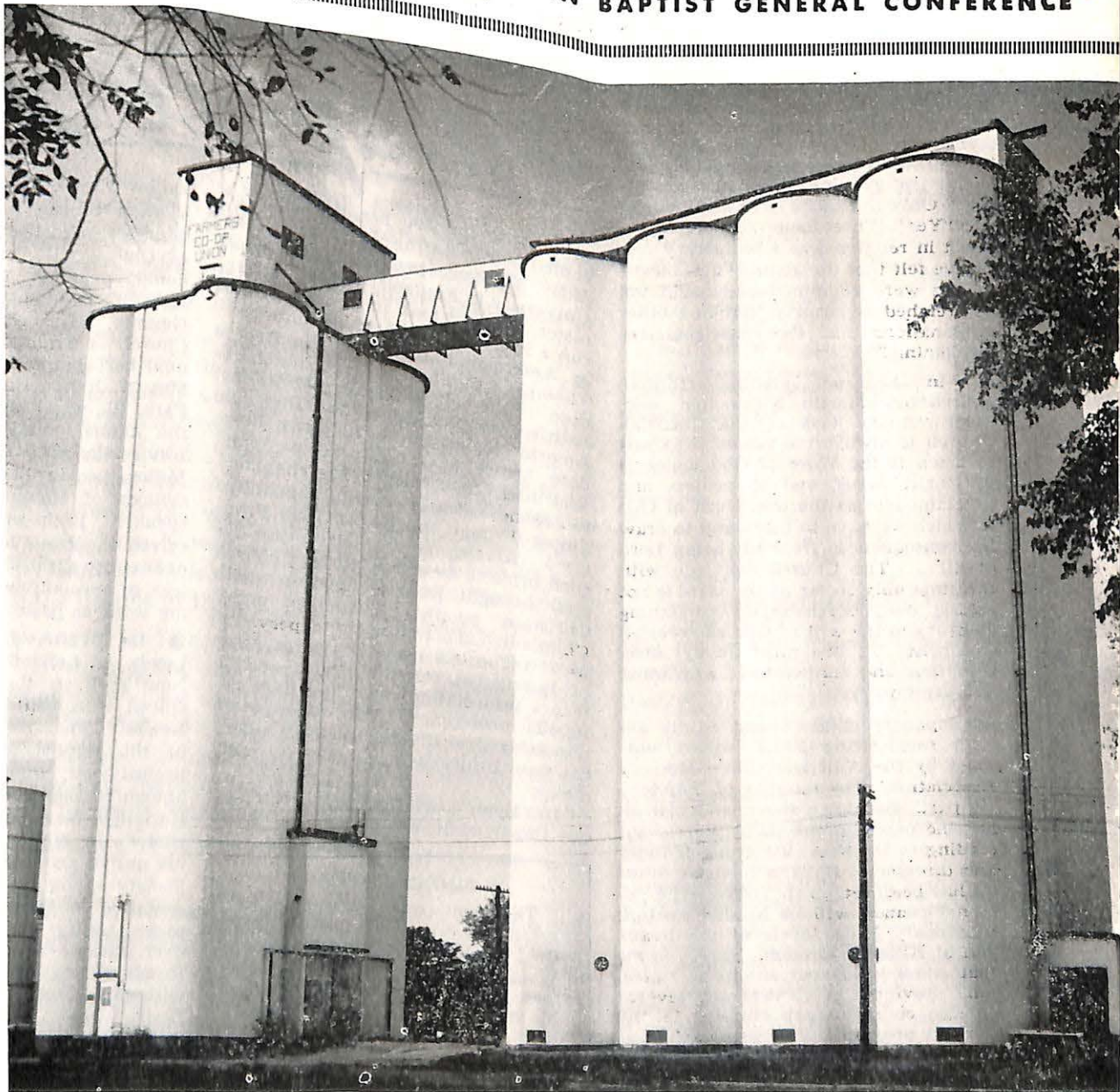


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March of Events

● In Mexico, a congregation of evangelical Indians has been required by law to pay one thousand pesos (about \$21.00) for permission to hold worship services in its own church building. Mexican law requires that when a church has erected a building for worship, the titles to that property must be given to the government. Thus the government owns all church buildings in the country. The law further provides that the government will in turn give written permission to hold public services in the building.

● An informal poll of religious writers meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., late last April, revealed a division of opinion on the question of whether the United States was (or was not) experiencing "a genuine spiritual awakening." Only five of 30 gave an unqualified "Yes." Three believed current interest in religion was a temporary fad, twelve felt that the genuine and meaningful were combined and could not be weighed separately, ten had other explanations for the "spiritual re-awakening."

● In England, visiting German churchman Martin Niemoeller said: "The primary task of the Christian Church is always the same. It is just to listen to the Word of God which is in Christ Jesus, and to profess and proclaim him as the one Word of God to which we have to listen and to draw the consequences from his being Lord of all ... The Church can side with the state only so far as the state is not asking the church to do something contrary to the will of God as revealed in Christ ... She must always obey God first and cannot have any other definite loyalty."

● Japanese children and adults are busy memorizing Bible verses outlined by the American Bible Memory Association. The number of individuals participating in the memory work has increased to the point where, according to Dr. N. A. Woychuk, founder and director of BMA, a regional council has been set up in Tokyo. The regional council will be headed by U.S. missionary Fred Jarvis of the Evangelical Alliance Mission. BMA reports that some 10,000 persons in 46 states, nine provinces of Canada and several foreign countries are enrolled in the current program. Various awards, including free periods at Bible camps, are offered as incentives to more effective memorization of Scripture portions.

● In recognition of his outstanding work in the campaign against Hansen's disease, Mr. Perry Burgess, a

Protestant and president of the Leonard Wood Memorial, was the recipient of the fourth annual Damien Dutton award. He is also author of the book, "Who Walk Alone," about the experiences of a man stricken with Hansen's disease. A Catholic agency, the Damien Dutton Society, was formerly known as the Society for Aid for Leprosy Patients. First award winner was Stanley Stein, patient at the USPHS Hospital in Carville, La., and editor of "The Star," monthly magazine edited and published by Carville patients. Other award winners were

Baptist Briefs

● Among the 500 persons who accepted Christ during the two days that Billy Graham preached at Oxford University in England, was Roger Banister, the first man in history to have run a mile in less than four minutes.

● American Baptist Chaplain George Thompson published a tract for Japanese brides of American servicemen entitled, "Establishing My Home in America." Designed to help win Japanese brides to Christ, the pamphlet was distributed, through the chaplains, to Japanese brides entering the United States through the Port of San Francisco. Arrangements were made for each bride to be contacted by a church and brought into fellowship with Christian people. Chaplains under Chaplain Thompson's supervision were requested to set up a program of instruction for the brides and to secure information regarding their religious preference. This information was relayed to the communities where the new brides were to take up residence.

Dr. Lynn Leavenworth, director of the Department of Theological Edu-

FRONT COVER

The front cover picture of the grain elevators was taken by Mr. Carl Palfenier of Manitowoc, Wis., a son of Rev. and Mrs. Herman Palfenier. Carl has finished his first year of studies at Sterling College, Sterling, Kansas. He is finding photography to be an exciting hobby. The picture has an appropriate message in connection with several articles that appear in this issue.

EDITOR.

the Rev. Joseph Sweeney and Sr. Marie Suzanne.

● Vacationing Americans will have a unique opportunity to worship God in the natural setting of his creation this summer, thanks to one of the nation's most unusual ministries. On the shores of sylvan mile-high mountain lakes, under towering California Sequoias, in secluded woodland glades they will gather for services in the scenic wonderlands of 23 U.S. National Parks. The program is carried out by the National Parks Ministry established four years ago to serve the estimated 200,000 tourists who visit the sites each summer. This month 110 young seminary and college students—especially trained for their jobs—will take over their summertime parishes in Yellowstone, Mount Rainier and more than a score of other parks (Continued on Page 14)

cation of the American Baptist Convention brought the Commencement address as Northern Baptist Seminary of Chicago, Ill., closed its 43rd academic year at Orchestra Hall on May 28. The Seniors heard Rev. H. S. Gessner, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Franklin, Ohio, at the annual baccalaureate service on Sunday, May 27. Judson Baptist Church of Oak Park, Ill., was host to the Seminary at the annual missionary baccalaureate service the same evening. Rev. Owen Miller, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Ind., was the speaker. Both of these pastors received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at the Commencement services in recognition of their outstanding work as pastors.

● Dr. Walter O. Lewis and Mrs. Lewis, of London, England, came to New York on the Cunard Steamship Queen Elizabeth on April 17. Dr. Lewis was associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance until last year, when he retired. He is known to Baptists all over the world. He taught New Testament and Church History in William Jewell College, in his native state of Missouri, until the Society appointed him as their representative in Europe in 1922. He became familiar with Baptist people all over Europe and visited Baptists in Russia several times. From the work with the Foreign Mission Society Dr. Lewis went to the Baptist World Alliance, to become general secretary in 1939. Following World War II he led in an extensive program to resettle Baptist refugees, to provide relief for needy people, and to rebuild the churches that had been destroyed. Dr. and Mrs. Lewis plan to make their home in Washington, D. C.

Editorial

We Bow Before God

EVERY ACT of the Christian should be one of sincerest humility. We kneel in prayer before God. We deny and lose ourselves in order to win Christ. He must fill us with his Spirit as we empty ourselves of all selfish gains and desires. The Christian bows before God in order to bask in God's greatness and glory. This was the word of exhortation which the Apostle James sent to the members of the Christian Church: "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up" (James 4:10).

Two experiences on this day have called my attention to this truth. President Eisenhower in meeting with representatives of the press stated that it is always a source of amazement to him that anyone would ever vote for him. Mrs. Jane Maxwell Pritchard of Detroit, Mich., the American Mother of 1956, in making a television appearance, seemed surprised and embarrassed that people would make such a fuss over the things she has done in life in raising a large family of adopted children. All of her life has been the natural expression of her love and faith as a devoted Christian.

As you stand to one side of the black marble slab over the grave of David Livingstone in the soft darkness of Westminster Abbey in London, England, you can easily visualize the humble figure of this servant of Christ in "darkest Africa." On the last night of 1866 he penned these words into his diary: "We now end 1866. Will try to do better in 1867, and be better, more gentle, and loving; and may the Almighty, to whom I commit my way, bring my desires to pass and prosper me!" Those who have learned to kneel in prayer and to bow before the Almighty God have also experienced his uplifting glory. "He shall give thee the desires of thine heart" (Psalm 37:4).

Every true steward of God has learned the lesson of humility in being able to say: "Nothing mine, and all is thine!" Every missionary walks the path of humility along the African trail or Indian road in presenting Christ and him only to others. Our Baptist pioneers in the Dakotas, when that was still Indian country, were people of rugged faith, staunch courage and humble spirits. They never forgot their complete dependence on God! You will catch this spirit as you read the sermon and articles in this issue of the "Baptist Herald" on these several subjects.

Actually, those who have learned to bow and to humble themselves before God have laid hold on life's greatest blessings. They have made God their partner. They have found in him the source of all abundant life. They walk with him as Friend and Savior. "Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you." As you submit yourselves to God and his ways, you will realize with James that "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." For the humble man has learned how to ask because he knows his need. To others James said: "Ye have not because ye ask not." In contrast with such, Christians are the friends of God, those who walk humbly in the sight of the Lord.

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God or Mammon?

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The main issue facing every Christian is perfectly plain. He must bring his economic interests under the sovereignty of God, or his economic interests will rob him of the best of God!

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An Address by Roy L. Smith

IN WRITING to the churches in Galatia the Apostle Paul said something very simple, yet also very profound. In the midst of an ancient situation which is also very modern, he wrote, "Each man will have to bear his own load."

This principle applies to generations as well as to individuals. Each century, and each generation, has faced problems which were peculiar to a particular period because man lives in a growing world. The issues with which John Huss, John Knox, and John Wesley were confronted were not at all the issues with which William Penn, William Booth, or Alexander Campbell had to deal. Of course, there were similarities, but the seductions which beset one generation are seldom equally tempting to another.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF MAN

Thirty years ago the theological and spiritual struggle in which we were engaged centered around the philosophy of humanism which declared, in substance, that man himself was all the god man needed. It was a cocksure world, supremely confident that it was equal to any problem or emergency, and utterly without fear. For the first time in our national history our country was enjoying a favorable balance of trade, and had become the creditor nation of all the earth. Our European allies of World War I owed us \$14,000,000,000 and we had a childlike faith that the debt would be paid.

We were skimming the cream off the trade of the world. The ticker

tape on Wall Street told a convincing story of optimism and infallibility. It was easy for men to believe that the gravy train was on a non-stop run. Why should any man believe in a God of strict moral judgments, fine moral discriminations, and a wrath to come? Sin was regarded as an invitation to the priests and preachers. The world had been made safe for democracy. The Kingdom of Heaven was already here.

Then came the stock crash, the world-wide depression, the abandonment of the gold standard, the collapse of the League of Nations, bread lines, pencil peddlers, apple sellers, the national bank closure, the rise of Russia and China as world powers, and the bonus march on Washington!

SPIRITUAL CONFUSION

Suddenly, as if it were overnight, the theological picture also changed. Gone was the cocksureness of the disciples of humanism, and in their place there were heard the prophets of the Kingdom of Heaven. Everywhere the people responded to the strains of pacifism, collectivism, a planned economy, and legislative panaceas which would guarantee a man security from the cradle to the grave. After that, he would be on his own, of course. We made the discovery that social and economic systems, as well as individuals, were sinners in need of conversion.

Then came World War II. Within the space of months the British Empire, by that time considerably emaciated, stood with coffers empty and its

back to the wall. Under the euphonious title of "lend lease," American goods were shipped overseas in a veritable flood tide which increased the European obligations to the United States at the rate of tens of billions of dollars per year. Had there been no war, there would have been by 1945 an acute dollar shortage throughout the earth, but because war goods have to be shipped long before any exact accounting can be made, the conflict closed with the United States standing astride the economic highway of humanity like some gigantic Colossus.

Shortly before his death Harold Laski, the philosopher of the British Labor Party, said that never since the dawn of recorded history had one nation so completely dominated the life of all the world as did the United States in 1945. Because of the fantastic power the people of the United States exercise over the nations of the earth, we have become obsessed with "the powers of this earth," and we have been betrayed into thinking that life can be made out of an abundance of things.

