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# Baptist Briefs

● **Rev. Charles Emerson Boddie**, pastor of Mount Olivet Baptist Church, Rochester, N. Y., has become the first Negro to be named a staff secretary of a national agency of the American Baptist Convention. On Jan. 3 he began his work as associate secretary in the department of missionary personnel.

● **Rev. Leon H. Sullivan**, 33-year-old pastor of Zion Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., has been named by the U.S. Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of the "ten outstanding young men" in the United States in 1955. He was recognized for his role in organizing the Philadelphia citizens' committee which rallied churches, schools, law agencies, and other groups to cut the city's juvenile delinquency rate.

● **Clarke Greener**, a deacon in the Baptist Church, La Salle, Ill., believes he may be the champion Bible reader of the United States. In 1955 he read a total of 24,222 chapters, the equivalent of more than 20 times through the Bible. This was an average of 66 chapters a day. Greener started a contest to have the church members read a million chapters and set a goal of 20,000 for himself. The members read a total of 167,000 chapters.

● **Central Philippine University** of Iloilo City, in the Philippine Islands, in celebrating its golden anniversary in September 1955, cited Mrs. Charles H. Sears and Dr. Elmer A. Fridell of the American Baptist Convention for their "unselfish devotion to humanity and to the causes for which this institution was established." Both have carried administrative responsibility for foreign mission work in the Philippine Islands.

● **A blind Baptist minister**, the Rev. Ralph Montanus of College Point, New York, is founder and president of the Gospel Association for the Blind, a non-denominational agency now more than ten years old. In addition to providing tracts, Bible portions, Sunday School lessons, and inspirational articles in Braille, the Association has now appointed a blind missionary, Miss Catherine Hardin, to Antigua, British West Indies, to teach Braille to sightless persons.

● **The First Baptist Church of Chile's capital city** formally dedicated its imposing new house of worship in the heart of Santiago October 30, 1955. President Honorio Espinoza of the Chilean Baptist convention, who is also president of the Baptist seminary and a vice-president of the Baptist World Alliance, preached the dedica-

tion sermon. Representatives of other churches in the city and two Congressmen were among the 1,800 worshippers who filled the aisles, windows, choir loft, and even the baptistry during that service.

● **In the afterglow of the Golden Jubilee** meeting in London, England, Baptist women throughout the world have been busy doing their part to promote the ideals and aims of the Baptist World Alliance. During 1956 the following meetings will be held: April—Pacific Islands Baptist women in Tokyo, Japan; May—European Baptist women in Zurich, Switzerland; June—Australian Baptist women (place to be chosen); July—African Baptist women in Ede, Nigeria; and July—Latin-American Baptist women in Lima, Peru. We trust you will pray for these Baptists as they meet. Baptist women have an unprecedented privilege to witness in our day and generation. It is our hope that this witness may be true and compelling.

● **Baptists have been observing** the 250th anniversary of the establishment of the first Baptist Church in Connecticut by followers of Roger Williams. At the fall meeting of the Connecticut Baptist convention in New Haven, a historical pageant showed Valentine Wightman holding the first Baptist service in Groton (Old Mystic) in 1705. The early Baptists who defied the "established order" in their insistence on immersion, freedom of worship and local church government were driven shoeless through the snow from Waterford to New London, where they suffered for weeks in the meatless cells of the county jail. Three generations of Wightmans ministered to the Groton church through more than a century.

● **The Deaconess Order** began in England among Baptists in 1890, and today 57 Baptist deaconesses are on active duty, 15 working closely with pastors and 40 serving churches without pastors. Australia reports eight deaconesses in service with nine in training for overseas work. "Germany is the country of deaconesses," it has been reported, stating that the country has 48,000 Protestant deaconesses, 750 of them Baptists. The movement be-

## INFORMATION DESIRED

Information about the following persons is being eagerly sought by Rev. Adolf Kroeger, Fortstrasse 70, Stuttgart-W, Germany. They emigrated from Eupatoria, Crimea, prior to the 1st World War, going to North Dakota or Canada. If you can give the address of these people or of their relatives, send it to Mr. Kroeger.

Mr. Jacob Frank or his wife, nee Beschny-Eli.  
Mr. Johann Frank or his wife or children, Militta, Olga, Robert, Berta, Hugo.  
Katherine Reimgen, nee Frank.

gan there in 1887. Long black dress and white starched cap is the habit worn. In Holland deaconess work began in 1938, largely with the help of German women, and there are now eight deaconesses. The United States has no deaconess movement although many single women are dedicated to Christian service.

● **Leaders of four large Baptist groups**—American Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., and the North American Baptist General Conference—met in Chicago Dec. 8 to consider arrangements for a united evangelism crusade, 1959-64. Three other Baptist groups are expected to participate, bringing a total of over 18 million persons into the campaign. The terminal date coincides with the 150th anniversary observance of the first Triennial Convention which began cooperative Baptist effort on a national level in 1814. At Chicago the following emphasis were scheduled for submission to the various conventions: 1959, evangelism; 1960, Bible teaching and Baptist witness; 1961, stewardship and enlistment; 1962, church extension and leadership training; 1963, world missions; 1964, jubilee celebration.

● **Ronald Ballard**, a 23-year-old former basketball player sidelined after becoming paralyzed from the neck down since he was injured in an automobile accident three years ago, is responsible for Crusaders Chapel, a church for physically handicapped persons recently opened in Fort Worth, Texas. He spearheaded the idea of a special place of worship because he felt shy and self-conscious at church and realized there were many handicapped people who never go to church for the same reason. Though sponsored by Baptists, it is non-denominational. It is a place of worship and service for people who don't go to church because they feel shy, uncomfortable and out of place; and, probably, is the first church of its kind on record.

Remember your gift to the  
Risen Lord!  
**THE EASTER OFFERING**  
Palm Sunday, March 25,  
to Easter Sunday, April 1, 1956

# Editorial

## On the Resurrection Side

MEMORIALS are not unusual in the Scriptures—something by which always to remember a great deliverance by God. William MacDonald in the devotional booklet, *SEEK*, describes the historic moment, throbbing with suspense and wonder, when the people of Israel crossed over the Jordan River on dry ground into the Promised Land of Canaan. The priests carried the sacred ark up out of the river bed onto the west bank, before the Lord released the waters upstream and the Jordan resumed its flood tide. Then Joshua's first act was to set up a memorial of twelve stones near Gilgal as a testimony to succeeding generations of the power and love of God.

Dr. MacDonald rightly interprets the Scriptures by stating that these stones in Canaan also picture our resurrection with Christ to walk in newness of life. We have come out of darkness into light through faith in the risen Lord. We have reached our spiritual Promised Land. Because Christ lives, we too shall live. We have come to the resurrection side of life. In Dr. MacDonald's words: "It is an historic day in a person's history when he realizes that he as a sinner has been crucified with Christ; that the guilt and penalty of sin are gone; and that he now stands on resurrection ground, privileged to witness by life and lips to the power and love of the Savior."

That is a glorious thought to know that we are on the resurrection side of life with Christ! The Apostle Paul in his letter to the Ephesians describes this resurrection power with which God has "quickened" us. "For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light" (Eph. 5:8). The Colossians were also told that they were risen with Christ through the faith of the operation of God. Therefore, "if ye be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above . . . Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. As ye have therefore received Christ, so walk ye in him" (Col. 3:1-2 and 2:6).

By our conduct and conversation, by our attitudes and spiritual radiance, by the things we are and stand for, we show forth the glory of the risen Christ, our Savior! Our walk is in a new domain—the resurrection side of life. It is no longer we who live but Christ, the triumphant Lord, who dwells within us. We are citizens of his heavenly Kingdom, members of the household of God. Daily we must demonstrate this resurrection side of our new life, that Christ lives within us.

That will make Easter an amazing memorial for all to see who come in contact with you. By your relationship with loved ones in your home, by your witness for Christ in your community, by your attitudes toward others, by your offerings on Easter Sunday, you will take your stand on the resurrection side—alongside Christ. Your life is not your own; you have been bought with a great price; you are now an ambassador of Christ, carrying out his orders for you.

Remember the resurrection side of Easter. That's where you belong to take your stand for Christ, the Risen Lord!

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# The Glory of Christ's Resurrection



"Like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

raised Lazarus, said: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (John 11:25). Here is a wonderful promise of the hereafter.

## PROMISES OF THE HEREAFTER

However, this promise would not be if Christ had not conquered sin and death and had arisen victorious over the grave. "But now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept" (1 Cor. 15:20). I am thankful for these promises and others that give us the assurance of eternal life. For when we have that individual relationship with the Lord Jesus, we have that confidence in our hearts "that he who raised up the Lord Jesus shall raise us also by Jesus" (2 Cor. 4:14a).

The resurrection of Christ makes these promises possible. Thus, I raise my voice in song, "Up from the grave he arose, with a mighty triumph o'er his foes; he arose a Victor from the dark domain, and he lives forever with his saints to reign. He arose; he arose; hallelujah! Christ arose!"

## The Risen Christ, My Hope

By REV. HERBERT J. FREEMAN of West New York, N. J., Pastor of the Faith Baptist Church

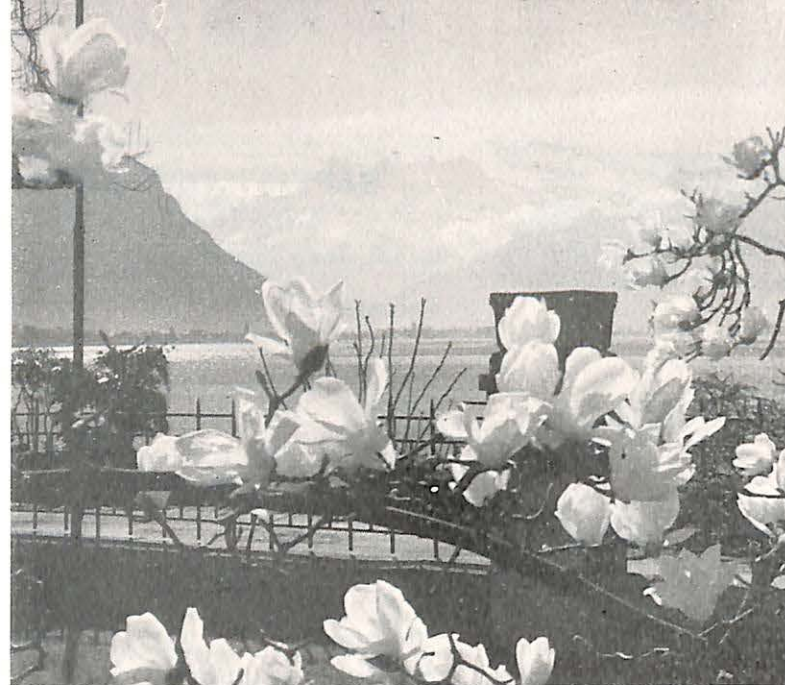
HOPE is the New Testament word which means expectation for the Christian, and is the translation of a term having the idea of certainty. There is no doubt in Christian hope. Jesus Christ is the key to this hope, "which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast" (Heb. 6:19).

If the story of Christ ended with the record of a kindly rich man who gave his tomb for the body of Jesus and then "rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed," then I am left, as his disciples were, disillusioned and frustrated. To what religion could I turn for certainty and

assurance if the promises of Christ were not kept and guaranteed?

The Scriptures testify, however, to the fulfillment of his promise (Luke 24:6-8). His discouraged and faint-hearted disciples were gloriously transformed into bold heralds of the resurrection. They had heard, seen and touched him (1 John 1:1). The miracle of his resurrection became the foundation for their hope, as indeed it is for all Christian truth (Acts 1:3).

The faith and inspiration of the minister of Christ today likewise stem from the fact of the resurrection. Rich is the meaning, and important are the implications of this historical fact



The glory of springtime comes to the shorelines of Lake Lemán at Montreux, Switzerland.

## I Serve a Living Savior

By REV. ORVILLE H. METH of Odessa, Washington

WHEN WE CONSIDER the last week Jesus spent on earth, we become sorrowful and depressed. Our hearts are touched when we read how he was betrayed, deserted, abused, and crucified. A darkness covers the scene as we visualize his last hours on the cross. When he was laid in the tomb, it was the darkest, but it was only the darkest before the dawn.

On the first day of the week as the signs of the morning began to spread across the sky, a great and wonderful thing happened. Nature itself shuddered in awe at this miracle that was happening. The angels proclaimed the wonderful news to those who came to the tomb of what had occurred. "Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is not here; he is risen."

This message uplifts our hearts and souls even today because it is a basic part of our faith. It is a prominent part of the Gospel message, and it brings with it wonderful promises of the hereafter to the believer.

## PROMINENT PART OF THE GOSPEL

Christ's resurrection is of great significance to me because it is a prominent part of the Gospel message from the time of the early Church to our twentieth century.

Peter, as he preached his message on the Day of Pentecost, pointed to the resurrection of Christ. "Jesus of Nazareth . . . ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death" (Acts 2:22-24). It was this same message that the great Apostle Paul preached to the Jews in Thessalonica. For he "reasoned with them out of the Scriptures, opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and this Jesus,

whom I preach unto you, is Christ" (Acts 17:2-3).

The early Church was a great torch, blazing a trail through the sin darkened world for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. Its message was centered around the theme of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. "And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all" (Acts 4:33).

Therefore, I believe that the resurrection of Christ must have a prominent place in our witnessing today as it did for those in the early Church. Paul said, "If Christ be not risen then is our preaching in vain" (1 Cor. 15:14). I praise the Lord that I can say, "I serve a living Savior."

The Bible is full of so many wonderful promises, and some of these are definitely connected with Christ's resurrection. The Master, speaking words of comfort to Martha before he



which we commemorate at this season of the year. As a minister of Jesus Christ, I am pleased to pass on my personal testimony to the meaning and hope of Christ's resurrection.

In the first place, the resurrection of our Lord gives assurance of the Gospel. Without it there would be no message for me—or for you—that could be called "good news." In fact, his resurrection is presented in Scripture as a very important segment of the Gospel (1 Cor. 15:4). It gives meaning and hope to the Cross. All that Christ claimed for himself, and everything which he did or said, is undergirded by the fact of his resurrection. Because God raised Christ from the dead, I am now sure of my Lord's sacrifice on the Cross as an accepted offering for my sins.

## TRIUMPHANT REALITY FOR US

Secondly, the fact of his resurrection means that I may serve God in the strength of my living Lord and Savior who gave his promise, "Lo, I am with you always." Because Jesus Christ is alive, I am compelled to be

a faithful servant. His resurrection inspires me to prayerful study of the Scriptures in order to make an accurate interpretation of them. Direction and purpose are given to pastoral responsibilities because of this historical fact. It touches my personal life too, and I know that if I serve and walk in the power of this triumphant reality I may stand before him without shame (2 Cor. 5:10).

