its best, it corresponds to the will of God for each one of us.

"I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it; for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name" (Rev. 3:8).

"Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth" (Mark 9:23).

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father" (John 14:12)

RUDOLF FLESCH in his book, "The Art of Clear Thinking," informs us that a thought, an idea, or a memory corresponds to a pattern of nerve-cells in our brains. Something like ten or twelve billion such cells constitute a normal brain structure. Consequently the number of such patterns that one can form is astronomical.

The Psalmist (Psalm 139:14) must have been musing over these unlimited possibilities of man when he said of himself, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." In all of the above Scripture verses, Jesus is speaking, and in each he holds out "possibilities unlimited." This ought to be good news to the many young people in our churches and communities who consider themselves "nobodies."

A LIFE THAT COUNTS

It is only natural to want our life to count. When that desire is at its best it corresponds to the will of God for each one of us. The feeling of significance, that we count and are important to God and man, is very often the "oil of gladness" which turns mere drab existence into the living of our lives.

However, a few years ago a survey was made in one of our colleges which produced this startling result. Ninety

per cent of the students said pointedly that their life did not count, that it really made no difference in the scheme of things. Are we to turn the gifts which our Creator has given us over to this specter of futility and fatalism? The answer leaps from the Bible in terms of an "open door which no man can shut," and "greater works which we shall do."

Indeed, for us there are under God unlimited possibilities, if we could only be persuaded to meet the conditions required to realize them. Yet it is certain that without meeting these divine conditions for the developing of a life, we shall never come up to God's promises and expectations of us.

Let us suggest three factors which we must consider seriously if our possibilities are ever to be explored, stirred, unfolded, and channeled into ever increasing usefulness and service.

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU

I. WE MUST HAVE A PURPOSE BIG ENOUGH TO LIVE FOR. Winifred Holtby in "Letters to a Friend" tells of a commissioning service she attended. Her college friend was set apart for foreign missionary service. Brooding over the service which made such a profound impression upon her, she suddenly fell to thinking of her commissioned friend. This is what she said: "It must be great to be con-

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"It is just as we are faithfully living out the life He has put in us, and faithfully using the knowledge given to us, that we learn practically to know Him."

—J. Hudson Taylor.

scious of such a high and noble purpose, and then calmly prepare and enter it with eight hundred people telling you they will be back of you with gifts and prayer." And then there follows the anguished cry of a drifting soul, "Oh, for such a purpose!"

There are times when I feel very keenly that her company is a host of fine young people who lack a solid purpose for life. They merely exist but they can give no reason for doing so. When a young man with a fortune announced to him suddenly dashes out his life in the bleak and barren night of suicide, I feel he lacks something big enough to live for. When a young woman permits her body and life to be cast about as so much rubbish to the void, it is not so much a matter of being wicked as it is a matter of lacking a worth-while and adequate purpose for life.

ETERNAL VALUES

To find such a purpose, one does not have to leave his country for a foreign mission field, nor his job for a pulpit. To find such a purpose is to find Christ, or better, to be found by him. And when he discovers you, every country is your mission field and every job constitutes a pulpit from which you can sound out a good word for him. The bigness of purpose has nothing to do with the bigness or smallness of a job. A small job can be performed with a tremendous purpose consciously in mind, and a big job, so judged by men, can drive one to suicide. It all depends on how much of Christ and eternity you can put into your work at hand.

Everything you do is judged by eternal values, weighed in eternal balances, crowned with eternal and abiding importance if you can do it

"for Jesus' sake and in his Name." When Jesus called Zacchaeus, he did not ask him to quit his work as tax-collector. He probably stayed with the post and performed his task with this one difference—he was honest about it! When the sacred invades the secular, it always changes it for the better, because it changes the people involved. There are many today who need to discover a sacred meaning to their secular pursuits, if they would discover an adequate purpose for life.

A PASSION OF DIVINE LOVE

II. WE MUST HAVE A PASSION STRONG ENOUGH TO MAKE US SPIRITUAL. God will never spend time and effort upon us merely to satisfy our vanity and ego. There are gifted people whose services jar and result in ineffectiveness. They bless no one because they lack a passion strong enough to change their performance into service. Everything they do is self-centered. They employ the name of God as a means to a self-centered end. Is it any wonder that these folks dwell on the same plane from year to year?

When Paul speaks of "carnality" (1 Cor. 3:1), he has these folks in mind. These people were not rogues or scoundrels, but they were "soiled" saints who were so proud of their prowess that they were in danger of wrecking the Corinthian Church. They lacked "spirituality" and therefore made no progress.

In the Morrison Caverns of Montana you wind your way from one chamber to another by naturally carved tunnels. One such tunnel linking two chambers is known as "Fat Man's Misery." For a good sized man to make his way through this tunnel he must almost crawl on hands and knees. The road to "Possibilities Unlimited" is always a fat man's misery. But those who are "poor in spirit" find no difficulty walking it.

A passion strong enough to make us spiritual is born of love and matures in love. It is not something you achieve over night. It requires vigilance and constant effort. When we love God with all of our heart, with all of our mind, with all of our soul, and with all of our strength, we shall likewise be quietly taken by a strong passion that will make us spiritual in a way that will please God. Before you and I can have a passion for souls, before we can be helpful to troubled souls, we must have a passion that makes us spiritually acceptable to God.

A STAGGERING PLAN

III. WE MUST HAVE A PLAN UNIQUE ENOUGH TO STAGGER OUR IMAGINATION. That was the secret of Gideon's strength (Judges 7). Others no doubt cried, "Absurd! Foolish! He must have lost his mind. It will



—Luoma Photo

There are young people in our churches meant to reach into the sky of spiritual development. "Oh, God, we pray for wisdom to attach them firmly to the tap root of Life Eternal!"

never work!" But it did work. And incidentally, it is good for us to lose our mind for Christ's sake once in a while. Jesus employed the same fantastic plan. Against a world where evil was fortified and entrenched, he marched a group of disciples. They were to overcome the world. What is more amazing is the fact that they were quite successful in this gigantic task.

Indeed, the Bible is replete with plans of conquest which are startling and unbelievable. The Cross was considered pure nonsense, but God turned it into the world's greatest victory. When Jesus spoke of the "greater works that would be done," we have a way of satisfying ourselves by brushing these words aside as so much material for consolation for a group of disheartened disciples. He really does not mean us. But you will notice that he informs us that the Holy Spirit would accomplish these works through men whom he possessed. Surely, this therefore includes you and me. There are "possibilities unlimited" for lives controlled by God's Spirit.

Coming back to where you and I live and labor, let me suggest for practical purposes some things such a plan should include. It should include all young people as participants and none as spectators. It should be a plan which should include the needs of the total man. Therefore you put on a social program because youth has social needs, and never to bolster a lagging spiritual zeal. For that you will want something else. Such a plan

will allow for a constantly larger growing world of Christian concern. In fact, it will employ every means possible to push back the horizon of our Christian awareness, until we can think, talk, and pray intelligently about the Kingdom of God, not only in our church, but in our denominational fellowship and in the entire world. This is a desperate need of today!

"IT'S IN YOUR GRASP"

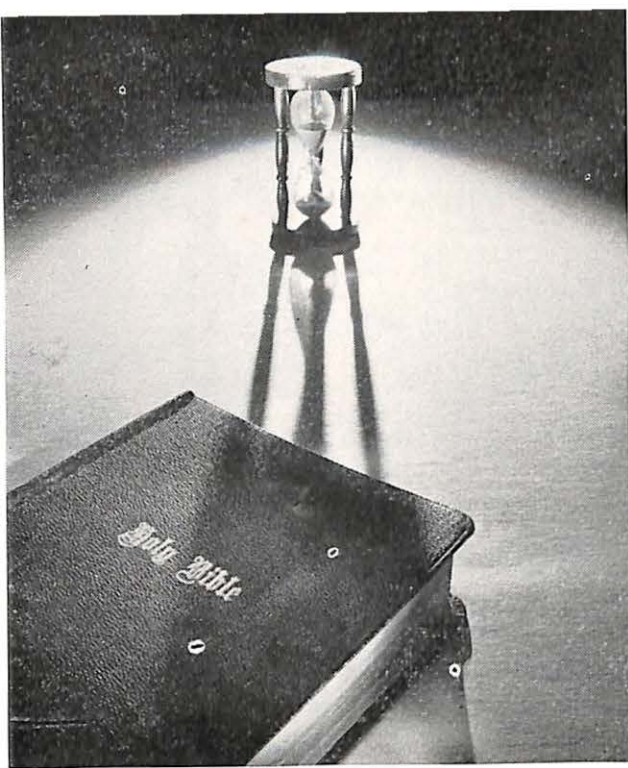
Such a plan will make sure that a young person is occasionally confronted with a challenge, with an assignment, that is bigger than he is. That was Jesus' way of dealing with his disciples. To enter the open door requires a daring faith. Too often we underestimate the ability of our youth. Most of us have been pleasantly surprised where we have dared them with a task before which they staggered. Yet that is a vital part of spiritual development. The road to possibilities unlimited always calls for more than we wish to give, and always demands more than we think we can produce.

To every young person reading these lines, I therefore wish to say, "You hold in your grasp possibilities unlimited." To realize them, you need an adequate purpose, passion, and plan. The purpose: "For me to live is Christ." The passion: "The love of Christ constraineth me." The plan: "Go ye into all the world" in prayer, in knowledge, in concern, in giving.

The Japanese, I am told, have an art of growing dwarf trees by cutting the tap root. Pines and other trees, meant to reach into the skies, grow twelve inches in height. There are young people in our churches meant to reach into the sky of spiritual development. "Oh, God, we pray for wisdom to attach them firmly to the tap root of Life Eternal!"

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"Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy" (Psalm 16:11)

Strive to Win!

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Testimonies by North American Baptist Young People

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

By VERDA SCHEELER of Edmonton, Alberta, Teacher at the Christian Training Institute

"TURN YOUR EYES Upon Jesus" has been appropriately chosen as this year's theme song for our CBY Fellowship. The title itself tells us the secret of how to be victorious in living for Christ. Turning our eyes in any other direction or toward anyone else will mean defeat. We look at self, at our incapacities, at our failures and become disheartened; we look at others and sooner or later we are disappointed.

New Testament writers have called the Christian life a race. In running a race we naturally "strive to win." Hebrews, chapter 12, verse 2, points out how this can be accomplished: by "looking unto Jesus." Looking does not imply a transient glance, but a constant gaze—keeping our eyes fixed upon him. How else can we win in a race if we do not steadily watch our goal?

The life of Moses was one of great trials, yet it was a victorious life. He renounced his privileges in the Egyptian court, lived a lonely life of exile for forty years, endured the wrath of the king, the flight from Egypt, the long wilderness journey, the murmurings of the people en route to the Promised Land, then died a lonely death. How was this endurance possible? Hebrews, chapter 11, verse 27, gives us the answer: by "seeing him who is invisible."

We are told also in John's gospel, chapter 1, that John the Baptist kept his eyes upon the Lord. In verses 29 and 36 we find him looking at Christ

on two successive days. On both occasions he is not just content to have this privilege himself, but he desires that others also may have the joy of looking to him. Thus he bids them "behold the Lamb of God."

The cycle then continues. After John has pointed two disciples to Jesus, they looked to him, visited him, then likewise went out to tell others of him. Andrew went home and brought his brother to Jesus. Peter, in turn, on one occasion alone saw three thousand souls turn to the Lord after his message had gone forth. Thus "striving to win" others will be the result of our looking to Christ.

I am personally thankful for those who bade me turn my eyes upon Jesus. Having looked to him, he has healed my soul of the poisonous sting of the serpent of sin. Things of the world have indeed become strangely dim. Now it is a daily necessity as well as privilege that I turn to Christ.

Whether it be facing an enthusiastic group of junior boys and girls in Sunday School, a class of young people at the Christian Training Institute, or whatever service I have been called upon to render, I have found that without the help of the Lord I can do nothing. Looking to him, I have never found him to fail. His grace has ever been sufficient to meet my every need.

SETTING LIFE'S GOAL

By Mr. BERT L. BRAUN of Auburn, Michigan, a Member of the Beaver Baptist Church

AT THE OUTSET, I would like to ask a few pertinent questions: What are your interests? What type friends do you choose? What have you chosen

for your life's work? What is your goal in life?

It is of utmost importance how you answer these questions. Life is made up of a series of choices, and the choices you make determine your goal in life. It might just as truly be said that your goal in life determines your choices. It can be summed up in the words, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve."

Do you possess a sense of belonging — belonging to Christ — and a positive enthusiasm and willingness to follow in his steps? He invites you, "Come unto me . . ." "For where your heart is, there will your treasure be also." And again, "I am come that ye might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly." Do you realize that, although all people possess life, only the Christian may have the abundant life? And he may have it now!

In 2 Timothy 4:13 the Apostle Paul writes, "The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, when thou comest bring with thee, and the books, but especially the parchments." Paul calls attention to the needs of the body; he requests the books to enlighten the mind; and he requests the parchments to uplift the spirit.

What is my goal in life? Is it to give special attention to physical culture? To take pleasure in the strength of the body? To develop special skills and enlighten the mind? Or is it to give Christ preeminence in all things?

In education we are advised that it is a normal thing to alter, modify, and even change one's goal as one matures, and much effort is expended to guide students in making wise vocational choices in the light of their physical and mental make-up. This is a day

when education is rapidly becoming more vital to our way of life; nevertheless, it is still secondary to our relationship to Christ.

Young people, you may choose to do anything your heart desires providing you realistically love God and let Christ become the Master of your mind. To love God first of all is to love his commandments, and to love his commandments is to abide by them. (To know to do good is mere knowledge, but doing good is divine wisdom.)