OUR QUEST FOR PEACE

Yet never in all the history of the earth has any people enjoyed such economic abundance and, at the same time, suffered from so much spiritual confusion. Ours is a generation of psychology, complexes, slogans, and sleeping pills. In spite of the fact that we are more generously provided for than any generation before us has ever been, that we are equipped with more labor saving devices and have

more leisure than any previous age ever dreamed of, that we spend more for entertainment than our fathers spent for the necessities of life, that a higher percentage of our people have had the advantage of college and university training than the world has ever known heretofore, and that we are enjoying a level of life incomparably higher than that to which the race has ever before aspired, yet our most frenzied quest is for peace of mind.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale reports that the American people require upwards of 7,000,000 sleeping pills every night, in order to get to sleep. From Washington comes the word that nearly 12,000,000 pounds of aspirin are sold annually. A famous clinic in New Orleans reports that 388 out of 500 people coming in to that institution for treatment are there because of psychosomatic trouble—physical maladies that are the result of improper or uncontrolled mental states.

SUBJECT OF MONEY

It is of the utmost importance that the pulpit and the church press shall speak bluntly and frankly to the American people. Unless we can be saved from the "destruction that wasteth at noonday"—the terrible tension that is killing off the middle-aged and the efficient in middle life—we are doomed as a nation, and the death knell of civilization has been sounded.

The time has surely come to talk courageously to the people on the subject of money. We are armed with the best of precedents in the teachings of Jesus. Again and again, by parables, direct comment, and outright doctrine, the Master dealt with the problem of money as though it were central in his thinking. The Apostle Paul spoke out with equal forthrightness on the subject of money, declaring that the love of it was the root of all evil.

It is highly important to note that the great apostle does not condemn money as such. Nowhere in his writings does he indicate that he sees any virtue in poverty. He would not have organized any order or brotherhood dedicated to penury. No one knew better than he did what vast services consecrated funds might render, for he was the sponsor of the first great relief fund ever raised by the Christian Church—a fund that was used to relieve hunger, and not for the purpose of purchasing property, establishing endowments, or installing stained glass.

Neither Jesus nor Paul ever condemned any man because he was rich, nor did they commend anyone because they were poor. Any stricture that either Paul or Jesus delivered on the subject of money was at the expense of those who were unable or unwilling to administer their funds to the glory of God.

OUR BESETTING SIN

It is the undue and unholy emphasis on money which identifies secularism as the besetting sin of this generation. Solve the problem of money in the life of either the individual or the generation, and you solve the major social, as well as personal, problems with which we must contend.

Find some way of inoculating the American landlord with the spirit of the Kingdom of Heaven, as Jesus dreamed of the Kingdom, and the problem of slum clearance would be set forward 50 years and the problem of juvenile delinquency would be brought that much nearer a solution.

A very large share of the color clash, domestically and throughout the world, is economic in character. The white man, having succeeded in raising his standard of living, stands in terror of the competition of the man of color. For that reason he undertakes to bar the doors of opportunities against him.

Colonialism, imperialism, exploitation, monopolistic practices of one kind and another—these and a score of other sources of international tension are directly traceable to the secularism which pervades so much of modern life.

That some remedy for this vast association of evils is to be found in legislation is to be admitted. The restraints of law must be invoked. But no law can be effective which is not supported by public opinion. This makes the problems of secularism intensely personal.

The Christian remedy is the doctrine of stewardship! When a majority of our people accept the doctrine that all things come from God, and that each man is a divinely appointed steward assigned to administer whatever goods may happen to be under his authority, we will have begun to solve the problem of secularism. It is definitely and distinctly a spiritual issue; so the responsibility for presenting it lies with the church.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Two conflicting and mutually antagonistic philosophies of possessions have come down to us from out the ancient world—the Hebrew and the Roman.

It was the basic philosophy of the Roman Empire that each man was the owner of all the things that he possessed. Within the limits of the laws laid down by the state for the protec-

tion of the public from abuses, and the guarantee to the state of public revenue, the individual was the undisputed owner of all those goods he was able to control.

The Hebrew philosophy, on the other hand, was something entirely different. Day after day in the Temple the Hebrew sang his confession that "the earth is the Lord's," and that "all things come of thee, O Lord." Fundamental in this concept was the belief that God was the Creator of everything and that man was his steward. This doctrine was placed at the masthead of the Old Testament in the words, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." A little later it is said that God gave man "dominion" but nowhere is it intimated that he gave him a deed to the earth.

As a direct and immediate result of this doctrine of stewardship the Hebrew people developed through the years a vast body of laws aimed at the protection of the rights of individuals, the administration of property, and the assurance of justice to classes and persons. To this they gave the name which, being translated, means social justice. The great Old Testament prophets arose as the defenders of mishpat. No other people had any such philosophy of possessions. Had not Isaiah, Amos, Jeremiah, or Micah believed that the earth was the Lord's and that men and nations were God's stewards, they would never have risked their lives in defying sinful governments in defense of mishpat.

PRACTICE TITHING

As token of the fact that God was the owner of all things, and that men were stewards, the law of the tithe was developed. The paying of tithes was common throughout the ancient East, but between the Hebrew tithe and the pagan tithe there was this profound difference. The pagan paid his tithe in the hope that he might thereby purchase the goodwill of his gods. The Hebrew paid his tithe as an acknowledgment of God's ownership of all things and his stewardship. This had the effect of making the payment of tithes a highly personal and effective expression of faith on the part of the tithe payer. Such it must be in our modern life if it is to accomplish the spiritual purpose for which it was designed, and thus save ourselves from the seductions of secularism.

The problem is not political, social, or academic. It is essentially this: **Am I, as an individual to be the master of my possessions or are my possessions to master me?** The question is inescapably personal. I am going to find a great purpose around which to drape my life, making every interest, effort, and ability serve that central design, or I am going to live the divided life, the victim of the ten thousand.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A good thing to remember
And a better thing to do
Is to work with the construction gang
And not the wrecking crew.
—George Dewey



—Photos by Laura E. Reddig

Dr. Kenneth Jones, medical missionary at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement, congratulates Chief Solomon and others (left) on Discharge Day; and (right) a church service for the leprosy patients with hospital helpers singing as a choir directed by Mrs. Mildred Schneider. The schoolhouse serves as a chapel.

Real Hope at New Hope Settlement

A Thrilling Missionary Story About Christ Among the Lepers in Africa
by Miss Laura E. Reddig, Missionary-nurse

"WHERE DOES that singing come from?" I asked one of the workmen who was passing the house.

"The women from the camp (settlement) are coming to 'salute' you, ma."

From the volume of the singing, it could be presumed that quite a few women were to be saluted, but I was not prepared for the little congregation of over sixty women and girls who came very slowly and for some painfully (with bandaged feet) to welcome me to Mbingo and to the New Hope Settlement.

When I had left on furlough, only two women were receiving treatment, but now over one hundred mothers, wives, sisters, and children were beginning the trail which leads to recovery. As I watched them coming, I breathed a prayer of thanksgiving to God for sending out Dr. Kenneth Jones, so that more patients could be admitted for treatment.

Between songs, they all gave their names and their home villages. What an assortment of women! All ages, some with very dark skin, some lighter, and some much lighter in spots. Several little girls pranced around as the women sang song after song to welcome back the nurse.

FIVE HUNDRED LEPERS

During the singing, another woman joined their ranks and their song. No longer was she walking on her knees as she had done for the past fourteen years. But Munchi, who now insists

we call her Theresa, was walking on her new peg-leg, with the aid of a crutch and walking stick. Dr. Jones had amputated her useless left leg at the knee, and now she could walk, even though slowly. Her face beamed as she joined her welcome with that of the others. Their songs were joyful too because this was the Christmas season, and they found comfort in



Theresa (Munchi) walks upright with aid of the peg-leg, crutch and stick after Dr. Kenneth Jones had removed "useless leg" at the knee of this leprosy patient.

singing at this first Christmas away from their families.

With the beginning of 1956, there were 500 patients being treated in this part of the Cameroons for Hansen's disease (leprosy). Besides the 300 leprosy patients living with the Settlement, many live elsewhere and come only on treatment days. These are the non-infectious patients who are no danger to their people. In addition to the first little camp right near Bamenda where the first Dapsone pills were given in June, 1952, Dr. Jones has opened two new clinics for treatments, all within a radius of 24 miles.

In June of last year, the first patient was put into the hospital and his night-nurse was the night-watchman. Gradually more and more patients needed hospitalization, and at just the right time, God sent a partially trained man who had himself been a former patient at a Nigerian Settlement. He sang his way into the hearts of everyone, and when his old foot ulcer returned, as occasionally happens, David did odd little jobs for the nurse. When the healing progressed, his foot was put into a cast to insure complete recovery. Riding around the verandas and wards on the new wheelchair, David continued his singing and his service to the sick.

A SINGING HOSPITAL

Talk about a singing hospital! This is it! From early morning, with meals, during the day and into the night, one can hear choruses and hymns in many

languages. Gradually more patients have been admitted, and Mildred Schneider and Betty Roth taught some of the patient-staff and outside staff the essentials of nursing so that they could be of help in the wards. Tanyi was one of the patient-staff, but for him this was easy, as he had been one of the first ulcer "dressers" of the settlement.

Hospital patients have no family with them to cook for them, as is the case at Bango Hospital. So cooks had to be found, kitchen erected, kettles purchased and food purchased and grown. Hospital patients meant linens and bedding, which also meant laundry. More patients were recruited for this, and initiated into the separation of dark blankets from white sheets in the washtubs. Charcoal irons pressed the wrinkles out of the gowns and bedding. The blankets and bedding used in the hospital have all come from those wonderful White Cross boxes sent out to the Cameroons by our wonderful women at home. How we bless them and thank God for them as we see every day how vitally helpful they are for this hospital work!

The grass had to be cut and flowers planted. When I began working at the hospital, I deeply appreciated all the work that had gone into the organizing of the hospital. Betty Roth and Mildred Schneider had painted beds, sewed supplies for surgery, and gotten the hospital and staff into a smooth running unit. The dispensary had to be set up and a man trained to help there. The many hospital windows had to be washed, and one of the women patients really learned to know both sides of the panes. There had to be sweepers, a scrub woman, firewood cutter, etc.

One of the greatest blessings of all is the running water which we have at the hospital and clinic. Can you imagine the job it would be to have to carry all that water in buckets? (Electricity is still a future dream.)

24 PATIENTS BAPTIZED

On January 29th, twenty-four of our leprosy patients gave their clear testimonies of their faith in Christ and followed their Master in baptism. Sam Gabe, the deacon and also laborer headman of the Settlement, officiated at this baptism, and the improvised "pool" was completely surrounded with other Christians who rejoiced with them.

The newly baptized patients let their joy shine on their faces, the joy of a real hope in Christ found here at the Settlement. They received the hand of Christian fellowship and a name, a new Christian name, was given to each.

"You are David. Remember what a great faith he had in God, and how he loved God. You must do the same."

"You are Hannah. In the Bible we read how she prayed and prayed, and

God answered her prayers. You, too, must pray often, and believe that God will help you."

"You are John . . . or Matthew, or Peter, or James, or Daniel." Pray for these new Christians, that God might keep them faithfully growing into the likeness of his Son.

Because I had been their very first "ma" in their settlement experiences, Dr. Kenneth Jones gave me the privilege of passing out the discharge certificates to fifteen patients who had come to the end of their treatment day of February 12th, these fifteen brightest and cleanest clothing, came to the hospital to have their pictures taken. Vincent presented the hospital with "cotton" which he had picked in the grass for pillows. This was his thank-offering to God for his recovery. Tanyi presented the hospital kitchen with lots of cabbage seedlings as his thank-offering.

HEALING WONDERS

It's wonderful that no pictures can show the heartaches, disappointments, and sufferings of the past years. Happiness and thankfulness alone showed on their faces, because God had helped them actually to see the day which first began treatment. As these fifteen almost every day in this past year, they could certainly say to many, "Mine own sick he had pass your own for time I come for chop medicine. Look me now. God done help for finish my own sick, and he go finish



On Discharge Day Vincent, a leper who had been healed, brought a thankoffering in the form of a barrel filled with local cotton picked for pillows for hospital patients. Laura E. Reddig receives the gift gratefully.

your own just same as he finish my own."

In the schoolhouse where the fifteen patients lined up so that all attending the services could see them, these patients were in the process of passing from the "sick" side of the audience to the "well" side. As each discharge certificate was given out, a verse of Scripture, mounted on colored paper, was given to each one to remind them of God's great goodness to them. Each was challenged to return to his village as a light shining for Jesus, and to proclaim what God had done for them.

Only one out of this group had made no profession of faith in Christ. This was Fon who had two wives now, and would perhaps take a third, and so he felt he would not be acceptable to the church. All the others had either come to know Christ here, or had grown in the faith which they had upon entering the Settlement.

Most of the patients then left for home, but some returned again to continue their apprenticeship as carpenters or masons. Sam Chuh has excellent hands. So he will soon finish his carpentry work. Mbonglan's hands are poor; so he will become a "brick-layer." Others are working with our Settlement craftsmen to learn a useful trade. Most of these fifteen men and boys had learned to read and write while here. They had learned songs by the baskets-full! All have learned how easily people of different languages and tribes can live together if they are Christians.

PICTURES FOR THE LEPERS

The rest of that day was spent in singing all around the Settlement, in saying their "walka-good," and in "storying" about the experiences at the Settlement. That evening found everyone gathered in the schoolhouse again for pictures. A big sheet was completely filled with pictures, as one after another saw his admittance pictures. There was real surprise in the exclamations as faces of these newly-discharged patients were recognized.

Certainly many took heart that night and gathered new hope for their own time of waiting ahead. The film-strip of "The Prodigal Son" closed the day on the theme of God's love for everyone, his sorrow at our waywardness, and his forgiveness at our repentance and return.

With your gifts and your prayers, and your White Cross supplies, you have had a vital part in all of these happenings here at the Bamenda New Hope Settlement. Because of your love and devotion to God, a real hope is coming to more and more of the people in this far-away corner of God's great world. Pray daily for your missionaries who work here that we might catch an even greater vision of what God would want us to do for his glory.



1956 Bible School graduates of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alta. Left to right: Velma Martin, Lu Ella Wolff, Ida Heinrich and Eugene Neufeld.

Commencement Festivities Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta



By REV. R. KERN
of Forest Park, Illinois

THE 1956 COMMENCEMENT of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, including the festivities and features connected with it, was observed from April 15 to 19. Favorable weather greeted visitors and guest speakers, some of whom had come great distances, to the province of "sunny" Alberta and her capital city of Edmonton, "gateway to the north."

