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March of Events

● Thousands of Indian Christians and visitors from some 17 Eastern and Western countries converged on the tiny Bay of Bengal coastal town Jan. 18 to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the first Protestant mission in India. The festivities centered around the Old Danish Fort and the New Jerusalem (Lutheran) church built by Bartholomeus Ziegenbalg, a German who started the Tranquebar mission in 1706 on the initiative of King Frederick VI of Denmark. New Jerusalem church is believed to be the oldest Protestant edifice in Asia.

● A proposal to exclude mention of God from the preamble of the proposed Constitution for a State of Alaska was overwhelmingly defeated by the constitutional convention. As adopted, the proposed preamble reads: "We, the people of Alaska, conscious of our heritage of political, civil, and religious liberty, grateful to God and to those who founded the nation and pioneered this great land, reaffirm our belief in government by consent of the governed within the Union of States and do ordain and establish this Constitution for the State of Alaska."

● In Liberia an American pastor, at the invitation of President William V. Tubman, is holding evangelistic meetings throughout the entire country. The campaign began in Monrovia immediately after the four-day festivities associated with the president's third inauguration ended, and got off to a good start when President Tubman personally introduced the evangelist, Rev. Ralph Byrd of Atlanta, Ga., an Assembly of God pastor. The campaign resulted from a suggestion made by the wife of the Commissioner of Monrovia, who had heard reports of Evangelist Byrd's successful revival meetings in the Philippines.

● The sun never sets on the ministry of "Back to the Bible Broadcast." Somewhere in the world the Broadcast is heard every minute of the day and night by long wave, short wave, or F. M. Since May 1, 1939, this continuous radio ministry has been reaching new multitudes with evangelism, teaching and missions. Rev. Theodore H. Epp is the director. Through the blessing of the Lord, the literature program has similarly grown. The Broadcast publishes two monthly papers with a combined circulation of 235,000, and a large number of books and tracts, some in foreign languages. It sponsors two book-clubs and maintains book racks in public places.

● A religious atmosphere dominated civic ceremonies held in Melbourne, Australia, to inaugurate Australia's Olympic year. The 1956 Olympic Games will be held in Melbourne later in the year. It will be the first time the world athletic contests have been staged south of the equator. The open-air ceremonies in Alexandria Gardens opened with the first performance, by the Royal Air Force band, of "The Olympic Hymn," and closed with a special Olympic prayer written by Rev. James Murtagh, editor of "The Advocate," Melbourne Catholic diocesan weekly. Rev. Alan Watson was the Protestant speaker. As representative of the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, Councillor Maurice Natman, chairman of the Olympic Committee, read the Beatitudes from the Gospel of St. Matthew. The assembled throng recited the Lord's Prayer and sang, "Abide With Me," and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

● A new geographic outreach has been undertaken by the American Bible Society—this time into the depths of the South Polar ice cap. An expedition of naval ships has sailed to the bottom of the world, to study the volume of the ice sheet that is estimated to contain 85 per cent of the world's ice. Much of the area traversed will be over regions hitherto unknown. An important part of the preparations for this trip, to continue from 1956 through 1958 was ordering copies of the Scriptures and Bible-reading helps for each man on the ships. For many months, their only contact with the rest of the world will be by radio. Chaplain Lt. Comdr. Peter Bol—who did not have to persuade his commanding officer of the value of the Scriptures to the success of the expedition—was provided with these Bibles at the New York Bible House in October.

YOUR GIFTS TO CHRIST!

- **BIBLE DAY, March 11, 1956.** Sunday School observance, Offerings for the distribution of Bibles, New Testaments and Christian literature through the Publication Society.
- **EASTER OFFERING for the world-wide ministry of our denomination to be received by our churches from Palm Sunday, March 25, to Easter Sunday, April 1st.**

● Church attendance set an all-time record in 1955. Approximately 49,600,000 persons—49 per cent of the total adult population—attended services in the average week during the year, according to the results of a sample made by the American Institute of Public Opinion. The figure represents an increase of 12,200,000 a week over 1950 and 2,600,000 over 1954. It compares with slightly more than one third (37 per cent) of the adult population who reported they attended church in 1940 and 39 per cent in 1950. It is based on surveys made by the Institute during sample weeks in February, May, June, September, and December and reported in a copyrighted story by Institute director, Dr. George Gallup. The report appeared in approximately 100 leading U.S. newspapers that subscribe to the Gallup service. Easter Sunday services drew the biggest congregations. A special survey shows 60,400,000 persons—nearly six in ten adult Americans—were in church that day.

● Jack Odell, young radio writer and program producer of Chicago, Ill., has been named director of future "Unshackled" programs. The appointment was made by Harry G. Saulnier, director of famed Pacific Garden Mission. He also reported that "Unshackled" is now broadcast over 136 radio stations in the U.S. and overseas. A native of Chicago, Jack Odell has been doing professional radio work since 1934 when he was still a student at the Chicago Christian Junior College. Behind him are 18 years of experience as announcer, continuity editor, publicity writer, news reporter and program director. He has been associated variously with radio stations WCFL, WHRC and WENR of the American Broadcasting System and for the past three years has written and directed the Christian Brotherhood Hour, currently aired over 150 stations. Originated five years ago by PGM "Unshackled!" tells the story of men and women actually unshackled from lives of sin and despair in the famous Skid Row refuge since it was first opened on Sept. 15, 1877.

● The Colloquial Japanese edition of the Bible, published by the Japanese Bible Society, has been chosen one of the top twelve books of the year by the Japanese newspaper "Mainichi" in a contest in which 20,000 book titles were submitted. In interpreting what the selection meant to the Christian cause in its country, the National Christian Council of Japan said: "The 'Mainichi' is one of the top three newspapers of Japan, and its annual award to the twelve top 'cultural publications' is the most coveted prize in Japanese publication circles. It is equivalent to the classification of 'the best books of the year.' The publicity (Continued on Page 13)

Editorial

"Continue Thou!"

THE WORLD IS FULL of people who have started something that they haven't finished. The Apostle Paul stressed the importance of finishing well in the race of life, of increasing in spiritual stature, of going from strength to strength in the service of Christ. Hence, his admonition to young Timothy: "Continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of" (2 Tim. 3:14). In every phase of Christian life and of church work, we should continue to improve, to attain to greater heights, to make new spiritual records for ourselves.

In following Christ, we are often ridiculed for our faith, misunderstood because of our position, persecuted for our witness to Christ. The Christian must continue to stand fast in his faith until he has laid hold on spiritual persistence. The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy about the persecutions which he had endured. But his testimony was: "Out of them all the Lord delivered me." Those who continue faithfully through all the onslaughts of persecution can say, "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12).

There is no area of the Christian life in which we so easily become lax and stagnant as in our Bible study. The Scriptures can, indeed, make us wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. But continuance of study, the practice of developing reading habits, the searching of the Word are vitally necessary. Only by such "continuance" can "the man of God be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:17).

It is likewise true that there must be continual growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ, as Dr. Wendell P. Loveless in a devotional study has pointed out. "Those who quit because of a little criticism, personality clashes, laziness, etc., never bring glory to the Lord Jesus, nor souls to the Savior." The Christian must also strive for masteries (2 Tim. 2:5 ff); he must labor as a husbandman; he must endure all things for the elect's sake; he must study to show himself approved unto God, if his life is to be characterized by continuance in God's grace!

These weeks before Easter Sunday should set a spiritual mirror in front of ourselves. How do we appear to God? Have we grown spiritually? Have our souls been prospering? Are we continually going forward? Are we better stewards of God's riches that have been entrusted to us?

In our denominational enterprise with our tremendous missionary commitments, aggressive Church Extension plans, and greater evangelistic outreach, we are not continuing to advance. Our executive secretary has called attention to a retrogression in our missionary giving which, although not serious at present, is still not encouraging. The needs of greater missionary advance and the Macedonian calls for help are keenly felt by all sensitive Christians in our day. We must strive to regain the ground we have lost, and again take the offensive in our spiritual warfare.

Paul's challenge, "Continue thou!" is a call to personal inventory before God as well as a challenge to greater striving on the part of all of our churches in the service of Christ. That kind of spiritual continuance can provide a glorious Easter for each one of us who takes Paul's admonition to heart!

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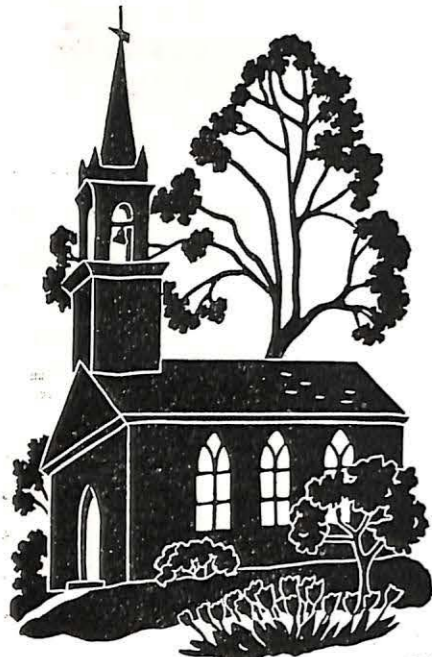
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The Church of Christ was founded on this abiding truth, "He lives!" What a great resurrection joy for those who believe!

Easter Joys!

The blessing of the Easter Season and the challenge of the Easter Offering

By Rev. J. C. GUNST, Promotional Secretary

ment for faith in a living Lord. When Jesus was nailed to the Cross, the disciples fled in dismay. When they became convinced that he was still alive, they became bold witnesses of his Gospel going out to conquer the Roman Empire and turn the world upside-down. The Church of Christ was founded on this abiding truth, "He lives," and the witness of the believers has given evidence of that truth for more than 19 centuries in endless victories. What a great Easter or resurrection joy for those who believe!

JOY OF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Truly, great joy in Christian fellowship is demonstrated on Easter day. All over the great American continent the air is electrified on Easter Sunday morning when Christians everywhere join in an unending chain across the nation to sing, to testify, and to give witness to the living Christ. Churches across the land receive new encouragement, and the faith of the individual believer is strengthened, all because these hundreds, yea thousands, of Christian witnesses are honoring, worshiping and glorifying a living Christ.

Everywhere churches in the fellowship baptize those who have come to know a living Christ personally. In baptism a believer gives a personal witness to the truth revealed in God's Word of death, burial, and the resurrection. The one coming into the fellowship of the believers testifies that he is dead to sin, the old way of life, where he was bound by fear and unhappy experiences. He is willing to go down into baptismal waters, symbolizing the burial of his old way of life in which he lived selfishly and separated from Christ and God the Father. Now coming out of the baptismal waters he is rising to the newness of life with Christ, being fully restored to vital relationship with his God.

EASTER OFFERING

- An attractive Easter Sunday Poster in your church will tell the story of the purpose of the Easter Offering.
- Easter Offering envelopes have been sent to all churches to be used on Palm Sunday or on Easter Sunday.
- Read the articles about the Easter Offering in this issue of the "Baptist Herald."

What a lasting joy, this genuine fellowship with Christ and his followers! Add to that the joy of his promise to the believer: "Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Psalms 16:11).

SHARING THE LIVING FAITH

Easter joys are not selfish joys. Real joy, lasting joy, in the Christian life comes through sharing. This is sharing God's truth and life with others, with those who have experienced the joy of salvation themselves, but the joy is even greater when the Christian faith is shared with those who know him not. Genuine Christian joy comes to the believer when another soul in faith comes to know the living Christ. The believer has come to the Christian faith because someone cared; someone shared his Christian experience with him; someone made it possible that the Gospel reached him. In the Book of Daniel we read: "And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars forever and ever" (Daniel 12:3). To enjoy the Christian faith it must be shared with others.

Christ came that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly. To his disciples he says, "Ye are my witnesses." "Go ye, therefore—teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20). Why send the disciples if they have nothing to share?

In the next issue of the "Baptist Herald," or in the other pages of our denominational periodicals, you will read about our household needs. Again and again the needs of our denominational enterprise, as God has placed them in our trust, have been presented to his people in our fellowship. It has been customary for many years, that on Easter Sunday we give signal evidence of our faith in the living Christ, as we share blessings received from God's hand. This is done to make the Gospel message possible beyond our own circles.

May our people again find real joy this Easter as they share generously their gifts through a liberal Easter offering! "Who then is that faithful and wise steward whom his Lord shall

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Our Home and Foreign Missions

By REV. R. SCHILKE, General Missionary Secretary

THE EASTER SEASON is a time in which the opposite of sorrow and joy, darkness and light, law and grace, death and life are brought into such close proximity with each other that they form one harmonious whole. We are first reminded of the great sacrifice which our Lord brought in himself by giving himself on the Cross of Calvary to die on our behalf, and with that we are led into the deepest valley of sorrow, anguish, pain and death.

Then we are reminded of his great victory over death in that he triumphantly rose from the dead, and with that we are led out of the valley of death to the highest mountain of delight and the purest aspect of life and say with Paul: "Nevertheless I live . . .!"

ONENESS IN CHRIST

This new life of faith in the resurrected Christ should give us the sense of oneness in Christ. Through him we belong to the great family of the Redeemed of God. Just as he loved us and gave himself for us, so we should also love one another and give ourselves for others. Giving and receiving are also opposites, but they, too, form a whole. One cannot be without the other, for where there is a giver, there must of necessity be a receiver.

In our denominational family of churches in this Easter season, we are thinking of one another in both home and foreign fields. It does not matter of what race or nationality we are; in Christ we are one. We are all members of his Body, whether we be white or black, yellow, red, or brown. All

have been included under sin; all may claim the sacrifice for sin; all may experience grace; all may have life eternal and live with Christ.

This message is the greatest message which man is privileged to proclaim. It is the message of salvation for all through Christ our Lord. We cannot afford to become slack; we dare not neglect the Word of truth; we must not leave mankind to itself. God has given us many opportunities in both home and foreign fields, and for these we are held accountable.

STRENGTHENING THE HOME BASE

We see these opportunities in our Church Extension Program. What is happening at places, where we seized the opportunity, could well happen in other places if we only had sufficient means to undergird the program for the first years. Every beginning is difficult and requires assistance. Someone may ask: "Well, what is happening through this Church Extension effort?" I shall mention it by conferences only and enumerate only those places which have received Church Extension aid.