The Bible teaches in Luke 10:27, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself." In setting your goal, seek first the Kingdom of God and you will inherit eternal life. You will experience the abundant life — life at its fullest!

THE BIBLE AS OUR GUIDE

By Mr. LYLE WACKER of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, a Student at the North American Baptist Seminary

THE BIBLE is the revelation of God and of God's love for man. Every honest person who really studies the Bible meets himself in its pages as he meets and comes to know God. The Bible speaks as an authority not found in any other book. Its message is timeless. It speaks the universal language of the human heart.

What better guide could an individual use than that which meets the need in any situation. There were soldiers in past wars who were comforted mightily when they opened the pages of their small New Testament.

We are now living in a social age which has many complex problems. Young people today are being faced with more problems because of the complex age. Many of the young people have to go off to training camps because of the world tensions in the air. Young people today are facing many temptations for immoral living. It seems as if they are seeking a solution for their problems. What are we as Christians going to do about it?

We have the most valuable solution, but we must learn to use it ourselves and then we will be able to present it to others. This vital aid is our Bible, which we must study daily. The Bible can be the answer to the problems of our young people. The Bible can be our guide as we make major decisions in the light of Jesus' life.

It also teaches the value of prayer. If we are in full communion with God, we will not falter but stay true to the Eternal Will. Christ shows us how to have brotherly love for one another. Therefore to overcome the problems of our daily activities and life, we must turn to the Bible as our guide and stay if we are to win.

LAYING ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT

By Mrs. ELDON LEITNER of Grand Forks, North Dakota, Sunday School Teacher in the Grace Baptist Church.

THE EARLY GREEK athletes in order to equip themselves best for the running of a race, wore weights on their legs during the training period. On the day of the race, the weights were laid aside. We, too, as Christians must lay aside every weight in preparation for the race which is before us.

Just as an athlete has a disciplined diet, so must we discipline ourselves to a consistent devotional life. All worldly lusts must be laid aside. Even harmless and otherwise legitimate things may retard our spiritual growth and usefulness.

As runners in the race, we must keep our eyes on the goal. Great men may be an inspiration, and the beloved saints of the Bible may be an example, but only Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith, is able to supply us with the necessary guidance and spiritual strength necessary for the race.

When we fall, let us pray for courage to rise again that we may run with patience the race that is set before us.

"If we sit down at set of sun
And count the things that we have done
And counting, find
One self-denying act, one word
That eased the heart of him who heard,
One glance most kind,
That fell like sunshine where it went,
Then we may count the day well spent.

"But if through all the livelong day
We've eased no heart by yea or nay;
If through it all
We've nothing done that we can trace
That brought the sunshine to a face,
No act most small
That helped some soul, and nothing cost,
Then count that day as worse than lost."

PUT YOUR ALL INTO LIFE'S RACE

By JOAN MARKLEIN of Brooklyn, New York, Youth Leader in the Evergreen Baptist Church

"KNOW YE NOT that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain" (1 Cor. 9:24).

The Apostle Paul in this verse compares himself to the racers and contestants in the Isthmian games which

were well known to the Corinthians. As I read this verse of Scripture, it became more meaningful to me for I immediately saw Paul's challenge that in the Christian race all may run so as to obtain. There is the greatest encouragement, therefore, to persevere with all our strength, in this course.

Several years ago while attending grammar school I had a very interesting experience. My teacher asked me to participate in a race which was called a one hundred yard dash. Never having been asked to enter a race before, I hesitated momentarily before giving my answer. I knew that there would be many competitors and many, if not all, better runners than I was. However, something within me kept saying, "Give it a try; there's nothing to lose." After a few moments I knew it was a definite challenge, and so I acquiesced.

The day of the race came and, although very nervous when the announcement was made over the loud speaker for the race to start, I approached the starting line and it seemed that as I was waiting for the official starter's gun to resound all nervousness left me. I became relaxed and yet tense, eager to give all I had in me to achieve the goal one hundred yards away. The starting gun went off and, as it did, it seemed as though my legs were just carrying me away with never another thought of my competitors as I just kept my eyes on the goal.

The next thing I knew I was crashing through the tape at the finish line, which made me the victor. What a thrill it was not only to be the winner but also the satisfaction to know that I accomplished that which I set out to do!

Many times this incident has flashed back into my mind when challenges were set before me in my Christian life, and each time I accepted the challenge I have found that with God's help I was successful.

VICTORY IN JESUS

By Miss ELLEN FROELICH of Trochu, Alberta, a Christian Teacher at an Indian School

THE TIME of preparation had been successfully completed, and I faced the question where to teach in the fall. When people referred to my teaching at an Indian school, I evaded the issue by stating that I felt I should teach at home. Remaining at home and associating with friends in our everyday world presented a more attractive picture to me than the solitude of a teacherage on an Indian Reservation. As I realized God's way for me, Psalm 16:11 was an unfailing assurance. "Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy" (Continued on Page 13)

Our CBYF

A Review and Pre-view

By Rev. LAWRENCE BIENERT,
General Secretary of the CBYF Fellowship



—Photo by Samuel Myslis

THE CBY FELLOWSHIP has been growing steadily each year. We now number 375 societies with 8,475 members. Since our Youth Week of 1955 some major decisions have been reached regarding our youth work. After prayerful investigation and discussion, our Conference Union deemed it wise to recommend to the General Council that the CBY and SS Union be divided, making our CBY Fellowship a separate co-operating society. This recommendation was voted upon and approved at the 1955 General Conference in Waco, Texas. We now have our own general secretary, executive committee, and council. Our interest is in the youth of our denomination.

OUR OBJECTIVES

When thinking about any society or organization, we are always interested in knowing the purpose and objectives of that organization. Our CBY Fellowship is no exception. As a "Commissioned" Baptist Youth Fellowship we are anxious to carry out the work which our Lord and Savior has entrusted to us. Christ is at the center of our goals and activities. We therefore want to introduce other young people to him, and lead them into a closer fellowship with him. Christ expects us to grow in grace, in knowledge, and in Christian character. Therefore we emphasize the development of Christian character as one of our goals. We want our youth to find newer and richer experiences with Christ each day.

The Bible as our daily guide is to become more meaningful to us. Not only do we want to become acquainted with its contents, but our desire is to apply its teachings to our daily life. James 1:22 gives us the basis for this challenge.

One of the outstanding values of a CBY Fellowship is the opportunity afforded to young people to be trained in Christian leadership. Here is an opportunity to serve the Lord, to use the talents he has given to us. Young

people who have been active members of the CBYF are also competent church officers. They have gained a sense of responsibility as well as a joy in serving.

A major need in the lives of all young people is a sense of belonging. This need is met as young people of like faith meet for fellowship, instruction, and service. No longer do they feel that they are the only ones who witness for their Lord. They feel a strength and boldness in knowing that there are many of their own age who are not ashamed to let their lives count for Christ.

MISSIONARY INTEREST

Ours is a missionary denomination. Our youth fellowships are mission minded as well. We try to acquaint our young people with our mission fields and the needs of these fields. In addition to that, we want our youth to respond to that need. The response in missionary contributions and dedicated lives has been most gratifying. The fields are yet white unto harvest and there are financial obligations to be met.

The above are just some of our overall objectives. We have outlined more specifically ten goals in our CBY Standard. Colorful 14 by 20 inch copies of this Standard are available free of charge from our office. Be sure to ask for one if for any reason you do not have a copy of the Standard for your CBY Fellowship.

Each year our CBYF Executive Committee meets at our headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill., to review the work of the past year and make plans for the future. The newly elected officers will meet February 3rd and 4th, for the first annual meeting of the CBYF Executive Committee since its organization. We are asking you to pray for us and with us in behalf of these important meetings.

Many of our activities will be continued as in former years. The summer camp work among the young people of our churches is not only con-

tinuing but is becoming more prominent each year. A number of our camp areas have been able to purchase their own camp grounds. This is calling for sacrificial support and interest. While these local projects are vitally important, we do not want to forget our denominational missionary projects and obligations.

More consideration will be given to the organization and administration of our junior camps. Information will be sent to you as plans are made and materialize.

The camp packets which were prepared last year have been well received. We have only a few more on hand for those who are interested. Each packet sells for \$1.50.

Special consideration is being given to the training of camp counselors. Your CBYF secretary will be prepared to meet with camp counselors this spring to share some important and helpful information. We need well trained leaders for a better youth camp.

TRAINING OF YOUTH

During the last few years, under the CBY and SS Union our young people joined with Sunday School workers for our Christian Workers' Conferences. While this arrangement has worked well in some localities, there were other areas where our young people could not attend. More and more of our young people are attending school preparing for specialized services. This keeps them away from the sessions of our workers' conferences.

To meet the need of training our young people, we are placing a greater emphasis on youth rallies and retreats. These are held over weekends when the young people are free to attend. Special classes, discussion groups, and forums dealing with youth work can be held. Many of our regional and state CBY Fellowships are already following this plan and have found it to be very helpful. We are

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Leaders Are Trained, Not Born

By Miss SENA PLUCKER of Sioux Falls,
South Dakota,
a Member of the CBYF Executive Committee



Every young person is a potential leader in your church if guided by the Holy Spirit and effectively trained for service.

THE HISTORY of a nation is written around the lives of a few great leaders. We sometimes wonder why institutions are so successful, but often we discover that the answer lies in the leadership. The success of many organizations is due to the guidance of capable leaders.

As young people of our denomination, we need to be concerned for our youth work, but let us not stop there. The work of our entire church should be important to us for we are the church leaders of tomorrow. Let us consider the great need for trained leaders with this in mind.

TRAINING PAYS DIVIDENDS

A trained leadership makes the difference in results achieved. As pastors, superintendents, CBYF leaders, members of boards of Christian education, and other leaders of the local church have evaluated their work, it has become evident that the trained, consecrated Christian teacher or leader is the one who gets the job done. A drop in attendance in our Sunday Schools or CBYF's is due very often to the lack of training on the part of teachers and leaders. Those who are reached must be held by a trained corps of teachers and other leaders who with the other church members make up a Christian fellowship which is vital in action and contagious in spirit.

Training pays dividends. There is need for a more effective training program. Some of you may be able to cite many examples of persons who have been able to do a far more effective work in their church because of some special training.

A certain church sent one of the teachers to a laboratory school. On returning to the church she guided the setting up of a well planned Nursery Department. The job was so thor-

oughly done that churches in the area came to observe the work of that Nursery Department.

Another girl who possessed enthusiasm, good humor and practicality was urged to take a training course in a local church and through it she was made to realize the key to effectiveness in her church. She suggested that the Board of Christian Education meet regularly and devote part of each meeting to studying Christian Education. She proposed that some church remodeling be done to create a Junior High Department. She led in a study of the Sunday School curriculum. Step by step the church educational program was changed because a girl with talent, plus training, went to work.

Many of our churches today suffer because of lack of such leaders. Without consecrated leaders with adequate training there is little hope for anything fruitful to happen.

A GOOD LEADER

The problem as to who will secure leaders and who will train them will often arise. Sometimes the pastor or superintendent assumes responsibility for securing leaders and training them. Other churches may have a special committee or board which is proving to be more efficient.

The task of those who are to secure leaders and train them is to discover those who can and should be leaders in Christian work. In the book, **Planning Christian Education in the Church**, compiled by Richard Hoi-land, he defines a good leader as one who exemplifies in his own personality and character the things he is trying to impress upon those he is leading.

He also states that in seeking out the right kind of individuals to be trained, there are many things to keep

in mind: Is he a genuine Christian? Is he friendly? Is he earnestly trying to make his whole life an expression of the spirit of Christ? Is he interested in, and loyal to the church? Does he demonstrate his loyalty by regular church attendance and by supporting the church's total program? Is he eager to grow? Is he as willing to learn from others as he is to have others learn from him? Can he work with people? Does he make up his mind on the basis of facts and not of prejudices? Is he concerned enough about the task to which he is assigned to learn ways and means of meeting its needs? Is he dependable? Does he have an abiding faith in God, in his neighbor, and in himself?

To discover individuals with these qualities, those who are searching must spend much time in prayer and constantly be on the alert for God's leading. Planning ahead for the developing of potential leaders who will be ready when the need arises is necessary.

ENCOURAGEMENT IS IMPORTANT

Leaders who have been singled out for training can not be expected to be enthused about the training unless they have strong convictions that the work they are to do is important. Good leaders should be anxious to serve our Lord because of love for him and should have a deep sense of missions. If the task appears insignificant, the leader will have little desire to do his work well and even less enthusiasm to study in order to do it better.

There are various ways that encouragement can be given. An impressive installation service to instill within each one the sacredness of the task before them is very good. Some churches may find a banquet, in appreciation of services, a real morale

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Young People in Action for Christ

"If we do not use our young people, we shall lose them." Here are suggestions how young people can be put to work in our churches

By Mr. JEROME JANSSEN of Lorraine, Kans., a Member of the CBYF Executive Committee

IN ORDER to put our young people to work in our churches, we must understand their nature. All young people must feel that they are needed. We dare not have the attitude that because we are older and can do a better job, or at least think so, we will just do all the work ourselves. Let the young people give special numbers or do some task in the church and if they do make a little mistake, encourage them. Remember, they learn fast and next time will be better.

SOMEONE'S WATCHING!

We all remember when we were in our youth and, if you're young in heart, you will know how each of us idolizes someone older. The best kind of a person for them to look up to would be one who tries to do his best at whatever task he is asked to do, one who regularly attends all Sunday services and the midweek prayer hour, one who takes part in all activities of the church. All too often our young people must watch their elders do and say things which are not at all pleasing to God. Each of us should remember, "Someone is watching."

We must also realize that young people are still in the process of learn-

ing, and there will be mistakes. We must then encourage them and, if we can help them or point out to them in a friendly, constructive way how they can improve, they will be our friends for life.