Those who travel to this remote northwest area for the first time are usually pleasantly surprised and favorably impressed to find a vast countryside of scenic beauty, fertile fields, prosperous farms, and a city bursting at her seams because of her extreme industrial, cultural and residential growth. It is in this northwestern area of progress where many young people from our churches have been trained for Christian service, and from which many young men have

gone forth to train for the ministry and missionary work.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

The baccalaureate service was conducted on Sunday afternoon, April 15, in the sanctuary of the Central Baptist Church, largest of five North American Baptist Churches in Edmonton. Rev. O. R. Schmidt, faculty member, presided. Music was furnished by the Institute's Student Chorus. Dr. A. S. Felberg, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, gave the baccalaureate address.

An annual feature of C.T.I.'s Commencement is the "school play" which this year was presented on Monday night. Directed by Mrs. O. R. Schmidt, a cast of ten young people very impressively presented the play, "For He Had Great Possessions" by Dorothy

Clarke Wilson. The ability of dramatization, the colorful costuming and the effects of stage lighting made this presentation vivid and very impressive. The leading roles were played by Victor Cicansky (Ben Azel, a rich young ruler), and Eleanor Otto (Ase-nath, his beautiful wife).

The daytime meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday under the chairmanship of faculty members and local pastors were held in the Institute Chapel. These sessions, consisting of devotion and prayer, testimonies by the graduates, Bible study, lectures, and messages by visiting pastors (among whom were Rev. Wm. Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich.; Dr. George Dunger of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Dr. Frank H. Woyke of Forest Park, Ill.; and Rev. R. Kern of Oak Park, Ill.) were of spiritual benefit to students and visiting friends.

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Members and guests of the Board of Trustees of the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta. Seated, left to right: Rev. I. Faszler, vice-chairman; Dr. F. H. Woyke, commencement speaker; Rev. E. P. Wahl, president; Rev. H. Waltereit, chairman; Rev. Wm. Jeschke, secretary; and Mr. H. F. Bohlman, treasurer.



Mrs. June Goodman teaching the Short Term Bible School at Lus in the Cameroons.

God Has a Way!



The African Church is becoming strong in Christ by Bible study and daily witnessing



By MRS. JUNE GOODMAN of Warwar, Southern Cameroons

LOOKING DOWN from the top of the mountain many people call it, "The Hole" or "That Hot Hole, Lus." This is an exact description—a hot hole which is damp, sticky, dusty, filled with mosquitoes, sand flies, sucker flies, goats, filth, and dirt. But God has a witness here in the Lus Church and School!

As the years have rolled by, many of the Christians have become lazy and have fallen back into the ways of their pagan fathers. The school with its six classes has struggled along with inadequate buildings, equipment, and native staff. Grass fires are always a hazard. The entire school plant was burned down in 1949, and the roof was burned off the church in 1955. How did all this happen, you say?

Vengeance, yes! Probably carelessness played a greater part in these incidents. There is a definite feeling of animosity toward the church by the pagan village elders, and although these fire incidents were not deliberate, there was secret rejoicing in the non-Christian population of Lus when they happened.

NEW LIFE IN LUS

Today there is new life in Lus! Some of the "dead wood" has been weeded out of the church. The school teachers seem satisfied and are putting forth a real effort to teach the little ones. But more than that, there is daily witnessing and Bible teaching.

On February 7th of this year the first Short Term Bible School was started in Lus. This came into being by the help, cooperation, and prayers of God's people who wanted further and deeper study in God's Word.

For a number of years the Mission has had an excellent Bible School at Ndu Station, but as the academic standards were raised many were ex-

cluded. Some who had the formal training were not able to adjust themselves, became discouraged and failed in their studies. Just as our seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., cannot supply all of our home needs for pastors, neither can our Ndu Bible School supply the needed new workers in the Cameroons or refresher courses for those who have graduated.

African Christians began to pray that God would give us his answer to this problem. As early as 1953 when we first went into Warwar, we were asked by the local Christians to teach an advanced class for adults in reading and Bible Study. The desire was present and God had prepared the minds and hearts of the people, and 1956 looked like a good year to begin

this additional way of training leaders in the African Church.

SHORT TERM BIBLE SCHOOL

It was obvious that all of our church workers could not leave their churches, farms, and families to come to one of our main stations, so the solution was found in taking the schools to the various areas. A few teachers could itinerate much easier than one large student body. This settled the problem of food, and it was decided to hold classes only on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week so those students who were serving in churches could be home for the weekends to take care of their flocks and teach Sunday School.

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Students and Missionary Kenneth Goodman at the Short Term Bible School held at Lus, West Africa.



Gravestones mark the site where some of Custer's men fell in the Battle of Little Bighorn with the Indians. The Indian village was just beyond the trees which lined the river in the distance.

Custer's Last Stand With the Indians

By Rev. Elmer C. Strauss of Ellinwood, Kansas

ON JUNE 25, 1876, the Battle of the Little Bighorn was fought in which the commanding officer and over 200 of his gallant cavalry men were killed in what we know today as "Custer's Last Stand."

Dozens of artists have endeavored to portray this battle which had possibly only two living witnesses on the side of the United States Army. The Indian accounts are so varied in detail that it is practically impossible to reconstruct a practical panorama of the actions of that historic afternoon under the Montana skies. This battle was one of the last efforts on the part of the Indians to resist the encroachments of the white man.

PIONEER DAYS

Although the defeat of General Custer and his troops was a decisive victory for the Indians, they fled the area and, in so doing, submitted to the fact that the white man had come to stay. The same year as this battle, hardy Baptist pioneers organized one of the first North American Baptist Churches, the Danzig Baptist Church, which still remains until this day at Tyndall, South Dakota. A number of North American Baptist churches had already been organized in Iowa and Minnesota, but only this one in the entire Dakota Territory. Thus one can see the importance of this battle in our expansion as North American Baptists from the east coast across the prairies to the west coast.

Beverly Major General George A. Custer still lives in the hearts of men 75 years after he met his death. His

military career began at 21 years of age. Two years later Custer was commissioned a brigadier general in the Union Army. He was the youngest brigadier general and major general in the entire history of the U. S. Army. To this day, he remains one of the most colorful and controversial figures for in the last two decades nearly 100 books, articles and pamphlets have been published acclaiming and denouncing his actions at the Battle of the Little Bighorn in southeastern Montana.

POSSIBLE CAUSES OF THIS BATTLE

In 1868 a treaty was signed with the Indians which granted them virtually

BATTLE OF LITTLE BIGHORN

June 25, 1956 marks the 75th anniversary of one of the most tragic defeats suffered by the white man in his conquest of North America at Little Bighorn in Montana. Although Custer and his men were massacred, the Indians were henceforth "doomed" in their future occupation of the prairie country. Thereafter the Dakotas belonged to the pioneers, and this meant new opportunities for German settlers and our churches. This is an important historical account for every North American Baptist to read and to study.

EDITOR.

all the land west of the Missouri River within the present limits of the state of South Dakota. This was known as the Great Sioux Reservation. In 1874, General Custer and his famous Seventh Cavalry was sent from Ft. Lincoln, located on the high bluffs west of the present site of Bismarck, N. Dak., to the Black Hills to explore the area and secure military information.

Instead of missionaries accompanying the cavalry, prospectors and newspaper reporters joined themselves to the group. When these prospectors discovered gold just east of the present site of the town of Custer, S. Dak., in the Southern Black Hills, the news-men released the news, which spread over the prairie like the proverbial fire. Soon white men were coming into the Great Sioux Reservation which was the home of these Indians. The army was given orders to drive out the white men but the greed for gain through gold was so tremendous that the Army was at a loss to stem the tide and to turn back the prospectors.

GOVERNMENT ORDER

But we can thank the Lord for such men as Preacher Smith who preached the Gospel as found in Ephesians 2: 8-9 in the historical city of Deadwood, S. Dak., already notorious as a place of gambling and a hangout for outlaws for such as Deadwood Dick, Calamity Jane and others. One doubts the marker erected over the grave of Preacher Smith stating that he was killed by Indians. For preaching such as his had no welcome in Deadwood. We salute such ministers!

The white men complained to the military that Indians were raiding them, but let us remember that they were the ones who had broken the treaty with their presence on the reservation. Some Indians had already left the reservations for various reasons, including the fact that many of them were peace-loving and only wanted a place to run their cattle unmolested.

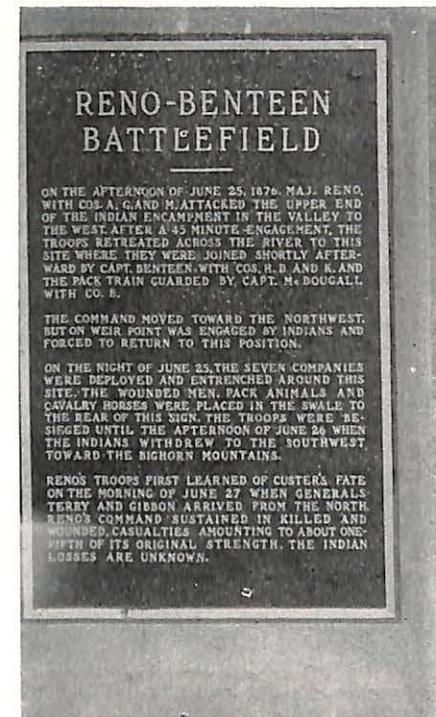
On December 3, 1875, the United States Government ordered all Indians to go back to the reservation in just 58 days! This order was practically impossible to obey because of the severe Dakota winter which had already enveloped the area. The Army then took steps to carry out the order. Three separate expeditions were to march into Indian country and force the Indians back to the reservation, rather than force the white man from the reservation.

General Custer was in command of one of these expeditions. General Gibbon was to approach from the northwest; General Crook from the southeast, and General Custer from Ft. Lincoln heading westward. Because the going was difficult, the supplies were transferred from wagons to pack mules. Custer's Seventh Cavalry moved up the Yellowstone River and arrived at the Rosebud River on June 21st. Here Custer found a broad Indian trail which was only a few days old. Previous encounters and minor battles were reported on March 17 and June 17.

For the most part, the Indians had moved and lived in small bands so that the problems of food and grazing areas could more easily be met. However, the Indians having knowledge that the troops were approaching gathered their bands together, despite the obstacles in order to better withstand an attack. It has been estimated that upwards of 12,000 Cheyenne and Sioux Indians with lesser name tribes were spread over a three-mile range on the west bank of the Little Bighorn River with about 5,000 of them being warriors armed with guns in addition to Indian equipment.

INDIAN VILLAGE SIGHTED

On the morning of June 24, some of Custer's Crow Indian scouts with their keen perception discovered this village in the great distance. But as the sun arose the haze spread and they were not able to judge the size of this village. The attack had been planned for the morning of the 26th. The troops were at a high emotional pitch. As they advanced, some supply tins loosened and slipped from one of the pack mules. Upon discovery, several cavalry men were dispatched to go back and look for these supplies. They not only found the tins, but several "hostiles" devouring the contents. It was now evident that the "hostiles" were following the movement of the troops and knew their location.



Historical marker on the site of the Reno-Benteen Battlefield about three miles from where Custer made his last stand.

General Custer had a decision to make. He would have to attack before the scheduled time or take the chance that the Indians would escape. The daring and resourceful Indian fighter would not let the opportunity slip from him. Custer decided to attack the village which they had seen in the distance and probably thereby heap additional glory to his already brilliant career. His mistake may have been that he was not rightly judging the number of the enemy.

All of this goes to remind us that Satan knows our movements against his camps and he is cunning. We dare not underestimate his power. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against pow-



In the pioneer days at the time of the Battle of Little Bighorn Indians were fierce fighters on foot or on horseback.

ers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12). Some students of "Custeriana" feel that this was Custer's fatal mistake.

TROOPS DIVIDED

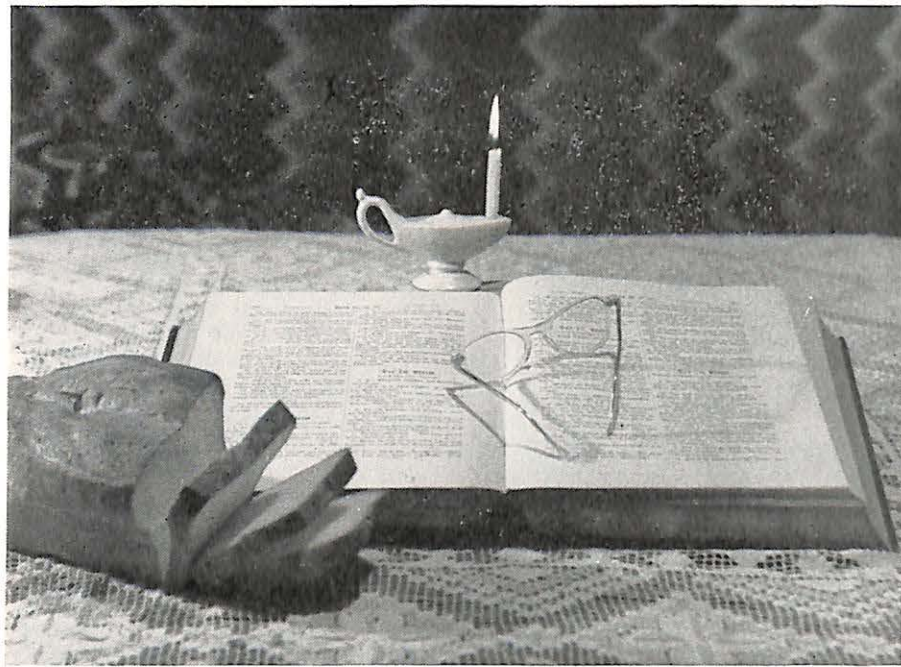
Custer divided his 600 men into three groups. One was headed by Captain Benteen who advanced along the west bluff of the river; another by Major Reno who followed the river bed; and the third group by the general himself leading his men along the right bank. Reno was the first to encounter the Indians, and he advanced against them. The Indians were soon organized and under the leadership of their brilliant chiefs drove Reno to seek cover by retreating to some nearby timber. Soon the Indians were on three sides, so Reno ordered a hurried retreat up the bluffs to gain the hilltop.

Benteen could make little progress along the west bank and so came down at the noise of battle and crossed the river and joined Reno on the hill. A third of Reno's men were lost to further fighting. Custer supposedly was planning to attack the Indians from the rear. He waved his hat from a high promontory on the right bank to encourage Reno's fighting men down by the river. This was the last view of Custer.

CRAZY HORSE

But Gall and Crazy Horse, Indians, seeing the soldiers on the high right bank, crossed the river with their warriors and started after Custer while others were causing Reno's retreat. From a high point, Custer's men fought the Indians who were advancing up the ravines on all sides under the direction of Gall and Crazy Horse. The Indians had Custer outnumbered perhaps by twenty to one. Custer dispatched a message to Benteen: "Big

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The light of that Christian shines brightest who demonstrates that man does not live by bread alone but by the living Word of God!