The Pacific Conference will have five new churches before the year ends, from the far north of Prince Rupert, B. C., to the deep south of the Los Angeles area in California. The Dakota Conference received two new churches. The Northern Conference received assistance for three new churches. The Southwestern Conference rallied around two new churches. The Central Conference can count three, and the Eastern Conference

three new churches. There are other new churches which did not request aid through Church Extension and those who requested it but did not receive it for the only reason that funds are not sufficient to give aid to every new church. Over every one of these new-born members of our denominational family we rejoice.

In our joy over the new-born babes, we must not forget our children who are still of minor age and need to be nurtured until they, too, attain the age of maturity. Their maturity cannot always be measured by the number of years of existence. Some of our larger urban churches enjoy their strength but not infrequently at the expense of a little country church somewhere. In some instances the parent has really bled himself for the children in the establishment of their own home. Can we forget such a parent?

HEEDING THE MACEDONIAN CALL

We must give for the advancement of the cause of a living Christ toward the strengthening of these children of our denominational family in our home mission fields in order that from these fields there might continue to come those who volunteer for the advancement of the same cause beyond our immediate borders.

From these regions beyond the Macedonian call is still heard with an ever increasing crescendo: "Come over and help us!" How can we deny that help to those who are dying without hope and without Christ? How can we become self-satisfied in that which has become ours without sharing it with others less fortunate? How can we keep from sending those who are willing to go with the message of hope to those who die without this hope?

In our day and age it costs much to send a servant of God abroad. Without supplying these needs, we cannot send those who would be ready to be sent, those who have said to the risen Lord: "Here am I, send me!" Every additional appointment abroad increases our financial responsibility at home. We cannot pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send forth laborers into his harvest unless we are also willing to count the cost of sending them forth.

Our contributions for the entire cause of missions is the barometer indicating an advance or retreat for the future. A look at our contributions of this past year clearly indicates that perhaps no advance ought to be projected. We did not meet the cost of the advance of the past two years, and

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Every medical missionary, shown here helping others in Jesus' Name, has answered the Macedonian call: "Come over and help us!"



Indians of the Muscowpetung Reserve at a "cottage" prayer meeting (left); Mr. Maurice Cappo dressed in Indian regalia (center) with his wife and daughter, Norma, who plays the organ at the Baptist services on the Muscowpetung Reserve; and (right) some of the Indians on the reserve building their own house.

The Muscowpetung Indian Reserve

The Story of our Mission to the Cree and Soto Indians of Saskatchewan, Canada

By REV. PHILIP GRABKE, Missionary to the Muscowpetung Reserve Indians

PILOTING A CANOE through rugged Canadian rapids, braving temperatures hovering at the 60 degrees below zero mark and even offering one's life for the life of an Indian convert accidentally killed, requires the compassion of the Apostle Paul and the love of Christ. Such a man was James Evans, better known as the "Apostle of the North." (An illustrated article about this Indian missionary appeared in the ANNUAL several years ago.)

Although this Englishman had won many Indians for Christ, he was not entirely satisfied for he had not been able to reach a promising and intelligent chieftain named MASKEPETOON. This same chief became a very close friend of Evans but said he would rather scalp an enemy than become a Christian. However, Maskepetoon soon became convicted of sin and let the Savior into his heart and life.

PROTESTANT MISSION

After spending much time last summer tracing back the story how the reserve on which we have been witnessing for the past four years in Saskatchewan, Canada, received its name, "Muscowpetung," we reached the conclusion that it was named after this young chieftain.

Looking over the records of the past, we also discovered that 30 years ago there was a Presbyterian mission established on the adjoining reserve which most of the older Indians attended. It was at that time that both the Muscowpetung and the Piapot Reserves were predominantly Protestant. However, due to the death of the pastor and lack of interest on the

part of someone to carry on the work, it soon closed down.

Today these reserves are largely under the control of the Roman Catholic church. There are four reserves located approximately 50 miles north-east of the city of Regina, Saskatchewan. They are known as the Piapot, Muscowpetung, Pasqua, and Sioux Reserves, and the languages spoken on these reserves are Cree, Soto, and Sioux. Our labors have been directed mainly among the Cree and Soto Indians on the Muscowpetung Reserve.

It has also been our privilege and joy to lead a number of Indians to the Lord from the adjoining reserves and also from as far as 50 miles away. We are ready to witness wherever the Holy Spirit leads and the opportunity presents.

Prior to our coming to the reserve, the Indians did not have a day school and so had no alternative but to send their children to a Catholic school some 30 miles away. The Indians were obliged to turn Catholic in order to have their children gain entrance to this school. There the children received more religious than secular training.

OUR BAPTIST WITNESS

In the spring of 1952 we urged the Indians to sign a petition to have a day school on the reserve with a Baptist school teacher. This petition was unanimously signed and the following year the school was erected but, against the wishes of the Indians, a Catholic school teacher was placed. (The wishes of our Indian people are too often disregarded by officials.) Having the children on the reserve,

instead of their being in boarding school ten months out of the year, gave us a wonderful opportunity to work with the boys and girls.

We have had successful Vacation Bible Schools the past four summers and many children have taken their stand for Christ. Some of these followed the Lord into the waters of baptism. To date there are 33 Indians in all (including adults) who have made this step.

Some have been severely persecuted for making such a choice. This is the testimony of one of our Indian mothers, "It is hard for an Indian to be a Christian. Since I took the Lord as my personal Savior, my own brother has gone out of his way to hinder my faith in the Lord. Not only do I have to suffer, but my two younger sisters are abused by his mistreatment." (See the testimony of Mrs. McNab on next page.)

Most of our converts are women and they have a real desire to worship God, but because their homes are so widely scattered and because the men refuse to catch the horses so that the women can hitch up the team, it is difficult for them to come to church. One lady, Mrs. Gambler, has often walked eight miles up and down hill to come to church, proving her sincerity in worship.

THE NEW CHAPEL

Before the building of the chapel, the Sunday School, church, and ladies' meetings were all held in the homes. Vacation Bible School and evangelistic meetings were conducted in an old granery or the Indian community hall before it, too, was filled with

wheat. Their homes consist mainly of one or two rooms constructed from logs and mud, and are inhabited by as many as 15 people.

A building where the Indians could meet and worship the Lord in reverence was a real necessity. First, a permit had to be secured (this was required by Ottawa) to be built on the reserve. After having the Indians sign a number of petitions, these were sent to Ottawa but it was necessary for the missionary and Chief Gambler to take a trip to the capital city to see why an answer was ignored. Shortly after their return, a new man was put into office in Indian affairs, and after thoroughly investigating everything, the permit and site for building were finally granted.

Then men came from near and far together to assist in erecting a chapel on the Muscowpetung Indian Reservation so that the Indians would no longer have to crowd out their small homes where they had gathered previously to worship the Lord. Many people gave sacrificially of their time and energy to help make this building possible for which we want to thank them. The building, consisting of both church and parsonage which was located at the rear, was nearing completion, when suddenly tragedy struck!

A TRAGIC FIRE

If you saw the fulfillment of your plans and prayers go up suddenly in smoke, what would be your reaction? The Muscowpetung Indian Chapel, the parsonage and all its contents, including the missionaries' personal belongings, were destroyed by fire on Dec. 2, 1955. We can only say, "The Lord hath given, the Lord hath taken, blessed be the name of the Lord."

Although the chapel has been taken from us, we have the blessed assurance that the souls who came to the knowledge of saving grace in this place of worship still remain. Our confidence is in the Lord that the Indian people will soon have another place of worship. Does God make mistakes. The Bible assures us that he does not! Then what is the purpose of it all? We can only answer that perhaps he wishes to draw us closer to him through these various tests and trials.

During this ordeal the contractor, Mr. Eddie Rumble, a fine Christian, was so severely burned that it became necessary for him to have skin grafted on both his arms and back. Mr. Rumble has suffered such pain that it caused him to make this statement, "If hell is anything like this, I thank God that I'm not going there." Please remember this man in your prayers as he progresses in his convalescence that he might be fit to commence work on the chapel this spring.

We want to thank all who have prayed, sent gifts, and sought to encourage us by letter. Our trust is in

An Indian's Trust in God

The Testimony of Mrs. Esabel McNab of the Punnichy Reserve of Saskatchewan, Canada as Given to Mrs. Philip Grabke, Missionary

"I WAITED patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God; many shall see it and fear, and trust in the Lord" (Psalm 40:1-3).

come to our Reserve and open our eyes to the Lord's wonderful love for us.

It has not been easy to live a Christian life since I took the Lord as my own personal Savior, because even my own brother goes out of his way to hinder my faith in the Lord. Not only do I have to suffer, but my two younger sisters are abused by his mocking and mistreatment. Not only in my home town, but everywhere on the Reserve you find sin, especially on Saturday nights when all the young men go out and get drunk and take no time for the Lord on Sunday. We women desire to worship the Lord but it is so hard for us. Our men are too busy nursing their headaches on Sunday, and they just won't bother to take their women folk to church or even go out and hitch up a team of horses in order for the women to go to the service. It is so hard to make our men realize their need of Christ. They are so blinded by their sins; they won't listen.



Mrs. Esabel McNab, Indian Christian of the Punnichy Reserve (left), and Mrs. Philip Grabke, missionary on the Muscowpetung Reserve.

I was saved four years ago during an evangelistic meeting in Punnichy. Never before had I realized how far I was from the Lord until I heard this wonderful message how the Lord Jesus Christ shed his precious blood to save me from my sins. I had taken my stand for the Lord for only a year when Mr. Philip Grabke came and visited me and told me more of the Lord's love for me. Before this I had never had any kind of Christian fellowship with anyone, so it was a real blessing to me and also to my sister who lives on the same reserve to have our missionaries from the Muscowpetung Reserve, Mr. and Mrs. Grabke,

Romans 8:28, "All things work together for good, to them who love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

We were looking forward with great anticipation this past Christmas to hold our first Christmas Eve program in the chapel on the reserve. However, the Lord permitted our chapel to be destroyed. In spite of being disappointed in our Christmas program, the Lord gave us an even greater blessing.

We had the joy of leading a mother and father from the Piapot Reserve to the Lord. This couple lost their entire family of three small children

O, you dear Christian friends, you don't realize how fortunate most of you are to be born in a good Christian home with Christian parents, brothers and sisters. Indeed, you have a lot to thank the Lord for. On the Reserve it is a hard struggle to be an Indian trying to lead a life for Christ among so many poor blind Indian people who haven't opened their eyes or heart to the Lord. They are just poor, miserable, lost souls. I ask you, dear Christian friends, to pray for us, not only today but continue to pray for us.

The Lord has done wonderful things for me. He has answered my prayers and I am so happy I have him as my own friend for he understands my problems. When everything seems to go wrong, I have him to whom I can turn for I know he cares and understands. For he said: "Lo, I am with you always."

by that dreaded disease, diphtheria. They have been reconciled to God and are happy with the assurance that their children have gone to be with the Lord and they shall someday see them again.

But there are still many other Indians who have not accepted Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. These are no more heathen than all Americans or Canadians who have not yet yielded to the Holy Spirit. Won't you join the ranks who are praying for the lost and forgotten Indians that they too might have the peace, the real peace, that "passeth all understanding."

Archaeology and Practical Christianity

A provocative study that can open new vistas of Biblical understanding

By DR. CARL E. DeVRIES of Chicago, Illinois

ARCHAEOLOGY, the science of the recovery and study of the material remains of the human past, is of great importance to the student of the Bible. If properly used, the information supplied by archaeological research is one of the most valuable aids for the understanding of the Scriptures. A knowledge of the cultures of the ancient Near East clothes the bones of the past with living flesh and breathes life into subject matter often regarded as "dead". The Bible contains many references to secular history and most of these have been made more comprehensible by the facts revealed by archaeological discoveries.

HISTORICAL ACCURACY

In general, it can be said that archaeology substantiates the historical accuracy of the Scriptures, often to a minute degree. On the other hand, it is necessary to point out that there are instances where the findings of topographers, field archaeologists, philologists, and other researchers have complicated rather than solved historical and other problems relating to the Biblical text. It is quite obvious that such discrepancy arises largely as a result of the limitations of knowledge, for while the material of the Near Eastern past is tremendous in scope and volume there are many gaps in our knowledge. For given periods, particular areas, and certain subjects, we must confess almost complete ignorance.

It is to be expected, therefore, that as new pieces are added to the puzzles of the past they can be fitted into their respective places and that the fragmentary sections of the picture will take on recognizable appearance. An anticipated parallel to this gain in understanding is the solution of some of the difficulties which do exist in the relationship of the Bible and our present knowledge of secular history and chronology.

The connection between archaeology and the Bible has suffered from the misstatements, misguided zeal, and overenthusiasm of untrained or inadequately prepared persons. Cultists and propagandists of strange doctrines make use of archaeological data and deceive people into doctrinal error. Related examples of this type of teaching are Anglo-Israelism and a belief in a divinely inspired prophetic char-

acter of the Great Pyramid of Giza. One occasionally finds evidence of the influence of the "pyramidologist" or "pyramidist" among well-meaning evangelical congregations. Volumes have been written on the Pyramid Theory; and though some of the writers have been evangelical, they have often made the mistake of setting dates for the prophetic future.

THE PYRAMID THEORY

In addition to the Scriptural arguments against this teaching, the Pyramid Theory is also opposed by the witness of archaeology and history. No Egyptologist has regarded the hypothesis as being sufficient merit to deserve a serious refutation, but the promulgation of the idea has been so widespread and so effective that possibly some Egyptologist or historian will eventually publish a book to show the absurdity of this non-Biblical speculation.

The many pyramids of Egypt were designed by the builders as burial places and the largest of them is no different from the others. The "Great Pyramid," one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World, was constructed as the final resting-place of Khufu (known to the Greeks as Cheops), a king of Egypt's fourth Dynasty. A boat of this king was discovered in the immediate vicinity of this pyramid in 1953. The find attracted considerable space in the news organs of the world and is an additional indication that the king was at one time buried in this impressive tomb.

Reference has already been made to the role of archaeology in establishing the historical trustworthiness of the Bible. This is the usual function of archaeology in a system of apologetics, the branch of Biblical study which is concerned with the defense of the Scriptures. It is on the basis of literary and political history that some of the most successful attacks against the Bible have been made in times past. It is necessary, therefore, for

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the Christian apologist to be thoroughly conversant with the ancient Near East and it is valuable for every Christian to have an acquaintance with the general, non-technical facts of the political and cultural history of the same area.