Finally, the resurrection of Jesus Christ has its meaning for me at that point at which we most often think of it, namely, death. If I should die before his promised return, I know that my flesh shall rest in hope, and that "in my flesh shall I see God" (Job 19:26b). The gates of Hades shall not prevail against Christ's Church and, by the grace of God, I will share in the resurrection hope of the Church (Matt. 16:18b). "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept" (1 Cor. 15:19-20).

## Transformed by Christ's Resurrection

By REV. H. SCHAUER of Turtle Lake, North Dakota

WHEN ONE CONSIDERS the topic, "What the Resurrection Means to Me," one can only speak out of the depths of one's heart and experience and cannot consult reference books or commentaries.

VICTORY OVER DEATH: This, I would say, means more to me than anything else. It seems a man faces

the darkest moment when he faces the death of a loved one or is brought face to face with his own earthly end.

What a fear must plague that man who has no faith in another life or, if he does believe in it, is not sure or may even be certain that it bodes no good for him! Before the resurrection of Jesus, there must have been much

uncertainty even among the Jews, to say nothing of the Gentiles, about the life hereafter.

As a pastor brings comfort to others in times of bereavement and as he considers the possibility of earthly separation in his own family, what a boon to be able to bring the resurrection story! "I am the resurrection, and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" (John 11:25-26.)

"O death, where is thy sting? O grave where is thy victory? — But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:55, 57).

SEEING HIM: "And they shall see his face" (Rev. 22:4a). If it were not for the assurance of the Scriptures, a mere human being could not be so presumptuous as to look forward to looking into the face of One who is without sin and is God himself. The resurrection of Christ means that as a believer and a servant of his, I shall some day see him as he was, is and evermore shall be.

The sun is a beautiful sight and specially in the dreary and cold winter months. In heaven there will be no need of the "sun by day or moon and stars by night" for he shall be the Sun. Therefore, there will never be any dreariness or coldness. We are promised something of the glory of his face in this life as "his light shines in our hearts." How much more of that glory shall we behold when we see him face to face and become like him. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2). He was the "first fruits" of those who arose and may be the first one we shall see "over there."

MEETING LOVED ONES: I am looking forward to the time when I shall again see loved ones of mine, especially to see a godly grandfather of mine, whom I was not able to know very well in this life. Should God give me a lengthy life here, there would be scores of dear ones and friends to meet again. His resurrection and promises assures such a grand reunion.

LIVING WITH HIM NOW: The Sadducees, who did not believe in a resurrection, sought to corner him, by asking which marriage would be binding in heaven in the case where a man or woman remarried. After showing that the mode of life in heaven would be different from that on earth, he asserted that "God is a God of the living not of the dead." A pathetic religion is that one which must serve a dead founder, which has no assurance that the central person of their worship lives.

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# The Easter Offering -- and You!

★  
How your gifts will vitally influence  
through Christ's blessing the work  
of our denominational enterprise

## SUNDAY SCHOOLS DEDICATED TO EFFECTIVE GOSPEL TEACHING

By REV. G. K. ZIMMERMAN,  
Sunday School Union Secretary

THE URGENCY of sharing a message of the living Lord is described in Acts 5:42, "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." A more effective teaching of the risen Lord must be one of our basic objectives in our Sunday Schools. God's purpose for every pupil in our schools can become a growing reality as the claims of a living Savior are understandably presented by every teacher. We as teachers and leaders through our Christian life must declare the need of Christ for every soul.

The General Sunday School Committee, which includes representatives from each of our nine conferences, has devoted itself to guide and to help our Sunday Schools toward an improved training program for our teachers and leaders. We are confident that a united leadership effort in our local Sunday Schools will make possible not only a higher enrollment and attendance, but a more capable staff of teachers and officers who have spiritual quality and ability.

We will realize the fulfillment of our expectations of the Sunday School Union through a united effort to apply the suggested program of work recently outlined by our General Sunday School Committee. (See detailed report in this issue of the "Baptist Herald," Page 15.)

Your fervent prayers and material gifts are sincerely appreciated, for these make possible our newly founded Sunday School Union in the denominational family. Let us continue to pray that we may be Sunday Schools dedicated to an "effective Gospel teaching" of a living Savior and Lord.

## YOUNG PEOPLE SHARING IN SERVICE FOR CHRIST

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT  
CBY Fellowship Secretary

THE EASTER SEASON is a time when our hearts are challenged anew with the Biblical account of the sacrificial death and glorious resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Receptive to this message and motivated by love, there is an innate desire to be of special service for him. The Easter offering is our opportunity to do something to show our love and gratitude.

Young people, who are also aware of stewardship responsibilities, share in this vital ministry. All participants not only experience the joy of giving, but are also the recipients of spiritual blessings. This is the intangible benefit that is ours for having shared in some service for Christ.

The CBY Fellowship is also directly strengthened by the Easter Offering. Our budget is met only as offerings are channelled through our denominational treasury. This financial assistance helps us in presenting our young people with program material and valuable literature. Our missionary endeavors are strengthened both at home and in the foreign field.

The Easter Offering has been invaluable in that it has provided the opportunity and means whereby young people are able to receive practical Christian training. Last year's statistics reveal that \$3,000.00 were required to send out students through the Student Service Plan. Thus, local churches and student workers benefit directly from this service made possible by your offerings.

### EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPES

have been sent to all pastors for use  
in North American Baptist churches  
on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1956.

## WOMEN COMMISSIONED TO TELL THE RESURRECTION STORY

By MRS. THOMAS D. LUTZ,  
President of the Woman's Missionary  
Union

IT IS INTERESTING to note that on the first resurrection morning, when the women saw Jesus, "... they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him."

In turn, the women were the first ones commissioned to tell the resurrection story, for Jesus said, "Go, tell..."

Under the theme, "Christ for the Whole Wide World," we continue to worship at his feet. Our spiritual life is deeply strengthened through prayer. We encourage daily personal and family devotions. United prayer days are observed. Our meetings provide devotional services. We go forth to evangelize in prayer.

The women of our denomination will bring sacrifice and love offerings to the feet of Jesus at this Easter season. Why? Because Jesus said, "Go, tell..." and by their giving someone will hear the Word who otherwise would not have a chance.

We will give to our denominational budget and to our Woman's Missionary Union project with its goal of \$40,000 for 1955-1958. Of this, \$20,000 are designated for Africa, 1. Bansa Hospital, 2. Chairman of women's work, 3. Bamenda New Hope Settlement (leper work), and 4. Seminary for native pastors); \$10,000 for Japan; and \$10,000 for Church Extension.

Through our love for our risen Savior and for one another, we will strengthen our spiritual lives and by our love and sacrificial offerings we will "Go, tell..." that others might know that Jesus lives.

Especially at this Easter season, may we bring our offering and lift our hearts and voices together to tell the

resurrection story that others will know that Jesus lives. "And because he lives, we shall live also" (John 14:19).

## THE SEMINARY'S TRAINING OF MINISTERS AND MISSION- ARIES WHO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

By DR. GEORGE A. LANG,  
Seminary President, Sioux Falls,  
South Dakota

THE IMPORTANT EVENTS in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ which are emphasized at Easter time lie at the heart of the Christian Gospel. We are mindful of the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary's cross. We are thrilled by the message of new life in Christ as seen in his resurrection experience. He is the living Christ who is able to forgive, to save, to empower, and to give eternal life to all who accept him by faith. Thus Easter time challenges us to spread this glorious Gospel. And to make this possible we are challenged to give of our means and money.

The Easter offering is a contribution to our denominational program and agencies. All of these are supported by it. Since the North American Baptist Seminary is one of these agencies, the question may be asked: "How does the Easter Offering affect the work of the Seminary?" Every dollar given helps to carry on its effective training in biblical instruction and church leadership. The more financial support that is given makes more help and instruction to more students possible.

Our Spanish-American work, the spread of the Gospel among the Indians in Canada, mission service in the Cameroons and Japan, as well as evangelistic and pastoral work at home are the individual objectives of our present fine student body. Last year's graduates are busily engaged in Church Extension, in mission work in Japan, in city and country church pastorates. Your dollars help to educate these. God's eternity will show the souls saved because of your support in training these enthusiastic soul winners and servants of God.

## GOD'S FAITHFUL PEOPLE IN HELPING THE CHRISTIAN TRAINING INSTITUTE

By REV. E. P. WAHL,  
of the C.T.I., Edmonton, Alberta

IT WAS EARLY Monday morning. I was seated at my desk, thinking of the work that had to be done during that particular week. I was somewhat weary; Sunday had been a heavy day. To arouse myself to the duties at hand was somewhat difficult. Then my eyes fell upon a card advertising certain church material. On that card in large letters were the words, "Last Chance."

Those words began talking to me like this: The young people attending the Christian Training Institute have decisions to make, problems to solve, questions to answer, temptations to overcome, preparation to make to serve well in the Church of Jesus Christ. This is your chance to lend a helping hand. It may be your last chance. Will you be faithful?

"But," I said, "my strength is small; the job is herculean." Then I beheld how the Lord had prepared himself a people who pray daily and give generously for the ministry of our beloved Christian Training Institute. The faithfulness of this people in the years past has been blessed by God so that we are able to continue with this branch of our denominational work.

I thought of the monthly check coming from our general treasurer as God's stream of blessing which flows quietly but steadily from the willing hands of our people. I saw that many of God's children will again bow before the Lord when bringing their Easter Offering and the Spirit will remind them of the needs at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton, Alberta, and God in his lovingkindness will once more give them a share in the work of the school through the special offering. And my heart experienced peace as it heard the voice saying: "They will not fail their denomination."

I arose from my desk with happiness in my soul and thanksgiving for the privilege to belong to a people that delights to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. I went to have my breakfast. Before eating, we read that morning at our family devotion from Luke's Gospel, chapter eleven, beginning with verse nine, and prayed, giving thanks for my brothers and sisters in the Lord with whom I am privileged to be a co-worker, and pleading that God might prepare our hearts that we be pleasing in his sight as we lay our offering on his altar.

## THE EASTER OFFERING AND THE WORK OF THE PUBLI- CATION SOCIETY

By REV. E. J. BAUMGARTNER,  
Business Manager of the Publication  
Society

HOW does the Easter Offering help the work of the Publication Society? That was the question put to me for a short article in the "Baptist Herald." Briefly stated, the Easter Offering helps to undergird the entire work of the Publishing House.

Recently I had the pleasure of having a lengthy and most profitable conference with Mr. Kenneth L. Graham who is president of the Church Owned Publishers Association. One of the problems we discussed at length was the matter of financing church periodical publications, because practically all of the periodical publications need to be subsidized in some

manner or other. The various denominations recognize the tremendous spiritual, promotional, and educational value of their church publications such as our "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote."

Recognizing their great value, they are published and printed at a financial loss and ways are then found to make up this loss from other sources. It must always be remembered that in the great majority of cases among church-owned publications the cost of the paper, the printing, and the labor connected with other phases related to the publication of the papers are usually far above the actual income derived from the sale of the paper. Hence, a subsidy in some manner or form becomes necessary. Denominations gladly do this because of the tremendous importance of their papers.

In our own case, the "Baptist Herald" and "Der Sendbote" need to be subsidized, and this subsidy is in part provided by the Easter Offering. The same applies to the weekly church bulletins, the "Conference Minutes," and the "Directory." It is the desire of the Publication Society and the denomination that these publications and periodicals be distributed among our people and at a price which they are willing to pay. Let me assure you that all of our publications offer a real bargain as far as price is concerned.

Remembering that the Easter Offering helps to undergird in a financial way the work of the Publication Society in all of its phases, may we admonish you to give a liberal gift on this Easter Sunday. Make it liberal as God has prospered. It will help the Publication Society as it attempts to take its place along with other organizations in our denomination. Help it on Easter Day to present the living Word of God in printed form.

## A HOUSE OF BREAD, NOT OF STONE, AT ST. JOSEPH, MICH.

By REV. AUGUST F. RUNTZ,  
Superintendent of the Children's  
Home

IN LUKE 11:11 we find these words spoken from the lips of Jesus: "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone?" In the almost 85 years of the Children's Home's existence, boys and girls with various problems have come to our Home, and, figuratively speaking, have asked for bread.

Some of these children had lost both parents through death. Others had lost one parent. In still other instances the parents were either unable or unwilling to care for their children. Regardless of the situation, they all came asking for bread: a home, care, security, love, food, clothing, shelter, an education, Christian training, and everything that would fit them for a normal, useful life.

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The new Baptist Mission House in the Kinkakuji area of Kyoto, Japan.

## Our New Mission in Kyoto, Japan



The story of the dedication of the Mission House in the Kinkakuji area of Kyoto



By REV. and MRS. CLEMENCE AUCH, Missionaries in Japan

EACH TIME that God leads us a step forward in the work he has given to us, we rejoice and praise the Name of him to whom belongs all praise. Having been led in a definite way by God to begin a work in Kyoto, Japan, our first concern was the part of the city where we should serve. Several days were spent in investigating areas as yet unreached, but after prayer and serious contemplation we were directed to the Kinkakuji area.

### THE LORD'S LEADING

Not only did God direct us to the area where we might begin, but he also led us in a marvelous way in the purchasing of land and in the employing of a Christian contractor to build the house in which we are holding services at the present time. The land, which we were able to purchase, cost us only half as much per unit as the land just across the street and throughout that general area.

Praise God for providing for our needs, even in terms of land!

Through contacts made by Miss Florence Miller while studying in Kyoto, we were able to conduct our first Gospel Service in the home of a fine Japanese Christian lady. The attendance was small, but God's presence was there. The services were conducted in this home until the new house was completed.

### THE DEDICATION SERVICE

December 3, 1955 was another outstanding day in the progress of the work in Kyoto. On this day by the grace and help of God we were privileged to dedicate the new home unto God. The service began at 7:30 P.M. with forty-five Japanese friends present, some of whom had never attended a Christian service. Rev. Walter Sukut conducted the service with the assistance of Mr. Ono, our faithful Japanese co-worker and interpreter.



Rev. Walter Sukut, our missionary in Japan, assisted by Mr. Ono, conducts the dedication service for the new Baptist Mission House in Kyoto, Japan.

### REMEMBER OUR MISSIONARIES IN PRAYER

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut in Kyoto, Japan  
 Rev. and Mrs. Clemence Auch in Kyoto, Japan  
 Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern in Kyoto, Japan  
 Miss Florence Miller in Ise, Japan

**YOUR EASTER OFFERING WILL HELP THEM TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL IN JAPAN**

After the singing of a hymn and some introductory remarks as to how we were guided to build in this area, Rev. Clemence Auch led in the dedicatory prayer. We were then privileged to hear a few remarks made by our Christian contractor. Also for this service we were uplifted by two young men who love to sing to the glory of God.