GOD OR MAMMON?

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sand impulses, desires, passions, whims, and forces which play upon me every hour of every day.

The issue which the individual Christian faces is perfectly plain. He must bring his economic interests under the sovereignty of God, or his economic interests will rob him of the best of God. After 46 years experience in the ministry, and in dealing with the personal religious problems of thousands of people, I know of no other safeguard against the perils of secularisms that can compare with tithing. The crucial point is not the tenth but proportional giving. Advocacy of the tithe should not be prompted by an desire to raise more millions of dollars for the churches, although widespread acceptance of the tithing system would have that effect.

The central objective of tithing is spiritual cleansing of the Christian who has become enmeshed in things and is becoming the helpless victim of pagan secularism. I have yet to see one convinced tither who has tithed systematically and faithfully for one year who was willing to surrender the plan and go back to his earlier haphazard and unskillful practices.

GOD'S ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

It is impossible for me to write on this theme without offering my personal testimony. There was a time when collections were an embarrassment to me. I was always asking myself the question, "How much must I give to this cause?" I had the feeling that I ought to give, and that it was somehow my duty, but I had no sys-

tem. I never really felt happy about my giving. I tried to give as much as someone else gave, or I felt I had to give up to a certain standard or lose face. I kept measuring my giving by the giving of other people, and I was always drawing comparisons. Every time I was asked to give I had at least a small feeling of resentment.

Then one day I discovered the secret. My reading of the Bible suggested the giving of the tithe. So I decided to give one-tenth of my income, not as a mere matter of obeying a law, but as a thankful expression of my faith in Christ. Almost immediately I found my problems solving themselves. I ceased comparing myself with other people, and compared my ability to give with my own income. That was a big gain in itself.

SPIRITUAL THRILLS

And then I discovered that when I set aside one-tenth of my income, I always had something to give. I tell you truly, the pain and the embarrassment has all disappeared, and every time I give I get a spiritual thrill out of it. Collections no longer frighten me or make me irritable. Giving is no longer a burden. Possessions are no longer my master. I get a real uplift out of the appearance of the collection plate when I am one of the worshippers. Every time it passes me I am able to add my testimony, and I have found a joy in my Christian life that was not there before. I am now a tither. I have no apologies to offer for my system of giving.

So far as I know, it is our only antidote for secularism!

Spice of Life

Johnny: "Mother, Robert broke a window."

Mother: "My, my! How did he do it?"

Johnny: "I threw a rock at him and he ducked."

"I had an operation, and the doctor left a sponge in me."

"Gosh, do you feel any pain?"

"No, but I sure get thirsty."

A candidate for Officers Training School was asked the following question:

"You are entering a city; and suddenly an explosion tears up the street ahead of you. What would you do?"

"I'd tear up some side street," he promptly answered.

Teacher: Bobbie, your composition is the worst in the class. I'm going to send your father a note telling him about it.

Bobbie: You'll just make him sore. He wrote it.

An electrician was examining an electric refrigerator that was using too much electricity, and he could not find the reason.

He idly asked the cook, "How do you like the refrigerator?"

"I like it fine," she said. "I open the door, and it cools off the whole kitchen."

Teacher: There is direct and indirect taxation. Give me an example of indirect taxation.

Pupil: The dog tax, sir.

Teacher: How is that?

Pupil: The dog does not have to pay it.

A woman thanked the minister for his discourse: "I found it so helpful." He replied: "I hope it will not prove as helpful as the last sermon you heard me preach."

"Why, what do you mean?" she asked.

"Well," the minister said, "that sermon lasted you three months."

Prof.: "Jones, what three words are used most among college students?"

Jones: "I don't know."

Prof.: "That's correct."

The following ads were picked up from newspapers here and there.

Lost—Green fountain pen by a man half full of red ink.

Special sale of apples and chestnuts. Come in the morning. The early bird gets the worm.

Lost—Gold watch by a man with a cracked face.

COMMENCEMENT FESTIVITIES CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE

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Tuesday evening was "concert night." Rev. K. Korella, faculty member, presided. A large and eager audience gathered in the Alberta College auditorium to hear and to enjoy the uplifting renditions by the student chorus and other groups. Rev. Edward Link, head of the Music Department, was the conductor. Miss Verda Scheeler, faculty member, Gorgene Kern and Betty Ohlhauser, students, were the accompanists of the various groups.

The concert program was arranged in five sections under the following headings: 1) "From Burning Lips of Praise," 2) "Thoughts on the Lamb of God," 3) "Songs in Every Man's Tongue," 4) "In March Time," 5) "God's Redeeming Work." The entire program, so effectively presented by memory, was brought to an exultant climax with a rising audience as the choir sang "The Hallelujah Chorus." Dr. A. S. Felberg gave a brief message during intermission time.

DR. F. H. WOYKE, SPEAKER

On Wednesday evening, April 19, the commencement exercises were held in the Alberta College auditorium. Faculty members, the Board of Trustees and the graduates were led in formal procession by the chairman of the Board, Rev. H. Waltereit of Winnipeg, Manitoba. Dr. G. Dunger gave the salutations to the graduates. In keeping with the motto of the graduates, "Willing to Follow," and their theme song, "Footsteps of Jesus," Dr. Frank H. Woyke very fittingly gave the commencement address, using as his topic, "In His Steps," based on 1 Peter 2:21.

These blessed services of inspiration were brought to a close as the president of the Christian Training Institute, Rev. E. P. Wahl, presented diplomas to the graduates of the Bible School and High School. Four young people also received Christian Workers' Certificates.

BOARD SESSION

On Thursday the C.T.I. Board went into session with the chairman, Rev. H. J. Waltereit presiding and Rev. Wm. Jeschke of St. Paul, Minn., serving as secretary. Reports were given by President Wahl, by the treasurer, Mr. H. F. Bohlman, and by the custodians, represented by Mr. J. Ohlman. All matters of business were discussed and discharged in the spirit of understanding and love. We were again impressed with the atmosphere of kind fellowship, deep devotion and zeal for service which prevails among faculty members and students of our beloved Christian Training Institute.

BOOK REVIEWS

"HANDFULS OF PURPOSE" by Mrs. Charles Cowman. (Cowman Publications. \$2.25; 1956.)

A well adjusted and fruitful experience is neither optional nor marginal, Mrs. Charles Cowman emphasizes in her new book, "Handfuls of Purpose." Instead, such an experience is essential to complete normalcy in living. A missionary for more than 50 years, Mrs. Cowman, now 85, is the author of many best-selling religious and inspirational books. Over one million copies of her "Streams in the Desert" are in print and among her other popular books are: "Mountain Trailways for Youth," "Springs in the Valley," "Traveling Toward Sunrise," and "Consolation." Mrs. Cowman's outlook, based on years of experience and thought, is definitely contemporary with present-day thought. The 16 chapters in "Handfuls of Purpose" radiate the optimism and enthusiasm that have dominated her life for 85 years. They are vibrant with personal illustration and point the way to purposeful living. This book can be heartily recommended to "Baptist Herald" readers.

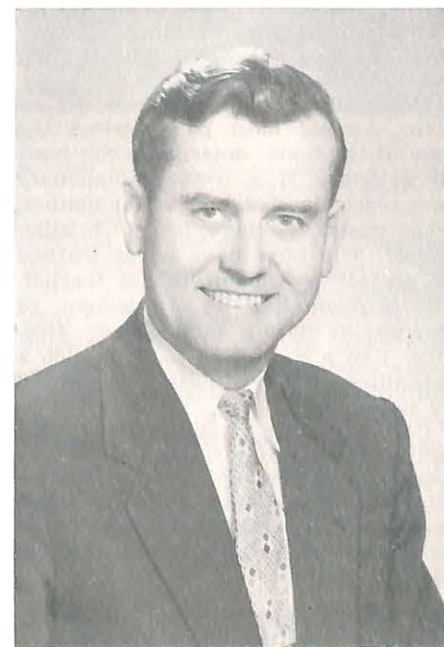
John Leland, Luther Rice, Walter Rauschenbusch, and George W. Truett are the major subjects. The volume is highly significant. First of all, it records some of Dr. Dawson's distinctive insights in the field that has occupied his interests through many years of productive scholarship. (Executive director of Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.) Furthermore, it brings together in readable form some of the highlights of Baptist history with reference to public issues, and should help us recapture the relevance of our theological and spiritual commitments. The historian, of course, is never through, and the best evidences of a job well done are the larger and more numerous efforts which follow. As Baptists we have just begun to think about our history and about the larger meanings of our history. I am glad to commend Dr. Dawson's work to our readers for he has made an important contribution.

—Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson.

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"THE ANGEL SPREADS HER WINGS" by Maxine Garrison. (Fleming H. Revell Co. \$2.00; 1956.)

The Roy Rogers family has exerted an extraordinary influence on American family life not fully realized by many fans, Maxine Garrison discloses in her new book, "The Angel Spreads Her Wings." This influence was graphically revealed after publication of Dale Evans Rogers' best-selling book, "Angel Unaware." In "The Angel Spreads Her Wings," Miss Garrison tells of the home and professional background of two of America's favorite entertainers. Miss Garrison, who has been associated with Dale Evans and Roy Rogers in Hollywood since 1952 and who is a close friend of the Rogers family (Dale Evans Rogers wrote the foreword), reports the day-to-day life of these world-famous entertainers—who, despite the demands of TV, radio, rodeo, recording firms, advertising agencies, sponsors, and the press, live a fine family life with their seven children. More and more, Dale and Roy Rogers have turned to religion and have urged and encouraged their millions of fans to seek peace in the churches of their own denominations. All royalties, incidentally, from "Angel Unaware" and Dale Evans Rogers' second book, "My Spiritual Diary," were donated by the author to organizations aiding retarded children. Thus far, half-a-million copies of "Angel Unaware" and more than 120,000 copies of "My Spiritual Diary" have been sold.



Mr. Miller is one of the featured program speakers at the Laymen's Conference, Green Lake, Wis., July 28 to August 4.

We...the Women

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

INTRODUCTION

An unusual thing has happened. Our writer for today is a MAN. How come? We thought it would be fitting since Sunday, June 17, is Father's Day.

The Rev. L. D. Potratz, a native of Sumner, Iowa, and now pastor at Martin, N. Dak., presents a challenge to the family for MISSIONS.

WHOSE TASK IS MISSIONS?

By REV. L. D. POTRATZ
of Martin, North Dakota.

Four young women came forward to accept the missionary challenge set forth so well by Missionary Laura Reddig in the closing service of the 1955 Dakota Conference. In a chat with Miss Reddig after the service I heard her ask: "Where are the men who should respond to the call of missionary work?" Where are the men in missions? is a significant question.

As we consider the church's worldwide missionary effort, we find that four women become missionaries to every one man. And the thoughtful Christian asks: Why is this true? What is the cause for such disproportion, FOUR to ONE?

One reason could be that children learn of missions chiefly from women. They are the mothers, aunts, and grandmothers who teach them in Sunday School, and they are the SAME ladies who attend mission meetings, talk of missions at home, and plead with their men for some missionary offerings. How much mission interest do the boys find in their dads and grandfathers? What part is there in the local missionary program for a growing boy?

Another reason could be that women can find full-time leadership in missions. We do not encourage young women to find their places in our pulpits. In fact, we frown on women preachers, and a girl who feels God's call to full-time Christian leadership naturally looks to the place where she is accepted. Still another reason could be that mission boards are usually short of funds, and a single woman can be sent abroad on less money than a man with a family.

Suggesting why more women respond does not answer a second and more urgent question: Should missions be left as a woman's task? Is God pleased that we men give the work of missions over to our wives? When Jesus said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations..." was he addressing the ladies? When Isaiah saw the Lord and heard God's call for a

volunteer did he answer, "Here am I; send my sister"? No, Isaiah did not, but too many men answer God's plea that way today. Not only does the Bible give the responsibility of missions to the men, but the requirements on the foreign mission fields call for male missionaries.

The standards of pagan peoples call for men. Women are not allowed in public office or civil leadership in the vast majority of mission field countries. In those lands women have no legal rights, little education, and little work outside the home. How then can a foreign woman come into such a culture and assume educational and religious leadership?

MEN NEEDED!

Pagan living conditions call for male missionaries. Women can not travel safely among tribes people, and a missionary's work usually requires a good deal of trekking. The rats and insects, the coarse food and the miserable housing, the bodily exposure and the constant threat of unpredictable natives all ask for the type of life that no red-blooded man would push upon his mother or sister!

The native church needs the counsel of men. Native peoples are accustomed to colonial governments directed by foreign men. Enterprising business representatives are always men. Without exception, their own leadership is masculine. Shall their church affairs be directed by women? Shall foreign women direct the workmen as they build homes, churches, schools, and hospitals?

Men and boys must be reached by men. Among most pagan tribes the man of the house determines the family religion. If a woman missionary does reach the daughter or the mother, what chance is there for a Christian home? The boys have never learned to respect a woman school teacher. The husband has never thought of considering his wife's thoughts or feelings. Can a church be built in such a masculine culture unless it is backed by some men?

Certainly the indigenous church demands masculine leaders. Is it any wonder that one of our missionaries told Miss Laura Reddig as the latter started home on furlough, "Please send us some men; we need more men out here!"

FAMILY MISSIONARY SOCIETY

And now comes the supreme question. How can we get more men on the mission field? First of all, let's

bring our missionary praying into the family altar. Keep a notebook by the family Bible with a monthly missionary prayer list, remembering two or three missionaries each day of the month. Give each missionary family a page and keep pictures and recent prayer requests in this notebook. With a little practical attention this method can interest the growing boys—and even interest "dad" clear down to his pocketbook. The dad who prays well for missionaries will pay well for missionary projects.

And then, ladies, cultivate our interest for your missionary program. Each wife knows best just how to gain her husband's interest. Use all your feminine ingenuity to interest your family in missionary work. Remember, you can't turn them against God's missionary tasks any easier than by making your missionary meeting a difficult burden in the home. Would it not be wonderful if you could create a Family Missionary Society so you could take us all along and put us to work in appropriate departments? Let me ask, is missionary interest struggling for life in so many churches because mother leaves the family behind when she goes to the Woman's Missionary Circle?

MARCH OF EVENTS

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and national monument sites in eleven states and Alaska. The young preachers and religious workers—both men and women—represent 23 denominations and come from 25 seminaries and 50 colleges.