TOMORROW'S LEADERS

When we understand our young people and treat them as a vital and necessary part of our church, they will be willing workers in our churches. They will be better prepared to be tomorrow's deacons, Sunday School teachers, society presidents, Sunday School superintendents, etc.

We should start using the young people as soon as possible, and the Junior Department of the Sunday School is a good place. Let them give a Mother's Day program or something similar, using their various musical instruments, reading poems or whatever they like to do. They may also give numbers in the opening exercises in Sunday School. If possible, have two or more take turns playing for the song service. Then, of course, we can keep on using them when they are young adults in the opening exercises and in different programs. Teach them to consecrate their talents for service in God's house.

We know of nothing finer for the young people than a good active CBY where they plan their own programs and practice leadership. Talents can be used or lost right there. If they don't help out then, they never will do so later on in life. Ask your pastor to give the CBY entire charge of the Sunday evening service at least twice a year and even better, once a quarter.

YOUTH CHOIR

If your church has any young people at all, organize a youth choir that will practice regularly and sing often in the evening services. Sunday evening is a good time to use their instrumental and vocal talents for group numbers. This is also a good time to use any promising young pianist who has started to learn the art of playing organ. Let's train them while they are in high school, because after they are in college they seldom return to the local church.

There are many service projects that they can do in any church. Those who type can help to stencil bulletins, publish a church news letter or a church annual. We should let them learn to be teachers by assisting the regular teachers of primary children. They may also be helpful in the Vacation Bible School.

There are even more possibilities for their talents than those mentioned. Let us remember "if we don't use them, we will lose them." This refers to their talents and also to their lives of service.

OUR CBY FELLOWSHIP

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encouraging other fellowships to do likewise.

Our Student Service Plan has played a vital part in providing practical Christian work for our students during the summer months. This service is available again for our young people and churches this year. The success of this plan depends on the requests and co-operation on the part of our churches as well as students.

We as your executive committee desire that each one of you will give serious consideration to our theme, "STRIVE TO WIN." It is our prayer that you will walk in such close fellowship with the Lord that you will find the highest joy in serving him.



There are many things in a church that young people can do in planning for programs and socials and in being helpful in the church's ministry.

"Going to a Summer Assembly?"

By Mr. RUSSELL C. MIDDLETON of Philadelphia, Pa.,
a Member of the CBYF Executive Committee

"ARE YOU GOING to a summer assembly?" You may think that this is not a very important question or perhaps a premature one to be asking in this mid-winter month of January. But that will not be the case if you have ever been to a summer assembly.

I am convinced that the summer assembly is one of the most important factors in the spiritual growth of a Christian. Seven days around the clock with Christian friends and leaders cannot miss making deep and lasting impressions upon the hearts and minds of every Christian and non-Christian camper.

A LIFE THAT GROWS

Today more than ever we need the opportunity to draw away from the hustle and bustle of life and get closer to God. Most of us cannot spend even one full day close to God, since Sunday afternoon may find us watching television or a similar activity, instead of meditating upon God's Word. At a summer assembly we have the opportunity of being close to God during the entire week. All of the activities at camp, from worship services and devotions to meals and recreation, take place with Christian friends and in a Christian atmosphere.

We can grow physically, mentally, and socially, as well as spiritually during our camp experience. We can grow physically during our summer stay, because of the sports activities, such as softball, volley ball, swimming and boating. The class periods at camp will help us to grow mentally, and in addition we will gain new knowledge through all of our new experiences at camp. Our social growth can be great, since many of us have not had the experience of sharing a room or cabin with perhaps a dozen young people our own age. Many close friends are made at summer camp that will last a life-time, and others will meet their life partner. Then, too, the evening recreation gives us a chance to know our fellow-campers as we laugh and play together.

By far the most important and rewarding growth that we experience at summer assembly is our spiritual growth. Many of us have come to love the Vesper Time, as we commune with God in the quietness and beauty of his nature, when the daylight hours are fading away. I will never forget the beauty and worshipfulness of the white birch Vesper Grove at the Denton Lake Camp. We could look past the white birch cross,

across the lake and watch the sun going down and feel the closeness of God.

A VACATION WITH PURPOSE

Also, the group and personal devotional periods help to bring us closer to God. Many young people

are serving the Lord on a full-time basis. It's also a privilege to spend a week getting to know such wonderful missionaries as Laura Reddig, Lois and Earl Ahrens, and others, while they helped us to know more about the life and people in our Cameroons Mission Field.



The cross and pulpit made of birch trees in the Vesper Grove of the Denton Lake Camp used by the Atlantic Conference young people several years ago for their summer assembly.

have come to know what the will of God is in their lives during these personal devotional periods. One summer assembly this past year reported 39 campers that had dedicated their lives to full-time Christian service from a group of about 150 campers. With all these activities leading to the growth of the camper, it is an excellent slogan that at least one summer assembly uses: "A vacation with a real purpose—to grow in Christian character."

It is certainly thrilling for me to look back on past summer assemblies and to realize the growth of fellow-campers and myself. Paul Appel, a wonderful Sports Director for several years at our Denton Lake Camp, is now serving as a missionary to the Spanish-American people of Colorado. Paul's brother, Sam Appel, with his wife, Jane, are serving a church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dick Christeleit is now at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., preparing to enter our Seminary as soon as he completes his college courses. And there are many others whom I have met at camp who

I know I can speak from my own experience what the summer assemblies have meant in my own Christian life. Every summer assembly I have attended has been an inspiration and challenge to me, as well as a great deal of Christian fun and fellowship.

The summer assembly has something to offer to all age groups, from Juniors to Adults. There is an excellent opportunity for the older young people to act as counselors, where they can witness to the younger campers and lead devotions in their cabin or room.

WHAT'S YOUR ANSWER?

All that I have said above is to encourage YOU to answer my question, "Are you going to a summer assembly?" with the same answer that I have given, YES! If you have never been to a summer assembly, I can guarantee that you will not be sorry if you go this year. If you have previously attended a summer assembly, I know you will not need much encouragement to attend again this year.

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Our Home Mission Fields

Glimpses of Our Mission-supported Churches

THE CHURCH ON THE HILL

A CHURCH as well as a light that is set on a hill cannot be hid! That is the story of the Gospel witness of the Mount Zion Baptist Church of Kansas. The mission-supported church is located on a small hill or plateau overlooking the road that leads to Junction City, 25 miles away, and beyond the road overlooking the surrounding Kansas countryside.

Although small in membership, this church has been a "spiritual feeder" for many other congregations and has been richly blessed of God. No one who knows the story of this church would ever question the investment of denominational funds to keep the Gospel light burning brightly on this Kansas hill!

MEMBERSHIP OF 45

The Mt. Zion Church, organized in 1881, has a present membership of only 45. But through the years it has contributed many young people to the mission fields and the Baptist ministry. Rev. Merle Brenner, pastor of our Church Extension project and of the South Canyon Baptist church in Rapid City, S. Dak., is a "spiritual son" of this church. Mrs. Roy Seibel, wife of the public relations director of our North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., comes from this church. Mrs. R. A. Klein of Aberdeen, S. Dak., whose late husband served several of our churches, is another "daughter" of this church. These are only several of a fine group of young people now serving mission fields in South America and elsewhere and in the Christian pastorates who were trained by this little mission church on the Kansas hill! In addition, Rev. O. W. Brenner, Dr. Arthur A. Schade and Rev. Hugo Schade are also to be counted as "spiritual sons" of the church.

But this is only the beginning of an illustrious story of this church's ministry. Rev. J. J. Reimer was pastor of this church when he was called

by the denomination to serve as our first missionary on the new Spanish-American field in Colorado. In fact, he made his first explorations of the field at his own expense during his ministry at this church. So it can be said, that the beginning of our Spanish-American mission field goes back to the Mt. Zion Church parsonage where earnest praying and much planning were done for this wonderful mission field of today.

ITS OUTREACH OF SERVICE

Years ago the Kansas CBY and SS Union met for its summer assembly at Camp Wa-Shun-Ga, not too far from the Mt. Zion Church. As a result, the pastor and lay leaders of this church were influential in the camp activities and work. It has always been in the vanguard of leadership in the Kansas Scripture Memory program and camps. Near Junction City is the well known military reservation, Fort Riley. Our Mt. Zion Church carried on a friendly, enthusiastic ministry to service men during the second World War by inviting individuals and groups to their homes and services. Many of our young men, now residing thousands of miles from this church, can testify of this spiritual ministry of this church to them during the years of loneliness and temptation while at camp.

The present pastor, Rev. J. R. Kruegel, recently observed his tenth anniversary as pastor of this church. That is a tribute to the essential good character of this congregation and its spiritual genuineness. Farming has always been rather hard in this area, and large cities are far away. The church, as a result, can never hope to be a large, growing congregation. But it can be faithful in letting its light shine and in proclaiming its Gospel from its hilltop, as we as North American Baptists undergird it with small missionary grants. Thank God for such home mission fields that face discouragements and difficulties with a victorious faith in Christ!

Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist

ASSIGNMENTS:

Jan. 22-Feb. 3—First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta, Canada. Rev. J. C. Kraenzler, Pastor.
Feb. 19-March 2—Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y. Rev. A. Weisser, Pastor.

WE THANK GOD:

The prayer meetings of our churches are a good index to the spirituality

of our denomination. We thank God for the spirit of fervent prayer among our people. Nothing is more highly important to the prosperity of the church and to the winning of souls.

PRAYER REQUEST:

Pray that God might stir up sluggish hearts towards a Holy Spirit revival of practical godliness.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
Jan. 29 (Sunday) — Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Rev. R. Schilke

Jan. 26 (Thursday)—Second Church, New York, N. Y.

Jan. 27 (Friday) — Evergreen Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Jan. 29 (Sunday) — Bridgeport, Conn., and Clinton Hill Church, Newark, N. J.

Jan. 30—Atlantic Conference Mission Committee Session, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Feb. 1 (Wednesday) — Bethel Church, Detroit, Michigan.

Feb. 5 (Sunday)—Geneva, Neb.

Feb. 6-7—Session of the Southwestern Conference Mission Committee, Ellinwood, Kansas.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Jan. 29 (Sunday)—Creston, Neb.

Rev. Lawrence Bienert

Jan. 29 (Sunday)—Underwood, N. Dak.

Feb. 3-4—CBY Fellowship Executive Committee meetings, Forest Park, Illinois.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman

Feb. 7-8—Sunday School Union Executive Committee meetings, Forest Park, Illinois.

Miss Ruth Bathauer

Jan. 29 (Sunday)—Cathay, N. Dak.

Feb. 7-8—Sunday School Union Executive Committee meetings, Forest Park, Illinois.

FEBRUARY DATES

Jan. 29-Feb. 5—Youth Week sponsored by the CBY Fellowship. Theme: "Strive to Win!"

Feb. 5 (Sunday)—Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Communion offering for the ministry of the Baptist World Alliance.

Feb. 12 (Sunday)—Race Relations Sunday.

Feb. 17 (Friday)—Worldwide Day of Prayer. Program material has been prepared by the Woman's Missionary Union.

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SUMMER ASSEMBLY

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Also, you can talk to the younger girls and boys and any young people, who have not attended a summer assembly and tell them of your experiences at summer camp.

We have seen that this is an important question to ask all young people, since the summer assembly is so vital to the growth of the Christian. Also, it is not too early to decide about going to summer camp, because of the advance planning to be done by the leaders and because you will have time to save your money to pay for camp and also to make your plans for camp.

If you are still doubtful about going to summer assembly, why don't you just try it once and see if you do not grow in your Christian life.

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52).

VICTORY IN JESUS

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of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

I have encountered many experiences during the past months. The one which has impressed me most vividly is the very apparent mission field right in our own backyard. I was thrilled beyond words as one of my grade four girls, with bright, sparkling eyes and with face aglow, gave her testimony and followed the Lord in baptism. Yet there remain countless others in ignorant darkness, groping for something tangible to give them victory and peace of heart, who are frequently being led astray by the worldly white man's influences.

Christian Youth! To us has been committed the tremendous responsibility of winning souls to Christ so that they, too, may experience victory in Jesus over the powers of darkness. Perhaps we should take spiritual inventory of our lives and ask the Lord to remove the "idols in our temples," for Christian young people set apart and consecrated to Christ have possibilities unlimited.

In James 5:20 we read, "He which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall hide a multitude of sin." There is joy unspeakable in winning others for Christ.

"O Lord, lay some soul upon my heart,
And love that soul through me;
And may I humbly do my part,
To win that soul for thee."

May each one of us experience "victory in Jesus" as we dedicate and yield our lives to the service of Christ.

Let Us Renew Our Covenant!

A Message for Baptist World Alliance

Sunday, February 5, 1956

TO FELLOW-BELIEVERS around the world: Grace and Peace!

On Baptist World Alliance Sunday, as we gather to worship, let us thank God for all the blessings that are ours, the mercies of the past, the opportunities of the present, and our hope for the future as we trust in his unfailing promises. With grateful hearts, let us renew our covenant of faith and fellowship with our Heavenly Father and with each other. We are one in our faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and in God who is our light and our salvation. "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin."

We are part of the mighty host of believers in many lands. Let us be grateful that we know each other better than ever before because in the providence of God we have been privileged to share in three significant World Congresses in eight years. The visits of our Presidents and Secretaries and others have further helped us to understand each other better and have strengthened our bonds of Christian love. Now more than ever before we know that "the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above."

With the broad foundation of fifty years of work together and the inspiration of our Golden Jubilee Con-

gress, there is much that we can do in the years just ahead. As that Congress closed in a memorable session, the new President suggested four words that sum up "the ties that bind our hearts in Christian love."