Anxiously we awaited the words of Motoyama Sensei, an American-born Japanese who is a missionary among her people here. Motoyama Sensei was used by God to begin the work in this area of Kyoto and to lead to the Lord one of the most wonderful Christian women of our group. The service was closed in prayer by Miss Florence Miller who was able to come from Ise for this special meeting. Refreshments were served and the guests were able to view the home.

### GOD'S OPEN DOOR

Praise God for special features which draw people. It was through this service that we met a young Formosan student who several Sundays later made a profession of faith in Christ, along with a student who is living near the home of the Auchs.

God has placed before us an open door of service. PRAY that we may be used by God to bring honor to his Name and proclaim the Good News of salvation to the people in the Kinkakuji area of Kyoto!



The Judson Tower and its illuminated Cross proclaim a spiritual message to all who spend a few days at the scenic American Baptist Assembly grounds at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

## Come to the Conference at Green Lake



Baptist Men and Their Families Will Meet at the Green Lake Assembly from July 28 to August 4



By MR. HERBERT STABBERT of Anaheim, California

WHO? WHAT? When? Where? Does this arouse your curiosity? I hope so, because I am going to talk about something that is of great importance to every man in our North American Baptist Conference. It is hoped that every subscriber of the "Baptist Herald" will find time to read this article because it is a direct invitation to you, not the other fellow, but you seriously to consider attending the Baptist Men's Assembly at Green Lake, Wis., this year from July 28 to August 4. If you haven't ever attended one of these gatherings, you have missed a most worth-while event.

### A LUXURIOUS VACATION

You may ask, "Why should I attend?" Perhaps this question can be answered as to what I personally found at Green Lake when it was my privilege to be there.

You will find, as I did, an excellent spot to spend a relaxing vacation. All of us are living in a busy world filled with much pressure. Perhaps you are yearning for a time of leisure—doing just what you want, to do whenever you want to do it. Green Lake offers such luxury!

You will find a place that is surrounded by beautiful scenery. Green Lake is nestled in a lush countryside and rolling hills. I believe everyone thrives on God's handiwork of color schemes, and Green Lake has much to offer for the artistic eye.

### INSPIRING PROGRAM

You will be blessed by the fine program that has been arranged. Dr. Norman Paullin of Philadelphia, Pa., an instructor at the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be our guest speaker. Every day he will provide food for our spiritual growth.

Then, too, everyone will have more than usual opportunity to participate in discussing subjects which will be

### GREEN LAKE LEAFLETS

Leaflets about the Baptist Men's Conference at Green Lake, Wis., are available in your church. Ask your pastor for a copy or write to Baptist Men, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.

presented in the evening meetings by various speakers previous to the discussion periods that will follow the next morning. In order that you may become better acquainted with the program, please refer to your January 12th issue of the "Baptist Herald" or read the leaflet about the Laymen's

Conference which your pastor has for distribution.

You will enjoy, as I did, the fellowship of friends and acquaintances from far and near. Do you recall how heart-warming it was to meet friends at any one of our church conferences? The greetings, the vigorous handclasp, the inquiry about the welfare of mutual acquaintances, the exchange of opinions, the enjoyment of a cup of coffee or cold drink, the partaking of delicious meals together, all these and more are in store for you at Green Lake. Fellowship? There is no substitute for it.

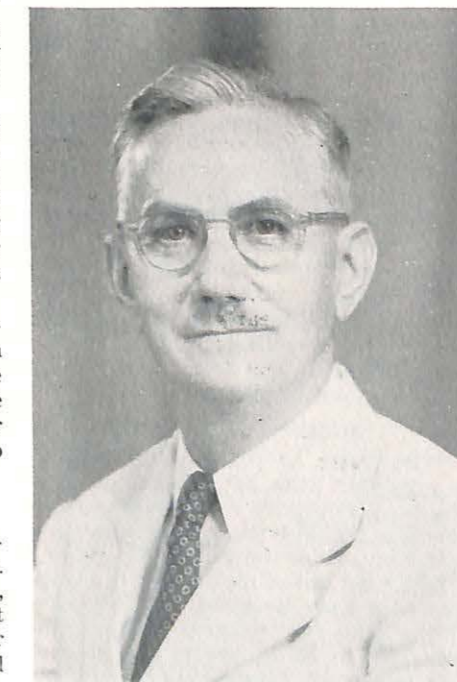
### GRAND FELLOWSHIP

You will enjoy the hours of recreation. Do you like boating? How about trying your skill at horseshoe? You will have an opportunity to get good and stiff playing ball, and the "hacker" will find his delight on the magnificent golf course. If you haven't ever been to one of our Assemblies at Green Lake, you will be interested to know that the afternoons are free for recreation of your choice. There will be lots of it.

Then, last but not least, you will be blessed by the realization that we will enjoy the afore mentioned because we are bound together by a common cause—our Lord. We as Baptist Men have opportunities to be of service in projects that could move mountains.

### REGISTER SOON!

As said in the beginning of this brief article, please don't forget that these words are meant to be a sincere invitation for you to attend the Green Lake Assembly if at all possible. You will never regret it! For additional information and for registration cards for the Laymen's Conference, write to Baptist Men, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Illinois.



Rev. Gustaf Sword, former Baptist missionary to Burma, who will be the Sunday evening missionary speaker on July 29th at the Laymen's Conference at Green Lake, Wisconsin.



Marvin Buffalo and William Standing on the Road (left) of the Montana Reserve assist Missionary Derman in a service at the Wiesenthal Baptist Church; and Irene Sommers and Martha Wiebe with the Samson Reserve Indian children (right) at their Vacation School with the old missionary trailer house in the background.

## Montana Reserve Indians on Jesus' Way

The Story of Our Mission Field Near Hobbema, Alberta and the Samson Reserve by Mr. Jake Derman, Missionary

"O, COME ALL ye faithful!" So rang out the words and melody in a crowded school bus on an Indian Reservation of Alberta, Canada, by children, most of whom had gone to Roman Catholic schools until last fall. What a challenge these words have proved to be throughout the years!

As I drove the bus over the winding Indian trails, across the Battle River to the Montana Indian Day School, my mind wandered far back to the beginning of the mission work of the North American Baptist General Conference on these reservations of Alberta.

I saw Rev. F. W. Benke with his old Model A Ford racing at 30 miles an hour toward Hobbema, at times a distance of 80 miles. In summer it was quite cool, but in winter the collar of his fur coat had to be turned up.

### MISSIONARY PIONEERS

On arrival, he had no church building in which to conduct services, but only a log shack owned by Mr. Standing On the Road, who was the first convert, and who went to his heavenly reward some time ago.

After more than 15 years of visits to the Montana Reserve, the Indians finally realized that this Great Spirit, whom they feared, was God, whom the white man worshipped in love, and not in fear.

After a considerable time of work and visits, Chief John Bear (now retired as the honorary chief) decided

it would be a fine thing to have a Baptist Church built, to which his people could go and worship. Misses Twila Bartz, Minnie Kuhn, and Ida Forsch taught school in a house for some time.

In 1947 a fine little chapel was built, but constructed only on a footing due to a lack of funds for a basement. However, the building proved quite adequate at the time, but now it has become too small.

In 1948 Rev. and Mrs. Reinhard Neuman were appointed missionaries to this reserve, to whom fell the task to begin and teach school in the church building until 1951 when the government brought to the reserve a fine school building. This school has been large enough until the present, but now we have nearly 50 children enrolled. Some walk and others are being brought by bus to the school from the neighboring reserve.

### "JESUS LOVES ME!"

"Oh, listen to that chorus sung by a group of little girls at the back of the bus, who only recently heard and learned the chorus, 'Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so'."

Yes, that is the reason why the missionaries have been faithful and have left all the conveniences of town and city life to come out to the reserve and to tell all men, women, boys, and girls that Jesus loves them and gave his life for them, so that they too can belong to him and serve him.

What is that? Do I hear some say,

"Does it pay?" Well, let us continue. Here we are driving a distance of six miles to school on the same road that some of our Indian friends from the Samson Reserve have been using to bring their children to the Day School on the Montana Reserve since its beginning. This school is being served by a Christian teacher, and always has been since Missionary Neuman first taught in the church almost eight years ago.

Why do they bring them that far? you ask. This I would like to explain, because my heart is touched by their faithfulness. They bring their children to a school that gives them the true religious instruction. We are allowed to give one-half hour religious instruction each day. True, there is a school much closer, and for years it has had a school bus hauling their neighbors' children to and from their school. Can't you just hear them sing? "O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant."

### HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE INDIANS

Let us mention a few of the highlights of the past year. December 11th will be long remembered, because of the eight converts who were baptized at the Calvary Baptist Church of Westaskiwin, Alberta. Among these was an elderly lady, Grandma Standing on the Road, who is over 80 years of age. Before she was baptized, in her testimony on Sunday morning, she said she wanted to be baptized and thus more fully to serve her Savior. It was

also her desire that all her grandchildren would do in the future what she was going to do that afternoon.

We wish you could have been with us on Christmas night, when all the school children had a part in the program, which portrayed the Christmas story in drama, word, and song. The parents listened eagerly to their children reciting, singing, and dramatizing the story, that was new to many who were present that evening.

Former Chief John Bear challenged the people to work together. Rev. Ben Strohschein brought a very good message on "Giving." At the close of the service, each one present received some Christmas treats donated to them by North American Baptist friends. Then with hearts happy in God's goodness we all parted for our homes.

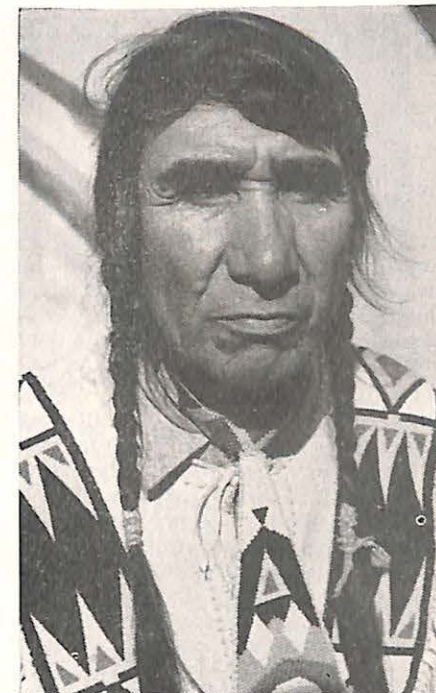
Just one moment, we must all sit quietly in our seats in the bus. We are about to cross the ice which covers the Battle River. We cannot cross on the bridge for it is not quite finished. However, it will be done in the near future, and then it will join the Montana and Samson Reserves and make transportation much easier under any kind of road conditions.

### MONTANA BAPTIST CHURCH

Now that we have crossed the river, two more miles bring us to the Montana Baptist Church which stands on a little raise of land, as a lighthouse on the sea, to beckon to all, "Come and worship!" Yes, and there next to it is the school which is much too small now. The smaller children must go into the church building, where a class room has been temporarily arranged until another room can be added to the present school this summer.

Mrs. Derman helps in the teaching until another teacher is available. At the school a fine Christian man, Gordon Larson, has the teaching duties, and does a wonderful piece of work with the children. How we thank the Lord for answering our prayers in sending to us such a fine Christian teacher. Mr. Larson and his helpful wife have three children. They live in a small but lovely teacherage built on the school grounds. Both Mr. and Mrs. Larson are very helpful and give much of their time to assist in the church. Mr. Larson teaches the Junior boys and girls in Sunday School, while Mrs. Derman has the primary class, thus allowing each of them to do a more effective work with the boys and girls.

Many changes have taken place on the Reserve. Better roads have been built. Nearly half of the families have new houses, and the rest of them will receive theirs in a few years. A bus system to transport school children from the Samson Reserve to the Montana Reserve School has been in operation since September 1955. More wells with fresh water have been



More than a half million Indians, like the one pictured above, live in the United States and Canada.

drilled and more land for cultivation has been broken. If some of our readers have been on the Reserve ten years ago, you will now find much improvement. We're trusting the Lord that in the future there will be even greater changes on the Reserves, especially in the hearts and lives of the men and women and children.

### ANSWERS TO PRAYER

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." This is what the Indian friends have been doing. First, they asked for a chapel so that they could worship God together. Secondly, they wanted

their children educated to read and write so that they could understand God's Word, therefore asking for a day school. Thirdly, God blessed them with material blessings and will continue to bless them as long as they are faithful to him.

During the past summer holidays, two very successful Vacation Bible Schools were held, one on the Montana Reserve and the other on the Samson Reserve with more than 70 children attending. Misses Irene Sommers and Martha Wiebe from the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton were the teachers on the Samson Reserve and Misses Freda Derman and Loraine Bognar from Trochu conducted classes on the Montana Reserve, together with Mr. Derman, missionary, who supervised at both schools.

We have been reflecting on the past. Won't you come and see for yourself what your prayers have and still can do?

Now we must get busy again. The children are studying; so let us visit with the Indian mothers and fathers at home. They enjoy such visits very much. But there seems so little time to have a long visit, or frequent ones. We must be back in time to take the children home again by bus after school. This usually takes 2½ hours or more. When the roads are bad, we may not return until 10:00 or 11:00 o'clock at night. Prayer meetings are held in the homes and youth services in the church. So each day has its duties on the Indian Reservation.

### GOD'S GLORIOUS PROMISES

Let us therefore go forward with new strength in the Lord, for in his strength and power only we can go forward and win the victories which in the future will again be happy and glorious memories in the Lord.



Mr. and Mrs. Jake Derman of Ponoka, Alberta, missionaries to the Indians on the Montana Reserve of Alberta, Canada.

# Our Home Mission Fields

Glimpses of Our Mission-supported Churches

## THE CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

By REV. THOMAS LUTZ, Pastor

**M**OST ORGANIZATIONS have small beginnings but, if well founded as is the Church of Jesus Christ, then such an organization will live and grow. It was upon God's promise, "I will build my church," that a small group of Christians worked and sacrificed in order to organize and establish the Calvary Baptist Church of Aberdeen, South Dakota.

During the years preceding 1948 a number of people from our churches of the North American Baptist General Conference of North and South Dakota, within a radius of 100 miles from the Hub City (Aberdeen), came here to make their homes. For a time, while there were only few of our people here, they worshipped in and became affiliated with the First Baptist Church of the American Baptist Convention.