● In an intensified campaign against the Protestant minority in Colombia, 30 churches have been closed since the middle of April. They include five churches of the Mennonite Brethren in Istmina, Choco, four of the Four-square Gospel Mission in the State of Santander, ten of the Evangelical Alliance Mission in North Santander, seven of the Interamerican Mission (Oriental Missionary Society) in Bolivar, two Baptist churches in Amazonas, and two Lutheran in Boyaca. The vicious attacks of Roman Catholic bishops, who in their Lenten pastoral letters accused the Protestants of being Communists, are undoubtedly a dominant factor behind the increased persecution of recent weeks. Meanwhile, Colombia's President, General Gustavo Rojas Pinilla, has censured criticism of Colombia in the foreign press. Speaking in Santa Marta last April 23, the President made reference to "an international press, intentionally misinformed by some bad Colombians, which confuses facts, disfigures the truth, calumniates the Government and discredits Colombia."—But the incidents taking place in Colombia these days speak louder than the President's words.

Sunday School Union

By REV. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary

WHAT SUNDAY SCHOOLS SHOULD BE DOING DURING SUMMER MONTHS

By MISS RUTH BATHAUER,
Children's Worker

During the summer months our thinking naturally turns to vacations. However, there are a number of activities within the Sunday School which should be carried on.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

One important phase of activity for the summer is the Vacation Bible School. This year mission material has been prepared to be used in schools emphasizing our various mission fields. We trust that you will be able to use this material to good advantage in your school. If in your Vacation Bible School you have planned to emphasize just one specific mission field, we would encourage you to use this mission material in your Sunday School as you promote missions.

Some schools have already been conducted earlier in spring. It would be well to have the teachers write an evaluation of the school this year and keep that on file for next spring. If any new pupils were contacted through Vacation Bible School, it would be well to have a follow-up and encourage them to attend your Sunday School. May we also remind you to report your school on the postal questionnaire which has been mailed to you from our office. The cards are to be mailed to the Conference Sunday School secretaries. This will give the conference secretary a better picture of what is happening in his area.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC

A Sunday School picnic usually presents an opportunity to contact new people. As they come to this time of fellowship with other Christians, it gives them an opportunity to become better acquainted with the members of the church and to hear something about the church program.

By this time, no doubt, some plans for your Sunday School picnic will have been made. Plan a well organized picnic this year. By having some of the following committees the planning responsibility can be shared. There should be a Committee on Refreshments, a Committee on Recreation, and a Committee on Publicity. The Publicity Committee might contact prospective members and inactive members of the Sunday School and church by mail or telephone. Some churches have found it to be helpful to secure an educational film from the

public library to be shown in the evening. A program could be planned to close with a brief singspiration and devotions. Fun and fellowship can play an important part in exposing young people to some of the activities of the church.

FALL PLANNING

The two months, July and August, can be an excellent time to make plans for the fall and winter months. Perhaps we are not accustomed to using these months for planning because of the heavy summer activities. It was reported that some of our churches found that they could carry on some of their best planning during the month of August.

The Sunday School might plan through its teachers and officers or its executive committee for some of the major activities. Special plans should be made for Promotion Day. As the

past years topics to be used in program planning for the workers' conferences have been listed in ACTION. It would be well to select topics for the various conferences from those listed below. These topics will again be listed in "Action."

July—Our Program of Promotion.
August—How to Increase Enrollment.
September—Our Teacher Training Program.
October—Evaluating our Rooms and Equipment.
November—Building a Church Library.
December—Jesus, the World's Best Teacher.
January—A Church Going School*.
February—A Missionary School*.
March—A Baptist School*.
April—Music in the Sunday School.
May—Helping the Home Have a Family Altar.
June—Developing Punctuality.

ALTERNATE TOPICS

Good Qualities in a Teacher.
Effective Story Telling.
The Use of Blackboards and Maps.
A Church School*.
* See the Sunday School Standard Guide Handbook.



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Sunday School teachers and leaders, pastors of churches and guest speakers at the Southwestern Workers' Conference held at the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas. A total of 125 persons registered for these sessions

teachers and officers meet together, they might plan how Promotion Day might best be conducted. Anticipate some of the problems involved in promoting children from one department to another. Teachers should be aware of the pupils who will be coming into their department or class and make arrangements for them.

During these summer months the Sunday School might take care of major plans for special days such as Harvest Mission Festival and Christmas by appointing committees to take care of this work.

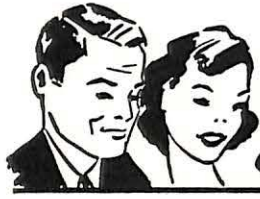
Tentative plans might be made for the workers' conferences to be conducted in the local church during the fall and winter months. During the

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tend to pull us away from our salvation in Christ. Particularly is it true when we become lax and indifferent to the dangers around us. Then is the time to "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints" (vs. 3).

- By remembering and reading the Word of God (vs. 17-19).
- By building up our faith through prayer (vs. 20).
- By keeping in the love and mercy of God (vs. 21).
- By helping others who are in danger (vs. 22-23).
- By trusting God who is able (vs. 24-25).



Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 24, 1956

Theme: **THE CONTINUING MISSION OF THE CHURCH**

Scripture: Acts 27-28

The Central Truth: To show how God guides his children and continues his mission, even though his servants are bound by chains, shipwrecked, and imprisoned.

Introduction: It was Paul's desire some day to preach the Gospel in Rome. Somehow, something always hindered him and his plans had to be changed (Romans 1:10-15). Even with the best of intentions, and in seeking the will of God, the opportunity never seemed to present itself.

But "God works in mysterious ways his wonders to perform." One of the most interesting and dramatic journeys ever recorded is the God-guided tour of Paul from Caesarea to Rome. In spite of his status as a prisoner, he gives you the impression that he is the only free man on the voyage—free of fear, free of doubt, free of sin.

I. THE PATIENCE OF PAUL.

It is not always easy for an active person to find himself suddenly confined and restricted. Paul had already spent over two years in prison (Acts 24:27), but nowhere do we hear him complaining. To some it would seem that there must be something wrong with God's ways. Why should all that talent, enthusiasm, and missionary zeal lie dormant? But "in quietness and in confidence" Paul was being prepared for his missionary journey to Rome.

II. PAUL BEGINS HIS JOURNEY.

Luke writes as accurately as though he were keeping the ship's log. Both must have had more than ordinary knowledge of ships, seas and weather conditions for Paul advised against the attempted voyage. Acts 27:9-11.

III. PAUL'S SHIPWRECK EXPERIENCE.

Here we see most clearly the difference between the Roman captors and the Christian captive. The soldiers and sailors made preparations with much fear and trembling. Paul made preparations with much faith and confidence (Acts 27:22-25). In spite of everything they did, their attitude was one of helplessness (vs. 20). Paul's attitude was one of good cheer (vs. 25). It was Paul, the prisoner, who

saved the lives of his captors (vs. 24). It was also Paul's Christian ministry on the island of Melita that made their three months' stay a pleasant one (28: 1-10). Because of the friendly response of the people to Paul's healing ministry, we wonder why he did not take advantage of the opportunity of preaching the Gospel.

IV. PAUL'S ARRIVAL IN ROME.

Many who travel to Rome believe the journey is profitless unless they see the Pope. Yet I believe much profit and blessing can be had by traveling with Paul in spirit on the great Appian Road toward Rome (28:15). Here he was momentarily encouraged by the brethren who came to meet him. But he must have been discouraged when the Jews rejected the Gospel which he came so far to preach (Acts 28: 23-29).

The book of Acts ends with Paul turning again to the Gentiles, his freedom as a prisoner, and his continuation of preaching and teaching.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: July 1, 1956

Theme: **WRITINGS FOR PERILOUS TIMES**

Scripture: Luke 9:28-36; 2 Peter 1: 17-18; 1 Peter 2:19-25; Jude 3, 17-25.

The Central Truth: Our faith and experience must grow so that in Christ we might have the strength and courage to meet all the varied circumstances of life.

Introduction. The work of the apostles grew so rapidly that it was impossible to minister to all the Christians personally. Therefore they wrote letters of hope, encouragement, and instruction to the various churches in order to keep them united in the bond of fellowship. We, who always have access to the Word of God, do not always understand nor appreciate the help and comfort these sermon letters brought to the early Christians.

I. THE WORD OF GOD WAS BASED ON PERSONAL EXPERIENCE.

It must have been a wonderful experience for Peter to be among the few who shared the glory of the transfiguration of Christ on the mount.

The editor of the Sunday School Lesson page is Rev. Bruno Schreiber of Oak Park, Illinois.

If Peter was like the rest of us, then it was probably difficult for him to keep silent. Perhaps if Peter had told everyone he met of the vision, he would have added more glory to himself than to Christ. The purpose of a testimony is to glorify Christ and not the one who testifies.

Some thoughts on the Mount of Transfiguration:

- (a) The best experiences are for those who are closest to Christ (Lk. 9:28).
- (b) It was a prayer experience (vs. 29).
- (c) Those who have gone before us are not as far away as we often think (vs. 30).
- (d) It was a prophetic experience (vs. 31).
- (e) It should not be a selfish experience (vs. 33).
- (f) It was an audible experience (vs. 35).

II. OUR EXPERIENCE MUST BE SHARED AT THE RIGHT TIME AND FOR THE RIGHT PURPOSE. 1 Peter 1:17-18.

Before Peter died (2 Peter 1:15), he wanted to strengthen the faith of the believers by giving them an eyewitness account of the transfiguration experience. Because it was so extraordinary, some thought it was a "cunningly devised fable" (vs. 16). But in reality it was a glorious experience, bringing faith and strength for perilous times.

III. THE EXPERIENCE OF SUFFERING. 1 Peter 2:19-25.

So many testimonies and songs speak of the joy of salvation. And it is a joy—a deep, a comforting, an abiding joy. But it is difficult to accept the fact of suffering which our salvation so often brings. Particularly is this true when we suffer wrongfully. We can well understand why sin brings suffering. But why should righteousness bring suffering? The urge is strong within us to vindicate ourselves, to justify ourselves, and to prove to the world that we are wrongfully accused.

Peter, however, finds great comfort in the fact that it is much better to be patient while suffering wrongfully than to suffer because of sin. Christ is our great example who should be followed in this respect also (vs. 21).

IV. THE EXPERIENCE OF STEADFASTNESS. Jude 3-25.

In all ages there are circumstances, temptations and false doctrines which

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What's Happening

● Rev. Henry Smuland, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Avon, S. Dak., recently resigned and announced that he would bring his ministry in Avon to a close on Sunday, June 10. He has served the church since 1954. His plans for the future are still indefinite as he awaits God's guidance in his life.

● On Sunday, April 15, Rev. J. K. Warkentin presented his resignation to the Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., which became effective on May 31. He served as the minister of the church since 1954. Mr. Warkentin wrote that "it is my desire to do expository and evangelistic work wherever the Lord opens the way. This can be a bilingual ministry on an itinerary basis." For the present the family plans to remain members of the Calvary Church of Corn.

● Rev. Rudolph Woyke, pastor of the Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wis., offered the opening and closing prayers on the WTMJ radio and television programs of Milwaukee from April 30 to May 6. At the Mothers' and Daughters' banquet of the church on Friday evening, May 11, Miss Alethea S. Kose of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., brought the message. The annual business meeting of the church was held on Wednesday evening, May 16.

● Special meetings were held at the Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa, from April 23 to 29 with Rev. W. G. Gerthe of Buffalo Center, Iowa, serving as evangelist. Mrs. Van Antwerp of Minneapolis, Minn., served as song leader and played on several instruments. On Saturday evening, April 29, the Seminary Quartet and Professor Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., presented a special program which was greatly enjoyed by the congregation. Rev. Alvin Wetter is pastor of the church.

● On Sunday morning, May 6, Rev. Emanuel Wolff, pastor of the Oak St. Church, Burlington, Iowa, received 33 new members into the church at a very impressive communion observance. On Tuesday evening, May 8, Rev. Fred Mashner of Sumner, Iowa, project promoter for the Iowa CBY Fellowship, showed pictures of last year's youth camp and presented plans for this year's assembly. The Mother and Daughter banquet on May 14 was attended by many of the church's women.

● The Zion Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., has extended a call to Rev. John J. Kroeker of Baileyville, Ill., to which a favorable response has

been given. He will begin his pastorate in the Milwaukee Church in July. The Zion Baptist Church is largely composed of German immigrants and carries on its program almost entirely in the German language. Mr. Kroeker has served the Baileyville Church since 1951. In Milwaukee he will succeed Rev. Ernst J. Sakowski, now of Detroit, Michigan.

● Miss Ethel Ruff, formerly a teacher at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., and more recently of St. Paul, Minn., brought the message at the Sunday morning service on April 22 at the Daytons Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minnesota. On that same evening Rev. Darrel Stark of the Bible Meditation League showed the film, "Four Hundred Million Heartbreaks." A special offering was received by the church on May 6 for the newly installed amplifying system in the church. Rev. William H. Jeschke is the pastor.

● At the commencement exercises of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., on Sunday afternoon, May 20, Rev. John Wobig of Portland, Ore., pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, was presented with



Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Stafford, Kansas, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church.

LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE at Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin, July 28-August 4. Mr. Wilcke will be one of the speakers on the inspirational program.

the honorary doctorate degree. Dr. Wobig brought the commencement address on the 25th anniversary of his graduation from the seminary. The commencement program was held in the spacious sanctuary of the First Baptist Church of Sioux Falls. A more detailed report about the Seminary's closing exercises will be featured in the next issue.

● The Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., heard two missionaries from the Cameroons Baptist Mission field in West Africa on Thursday evening, May 10, in a program entitled, "Fellowship of the Concerned." Miss Ardice Ziolkowski and Miss Delores Henne, missionary-nurses, spoke at the service. The Choral Ensemble of Northwestern Bible Institute presented a "Symphony of Sacred Music" on Sunday evening, May 20. On Mother's Day, May 13, the pastor of the church, Rev. Sidney Larson, spoke on "A Great Woman" based on 2 Kings, Chapter 4.

● Two students of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., are serving the Southern Conference churches in Texas, Louisiana, and Alabama during the summer months of June, July, and August. They are John Binder of Minnetonka, Manitoba, and Leslie Zilkie of Winnipeg, Manitoba. They will assist in Vacation Bible Schools, conduct evangelistic meetings, and occasionally supply the church pulpits. They are serving under the auspices of the denominational Student Service Plan. Rev. Howard Schenk of the Cottonwood Baptist Church, Lorena, Texas, is in charge of their itinerary in the Southern Conference area.