Evangelism. Facing a lost world beset by false faiths, we are called to a greater effort to win others to a saving faith in Christ. Each in our own land and together in our missionary efforts, let us seek to win the lost as never before. Baptists more than trebled in numbers in the past fifty years. Surely, we can add ten million more in the next ten years.

Fellowship. Let us seek to strengthen the ties of fellowship that unite us in Christ. As individuals, let us keep in touch with believers in other lands and unions and conventions. On each continent, let us seek closer ties and more ways of cooperation in the work of the Kingdom. Regional and continental gatherings and evangelistic efforts can help to this end, as will the World Conference of Baptist Youth and the meetings sponsored by our Woman's Department.

Faith. As we join with other believers in proclaiming the central truths of the Christian faith, let us never fail to bear our distinctive witness as Baptists. We must keep faith with those who have gone before us and with those in our fellowship who even now are suffering for their faith and the truth that sets men free.

Prayer. Your officers and Executive Committee made a Covenant of Prayer in our closing meeting in London. We hope Baptists everywhere will join us in this covenant to pray regularly with and for each other and for all who serve the Lord Christ. Apart from him we can do nothing, but with God all things are possible.

Evangelism, Fellowship, Faith, and Prayer! Surely, these words call us to greater loyalty and deeper devotion to Christ, and to closer cooperation and more zealous labor in our Baptist World Fellowship.

Let us then on this Baptist World Alliance Sunday renew our covenant with our Lord and with each other and pray that God will bless and guide and use us as we serve together in his name, by his power, and for his glory.

Theodore F. Adams, President
Arnold T. Ohrn, General Secretary
Henry Cook, Acting Asst. Secretary in Europe
Robert S. Denny, Asst. Secretary for Youth Work

Remember

● The COMMUNION OFFERING for the ministry of the Baptist World Alliance to be received on Sunday, Feb. 5th, which will be observed as Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Call attention to this Baptist Alliance message from the church pulpit!

● Subscriptions to our publications are due, if they have not been paid as yet. Plans are being made for improvements in the "Baptist Herald," with another Christian serial story soon to start. You will not want to miss a single issue in 1956!

● Copies of the 1956 ANNUAL are selling fast. We expect the printing of 4250 copies soon to be exhausted. The biographical sketches of our ministers will not appear again until 1958. Secure your copy for \$1.00 from your pastor or publication society agent.

Memorials to Dr. H. Theodore Sorg

Tributes to Dr. Sorg of Princeton, New Jersey,
our Legal Counsel, by Denominational Leaders

DR. H. THEODORE SORG OF PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

DR. H. THEODORE SORG of Princeton, N. J., died on Dec. 10 at Princeton Hospital after a brief illness. He was 67 years old.

He was born in Newark, N. J., Nov. 22, 1888, the son of Frederick and Emma Albrecht Sorg. He attended Newark schools and was graduated from the New Jersey Law School in 1912. He was admitted to the Bar the same year and as a Counselor in 1915. From 1913 to 1925 he was Professor of Law at the Law School. He was awarded a Doctorate of Civil Law in 1939 by Hillsdale College. In 1926 he became a member of the Newark law firm of Sorg and Sorg and was a senior partner at the time of his death.

President of the Hospital Council of Essex County at its inception in 1930, Mr. Sorg led a movement for Hospital Insurance. The first office of the Hospital Service Plan was set up in a room in the National Newark and Essex Building and during the first year the plan had 2798 subscribers. Today the number of subscribers is nearly 2,000,000 and there are 1,400,000 in the medical-surgical plan known as Blue Shield.

Dr. Sorg was past president of the New Jersey Baptist Convention and vice-president of the American Baptist Convention. For a great many years he was president of the Board of Education and Publication of the American Baptist Convention. For nine years he served as president of the "Watchman-Examiner Foundation, Inc.," which publishes the "Watchman-Examiner." Dr. John W. Bradbury, editor, penned this tribute to Dr. Sorg: "It was characteristic of Mr. Sorg to put his Christian interests in high place. He used to say, 'I am a lawyer, but a Christian first.' A supporter of many causes, his friends were legion. When the funeral service was held on December 13 in the chapel of the Westminster Choir School, the sense of heaven and immortality mantled the final testimony of a great and useful life."

For many years he served as Legal Counsel for the North American Baptist General Conference. His many contributions and legal consultations were made without any charge to the denomination. Tributes to Dr. Sorg by some of our leaders appear on this page.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Mildred Hoops Sorg; two daughters: Mrs. Roy

S. Vogt of Princeton and Mrs. William Stoltzfus of Kuwait on the Persian Gulf; a brother, Herman P., of East Orange, N. J.; a sister, Mrs. Harry S. Klausmann of Rumson, N. J.; and two grandchildren. He was an influential member of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., for many years. Rev. James H. Middleton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church of Princeton, N. J., presided at the memorial service. Interment was in the Princeton Cemetery.

A FAITHFUL STEWARD

By DR. FRANK H. WOYKE,
Executive Secretary

WITH THE PASSING of Dr. H. Theodore Sorg, our legal counsel, an era in the history of our fellowship comes to an end.

Our beloved former General Missionary Secretary, Dr. William Kuhn, enlisted for denominational service a group of gifted laymen. Dr. Kuhn frequently acknowledged his indebtedness to these co-workers, among whom were numbered H. Theodore Sorg, Walter Staub, Elmer Staub, and William Schmidt. Of these men only Brother William Schmidt, who is living in retirement in Florida, is still with us.

Dr. H. Theodore Sorg, who was certainly an outstanding member of this group, made a unique contribution to the life of our denomination. For more than 42 years he served without remuneration as our Legal Counsel. Possessing an unusually keen and brilliant mind, he was always a valued advisor.

Dr. Sorg's ministry, of course, extended far beyond that of Legal Counsel. He had a deep interest in the work of our churches and in our missionary and benevolent program. This interest led him to become an active member of important denominational committees. He was one of the organizers of the General Council and until the time of his death an active member. It was his constant desire to be a Christian first and a lawyer second.

Our fellowship can take pride in the fact that Dr. Sorg was the son of one of our churches. He was an outstanding Christian layman of his generation. Beyond the limits of our own fellowship, he served for years as president of the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication and of the Watchman-Examiner

Foundation. Dr. Sorg was a good example of a Christian steward to whom God entrusted much; he was generous in his consecration of time, talents, and possessions. May our churches continue to produce men like him!

THE H. THEODORE SORG MEMORIAL SERVICE

By Mr. WALTER W. GROSSER,
Moderator of the General Conference

AS A PERSONAL FRIEND of Dr. Sorg and as the representative of the North American Baptist General Conference, it was a privilege for me to be present at the memorial service for the late H. Theodore Sorg, conducted in Princeton, N. J., on December 13, 1955. The elegant simplicity, characteristics of the Sorgs, was in evidence at this service. The beautiful chapel of the Westminster Choir was an appropriate setting for the memorial. It was in this sanctuary that Brother Sorg and his family worshiped as charter members of the recently organized Calvary Baptist Church of Princeton.

The four ministers who participated in the service might have eulogized Dr. Sorg as the dynamic, fearless, intellectual, influential, spiritual man that he was; yet at the request of his family, they refrained from doing so. The only reference made to him was made by Rev. J. H. Middleton, pastor of the church. He related his first telephone conversation with him. "Mr. Sorg," he said, "introduced himself by saying, 'I am a lawyer, but first of all I am a Christian.'" The many friends in attendance knew only too well how true this was. Dr. Charles R. Erdman, 90-year-old professor emeritus of Princeton Theological Seminary, a very close friend of Mr. Sorg, quoted from memory many words of God. He was most helpful to the family and made a significantly deep spiritual impression upon all who were present. Burial was in the beautiful cemetery of Princeton.

The entire service for Mr. Sorg reflected a victorious consummation of a full life lived for Jesus Christ. What was said concerning him being first of all a Christian was reflected in his devotion to his family. His beloved wife, Mildred, was at his bedside having a pleasant visit with him, when he was suddenly taken from her. Death came for him just as he had always hoped it would.

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The 50th Milestone at Lodi, Calif.

The story of the 50th anniversary festivities of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

By Mrs. THELMA FISCHER, Church Clerk

THE DAYS of November 25 to 27, 1955 will long be remembered by the First Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., as the observance of the 50th anniversary of our church, which had its beginning with 17 loyal and faithful Christians. The days of celebration began with a church dinner for friends and members of the church on Friday evening, Nov. 25, at which time we also welcomed the guest speakers and the guest pastors and wives.

The guest speaker for this occasion was Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., and he brought to our remembrance the happenings of many days past, and his words of inspiration will long be remembered and cherished. We were happy to have two of our former pastors with us: Rev. Albert Felberg, who served the church from 1937 to 1948, from Vancouver, B. C., Canada; and Rev. Theodore Frey, who served the church from 1907 through 1910, from Saint John, Kansas. We were also happy to have with us our loyal and faithful member, the wife of the late Dr. G. E. Lohr, Mrs. Emma Lohr.

ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday evening was "old timers" night, and to this service we welcomed approximately 600 people. Mr. J. J. Schmiedt, now of the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, who was a trustee of the First Church for 28 years; Mr. Emil Boese, of the First Church, who was the first choir director; and Mr. August Auch, now of the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, who was a deacon of this church for 22 years, told of their many experiences and shared with us the blessings of yesterday.

Rev. Theodore Frey and Rev. Albert Felberg spoke briefly of their experiences of God's help and blessing during their fruitful ministry. The male quartet of the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, and the ladies trio of the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, both daughter churches of the First Baptist Church, presented the musical numbers for the evening service.

During these two services God's mercies and blessings were told again and again, but the Sunday services were yet to come. The Sunday School hour was started with Mr. Frey and Mr. Leuschner speaking to the adult Sunday School department. The morning worship service was attended by a capacity audience of over 900 people who listened to Dr. Albert Felberg speak. The choir of the First Church

presented that beautiful number, "My God and I."

The afternoon service began at 2:45 P.M. with our neighbor pastors, Rev. W. W. Knauf and Rev. Robert Schreiber, participating. Greetings were received by letter and telegram, and a brief report of the fifty years of the church was given. The choir sang,

first building was constructed with a seating capacity of about 200. In 1921, under the ministry of Rev. G. Eichler, the second building was constructed with a capacity for 400, and the old church became the annex of the new church and provided a seating capacity of about 600 people, under crowded conditions. Under the lead-



The choir of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., with Mrs. Wanda Lippert, director from 1950 to 1955 fourth from right (front row).

"Praise Ye the Lord." The choir director, Mr. Dale Fisher, rendered "The Holy City," and Mrs. Wanda Lippert and Mrs. June Goehring sang, "Have Thy Way, Lord." Dr. M. L. Leuschner brought the anniversary message on, "Sweeter As the Years Go By."

Rev. Theodore Frey brought the anniversary days to an end and with a wonderful message, and thereafter Dr. Leuschner showed us missionary pictures of the Bansa Hospital.

Because of the many visitors whom we expected, and because we wanted to thank our Heavenly Father for his wonderful grace towards us, we decided not to use the offerings received for the use of the First Church, but to designate it towards the Church Extension Work and a total offering of \$1,400 was laid on God's altar.

The church had its beginning in 1905 with 17 charter members (the last of whom passed away in 1950), and now it has a membership of 875 people. Also, two other fine churches came out of this church, the First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, organized in 1924, and the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, organized in 1948.

The church experienced three major building programs during the fifty years. The first meeting place was in the old church belonging to the American Baptist Convention. In 1911 the

ership of the present pastor, Rev. G. G. Rauser, the new education building was erected in 1952, and the present new sanctuary, with a capacity of 900 seats, was dedicated on February 6, 1955.

PASTORS OF CHURCH

During the 50 years the church was served by the following pastors: Rev. Gustav Schunke was the founder and first pastor of the church and served two separate periods, 1905-1906 and again 1916-1920; Rev. Theodore Frey, 1907-1910; Rev. G. Ehrhorn, 1910-1912; Rev. Max Leuschner, 1912-1916; Rev. Gustav Schunke, 1916-1920; Rev. G. Eichler, 1920-1924; Dr. G. E. Lohr, 1924-1938; Rev. A. Felberg, 1938-1946; and Rev. G. G. Rauser, 1948—.

The church is enjoying a very outstanding attendance, both by members and friends and visitors. On Sunday morning the spacious auditorium is well filled. Two prayer meetings are held every Wednesday evening, and the Word of God is proclaimed with no uncertain tone. It is believed and preached as the infallible, final and all-sufficient message of God to the world for all ages. May we, as a part of the great invisible Church, the body of Christ, led by the Holy Spirit, be found worthy and faithful of the mission to which he called us in making disciples, preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ until he comes.



By REV. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary

THE OBJECTIVES OF OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

By Mr. E. RALPH KLETKE
of Philadelphia, Pa., President of the
Sunday School Union

TOO OFTEN the reasons for the existence of an organization like our Sunday School Union are "lost" in the constitution. Summarizing Article III of the constitution of the Sunday School Union, we see that the aim and purpose of the Union is to strive to stimulate interest in a strong program of Sunday School advance and Christian education in the local churches.

The end and concern of the program of the Sunday School Union is the effective teaching of the gospel and the winning of Sunday School scholars to a personal faith in Jesus Christ. It follows, then, that the Sunday School Union is a SERVICE organization. It exists to SERVE our Sunday Schools and our Sunday School workers who have their special problems and needs.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ADVANCE

In order to carry out its aims and purposes, the Sunday School Union has planned an ambitious program of Sunday School advance for the present triennium.