It is on the basis of archaeological discoveries that the extreme assaults made on the historicity of the Bible have been met and specific accusations eliminated. The overall effect of intensive study of archaeology and the Bible is to produce a more conservative attitude toward the Scriptures. It is possible to trace this result in the thinking of scholars by perusing publications they have made over a period of years.

BIBLICAL STUDY

Biblical study owes a tremendous debt to archaeology. There are, for example, the striking and somewhat dramatic accounts of the finding of the palace of the Assyrian Sargon and of the discovery of the empire of the Hittites. At one time the existence of the Assyrian King was doubted and the Hittites were but a question mark among the peoples named in the Old Testament. There are old and in some circles quite familiar stories and it is of no advantage to relate them here. It is instructive, however, to recall them, since they, along with others, constitute a sort of gauge alongside which the progress of the confirmation of Biblical history can be marked. At the same time it must be remembered that this progress is paralleled by and is in actuality an outgrowth or by-product of the recovery of the secular history of the Mediterranean and Middle Eastern world.

It is sometimes said that confirmation of Biblical history is no longer relevant since the accuracy of the historical narratives of the Bible is now commonly accepted. The part played by archaeology in bringing about a trend in this direction has already been noted. It must be remembered, however, that statements as to Biblical historicity are subject to interpretation. What is commonly meant, when it is said that the Bible is historically trustworthy, is that its references to political history are sufficiently accurate to be employed for historiographical purposes; that is, the statements in the Bible can be con-

sidered along with the political records of Near Eastern nations as sources for the reconstruction of history.

Many who are willing to admit the historicity of the portions of the Bible which deal with the history of Israel still regard the earlier sections of Genesis as a mixture of myth and legend. From a literary standpoint, the documentary hypothesis of the composition of the Pentateuch is commonly regarded as "one of the assured results of Biblical criticism." Though the theory has changed over the course of years, it still rules out the possibility that Moses was the actual writer of these books and their date is assigned traditionally to a period from the 9th to the 5th centuries, B. C. The numerous difficulties concerning the history, geography, and chronology of the exodus and conquest have led a number of scholars to attempt rather drastic reconstructions of the present Hebrew text.

MOSAIC AUTHORSHIP

With respect to the problems of the exodus and conquest, we must await additional evidence and it is quite likely that this will be some time in coming. Conclusive evidence pertaining to the earlier chapters of Genesis probably will not be forthcoming, though some pertinent material can be gleaned from rather ancient sources. Much of this affords very intriguing possibilities but at the same time is open to varying extremes of interpretation.

It is the opinion of this writer that the literary history of the Pentateuch is far from settled, even in its broadest outlines. He is convinced of the Mosaic authorship and feels that there is much archaeological-historical-philological evidence that lends credence to this view. Admittedly many problems remain, but this is true of any position. To this writer's thinking, the documentary theory remains a highly artificial and unlikely explanation of the origin of the early Biblical books.

If we are to use archaeology in a practical way for apologetic purposes, we must be aware of its limitations as well as its possibilities. When we come to the subject of the ultimate source of the Bible we find ourselves beyond historical - archaeological depths, for our problem becomes in the final analysis philosophical, theological, and spiritual. Is the Bible the product of a highly evolved religious Near Eastern people, or is it in a unique sense the Word of God? What do we mean by "Inspiration" of the Scriptures? What part does the human element play in the composition of the Biblical books? These are some of the basic questions revolving around the central and personal issue of the relationship of the individual soul to the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The assurance of the Christian that the Bible is the Word of God rests

primarily not on external proofs but on a personal acquaintance with the Author of the Book. Archaeology can be of assistance in establishing him in his faith and may be used of the Lord for that purpose, since history corroborates and correlates that which God already led him to believe.

THE CHRISTIAN'S WITNESS

The unbeliever is oriented differently in his religious persuasions. He must be convinced by the Holy Spirit concerning sin, righteousness, and judgment. In considering the relationship between the Christian and the unregenerate, one must distinguish between academic discussion of Biblical problems and the spiritual work of evangelizing the world. The primary responsibility of the Christian is to bear witness concerning Christ. The witness provides information about salvation and testifies of his personal experience of Christ's love and his power to save. He knows that the Bible is the living, powerful Word of God and he proceeds in faith to use it and trusts the Holy Spirit to bear witness to the truth of the Word. The effects produced in the heart of the hearer are God's work, not man's.

The Christian is aware of the guidance of the Spirit as to what methods and means he should employ to present the claims of Christ most effectively. Though all men are sinners and must be confronted with this fact, they have differing stumblingblocks that keep them from coming to him. To some persons intellectual difficulties are very real, though the oft-quoted saying, "Believing is seeing," is a statement of one of the principles of the Christian faith. In most cases "difficulties" are an excuse rather than a reason for rejecting the claims of Christ.

If an inquirer is honest in his doubts, it may be helpful to use the facts of archaeology or any other relevant branch of knowledge to illustrate the fact that the intellectual position of the Christian is not an irrational one but is rather the most coherent

and consistent of all world views. To attempt to do this, however, sometimes leads to useless and irrelevant argumentation and takes the focus of attention from the central question, "What think ye of Christ?"

It is obvious that receiving Christ does not automatically supply one with the solution to all of one's problems, whether intellectual or otherwise. Taking such a step does bring one into a filial relationship with God and makes one a co-heir with him in Whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and of knowledge. Becoming a Christian, therefore, supplies the foundation and framework for all of one's thought-patterns and for the development of one's entire spiritual, intellectual, and emotional life. It provides the individual with a new orientation in life, gives him a changed standard of values and a fresh outlook, and endows him with Spirit-directed insight. These effects in themselves constitute such a revolutionary transformation as to eliminate some of the problems from the very outset. It is difficult to overestimate the importance of the personal leading of the indwelling Holy Spirit, the communion which is prayer, and the guidance supplied through the Bible itself.

CONFIRMING THE SCRIPTURES

In confirming the Scriptures, therefore, it seems that archaeology is of equal usefulness in bolstering the faith of the believer as in convincing the unbeliever of the validity of Christ's claims upon his life. The faith of the Christian rests upon the Bible; the Bible does not depend for its power upon our attempts to "prove" the Scriptures. Labor for Christ is futile if it is based only on human efforts and knowledge. God expects us to use the Bible faithfully and to trust the Holy Spirit to use his Word to produce definite results in human lives. All knowledge is useful, but it is Christ concerning whom we witness and the Christian is directly dependent upon the Holy Spirit for the dynamic of the working out of his own salvation and for the power needed to be an effective co-worker with God.

It is quite generally agreed that the most valuable function of archaeology in relation to the Bible is to provide a vast background for Bible study which can open new vistas of Biblical interpretation and understanding. To be familiar with the ancient cultures, to have an acquaintance with the writings of the ancients, to be able to portray Biblical events in their historical setting, all of these add much to our comprehension and apprehension of the Biblical message. The study of the past has value in itself, but when it provides us with historical perspective and helps us to understand our own times and to see the application of God's Word to our own situation it has fulfilled its greatest purpose.

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Geis Memorial Church in Burma

Burmese Baptists Build a Memorial Church
at the Myitkyina Mission



Rev. George Geis, who was reared and spiritually trained in North American Baptist churches. Ground was broken early in February. Students volunteered to dig the foundations, then villagers joined them.

From March until June workmen from Christian villages came in bands of twenty-five, bringing their own rice, to work without pay for one week. They finished the digging and laid the concrete foundation. The gasoline-powered mixer which had been expected was not available. All the concrete had to be mixed by hand, 25 cubic feet at a time, to a total of 11,000 cubic feet for an over-all foundation of 120 by 40 feet, and 7½ feet deep.

Economical construction was a necessity. Teak was secured free of royalty. Roof trusses of war surplus American army hangar steel are planned. Volunteer labor is still in use. For a cobblestone finish to the building, the banks of the Irrawaddy afford an ample supply of river stone.

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THE UPPER floor of a prewar school dormitory building was the only place available for services when the government of Burma restored the Myitkyina compound to the Baptist Mission in 1947. It easily accommodated the thirty or forty who attended Sunday morning service regularly, but when the Kachin Baptist School was reopened in 1948 and when in 1950 Thra Tha Loo assumed the leadership of the congregation, Myitkyina Baptist Church found it no longer adequate.

Even the hall of the main school building, which was erected in 1949, was often filled to overflowing by the services. The rate of growth for several years has been thirty to fifty members, and last March, forty-four new members were baptized at one time—the Irrawaddy River at the edge of the compound serving as baptistry. The new converts included Kachin, Burmese, Karen, and Chinese people.

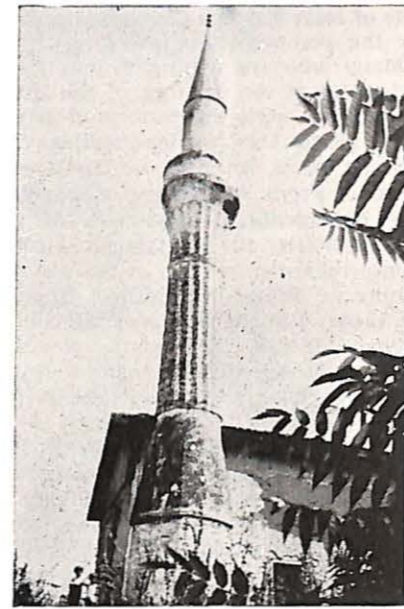
At last, the church voted to erect a stone house of worship to be called the "Geis Memorial Church" in honor of the missionary founder of the Myit-

kyina mission, Rev. George Geis, who was reared and spiritually trained in North American Baptist churches. Ground was broken early in February. Students volunteered to dig the foundations, then villagers joined them.

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A minaret over a Mohammedan mosque in Yugoslavia.

garian, Slovenian, and Serbian people of our country.

Another great event for us was the Baptist Youth Conference which was held from November 27 to 29, our national holiday, in Novi Sad. For the first time in 17 years our Baptist young people came together from the five political divisions of Yugoslavia for a wonderful conference which was entirely directed by themselves.

Much prayerful preparation had gone into the planning for this conference. However, all efforts to find a suitable meeting place were in vain. Finally we made a daring decision. The benches and pews in our church sanctuary in Novi Sad, with a seating capacity of 180, were removed so there would be room for the 500 guests who came to the Conference. But they had to stand!

GREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

On the three Conference days we held three sessions daily, each of which lasted two or three hours with almost everyone in the large audience standing. This is the church building which the North American Baptist Conference helped us to construct during the time of its ministry in the Danubian Baptist Mission. The theme was selected by the young people: "Come over and help us!" The program features a great deal of singing.

The evening services were largely evangelistic in emphasis. God answered our prayers and gave us stirring moments of decision for eternity. Altogether there were 32 persons who took a stand for Christ as Savior.

In this wonderful way God is working in our midst in Yugoslavia. We praise him that we can be his co-laborers in this country. The banner of the Cross is again being lifted high in this Balkan country for which we praise his Name!

Baptist Strength in Yugoslavia

By Rev. A. Lehochi of Yugoslavia, formerly imprisoned for his faith in the Balkans and now pastor of the Baptist Church in Novi Sad

IN JUGOSLAVIA, the land of Tito, which historically has been called the boiling cauldron of the Balkans, we as Baptist evangelists can report great spiritual victories during the past year. In Daruvar in the northern Croatian area of our country we were privileged to baptize 34 converts. At Petrovac where we have a Slovakian Baptist Church, we baptized 36 people on confession of their faith.

The largest baptismal service ever held by us as Baptists in Yugoslavia occurred on August 21, 1955 at Vladimirovac at a Rumanian Baptist Church where in one inspiring service 67 be-

lievers in Christ were baptized. Here in this town the baptistry is located in the courtyard of the Baptist Church. It was an impressive sight to see the baptismal candidates dressed in white robes surrounded by hundreds of interested people attending the service.

The fourth baptismal service was held on Oct. 30, 1955 at the Hungarian Baptist Church at Pacir. There were 16 converts, mostly young people, who followed the Lord in baptism. Great is God's faithfulness as the Holy Spirit worked on the hearts of these people as has been evident among the Croatian, Slovakian, Rumanian, Hun-

The Kingbeils' 50th Wedding Anniversary

Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Klingbeil have served our churches for 41 years from Killaloe, Ontario, to Colfax, Washington

Report by MRS. PAUL KRUEGER of Colfax, Washington

THE REV. and MRS. R. M. Klingbeil of Colfax, Wash., observed their 50th year of marriage on Dec. 21, marking a half century together, of which 41 years were spent with Mr. Klingbeil serving in Baptist churches that took the two of them across the continent, beginning with a pastorate in the pioneer country of Killaloe, Ont., and their retirement 41 years later from the Wilcox Baptist Church near Colfax, Washington. At present, they are beloved members of the Colfax Baptist Church, where Rev. R. M. Klingbeil teaches a class and serves in the pulpit on occasion.

A lovely reception, attended by more than 150 friends and relatives, was given the couple at the Colfax Baptist Church on Tuesday, Dec. 27. The Church was decorated with baskets of bronze and yellow chrysanthemums that were sent by telegrams from friends in Germany. The baskets were placed on either side of a golden archway, from which were hung golden bells tied with gold ribbons. The archway was designed by Mr. and Mrs. Dick Templeton. Golden candles completed the decorations.

THE KLINGBEIL FAMILY

Mrs. Paul Krueger at the organ played Lohengrin's Wedding March as Mr. and Mrs. Klingbeil came down the aisle, attended by their seven children: Bert, Winslow, Wash.; Max, Los Angeles, Calif.; Madge (Mrs. Carl Schoenfeldt), Mercer Island, Wash.; Esther (Mrs. Ben Mohr), Oakesdale, Wash.; Freda (Mrs. Harold Dahlen), San Bruno, Calif.; Edna, at home; and Florence (Mrs. Edwin Ensley), Genesee, Idaho. Mrs. Klingbeil wore the wedding gown that she wore at the original wedding. She wore a corsage of Talisman roses, and the attendants wore corsages or boutonnieres of gold and bronze chrysanthemums.

Rev. F. E. Klein served as master of ceremonies and conducted a brief service in which the honored couple renewed their vows. At the close of the wedding service, Mrs. Paul Cocking at the piano and Mrs. Krueger at the organ played "The Lord's Prayer" in duet. Mr. Klein introduced all the couples who had been married by Rev. R. M. Klingbeil and who were sitting in a reserved section.

ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

Mrs. Carl Stewart and Mrs. Krueger sang, "Hold Thou My Hand," accompanied by Mrs. Edwin Ensley. "Silver Threads Among the Gold" was sung by Helen Klingbeil, accom-

panied by Jennie Ensley, the two youngest grandchildren of the honored couple. Mrs. F. E. Klein sang a song composed in honor of the occasion by a long-time friend of the Klingbeils, Prof. Herman von Berge. Another friend, Rev. C. E. Schoenleber, wrote a history of the married life of Mr. and Mrs. Klingbeil, which was read by Mrs. Klein.

A violin solo that captured the hearts of the guests was "Love's Old Sweet Song" as played on his violin by Mr. Klingbeil to his bride. Mrs. Ben Mohr provided the piano accompaniment. "Jesus, My Savior," a favorite hymn, was sung by a quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, Mrs. Dick Templeton, and Emery Ingram.

Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Klingbeil were born in Germany. She came to the United States in 1897 at the age of eight, and he came in 1899 at the age of nine. They were married in Boston, Mass., after completion of his theological training at the Baptist Seminary in Rochester, New York.

MINISTRY OF 41 YEARS

Immediately following their wedding that was held on a cold, rainy day, the young couple boarded the train that took them to their first parsonage in Killaloe, Ontario. There was no time for a wedding trip, since the congregation in Killaloe wanted their new minister and his bride to be in the pulpit for the Christmas Day services. Thus began a ministerial



Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Klingbeil of Colfax, Wash., at their golden wedding celebration with their seven children. Left to right: Max Klingbeil, Mrs. Carl Schoenfeldt, Mrs. Ben Mohr, Rev. R. M. Klingbeil, Mrs. Edwin Ensley, Mrs. R. M. Klingbeil, Mrs. Harold Dahlen, Edna Klingbeil, and Bert Klingbeil.

Short talks were given by Mrs. Dale Enos for the Sunday School, John Lewis for the choir, and Mrs. E. W. Kroll for the Ladies' Missionary Society. Rev. F. E. Klein spoke in behalf of the church and presented them a gold wedding wreath. A little gold chest, "heavy" with silver inside, was presented by Mrs. A. O. Krueger to Mr. and Mrs. Klingbeil.

The reception table was centered with a four-tiered wedding cake, beautifully decorated in the gold motif. Mrs. John Heilsberg cut the cake, Mrs. Selma Krueger and Mrs. Myron Cutting were at the punch bowl, and Mrs. Ed Krueger served at the coffee service. Mrs. Klein was in charge of the guest book.

career that lasted until 1946, and during those 41 years, Mr. Klingbeil missed only one Sunday from his pulpit, that being due to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Klingbeil remained in Killaloe for three years, and then accepted a pastorate in Beatrice, Neb., where they remained until 1913. The Arthur Street Baptist Church in Spokane, Wash., was their next parish. After four years in Spokane, Mr. Klingbeil accepted the Wilcox Baptist Church pulpit, where he served for several years before moving to the church at Startup, Washington. However, the attachments made at the church in Colfax were so strong for the Klingbeils that they returned to

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Our Home Mission Fields

Glimpses of our Mission-supported Churches

THE ROSENFELD CHURCH ON THE PRAIRIE

IT IS DIFFICULT to pinpoint the Rosenfeld Baptist Church of North Dakota on a state map. Our "Directory" states that it is seven miles south and three miles west of Drake, North Dakota. It is on the rural route of the postman from Anamoose, North Dakota. By train it is more convenient if you stop at Harvey, N. Dak., and are driven by car over the wide open prairie to the church.

But you cannot miss it if you come into its vicinity. This attractive church building and large, white painted parsonage next door make a pleasant sight to the approaching traveler. It is even more delightful to meet the congregation of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church. (Be sure not to call it the Rosenfeld Church, for the people still like the German name with which it was founded.)

50th ANNIVERSARY

Even though the church has lost many of its members through the years because of removal to cities, lack of job opportunities for young people, and crop reverses of years ago, the Rosenfeld Church is still forging steadily ahead. In 1953 it celebrated its 50th anniversary with an array of festivities and an outburst of spiritual optimism for the future. Its pastor, Rev. Arthur Voigt, with years of experience in the State Legislature of South Dakota, in a fervent Christian witness

and as a Baptist minister, is an aggressive leader for this church group.

The church was founded by German immigrants and refugees, largely from Rumania on the European continent, some of whom came from the area around the Black Sea. Through the years the church has had its share of "ups and downs" but usually overcame its difficulties with the help and grace of God. Some of the pastorates have been brief, altogether too short. The present pastor, Brother Voigt, has served the church since October 9, 1953 and his pastorate is increasing in power with the passing of the months.

SHINING LIGHT

In the accompanying picture showing a portion of the church's membership of 51 members, you can see the future possibilities of this mission-supported church with a good representation of young people and young couples who are settled in the Rosenfeld community. The interior of the church building was recently beautifully remodeled. The Word of God is proclaimed clearly and fearlessly by God's servant. The witness to the Gospel is a shining light into the surrounding area.

This is another small, struggling mission-supported church which is able to send only a little light into the world but, remember, it is shining faithfully and fervently to the glory of Jesus Christ. Such a light on the Dakota prairie must NEVER go out!



New members of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church near Anamoose, N. Dak., 27 in number (besides Rev. and Mrs. Arthur A. Voigt at the left), who have been received during Mr. Voigt's ministry.

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

March 12-13—Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.

March 15-17—Special Sessions at Forest Park, Illinois. (See "Committee Meetings".)

Rev. R. Schilke

March 8—Eastern Conference Mission Committee session at Rochester, N. Y.

March 9 (Friday)—Andrews Street Church, Rochester, N. Y.

March 11 (Sunday A.M.)—Bethel Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

March 11 (Sunday P.M.)—Temple Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

March 13—Central Conference Mission Committee session at Detroit, Michigan.

March 14 (Wednesday)—Woman's Missionary Union, St. Joseph, Michigan.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

March 7-11—Corona, South Dakota. (Leadership Training Program.)

March 25 (Sunday A.M. and P.M.)—Emmanuel Baptist Church, Marion, Kansas.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

March 18 (Sunday A.M.)—Dayton's Bluff Church, St. Paul, Minn.

March 18 (Sunday P.M.)—River-view Church, St. Paul, Minn.

March 25 (Sunday A. M. and P.M.)—First Baptist Church, Utica, Michigan.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

to be held at Headquarters, Forest Park, Illinois.

March 15—Workshop Meeting for denominational leaders.

March 16—Summer Visitation Committee.

March 17 (A.M.)—Student Placement Committee.

March 17 (P.M.)—Good News Messengers Committee.

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MARCH OF EVENTS

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value is tremendous. The Bible has been generally considered a foreign book with little relevance to Japan. Thus, the award recognized the Bible as being a Japanese book and one that has significance for the people of that nation." The award to the Colloquial Japanese Bible was not the same as for other prize-winning books, it added, but was a special award equal in significance to the others.

● Pioneer in the field of Christian magazines for non-Christian readers is "The African Challenge," published in English and African languages by the Sudan Interior Mission of Africa. In the Argentine a similar magazine, "La Voz," has zoomed to a circulation of 140,000; and another, "Vida," is to appear this month in San Jose. From Auckland, New Zealand, comes "The Challenge," printed in English for readers all over Southeast Asia. Early in 1954 a Christian magazine for non-Christian Chinese readers was conceived and discussed by missionaries in Formosa. Other missionary societies also have been moving along the same lines: the Christian and Missionary Alliance has released the Rev. Paul Bartel for the promotion of a paper of this kind, and the Evangelical Literature Overseas is taking an active interest. Stressing the slogan, "A Magazine for the Masses," Bryce H. Gray of the Christian Witness Press, Hong Kong, in a recent prospectus laid out an ambitious program that calls for wide circulation from the first edition and for a high standard of production to be maintained throughout.—The Millions.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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that church in 1925 and remained there until his retirement in 1946.

Mr. and Mrs. Klingbeil have been conducting a private relief ministry during the past ten years. They have been instrumental in sending about 1,000 parcels overseas, most of them being packed and mailed from their own home, the remainder being relief boxes sent from Forest Park, Illinois. Several thousand dollars were sent in cash to needy individuals, refugee missionary work, and to help rebuild bombed-out churches in Berlin and Stuttgart, Germany. This was made possible by financial help from different groups within the Colfax church, Mr. and Mrs. John Heilsberg, in particular, and the sacrificial giving of the Klingbeils themselves.

In 1953, it was the happy privilege of Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Klingbeil to take a two months' trip to Europe. While there, they visited their relatives in Germany as well as their relief interests there.

A Missionary Challenge

By Mrs. FREDA BETZ of Marengo, Iowa, a Member of the Victor Baptist Church

"MY FAMILY is going to be happier and safer in the heart of the Belgian Congo than in America because that is where the Lord wants us to be." So spoke the Rev. Elmer Hutchison, former pastor of the Victor Baptist Church at Victor, Iowa, during a recent visit there to tell of his family's plans for returning to the mission field, where, at intervals, they have previously spent 15 years.

MISSIONARY RESPONSIBILITY

"The heathen world is the finger of God pointing out our responsibilities to us. Many may go by proxy through prayer and purse," Pastor Hutchinson continued, "but our call is to go again ourselves. We feel that the entire missionary challenge may be outlined from Mark 16:15 in this way:

Motive (Why?)—Jesus said, "Go Manpower (Who)—ye
Map (Where)—into all the world . . .
Method (How?)—Preach
Message (What?)—the Gospel!"

Concerning his first missionary trip 29 years ago, the Rev. Mr. Hutchison recalls: "I went with the Holy Bible in my hand and the Holy Spirit in my heart." Sin is the same in America as in Africa, he believes. Though it may have more veneer in America, the remedy is the same—the shed blood of the precious Lamb of God. In Africa, it is not wrong to steal . . . or kill . . . it is wrong to get caught.

The Hutchisons were startled to learn at one time that their African friends thought Americans were cannibalistic: "That box you keep on the shelf. (Aunt Jemima's Pancake Flour.) That is ground-up black Mammy. You pour it out of the box and cook it. You eat it. You eat us."

Rev. H. Palfenier, Evangelist

ENGAGEMENTS:

The Lord willing, we shall be at the following churches: Medicine Hat, Alta., March 4-16; Spokane, Wash., March 18-28; Chilliwack, B. C., April 15-27. May these meetings be blessed of the Lord to the salvation of souls and the strengthening of the churches.

WE THANK GOD:

For the many who are praying daily for their evangelists, asking the Lord to give them bodily strength and vigor and to fill them with the power of the Holy Spirit to the salvation of souls. To know this fills our hearts with comfort of the Spirit and joy unspeakable. Wherever we go we know ourselves to be protected by the



Like his Master on the Emmaus Road, the Christian missionary meets with natives on every road of the world presenting to them the Gospel of the Risen Lord, their Savior.

MISSIONARY VISION

Never to be forgotten . . . and deeply saddening, too, was the inscription seen on an African tombstone: "Born—in Africa; Reared—in darkness; Waited—for you to bring the Gospel; Died—in despair; Meet—you in the judgment."

"If you want to remain a living vital church, don't lose your missionary vision," Mr. Hutchison said in conclusion. "You wouldn't take a million dollars for what the Gospel means to you. Then share this precious Gospel with people who need it and have never heard it."

believing prayers of dear children of God. We have bodyguards that are stronger than those who carry guns and pistols, for they have been sent by the Lord himself in answer to interceding prayer. We are, indeed, "within the hollow of his hand."

PRAYER REQUEST:

Let of all God's people continue to pray for spiritual growth and power, a true understanding of the Word and will of God, a more complete surrender to the purpose of God in their own lives, more love to the lost, and then there will be a highway upon which our Lord can walk into unreached realms, truly possessing his possessions!

We...the Women

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

We have before us a "March Meditation," written by Mrs. Rudolph Woyke of the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. It is full of deep thought for us during this Lenten season. We thank Mrs. Woyke for her contribution. While occupied with the many tasks of relocating, caring for the sick in the home, and the many duties of a busy minister's wife, she has found time to give us this profound meditation. We would not be readers of this meditation only but doers, also.

On my desk are three letters which I recently received in the mail. They are from people who work or live near our Forest Park office. They tell me that a large shipment of relief clothing has been shipped to Germany where the people are in dire need of warm clothes, shoes and blankets. This shipment was valued at over \$4,249.60. This included a shipment sent from Canada valued at \$1,856.00.

These enthusiastic letters inform me that cartons of White Cross material have already accumulated in Forest Park and workers there are quite anxious to start processing it for our next shipment to the Cameroons. We are thankful to you who have made these things possible and are sure that you have done this "In Jesus' Name."

"We, the Women" would even now read this meditation and be filled in the inner depths of our heart to do "that good part." It would not be materially only, but we would give ourselves to the Christ who gave his life that we might live. We would examine our prayer life, our family devotions, our missionary zeal, and our personal evangelistic efforts. We would give sacrificially, not only during Lent, but always. We would give him first place. We would give our best.

A MARCH MEDITATION

By MRS. RUDOLPH WOYKE

When we come to the month of March, our thoughts turn to spring. How we love this month which is a harbinger of seasonal change. It is said that February is the month that tries the patience of many with its continuance of typical winter weather. It is then that many leave for some warmer climate. But in March hope and expectancy are revived in all people. Myriads of plans are then in the making for the real work of the year. March may come with its storms, but these storms merely serve to fan to flame in us a desire for

action after a period of winter lethargy. In March we think of spring and the many tasks that go with it.

There often comes with March, however, the danger of being occupied solely with things tangible. This significant month, an indicator of transformation, should remind us particularly of spiritual verities. It should bring home to us in unforgettable fashion Jesus Christ and all the truths that cluster about him. March is the one month of the year that always shares in the season of Lent, which so many of us ignore. Yet there is meaning in Lent that has significance for all Christians.

When we come to the period of Lent, we ought to think of self-denial and we should seek to abandon selfishness, greed, and our many other weaknesses.

Too often we are like Martha who was distracted by much serving. Many of us have repeated Martha's experience, being distracted by our spring house-cleaning and the numerous other chores which await our attention at this time of year. Thus we forget what the Lenten season should really do for us. We permit menial tasks to stand in the way of our devotion to Christ. Yes, we permit the inherently essential things of life to rob us of what Jesus called "that good part." May we this March not forget Christ by being pulled and hauled breathlessly along by an over-burdened program of good undertakings of life.

The period before Easter should be a season for the review of one's life. It is now that we need sincerely to search our hearts. Having done this, we shall be better prepared to pursue our way through the confusion of our day with real sense of spiritual certainty. God is ready to help us whenever we look to him for help. In this season of Lent we women should try to be more like Mary who chose to do the very best and the most essential things first.