Somehow, they did not feel at home in this church and, as their number grew, there also grew a desire to have their own church and their own place of worship. It is not always easy to feel at home "in a strange land," as these people felt while they worshipped in the First Baptist Church. They longed for that personal and closer fellowship which they had enjoyed in their former churches.

### DIFFICULT BEGINNINGS

On May 23, 1948 a group of these Christians met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fischer for the purpose of organizing a church which would be affiliated with the North American Baptist General Conference, in which they could feel at home and which they understood and loved.

To take part and advise in organizing this church the local people invited representatives from nearby churches. On October 13, 1948 the church became incorporated under the laws of the state of South Dakota, at which time she was given her certificate of incorporation with 13 charter members.

On August 10, 1948 the group met to consider the calling of a full-time pastor for this newly organized church. Their first pastor was Rev. Rudolph Klein who led the church in the difficult days of becoming fully established as an organized church in serving Christ and the community.

As others from our North American Baptist churches came into the city of Aberdeen, most of them found their way to the Calvary Baptist Church and, as the organization grew in numbers, they felt the need of having their own building for their services and also to do a more effective work in the community. Until this time the services had been conducted in homes and later in a school house. Since one of the buildings from one of the Ashley stations was for sale, it was purchased and moved to the present location.

Mr. Klein served the church until July 1951, and in September of the same year the church called Mr. Chris Weintz, a student at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to which a favorable response was given with the understanding that he be permitted to finish his last year of Seminary training. Thus in 1952 Mr. Weintz became the pastor and served the church until early in 1954. On September 5, 1954, Rev. Thomas Lutz and family of North Freedom, Wis., became the pastor's family of the church.

During these years, since the organization of the church, it has grown

## ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

March 24—Annual session of Children's Home Board, St. Joseph, Michigan.

April 1 (Easter Sunday)—Dedication service, Shell Creek Church, Columbus, Nebraska.

Rev. R. Schilke

March 25 (Sunday)—Spring Valley Church, Canistota, South Dakota.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

March 25 (Sunday)—Emmanuel Church, Marion, Kansas.

April 1 (Easter Sunday)—Herreid, South Dakota.

from the original 13 charter members to a membership of 75. This organization includes a very active Sunday School with an enrollment of 95, a youth fellowship with a membership of 24, and an active Woman's Missionary Society. Out of this fellowship one young man, Mr. LeRoy Schauer, has gone into the active ministry. He is now pastor of our church at Mott, North Dakota. Mrs. Jacob Ehman, wife of the pastor of our church in Sidney, Mont., is a daughter of this church.

### NEW BUILDING NEEDED

The church is experiencing growing pains. The facilities which were adequate at the beginning are no longer so. The need of a much larger and more modern building is keenly felt, due to overcrowded conditions. We trust that in the not-too-distant future our dreams will be realized and there will be erected an attractive as well as useful building to the honor and glory of God. The future of the Calvary Baptist Church is bright. We know that as long as we, the members, will keep Jesus Christ as the Head of our church, we will grow and continue to be useful in God's Kingdom.



This Easter season brings glory to our lives in the beauty of flowers and the resurrection power of Christ.

## Successful Workers' Conferences

By REV. J. C. GUNST, Promotional Secretary

**V**ISITING our churches and ministering to our people is always a challenging but at the same time a humbling experience. Each year a new and greater service awaits your denominational secretaries as they serve the many churches in our fellowship. Each year they launch out in faith, looking to him who is able to supply strength, wisdom, joy, and guidance for a manifold task which needs to be done. With an enlarged staff at Forest Park, more services can be rendered and more churches can be reached.

Early in the new year of 1956 the general secretary of the Sunday School Union, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, and the promotional secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst, teamed up for a tour to visit most of our churches in the Atlantic Conference. Twelve days were set aside for this tour. Fifteen meetings were scheduled in those twelve days.

The purpose of the trip was to hold Workers' Conferences for the many Sunday School officers and teachers in the various churches to be visited. It was hoped that the messages by the speakers might challenge anew all church workers, who could be reached, so that the task of Christian teaching, reaching the unreached, and winning the lost people to Christ might be carried out more than ever before.

In the program presented attention was called to the importance of having a unified program of Christian

education in every church. The meaning of a strong continuous visitation program for the Sunday School was presented. Materials and methods to make an effective visitation program possible were shared. The urgency of thorough training and preparation for all officers and teachers in our churches were discussed.

Needless to say, the response on the part of the church leaders, the Sunday School officers and the teachers of every school was most gratifying. In most churches the evening program started with a fellowship supper. This assured good attendance since many of the Sunday School workers were able to come to the meeting directly from work. The program progressed rapidly from the fellowship around

## Rev. Daniel Fuchs, Evangelist

### ASSIGNMENTS:

April 8-15—Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon. Rev. R. F. Penner, Pastor.

April 17-25—Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon. Rev. A. W. Wardin, Interim Pastor.

### WE THANK GOD:

The prospects seemed limited, but a group of Christians met early every morning for weeks to pray in faith. They prayed that God might bless the coming evangelistic campaign in their

### WHAT WILL YOUR EASTER OFFERING BE?

Palm Sunday, March 25, to Easter Sunday, April 1, 1956

the tables to two brief lectures followed by discussions with excellent participation. A film strip on "The Teacher Prepares" followed every meeting. This allowed time to view a good exhibit which had been set up in advance and for more additional personal questions by the workers which the guest speakers were able to discuss with them.

The team is delighted to report highly successful conferences in the following cities: Cleveland, Ohio, with our three churches cooperating; Boston, Mass.; Bridgeport, Conn., with the church at New Britain cooperating; New York City, two churches cooperating; Brooklyn, N. Y., two churches cooperating; Faith Church, West New York, N. J., four churches cooperating. From there the team moved on to Passaic, N. J.; then to Newark, N. J., with three of our churches cooperating; to Jamesburg, N. J.; then to Philadelphia, Pa., two churches cooperating; Bethlehem, Pa.; Wilmington, Del., at the Elsmere Church; and then to Baltimore, Maryland.

On the tour the team was invited to a festive fellowship luncheon and meeting with the pastors and their wives of the Atlantic Conference churches. This meeting proved highly profitable to everyone in attendance. After the fellowship around the tables in the Pilgrim Church, Jersey City, N. J., the group present moved to the main auditorium of the church. After a brief devotional period, a number of reports were shared how God blesses the work of our churches. A discussion period followed on the subject, "The Relationship Between the General Conference and the Local Church."

The two members of the team returned from the tour thanking God for faithful servants of the Lord who are at the head of our churches. The  
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Photos by Thomas Lutz, Jr.

A recent Sunday morning congregation at the Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, South Dakota (left), and some of the members stop to chat and to visit (right) on the church steps after the service.

# We...the Women

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

MRS. WALTER STEIN of Grand Forks, N. Dak., brings us an Easter thought from the lilies. She needs no introduction to us for she has been our W.M.U. vice-president for six years and is the pastor's wife of our Grace Church in Grand Forks, North Dakota. She is a faithful co-worker in our Woman's Missionary Union.

As we dwell upon the picture of her daughter, Lois, we become conscious of the fact that there is a great possibility that Lois will grow up to follow in her mother's footsteps. We sense a responsibility as women to train our children that they may go forth in our Savior's work and carry on where we must needs lay down our task.

As Lois points out a message from the flowers, we read a message in words from her mother. Before we read it, we would breathe a prayer from the words of the song writer who wrote, "I would be pure, for there are those who care."



Lois Stein seems to love beautiful flowers! The daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Walter Stein of Grand Forks, N. Dak., was 19 months old when this picture was taken.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE LILY

By MRS. W. STEIN

It is the coldest week in January as I prepare this article for Easter. Easter is a pleasant thought in January for it brings to our minds the time when "the winter is past, the snow is over and gone: the flowers appear on the earth" (Song of Solomon 2:11-12).

Spring is the most wonderful season of the year for it is a time of joyous awakening; a time of hope, of anticipation, of fulfillment of the faith we had when we planted the bulbs in the wintry days of autumn. But spring to the Christian is more than a season; it is a symbol of Christ's death and resurrection.

Easter Sunday is one day in the year when two messages are brought to our attention simultaneously, one by the minister, the other by the Easter lily. The lily, arrayed in spotless beauty and placed to its best advantage, brings us the universal message of "purity." First, it would tell us of the matchless purity of our resurrected Lord and then continue to tell of a purity that will be ours "when this mortal puts on immortality" (1 Cor. 15:54). When that time comes, we shall indeed be clothed with a garment even more spotless than that of the lily, no matter how perfect, for we shall then be like Christ.

The lily continues to speak to our hearts and in a tone of admonition reminds us that our personal lives too should show forth this purity and beauty, which we so admire in the lily. As we continue in this thought of purity, we will come to the realization that purity is the key that opens the portals of heaven for us.

David in the 24th Psalm beautifully asks the question, "Who shall as-

pend into the hill of the Lord?" Without hesitation the answer follows, "He that hath clean hands and a pure heart." Hands must not only be kept clean but washed. Even the cleanest hands have on them stains that only the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse.

"What, will these hands ne'er be clean? . . . All the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand."

But "the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin."

Lastly, the lily would say to us that purity is a sure approach to a vision of God. Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount said, "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God." To be pure in heart is to be simple, sincere, whole-hearted. This is a clean path that all human feet can travel, and he who travels it finds God.

On Easter morning, as the organist plays sweet music, won't you give the lily a few minutes to speak to your heart? If you do, it will have a message especially for you.

## OUR WORK IN THE CAMEROONS

(A report mailed to Mrs. Donald Ganstrom from Mrs. Kenneth Goodman of Africa, which gives "We, the Women" an idea of some of the work that we are helping to support with our Easter offerings and other love offerings.)

Another year is almost over, and what a blessing it has been. Warwar is just a place to hang our hat, but we surely enjoy it while we are here.

I have just helped Mrs. Leslie Chaffee with a report on the entire women's work of the Cameroons. There are 65 group meetings, reaching a total of over 1,600 women, which is nothing to sneeze about. Mrs. Ahrens has done a fine piece of work at Ndu this year after her illness in July. Miss Minnie Kuhn has done very well in the Mbem outstations with 19 new groups.

We have thoroughly enjoyed having both the Mambila and Kaka fields this year, and it sort of looks like this assignment will continue for 1956. Many changes have taken place, but one that thrills our hearts most is the way our Christian African leaders are assuming responsibility. The thanksgiving offering for Mbem Field was 265 pounds (approximately \$2.80 to one English pound or \$742) and Mambila's was 140 pounds of \$392. One Mambila church gave 32 pounds or \$89.60. It happens to be a church where there are no salaried men or women, and that is really giving from the heart!

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Perhaps, "We, the Women" will rejoice and follow in loyalty to our meetings, leadership and our Easter giving. May God be your inspiration for his Easter Season! As always, your president and members of the executive committee send our greetings in Christ to you!



The General Sunday School Committee at its first session in the headquarters office, Forest Park, Illinois. Left to right: Rev. Richard Grenz, Rev. E. A. Hoffmann, Rev. Norman Miller, Rev. Roger Schmidt, Mr. Vernon Heckman, Miss Martha Leypoldt, Mr. James Billeter, Mrs. Wm. L. Schoeffel (foreground), Mr. E. Ralph Kletke, Rev. Dale Chaddock, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Miss Donna Mae Rabenhorst (secretary), Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Miss Ruth Bathauer, Mr. Paul Jungkeit and Rev. Howard Schenk.



## MEETING OF THE GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

By REV. G. K. ZIMMERMAN,  
Sunday School Union Secretary

AT THE NORTH American Baptist General Conference sessions held in Waco, Texas, in June 1955, it was decided to form a separate department for the Sunday School work of our denomination. This action called for a General Sunday School Committee consisting of a president, vice-president, general secretary, children's worker and a secretary of the Sunday School committee from each of the nine local conferences.

The first meeting of this General Sunday School Committee was held in Forest Park, Ill., on February 7th and 8th. The following are decisions and recommendations by this committee calling for a co-ordinated effort by all of our Sunday Schools to become more effective in the Gospel teaching ministry in their respective communities:

1. Workers' Conferences are to be held in individual churches or in regional areas in each of the nine conferences. The arrangements for these Workers' Conferences are to be made by the Sunday School Committee of each local conference.

2. To aid the missionary education program in our Sunday Schools it was decided to make available to all of our schools missionary materials for use by the younger age groups. This material will be mailed quarterly to all of the superintendents. A folder listing other available materials will be prepared by our promotional secretary, Rev. J. C. Gunst, and also mailed to the superintendents and

pastors. A missionary committee was appointed to give guidance toward improving the missionary education program in the Sunday School. Contributions toward our missionary projects, "Home Mission Fields, project No. 630" and "Church Extension, project No. 640" are to be mailed directly to North American Baptists, Inc., Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois. The additional missionary project for 1956-1957 will be announced by September, 1956.

3. The local conference Sunday School Committees were requested to work out the possibility of using some of the time at the nine annual conference sessions to aid the work of the Sunday Schools.

4. The four goals of the Sunday School Standard to be emphasized during 1956-1957 are: "A Baptist School," "A Church School," "A Missionary School," and "A Church Going School."

5. The committee commends the many churches which have consistently held leadership training courses. We urge every church to have at least one leadership training course during the coming year. Since the general workers will devote most of their field work time to share in Workers' Conferences, it was suggested that either the pastor or a guest pastor or another qualified teacher become the instructor for these leadership training courses. The courses recommended by the committee include the following: "Knowing the Old Testament" by J. P. Berkley; "Knowing the New Testament" by R. E. Knudsen; "Solving Church School Problems" by I. C. Smith; "Our Church Plans for Children" by Lois Blankenship; and "The Devotional Life of Christian Leaders"

by C. W. Crawford. All of these books can be ordered through the Roger Williams Press.

6. Our churches are requested to increase the amount of time devoted to the teaching ministry for their boys and girls by having a Daily Vacation Bible School each summer. The new D.V.B.S. Handbook which was prepared by Miss Ruth Bathauer, children's worker, has been made available to all of our churches. Additional copies are available from our office upon request.

7. There was an increase in the number of boys and girls completing the Scripture Memory Course during the past year. Our schools are requested to promote this program in their church. Information regarding the Scripture Memory Program is available from Miss Ruth Bathauer.

8. The General Sunday School Committee recommends that our Sunday Schools order their lesson materials and supplies through the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio. Orders should be placed six weeks before materials are needed to assure delivery.

9. Preliminary plans were made for a General Workers' Conference for 1957 to be held at our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Both the C.B.Y.F. and the Sunday School Union will participate in this conference.

Miss Martha Leypoldt, professor of Christian Education in our Seminary, presented two lectures on "Objectives and Goals of the Sunday School" and "Young Adult Work."