● The Central Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., Canada, has extended a call to Professor Herbert Hiller, Professor of Old Testament and Evangelism at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to which he has responded favorably. His resignation was accepted regretfully by the Seminary's Board of trustees. He will meet all of his summer promotional assignments at conferences and churches and begin his pastorate in the influential Edmonton church on September 1. He has been a member of the Seminary teaching staff since 1950. In Edmonton he will succeed Rev. Henry Pfeifer, now pastor of the Trinity Church of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

● On Sunday afternoon, May 6, the Ambassador Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., held ground breaking exercises for its new church on the three-acre property purchased for \$14,500 and located in Warren Township, Mich., at the 13 Mile Road and Campbell Ave. Rev. Roland S. DeRenzo, pastor, was in charge of the program in which Rev. Adolph Braun

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Pacific Conference

Woman's Missionary Society is Organized at Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento, California

The women of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento, Calif., met on March 27 to organize a Woman's Missionary Society. Twenty-one ladies were present with 20 expressing their desire to become members of the new organization. Officers who were elected are as follows: Mrs. Dorene Walth, president; Mrs. Linda Rutsch, vice-president; Mrs. Viola Wright, secretary; Mrs. Arto Filler, assistant secretary and librarian; and Mrs. Clara Schroeder, treasurer. Our constitution was drawn up and plans were made for the coming year. Rev. Clarence W. Walth is the pastor of the church.

Mrs. Viola Wright, secretary.

Evangelistic Meetings at the Salt Creek Baptist Church Near Dallas, Oregon

Evangelistic meetings were conducted at the Salt Creek Baptist Church near Dallas, Ore., from April 8 to 15 with Rev. Daniel Fuchs as evangelist. We rejoice that a number accepted the Lord as their personal Savior.

The services were well attended and all were richly blessed. The children's story each night was enjoyed by young and old alike. There was choir music and also a special musical number each evening.

Brother Fuchs' eight-day ministry was very much appreciated, and we pray the Lord's continued blessing upon him as he goes from church to church in our denomination.

Our pastor, Rev. Robert Penner, is conducting an instruction class for six weeks for the new converts so that they will be fully prepared for baptism and church membership.

Melba Penner, Reporter.

Holy Week Services and Farewell Reception by Baptist Church, Odessa, Washington

Holy Week services were held at the Odessa Baptist Church, Odessa, Wash., from March 25 to 30. Beginning Sunday morning through Good Friday, messages were brought by Rev. O. H. Meth, pastor, based on the "Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross." Everyone witnessed a spiritual uplift from the inspiring messages and also enjoyed the special musical numbers. The Easter services were climaxed with a play given by the CBY Fellowship entitled, "My Son Lives." Several musical numbers were also presented.

On Sunday, April 8, the members of the Odessa Baptist Church held a farewell reception for Rev. and Mrs. O. H. Meth and family who closed

their ministry with us on that day. After the morning worship service there was a fellowship dinner and social hour held in the church basement. Mr. Dan Koth spoke in behalf of the church and presented the Meths with a gift in appreciation for the fine work they had so faithfully done. Mr. Adrian Werner spoke for the Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Meth also expressed their thanks to the church for the co-operation, love and fellowship they had received as pastor and family here for the past four years. We shall miss Brother Meth and his fine family and their loyal and devoted services and close fellowship which we shared. We wish them God's richest blessing in their work in Church Extension in California.

Mrs. James Goetz, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Missionary Play, "Diamonds for Dust," Presented by Calvary CBY, Wetaskiwin, Alberta

The CBY of the Calvary Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin, Alta., has recently undertaken a missionary project in the form of a play. The name of the play is "Diamonds for Dust." It tells the story of a young Christian girl who, while going to Bible School, was called into full-time service for Christ as a missionary. She gained riches and started following the ways of the world, but in time she saw that in doing this she would be trading "Diamonds for Dust." The play was presented at twelve different churches at various times between November 1955 and March 1956.

The offerings received will go to the support of Rev. Ben Strohschein, missionary from our church, who is now home on furlough from the mission fields in French Equatorial Africa. He



The Woman's Missionary Society of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., with Mrs. Clarence Walth, president (2nd row, 3rd from left).

hopes to return to that field shortly. May the Lord bless those who helped in this worthy cause and may we as Christian churches have our eyes opened to our responsibilities in the support of those who are willing to proclaim the Gospel as missionaries.

Agnes Doering, Reporter.

Atlantic Conference

Dedication of New Kitchen at Second Baptist Church, Union City, New Jersey

A dedication service for the new kitchen of the Second Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., was held on April 28. The service began at 6:00 o'clock with a supper for the 69 members and guests present, served and supplied by the Young Woman's Missionary Society and the German Ladies' Aid.

The senior deacon, Mr. Alfred Metzgar, and the chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Otto Weber, spoke of the combined efforts of every member of the church which had made the project a success. They lauded especially our pastor, Rev. Norman H. Klann, for his untiring work. Much of the planning, remodeling and decorating was done by him and the whole church joins in expressing to him our heartfelt appreciation.

The pastor's dedicational address was based on 1 Kings 8. We were reminded that another milestone had been reached and completed and that we must now achieve greater things in the service of our Lord.

The two women's missionary societies of the church combined the service with a kitchen shower. They purchased all the utensils necessary to equip the kitchen. Many other lovely gifts were given by other women of the church. The renovation was a major project which required the prayer and effort of every member. The dedication was the culmination of a great stride forward for the Master.

Mrs. Anne Downs, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Five Sunday School Scholars Baptized at Bethany Baptist Church Near Vesper, Kansas

On Easter Sunday evening, April 1, Rev. John Wood of the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kans., baptized five Sunday School scholars on confession of their faith in Christ. One adult was received for membership by letter. Six weeks prior to Easter our pastor held an instruction class and taught the "New Life in Christ" to the candidates.

At present, our Adult Union is using this book for study on Sunday evenings. After our pastor presented the baptismal certificates, the Lord's Supper was observed. We thank God for these who have followed him in baptism and pray that they may grow in grace and become future pillars of the church of Jesus Christ.

Mrs. Jake Stussy, Reporter.

Baptism of Eleven Converts and King's Daughters Society Program at Marion, Kansas

On Sunday, April 8, the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., held a baptismal service for eleven candidates. Previous to the service, the pastor, Rev. Fred Knalson, held a class of instruction for the younger members of the group for several weeks. On April 15, the pastor extended the hand of fellowship to 19 new members of the church, following the communion service. The increase in membership was due to our recent evangelistic meetings conducted by Dr. Arthur A. Ittermann. It was interesting to note the large span of years in the ages of the group coming into the church. The group ranged in years from a six-year-old child to an aged grandmother. The church rejoiced greatly at the increase in membership and we are praising the Lord for his goodness to us.

The accompanying picture shows the baptismal candidates. They are (left to right, back row): Stephen Knalson, Gary Hamm, Richard Craig, Galen Broadstreet, Donald Dean Ehrlich; (front row): Warren Hart, Donna Jean Helmer, Velber Bevan, Rev. Knalson, Gail Hiebert, Barbara Helmer, and Verna Helmer.

The King's Daughters Society of the Emmanuel Church presented their annual program on Sunday evening, April 15. The program was opened with a candlelight service which was most impressive and continued through the evening with the theme, "Saved to Serve." A report was given on Teacher Williams of Africa, the native teacher whom the group helps to support. There were slides of his work and this proved to be very interesting for the church. An offering was taken at the service which was used for the continued support of our native teacher.

Mrs. Harry Koslowsky, Reporter.

Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kansas

There was much planning for several months at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church near Junction City, Kans., and then the hustle and bustle of carrying out these plans. At last the long anticipated week arrived, April 10 through 15, the celebration of our 75th anniversary as a church. Amid the hectic last minute details, our chief planner became ill and to the dismay of his members our pastor, Rev. J. R. Kruegel, was forced to remain in bed throughout the event. During his absence Mr. C. A. Zoschke officiated. We were happy to have as special speakers, Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Lutz of the Calvary Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota. Since Mr. Lutz was a former pastor of our group, he knew his way around and all went well. The evening messages from Tuesday through Friday were a blessing to all and were well attended. Mrs. Lutz gave an interesting talk at the tea of the Dorcas Society on Thursday afternoon.

Sunday proved to be a great occasion. Following the Sunday morning service, a bountiful basket dinner was readily disposed of in the church basement. Friends and former members



—Photo by Broadstreet
Rev. Fred Knalson (center, front row), pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas, and 11 converts whom he baptized on Sunday, April 8th.

from far and near gathered for the afternoon meeting and soon filled the church to capacity with an overflow group in the basement. Our lonely patient in his sick room was also not forgotten and shared in the service by means of a loud speaker placed in his room.

Of intriguing interest before a floral display presented by our neighboring Methodist church was the huge birthday cake. This ornately decorated cake had been made into the shape of an open Bible. Its gilt pages were so realistic that one gentleman, urged by his wife to view the beautiful cake, looked in vain for that tasty item! Mrs. Noton Martinitz assisted by Mrs. Chris Eberspacher, a former member, spent long hours creating this delusion and the results were not only gratifying to the sight but also to the taste following the service when punch and the cake were served to all present.

Words of commendation, encouragement, and challenge were given us by Rev. Thomas Lutz in this last message. A letter from our bedfast pastor was read by Kenneth Brenner. Mrs. Alvin Zecker sang appropriately regarding "The Country Church."

Betty Zoschke, Reporter.



The birthday cake at the 75th anniversary celebration of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Junction City, Kansas.

Dakota Conference

Spiritual Growth Meetings and Baptism of Five Converts at Hettinger, North Dakota

During the blessed days of March 12-18, we of the Grace Baptist Church, Hettinger, N. Dak., were privileged to have Rev. John Grygo of Bismarck, N. Dak., as our guest speaker for our "Spiritual Growth Meetings." During this week of services with the Lord, we were able to see souls coming forth and claim Christ as their own. We have indeed been very fortunate to have this representative of God with us, and we are the ones who have gained thereby.

On Sunday night, March 25, we traveled to our sister church at Hebron, N. Dak., to experience the moving of baptismal waters. Five young people followed the Lord in baptism. Likewise on March 29, Good Friday evening, we met with Rev. Edward Oster, pastor, to observe what the Lord has done for us and to meet about the communion table. At our communion service the hand of fellowship was extended to these young people. The accompanying picture is about the Communion table. It is our prayer that the Lord will hold them very close as they endeavor to follow him in obedience.

Mrs. Edward Oster, Reporter.

Baptism of Eleven Converts and Leadership Course at Tyndall Church, South Dakota

We at the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches of Tyndall, S. Dak., have been greatly blessed of God. One of these blessings has been our Teacher Training Course which was held at both churches with our pastor, Rev. Rubin Herrmann, as instructor. Through the use of a filmstrip and slides we were challenged to rededicate ourselves to more faithful service in our Sunday School work.

Another highlight included the two weeks of evangelistic services which were held at the Danzig church with Rev. John Vanderbeck of Elgin, Iowa, as guest speaker. Throughout the meetings our hearts were blessed with Spirit-filled messages. Each evening an object lesson was given or colored slides were shown for the benefit of the children.

As a result of these services and the efforts of our church and its pastor, we were privileged to have a baptismal service on Easter Sunday. At that time nine persons followed the Lord in baptism. On April 15, at a regular communion service, eleven people were extended the hand of fellowship.

The Danzig Senior CBYF has had the special privilege of visiting our other Baptist churches in this area in the interest of our CBYF mission project. Now we as a church look forward to the Leadership Training Course on Evangelism which our pastor will conduct in the very near future.

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Reporter.

Corner Stone Laying Exercises for Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, North Dakota

On Easter Sunday afternoon, members and friends of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., assembled at the City Hall for a service prior to the laying of the corner stone at the new church. Bert Itterman, senior student at the Sioux Falls Seminary, read Psalm 48 and led the congregation in prayer. Rev. Richard Grenz of Underwood, N. Dak., as guest speaker, brought many fine thoughts from Leviticus 26:11-12.

Our pastor, Rev. Herbert Schauer, presented a list of the items to be placed in the stone, including denominational literature, Bibles, important minutes of the building committee, church history, and Sunday School material. A financial report and history of the church was read, showing God's blessings upon us. The choir sang "Let Mt. Zion Rejoice" and we then proceeded to the new church grounds for the actual corner stone laying.

The same Scripture passage, 1 Cor. 9:23, which was read at the first corner stone service, was given by Mr. Schauer. John Schlaht, Sr., deacon and Fred Miller, Building Committee chairman, affixed the stone and Rev. R. Grenz dismissed us with prayer.

On April 29th, our hearts rejoiced as we held our first Sunday School and worship services in the basement of our new church. A brief dedication service was held in each classroom by our pastor. It was a blessed experience to come "home" again. The quietness of our new surroundings was inspiring as well as gratifying. In the worship hour, Mrs. Vernon Wolitarsky sang "Bless this House" and our pastor brought an inspiring message on "Three Steps in True Worship."

We were privileged to have as guest speaker, in a combined service with our Methodist brethren, one of our local young men, Missionary Weyburn Johnson, who with his wife and two sons is on the mission field of India. Our pastor being at the youth rally, one of our deacons, Vernon Wolitarsky, was in charge of the evening service. The male quartet sang, "Is Your All on the Altar?" and we were then taken on an imaginary trip through India via slides as Missionary Johnson talked to us of his work there.

The choir of our church recently completed a series of concerts at which they presented "The Easter Story" cantata to local and neighboring churches. We were constantly encouraged by and grateful for the fine interest shown by these churches in our building project.

We have almost reached the completion of our new edifice and are looking forward to the dedication services in a very short time. Our hearts are filled with the evidences of God's goodness and guidance.

Mrs. Arnold Franke, Reporter.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Laurels soon wither when you rest upon them." —Selected.

Central Conference

Woman's Missionary Society of Foster Ave. Church, Chicago, Ill., Celebrates 75th Anniversary

On March 7th, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Ill., was privileged to celebrate its 75th anniversary. The society was organized in 1881 under the leadership of Mrs. Jacob Meier assisted by Miss Gesina Meier, missionary of the First Church of Chicago.

Our president, Mrs. Hildegard Schieber, heartily welcomed the 85 guests who accepted our invitation to celebrate this happy occasion with us. The tables were beautifully decorated and a delicious luncheon was served which was enjoyed by all. A very interesting program followed consisting of singing, Scripture reading and prayer, recitations, a dialogue, and a very interesting message by our pastor, Rev. Joe Sonnenberg. The secretary and treasurer also gave interesting reports.

We were happy that two of our past capable presidents with many years of service, namely, Mrs. Pauline Wilcox and Mrs. Lydia Duemke, could be present. They were surprised with beautiful corsages to which they replied with hearty appreciation.