May the month of March make us meditate on the more meaningful things of life. Let us not become involved in a web of elaborate things to the extent that they draw us away from Christ. This is a time when we need to fellowship with our Lord and his sufferings. The poet Wordsworth spoke in Christian terms when he gave us the phrase, "Plain living and higher thinking." Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lived and died for us all, is calling us to very simple but profound living and thinking.

SEVEN SUGGESTIONS FOR LENT

1. Attend all services of your church. Great blessings will come to others as well as to yourself.
2. Give a portion of each day to reading the Scriptures and meditating upon what you read.
3. Pray in such a way and so regularly that prayer becomes a part of your nature; turn to God as naturally as the flower turns to the sun.
4. Bridle your tongue; guard against gossip; speak well of others, or say nothing.
5. Deny yourself of something that has a value in dollars and cents and add that amount to what you give the Lord.
6. Give daily attention to the direction into which you want to move as a Christian.
7. Do some practical good work each day, so that your life will be positive, not merely negative.

This is the last reminder to you to have your society pay its dues for the year 1955—April 1, 1956. Send to Mrs. Edward Kary, 3010 East Overlook Rd., Cleveland Heights 18, Ohio.

Won't you be sure that your society has reviewed all items in the "Broadcast"? The March-April issue is the first issue by our new editor, Mrs. Henry Schmunk. Let us keep informed by reading all denominational and society publications.

HOME-FOREIGN MISSIONS

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that for more than one reason. It is true that our churches in rural communities have been hit adversely by economic conditions. But it is equally true that many of our churches have lost the sense of family loyalty and are supporting the cause of the neighbor more than the cause of the family, forgetting that it is all the cause of Christ with definite responsibilities of loyalty to each group and family.

Our denominational family responsibilities have spread to Austria, the Cameroons, and Japan, not forgetting the Spanish-Americans and Indian Americans here at home. From all these places comes the heartwarming report that many die with Christ in order to live with Christ.

As you ponder Christ's sacrifice for you, Christ's life in you, let him live and reign supreme. You live, but only because he gave himself for you. Others will live in the measure in which you permit him to continue to give himself through you. Therefore, as this Easter begins a new fiscal year, let it be a new and better beginning to meet the challenge of our risen Christ in our own relationship to his Church and let us say with Paul: "Do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

C.B.Y. Fellowship

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, General Secretary

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

TIME MARCHES ON, and another high point has been reached in the life of our CBY Fellowship. The Executive Committee of the CBY Fellowship held its first annual meeting at the headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill., on February 3rd and 4th. We praise God for the step which has been taken at our last General Conference which made this meeting possible. All the members of the committee are new in the capacity in which they serve, but the presence and divine direction of the Holy Spirit were felt by all.

Members of the committee in attendance were Mr. Herman Balka, president; Miss Betty Meister, vice-president; Miss Sena Plucker, committee member; Mr. Russell Middleton, committee member; Miss Ruth Bathauer, children's worker; Rev. Lawrence Bienert, general CBYF secretary, and Dr. F. H. Woyke, executive secretary. Other members of the headquarters staff were also invited. Mr. Jerome Janssen, committee member, was not able to be present because of weather conditions.

We would like to share with you a few of the items of business which were acted upon at our meeting.

PACKET OF CBYF MATERIAL

It is our aim to prepare a looseleaf kit containing all of our CBY Fellowship material. This kit, mailed free of charge to all conference and regional presidents, is to be used for informal and promotional purposes. This material is to be displayed at youth rallies, camps, and other youth meetings.

Packets of sample material will be mailed without charge to all CBYF members upon request. We want our young people to know what materials are available. We are therefore offering these looseleaf kits to our conference and regional presidents, and sample packets to other CBYF members.

VISUAL AIDS

Rev. J. C. Gunst is now the head of the visual aids department at our headquarters office. Motion picture films and color slides of our mission fields are available upon request. A list of films may be secured from Mr. Gunst. The CBY Fellowship has just purchased a set of three film strips on evangelism. These are entitled, "Win

Your Friends," "Win Strangers," and "Win Your Community." These film strips are to be used primarily by our office leaders in connection with youth rallies, camps, and other youth meetings. We encourage our rallies to be conducted in such a way that time be allowed on Saturday for class sessions. During these class periods topics of interest are to be considered. The above mentioned film strips would lend themselves well to a discussion on evangelism.

COUNSELOR TRAINING PROGRAM

The general secretary of the CBY Fellowship reported that he has prepared a Counselor Training Program to be used this spring. Camp leaders are urged to choose their counselors early and to plan a one-day training program with the general CBYF secretary. The importance of camp counselors has been outlined in previous issues of the "Baptist Herald."

NEW THEME AND CONSTITUTION

A new theme, "That I May Know Him," has been chosen for 1956-1957. This theme, however, will not become effective until September 1, 1956. In the meantime, we will continue with our present theme, "Strive To Win." The new theme will be announced officially this summer. Posters and publicity will also be ready at that time.

The constitution for the CBY Fellowship is now ready for print. It will be available soon and will be mailed out to all CBYF presidents.

SHARING OF MINUTES

The Executive Committee of the CBY Fellowship is asking the conference and regional CBY Fellowships to share the minutes of their meetings with the general CBYF secretary. In this way we will be better informed as to what is being done in the various areas. New ideas which have been successfully used may be shared with other youth groups. The minutes themselves will not be made public. They are to serve as information for your general CBYF secretary.

JUNIOR CBY

Plans were made to promote our Junior CBY material. Our new booklet, "Junior CBY Organization," which was published last summer should be in the hands of every pastor and junior leader. Therefore we will mail a

copy of this booklet to every pastor requesting him to share this information with junior leaders of the church. The Junior CBY is an important part of our church program. We encourage each pastor and junior leader to make good use of this booklet.

YOUTH COMPASS

Our CBYF leaders are urged to make use of the fine program material which is made available through the "Youth Compass." The subscription price is \$1.00 per year, or 50 cents per copy. "Youth Compass" is published in February and September. Please renew your subscription to "Youth Compass" NOW.

Pray for your denominational youth leaders!

EASTER JOYS

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make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will make him ruler over all that he hath" (Luke 12:42-44).

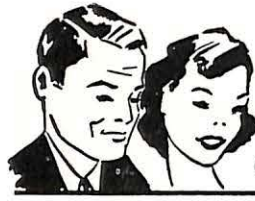
God wants to use the believers in his churches to make the living Christ real to people everywhere. He covets the prayers and gifts of the believers for the several mission fields if these disciples will share their blessings bestowed upon them by him, giving to those in need.

THE JOY OF ULTIMATE VICTORY

Life here on earth has its defeats and its victories. When sin, the evil force in the world, is winning out, men are defeated. Victories in life are achieved when men rise above themselves, rise above the sin of the world, and when they enter into full fellowship with their God through Christ the Lord. Faith in Christ assures victory over sin and victory over death. The ultimate goal in life is to be victorious, that is, to attain eternal life—to know God the Father and enjoy him forever.

To enjoy eternal life, however, one must obey all of the Lord's commands. A lawyer of old asked the Master the question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" to which Jesus answered: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first great commandment, and the second like unto it is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

All the joys which Easter contains can be summed up in the two commandments. It is easy to remember self, the first commandment, but if the joy of life is to be complete the joy must be shared. That is the way of the Christian life. There is no victorious living without the sharing of the Christian faith.



Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE
March 18, 1956

JESUS INSTITUTES THE LORD'S SUPPER

Scripture: Luke 22:1-71

The Central Truth: Jesus wanted to leave an abiding and unforgettable symbol of what his death meant for us.

Introducing the Lesson: If there is ever a time when the attitude of prayer and reverence should be practiced in the Sunday School, it is in the teaching of this lesson. In partaking of the cup and the bread Jesus wanted us to remember the importance of this solemn occasion. The symbol of his sacrifice shared by his followers cannot be over-emphasized. Those who were responsible for planning the lessons should have placed this one on a communion Sunday. It would have meant so much more if, after we had studied the institution of the Lord's Supper, we had participated in the ordinance.

I. JESUS' PREPARATION FOR THE SUPPER. Luke 22:7-13.

Jesus kept the Jewish law in its pure and original sense. Much of it was hidden by numerous interpretations and traditions (Mark 7:3). Christ came, not to do away with the Law, but to fulfill it (Matt. 5:17). In preparation for the Passover, Jesus conformed to the law. To him it was a solemn and meaningful ritual. The deliverance of the Jewish people from Egypt and from the angel of death was a never-to-be-forgotten experience (Ex. 12).

But Jesus knew that deliverance from bondage and physical death was not enough. The Jews, as well as the world, were still slaves of sin. It was impossible that the blood of animals could take away sin (Heb. 10:4). Therefore, Jesus had to fulfill the law by giving his own blood in order to save us from spiritual death. Jesus made preparation for the Passover Room; he made preparation for the Passover Feast; but most important of all was the fact that he made preparation for our salvation.

II. THE DISCIPLES' PREPARATION FOR THE SUPPER.

Outwardly the disciples obeyed Jesus and cooperated in the necessary preparations (Lk. 22:8-13). Inwardly, or spiritually, they were unprepared. Judas was thinking of money. His thoughts were dark and sinister! (Lk. 22:1-6.) The other disciples were

thinking of position (Lk. 22:24-30). They had visions of power and glory, while Jesus was thinking of humiliation and death. Peter thought of himself as the most faithful and trusted friend (Lk. 22:33). Jesus saw a weakness in his character that had to be strengthened (vs. 34).

III. THE CHURCH'S PREPARATION FOR THE SUPPER. 1 Cor. 11:20-34.

The Corinthian church was certainly not a good example of preparation for such a holy occasion. There were some who were contentious (1 Cor. 11:18). Some came to feast (vss. 21, 22). Some were unworthy (vss. 28, 29).

IV. SOME PREPARATIONS YOU CAN MAKE AS YOU APPROACH THE LORD'S SUPPER.

1. The deacons should be prepared to serve humbly and reverently.
2. The communicants should prepare their hearts with thoughts of thanksgiving and praise.
3. Prepare to rededicate yourself silently to God as you partake of the cup and the bread.
4. Be prepared to give a sacrificial offering.

A TEACHING GUIDE

March 25, 1956

THE MEANING OF CHRIST'S SUFFERING

Scripture: Luke 23:1-56.

The Central Truth: Our redemption was not cheap, nor was it easy. "We were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold; but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1:18-19).

Introducing the Lesson: The Cross of Christ is the focal point in history. His death, and the circumstances which led to his death, are studied more than any other doctrine. Since the time of Adam there were many men who made great and lasting contributions to history. Their death, however, had no redemptive meaning. They gave us a lesson in great moral courage; but they could not save us from sin. Not one of them could say, "And I, if I be lifted up from the

earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32). The Christ on the Cross has drawing power because he has saving power!

I. THE TRIAL OF JESUS. Luke 23:1-25.

Pilate had intelligence and a certain amount of moral character. There were three distinct verdicts given by him regarding the absolute innocence of Christ.

1. "I find no fault in this man" (Lk. 23:4). He was decisive in his opinion.

2. "Nothing worthy of death is done unto him" (vs. 15). There was no question about it.

3. The third verdict was given in the form of a question, "What evil hath he done?" (vs. 22). Certainly with all the other cases which he had to judge he could find some evil. But he was absolutely at a loss as to what evil Jesus had done.

Yet in spite of his conviction of Christ's innocence, we have the sad words of a moral coward: "And Pilate gave sentence that it should be as they required" (vs. 24).

II. THE JOURNEY TO CALVARY. Luke 23:25-32.

No sooner was Jesus condemned to death than another was saved from the penalty of death. Barabbas was released (vss. 18, 25). We hope he also found release from the prison of sin and spiritual death.

On the way to Calvary, Simon, a Cyrenian, was forced to help Jesus bear the Cross. It would be wonderful to know whether Simon took up his own cross to follow Jesus afterwards. Sometimes we wonder whether the sorrowful journey to Calvary would have been alleviated if Peter, or James, or John had been at Jesus' side helping him bear the Cross. "But they all forsook him and fled" (Matt. 26:56).

III. THE CRUCIFIXION. Luke 23:33-46.

Some of the cruellest words recorded in the Bible are found in Matt. 27:36, "And sitting down they watched him there." They were gloating over his suffering! Even their insults had more truth than they would ever experience: "He trusted in God" (Matt. 27:43). "He saved others" (Lk. 23:24).

When we think of the suffering of Christ, we commonly think of his physical torture—the crown of thorns;

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What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Rubin Herrmann of Tyndall, S. Dak., have announced the birth of a son on Jan. 18 who has been named Blaine Edward. A four-page printed "family paper" with illustrations announced the arrival of this son. Mr. Herrmann is pastor of the Tyndall and Danzig Baptist Churches of South Dakota.

● It has been announced that the Southwestern Conference will be held at the West Side Baptist Church, Beatrice, Neb., from August 15 to 19, 1956. Rev. George W. Neubert is pastor of the entertaining church. The conference Program Committee are Rev. Norman Berkan, Elmo, Kans., chairman; Rev. Leon Bill, Cherokee, Okla., and Rev. George W. Neubert, Beatrice, Nebraska.

● The First Baptist Church of Chancellor, S. Dak., has announced that Rev. Fred G. Moore of Portland, Ore., is now serving as its interim pastor. He is a student at the North American Baptist Seminary beginning with the second semester of January 1956. He is a candidate for the mission field and has been a member of the Villa Ridge Church of Portland, Oregon. He and his family are already residing in the Chancellor parsonage. Mr. Moore has succeeded Rev. Arthur E. Beaty.

● A leadership training class is being conducted at the Baptist Church of Martin, N. Dak., by its pastor, Rev. L. D. Potratz. Twenty-six persons are enrolled in the course which will consist of a Bible survey, child study, Sunday School administration and the art of teaching. The pastor conducted two weeks of special meetings in November. Although unfavorable weather conditions hampered these meetings, the attendance averaged 95 with one conversion and many new families contacted.