The objectives for the local Sunday School are set forth in the SUNDAY SCHOOL STANDARD. We find that the entire Sunday School program is centered around helping the local schools to become "standard schools." The schools that have adopted the STANDARD are evaluated on a yearly basis by means of sending in their Achievement Reports. The Union is encouraging every local Sunday School to strive to attain each goal of the STANDARD during this triennium. It is suggesting the following schedule of emphasis:

Goals 1 to 3	1955-56
Goals 4 to 7	1956-57
Goals 8 to 10	1957-58

Because the most effective Sunday School workers are trained workers, the Union puts a strong emphasis on LEADERSHIP TRAINING. IT has prepared a LEADERSHIP TRAINING CURRICULUM LEAFLET which lists the courses for credit. For each year of the triennium the Sunday School Union is recommending a specific course. Each school is urged to hold at least one course per year. Where possible, the training program in the local church should include

courses on methods and content, with "content" referring to courses on the Bible and fundamentals of the faith.

WORKERS CONFERENCES have evolved as a valuable tool of the Sunday School program. The Workers' Conferences are a source of new ideas, instruction, inspiration, and fellowship. When a Workers' Conference team visits a local conference area, they endeavor to hold one session in as many of the local churches as practical. In this manner the effectiveness of the conference is increased since a maximum number of workers is reached. Recent conferences have been held in the Pacific Northwest, Manitoba, and in the Atlantic and Dakota Conference areas.

MISSIONARY OUTREACH

A very vital part of the Sunday School program is the CHILDREN'S WORK. Since we know the importance of having our children come to love God's Word, one of the main efforts has been to promote the SCRIPTURE MEMORY PROGRAM. Copies of the Scripture Memory Course and instructions for its use are available to all of our churches. Every year the Vacation Bible School leaflet and the CHECK LIST are sent to our Sunday Schools and pastors.

JUNIOR MISSION material is also available. This material, consisting of missionary programs on the children's level, can be easily adapted for use in our schools.

A good Sunday School program has a positive MISSIONARY OUTREACH. This triennium the Sunday School Union is suggesting that the local conferences plan the following missionary emphasis and projects:

1955-56 Home Mission Fields and Church Extension.

1956-57 Japanese Mission Field,
1957-58 Cameroons Mission Field.

We are aware of the importance of the local Sunday Schools using adequate lesson materials. On Dec. 8 and 9, 1955, the Sunday School Lesson Committee met at the Seminary for the purpose of reviewing and evaluating the many evangelical lesson materials currently available. When the results of this study are complete, the Union will be able to make recommendations to our churches.

The Sunday School Union offers suggestions for planning more stimulating monthly workers' conferences in the local schools. A quarterly for Sunday School superintendents, ACTION, is sent to each church free of

charge. Several VISUAL AIDS are available from the office on a rental basis for a nominal fee. These include the "Successful Teaching" filmstrips from the Moody Bible Institute. SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK is promoted annually. Guidance is given to newly organized Sunday Schools.

FUTURE PLANS

Future plans include the organization and assembling of a "Handbook for the Sunday Schools," the appointment of Survey Committees to study the Sunday School Curriculum, stewardship, evangelism and missions in the Sunday School.

The coordination and supervision of the work of the Sunday School Union is under the fine leadership of the Sunday School secretary, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman. A good portion of the Children's Work is related to the Sunday School Union. This work is in the talented hands of our Children's Worker, Miss Ruth Bathauer. Besides their field responsibilities these workers are expected to spend time in preparation, study, and routine office duties.

The Sunday School Committee of each of the nine local conferences is expected to promote the Sunday School program in their respective local churches. We trust that these committees will be a real stimulus to Sunday School activities and that they will become sensitive and alert to the needs in their locality.

The General Sunday School Committee, consisting of the Sunday School Secretary, the Children's Worker, the president, vice-president, and the secretary of each of the nine local Sunday School Committees, comes together for an annual planning session.

Our prayer is that the Sunday School program may at all times be Spirit-led, may fill the needs of our schools and aid in cultivating and supplementing the talents and skills of our many faithful workers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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could think about was his own goodness and of what he was doing for God. The goodness and grace and love and mercy of God never entered his mind. Humility and penitence were foreign to his nature. His sin lay not in the gross sins of the flesh, but in the deep sins of the spirit.

In contrast, Jesus gives us the prayer of the publican (v. 13). We can easily imagine that he must have been dishonest, immoral, materially selfish, and a traitor to his nation. But once he saw his sins, he was humble and penitent. He realized, as Evelyn Underhill tells us, "the awful holiness of God over against the awful sinfulness of man."



A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 5, 1956

Theme: JESUS TEACHES GRATITUDE

Scripture: Luke 17:11-13

The Central Truth: Be not so anxious to receive the blessings of God that you forget to be grateful.

Introducing the Lesson: None of us are so self-sufficient that we do not need to depend upon the help of others. We live in an extremely intricate system of interdependence. If we begin to realize how much we depend upon our fellow-men for many of our needs, we see more clearly how much more we are dependent upon God who "supplies all our needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:19). Think of how God must feel who "daily loadeth us with benefits" (Ps. 68:19) but whose ungrateful creatures are numbered in the millions!

I. Jesus Wants Us To Be Grateful For Health.

In today's lesson we have the story of ten men who had lost many years of normal living because of leprosy. They came to Jesus to be healed and he gave them health without asking any questions or charging any fee. It seemed they were anxious to be healed in order to go back and start life where they had left off. But that is too low a place to begin. They should have begun on a higher plane by kneeling at the feet of Jesus in gratefulness as the Samaritan did (Lk. 17:16).

Here are some reasons why the nine failed to give thanks to Jesus. Perhaps you can think of others.

1. "I can't afford to pay Jesus for healing me. Simply to give him thanks is too cheap and embarrassing."
2. "God owes me a healthy body. It was about time he gave it to me. I was cursed with ill health long enough."
3. "I'm glad he healed me. I won't waste any more of his time by expressing my appreciation."
4. "I must hurry to the temple to make my offering to the priest before he closes his office for the day."
5. "I'll witness to the power of God. That will be a more practical way of expressing my gratefulness."
6. "First I must tell the good news to my wife and children. We will then go to him and thank him as a family."

7. "I must hurry to see my employer. Perhaps I can get my job back now that I am well again."

8. "They will look for me at the leper colony. I must hurry to the city before they drag me back again."

9. The last one saw the Samaritan going back and thought: "This is a good opportunity to get rid of him. Now that I am clean I do not want to be polluted again by associating with that unclean foreigner."

II. Jesus Wants Us To Be Grateful For Our Health And Strength Today.

After a patient expressed his thanks to a famous surgeon for curing him, the doctor shook his head and said, "God cured you; I only treated you." We should be grateful that God has revealed some of his secrets to the medical profession. For a few dollars we have access to drugs, antibiotics and sulfa which cure us of the same illnesses from which Calvin Coolidge, Jr., Willie Lincoln and thousands of others have died. Perhaps we should have Paul's attitude of gratefulness by referring to our doctor as "Luke, the beloved physician" (Col. 4:14).

III. Other Areas Of Gratefulness.

1. For our Cameroons leper colony, the New Hope Settlement.
2. For the Christian family (2 Timothy 1:5).
3. For our country (Ps. 33:12; Lk. 1:5).
4. For salvation (Hab. 3:18).
5. For all his benefits (Ps. 103).

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 12, 1956

Theme: PARABLES ON PRAYER

Scripture: Luke 18:1-14

The Central Truth: To learn how to pray sincerely, humbly, and penitently; and how to be rid of pride and self-sufficiency.

Introducing the Lesson: Jesus prayed long and often. He "prayed without ceasing" (1 Tim. 5:17). Since prayer was of such great importance in the life of Jesus, the Son of God, it should be all the more so in the lives of his children.

The editor of these Sunday School Lessons is Rev. Bruno Schreiber of Oak Park, Ill., a member and deacon of the Forest Park Baptist Church.

Just before John Steinmetz, the electrical wizard, died, he predicted that the next great discovery would be in the realm of the spirit. Certainly no one demonstrated the power of the spirit more than Jesus. His word was with power (Luke 4:32); his healing was with power (Luke 5:17); because his praying was with power. We are just beginning to find what Jesus discovered long ago. But before the power of prayer can be revealed to us the channel of prayer must be opened.

I. The Requirements Of True Prayer.

1. Persistence and Sincerity (Luke 18:1-8).

A Christian cannot remain an "amateur" in his prayer life; although he may feel that way in the beginning of his Christian experience. He cannot take up praying as a "hobby"—something that he does to pass the time away when he has nothing else to do. He cannot take up praying as an "insurance policy"—something that is kept in safe depositbox in case of emergency. Prayer is a "Possibility Unlimited" to use Rev. Joe Sonnenberg's expression, that must be persistently and consistently tried until it is mastered. So often we hear the expression, "I tried praying a few times, but it didn't help." What if Thomas Edison would have said, "I tried to invent a battery a few times, but I didn't succeed." He tried 5,000 times! Does success in prayer take less effort?

The widow was commended for her continual, persistent coming (Luke 18:5). Although the judge thought of her coming as trouble he nevertheless granted her the request. Our continual coming to God pleases him. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

2. Humility and Penitence: Luke 18:13-14.

There is no better description of a man who was powerless in prayer than the man "who prayed thus with himself" (Luke 18:11). Note that he was not a dishonest man, nor an immoral man, nor a materially selfish man (vs. 11-12). He was both respectable and religious. His fellow-men looked upon him as a trustworthy and honorable citizen of his country. According to outward conformity he was a good man. But he was self-righteous! In our modern-day language, "he was a self-made man and he was proud of it." All he

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What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Money Wolff of Gackle, N. Dak., have announced the birth of a daughter on December 10 who has been named Nancy Rose. This is their first child. Mr. Wolff is pastor of the Grace Baptist Church in Gackle and Alfred, North Dakota.

● The choir of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kans., presented the Christmas cantata, "The Holy Child" by Carrie B. Adams on Sunday evening, Dec. 18. The choir is directed by Mr. Otto Funk with Mrs. Kathryn Hett serving as accompanist. Rev. Edwin Michelson, missionary to the Cameroons, Africa, for many years, was the guest speaker on Sunday, January 15. Rev. Fred J. Knalson spoke prophetically on a recent Sunday morning on the topic, "The Gods of This World or Christ!"

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., has announced that a long playing record of Christmas music kling new style, has been produced by Old Fashioned Christmas. The choir records sell for \$3.50 each and may be ordered by writing: Christmas and Iroquois Avenues, Detroit, Michigan. Rev. W. S. Sommerschild is pastor of the church.

● Spiritual Examination Week was held at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, from Jan. Springside, Sask., as the guest speaker. The first number of a new four-page printed paper of the school called, CTI NEWS, made its appearance in December 1955. It is published by the School department with Kenneth Rugsch, editor-in-chief, and Victor Cimas, assistant editor. Brief Christmas articles by Rev. E. P. Wahl, president, and by Rev. O. R. Schmidt, teacher, are featured in this first issue.

● Rev. G. Beutler of Chilliwack, B. C., has announced for the CBY and Sunday School Association of British Columbia that a lake shore camp site at Westbank near Kelowna, B.C., has been purchased for \$6,500 for a long desired youth camp for the Association. The sum of \$1,500 was designated at last year's Association session at Vancouver, B.C., toward the purchase of the site. The camp trustees

have obligated themselves to reduce the bank loan each year by \$1,000. The churches of the Association are raising the necessary funds for the construction of new buildings to be used next summer.

● Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary-nurse at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons, Africa, since September 1951, arrived safely in America shortly after December 11, spent December 15 in a conference with Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary in Toronto, Ont.; and went to her home in Yorkton, Sask., for a brief and well deserved rest. On the first Monday in February she will begin her studies in a midwifery course of eight months at the New York Maternity Center of New York City. An article by her about the Bansa Baptist Church appeared in the last issue of the "Baptist Herald."

● The safe arrival of many of our missionaries going to Africa and Japan has been announced. On December 14 Miss Laura E. Reddig, Miss Margaret Kittlitz, and Rev. and Mrs. Fred Holzimmer made their arrival at Victoria, Africa, as announced in a cablegram. On December 10 Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern arrived at Yokohama, Japan, and soon thereafter went to Kyoto where they will be living while they are learning the Japanese language during the next year. It has also been announced that Miss Eleanor Schuler has arrived home at Ferndale, Mich., on Saturday, December 17. She will require some medical attention.

● On Sunday evening, December 11, Mrs. Fred Paul, a member of the Daytons Bluff Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., spoke at the service on "The Christian's Responsibility in Government." She had attended the White House Conference on Education in Washington, D. C., a few days previously. On Sunday evening, December 18, the choir directed by Curtis Fauth, sang the Christmas cantata, "The Christ Child" by C. B. Hawley. Rev. William H. Jeschke, pastor, spoke on "Christ and the Blundering Experts" based on 1 Peter 2:7 on Sunday morning, December 11.

● On Wednesday evening, November 2, the Bethel Church of Missoula, Mont., held a threefold anniversary surprise for Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Remple. November was the observance

of the 15th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Remple, the 15th anniversary of Mr. Remple's services as a Baptist minister, and his birthday. Mr. Herbert Schmautz expressed the congratulations and best wishes of the church prior to the delightful time of fellowship with refreshments. Two weeks of special services were also held in November with Rev. Richard Grabke of the Faith Church, Regina, Sask., serving as evangelist, during which there were two conversions.

● The Junior and Intermediate Choir of the Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, presented its annual Christmas Program on Sunday, December 4. Mrs. Frank Veninga directed the choir with Mrs. Mildred Willeke as assistant director. Mrs. Marlin Lindaman served as pianist. Rev. Frank Veninga has been recuperating from a severe illness in recent weeks and had to postpone the beginning of his new pastorate at the Temple Church of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The interim pastor of the Aplington Baptist Church, beginning with January 15, is Dr. John Leyboldt of Forest Park, Ill., who has rendered a very effective ministry in this capacity in several of our churches.

● Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, Cameroons missionaries, recently sent their letter of resignation to Rev. R. Schilke with the statement: "Among other lesser reasons we have been brought to this step by our growing family and their educational problems. We shall not give up the hope of returning to the Cameroons when actually our family responsibilities allow that return." They are at present in Grand Forks, N. Dak., on furlough following their fourth term of service on the Cameroons mission field in Africa. They went to Africa for the first time in December 1944. The resignation was accepted with sincerest regrets by the General Missionary Committee, as announced by Mr. Schilke.

● Memorial services were held on December 16 at Grinnell, Iowa, for Mrs. Lina A. Scheve, aged 89, who died in a rest home in Grinnell. She was the widow of the late Edward B. Scheve, composer and former organist at the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago, Ill., choir director at the General Conference sessions in Chicago in 1928; and organ instructor at Grinnell College. Mrs. Scheve gained renown as a young woman when she sang as "an opera star" in Berlin, Germany. She and Mr. Scheve came to the United States about 1890. The only known relatives are a sister living in Germany and a nephew in the United States. Many North American Baptists of the midwest area will remember the wonderful musical ministry of Dr. and Mrs. Scheve.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Southwestern Conference

Harvest Mission Festival and Dedication of New Pews at La Salle, Colorado

It was a joy for us in the First Baptist Church of La Salle, Colo., to have had as guest speaker Dr. M. L. Leuschner, of Forest Park, Ill., for our Harvest Mission Festival on Sunday, November 13th. After a very challenging message by our guest speaker, a very fine offering was presented unto the Lord for the furtherance of his work.

In the evening we enjoyed an impressive service for the dedication of our new pews, which had been installed but a few days previously. Dr. Leuschner again spoke fitting words and led in the prayer of dedication. The choir, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. F. H. Fuchs, sang both morning and evening.

Following the dedication service, Dr. Leuschner showed us the new film of the work being done in the name of the Lord at the Bansa Baptist Hospital. As always, it was a thrill to see our missionaries in action.

All in all, it was a most enjoyable day, a day filled with blessings from on high, which will long be remembered by members of our church.

Carl Jepsen, Clerk.

Southern Conference

Anniversary Program of Woman's Missionary Society, Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, held its anniversary program on Wednesday evening, November 16. The song service was led by Mrs. John Massirer, Jr. Mrs. J. J. Lippert, the president, welcomed the large number of friends and members present and recognized all honorary members. The Scripture passage was read by Miss Lydia Heusi who also led in prayer.

The secretary's report was given by Mrs. Thomas Lee Lampert and the treasurer's report by Mrs. Herbert Stobbe. We then had a number by a ladies' quartet composed by Mrs. Marsteller, Mrs. Douglas Boyd, Mrs. Raymond Engelbrecht, and Mrs. Herbert Stobbe.

Mrs. Louis Johnson then introduced the speaker, Miss Lily Nasrallah, a Baylor student from Lebanon, who gave a stirring message on the Moslem people and their need for Christ. Mrs. J. N. Kittlitz presented the de-

nominal Woman's Missionary Union project and an offering was taken for this project. Closing remarks were made by Mrs. J. J. Lippert. Rev. Louis Johnson closed the program with prayer.

Mrs. Thomas Lee Lampert, Secretary.

Atlantic Conference

Ground Breaking Ceremony for \$15,300 Building Is Held at Jamesburg, New Jersey

With great joy and thanksgiving the members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, N. J., gathered on November 20 to break ground for increased facilities.

The building to be erected at cost of \$15,300 is the first phase of expansion by the church and will include a pastor's study and church office, a basement wing, new rest rooms, and enlarged kitchen facilities. The present basement facilities will then be partitioned into separate soundproof classrooms. At a later date a top wing will be added. The reason for the expansion is the increased Sunday School attendance and church activities.

Mr. J. B. Weissert, head deacon for many years, served as the architect. The building is expected to be completed by the end of January.

The guest speaker for the service was the Rev. Albert Dickson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Highland Park, New Jersey. Souvenirs of little toy shovels were presented to each family represented. At the fellowship hour following the service each person present had the opportunity of signing the ceremonial shovel. This will be preserved as a memento of the occasion and the large group of members and friends who joined in the celebration. It is our prayerful hope that this physical building will prepare the way for the greater spiritual blessings which God has in store for us.

Mrs. Rose Fowler, Reporter.

Dakota Conference

Missionary Society of McClusky, N. Dak., Holds Birthday Surprise for Rev. and Mrs. D. Klein

The McClusky Baptist Woman's Missionary Society met at the church for its regular December meeting. After the service, we gathered in the church basement for fellowship and refreshments. Rev. and Mrs. D. Klein were pleasantly surprised, when the ladies of the society placed a beautiful birthday cake, baked by Mrs. Mar-

tin Lang, before them, honoring them on their birthdays. Gifts of money were presented to them. They gratefully responded for the love that was shown to them.

We as a missionary society have been greatly blessed for the services rendered by Rev. and Mrs. D. Klein, and will miss them greatly for they left us soon afterwards.

Mrs. Elmer Wahl, Reporter.

Anniversary Program and "God's Acre" Project at Baptist Church, Napoleon, North Dakota

We of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., wish to share with others how the Lord has really blessed us. October was our annual Birthday Month, at which time our ladies presented their annual program. Following the program there was a fellowship and lunch for all of the families. The offering of the evening amounted to \$44.65 which was sent for the denominational Woman's Union goal.

Another interesting project carried out by our women was the "God's Acre." We rented 40 acres of land, and with the help of some of our men we seeded it with flax. God watered it, and the harvest was truly plenteous. After the expenses were paid, the net returns were \$560.08, of which \$300 were set aside for our kitchen fund for the future. New folding tables will be purchased soon for the church dining room.

Mrs. Hulda Gohring, Secretary.

Highlights of the South Dakota CBY Fellowship Fall Rally Held at Tyndall

The South Dakota CBY Fellowship Fall Rally was held at the Tyndall Baptist Church, Tyndall, S. Dak., on Nov. 25, 26 and 27. The theme of the rally was "Signs of Sonship," and the corresponding Bible verse was John 13:35a, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples."

The guest speakers for the rally were Miss Martha Leyboldt who is a professor at the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Rev. H. John Vanderbeck, who is the pastor of the First Baptist Church at Elgin, Iowa. They gave messages at every session of the rally except Friday evening at which time the Gospel Drama Club of the North American Baptist Seminary under the direction of Dale Rott presented the play, "The Release." The messages given by Miss Leyboldt and Rev. Vanderbeck challenged all of us.

Other highlights of the rally were a discussion of CBYF problems, a panel discussion entitled, "Dare We Be Different?" or "How Peculiar Should We Be?" and the youth banquet at which delicious food was served.

At the business meetings the following officers were elected: president, Barbara Weisser; vice-president, Larry Winter; secretary-treasurer, Elnear Huether; and Camp Dean, Rev. Willis Potratz. The rally was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Rose Marie Lippert, Reporter.

Evangelistic Meetings and Dedication of Youth for Christian Service at Underwood, N. Dak.

From Oct. 17 to 28 evangelistic meetings were conducted at the First Baptist Church of Underwood, N. Dak., with Rev. David Zimmerman of Cathay, N. Dak., as our evangelist. Every morning the Christians gathered in the church basement for a season of prayer.

The Holy Spirit was truly felt in our midst and a good attendance every evening was a sign that the people were interested in the God-inspired messages. Although we had no converts at the time, we felt God was in our midst and the seed was sown. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work on the hearts of the people and that many might come to the saving knowledge of our Savior.

Our church has been blessed with young people dedicating their lives to full-time service of the Lord. James Schacher, High School graduate, entered Asbury College, and Darlene Radke entered Moody Bible Institute. We also have two other young people in addition to Darlene and James preparing for Christian service.

Leo Strecker, Clerk.

Recent Events at the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches, Tyndall, South Dakota

The members of the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches of Tyndall, S. Dak., have been very busy the past few months. The activity began when Rev. and Mrs. Ruben Herrmann arrived on the field the end of May. A reception was held for the new minister and his wife with Rev. George Lubbers in charge of the service. Rev. H. Smuland of Avon gave the message of the evening. Shortly after this service, the ordination of Rev. Ruben Herrmann took place. Soon after arriving, the Herrmanns organized a choir group in each church, giving all the singers an opportunity to make use of their talents in the Lord's service. With Mr. Herrmann as director and Mrs. Herrmann as accompanist, we expect to accomplish great things for the honor and praise of the Lord.

A great deal of emphasis has been placed upon the youth groups of both churches. Both the Junior and Senior CBYF organizations have been re-organized. With Mr. Herrmann as their director, the youth of both churches have been showing a great deal of enthusiasm in serving the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Mission Sunday was observed recently. Dr. George A. Dunger was the guest speaker for the day. In the morning Dr. Dunger was guest of the Danzig church. He spoke at the church service and also was present for the Harvest and Mission program which was given by the children of the Sunday School. In the afternoon both the Danzig and the Tyndall youth groups met at the Tyndall church for singing rehearsal under the direction of the pastor. Following rehearsal, they

went to various homes and to the hospital to sing for shut-in friends. The Tyndall group was host to the Danzig group at a fellowship supper which was held at the Tyndall church basement. Following supper, they enjoyed slides of the Camerons mission field. These were especially interesting since Dr. Dunger could relate some of his personal experiences as the slides brought back memories. Dr. Dunger brought the message of the evening at the Tyndall church. We are happy to report that the mission offerings for the day amounted to \$1,581.69.

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Reporter.

Central Conference

Fund Raising Banquet For New Edifice at Ripley Blvd. Church, Alpena, Michigan

A goal of \$25,000 was set by the Finance and Building Committees of our Ripley Boulevard Baptist Church, Alpena, Mich., to be raised within the next year to complete our new church building. To begin this drive a fund raising banquet and program was held on Friday evening, Nov. 11, in the church basement with 250 persons in attendance. A delicious dinner was served by the Woman's Missionary Society.

The theme of the evening was "Forward With the Master Builder," with our pastor, Rev. Eric Kuhn, presiding. Mr. Arthur Thom was song leader. Many special numbers were rendered which included solos and duets by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Thom of the Gross Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan. A solo by Miss Janice Hess, piano solo by Mrs. Edward Timm, and a trumpet solo by Rev. David Van Gorkom of the American Sunday School Union.

The challenging message of the evening was brought by Rev. William Hoover, pastor of the Clay Street Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich., who spoke on our theme. He also told of some of his experiences while in Europe this past summer. We were also happy to have had Mrs. Hoover with us and she spoke briefly.

After the message an offering was taken with \$3,000 in cash and \$6,500 in pledges received. Of this amount \$400 were given by the Young Adult Sunday School class, with Mrs. Edward Ratzloff, the teacher, making the presentation. The class had previously decided to purchase tile for the main auditorium floor with this amount.

Mrs. Clarence Zgorski, Reporter.

Reception for N.A.B. Students in the Chicago Area at Foster Ave. Church

The annual reception for students of our denomination in the Chicago area was held this year on Saturday evening, November 19, at the Foster Ave. Baptist Church. It was sponsored jointly by the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship and the Foster Avenue CBY and Adult Fel-

lowship Club. Miss Betty Meister, vice-president of the denominational CBY, also president of the local CBY, was responsible for much of the planning of this very fine evening of fun and fellowship.

A tour of the church building conducted by Mr. Ed. Meister was followed by a period of singing led by Mr. Obergefell. Mr. Fred Hoffman led the group in games, including "Twenty Questions" based on Bible subjects. A skit by Mr. and Mrs. Herb Pankratz was followed by a "mosaic" of student life. The "mosaic" was a collection of wit and humor presented by Mr. W. Pankratz.

From the humorous, the meeting turned to the serious aspect. Rev. L. Bienert, as representative of the CBY Fellowship directed words of welcome to the students. A male quartet composed of Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, Rev. Fred Sonnenberg, Helmut Riemer, and H. Pankratz sang "Jesus Rose of Sharon."

Four students, Miss Lydia Anderson of the Missionary Baptist Training School, Mr. Hans Penner of the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, Mrs. B. Schalm of Northern Baptist Seminary, and Mr. Henry Nuss of Wheaton College, gave two-minute talks. They presented their impressions and reactions with respect to Christian living and witnessing in a large city. Their thought and action-promoting remarks were well presented. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg in a few concluding remarks advised the students to be alert to the "revolutionary" thinking that is going on in the world.

Rev. Gideon Zimmerman, general secretary of the Sunday School Union, led in a closing prayer. Over coffee and cake provided by the "Marthas" of the Foster Avenue Church, the students together with the young people of the church continued their time of fellowship.

Arnold Rapske, Reporter.

Eastern Conference

Association of German-speaking Youth in Ontario Baptist Churches Meets in Hamilton

The youth of the German-speaking Baptist Churches of Ontario have established an Association, which held its first meeting in Toronto last year. The elected president is Rev. J. Wahl of Hamilton, Ontario.

This last fall a two-day meeting of the DBJO. Association was held in Kitchener. Present were about 200 young people, representing groups from Toronto, Hamilton, Kitchener, Windsor, and other places of the province. Also several guests from New York state, Rochester, N. Y., and Detroit, Mich., attended. Matters of common interest were discussed, pointing to the fact that it is our responsibility to bring the Gospel of Christ to young men and women, who have come to this country to make a new home.

It was decided that the Association would meet twice each year, successively in the various Ontario cities. The next convention in May 1956 will take place in Hamilton.

Trudy Strauss, Reporter.