It was an enriching spiritual experience to be present at this first meeting of the General Sunday School Committee and to note how the spirit of Christ prevailed as each item on the agenda was brought before the group for discussion and decision.

The business sessions were conducted under competent leadership (Continued on Page 24)





# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

April 1, 1956

### THE MEANING OF THE RESURRECTION

Scripture: Luke 24:1-53

**The Central Truth:** The meaning of the resurrection in simple terms is the banishment of the fear of death and the inauguration of the love of life—eternal life!

**Introduction:** It seems strange to us that the disciples should have been so unprepared for Jesus' death. But it is even more difficult to understand why they should not have been ready for his resurrection. In the first instance, they were so full of the sense of their own importance that the words of Jesus did not penetrate their minds. In the second instance, they were filled with so much fear, discouragement and guilt that it was impossible to believe that Christ was alive. Not only were they hiding behind closed doors, but they were also the victims of closed minds.

### THE RESURRECTION EXPERIENCES

#### I. The Experience of the Women. Luke 24:1-10.

While the women were preparing to preserve the dead, Jesus was preparing to preserve the living. With all their love and compassion, they were on their way to fulfill their last ministry to their most beloved, who had been taken from them by death. But Jesus, whose love and compassion has no parallel, was beginning his ministry of salvation as the dying and risen Savior.

We are not among those who minister to a dead Savior. We worship a living Savior, who ministers to those who are "dead in trespasses and sin" (Eph. 2:1).

#### II. The Experiences of the Disciples. Luke 24:11-12.

The news of Jesus' resurrection seemed like "idle talk" to the disciples. The "Good News" was too good to be true. They were not merely sceptical; they absolutely disbelieved it (vs. 11). The best that Peter could do was to "wonder at that which was to come to pass" (vs. 12).

When you consider all the problems of the resurrection, it often becomes confusing and difficult to believe. Our natures are closely related to those of the disciples. But when you think of all the problems you create if you don't believe in the resurrection, it becomes easy to take the leap of

faith. When you experience the power of the living Christ as Thomas did, you no longer need "proof." You simply fall at the feet of Jesus and say, "My Lord and my God!"

#### III. The Experience on the Emmaus Road. Luke 24:13-35.

Why should Jesus reveal himself to such little known disciples and spend so much time with them? Perhaps there is a word of comfort in this experience for us. Compared with the apostles and with thousands of spiritual giants who followed them, we are among the little known disciples. What a glorious assurance to know that we are important to him! Whether we travel the Jericho Road or the Emmaus Road, he travels with us, nevertheless. At first, he is as a stranger until he reveals himself and opens our eyes, and then he abides with us.

#### IV. The Ascension Experience. Luke 24:44-53.

1. It was a fulfilling experience (vs. 44).
2. An enlightening experience (vs. 45).
3. A commissioning experience (vs. 47).
4. A promising experience (vs. 49).
5. A parting experience (vs. 51).
6. A joyful experience (vs. 52).

## A TEACHING GUIDE

April 8, 1956

### POWER FOR A WORLD MISSION

Scripture: Acts 1-2

**The Central Truth:** To show the futility of a world without the power of the Holy Spirit and the need of human instruments through which the Holy Spirit fulfills his mission.

**Introducing the Lesson:** "All that Jesus began both to do and to teach" (Acts 1:1) is now continued by his disciples through the power of the Holy Spirit. The account is not so much the Acts of the apostles as it is the Acts of the Holy Ghost. The Lord, whom the disciples thought they had lost, is now with them and in them. Never did they have such power, such courage, such guidance! Their simple witness to Christ's death and resurrection suddenly began to turn the world right side up (Acts 17:6).

The editor of this page with Sunday School Lessons is Rev. Bruno Schreiber of Oak Park, Illinois, a member of the Forest Park Baptist Church.

## CONDITIONS FOR A WORLD MISSION

### I. The Power of Patience. Acts 1:4-8.

Power can come to God's people only in God's time, in God's way, and for God's purpose. We have all had experiences in waiting. They are the most impatient periods in our lives. Those of us who have had loved ones in the last war know how difficult it is to wait patiently. It was not always easy to say, "Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him" (Ps. 37:7).

The disciples had to "wait for the promise." To be patient is to be trusting, and in trusting there is power.

### II. The Power of Unity. Acts 1:13-14; 2:1.

Notice the phrases, "all with one accord" (Acts 1:14), and "all together in one place" (Acts 2:1). No longer did the disciples argue as to who would be the greatest. They did not come together to elect a pope or an archbishop. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was not worshipped or adored. They were united because they had a united interest and a united need. Perhaps they were not united as to how or when the promise would come; but they were united in their expectation.

### III. The Power of Prayer. Acts 1:14.

"Steadfastly in prayer" indicates that they had no thought of giving up or growing lax in their praying until the answer came. If Jesus told them to wait for the promise, what did prayer add to the fulfilling of his promise? Does God's promise depend upon his Word or upon our prayer? Compare Luke 11:13.

### IV. The Power of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:1-11.

The power of patience, unity and prayer brought the power of the Holy Spirit. No longer were the disciples at a loss as to what to say, or what to do, or where to go. Someone else was speaking through them, acting through them, going through them. Someone asked Dwight L. Moody whether he had a monopoly on the Holy Spirit. He replied that he was sure of only one thing—the Holy Spirit had a monopoly on Mr. Moody!

### V. The Power of the Word. Acts 2:14-41.

The world has had many wise and intelligent men. Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle spoke and a few souls saw things a little more clearly. Peter "lifted up his voice" and three thousand souls were saved. A man of God, plus the Spirit of God, plus the Word of God is equal to the salvation of thousands!

# What's Happening

● The Grace Baptist Church of Ochre River, Man., Canada, has called Mr. Bruno Voss, a son of the church, as its pastor to succeed Rev. Hugo Zepik, as interim pastor when Mr. Zepik left student at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alta., Canada. After his interim ministry of several weeks, the church asked Mr. Voss to become its full-time pastor.

● Rev. Theodore Frey of St. John, Kans., suffered a heart attack while visiting his daughter and her family in St. Louis, Mo., on Jan. 19. He was hospitalized at once and had to spend the next four or five weeks in a St. Louis hospital. Brother Frey is a retiring minister, his last pastorate having been at Napoleon, North Dakota. In November 1955 he participated in the 50th anniversary of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., where he had served as pastor from 1907 to 1910.

● The Aplington Baptist Church, Aplington, Iowa, has extended a call to the Rev. Donald Patet of Randolph, Minn., to become its pastor. He has given a favorable response and announced that he will begin his ministry in Aplington on June 1st. He has served the Baptist Church of Randolph since 1952. In Aplington he will succeed Rev. Frank Veninga, now of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Dr. John Leyboldt will continue to serve as interim pastor of the Aplington Baptist Church for the present.

● A third North American Baptist church in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, has recently been organized. On Jan. 31st, the closing date for charter members to be registered, a total of 202 persons had signed up for the Immanuel Baptist Church. Rev. Gerhard Gebauer, former minister of the Bethany Church of Vancouver, will serve as pastor of the Immanuel Church. Property has been secured and plans are being made for the new building. Steps will soon be taken to have a North American Baptist Council recognize this new church.

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 19, Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., on behalf of the program committee of the 1955 General Conference, presented a beautiful tribute to the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, for its efficient arrangements and friendly hospitality for the 31st General Conference held in Waco from June 6 to 12, 1955. The framed tribute was accepted by the pastor, Rev. Louis R. Johnson, who expressed the thanks

of the large congregation in attendance. The tribute will be hung in a prominent place on one of the church's walls.

● Rev. Frank Veninga began his pastorate in the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., on Sunday, Feb. 26, with a large congregation on hand to welcome him. The opening service was originally scheduled for the first Sunday of January but illness delayed the arrival of the Veninga family in Pittsburgh. On Friday evening, March 23, the reception for Rev. and Mrs. Frank Veninga and family will be held. The reception committee consists of Mr. Wm. Briggs, chairman; Mrs. Nellie Batz, Miss Betty Jean Carpman, Mr. Arthur Luck, Mr. Maurice Meredith, Miss Frieda Sayenga, and Mrs. Helen Glasser Smith.

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kans., held evangelistic meetings from Feb. 19 to March 2 with Rev. Arthur A. Ittermann of Le Mars, Iowa, serving as evangelist. He is a member of the Extension Staff of Central Baptist Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas. On the Sunday preceding the special services, Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor, preached on "Geared for Revival." Two lists of commitments of things to be carried out before the meetings and during the services were also distributed among members of the church. They provided an effective spiritual preparation for the campaign.

● Boy Scout Sunday was observed by the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Wis., on Feb. 12th. Rev. J. G. Benke, pastor, recognized the attendance of the following scouts at the service: Allen Krause, Scott Sutton, Thomas Bender, Stephen Ebert, Ronald Norman, David Pederson, Gary Stewart, and Ronald Vaught. The observance of this Sunday also marked the launching of the Boy Scout's four-year program, "Onward for God and My Country," created to help America's boys to live in today's world and prepare them to carry the full share of responsibilities in the years ahead.

● At the Watchnight Service of the Union Baptist Church, Arnold, Pa., Rev. Dale Chaddock, pastor, baptized three converts and on Sunday, Feb. 26, he baptized two others on confession of their faith in Christ. Evangelistic services were held in the church for one week in October 1955 with Rev. John Tierney of Concord, N. C., serving as evangelist. Visitation teams were sent into the community

with marked success. Mr. Judson Guenther, Sunday School superintendent, served as the leader of the teams. The church has completed its plans for an eight-room Sunday School unit as an addition to the church and for an eight-room parsonage to be built on property next to the church at an estimated cost of about \$40,000.

● On Sunday evening, Feb. 12, an impressive baptismal service was held at the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kans., with Rev. Harold W. Gieseke baptizing 15 persons. Many of these converts had made their confession of faith in Christ during the special meetings conducted last November by Rev. P. G. Neumann of Costa Mesa, California. All of them had been enrolled in a five-week membership class taught by the pastor during the Sunday School hour. The annual all-church Fellowship Supper will be held on April 24 with the guest speaker and violin soloist, the Rev. John F. Crouthamel of Wellington, Kans., formerly pastor of the Fleischmann Memorial Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

● The "Youth Week" banquet of the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., with more than 100 people in attendance, featured the theme, "Treasure Hunt." Mr. Allan Wighton served as toastmaster with Gary Schroeder welcoming the group and leading the singing. Special musical numbers were rendered by Karen Schilf and Harry Stevens. Miss Schilf also sang a number to the accompaniment of a series of gorgeous pictures shown on a screen by Rosemarie Hackmann. Viola Wall brought an interesting reading, "The Pastor Came." The address of the evening was given by Dr. Roland Hines of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. Rev. Rubin Kern is the church's pastor.

● Among the graduates next June at the Baptist Missionary Training School of Chicago, Ill., will be Miss Laura Pahl, a member of the Beaver Baptist Church near Gladwin, Michigan. Miss Pahl has majored in Religious Education and Bible and will be receiving the B.A. degree. During the past two years she assumed some of the Christian Education responsibilities at the Forest Park Baptist Church. Miss Pahl was awarded a scholarship for two years by the Woman's Missionary Union of the denomination. The secretarial staff at our headquarters recommends Miss Pahl to our churches as a director of Christian Education. Correspondence should be addressed to Miss Laura Pahl, 510 Wellington Avenue, Chicago 14, Illinois.

● On Tuesday evening, Feb. 14, a Students' Reception was held at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., for 130 North American Baptist students (Continued on Page 24)

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Southwestern Conference

### Dedication Service for New Pews and Communion Table at Creston, Nebraska

Sunday, Jan. 29, was a memorable day for the Creston Baptist Church, Creston, Nebraska. It was a day of dedication with Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., as guest speaker. In the morning service four children were dedicated to the Lord: Dorothy and Glenn Stading, and Steven and Roger Seefeld, children of Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Stading and Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Seefeld. Mr. Gunst led in this brief but impressive service.

In the afternoon the Shell Creek Baptist Church of Columbus, the Humphrey Baptist Church and the local Presbyterian Church joined us for the dedication service of our new pews and communion table, which were purchased in November, along with other improvements in the lower auditorium. The members of the church put forth much effort to beautify the interior of the sanctuary. The floors of the church were sanded and finished, the walls and floor of the lower auditorium were painted, and new curtains installed.

The afternoon service opened with a welcome by the pastor, Rev. R. C. Stading, with a note of praise to our wonderful Lord. This was especially expressed in the musical rendition of "Praise Ye the Lord" sung by the choir, the words taken from Psalm 150. Vocal solos were given by Ilene Hamburger and Herbert Husmann. Rev. J. C. Gunst delivered the dedicatory message based on Philippians 3: 1-2 challenging us to greater service for the Lord. Rev. D. Lee Grace, pastor of the Humphrey Church, led us in the dedicatory prayer.

Fellowship lunches were enjoyed in the lower auditorium, the noon meal for the families of the church, and the afternoon lunch for everyone present. We say "Thanks!" to God for this blessed and memorable day!

Herbert Husmann, Clerk.

## Northwestern Conference

### Joint Baptismal Service at the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minnesota

A joint baptismal service was held at the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn., on Sunday evening, February 5, with the Baptist Church of Silver Lake, Minn., participating. There were five persons baptized, three candidates from Hutchinson and two from Silver Lake. Rev. Elmo Tahrán of the Hutchinson Church and Rev. D. Helps officiated. Refreshments were served after the service by the Ladies' Missionary So-

ciety of the Northside Church. Special music was furnished by Don Lundberg and his accordion from Silver Lake. Don is attending Northwestern College in Minneapolis and is majoring in music. The visiting church is a newly organized church in Silver Lake, Minn., and the Lord is blessing their work there.

Mrs. Henry Schott, Reporter.

### "Christian Life Conference" and Missionary Project of the Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

The Bethany Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., held a "Deeper Christian Life Conference" during the first week in the new year. Dr. T. W. Bender, professor at the Northern Baptist Seminary, Chicago, Ill., served as our Bible teacher from January 4 to 8. We met each evening during the week and three times on Sunday. Special music was brought by various members of the congregation. We met as a large class to learn more of the Gospel of John. The closing service began with a family supper and was brought to a fitting close by a challenging message from Dr. Bender. It was a wonderful experience for the members and friends of the church.

Our church recently voted to assume the regular partial support of Miss Geraldine Glasenapp, a young lady from our church who has been appointed as a missionary nurse to the Cameroons, Africa. Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson are also members of our church with Mr. Henderson receiving partial support from our group. We rejoice in this opportunity to enlarge our missionary outreach. Rev. Wilmer Quiring is the pastor of our church.

Miss Gladys Schielke, Reporter.