● On Jan. 27 the Parma Heights Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, with 173 charter members, was recognized by a North American Baptist recognition council, as reported elsewhere in this issue. Its pastor is Rev. Edwin Miller. At the same time the Erin Avenue Baptist Church of Cleveland has announced that Rev. Ervin Strauss, former assistant pastor, is now serving as its full-time minister. Mr. Strauss is a 1955 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

● Miss Alma Kludt of Tacoma, Wash., a Baptist missionary in India, is now in the United States on furlough. From Jan. 13 to 22 she served the Bethel Baptist Church of Detroit, Mich., which is supporting her, in a promotional ministry. During the fall months she studied at the Biola School of Missionary Medicine in Los Angeles, California. She is a missionary in India of the Conservative Baptist Missionary Society. She was formerly a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington.

● On Sunday, Feb. 5, the Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis., brought its observance of Youth Week to a climax with addresses by Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary, at both services. The Sunday evening meeting was in charge of Miss Alice Schmuland, CBYF president. The young people's group was also in charge of the Sunday evening service, Jan. 22, showing the sound film, "In His Name." Rev. E. W. Klatt, pastor, has organized a Ladies' Chorus of 13 voices which he is directing. The group will sing at special services and programs of the church.

● A second edition of the book, "Through the Iron Lung" by Mrs. F. W. Pahl of Olds, Alta., has just been published with 5,000 copies in the printing. Three hundred copies were purchased by the Canadian Legion, Alberta branch. The book is the graphic and gripping story of Mrs. Paul's encounter with polio and of her spiritual experiences in an extended convalescence period in the hospital. Copies of the book are available at \$1.50 each postpaid by writing to the author, R. R. 1, Olds, Alta., Canada. Mrs. Pahl is the wife of Rev. F. W. Pahl of the East Olds Baptist Church.

● The Young Adult Sunday School Class of the Baptist Church, Washburn, N. Dak., celebrated five 15th wedding anniversaries, ranging from October 1955 to March 1956 and four January birthdays on Jan. 24 in the church parlors. One of the birthdays was that of the pastor, Rev. Otto Fiesel.

HOW IS YOUR ACCOUNT WITH GOD?

As a good steward of God, remember to bring your EASTER OFFERING to the living Christ with loving devotion and sincere cheerfulness!

The wedding anniversaries were those of Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Grueneich, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Enockson, Mr. and Mrs. John Grueneich, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Fred Steinwand, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Grueneich. A number of cottage prayer meetings are held every week in preparation for a series of evangelistic meetings scheduled for the middle of March.

● The First Baptist Church of St. Joseph, Mich., has announced the appointment of Mr. David Henrickson of Fitchburg, Mass., as full-time assistant to the pastor, Rev. L. H. Broecker. He began his ministry on Jan. 1st, assisting in the visitation and youth programs of the church. He graduated from the Barrington Bible College, Providence, Rhode Island, in 1954 with a B.A. degree in Christian Education. On Jan. 26 at the annual business meeting of the church, Mr. Ben Riemersma was elected moderator; Mr. John Gieszer, clerk; and Mr. S. Beimfohr, treasurer. It was also announced that the Sunday School attendance had reached an average of 400 per Sunday in 1955 and that the church membership is now 529.

● The pulpit of the Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa, has been supplied since Sept. 1955 by Rev. A. Toibert, missionary of the Sudan Interior Mission who with his family is at home on furlough. His wife, Carrie, is a daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Carl Swyter of Steamboat Rock, Iowa. His sister is Mrs. Harold W. Gieseke of Lorraine, Kansas. During their last term in Africa, Mr. and Mrs. Toibert had the privilege of opening a new work among the Igbirra people with a mission station started at Okene, a town of 37,000 people. Within a radius of five miles from Okene there is a population of 135,000 people. Mr. Toibert and his family will return to the Nigeria field in August 1956. In the meantime, the Steamboat Rock Baptist Church is still pastorless.

● On Tuesday, Dec. 27 the Central Dakota Association Church choirs held their annual song festival at the Baptist Church of Bismarck, North Dakota. Rev. R. Dickau of Ventura, N. Dak., served as director, with Rev. B. Fritzsche of West Fargo, N. Dak., as the guest speaker. On Jan. 6 and 7 a Christian Workers' Institute was held in Bismarck with Rev. J. C. Gunst and Rev. L. Bienert of Forest Park, Ill., serving as the leaders. The Bismarck Baptist Church's membership has risen to 251. It pays the full Ministers' and Missionaries' Pension Fund dues for its pastor, Rev. John E. Grygo. The Sunday School is sponsoring the "Baptist Herald" for the patients at the Bismarck Hospital, and the CBY Fellowship of the church arranges for an annual subscription to the "Baptist Herald" to be placed in the Bismarck Public Library.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Dakota Conference

Baptism and Special Meetings at Ebenezer & Immanuel Churches Wessington Springs, S. Dak.

On Sunday, January 1st, the Ebenezer and Immanuel Baptist Churches of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., had the privilege of witnessing the baptism of nine converts. Eight of the candidates for baptism were from the Ebenezer church which is northwest of Wessington Springs, and one from the Immanuel church in Wessington Springs. The baptism was held in the newly dedicated Immanuel Church. Our pastor, Rev. Elton Kirstein, baptized these nine converts in the name of our Lord and Savior. The following Sunday we observed the Lord's Supper and the hand of fellowship was extended by the pastor to those who had followed the Lord in baptism.

The Immanuel Church recently concluded two weeks of evangelistic meetings. Rev. Bernard Fritzke of West Fargo, N. Dak., brought the inspiring messages night after night. He also led the congregation in the song service and had object lessons for children. We are thankful for the four decisions that were made for Christ. We want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Fritzke for the very challenging messages he brought to us. Our prayer is that the Lord will guide and richly bless him in the new field of West Fargo, North Dakota.

Mrs. Allen Rasmussen, Reporter.

Baptism of Eight Converts at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, North Dakota

We of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak., are grateful to our wonderful Lord for his rich and generous blessings. We thank the services which Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern rendered in our midst during the latter part of October and the first part of November, prior to their sailing as our missionaries to Japan. May the Lord bless them as they labor for him on the foreign field!

As a result of these services and the continued efforts of the church and its pastor, we were privileged to have the first baptismal service in our newly constructed church on New Year's night, January 1. At that time eight persons followed our Lord in the ordinance of baptism, and the same evening received the hand of fellowship as the church gathered around the Lord's Supper. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. John Wollenberg from our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., were also with us for that great service and served us in word and music. May the Lord continue to bless and extend his work among us!

George Breilkreuz, Pastor.



Rev. George Breilkreuz (right), pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak., and eight converts whom he baptized on January 1, 1956.

BIBLE DAY, SUNDAY,

MARCH 11, 1956

Sunday School program with recitations and songs.

The story of our Publication Society's distribution of Bibles and Christian literature.

Offering for this missionary and evangelistic ministry for our own Publication Society.

Holiday Events and Bible Study Course at Grace Church, Grand Forks, North Dakota

The Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks, N. Dak., had a very successful Christmas season. We started with Christmas caroling by the choir going to our shut-ins and aged folk, the hospitals and Home for the Aged. We rode in our city transportation bus which was donated free of charge by the owner of the bus company who is a Jew. Our Sunday School pupils gave a very fine Christmas program, and our Search Lights organization presented a very fitting and well received play, "The Lights of Christmas."

On New Year's Eve we began our three hour service in charge of our young people. All the organizations of the church had a part in the program. We had an hour of fellowship with refreshments served by our Mission Society. We closed the old year and entered the new year by observing the Lord's Supper, led by our beloved pastor, Rev. Walter Stein.

We began our Bible study course on Jan. 16 with Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as instructor. Even though the weather was sub-zero outside all week, we were warmed inside the church as Dr. Leuschner led us to mountaintop experiences. He unfolded the contents of "The Baptist

Faith" which enriched those of our church in good attendance, both spiritually and physically, and through the viewing of the colored pictures brought the mission work and the activities of our denomination within the reach of all!

On Sunday, Jan. 22, Dr. Leuschner spoke at four different services, at our morning worship service, in the afternoon to the Roger Williams Club at the University, to our young people's groups and evening service, after which we all gathered in the basement for fellowship and refreshments. Coffee was poured by our two men superintendents of the Sunday School. We are looking forward to a new year with renewed vigor in the work of our Lord and Savior.

Mrs. Joe Werre, Reporter.

Observance of Youth Week at the Baptist Church, Martin, North Dakota

"Youth Week" brought to a climax the year's activities of the CBYF fellowship at Martin, North Dakota. The pastor, Rev. L. D. Potratz, brought the message, "Strive to Win," at the Sunday worship service. That evening the young people led the opening of the service. On Wednesday evening, the young people planned a German service which was recorded on a wire recorder. With the aid of recording, a group from the fellowship commission visited the older people of the church who have been "shut-in's" this winter.

The program from the "Youth Compass" was presented by the CBYF on the evening of Feb. 5. The new officers for the coming year were installed and also a dedication service given by the pastor for new church equipment recently purchased. This includes the building of a new church library, lights for the organ, piano and pulpit by the CBYF, 50 folding chairs, blackboard, offering plates, new Sunday School classroom partitions, and tract racks by other organizations of the church.

At the annual business meetings of the CBYF fellowship, Sharon Siebel, secretary, gave a summary of the group's activities during the year 1955. Three plays were presented, "Why Should I Be Thankful," "The Lost Church" and "Service With a Smile," with special mission offerings designated for Cameroons Crusade, Japanese Missions, and Crystal Springs Youth Camp.

A roundtable discussion on the "Spending of our Tithes" was the subject for another service in which Mr. Potratz acted as moderator. Slides were shown of the General Conference in Waco, Texas, and also of the Cameroons by Missionary, Mrs. Fred Holzhammer, who was a guest speaker at one of our meetings. A concert of Christmas music by the choir directed by Albert Siebel was presented on Dec. 25. Five young people became members of the choir at this time.

We are grateful to the Lord for the blessings received from the varied activities and programs and especially for 14 new members who have been added to our CBYF group during the year.

Mrs. Betty Kessler, Reporter.

Fiftieth Anniversary Program of the Woman's Missionary Union of Emery, South Dakota

It was with great joy that we as a Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., celebrated our 50th anniversary. Our anniversary meeting was held Sunday night, January 8th, under the leadership of our president, Mrs. John Terveen. Our meeting opened with a vigorous song service led by our pastor, Rev. L. Friesen. Words of welcome were given by our president, Mrs. Roy Seibel and Mrs. John Terveen sang the duet, "Lord, Give Me A Vision."

Our treasurer's report was given by Mrs. W. Heitzman. The overall picture of the work carried out these past fifty years was given by the president. We were thrilled to be able to have one charter member with us, namely Mrs. Elizabeth Litz. She is still an active member and serves where she is called upon. We presented her a beautiful corsage and listened to her brief words of testimony.

Mrs. A. Edzards presented the reading, "God's Abundance." Mrs. C. Olthoff sang a solo, "I Would Be True." We were indeed happy to have Dr. Martin L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., as our guest speaker. He also presented a picture of our Cameroons Hospital work. Our evening offering which is to go expressly for our mission work amounted to \$226.00.

Our Woman's Missionary Union was formed on January 18, 1906 with eleven ladies. The women met twice a month to do mission work, giving a free well offering at every meeting for missions. From the very beginning money was sent to our Cameroons mission work. By 1909, after three years, the membership totaled 26 members. An all time high was reached in 1919 with 36 members. Membership now stands at 28.

Much mission work was carried out, such as the Children's Home, Old People's Home, Seminary, our Cameroons field and other outlying mission fields, home mission work in the Indian and Mexican fields as well as furthering the Church Extension work. Credit must be given to this group for the many improvements made in the church as well as the parsonage. Outside causes such as Red Cross and Crippled Children's Funds were also remembered. Relief work played a great part among our women, which is still being carried on today. We are also actively engaged in White Cross work.

Yes, these past fifty years have gone and with them the many opportunities we missed, but, thanks be to God, who always again supplies the challenge, and gives strength to meet the tasks. "Thanks be unto God, who giveth us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Mrs. Walter Heitzman, Secretary.

Friendship Quilt and White Cross Work of Woman's Missionary Society, Grand Forks, N. Dak.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., has an enrollment of



Officers of the Woman's Missionary Society, Emery, S. Dak. (standing), with Mrs. E. Litz (seated), charter member, at the 50th anniversary program.

Left to right: Mrs. L. Hoefner, vice-president; Mrs. John Terveen, president; Mrs. Albert Terveen, treasurer; and Mrs. Walter Heitzman, secretary.

34 members. In addition to our regular meetings, each month we have a White Cross meeting. At these meetings we roll bandages and make various supplies for our mission fields. Having had several missionaries in our midst at various times, we feel the mission field is very close to us and White Cross work has become a very important part of our society.

One of our projects was the making of a friendship quilt which we gave to our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sukut for Christmas. When our quilt was finished we had it on display and the ladies presented a mission program under the direction of our very capable president, Mrs. Walter Stein. A mission offering was taken which went towards the support of our missionaries. We also remembered the Old People's Home at Bismarck, N. Dak., and our Children's Home at St. Joseph, Mich., at Christmas. At our last meeting we packed boxes of cookies for our boys at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

For our devotional periods we have used the devotional book, "The Woman Beautiful." It presents spiritual



The Woman's Missionary Society of the Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, N. Dak., with Mrs. C. Balogh (seated at left, left to right), in charge of packing cookies for the seminary students; Mrs. Walter Stein, president; and Mrs. John Schroeder, chairman of White Cross work.

beauty in a very unique way and we have gained much from its study. We are happy to have a share in the various activities of our church and to be busy doing the will of our heavenly Father.

Mrs. D. H. Munro, Secretary.

Northern Conference

Revival Meetings and Christmas Programs at the Baptist Church, Nokomis, Saskatchewan

The Nokomis Baptist Church of Nokomis, Sask., was happy to be host to the Saskatchewan Association at our church Oct. 24 to 26. We had a good attendance and several evenings the church was so full that we had to hold the services in the town hall.

The young people of the church presented a play entitled, "The Wanderer," an Nov. 6th which was very fitting with the opening of our revival meetings. From Nov. 7 to 18 we were privileged to have Rev. E. A. Hoffmann with us for our revival meetings. The attendance was good and the Word of God was made real to the hearts of our people. He gave an object lesson every evening which the children as well as adults enjoyed. Mr. Hoffmann rendered special numbers on his saxophone. Besides our young people's choir, church choir, duets, and solos added much to our services with musical numbers. Three children from one family accepted Christ as their personal Savior.

Despite the bad roads and weather, we had a splendid turnout on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, at the Sunday School program. The young people helped out by presenting a pantomime entitled, "The Christmas Story." On Sunday evening, Dec. 25th, our church choir rendered a cantata, "While Shepherds Watched," which brought to the people's minds the birthday of the King! On Dec. 28th we had our church business meeting at which the church increased the pastor's salary.