Basement Edifice of the Central Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, Is Dedicated

About two years ago the Central Baptist Church of Kitchener, Ont., was organized in Christ's Name with 34 immigrants from Europe. At that time it was our purpose to grow in grace, to bring the Gospel to the many German immigrants in our city and to build the Church of Christ. God has blessed this work so that our membership has had a threefold increase, the attendance of visitors has always been encouraging and many are finding the way of salvation in Christ.

When our church's membership stood at 45, we voted to build our church edifice. In May 1955 we broke ground for our new church. Then on Sunday, Nov. 21, 1955, we were privileged to dedicate our new basement church. It is spacious, bright, and worshipful, and our hearts rejoiced to dedicate this sanctuary to God's glory.

At the morning worship hour on Nov. 21 we observed the communion service. Rev. Arthur Weisser of Rochester, N. Y., as a representative of the Eastern Conference, brought a brief message.

The afternoon service was the dedication program. We welcomed many visitors from our neighboring churches in Toronto, Hamilton, Neustadt, and St. Catharines, Ontario. Several representatives from English Baptist Churches of Kitchener extended their greetings. Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, brought the dedication message. A number of musical numbers also enhanced the program.

Our new basement church has a seating capacity for 300 persons in the sanctuary. It also contains three Sunday School rooms, a nursery room and additional storage rooms. The cost of the building thus far has been \$21,000 which God has supplied in a wonderful way through the generous gifts of our people and a loan by our denominational Church and Parsonage Fund. We believe fervently that God will continue the work of his church in our midst, so that we shall not only have a worshipful sanctuary but also a growing congregation in which the Holy Spirit is magnified. Later we hope to finish the project with the upstairs church building.

John Goetze, Pastor.

Northern Conference

Twenty-four Converts Are Baptized at the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

The efforts of the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Man., during the summer and fall months to win souls through camp, Vacation Bible School



The newly dedicated edifice of the Central Baptist Church, Kitchener, Ontario, Canada, costing approximately \$21,000.

and evangelistic meetings were rewarded when 24 persons confessed Christ as their Lord and Savior and requested to be baptized.

This impressive and sacred baptismal ceremony was performed on Sunday morning, November 27th, beautified by the choir who expressed our feelings in the song, "Jauchzet, ihr Himmel." Rev. H. J. Waltereit, our pastor, spoke on the text in Colossians 2:12. Again we were warned that baptism was only an outward expression of an inward experience, and that belief on the Lord Jesus Christ must come first.

The testimonies of these converts, heard previously, were thrilling and a manifestation of God's power, even today, to transform lives and make them "new creatures in Christ." Our prayer is that God will strengthen them in their faith so that their actions, words and deeds may radiate the love of Christ and point many to him.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

Tragic Fire Destroys the Baptist Chapel On the Indian Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan

The Indian chapel of the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan, Canada, was completely destroyed by fire on Friday, Dec. 2nd, at 6:30 P.M. Mrs. Philip Grabke, Miss Lydia Albright, and Mr. Pete De Boe as chauffeur had gone for about twenty minutes to hold a prayer meeting in Mr. John Gambler's house. The carpenter working in the chapel, Mr. Ed-

win Rumpel, noticed that the ceiling was on fire above the gas lamp. He quickly set the lamp to one side and used his jacket to put out the fire. He had almost succeeded when the gas lamp exploded.

In a flash the entire room was on fire and Mr. Rumpel succeeded to get out of the building but with his whole back on fire. The fire had just started when the neighboring lady saw it and she phoned us here in Edenwold that the church was on fire. By the time we got there, no one knew how it started for there was no one there who could tell us what had happened.

Everyone was concerned about Mr. Rumpel and the missionaries. Another Indian came and said that he had seen the missionaries going to prayer meeting, but where was Mr. Rumpel? Since there was nothing that could be done at the fire, we left to go to the nearest farmer to phone Mr. Rumpel's home to see if he had arrived. And there he was at home, very badly burned.

His burns were dressed and then he was taken to the Regina Hospital. On the way he suffered a great deal. Dr. Remick was phoned about his coming and also the police who met the private car driven by Rudolf Kurtz and who guided them through the city traffic. The doctor declared it as second degree burns. His entire face was blistered and his arms and hands were also badly burned.

In the meantime, Mr. Rumpel has made a fairly good recovery. He is able to be up and around in the hospital but he could not be home for



Twenty-four converts baptized by Rev. H. J. Waltereit (back row with glasses), pastor, at the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Christmas. He has suffered tremendously from the shock and at the end of the year was still experiencing much pain. However, the doctor has given him much encouragement about his recovery. All of the missionaries' belongings have been destroyed by the fire without any insurance, also all of Miss Lydia Albright's personal belongings.

Everything is being done by the Saskatchewan Association, the Northern Conference churches and the denomination to be of assistance to the Indian missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Grabke, and to plan for the rebuilding of the Baptist Chapel on this Reserve.

Fred H. Ohlmann, Reporter.

Ordination of Rev. Herman A. Pohl by Faith Baptist Church, Camrose, Alberta, Canada

By invitation of the Faith Baptist Church of Camrose, Alta., 28 delegates from eleven neighboring churches convened at the First Baptist Church of Camrose on the afternoon of October 27 to recommend the ordination of the church's new pastor, Mr. Herman A. Pohl.

Mr. R. Neske read the minutes of the Faith Baptist Church pertaining to the calling of the council. The delegates were organized as a council with Rev. H. Pfeifer as chairman and Rev. A. Lamprecht as secretary. The candidate, Herman Pohl, told the story of his conversion, his years in the war and as a prisoner of war, his personal struggle through nihilism and pessimism to a living faith that God had called him into the ministry. His doctrinal statement was comprehensive and thoroughly developed. After a period of questioning and deliberation, the council declared itself satisfied and recommended that the church proceed with the ordination of their candidate.

The program of the evening was led by Rev. Earl Silver of Forestburg. Rev. H. Schumacher led the congregation in some hearty singing. Scripture was read by Rev. Fred Schimke of Camrose, and Rev. Edward Hornbacher of Edmonton led in prayer. Rev. A. Lamprecht of Edmonton read the minutes of the council and presented the candidate the certificate of ordination to the candidate. Rev. Albert Stelter of Edmonton gave the charge to the church, and Rev. T. J. Haire of Leduc gave the charge to the candidate. As both Mr. and Mrs. H. Pohl knelt, the hands of the attending ministers were laid upon him, and Rev. J. C. Kraenzler of Leduc led in the prayer of consecration.

Special music was brought by the orchestra of the host church. Mr. R. Neske and Miss Revere Neske sang a duet. The guest speaker of the evening was the minister-father of the candidate, Rev. A. Pohl of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. In his message he recalled for his son the steps that led his boy into the ministry.

Rev. Herman Pohl prayer the benediction. We wish both church and pastor a full and rewarding ministry.

A. Lamprecht, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Laymen's Sunday, Missionary Program, and Evangelistic Meetings at Watertown, Wisconsin

As members of the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., our joy in the Lord has been renewed by the recent baptism of three of our Junior young people. On Laymen's Sunday the men of the church were in charge of the morning service with Mr. Harold B. Johns of Oak Park, Ill., as guest speaker. At the evening service Mr. Johns showed films and talked about his recent trip to our Camerons Mission Field in Africa.

The missionary vision of our church was broadened considerably by a day-long visit from our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson. The feeling of reunion became more complete with the arrival of Dr. and Mrs. William Boutwell of Janesville, Wis., formerly of the Camerons.

To fill our cup to overflowing, our beloved denominational evangelist, Rev. H. Palfenier, recently spent two weeks with us. The first week he taught a leaders' training course on, "The Place of the Sunday School in Evangelism." The second week he brought a series of soul-stirring messages that will long continue to speak to our hearts.

Mrs. Arnold Krause, Reporter.

Baptismal Service and Mission Festival at Pioneer Baptist Church, Pound, Wisconsin

On Sunday evening, Oct. 31, we of the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, Wis., had the joy of seeing six converts go through the waters of baptism. This was the result of Bible camp and personal work on the part of our pastor, Rev. G. W. Blackburn. On the following Sunday he had the privilege of extending the hand of fellowship to these new members.

Harvest and Mission Festival was observed on Sunday, Nov. 13, with Rev. J. C. Gunst as guest speaker for the day. The decorations of flowers, fruit, grain, and vegetables reminded us of God's bounteous blessings. The day started with a program of recitations and musical numbers by the children of our Sunday School. An inspiring message was given by Mr. Gunst at the morning service. The ladies of our church arranged a dinner in our dining room where we met at noon to enjoy the fellowship of friends.

An afternoon missionary service and colored pictures shown to us by Mr. Gunst in the evening concluded the day. Letters were read from some of our members who were unable to attend the festival. An offering was brought and laid on the altar for missionary purposes.

Our Sunday School has just won an attendance contest with two other Sunday Schools of this area. We had a 46 per cent average gain compared to a 3 per cent and a 16 per cent average gain in the other schools.

Mrs. Reuben Graetz, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Activities and Building Plans at the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington

During the Sunday morning worship service in the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash., a Children's Church is in progress for the children in grades 1-6. This hour is under the capable leadership of Mrs. R. S. Hess, our pastor's wife.

Approximately 40 of our young people have had a camping experience in Christ this summer by completing the Scripture Memorization assignments and other regulations set-up by our Sunday School. Two very fine young people's organizations have been very active every week, namely, the Pioneer Girls and Boys Brigade.

On Nov. 2nd a large group of interested folk attended the Pacific Northwest Christian Workers' Conference that was held in our church, with the Startup Church and Portland Avenue Baptist Chapel being our guests.

This fall we had a six-weeks Sunday School Contest with the South Tacoma Baptist Sunday School. The Sunday School that had the greater percentage of gain in comparison to the same Sunday a year ago would win. Our Sunday School won by a small margin.

We are happy to report that our building committees have been very active and our new church and parsonage plans are materializing. The parsonage is almost completed. Even a neighbor living across the street from our new location is donating the fireplace for the parsonage. The Lord willing, our new church edifice will be under way the first of the new year (1956).

This fall we commenced having our evening service from seven to eight o'clock. Our CBY Training Union meets at 6:10 P.M. This new arrangement of time is favorable. On the Wednesday preceding Thanksgiving pot-luck dinner followed by an hour of (Continued on Page 24)

OBITUARY

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

MRS. ELIZABETH JERKE SCHAFER of La Salle, Colorado.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jerke Schafer, nee Konig, of La Salle, Colo., was born in Russia on January 30, 1883. On December 18, 1901 she was united in marriage to Mr. John Jerke and together they came to the United States in 1907. They moved to the state of Colorado in the same year and lived for 32 years in the La Salle community. To this union eight children were born, four of whom preceded her in death, as did Mr. Jerke in 1943. In 1947, Mrs. Jerke was united in marriage to Mr. John Schafer. Mr. Schafer passed away the following year, 1948.

Mrs. Jerke was converted at an early age, while yet in the old country, and since living in the Greeley-La Salle area has been a member of the First Baptist Church of La Salle for the past 35 years. She was a faithful member of the church, and beloved by all. Her presence in all the services will be greatly missed, and yet we know she is in the Presence of her Savior, whom she loved and served.

On Saturday, November 19th, at 10:30 A.M., Mrs. Jerke was called to her heavenly home at the age of 72 years, 9 months and 19 days. She leaves to mourn her sudden passing, four children: one daughter, Lydia, Mrs. Sandau of Gardena, Calif.; three sons: Albert, Edward, and Harry, all of La Salle; also eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, as well as many other relatives and a host of friends.

First Baptist Church, La Salle, Colorado

F. H. FUCHS, Pastor.

MR. CHARLES MILLER, SR. of Hebron, North Dakota.

Mr. Charles Miller of Hebron, N. Dak., was born November 4, 1899 in Johannesthal, South Russia, and passed away after a lingering illness on December 1, 1955. In 1905 he came to the United States, lived in Scotland, S. Dak., later moved to Glen Ullin, N. Dak., and lived in Hebron, N. Dak., since 1946.

In 1917 he was converted to the Lord but was not baptized until June 21, 1931 in the Hebron Baptist Church by Rev. F. Alf. He remained an active member of that church until his homegoing.

In 1921 he was married to Elisabeth Stalger, nee Will, which marriage was blessed with four children. His wife passed away in 1946. He married again in 1949 to Emma Saylor, nee Klein, but his second wife passed away in 1952. His third marriage was to Rose Walth-Opp, nee Klein, in 1954.

He leaves behind to mourn his death: his wife, Mrs. Rose Miller of Hebron, N. Dak.; two sons: Ervin of Glen Ullin, N. Dak.; and Charles, Jr., of Hebron, N. Dak.; two daughters: Mrs. Winifred Roth of New Leipzig, N. Dak.; and Janis of Hebron, N. Dak.; six step-children; two brothers: Mrs. Elisabeth Metzger, Hebron; Mrs. Henry Diede, Baldwin, N. Dak.; Mrs. Katharine Bertsch, Glen Ullin, N. Dak.; Mrs. Ed. Wetzel, Glen Ullin, N. Dak.; Mrs. Felix Graff, New Salem, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Christ Metzger, Mandan, N. Dak.; four grandchildren; many relatives and friends.

Hebron, North Dakota

C. H. SEECAMP, Pastor.

ELIARD THEODORE STOECKER of Lead, South Dakota.

Eliard Theo. Stoecker of Lead, S. Dak., born February 13, 1923 at Hosmer, S. Dak., was the son of Adam and Christina Pietz-Stoecker, retired farmer and wife of Leola, South Dakota. Eliard lost his life on November 28, 1955 by falling rock in the Homestake Mine, Lead, South Dakota. He grew up on a farm in South Dakota and in 1948 he entered military service, being in Japan from April to October 1949 when he was discharged. With the outbreak of the Korean war he was recalled in 1951 and sent to the front.