Our Missionary Society participates in the annual Tag Day and Bazaar for the benefit of our Central Baptist Home for the Aged. We will undertake to raise \$500 for the furnishings of a room in the Home for the Aged now being constructed. We have already given \$1,000 for the Hearing Aid to be installed in our new church. We also send a sum of money each month for the needy in Germany. The offering at the 75th anniversary meeting amounted to \$98.32.

Mrs. Julia W. Deutschman, Reporter.

Nine Sermons by Dr. Ralph Powell at Baptist Church, Center Line, Michigan

Beginning with Palm Sunday, March 25, and continuing through Easter Sunday, April 1, the First Baptist Church of Center Line, Mich., held Pre-Easter meetings with Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Professor of Theology at the North American Baptist Seminary of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speaker.

The theme of Dr. Powell's Palm Sunday message was, "Behold, Your King Cometh." His weekly messages were based on the fellowship of Christ's sufferings. Three specific perspectives of Christ were given us. The first is in Psalm 2 that Christ is sovereign, the Lord of history. Secondly, Christ is sovereign over his Church. Thirdly, Christ is also sovereign over the individual (Philippians 3:10). We were favored on this evening with a lovely duet by our pastor's wife, Mrs. Adolph Braun, and Mrs. Wilms. They sang the number, "The Christ of the Cross."

On Tuesday evening the message was based on Romans 6 in which the Christian is identified with Christ in his death. On Wednesday evening the message by Dr. Powell was on "Joy in Suffering." On Thursday evening Dr.

Powell likened the sufferings of Christ with the sufferings of Joseph in Genesis 43, where by the hands of his own brothers he was sold into slavery. By divine Providence Joseph became Prime Minister of Egypt and, after he had obtained mercy, he sought not vengeance, but sought to love, to save, and to redeem those who had sought to kill him. The Friday evening message was based on Psalm 22 and Matthew 27:27-50.

Dr. Powell's message on Easter Sunday morning was on the topic, "The Pledge of the Empty Tomb," based on Luke 24 and John 20. His last message was from Job 19:23-27 and was the climax of nine wonderful sermons delivered by him at our church. They were of great spiritual benefit to everyone privileged to hear them. Our pastor, Rev. Adolph Braun, was in charge of these services. May we be ready and worthy to meet him, our Savior and our Redeemer! Our hope in Christ is that he will purify our souls that we may live with him forever.

Louise M. Hanselman, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Baptismal Service at Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa, for Fourteen Converts

Fourteen young people followed the Lord in baptism on Easter Sunday evening, April 1st, at the Grace Baptist Church, Sheffield, Iowa. These 14 young people received the right hand of fellowship, as well as a young couple who joined the church by letter. Our pastor, Rev. Vernon Link, welcomed the new members into our church. May our church be a blessing to them and they in turn to the church. May we all seek to glorify God in all that we do. "We can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth us" (Phil. 4:13).

Warren Schoepf, Reporter.

Baptism and Deeper Life Services at the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota

We at the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., are grateful to our Lord for his wonderful blessings he has continued to pour on us at our church. Under the capable leadership of our superintendent, Mr. Peter Fehr, and of faithful teachers, our Sunday School has grown and our enrollment is now 200. It is gratifying to see visitors each Sunday and our prayer is that, through the efforts of his people, more will continue to come.

During our evening service on Easter Sunday, it was our privilege to witness an impressive baptismal service. After a challenging message by our pastor, Rev. A. Huber, four converts followed our Lord in the ordinance of baptism.

From April 9 to 11 we conducted "Deeper Life" services with Dr. Bob Smith, professor at Bethel College, St. Paul, Minnesota. These services were broadcast over a local station and we trust that many people were reached through this medium. After hearing



Fourteen young people of Sheffield, Iowa, who were baptized on Easter Sunday by Rev. Vernon Link (extreme left), pastor of the Grace Baptist Church.

these instructive and inspirational messages by Dr. Smith, the Christians were revived and strengthened, giving them a real challenge to go forward and work for our Lord Jesus Christ. Mrs. Karl Duemke, Reporter.

GOD HAS A WAY!

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Thus the idea of Short Term Bible School was brought into being. Seven schools of two months each are planned for 1956 in the Mbem and Warwar fields. Some will be conducted simultaneously in the two fields, thus permitting all teachers a time at home.

Our teaching staff consists of Kenneth and June Goodman, Minnie Kuhn, and Rev. David Nyanganji for the four schools in the Mbem field. For Warwar field the teaching staff will consist of Kenneth and June Goodman and Evangelist Elias Ngwang. Each teacher plans to teach one month in each school.

THE AFRICAN CHURCH

What can we report to you so early in the year? Lus Short Term Bible School has 21 students enrolled—ten are regular church workers, nine are local young men, and two are boys who have passed their Standard VI in local schools. Is it worth it? Yes, a thousand times, yes! To those who teach there is an inner peace best expressed by 2 Timothy 2:2 and 2 Timothy 2:15.

As the leaders of our churches are strengthened by daily Bible study, so will the African Church be strong in Christ. Daily witnessing has increased, souls have been saved (five in one day), and backsliders are being contacted. Community Christian work has been started. Christian singing groups for men fill the air with praises to our God. Children's story groups have become a regular part of life at Lus. Scripture memory work will be the means of distributing many portions of God's Word.

When the harvest is counted, only God will know all of the results!

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A lie travels round the world while Truth is putting on her boots.—Charles H. Spurgeon.

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

June 17 (Sunday)—Dedication of new sanctuary, Temple Church, Lodi, California.

June 24 (Sunday)—State Park Church, Peoria, Illinois.

SUMMER CONFERENCES

June 14-17 ALBERTA Association at the McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alberta. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.

June 14-17 MONTANA AND CENTRAL DAKOTA Association at Lehr, North Dakota. Prof. Roy Seibel and Mrs. Harm Sherman, Guest Speakers.

June 15-17—MANITOBA Association at the Temple Church, Swan River, Manitoba. Dr. George A. Dunger, Guest Speaker.

June 20-24—PACIFIC CONFERENCE at Grace Church, Kelowna, B. C. Rev. R. Schilke and Mrs. Albert Reddig, Guest Speakers.

June 22-24—ONTARIO CONVENTION at the First Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario. Rev. J. C. Gunst and Mrs. Frank Veninga, Guest Speakers.

June 20-24—DAKOTA CONFERENCE at the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman and Miss Ruby Salzman, Guest Speakers.

June 25-29—BRADLEY BEACH INSTITUTE at Bradley Beach, New Jersey for Atlantic Conference ministers. Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Guest Speaker.

June 25-July 1—IOWA YOUTH CAMP at Clear Lake, Iowa. Miss Ruby Salzman, Guest Speaker.

June 28-July 1—CENTRAL CONFERENCE at the Colonial Village Church, Lansing, Michigan. Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Prof. Roy Seibel, Prof. Martha Levpoldt, Mrs. Thomas Lutz, and Miss Eleanor Schulert, Guest Speakers.

CUSTER'S LAST STAND

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Village! Be Quick! Bring Packs!" Captain Weir, who was with Reno and Benteen, was ordered to join Custer several miles to the north and give assistance. But Indians blocked his advance and he returned to what is now known as the Reno-Benteen Battlefield.

THE MASSACRE

As mentioned previously, the United States had only two living witnesses: Curley, a Crow Indian scout with Custer, and Commanche, Captain Keogh's horse. In the midst of the battle on Custer Hill, Curley claims that he took the blanket from a Sioux Indian and slowly made his way down the hill under pretense of being a wounded hostile. (His account of the battle has never been successfully disputed.)

After some intermittent fighting against Reno and Benteen, the hostiles fled to the Big Horn Mountains and none were found on the battlefield when the morning of the 27th dawned. This same day, Terry and Gibbons descended from the north and joined forces with Reno and Benteen to discover the truth that Custer and his 200 men had been wiped out by the Indians.

Lieutenant Bradley and his scouting party were the first to visit the Custer Battlefield. Here they found the body of the daring Custer on the hilltop with his men lying about him. Many of the men had been scalped and there was evidence of hand to hand combat after the ammunition had run out. Perhaps out of respect, according to some Indian accounts, the general had not been scalped nor was his body mutilated. He suffered two wounds, either of which could have been fatal.

Commanche, Captain Keogh's horse, was the only living thing found on Custer Hill. He survived seven wounds. An order was given that henceforth Commanche was to be retired and never again was work to be expected of him nor a saddle placed on his back. However, whenever the Seventh Cavalry was on parade, Commanche was led in the procession. He died in his 30th year at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

OUR INDIAN FRIENDS

This was one battle where the Indians did not save that one man to return and tell his people of the battle. Perhaps even Commanche was overlooked by the hostiles in the excitement of the battle.

It is quite possible that our beloved and late Chief Francis Bull of the Bull Reserve in Alberta was in some way related to the Indians who fled from the states to Canada for safety. It is also of interest to note that one of the bands served by our missionaries on the Hobbema Indian Reservation is called the Montana Band.

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. CAROLINA S. SWANSON of Portland, Oregon.

Mrs. Carolina S. Swanson of Portland, Ore., was born on September 23, 1864 in Stockholm, Sweden, and passed away on April 13, 1956 as a result of a heart attack at the age of 91 years, 6 months, and 21 days. Her husband, Charles, preceded her in death in 1930.

She was baptized on April 10, 1954 and was received into the fellowship of the Glencullen Baptist Church. As a faithful member and dear saint of the Lord she was an inspiring example of the goodness of her Savior in her life.

To mourn her departure are two daughters: Mrs. Nathalia Dober and Mrs. Signe Wolfe, both residing in Portland; eight grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, three great-great-grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted by the pastor and interment was made in Portland. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15).

Glencullen Baptist Church,
Portland, Oregon

E. E. SEIBOLD, Pastor.

MR. RICHARD WILLUWEIT of Ridgewood, New York.

On Monday morning, April 23rd, just as he was getting ready for his day's work at the Pepsi Cola plant Mr. Richard Willuweit of Ridgewood, N. Y., collapsed with a heart attack. He was a deacon of the Ridgewood Baptist Church since shortly after he joined here. He and his family had been members of the Harlem Church since Nov. 1927. They were faithful to their obligations in that church until its final dissolution in 1952.

Mr. Willuweit was born Aug. 30, 1894 in Mohlen, Kreis Insterburg, East Prussia. There he was baptized on April 17, 1927 by Rev. Frederick Gezork and received into the church at Insterburg.

He was married to Lina Knitsch, nee Schuklat, on July 23, 1923. On Oct. 1, 1927 he arrived in the United States to make a new home for his family. His family followed in 1929. In September of that year a daughter, Hildegard, died. Ten years ago our brother suffered a severe heart attack from which, by the grace of God, he recovered.

He is survived by his wife and three children: Louise Willuweit and Erna and Frank Knitsch. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Ridgewood Baptist Church,
Brooklyn, New York

PAUL WENGEL, Pastor.

The United States Department of the Interior maintains Custer Battlefield National Monument which is located several miles east of U.S. No. 87, 15 miles south of Hardin, Montana. Here one can visit the museum, the memorial which stands over the grave of those slain on Custer Hill and view the mute markers where a Seventh Cavalry man fell in battle on that historic day. Custer's body was later transferred to West Point, New York.

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AUTHOR'S NOTES

It was my privilege to conduct my first evangelistic campaign in Deadwood, S. Dak., in May of 1944. Here I visited the Adam's Museum, and

MR. JOHN SCHAFER, JR. of Paul, Idaho

Mr. John Schafer, Jr., of Paul, Idaho, was born May 8, 1921 near Paul, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schafer, Sr. He was the youngest of four living children. In February 1949 he was converted and in April 1950 he was baptized by Rev. J. J. Lippert and united with the First Baptist Church of Paul of which he remained a member until his demise.

He was stricken with illness on May 8, 1955 due to a tumor on the brain. He was taken to the Veteran's Hospital in Boise, Idaho, and later transferred to the Veteran's Hospital in Salt Lake City where he submitted to two major operations, but to no avail. He was released from the hospital on December 20 and spent the remainder of his time with his brothers and sister. He passed away April 8 after an illness of eleven months.

He is survived by his brothers, Paul and Huldrich; one sister, Mrs. Alvin Renz; four aunts, and three uncles; two nieces and six nephews; and many friends.

First Baptist Church,
Paul, Idaho

JOHN BROEDER, Pastor.

MR. CHRISTIAN H. WOLFF of Java, South Dakota.

Mr. Christian H. Wolff, retired pioneer farmer of Walworth County at Java, S. Dak., passed away on April 22, 1956. He was born in South Russia. At the age of six, he came with his parents to America. The family settled on a farm of Java, S. Dak., where he spent his entire life farming, except for five years, when he farmed north of Longlake in the Jewell district.

He was raised in a Christian home, accepting Christ as his Savior at the age of 13, and was baptized in 1898 by Rev. Gollinger. Thus he became a member of the First Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak., of the Weisenburger Station, where the Lord used him as teacher in the church school, superintendent and deacon for many years. All of his life he was interested in the affairs of the church as well as in social and economic improvements of the community in which he lived.

At the age of 22, he married Miss Magdalena Straub, which union the Lord blessed with six children, all of whom survive the father, three sons and three daughters: Emanuel, pastor of the Oak Street Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa; Edwin and Theodor of Lodi, Calif.; Ella, Mrs. Leo Biel, Moberg, S. Dak.; Ida, Mrs. Phillip Goering, Galt, Calif.; and Irene, Mrs. Wm. Dreftz, Los Angeles, California. His wife and companion through life, three brothers, and two sisters are mourning his departure, but not as those who have no hope. "Blessed are they that die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit: for they rest from the labors."

The funeral service was conducted in the First Baptist Church, Eureka, S. Dak., and interment took place in the Java Cemetery. The undersigned based his message of comfort on Rev. 21:1-8.

Eureka, South Dakota

A. E. REEH, Pastor.

saw the notes of Preacher Smith's sermon on Eph. 2:8-9 and also visited Deadwood Dick's cabin, the graves of Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane, in Mt. Moriah Cemetery above Deadwood, and Preacher Smith's grave out of Deadwood. I have a great love for the Black Hills of South Dakota and have spent time in Vacation Bible School teaching and camp work.

Last summer, upon returning from a visit to our Indian missionaries in Canada, I visited the Custer Battlefield National Monument and re-lived somewhat that occasion. At present, the American Baptist Convention maintains work among the Indians, the closest to the battlefield being at Lodge Grass, Montana.

MRS. CHARLES LAMPRECHT of Hammond, Indiana.