As we look at the old year we praise God for his goodness to us.

Mrs. O. Fritzke, Reporter.

Woman's Missionary Society of Edmonton, Alberta, Holds Farewell for Mrs. Henry Pfeifer

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., held a very lovely tea in honor of Mrs. Henry Pfeifer, pastor's wife, at the home of Mrs. Albert Layetzke in January. Mrs. L. Benke, our honorary president, presided at the tables. Mrs. Pfeifer expressed her thanks for the gift which she received from the ladies and the fine cooperation given her by the women during the past six years.

We shall miss Mrs. Pfeifer, who in her very quiet manner has always been ready to give us sound advice. We wish the Pfeifer family God's richest blessing in their new work at the Trinity Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Our society has just ended another successful year and with two very capable ladies, Mrs. Wm. Link as president and Mrs. A. Layetzke as vice-president, we are looking forward to another great year.

Mrs. Wm. Sass, Reporter.

Anniversary Program by the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Carbon, Alberta

On Sunday, Jan. 8, the Baptist Woman's Missionary Society of Carbon, Alta., held its annual missionary program. Words of welcome were brought by our president, Mrs. Wm. Muller, after which we had two songs by the ladies' choir, a double duet and a sextet and the reading of a poem. The report of the year's work was given by Mrs. Ted Bitz.

It was our privilege to have Mrs. Cunningham, a returned missionary from China, as our guest speaker. She emphasized this truth: "Be sure, if God sends you on stony paths, he will provide you with strong shoes for the journey."

During the year we had an income of \$1,149.00, of which \$338.30 were given for missionary work. Some equipment was bought for the church nursery. A P.A. system was installed in the church towards which we made a contribution. At Christmas time each lady brought a gift which was sent to the Indian children on the Bull Reserve.

Mrs. E. Bettcher, Reporter.

Christmas and New Year's Programs at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta

The Christmas season will be happily remembered at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., for the "White Christmas" program rendered by the young people with their play, "Carol's Christmas," and appropriate selections by the English Youth Choir and equally enjoyable interspersed selections by other participants. The generous gifts of the congregation on this pre-Christmas evening were put to good use for the purchase of food hampers, attractively packed and distributed to the needy by the members of the Young People's Union.

Central Church's School featured a Christmas Eve program of recitations and special numbers, also selections



Kirk Muller and Dennis Eggert of Victor, Iowa, who were recently baptized by Rev. Alvin Wetter of the Victor Baptist Church.

by the School Choir and the play, "Tell Me the Old Story."

Always eventful, following Christmas activities at the Central Church, is New Year's Eve, which this year was climaxed with a baptismal service at which eleven new converts were led through the waters, upon confession of their faith, by the pastor, Rev. Henry Pfeifer, who also extended the hand of fellowship to them for church membership. During the course of the evening the German Youth Choir rendered fitting selections and it was a privilege to hear inspiring testimonies from Rueben Grueneich of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Don Decker of Plum Creek, Emery, S. Dak., and Danny Pfeifer, son of our pastor, now a student at Sioux Falls College.

Iris Goltz, Reporter.

Northwestern Conference

Watchnight Service and Highlights at Baptist Church of Victor, Iowa

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way" (Ps. 37:23). Using this text, Leland Fullmer, student at Wheaton College of Illinois, gave the New Year's evening message at his home church, the Victor Baptist at Victor, Iowa. Leland, a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, spoke convincingly of the Christian's delightful walk with the Lord, possible through faith and the working of the Holy Spirit.

Church highlights of the fall and winter months were a baptismal service in October for Kirk Muller and Dennis Eggert, boys who made their decisions for Christ earlier, Kirk during Vacation Bible School and Denny at the children's meetings held by members of God's Invasion Army at

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the local public school; the satisfying visit with Rev. J. C. Gunst in November, and with Rev. Edwin Michelson in January; the stimulating midweek studies, "How the Bible Came to Us," by our pastor, Rev. Alvin Wetter—who also leads our fine Men's Chorus; and the World Day of Prayer observance at our church on Friday, Feb. 17 with ladies of three cooperating churches in the community attending.

CBY meetings have been informative, thought-provoking and very helpful. Especially appreciated were the studies on evolution by the pastor and the talks on etiquette by Mrs. Darrel Cordes. In August and January, teen-agers of the CBY presented programs on "Teen Talent Time," heard Saturday afternoons from 3:00 to 3:30 CST, on Station KNWS, Waterloo, Iowa.

The basement rooms have been re-decorated recently. With the installation of a second accordion door, space was made for an additional Sunday School class. The Intermediates are using the denominational Bible Reading booklets as a class project to encourage the daily use of the Bible through regular reading habits.

Mrs. Merwyn Betz, Reporter.

Ordination Service for Rev. Andrew Hagen at Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa

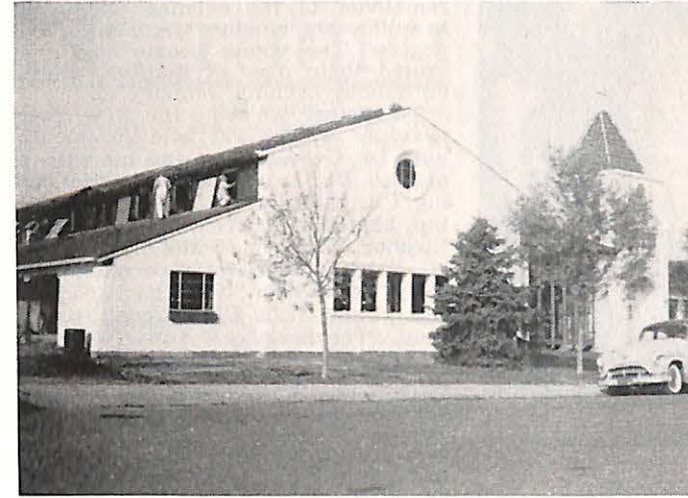
On December 1st Rev. Ronald C. McCormack, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, informed the church that Andrew Hagen had expressed his desire to be set aside for the Gospel ministry, and that he would like the church to make the necessary preparations for his ordination.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, was set as the date for the ordination. The following Baptist churches sent delegates: Grace Church, Sheffield, Iowa; Farmington, Iowa; Cedar Falls, Iowa; Sumner, Iowa; Steamboat Rock, Iowa; Victor, Iowa; and Aplington, Iowa. Mr. McCormack, pastor of the host church, called the meeting of the delegates to order. Rev. Fred Mashner of Sumner, Iowa, was elected as moderator. Mr. McCormack then introduced the candidate, Mr. Andrew Hagen, to the council.

After relating his conversion and call, Mr. Hagen fully stated his views on Christian doctrine. The council found Mr. Hagen unusually well prepared to express his views and voted unanimously to recommend that the church proceed with the plans for the ordination.

At the ordination service Rev. Mr. McKinney of Farmington, Iowa, led the congregation in prayer. The ordination sermon by the pastor of the host church stirred the hearts of all. The charge to the candidate given by Rev. Alvin Wetter of Victor, Iowa, led Christians to a renewal of their vows to fight, flee, and follow under the guidance of our glorious Lord. Rev. Vernon Link of Sheffield, Iowa, offered the ordination prayer. Mr. Huisinga, deacon of the host church, presented the certificate. Rev. Andrew Hagen dismissed the meeting with prayer.

May the Lord richly bless and use his servant, the Rev. Andrew Hagen. Asaph Tobert, Secretary.



Workmen place the tile on the new \$130,000 sanctuary of the Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif. (December 1955), as the pastor, Rev. Robert Schreiber, looks on.

Pacific Conference

New Sanctuary Costing \$130,000 of Temple Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., Nearing Completion

Since July 1st of last year the Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, Calif., has been in an extensive and vigorous building program.

For the past seven years the facilities of our educational unit have also served as temporary chapel for our services. With the expansion of our work and with the rapid growth of our community, there came also the pressing need for enlarged facilities. The new building will provide a beautiful sanctuary seating approximately 600 persons and provide additional class rooms so that we will be able to take care of between 600 and 700 persons in our Sunday School. The class rooms are so arranged that with our present facilities we shall be able to departmentalize completely our Sunday School.

There will also be a church office and pastor's study in the front part of the building and a prayer chapel next to the platform. The entire building will cost approximately \$130,000 although the cost would have been considerably higher if it had not been for the volunteer labor. During the first six months over 2,000 hours of volunteer labor had been given by members and friends of the church. It is expected that the sanctuary will be ready for occupancy by Easter Sunday, although the dedication may be postponed until later. As a church we are eagerly looking forward to the time when we shall be able to invite the people of our community to share with us the joys of our new building.

It is our prayer that by means of this new beautiful building we may be used of God to lead many to Christ.

Robert Schreiber, Pastor.

Christmas and Watchnight Services at the Victoria Ave. Church, Chilliwack, British Columbia

The Christmas season was a time of great rejoicing for members and friends of the Victoria Ave. Baptist



—Photo by M. L. Leuschner

Eastern Conference

Keys to New Parsonage of Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario, Presented to Pastor

The First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ontario, decided at its annual meeting that we erect a new parsonage. So on September 21, 1955, a local contractor started the job. By December 23rd it was almost completed. On Sunday, Dec. 25, after our morning service, Mr. Leslie Kauffeldt, chairman of the building committee, in a few fitting words expressed his thanks to God and to the members of the church for their co-operation during this building campaign.

With the many hours spent in hard thinking and careful planning, the beautiful manse, now almost complete, has proved a great success, spirituality in the sight of God, and materially in the sight of man. Although there is some additional work to be finished, such as painting, landscaping and other minor details, we are all deeply proud of what we have accomplished in such a short time. After the well chosen words which were spoken by Mr. Leslie Kauffeldt, he then officially presented our pastor, Rev. Walter Schmidt, with the key to the new parsonage. In return as the pastor received it, he left us with these very sincere thoughts, that this new home did not belong to him or the congregation but to God, and we should always regard it as such. Following the presentation, the solo, "Bless This House," was sung by Mrs. Lois Blackmore, after which our pastor closed with a dedicating prayer.

Open house was held on Wednesday, Feb. 8, from 7 to 10 P.M. with many friends attending. In the month of September 1956, when all plans and work have been completed, the members and friends of our church plan to have a dedication service, officially to dedicate this new manse and inviting other churches and special speakers.

Mrs. Gerald Kuehl, Reporter.



Rev. Walter Schmidt (left) of Arnprior, Ontario, officially receives the key to the new parsonage of the First Baptist Church from Mr. Leslie Kauffeldt, chairman of the building committee.



Some of the members of the Strassburg Baptist Church, Marion, Kans., with Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Hinz (second couple from left), serving pie at the Junction City U.S.O. to service men from Fort Riley.

Southwestern Conference

Dedication Services for Important Improvements at the Bethany Church, near Vesper, Kansas

Sunday, January 8, was a big day at the Bethany Baptist Church near Vesper, Kansas. A basket dinner was enjoyed after the morning service. At 2:00 P.M. a dedication service was held for the new furnaces in the church and the addition to the parsonage. Mr. Frank Will, the chairman of the board of trustees, gave a report on these improvements, including a review of the expenditures.

The pastor, Rev. John Wood, sang the song, "Bless This House." and dedicated it to the service of the entire congregation. After the dedication service, "Open House" was held for all so they could see the new improvements to the parsonage. The new addition enlarged the kitchen and added a utility room and a garage to the house.

We praise our Lord for enabling us to make these additions to our church and to the parsonage with everything completely paid for.

Mrs. A. L. Van Amburg, Reporter.

White Cross Meeting and Anniversary Program of Strassburg Woman's Missionary Society, Kansas

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kans., held its all-day White Cross meeting at the church on Jan. 3rd. Bandages were made and White Cross supplies were packed to be sent to our missionaries in the Cameroons of Africa. Used clothing was also packed and sent to the Forest Park headquarters to be distributed where it is most needed. After a pot lock dinner at noon, the annual election was held with Mrs. Karl Seifert re-elected as president; Mrs. William Hett, secretary; Mrs. Milton Stenzel, treasurer; and Mrs. Roland Stenzel, song leader; and Mrs. Jonah Seifert, pianist.

On Sunday evening, Jan. 15, the Woman's Missionary Union held its annual missionary program with the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion

and the Durham Baptist Church as our guests. Rev. Edwin Michelson was the guest speaker. He also showed some very interesting pictures of the Cameroons mission field which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. The sextet from the local church sang two beautiful numbers. After the service everyone was invited to the basement for refreshments and fellowship. An offering amounting to \$198 was taken, which will be used for missionary work at home and abroad.

Mrs. Roy Vogel, Reporter.

Baptist Men of Strassburg Church of Kansas Hold Programs at Fort Riley

Baptist Men of the Strassburg Baptist Church, near Marion, Kans., feel that a good way to witness for their Lord is to do some extension work. Each third Thursday of the month a group of men from the Brotherhood drive 70 miles to the U.S.O. in Junction City, Kans., to bring a little cheer and sunshine into the lives of the service men stationed at Fort Riley.

With the help of the Woman's Missionary Union 20 to 25 home made pies are served to the service men and their wives. A Gospel program, with the various organizations of the church participating, is given each time. Many Baptists have been contacted, plus men and women of other faiths and those who have never experienced the joy of salvation. On one occasion we had the joy of visiting with members of our own denomination, who were stationed at Fort Riley.

The members of the Men's Chorus and their wives were invited to the G.I. Pals Banquet of the U.S.O. to which the Commanding General and other post personnel has been invited. The Men's Chorus sang several numbers on the program.

Mrs. Roy Vogel, Correspondent.

Varied Inspirational Programs During the Holiday Season at Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kans.

The year 1956 has already brought many varied programs to us at the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kansas. The CBY gave the play, "Miracle at Midnight," written by Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, under the direction of its sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Harold DeWerff, on New Year's Eve. The

remainder of the evening was spent in fellowship, singing, testimonies, and prayer. The young people also presented their play at Stafford, Kans., on Sunday evening, January 15.

To further welcome the New Year, a vesper service was held on Jan. 1st with Dr. George Lang and his wife as guests. Dr. Lang spoke on "Following Christ Fully" in connection with the baptismal service that followed. Eleanor Davis, Jack McCormick, Virgil Salem, Larry Dannebohm, and Gary Dannebohm were baptized. On Jan. 22 the Bison CBY brought us the play, "The Sacrifice."