### Missionary Speakers and School of Missions at Grace Baptist Church, Racine, Wisconsin

Even though you have not heard from us at the Grace Baptist Church of Racine, Wis., for some time, we are going forward with our Lord and Savior. We have received 18 new mem-



The Junior Choir of the Baptist Church, Cathay, North Dakota.

bers by baptism, three by letter and one by Christian experience. Our membership at the present time is 298.

We had our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. George Henderson and Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson, as guest speakers recently, and enjoyed meeting them again. We have added new departments and teachers to our Sunday School. We now have a bus to bring in children from the northside and a good missionary chairman who with the help of others have brought Home Missions to our attention.

Now that the new year has begun, we have had a good start by having a "School of Missions" on four Sunday evenings. Our theme was "The American Indian." Our guest speaker was Mrs. Ioleta McElvaney, a native Kiowa Indian and missionary to her own people in Erie, Oklahoma. The film, "The Song of the Shining Mountain," was shown on January 29 and on February 12 the pageant, "The Macedonian Call," was presented.

Rev. D. R. Parry is our busy pastor. May our heavenly Father bless each member as well as friends of our church and make us a blessing to others in this New Year.

Mrs. Hugo Schacht, Reporter.

## Dakota Conference

### Junior Choir of the Baptist Church, Cathay, North Dakota, Sings at Church Services

The Junior Choir of the Cathay Baptist Church of Cathay, N. Dak., often beautifies our worship services with their selections. This fine choir under the able direction of Mrs. Albert E. Reddig rendered the cantata, "Carols of Christmas" arranged by Ellen Jane Lorenz, at the Christmas Eve program. The accompanying picture of the choir in their white robes and red bows was taken just prior to the presentation of the cantata.

The singers are: (front row, left to right) Kenneth Kandt, Michael Reddig, James Reddig, Mark Reddig, and Lee Reddig; (back row, left to right) Sharon Kandt, Lois Zimmerman, Joan Reddig, Bob Reddig, Bill Zimmerman and Richard Edinger. Two members of the choir, Dellan and Ardis Pepple, are not pictured because they were on vacation.

Mrs. David Zimmerman, Reporter.

### Observance of Youth Week by the CBY Fellowship of Herreid, South Dakota

As the Herreid CBY Fellowship of the Herreid Baptist Church, Herreid, S. Dak., we praise God for the many rich blessings which he has bestowed upon us. Our membership has increased and our meetings are always well attended. The young people are faithfully serving the Master. Elected into office for 1956 are the following: president, Mrs. E. A. Bischke; vice-president, Phyllis Quenzer; secretary, Lenora Goehring; treasurer, Walter Kramlich; reporter, Priscilla Bollinger; song leaders, Patricia Quenzer and Sherman Bollinger.

We are happy to report that we were able to observe Youth Week.

Good programs were on schedule for every evening. Thursday evening, February 2, was called Family Night. A pot luck supper was served after which a beautiful service followed. On Sunday night, February 5, a temperance film was shown which was entitled, "It Is the Brain That Counts." This was greatly enjoyed by the large audience. A mission offering was received for our Japanese mission project.

We covet God's richest blessings for all our young people as they strive to serve him.

Priscilla Bollinger, Reporter.

### Many Activities and Encouraging Growth at the Northside Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

We at the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., have been greatly blessed of God. One of these blessings has been our weekly visitation program, which we began about a year ago. We have been visiting the homes of our Sunday School children and the people whose names we received from a church survey of our area of the city. Only a few weeks ago a man accepted the Lord in the hospital when our pastor and a deacon visited him.

On January 8th Rev. Harold E. Weiss, our pastor, baptized eight people, two young married couples and four Sunday School children. We thank God for these dedicated young lives. We had a blessed time on New Year's Eve when the members and friends from the Trinity Church joined us for the annual Watchnight service.

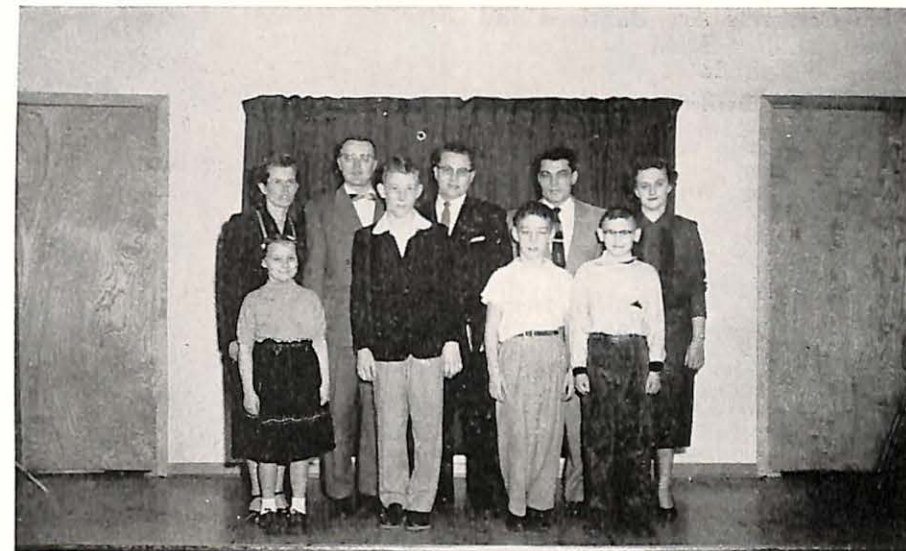
We have a number of students from the Seminary and colleges helping us in our church program. Mr. and Mrs. John Wollenberg are counsellors of the Senior CBYF group, and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Weber of the Junior CBYF group. Both the Junior and Senior groups are active, each taking charge of the opening of a Sunday evening service once a month. John Binder is capably serving as choir director.

Our Sunday School has been growing. In the past year we held a Rocket Contest in order to bring new members to our Sunday School rather than just visitors. A new record attendance of 170 was a result of this contest. On December 18th a capacity crowd filled our church to witness the annual Sunday School Christmas program. The growth of our Sunday School has necessitated the division of many of our classes so that now the number of classes totals 13. We have witnessed an increase of average attendance of 28 per cent this past year.

The Ladies' Mission Circle included in their program the visitation of several Homes for the Aged in our city, bringing them a bit of cheer with a small program. At Christmas time they sponsored a program at the County Poor Farm. On December 8th they held their annual Christmas program when they invited the entire church.

Last August they sent 145 pounds of White Cross material to the Forest Park office. They also completed payments on the carpet which they purchased for the church platform.

Now we are looking forward to greater blessings as we work for the Lord. We are only beginning to reap in the fields that are white unto har-



Eight converts baptized by Rev. Harold Weiss at the Northside Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on January 8th.

Left to right (front row): Jacquelin Hine, Del Roy Bucholz, Maurice Bucholz, and Hurley Handel; (back row): Mrs. Arland Berg, Arland Berg, Rev. Harold Weiss, Ted King, and Mrs. Ted King.

vest. It is our desire to be used of the Lord in the winning of precious souls.

Louise Westerman, Reporter.

## Central Conference

### Ordination of Rev. Ervin Strauss at the Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio

On Sunday afternoon, November 27, 1955, the ordination service was held for Ervin Strauss at the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. Edwin Miller from the Parma Heights Baptist Church presided at the meeting. Special music was furnished by the Erin Avenue Church choir.

The Scripture passage was read by Rev. Daniel Chipka of the Corlett Avenue Church of Cleveland. The invocation was given by Rev. Andrew Kmetko of the Scranton Road Church of Cleveland. The report of the Ordination Council was presented by Miss La Verna Mehlhaff, the Education Director of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church. Mr. Norman Ludwig and Mr. Frederick Bonkowsky rendered a violin duet.

The charge to the candidate was given by Rev. Kenneth Nelson of the Pioneer Church, North Royalton, Ohio, and the charge to the church by Rev. Edward Kary of the White Avenue Church of Cleveland. Another charge to the church and to the candidate was given in German by Rev. W. Luebeck, editor of "Der Sendbote." The ordination sermon was brought by Rev. Victor Priebe, assistant pastor of the Grosse Pointe Church, Detroit, Michigan. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. Edwin Miller of the Parma Heights Baptist Church of Cleveland and the welcome to the Christian ministry was given by Rev. Andrew Kmetko.

At the conclusion of the service Rev. and Mrs. Ervin Strauss sang a duet,

"Yielded." A challenge was then presented by Rev. Edwin Miller for rededication of those in full-time Christian work and the dedication of those desiring to enter full-time Christian service. Rev. Ervin Strauss pronounced the benediction.

A luncheon was served in the dining hall of the church. A brief program was presented, consisting of songs of praise, good wishes and congratulations that were expressed to the pastor and his wife. May the Lord richly bless them as they serve the Lord at the Erin Avenue Church.

Shirley Sergent, Reporter.

## Northern Conference

### Recent Events at the Newly Organized Temple Baptist Church, Medicine Hat, Alberta

Members and friends of the Temple Baptist Church in Medicine Hat, Alta., have experienced numerous and great blessings in the new edifice since the opening service in August 1955. At present the services are held in the lower auditorium but, God willing, we shall soon gather in the upper auditorium.

Truly, our hearts rejoiced on Dec. 24, at our first Christmas program with the church filled to capacity. Former Sunday School students and children who have never attended a Sunday School before presented a grand program.

Another highlight never to be forgotten was the New Year's Eve service which was conducted by our pastor, Rev. R. Milbrandt. Our hearts were blessed when the new communion-ware was dedicated after which we all partook of the Lord's Supper for the first time in the church. We are looking forward to great experiences as we trust God for help and guidance and as we endeavor to reach the lost.

Mrs. L. Maier, Reporter.

### Five Converts Are Baptized and Bible Studies Held at Trochu, Alberta, Canada

We of the Baptist Church, Trochu, Alta., have had a wonderful time fellowshiping with the Lord and other Christians since our new church was dedicated. The Christmas season was packed full of church activities. The highlight of our rejoicings was at the Watchnight Service when five candidates were baptized. The new church was filled with many friends from far and near. The following morning found us partaking of the Lord's Supper, which, of course, is always a great time of blessing. Our prayer is that many more might come to a saving knowledge before the Lord returns.

The new year has already proved itself to be a year of joys and sorrows. Rev. Henry Schumacher of Wetaskiwin, Alta., served us for two weeks with Bible studies taken from 1 Corinthians. These were two weeks of blessed fellowship and getting right with the Lord.

Sorrow came when our brother, Henry Weigum, Sr., died after a lengthy ailment. He had been a member of this church for many years. We sorrow, yet not as others who have no hope.

David Berg, Pastor.

### Programs and Pastor's Birthday Surprise by the Whitemouth Prayer and Service Circle

We as the Women's Prayer and Service Circle of the Whitemouth Baptist Church near River Hills, Man., Canada, praise God for his mercy toward us as we look back on the twelve years since the Circle was organized. We have found that as we have prayed together, asking God's blessing on each member, we have been drawn closer to God and also to one another. Our membership at the present time is 22. We meet twice a month in different homes.

On December 4 we met in our church for a program which consisted of songs, recitations and a German dialogue about the ten virgins. This dialogue made a deep impression, not only on the listeners but also on those taking part in the play.

On January 27 we had the joy of surprising our minister, Rev. John Kuehn, on his birthday. Although it was a very stormy night, many of our church people came out for the occasion. Mr. Kujat led in a short program after which Brother Kuehn thanked us for the love shown him. May the Lord bless our pastor so that many souls may be brought to Christ through his ministry!

Ida Grabke, Reporter.

### Evangelistic Services With Rev. Daniel Fuchs at First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

We of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., Canada, have recently concluded two weeks of revival meetings. Rev. Daniel Fuchs, denominational evangelist, served us with messages, simple enough for the young to understand and penetrating for every age.



Five young people baptized by Rev. David Berg (right, back row) and received into the Baptist Church, Trochu, Alberta.

As we prepared for the meetings, we had to dig out of several successive snowstorms. Despite roads walled with banks of snow, we had wonderful weather and excellent attendance throughout the time from Jan. 22 to February 5. Numerous decisions were made for Christ. Young people rededicated their lives to him, and Christian workers were more closely knit in fellowship with Christ and one another.

Special musical selections were rendered by various duet, trio, quartet, choir, and orchestra groups of our church. The Clover Lawn Church brought music in song and orchestra on one evening. The Wiesenthal Baptist Church served us on two evenings with band music, choir, and quartet numbers. The choir from the Temple Baptist Church also furnished the music on one evening. Sunday School night and CBY night also added interest and provided special music from all age groups.

Our prayers go with Brother Fuchs as he continues to minister in various churches. We covet your prayers also that we may all "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

S. Verna Straub, Reporter.

### Observance of Youth Week at the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

We of the CBY of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., wish to share with you some of the blessings we received during Youth Week. Monday was visitation night. On Tuesday a film, "Our Cameroons Mission Schools," was shown by our pastor, Rev. A. Lamprecht. We were challenged to pray and give more for the wonderful work which is carried on by our missionaries. We also participated in the prayer service on Wednesday night and church services on Sunday.

The highlight of the week was a Youth Rally on Thursday evening in which seven CBY groups from our churches in the city and the surrounding districts took part. The rally was under the direction of our president, Daniel Hufnagel. Helmut Strauss

of the Central Baptist Church led us in a hearty song service. After Scripture and prayer, each CBY group rendered a special number.

Before the offering, which was \$42 and was designated for our CBY project of the Alberta Association, Eva Halfe, one of our Indian C.T.I. students, gave her testimony of how the Lord led her to C.T.I. and how she was saved. Rev. E. A. Hoffman, our guest speaker from Wiesenthal, then gave us a challenging message on 2 Timothy 4:6-8. The evening was concluded by a fellowship gathering and lunch in the basement of the church.

Christina Hufnagel, Reporter.

### Evangelistic Meetings With Scottish Evangelist at Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alberta

We, as the Temple Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., continue to thank God for the spiritual "shepherd" he has given us. Rev. T. J. Haire and his wife have been with us for over a year, and many blessings have been received through their ministry in music as well as in word.

At the recent annual elections of our church held December 14, the congregation gathered in the church basement for a "Fellowship Supper." A delicious meal was served and enjoyed by all. The business meeting was conducted afterwards, while the members remained in a relaxed position around the tables.

January 29th marked the grand finale to a great three-week evangelistic campaign with Rev. Dick Renton as visiting evangelist who came from Scotland about two years ago. He is a dynamic speaker, a wonderful teacher and a great expositor. With his Scottish humor, his friendly disposition and his Christian sincerity, he won a warm place in the hearts of the people. The closing service was recorded for use in a number of Baptist churches in Scotland and Northern Ireland from where our pastor, Mr. Haire, originally came.