In the same year he was separated from the service and he returned to his family in Aberdeen, South Dakota. He married Miss Magdalena Lindeman on November 20, 1950 at Aberdeen where the young couple made its home. In 1953 the family decided to move to Lead where the deceased was employed in a gold mine until the day of his death.

He is survived by his bereaved wife; two minor children of tender age; his sorrowing parents; his parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Lindeman, members of the First Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak.; three sisters: Mesdames Mathilda Geffre and Almer Geffre, both of Leola, S. Dak.; and Tilly Heupel, Lead, S. Dak.; and one brother, Ronald Stoecker, Hosmer, South Dakota. One brother, Eugene Stoecker, preceded him in death.

The undersigned spoke words of comfort and hope to the sorrowing based on Matt. 10:28-31, John 14:1-6, and James 4:14. May the Lord comfort the surviving widow, the fatherless children, the aged parents, the whole relationship and friends.

Eureka, South Dakota

A. E. REEH, Pastor.

MRS. HENRY BUSSE of Aplington, Iowa.

Mrs. Henry Busse, nee Van Gerpen, was born April 21, 1882 in East Friesland, Germany, and came to this country with her parents the same year. They lived near Florence Station, Ill., until they moved to a farm near Alden, Iowa. She was united in marriage to Henry Busse on April 18, 1906, and they made their home in Aplington since then. They shared life's joys and sorrows and God granted them a long life-span together.

In 1903 she accepted Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord and then followed him in baptism in the Aplington Baptist Church. Mrs. Busse was a faithful and radiant Christian and was greatly devoted to her Lord and church. She was in her usual place of worship both morning and evening of the day of her death. She died Sunday, December 4, 1955, just a few hours after attending the evening service. Death was due to a sudden heart attack.

She leaves to mourn her departure, her devoted husband, Henry Busse; one daughter, Mrs. Swanetta Oldenburger, at home; three sons: Daniel of Greene, Iowa; Walter of Niles, Ohio; and Harold of Runnels, Iowa; two brothers: John Van Gerpen of Buffalo Center, Iowa; and George Van Gerpen of Avon, South Dakota; three sisters: Mrs. Avis Sweers of Alden, Iowa; Mrs. Claus Groenhoff of Iowa Falls, Iowa; and Mrs. Ben Lindaman of Allison, Iowa; ten grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, December 7, 1955, at the Aplington Baptist Church, preceded by a prayer service at the Busse home. In the absence of the pastor, the funeral services were conducted by the Rev. R. D. Scott of Greene, Iowa. Mr. Scott based his message of comfort on the words of Jesus as found in John 17:24. May those who are experiencing loss and bereavement sense God's presence.

Aplington, Iowa

FRANK VENINGA, Pastor.

MR. ADAM LUTZ of Lemmon, South Dakota.

Mr. Adam Lutz of Lemmon, S. Dak., was born near Odessa, South Russia, on January 11, 1888 and died at the Five Counties Hospital in Lemmon on November 7, 1955, at the age of 67 years, 9 months and 27 days. In 1908, he came to America and settled in Artes, S. Dak., where he lived one year. He then moved to Wishek, N. Dak.; where he resided for two years. In 1911 he came to the community of Bison, S. Dak., and resided on a farm 13 miles northeast of there, where he remained until 1948 when he moved to Lemmon.

On June 12, 1908, he was united in marriage with Miss Emma Kautz. This union was blessed with eleven children of whom, two died in infancy. Mrs. Lutz also preceded him in death on July 10, 1929. In 1948, he was united in marriage with Mrs. Magdalena Lutz, nee Cross.

Mr. Lutz came to know the Lord as his personal Savior in 1924 and became a charter member of the Gnadenfeld Baptist Church of Bison when it was organized in 1925. He was a faithful member until death and served for many years as church clerk as well as in other positions of service.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, five brothers and one sister. He leaves to mourn his departure his now sorrowing widow, Mrs. Magdalena Lutz; nine children: Mrs. Magdalena Richter of Bozeman, Mont.; Mrs. Lydia Fiestner of Tosten, Mont.; Mr. Alvin Lutz of Hamilton, Mont.; Reinhold of Lodgepole, S. Dak.; Carl of Thunderhawk, S. Dak.; Adolph and Gottlieb of Shadehill, S. Dak.; and Ervin and Frieda of Bison; 19 grandchildren; nine step-children: Mrs. Alvina Patty of Pinehurst, Idaho; Mrs. Martha Maier of Haynes, N. Dak.; Mrs. Katherine Kitcher of Dixon, Calif.; Mrs. Magdalena Jessee of Kenewick, Wash.; Emanuel Lutz of Ekalaka, Mont.; Jacob Lutz of Timber Lake, S. Dak.; Fritz Lutz of Belle Fourche, S. Dak.; Mrs. Elsie Rogers of Bison, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Leona Thompson of Pinehurst, Idaho. He also leaves to mourn three sisters: Mrs. Carl Seidel of Meadow, S. Dak.; Mrs. Gottlieb Herr of Bismarck, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Adam Herr of Lemmon, S. Dak.; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.

Gnadenfeld Baptist Church, Bison, South Dakota

EDWIN F. VOIGT, Pastor.

MRS. MAGDALENA KRUEGER of Kingman, Arizona.

Mrs. Magdalena Krueger, nee Kruse, of Kingman, Ariz., was born June 11, 1866, on a farm at Kankakee, Illinois. At the age of 13 she trusted in Christ as her personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. H. Hilzinger. She attended the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, Ill., and was graduated with the first class in 1887. She then became Church Missionary for the Second German Baptist Church in Chicago for two years and for the Second German Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, for the following five years.

In 1894 she was married to Fred C. Krueger of Madison, S. Dak., and later moved to her farm home at Kankakee, Illinois. This happy union was blessed with three children, one son and two daughters. The little son passed away in childhood and this experience made Mother Krueger of great help and comfort to untold numbers of other bereaved parents.

Her husband preceded her in death in 1933, but she continued to live in Kankakee until 1949, when she and her daughter, Lulu, moved to Kingman, Arizona. Mother Krueger was in her ninetieth year and lived a full, active life until almost the very end. She is survived by two daughters, Miss Lulu Krueger and Mrs. Caroline Johnston and the four Johnston grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Kingman Baptist Church, Kingman, Ariz., on December 3rd, and at the Hertz Memorial Temple in Kankakee, Ill., on December 8th. The pastor was assisted in the service by Rev. George Hensel and a tribute was given by the president of the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago.

This life filled with the fragrance of Christ has brought untold blessings to great numbers of people wherever she has labored. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord—that they may rest from their labors; and that their works do follow them."

Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois

HERMAN H. RIFFEL, Pastor.

MR. GOTTLIEB G. HUST of Lodi, California.

Mr. Gottlieb G. Hust of Lodi, Calif., was born on December 25, 1893, near Streeter, N. Dak. In 1920 he came to Lodi, Calif., and made his home in this city until he was called to his permanent home in the Father's house above. Since October 1947 he was in business for himself and operated a plumbing and heating business with his three sons in this city. Prior to opening his own business as contractor in heating and plumbing, he was employed at the Henderson Brothers for 26 years. On July 19, 1918 he was united in marriage with Miss Frieda Leicht, his beloved companion for so many years. Five children were born to them of whom two died in infancy.

Our departed brother accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior in 1923 and was baptized on profession of his faith and united with the First Baptist Church of Lodi. He was active in the program of the church and for many years served in various official capacities, such as superintendent of the Sunday School, member of the board of deacons, Sunday School teacher and a member of the Male Chorus. During the construction of the educational building, he served on the building committee as chairman.

On Thursday evening, Nov. 17, he suffered a stroke from which he never fully regained consciousness. Every possible means of medical aid was administered to aid in his recovery. However, the Lord in his wise providence had willed it otherwise. Thus on Friday afternoon, December 2, 1955 he departed from this life to his eternal reward. He had reached the age of 58 years, 11 months and 7 days.

He leaves to mourn his wife; three sons: Arthur of Lincoln Village; Kenneth C. and Roy S. of Lodi; three grandchildren: Sharon and Rickey Hust of Lincoln Village and Bobby Hust of Lodi; also four brothers: Chris of Jamestown, N. Dak.; Henry of Tapin, N. Dak.; John of Huntley, N. Dak.; and Jake Hust of Billings, Mont.; also three sisters: Mrs. Julia Wolff, and Mrs. Pete Wagamen, both of Billings, Mont.; and Mrs. August Hietz of Gackle, North Dakota.

First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

MEMORIALS TO DR. SORG

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Vogt (Winnie) were in Princeton and courageously supported Mrs. Sorg during this difficult hour. It was not possible for William Stoltzfus (Janet) of Kuwait, Arabia, to be present.

My own life has been greatly enriched through the friendship of Theodore Sorg, and only God can determine his contributions to the North American Baptist General Conference. Fare thee well, Theodore, until we meet again!

DR. SORG WAS A GUIDING STAR

By Mr. ARTHUR SCHWERIN,
Chairman of the Finance Committee

I WAS JUST LOOKING at the picture of our first General Council taken about 20 years ago. There were 17 members then, of whom five are living today, and only two are still active in denominational work. Three of these members have passed on in 1955. Brother Sorg was one of these members and it was my privilege to be associated with him in the intervening years on numerous committees covering various phases of our denominational work.

During these years, as well as the years before, he made a tremendous contribution to the building up of our churches and denomination. He was a tireless worker when engaged on a project, and I had to marvel how he could sit in a meeting from morning until late at night, putting forth his ideas with all of the energy at his command. Then he appeared the following morning all keyed up with the same enthusiasm, ready for another day's round of discussion and argument.

There were so many admirable facets of his character that space does not permit going into detail. It is true that he took care of all of our legal work without charge. And as far as I know, he never turned in an expense account for his travel expenses. But it was his love for his fellow-men and especially our ministers that always made the greatest impression upon me. As a founder of our Pension Fund and a life-long member of the Pension Committee, he always insisted that the fund should be safely invested, actuarially sound, and the benefits paid as large as possible. As a result, hundreds of our aged ministers and their wives received funds to help lighten their financial burdens in their declining years.

He has passed on to his heavenly reward. When we meet we shall miss his hearty greeting and familiar chuckle. But the inspiration of his

example will abide and serve as a guiding star for those of us who remain.

A CHRISTIAN OF TREMENDOUS, CONSECRATED ENERGY

By DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER,
Editor of English Publications

THE SPOTLIGHT of attention has shown brightly on Dr. H. Theodore Sorg in North American Baptist history ever since he first appeared on the scene as an intimate young friend of the late Dr. William Kuhn. At General Conference sessions, General Council and committee meetings, Dr. Sorg made his presence felt not only by his brilliant rhetoric and winsome humor, but also by the monumental achievements of his mind and life in the interest of our denominational enterprise.

He threw his influence and contributed his money generously to the Danubian Mission project in Europe in which our denomination was engaged years ago. He had a hand in every constitutional change and in most of our administrative improvements. He was a lay leader in virtually every great financial drive of the past decades in our circles. He helped to organize the first General Council. He was a bulwark of strength in the removal of our Seminary to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was frequently at General Conference sessions and loved the fellowship of God's people at these gatherings.

I love to think of the high hour in his life and a momentous evening in our denomination when he brought the address at the 1937 General Conference in Portland, Ore., on, "Our Baptist Heritage." That was a brilliant message, long to be remembered, that came warmly from his heart, revealing his staunch faith. In all of the years during which he basked in the bright light of many honors that came to him, he always sought out our North American Baptist fellowship where he was "one of us" in simplicity of friendship and in fervency of love to Christ!

REPORT OF CALVARY CHURCH, TACOMA, WASH.

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testimonies of praise, and each Sunday School class giving a response.

We are thankful to God for permitting us to witness six candidates following the Lord in obedience by being baptized on Nov. 20th. On Dec. 4th the hand of fellowship was extended unto them by our pastor, Rev. R. S. Hess, during the observance of the Lord's Supper. For 1956, the Lord willing, we are looking forward to having the Pastors' Retreat from March 13 to 15.

Elsie O. Blandau, Reporter.

LEADERS ARE TRAINED

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builder. It is amazing what a few words of appreciation can do for a leader when one in the youth group or a member of the church gives them sincerely.

After leaders have been discovered and inspired for the task ahead, they will be happy for the opportunity of training. Many times a formal training through classes, discussions, and reports is believed to be the only way of training. We fail to see the various means by which one learns outside of the class situation. One who regularly reads selected articles, pamphlets, and books relating to the type of material which aids in his or her particular field of Christian service will gain much help to become a good leader.

Another form of developing better habits is to have qualified and experienced leaders observe and give helpful suggestions. Observing the leadership of successful and dedicated Christian workers is probably one of the most interesting and effective ways for one to develop good leadership. An observer should be guided in what to look for and how to evaluate what he sees.

Linked with the observing type of training may be the developing of better leaders by coaching while on the job. Most public school teachers will agree that observing others and having someone supervise you are two of the most helpful means by which they have been able to become more effective in their task. The one who supervises must be greatly interested in helping the individual in training. Probably the greatest step towards becoming a good leader is being willing to step out and do one's very best in the place where God has led. It is by the actual acceptance of a responsibility that one gains confidence and skills.

In addition to the informal training there should be leadership classes provided for those who lead in our youth work as well as the many other organizations of the church.

The leadership training chairmen of our associations and conferences will be most happy to give information and helpful materials in introducing a leadership training course in your church and especially young people's groups. The Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship of our North American Baptist Conference is endeavoring to promote Christian Leadership Training in all of our youth groups. The goal is to have a training school in every church of every conference for all of our people. It is a high goal which is set before us, but it would be wonderful if we reached it.