Although the holiday season has come and gone, the blessings of the message of Christmas coming from Sunday School and church still linger. The Sunday School presented the program, "Tidings Over the Hilltops," under the direction of Mrs. Sam Hildebrand, Mrs. George Salem, and Mr. Marion Koch, the superintendents.

Our pastor, Rev. Elmer Strauss, and his family called at the home of each member of the church between Christmas and New Year's day. The "1956 ANNUAL" and a packet helpful for daily devotional use was left at every home. This packet contained denominational prayer requests of missionaries, schools, and evangelists.

The Woman's Missionary Society again remembered our Service Men with a gift. Fruit baskets were sent to the sick and aged, as well as to our pastor and family at the Christmas season.

Mrs. Emil Scheuffler, Reporter.

Central Conference

Recognition Service for the Newly Organized Parma Heights Baptist Church of Ohio

On Friday afternoon, January 27, the members of the newly organized Parma Heights Baptist Church of Cleveland, Ohio, called together a Council of sister churches to examine its request to be admitted to the Central Conference as an established New Testament Baptist Church.

Twenty-four delegates and pastors joined together to form this Council. Rev. Dale Chaddock of the Union Baptist Church of Arnold, Pa., was elected as chairman and Rev. Edward Kary of the White Avenue Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio, was elected as secretary. The church clerk read a brief historical report which gave to the Council a graphic picture of the events that transpired, and which led finally to the organization of the Parma Heights Baptist Church in Parma Heights, Ohio. Rev. Ervin Strauss, pastor of the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, gave a brief oral report of the final action of the church and of the fine spirit which prevailed in the establishing of this new church. Rev. Edwin Miller, the newly elected pastor of the Parma Heights Church, gave a report of the development of the work which had started as a venture of faith on the part of the Erin Avenue people, and how faith had finally become sight. The new church

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OBITUARY

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

MRS. ELSA HACK of Cherokee, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Elsa Hack, nee Foll, was born in Chicago, Ill., September 26, 1888, and departed this life at Moore's Rest Home, Cherokee, Okla., January 7, 1956, at the age of 67 years, 3 months, and 12 days.

Elsa's girlhood and early womanhood days were spent in Chicago. Having become a disciple of Jesus Christ, she was baptized in 1899 by Rev. Jacob Meier and became a member of the First German Baptist Church of Chicago. Later with her parents she joined the Humboldt Park Baptist Church, also of Chicago. At the time of her death she was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Okla.

In June 1911 she was given in marriage to Mr. Frank Hack. To this union were born two sons, Richard and Herbert. After Elsa's step-father, Mr. Henry Brining, Sr., died in 1931 she came to Cherokee, Okla., to live with her mother where she remained until shortly before her death, rendering a noble ministry to her mother in her declining years. As a Christian, Mrs. Hack was a blessing to numerous people by her testimony. She was a Sunday School teacher for some time.

Elsa is survived by two sons: Richard of Yankton, S. Dak., and Herbert of Woodacre, Calif.; two grandchildren; one brother, Rev. Alfred Foll, Startup, Wash.; and her mother, Lena Brining, of Cherokee, Oklahoma. She was preceded in death by her father, Theo. Foll, and a step-father, Henry Brining, Sr.

Ingersoll Baptist Church,
Cherokee, Oklahoma

DR. WESTON W. HERINGER of McMinnville, Oregon.

Dr. Weston Willard Heringer of McMinnville, Ore., was born March 5, 1909, in Eureka, S. Dak., the son of the Rev. and Mrs. August Heringer. He was stricken with a coronary thrombosis on Jan. 16th while attending a school board meeting of which he was chairman. He was educated in public schools in North Dakota and received bachelor of arts and bachelor of science degrees from the University of North Dakota in 1930 and 1931. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in 1930. His doctor of medicine degree was received from the University of Oregon Medical School in 1935.

Weston was converted or accepted Jesus as his Savior in March 1917, and followed his Lord in baptism in June 1917. His father, Rev. August Heringer, had the joy of leading Weston to the Lord, as well as baptizing him, and giving him the hand of fellowship into the Baptist Church of Wishek, North Dakota.

After graduating from the University of North Dakota, he taught pre-medical courses there before coming to Oregon. Dr. Heringer was school physician at Linfield College before going into private practice in McMinnville. He was examining physician for the Yamhill County selective service board during World War II.

In addition to his leadership on the McMinnville School Board, in which he had served for ten years and was chairman of the school board at the time of his passing, Dr. Heringer was a deacon of the First Baptist Church. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the Oregon and Yamhill County Medical Societies, McMinnville Elks Lodge No. 1283 and the Kiwanis Club.

Dr. Heringer was united in marriage in McMinnville in July 1940 to Miss Luella Esther McBride. He is survived by his wife, Luella; one son, Weston W., Jr.; three daughters: Joyce Elaine, Arlene Rae, and Laura Faye, all of McMinnville; two brothers: Waldemar C. of Salem, Oregon, and Roland A. of Rugby, North Dakota; two sisters: Miss Elizabeth E. of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Eleanor Haas of Dallas, Oregon.

Funeral services were held in the First Baptist Church of McMinnville on Janu-

ary 19. Interment was in Bellecrest Cemetery, Salem, Oregon. People from all walks of life attended the memorial sacrifice and gave liberally toward a memorial room in the new wing of the McMinnville Hospital. Even the McMinnville newspaper in its editorial paid this tribute to Dr. Heringer: "We offer thanks that mankind produces those unusual individuals whose undeviating determination along a path of growth, culture, and progress lights the way to continuing improvements in all the facets of human society and relations."

First Baptist Church,
McMinnville, Oregon

THE FAMILY.

MRS. JOHN EISEMAN of Akaska, South Dakota.

Mrs. Lydia Eiseman, born March 23, 1889, in South Russia, was instantly killed in a car-train accident on January 25, 1956 at McLaughlin, S. Dak., while coming from church where she and her husband and friends had attended a silver wedding anniversary of a near relative.

The deceased was the daughter of the late Philipp Becker and Caroline Bohlander-Becker in whose home she grew up to full womanhood. In the spring of 1914 she came to Eureka and shortly afterward married Mr. John Eiseman. This young couple established their home on a farm south of Eureka, but moved in 1920 to a farm in the Akaska district. The Lord blessed them with good health in their life. Being hard workers and good managers, the couple retired in 1947 and moved into Town, Akaska, S. Dak., where they began to enjoy the fruits of their life.

Mrs. Eiseman was converted in South Russia and in 1922 she was baptized by the late Rev. Daniel Klein, minister at Eureka, becoming a faithful and loyal member of the First Baptist Church. She enjoyed reading and hearing the Word of God.

God blessed the home of the departed with eight children, three of whom preceded the mother in death in infancy, while five survive her: Reinhold of Portland, Ore.; Reuben, of Akaska; Alvina, Mrs. Juecht, Bridgwater; Clara, Mrs. Wickersham, Gettysburg; and Marcella, Mrs. Thornstenson; the latter all of South Dakota. Her husband, at the time in the Hospital in McLaughlin, S. Dak.; 18 grandchildren, many near relatives by marriage, the members of the First Baptist Church, as well as friends mourn her homegoing.

Interment was in the Eureka Cemetery, while the funeral service was held in the First Baptist Church of Eureka, the undersigned speaking words of comfort and consolation based on Heb. 11:1-3. The service was tape-recorded in order that her husband might share in this hour of sorrow, yet gain comfort and strength.

Eureka, South Dakota

A. E. REEH, Pastor.

REV. DANIEL KLEIN of McClusky, North Dakota.

Rev. Daniel Klein of McClusky, N. Dak., was born near Odessa, Russia, October 21, 1889, and passed to his reward after only a few hours' illness on January 4, 1956 at the age of 66 years. At the age of 17 he emigrated to America with his family and settled near Ellendale, North Dakota. After two years, the family moved to Washburn, N. Dak., where Mr. Klein first heard the call to the Christian ministry.

On July 20, 1913, he was married to Paulina Keck, and together they went to Rochester, N. Y., where Mr. Klein enrolled in the German Baptist Seminary. Upon finishing his seminary training, he began his Christian ministry in a struggling pioneer church in the country, some forty miles from Miles City, Mont., where he had also taken up a small homestead.

He was ordained at Eureka, S. Dak., his next pastorate on July 20, 1920. In the years that followed he served our North American Baptist churches at Gotebo, Okla.; Muscatine, Iowa; Beulah, N. Dak.; Germantown near Cathay and Harvey, N. Dak.; Henrietta, Texas; and McClusky, North Dakota. He also served as district missionary for the Dakota Conference for a period of over two years, and was superintendent of the Baptist Home for the Aged at Philadelphia, Pa., for a short time. At the time of his death he was president of the Northern North Dakota Association.

He leaves to mourn his untimely passing, his wife, five children, and 15 grandchildren. His children are: Mrs. Albert E. Reddig, Cathay, N. Dak.; Rev. Ernst E.

Klein, Lawrence, Kans.; Mrs. Albert Kranzler, Brookings, S. Dak.; Mrs. Erich Boese, Bakersfield, Calif.; and Mrs. Robert Wheeler, Dallas, Texas.

His parents and a half-brother preceded him in death. Also surviving are a sister, Mrs. Dan Bauer, of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., his step-mother who raised him to manhood, Mrs. Elizabeth Klein of the Baptist Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak., and five half-sisters: Mrs. Rose Zottnick, Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. Adolph Brokofsky, Gold Bar, Wash.; Mrs. Jacob Keck, Monroe, Wash.; Mrs. Alfred Neuhaer, Missoula, Mont.; and Mrs. Edwin Wacker, Turtle Lake, North Dakota.

Brother Klein was a humble, faithful servant of the Lord, who gave his all in service for others. He will be greatly missed by his loved ones and friends, and never forgotten by all who knew him.

Funeral services were conducted on January 9th at the McClusky Baptist Church, McClusky, North Dakota. A host of relatives and friends filled the main and ground floor of the church. Seventeen ministers, mostly of the Northern North Dakota Association, were in attendance. Rev. Emanuel Broeckel conducted the services and Rev. D. Zimmerman of Cathay, Rev. Arthur Voigt of the Rosenfeld Church, and Rev. Werner of the Ministerial Association assisted. Scripture references used for the meditation on "The Triumphant Life" were John 11:25, Acts 2:24b, and Psalm 116:15. Interment was in the Cathay Cemetery with Rev. D. Zimmerman conducting the services at the grave side. By the seemingly untimely homegoing of Brother Klein, we feel the loss of another true soldier of the Cross. May the Lord comfort the sorrowing, especially his bereaved wife and the children!

McClusky, North Dakota

EMANUEL BROECKEL, Offic. Minister.

PARMA HEIGHTS CHURCH

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was organized with 173 charter members who stood ready to carry on the work, even at great personal sacrifices by some.

The Council felt free to ask questions on all phases of the new church's policy as well as its doctrinal position. All questions were answered to the complete satisfaction of the Council. The Council then went on record to recommend to the church that it proceed with its plan for a public recognition service at 7:45 that evening. The Council also went on record to recommend to the Central Conference of the North American Baptist General Conference that the newly organized Parma Heights Baptist Church be received into its fellowship at its next sessions.

At the public worship service, under the leadership of Rev. Edwin Miller, a most meaningful Recognition Service was carried out. Several visiting pastors brought messages of goodwill and wished the new church well. Rev. Ervin Strauss brought a brief message in the form of a charge to the young church. Mr. Joe Ludwig responded in the name of the church. Rev. Dale Chaddock brought a message in the form of a charge to the pastor and Rev. Edwin Miller made a gracious response. We also enjoyed the beautiful trumpet solo by Rev. Clifton Grebory of the City Mission.

Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our denominational executive secretary, brought the evening to a climactic close with his stirring message on the subject, "I Will Build My Church." All of us join in bringing our good wishes to the people of Parma Heights and pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon this new church.

Edward Kary, Clerk of Council.

Spice of Life

"Vote for me," boomed the youthful politician in the village hall, "and I'll give you better roads, safer roads; what's more, we'll give you one-way streets . . ."

"That ain't no good 'ere," interrupted a villager with a grin. "We've only got one street—'ow are we going to get back 'ome?"

A tourist in Switzerland was taken by a local guide on a mountain climb. At one point, the guide disturbed his client by urging: "Be careful not to fall here because it is very dangerous. But if you do fall, remember to look to the right—the view is the best for miles around."

A conductor collected a woman's ticket. "I'm sorry to inform you, madam," he said, "but the station you're going to burned to the ground yesterday."

"Oh, that's all right," said the woman. "They'll have a new one built by the time this train gets there."

Her hair in curlers, a faded robe fluttering behind her, the lady rushed out and hailed the garbage truck.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Be fit for more than the thing you are now doing." —Garfield.

"Yoo hoo! Am I too late for the garbage?"

"No, ma'am. Jump right in."

A motorist and his wife hadn't spoken for miles. They'd got into a quarrel, and neither would budge. Suddenly, the man pointed at a mule in a pasture they were passing.

"Relative of yours?" he asked.

"Yes," the wife replied, "—by marriage."

In an essay on "Things I am Thankful For," a little boy listed "my glasses," explaining "they keep the boys from fighting and the girls from kissing me."

The fancy questionnaire a household appliance company used to survey Iowa housewives brought equally fancy replies. To the question, "What make of garbage disposal unit do you use?" one woman wrote: "Four hogs."

Bobby was having his first piano lesson. When he discovered the pedals on the piano, he asked his teacher, "When do I put on the brakes?"

"Which platform for the Boston train?" the old lady asked the porter.

"Turn left and you'll be right," he answered cheerfully.

"Don't be impertinent," she said.

"Oh, very well, then," retorted the porter. "Turn right and be left."

"Yes," the teacher explained, "quite a number of plants and flowers have the prefix 'dog.' For instance, the dog-rose and dog-violet are well known. Can any of you name another?"

There was silence, then a happy look illuminated the face of a boy at the back of the class.

"Please, teacher," he called out, proud of his knowledge, "Collic flower!"

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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the scourging; the nailing on the Cross. But if he died of broken heart, then his mental and spiritual suffering must have been much worse. "He was despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief" (Is. 53). The height of his suffering was expressed in these words: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me" (Matt. 27:46).

Yet in spite of all his suffering he could still think of others. To the one who sought him in the last hour of his life he could say, "Today thou shalt be with me in paradise" (Lk. 24:43).

At the Cross we see man at his worst and God at his best!

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