After the benediction everyone was invited downstairs for a time of fellowship with Mr. Renton before he proceeded on to his next campaign. A few of the well-loved choruses he had taught us were sung after which Mr. J. Huber, the treasurer, presented Mr. Renton with a substantial sum of money for his services. We are looking forward to greater blessings as God leads. We trust that our church may be a definite lighthouse in our community.

Darlene Adam, Reporter.

### Inspirational Services and Annual Business Meeting of the Baptist Church, Fenwood, Sask.

We are happy to report about the Lord's blessing and our recent activities in the Fenwood Baptist Church, Fenwood, Saskatchewan. On December 4 we as a church held a special Parsonage Building Fund Sunday, sponsored by the Church Board for which the choir and young people rendered a program on the theme of "The Prodigal Son" under the direction and leadership of our pastor, Rev.

Eldon Janzen. Despite adverse weather conditions, hindering our practices, the program was well presented and enjoyed by all. Our free will offering amounted to more than \$100.00 besides pledges which were paid up to meet our loan on the parsonage.

On December 4 the Sunday School presented its Christmas program. Due to severe winter weather, it seemed almost impossible that we would be able to have our program. However, the Lord saw fit to grant us a beautiful day. A lot of time and work had been devoted by both our superintendent, Mr. Clarence Fritzke, and pastor and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Janzen, in the planning of our program and in the beautifying of the church auditorium. The ceiling was bedecked by different colored stars suspended on strings. Their movement in the light gave the whole ceiling a twinkling effect. On Christmas day the mixed and male choirs presented the cantata, "Emmanuel Forever," which was also enjoyed by all.

On Dec. 28 we as a church held our election of officers at the annual business meeting. Important matters of business such as church budget and building fund took considerable time for discussion. The envelope system of church giving was adopted by the church as of January 1, 1956.

Our Watchnight Service proved to be a blessing to those in attendance. Rev. Eldon Janzen led the meeting at which special numbers from different homes were brought besides the testimonies in which blessings of the past year were recalled. To conclude the evening the Lord's Supper was commemorated.

Harvey Dohms, Reporter.

### Programs of "Youth Week" at the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Youth Week at the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Man., was a time of closer fellowship and spiritual growth. On Jan. 29 and Feb. 5 the CBY assisted in the services, with Rev. H. J. Waltereit bringing suitable messages tying in with our theme, "Strive to Win." On Jan. 29 the English CBY gathered in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Berthin for a pleasant Sunday evening and time of Christian fellowship.

Monday and Thursday were "home nights" for the English CBY. The German group completed visitation on Thursday night. Tuesday we had a combined Youth Rally with the other Baptist churches in our city. Each group answered the roll call with testimonies or musical numbers. The film, "Missionary to Walker's Garage," impressed on our minds that in every walk of life it is our privilege to be Christ's ambassadors. The offering was designated towards erecting buildings on our camp site at Nutimik Lake.

The English CBY held their Wednesday prayer meeting "Quaker Style" with Mr. Herman Effa concluding with a brief discussion from the book of Acts. We thank God for the interest that our young people show by attending, as great things are wrought through prayer. Friday was choir practice under the direction of Mr.



Women of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., at their annual banquet with Rev. and Mrs. Robert Cook at the far end of the table.

George Berthin, our new director, when we again welcomed several new members.

Saturday we had our banquet. The Ladies' Society catered with a delicious chicken dinner for a very appreciative group of approximately 150. After an excellent program, Rev. H. J. Waltereit spoke to us. On Sunday afternoon the English group completed its visitation. For supper we met at the church and related our experiences and blessings of the day. The evening was concluded with a special consecration service. May God help us to put into practice all we have learned!

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

### Farewell Reception for Rev. Henry Pfeifer and Family at Edmonton, Alberta

Our pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, who served the Lord faithfully in the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., for six years, has gone in obedience to God's guidance to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., to become the pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church.

On Sunday, January 22nd, our church and representatives from the churches of Lauderdale, McKernan, and Emmanuel, the representative of the Northern Conference and many friends gathered for a farewell reception for our dear pastor and family. As far as I can remember our church was never so packed as on this occasion. This showed the appreciation for our pastor's ministry better than any words could do.

In this special service all organizations of our church: Sunday School, Ladies' Missionary Society, English and German speaking Youth, the mixed choir and the German male choir, expressed their regret to see our pastor leave and wished him God's richest blessings through word and song. We are most thankful for Brother Pfeifer's wonderful ministry during the past six years in which so many souls have found the way to Christ and the joy of salvation.

Our church was represented by our honorary deacon, Mr. A. Rudolph, and the head deacon, Mr. L. Benke, who

addressed our pastor and family in a most hearty way and presented a gift to each member of the family.

The representatives of the churches and of the Northern Conference wished Rev. H. Pfeifer joy and strength to continue the ministry of his new field. Certainly they will miss him very much, especially since he was well known throughout the city and very active in spreading out the Gospel. In response Mr. Pfeifer outlined the tremendous task he had to do—and was glad to do—during the past six years. He worked day and night for the glory of the Lord and the salvation of precious souls.

Rev. E. P. Wahl, president of the Christian Training Institute, has been selected interim pastor. As members of the Central Baptist Church we pray for another servant of God who will be willing to continue this great and important work in God's vineyard.

Withold Neumann, Reporter.

### Atlantic Conference

### Annual Banquet of Woman's Missionary Society of Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa.

The annual banquet of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church, Bethlehem, Pa., was recently held in the church with 25 members present. Two of the members, Mrs. Sintay and Mrs. Sussmulch, who are 80 years old, were our honored guests.

After the dinner, a program was held with Rev. Robert Cook, our pastor, as guest speaker. A short business meeting was then held and the yearly report was given.

Our monthly dues for 1955 amounted to \$122.60. The birthday offerings were \$19.25. Our mission offering in banks totalled \$305.61. The total income was \$553.16. The total disbursements for missionary and charitable purposes were \$550.69. The disbursements were \$145.81 more than last year.

Mrs. Doris Dorozowski, Reporter.

# 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.)

## GREGORY LOYD FUCHS of Sequim, Washington.

Gregory Loyd Fuchs of Sequim, Wash., was born January 8, 1956 to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fuchs in Seattle, Washington. The Lord called this little infant after 32 days of earthly life on January 30, 1956.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Fuchs of Sequim, Wash., where Mr. Fuchs is a member of the United States Coast Guard in New Dungeness Light House Station; his paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Fuchs; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Olav Bruhaugh, all of Billings, Mont.; his paternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Orth, Artes, South Dakota; his maternal great-grandfather, Claude Bodkin, Simms, Mont.; as well as many relatives.

The burial took place in Billings, Mont., on February 3, 1956, with the undersigned speaking words of comfort from Mark 10:14, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Calvary Baptist Church,  
Billings, Montana

WESLEY A. GERBER, Pastor.

## MR. PAUL S. MEYER of Santa Ana, California.

Mr. Paul S. Meyer of Santa Ana, Calif., was born Jan. 3, 1876 in Germany and passed away suddenly on Jan. 13, 1956 at the age of 80 years. He came to this country with his parents when he was eleven years of age. The family first settled in Beatrice, Neb., where his father was minister of the German Baptist Church for a number of years. In 1899, the family moved to South Dakota and in 1900 he was united in marriage to Amelia Schulz, who remained his beloved companion for 55 years.

Five children were born to them, of whom one died in infancy. Those who remain to mourn his death are his beloved wife, Amelia; and three sons; Robert J. of Garden Grove, Calif.; Edwin P. of Greeley, Colo.; Leslie L. of John Day, Ore.; and one daughter, Mrs. Esther Lang of Fresno, California. Also surviving him are eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild, one brother and one sister and a host of other relatives and friends.

## JANUARY CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Jan., 1956	Jan., 1955	Jan. 1954
Atlantic	\$ 2,119.48	\$ 3,442.94	\$ 1,774.40
Central	8,650.94	11,620.12	12,095.52
Dakota	8,420.13	9,384.25	9,882.09
Eastern	4,085.66	4,994.75	3,205.95
Northern	4,726.00	4,774.46	4,083.04
Northwestern	6,014.64	5,243.31	5,212.17
Pacific	13,000.01	9,134.00	6,416.99
Southern	1,102.10	4,080.13	960.38
Southwestern	4,761.28	6,490.30	2,418.44
Inter - Conference			353.00
	\$52,880.24	\$59,164.26	\$46,401.98

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of January, 1956	\$47,139.25	\$ 5,740.99	\$52,880.24
For the month of January, 1955	51,829.24	7,335.02	59,164.26
For the month of January, 1954	44,533.17	1,868.81	46,401.98

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1955 to January 31, 1956	\$418,697.91	\$ 74,341.76	\$493,039.67
April 1, 1954 to January 31, 1955	445,473.18	103,341.09	548,814.27
April 1, 1953 to January 31, 1954	469,088.48	19,639.28	488,727.76

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE TRIENNium

Same as for the "Fiscal Year."

Mr. Meyer was converted and baptized in Germany while still a young boy. He belonged to Baptist churches in Nebraska, North and South Dakota and Colorado, and for the last twelve years of his life he was a member of the First Baptist Church of Santa Ana, California. He held the offices of Sunday School superintendent, choir director and church clerk in different churches in his younger years.

Services were held in the Brown Mortuary and interment was in the Melrose Abbey Mausoleum at Santa Ana, California. Rev. Daniel Rider, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Santa Ana and Rev. Harry Owings, who was pastor of the same church when Mr. Meyer became a member, officiated at the services and spoke words of tribute. The family takes great comfort in the words of the pastors who said Mr. Meyer was a true Protestant because he believed in his right to protest. He was a good Baptist and a good Christian because his life was an example of love and devotion to his family and charity to others in his practice of the Golden Rule.

Santa Ana, California

### THE FAMILY.

#### MR. WILLIAM RADEL of Parkston, South Dakota.

Mr. William Radel of Parkston, S. Dak., was born near Clayton, Hutchinson County, S. Dak., on October 19, 1895. He was united in holy matrimony to Leah Lang on May 22, 1919. Three sons: Laverne and Glen of Olivet and Donald of Mitchell, S. Dak., were born to them.

His wife and sons survive him; as also two sisters: Mrs. Emma Lang of Spencer, S. Dak.; and Mrs. Lydia Walker of Huron, S. Dak.; and three brothers: Emil of Emery, S. Dak., and Gustav and Albert of Parkston, S. Dak.; besides four grandchildren.

He accepted Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized by Rev. C. Dippel on June 12, 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Radel moved to Parkston in September of 1950 and united with the Parkston Baptist Church in February of 1952. After an extended illness he went to be with his Creator and Redeemer on Friday morning, January 13, 1956.

Words of comfort and hope were drawn from Romans 8:14, 17. May the Lord bless and keep those awaiting the Great Day of reunion in heavenly places.

Parkston, South Dakota

ALFRED WEISSER, Minister.

#### MRS. O. A. JANSSEN of Toledo, Ohio.

Mrs. O. A. Janssen (Emma) of Toledo, Iowa, was born on September 14, 1879, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ibling Iblings in Stephenson County, Illinois. In 1886 she came to Iowa with her parents, at first living on a farm, and later in Parkersburg.

In 1908 she was united in marriage to O. A. Janssen of Shannon, Illinois. At the time of her death in a Marshalltown Hospital her home was in Toledo, Iowa, where they had operated a Convalescent Home for several years.

The deceased accepted Christ as her Savior and was baptized in 1902 by Rev. J. C. Grimmell, becoming a member of the German Baptist Church, now the Calvary Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa.

Surviving are her husband; their adopted daughter, Mrs. A. E. Weaver; and two grandchildren of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister, Mrs. H. H. Schmidt of Mount Vernon, Mo.; two brothers, Peter Iblings of Brownsdale, Minn., and Herman Iblings of Hollywood, California.

A brief service was held in Toledo in her memory on Feb. 4th. Later in the day the undersigned conducted the funeral service at the Engelkes Funeral Home in Parkersburg, with interment in the local cemetery.

Calvary Baptist Church,  
Parkersburg, Iowa

RONALD C. MacCORMACK, Pastor.

#### MRS EMMA IDA MOELLER of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Emma Ida Moeller, nee Schatta, of Milwaukee, Wis., was born on September 2, 1897, in Wattenscheid, Germany, and died in an automobile accident on January 29, 1956. Her death was instantaneous.

She was converted in her early youth and baptized into the membership of the Baptist Church in Bochum, Germany. She was married to Paul Moeller on August 19, 1921. This union was blessed with three children.

She came to the United States in 1925. After living at Pound, Wis., for several months, she moved to Milwaukee. Here she remained until her untimely death. She was a member of the Temple Baptist Church during all the years of her residence in Milwaukee. She is remembered by all as a fine Christian and an inspiring friend.

She leaves to mourn her departure: her husband, Paul; a son, Harry of Milwaukee; a daughter, Mrs. Elenore Lynch of Kansas City, Mo.; one brother, August Schatta of Milwaukee; three brothers: Wilhelm, Gustav and Emil of Germany; three sisters: Mrs. Hedwig Uffelmann, Mrs. Augusta Domke and Mrs. Martha Wohlmann of Germany; six grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends.

The undersigned spoke words of comfort at the funeral service on February 1st, using Deut. 33:27 as the basis of his message.

Temple Baptist Church,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

RUDOLPH WOYKE, Pastor.

#### MRS. HARRY DE BOER of George, Iowa.

Mrs. Harry DeBoer, nee Helen Kruger, of George, Iowa, was born in Butler County, Iowa, on Nov. 20, 1876. She was joined in marriage to Mr. Harry DeBoer in 1904. There were eight children born to her; five daughters and three sons: Jennie (Mrs. John Kruger), Jessie (Mrs. Kornelius Freese); Alma (Mrs. Weir Mudder); John H. DeBoer; Jacob H. DeBoer; Miss Helen DeBoer; Peter H. DeBoer; and Grace (Mrs. Reiner Henrich).

Mrs. DeBoer confessed Jesus Christ as her Savior in 1921, and in the following year she was baptized by Rev. J. J. Jordan and given the hand of fellowship into the First Baptist Church, where she remained a member until her death. Mrs. DeBoer was failing in health for almost five years. She went to be with the Lord on January 25, 1956. She reached the age of 79 years, 2 months and 5 days.

She leaves to mourn her departure: her husband, Harry DeBoer; the eight children; 29 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; her brothers: Ailt, George, Peter and Jacob Kruger; and her sister, Miss Jennie Kruger of Minneapolis, Minn.; besides a great host of other relatives, friends and neighbors. The members of First Baptist Church of George join their pastor in expressing their deeply felt sorrow at the loss of a loved one. May the God of all comfort be the main stay and strength in this time of their need!