Mrs. Charles Lamprecht of Hammond, Ind., was born in Germany and came to this country at 6 years of age. She passed away in Hammond, Ind., on May 1, 1956, aged 72 years, 6 months, and 20 days. She was a lifelong and faithful member of the East Side Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. On December 30, 1908 she was married to Mr. Charles Lamprecht with whom she shared the joys and sorrows of life for over 47 years. She is survived by her husband, two sons and one daughter. They are Fred of Gary, Ind.; Ervan of Highland, Ind.; and Mrs. Henry Postena of Tucson, Arizona. A sister in California also mourns her passing. There are six grandchildren and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held in Highland, Ind., on Friday, May 4th, and burial was in the Calumet Park Cemetery in Indiana. May God grant all who have known and loved her an eternal re-union in heaven.

East Side Baptist Church,
Chicago, Illinois

HENRY R. SCHROEDER, Pastor.

MR. PHILIP WOELH of Fredonia, North Dakota.

Mr. Philip Woehl of Fredonia, N. Dak., was born February 2, 1869 in Rohrbach, South Russia, and reached the age of 87 years, 2 months, and 19 days. He came to America when he was 18 years old and settled in Scotland, South Dakota. He was married to Christina Rott on September 24, 1891. She died January 21, 1930. In the year 1892 he came with his family to this neighborhood and settled on a farm about 12 miles south of Fredonia.

He was converted in March 1917, and on June 23, 1918 he was baptized by Rev. Fuxa and became a member of the Berlin Baptist Church. He was married a second time to Mrs. Rosina Betsch on May 10, 1930 and moved with her to Streeter, N. Dak., where they attended the Streeter Baptist Church. He lived there until his second wife died on January 19, 1956. He stayed a few days with his children, and then had to be taken to the hospital, where he died Monday, April 23, 1956 as a result of cancer. He was the youngest of a family of six brothers and two sisters. Besides his two wives he was also preceded in death by the children: Fredrick, Henry, Katie, and John.

Those who are sorrowing for his homegoing are the children: Elizabeth, Mrs. Pete Enderst of Medicine Hat, Canada; Gust of Fredonia; Bertha, Mrs. Jacob Schafer of Carrington, N. Dak.; Henry of McLaughlin, S. Eva, Mrs. Adam Rott of Wm. Otto, S. Dak.; Albert of Fredonia; Dena, Mrs. Otto Netz of Wenatchee, Wash.; eight stepchildren; 30 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren. The service was held at the Berlin Baptist Church, Rev. Paul Galambos was unable to attend. The message of comfort was based on Psalm 90.

Berlin Baptist Church,
Fredonia, North Dakota

VICTOR H. PRENDINGER, Pastor.

MR. ERNEST HILL of Kyle, Texas.

Mr. Ernest Louis Hill of Kyle, Texas, was born on September 27, 1887 at Paige, Texas, and went to be with the Lord on April 24, 1956 at the age of 68 years, 6 months, and 27 days. He had been hospitalized, seriously ill, in Austin and San Marcos for seven weeks.

In the year 1904 Ernest Hill left Ottine, Texas, and moved to the Kyle community where he made his home for over 50 years. Five years after his arrival in Kyle, he was baptized by Rev. J. P. Brunner and became a member of the Immanuel Baptist Church. Many will remember his years of faithful service and participation in the church, particularly taking part in the choir, Training Union, Sunday School and the Brotherhood. He had given consecrated service as a deacon of the church since 1923.

He was united in marriage to Minnie Heidenreich on November 29, 1911, near Kyle, Texas, and this happy union was blessed with two children.

There preceded him in death two brothers, Will and Adolph, and an infant sister. There remain to mourn his passing his wife, Minnie Hill of Kyle; one son, Julius Hill of San Marcos, Texas; one daughter, Mrs. Bill McGee, Kyle; three brothers: Ed and Walter of Kyle and Otto of Austin, Texas;

five sisters: Mrs. Bertha Kraemer, Seguin, Texas.; Mrs. Emil Heidenreich, Mrs. Adolph Wiegand, and Mrs. Henry Schmettekopf, all of Kyle; Mrs. Carl Wiegand of San Marcos, Texas; five grandchildren along with a host of other relatives and friends.

Services were held at the Immanuel Baptist Church on April 26, 1956, with the pastor, Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder, officiating. Rev. Prentis Chunn of the First Baptist Church, San Marcos, and Rev. Edwin Kraemer of San Antonio, Texas, assisted. Interment was in the Live Oak Cemetery near Uhland. Besides the giving of many beautiful floral arrangements, friends and relatives made gifts to a Memorial Fund for the Immanuel Baptist Church.

Immanuel Baptist Church,
Kyle, Texas

ELDON G. SCHROEDER, Pastor.

MR. JACOB KIEMELE of Lodi, California.

Mr. Jacob Kiemele of Lodi, Calif., was born on October 27, 1878 in South Russia. In 1899 he came to this country and for a few years lived in Scotland, South Dakota. In 1902 he took up a homestead near Turtle Lake, N. Dak., where he was engaged in farming until 1912. He moved to Paulson, Mont., and in 1920 to Lodi, Calif., where he followed the carpenter trade and specialized in floor finishing. In 1904 he was united in marriage with Katherine Quenzer, which union was blessed with five children, of whom one daughter preceded her father in death. This happy companionship was severed when his wife passed away in 1946. In 1947 he married Mrs. Sophie Fetzer (Ruff), his now bereaved widow.

Mr. Kiemele was converted in 1905 and baptized on profession of his faith and united with the Turtle Lake Baptist Church of Lodi. For 16 years he served as a member of the Board of Trustees. He was very faithful in attending the church services as long as his health permitted. In recent years his health began to fail. On Sunday morning he suffered a heart attack and was taken to the hospital where he passed away early on Tuesday morning. He reached the age of 77 years, 6 months, and 4 days.

Brother Kiemele is survived by his widow, Mrs. Sophie Kiemele, and four children: Mrs. Martha Worthington, Oakland, Calif.; Harry Kiemele, Albany, Calif.; Alfred Kiemele, Fresno, Calif.; and Edwin Kiemele, Stockton, California. He also leaves two brothers: Matt Kiemele, of Lodi, Calif.; and August Kiemele, Turlock, Calif.; two sisters: Mrs. Carolina Hass, New Rockford, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Rosena Reichard in Germany. He also leaves five grandchildren and was the stepfather to Jacob Fetzer of Stockton, Calif.; Egon Fetzer of Lodi, and Mrs. Erna Scott of Stockton, California.

First Baptist Church,
Lodi, California

GUSTAVE G. RAUSER, Pastor.

MR. JACOB GEORGE of Lodi, California.

Mr. Jacob George, Lodi, Calif., was born on May 20, 1878 in Odessa, South Russia. At the age of six years, he came to the United States and settled near Lehr, N. Dak., in McIntosh County, where he resided for over 50 years. As one of the early homesteaders of that community, he contributed much toward its development. In 1936 he retired from farming and came to Lodi, Calif., where he spent many happy years until the Lord called him to his permanent home in the Father's House above.

In 1900 he was united in marriage with Mathelta Bleskowsky, to which union ten children were born, of whom one preceded him in death. This blessed union, however, was severed through the death of Mrs. George, and in 1921 he married Mrs. Clara Viel, and this union was blessed with one daughter. After many years of happy companionship his second wife was also taken from him through death. In 1947 he married Mrs. Helena Ebert, who was also called to her eternal reward after only a few years of devoted companionship. In 1952 he joined hands in holy matrimony with Mrs. Alvina Schwertfocker, his now bereaved widow.

At the age of 13 years he received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized on profession of his faith and united with the Lehr Baptist Church. Since coming to Lodi he was very active in his Christian life and served his Lord in many avenues through the church as Sunday

School teacher, deacon and youth leader. At the time of his departure, he was the teacher of the German adult Bible Class of the First Baptist Church of which he was a member. He loved the divine services and his place in the church was never vacant. Even on the Sunday before his death, even though weak from his heart ailment, he still visited the evening service. He was a great student of the Scriptures and spent many delightful hours studying God's Word.

He departed in the full assurance of his faith in the living Redeemer on April 28, at the age of 77 years, 11 months, and 8 days. He leaves his beloved wife, Mrs. Alvina George, ten children: John A. George, Ashley, N. Dak.; Mrs. Martha Ames Valier, Mont.; Samuel J. George, Portland, Ore.; Walter George, Carlton, Ore.; Mrs. Alma Werre, Hawley, Minn.; Mrs. Pauline Hutcheson, Redwood City, Calif.; Mrs. Katie Haigh, Beech, N. Dak.; Harold George, Palm Springs, Calif.; Miss Violet George, Lodi, Calif.; and Mrs. Tillie Bianchini, San Leandro, California. He was the stepfather of Adam Veil, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Gust Veil, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Mrs. Frieda Bosser, Stockton, Calif.; Mrs. Elsie Kosel, Acampo, Calif.; and Ed and Conrad Veil of Lodi, California.

First Baptist Church,
Lodi, California

GUSTAVE G. RAUSER, Pastor.

MRS. MARTHA AUGUSTA BLEEKER of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Mrs. Martha Augusta Bleeker, nee Voigt, of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was born Nov. 11, 1879 in Germany and fell asleep peacefully on April 17, 1956. Her life of 76 years, 5 months, and 6 days has been crowned by the goodness of God in whose hands she had committed her life at the age of 17. Rev. E. Wolff baptized her upon her confession of faith in the Lord Jesus on May 2, 1896 at Avon, South Dakota. She had come with her God-fearing parents from Germany on Nov. 5, 1884 and settled near Tyn-dall, South Dakota. On Sept. 14, 1902 she entered into the bonds of holy matrimony with Mr. Harm H. Bleeker of Chancellor, S. Dak., with Rev. John Olthoff officiating. For three years they lived at Chancellor, S. Dak., from 1902 to 1905; then to Plum Creek and Emery; until in 1955 they came to Sioux Falls. Under the guidance of God they were privileged to walk life's pathway together for nearly 54 years.

The Lord blessed this union with eight children, two of whom have gone on before. The family and the Christian home have radiated the Spirit of Christ in word and deed. As a loving mother and faithful wife, she departed cared in deepest love and with profound understanding for her household. For more than 15 years she was a faithful member of the Plum Creek Baptist Church and since 1926 had been a member at the First Baptist Church at Emery, South Dakota. Her faithfulness and loyalty have been esteemed to the very end as she served her Lord as Sunday School teacher for many years and as president of the Woman's Missionary Society for several years. In spite of her failing health, she attended with her husband at the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls as often as possible and with deep joy. Her last day was spent out-of-doors in God's great sunshine and when the evening shadows fell she fell peacefully asleep to say, "Good Night" here, but "Good Morning" up there.

She leaves to mourn her faithful husband, Mr. Harm H. Bleeker; her six children: Mrs. Mary L. Harry, Mrs. Viola W. Binder, and Alvin H. Bleeker of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; Mrs. Lillian M. Plank of Pipestone, Minn.; Mrs. Cora G. Weeldryer of Wheaton, Ill.; and Mrs. Elsie J. Nixon, wife of Rev. Nixon of Diego, California. There are also nine grandchildren. She further leaves two brothers, Rev. Arthur Voigt of Anamoose, N. Dak., and Albert Voigt of Avon, South Dakota.

Funeral services were held at the Emery Baptist Church and Rev. Henry Pfeifer officiated assisted by Rev. Leland Friesen. The message of comfort was based on Psalm 16:11 and revealed "Four Scriptural Reasons for our Eternal Comfort." Mrs. Roy Seibel sang: "God Understands" and "Face to Face." Interment took place at the Plum Creek Baptist Cemetery and Rev. Willis Potratz assisted there. Our prayer before the Lord is for all the loved ones in the assurance of a glorious reunion in heaven.

Trinity Baptist Church,
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

REV. HENRY PFEIFER, Pastor.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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of the Center Line Church and Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., also participated. The first unit of the new church will be a basement project, 41 by 100 feet in size, costing \$30,000. Mr. J. Ryckewaert, a member of the church, will be the builder. The church at the new property will be called the Trinity Baptist Church. The old church building has been sold and the congregation hopes to use the new edifice about July 1st. Approximately 125 people attended the ground breaking exercises.

● On Sunday evening, May 6, a large audience taxed the seating capacity of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., to hear the wonderful cantata, "Christ Lay in the Bonds of Death" by Johann Sebastian Bach, which was presented by the choir of the Foster Avenue Church of Chicago. The cantata was composed in 1724 A.D. for Easter services at St. Thomas Church, Leipzig, Germany. The text is from a German hymn published 200 years earlier with the words by Martin Luther and the melody by Johann

**CENTRAL CONFERENCE
RESERVATIONS**

The Central Conference will be held in the Colonial Village Baptist Church, June 28-July 1, 1956, and we shall be happy to entertain the delegates and visitors who come to the conference. All reservation requests should be sent to:

MISS BONNIE MORGAN
408 West Genesee St.
Lansing 15, Michigan

JUBILEE AT NOKOMIS, SASK.

On June 16 and 17 the Nokomis Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., will celebrate its 50th anniversary. Congratulatory letters or telegrams can be sent to the pastor,

REV. OSCAR FRITZKE,
Nokomis, Sask., Canada

Walther. The cantata at the Forest Park Church was directed by Herbert R. Pankratz. Rev. Joe Sonnenberg, pastor of the Foster Avenue Church, brought a brief message on "What Can You Say to Death?" Ray Pankratz, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pankratz, played the violin solo,

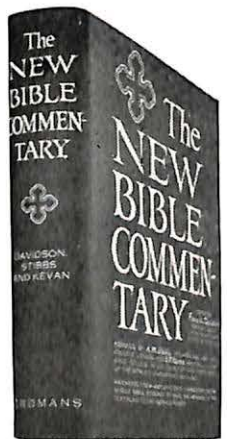
"Sicilienne," as an offertory. Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor, was in charge of the service

● On Sunday, May 6, Rev. J. C. Gunst, promotional secretary, served at the Andrews Street Baptist Church, Rochester, New York. This church was known as "the Seminary Church" for many years when the Seminary was in Rochester. Today the church is an active and growing congregation. A goodly number of immigrants and other families have joined the church and have been very well integrated into a harmonious fellowship and working program. Dr. Albert Breschneider, for many years professor of our Seminary, and his wife are members of the church. On Saturday the promotional secretary and Rev. Arthur Weisser, pastor of the church, called on them in their home. The Bretschneiders, Mrs. O. E. Krueger, and several pastors' families, now residing in Rochester, are all active in the church and are continuing to help build the cause of Christ in this way. Sunday evening after the presentation of the Bansa Hospital work of our Camerons Missions, in Kodachrome slides, a missionary offering was received.

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