First Baptist Church,  
George, Iowa

JOHN REIMER, Pastor.

#### MR. JOSEPH LENZ of Hoboken, New Jersey.

Mr. Joseph Lenz of Hoboken, N. J., was born in Duesseldorf, Germany, September 21, 1883, and departed from this life to be with the Lord on January 6, 1956, at the age of 72 years, 3 months and 17 days. He came to the United States as a young boy with his parents, and settled in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. At about 20 years of age, he set up his own machine shop in New York City.

After a varied religious experience, he became convinced of believer's baptism, joined the First German Baptist Church of Hoboken in 1914. He was an active member since that time. He served as deacon and treasurer for 38 years, and was treasurer at the time of his death. He was a man committed to God's ways, who trusted in Christ, cared for his church, and remained with it to the end. He served the Lord's Supper the Sunday preceding his death.

He married Lydia Riker in 1921, and this union was blessed with two sons: Joseph C. Lenz and Robert W. Lenz, both of Hoboken, N. J., who survive him. A sister, Lily Korlkin, of Denver, Colo., mourns his departure from this life. Funeral services were held in the Willow Avenue Baptist Church of Hoboken, N. J., with the undersigned conducting the services with the aid of Rev. William A. Kahlert, and Rev. Herbert J. Freeman.

Willow Ave. Baptist Church,  
Hoboken, New Jersey

HERMAN G. KUHL, Pastor.

#### MRS. AUGUSTINA MUNDT of Kitchener, Ontario.

Mrs. Augustina Mundt, nee Freiter, of Kitchener, Ont., was born March 6, 1882 in Germany. On Feb. 14, 1904 she was married to John Mundt. In 1905 she and her husband came to Canada and settled in Winnipeg, Manitoba. In 1910 they took up a homestead near Springside, Sask., where they resided until 1925. Then she and her family moved to Kitchener and lived there until the time of her death.

She accepted the Lord as her Savior at the age of 16 years and was baptized. Soon after her arrival in Kitchener, she joined the Benton Street Baptist Church of which she was a faithful member until her death. On Feb. 3, 1954 she suffered a stroke which left her an invalid. She died suddenly of a heart attack on January 29, 1956.

She is survived by ten children: Lydia Double, Esther Bain, Harold of Detroit, Mich.; Albert, Ruth Heiman, Sylvia Sieling, Gertrude Gross, Irene Hergott, and Lawrence of Kitchener, Ont.; and Mable McGaven, Sarnia, Ont.; nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, a nephew, Alfred Vieregge of Kitchener, Ont.; a half-brother, Adolf Horn of Springside, Sask.; and a half-sister, Lydia Vieregge of Osnabrueck, West Germany; and nieces and nephews of Springside and Ebenezer, Saskatchewan. Her husband, John, preceded her in 1953 and one son in infancy in 1913.

Rev. Leander Roblin preached the funeral service based on Heb. 11:13. Mother has gone to be with her Lord to whom she prayed every day to release her from her suffering. We thank the Lord for the good Christian mother and father whom he gave us. We shall miss her the rest of our days.

Kitchener, Ontario

### THE FAMILY.

#### Mrs. Maria Pritzkau of Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Maria Pritzkau, nee Krautmann, of Chicago, Ill., was born at Odessa, Russia, July 17, 1893. At the age of 15 she publicly confessed Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord of life. She was baptized by Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt, Sr., and added to the membership of the Baptist Church there.

In 1927 she was married to Daniel Pritzkau, a Baptist minister. Under increasing difficulty they shared in the Gospel ministry under a Communist system. In 1938 her husband was deported to a Siberian concentration camp for the second time, and since then she had not heard from him.

During the hectic days of World War II, she was obliged to suffer the loss of thousands of displaced persons roaming from place to place without much help and hope. In 1945 she found herself in Vienna, Austria; in 1946 in the United States and made her home in Chicago, where she found Christian friendship and a new lease on life.

For over a year Mrs. Pritzkau had been in failing health. During that time she was cared for with Christian compassion and understanding by the Alex Wesch family of this city. On February 3, 1956 she was called to her eternal rest. The call came to one who was indeed tired! She passed away quietly, just as she had lived, in the calm of a tried and tested faith.

Left to mourn her passing is a sister, Mrs. Eugen Teichmann of Germany; one niece, Miss Irene Teichmann; and one nephew, Mr. Edward Pritzkau of Chicago, Illinois; a host of friends who remember her for her poised Christian walk and character. Funeral services were conducted February 6, 1956 with the undersigned officiating.

Foster Avenue Baptist Church,  
Chicago, Illinois

JOE SONNENBERG, Pastor.

#### MR. ANDREW SCHACHER of Washburn, North Dakota.

Mr. Andrew Schacher of Washburn, N. Dak., was born Feb. 11, 1900 and died Jan. 15, 1956. He was 55 years of age. He was a native of South Russia and came to the United States at the age of six with his parents. He was the son of Andrew and Katherine Schacher, Sr. He was married to Louise Pfeifle on March 22, 1922 at Me-to-Washburn until 1934, when he became employed at the Otter Tail Power Co.

He leaves to mourn his passing: his wife, mother, eight children: Leona, Mrs. Quay Petersen of Underwood; Walter of Bismarck; Hilda, Mrs. Larry Cable of Richland, Ore.; Irene, Mrs. Ephraim Helm of Bismarck; Ernest of Washburn, Richard of Wilton; Wayne and David at home; eleven grandchildren; four sisters: Mrs. Fred Keck of Bismarck; Mrs. Hank Kately of Cut Bank, Mont.; Emily Wessner of Washburn; Mrs. Charles Jensen of Bismarck; five brothers: Gottlieb of Fargo; Jake and August of Washburn; Edwin and Leo of Underwood. He was preceded in death by his father, one brother, one son and one daughter.

Brother Schacher was a loving and faithful husband and father. He provided well for his family. Those who knew him thought of him as a good Christian and citizen with a kind disposition. On Easter Sunday in 1944 he received Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. The following year on Easter Sunday he followed the Lord in baptism and was received into the fellowship of the Washburn Baptist Church. He will be greatly missed by his family and church friends. May the Lord greatly comfort all the bereaved.

Washburn, North Dakota

OTTO FIESEL, Pastor.

#### MR. ALBERT DEVRIES of Baileyville, Illinois.

Mr. Albert DeVries of Baileyville, Ill., aged 54, passed away suddenly at his home in Baileyville on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 20, 1955, suffering from a heart attack. He suffered from an acute attack about a month previously, from which he recovered gradually and was about his work as usual.

Mr. DeVries was born on January 23, 1901, one mile east of Baileyville, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert DeVries. On July 28, 1924, he was joined in marriage to the former Lilan Ruthe. Mr. DeVries was a carpenter by trade and for the past five years he and his wife Lilian operated the Baileyville Grocery Store.

Mr. DeVries accepted the Lord Jesus as his personal Savior while still a young man and was baptized on March 20, 1919 by Rev. C. M. Knapp and joined to the fellowship of the Baileyville Baptist Church of which he was a faithful member until his death. He was a faithful brother in the affairs of the church, and for the past eight years he served as a deacon, administering the work of the Lord.

He leaves to mourn his sudden death his wife, Lilian; two daughters: Doris, Mrs. Eugene Gronewald of Charles City, Iowa; and Shirley, Mrs. Lowell Kasten of Freeport, Ill.; his mother, Mrs. Bert DeVries; two brothers: Eliert of Pearl City, Ill.; and John of Baileyville, Ill.; three sisters: Rosa, Mrs. Clay Vogh; Edna, Mrs. John Meiners; and Ruth, Mrs. Calving Bauman, all of Baileyville, Ill.; three grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. The family circle was broken here on earth when Albert's father, Bert DeVries, preceded him in death three years ago.

Our loss indeed will be his gain. Therefore, "we sorrow not as such who have no hope, but commit our souls unto the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory and power and dominion for ever and ever."

Baileyville, Illinois

JOHN J. KROEKER, Pastor.

#### MR. ALFRED NEUHARTH of Missoula, Montana.

Mr. Alfred Neuharth of Missoula, Mont., was born December 16, 1900 in Parkston, S. Dak., and passed away on Tuesday, January 31, 1956. For a few years he lived in South Dakota, until he moved with his parents to Denver, Colorado. From that state they moved as a family to Washburn, N. Dak., where he spent the greater part of his life. He also lived in Turtle Lake, N. Dak., for a brief period and in 1945 he moved with his own family to Missoula, Mont., where he lived until his death. As a young man he accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized by Rev. Fred Klein. He remained a faithful church member until his heavenly father called him Home. Because of his faithfulness the church entrusted him with most outstanding offices.

In 1933 he was married to Louise Neuharth, nee Klein. This happy union was blessed with two children, of whom one son, Leland, preceded him in death. He is survived by his loving wife; his only living child, Janice; his aged mother; three brothers: William Neuharth, New Rockford, N. Dak.; Reinhold Neuharth, Chico, Calif.; and Eldor Neuharth, Chico, Calif.; five sisters: Louise Heitzman, Parkston, S. Dak.; Mrs. Hilda Hoffmann, Chico, Calif.; Mrs. Pauline Schlichenmayer, Bismarck, N. Dak.; Mrs. Emelia Kuk, Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Bertha Bryan, Lodi, Calif.; and many other relatives and friends.

Mr. Neuharth was ill for some time and passed away very suddenly and unexpectedly. His family and his church will miss him for his faithfulness. However, we are grateful to know that he is with the Lord and some day we shall see him again.

Bethel Baptist Church,  
Missoula, Montana

C. T. REMPLE, Pastor.

#### MRS. GEORGE METZGER of McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Mrs. George (Martha) Metzger of McLaughlin, S. Dak., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Moser, was born on August 3, 1886 at Hoffnungsberg, South Russia. Here she attended school and grew to young womanhood. In 1910 at the age of 23 she came to the United States with her parents, and the family settled on a farm two and one-half miles northeast of McLaughlin. She was married to George Metzger at Mound City, S. Dak., on July 2, 1912. The couple settled on a farm two miles southwest of McLaughlin, which they operated until moving to a farm ten miles west of McLaughlin in 1919. This remained their home until they moved into McLaughlin in 1944 when they retired from the farm.

Mrs. Metzger came to the end of her earthly journey on Wednesday, January 25, about two hours after the car in which she was riding collided with a fast-moving passenger train. She lived 69 years, 5 months and 17 days.

At the age of 15 years, she received the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior in South Russia, and was baptized by Rev. A. Hornbacher. She became a member of the First Baptist Church of McLaughlin, S. Dak., in 1945, and remained a faithful member until the time of her passing.

Survivors include her husband; one son, Dan Metzger, of Denver, Colo.; five daughters: (Freda) Mrs. Albert Hertel of McLaughlin, S. Dak.; (Alvina) Mrs. George Walker, Jr., of Selfridge, N. Dak.; (Tillie) Mrs. Eugene Martell of McLaughlin, N. Dak.; (Hertha) Mrs. Wolvin Brockel of McLaughlin, N. Dak.; (Martha) Mrs. Reinhold Walker of McLaughlin, N. Dak.; a brother, Jacob Moser of Tacoma, Wash.; a sister, Mrs. Christina Abel of Argentina, South America; and 24 grandchildren. Three sons, Oscar, Theodore and Herman, and one daughter, Ruth, preceded her in death.

May the blessed hope of the risen and coming Lord comfort the hearts of those who mourn her passing.

McLaughlin, South Dakota

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both of our president, Mr. Ralph Kletke, and our vice-president, Mr. James Billeter. We are especially grateful to our executive secretary, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, for his wise counsel and suggestions which gave valuable guidance to the committee. Let us unite through prayer and work that we may attain more fully the goal expressed in our theme, "Effective Gospel Teaching in our Sunday Schools."

### CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

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Here and now the great thing about the resurrection is that Christ lives in my heart, in the hearts of fellow-believers and is seeking entry in the hearts of all.

His resurrection means that he "walks and talks" with me daily as I give him opportunity, that he is ever in the background—his shadow hovering over me—so that when I am perplexed, he seeks to give guidance; when disturbed, calmness; when in sin, forgiveness; when in sorrow, comfort; when persecuted, peace through love; when in any need whatsoever, he administers and provides.

So heaven and its rewards is but the continuation in an ever greater glory of that which can begin now as we receive his resurrection power and become truly transformed into "new creatures in Christ Jesus."

### A HOUSE OF BREAD

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This home at St. Joseph, Mich., and those in charge have been both father

and mother to these children. We gave them "bread," not a "stone." This was a "home" in every sense of the word for them. There was always nourishing food and suitable clothing, but there was also a homelike atmosphere of trust and devotion and the opportunity to develop the mental and spiritual life.

Most of them have received the risen Lord as their own personal Savior and followed Christ in baptism. Of course, none of this would have been possible were it not for the generosity of our people in our churches. You, too, have been the father who gave "bread," not a "stone." Your Easter Offering will again help provide "bread" for a needy humanity.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

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and friends in the Sioux Falls area. Rev. L. Bienert, CBYF secretary, was in charge of the informal program and welcomed the various student groups. Mr. Charles Littman of the Seminary led the singing with Miss Joyce Ringering, also a Seminary's student, at the piano. Special musical numbers were provided by Messrs. Charles Littman and Robert Hoffman. Rev. J. C. Gunst, promotional secretary, spoke on, "The Tie That Binds," emphasizing the privileges and blessings of our denominational fellowship. The moving pictures of the 1955 General Conference in Waco, Texas, were shown by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Miss Sena Plucker and Mr. Lyle Wacker were in charge of the arrangements. The Valentine motif was beautifully carried out in the decorations.

## Spice of Life

Son: "Dad, liniment really makes my arm smart."

Father: "That's good. Try rubbing some on your head, too."

Teacher: "It takes more than 5,000 elephants to make a year's supply of piano keys."

Johnny: "Isn't it amazing what animals can be trained to do!"

Teacher: "How do you know that eating carrots is good for the eyes?"

Sue: "Because I never saw a rabbit wearing glasses."

Thea: "Why do wild geese fly south in winter?"

Leo: "It would take them too long to walk."

### WORKERS' CONFERENCES

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members of the team were also grateful to God for consecrated and devoted lay-workers in every church.

Our people everywhere realize that we live in a day when all Christian workers and leaders must constantly become better equipped to meet the necessary demands for more effective teaching of the Gospel if we would lead souls to Christ. Progress toward a program of better trained Christian workers is evident in every one of our churches. As we all work together faithfully, striving to fulfill the commands of Christ, we can be confident that God will use his people in a more effective presentation of the Gospel.

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