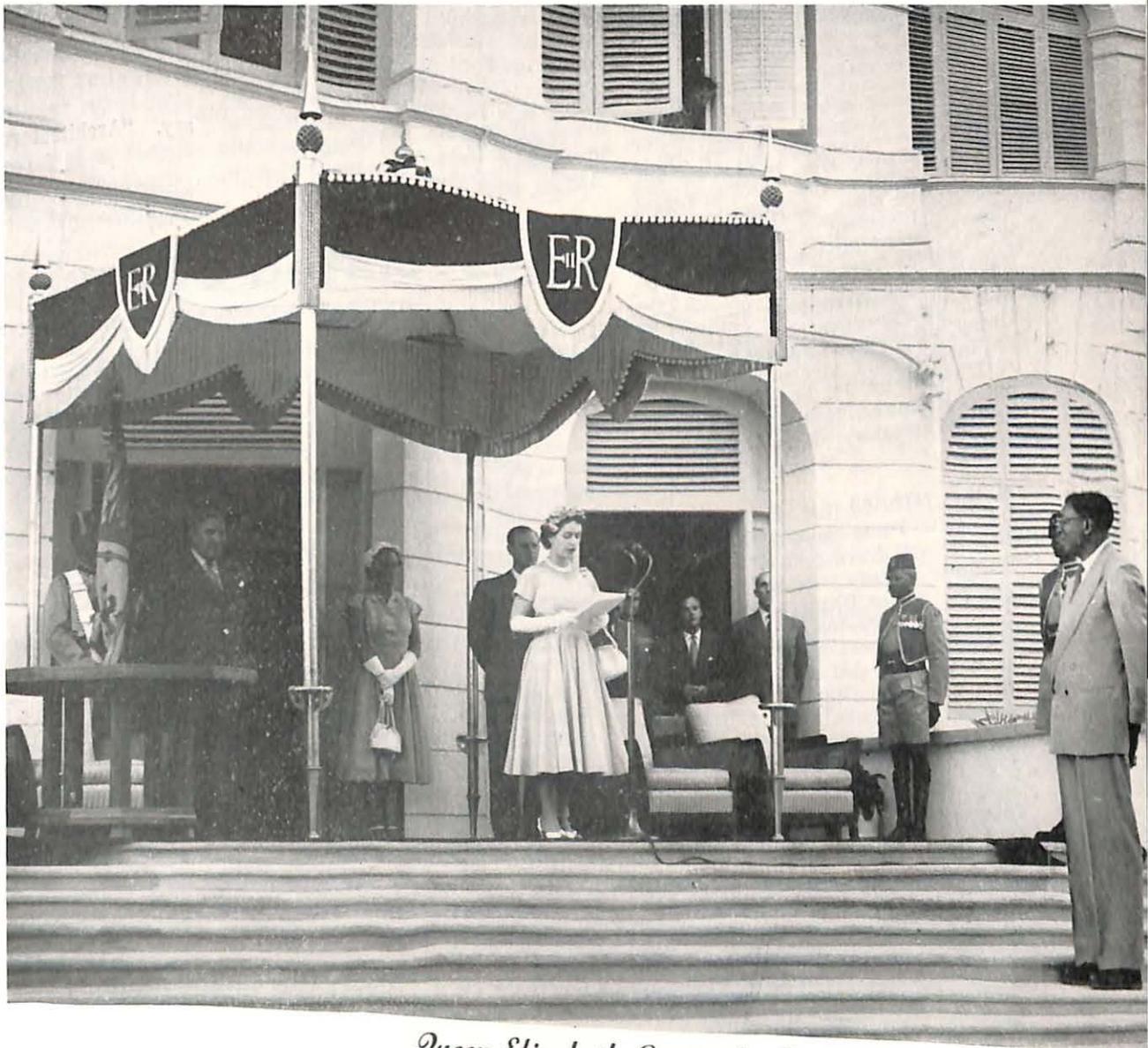


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March of Events

● J. Edgar Hoover, FBI chief in the United States, blames the postwar juvenile crime wave on "soft-headed" parents who do not teach their children "respect for God." Testifying before the House Appropriations Committee in connection with his department's request for a large budget, Mr. Hoover declared that the problem cannot be remedied by playgrounds, youth agencies, and Boy Scouts, unless parents also teach their children respect "for God, the law, and for others."

● At the 131st annual meeting of the American Tract Society, Rev. Frank E. Gaebelein, was elected the society's president for the current year. Dr. Gaebelein is Headmaster of Stony Brook School, Stony Brook, New York. He is chairman of the Editorial Board of Evangelical Books, and publisher of the internationally known Bible study magazine, **Our Hope**. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of ATS since 1938 and has been first vice-president since 1952. Other officers elected for the year were Rev. W. Theodore Taylor, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, New York, N. Y., first vice-president; John Adams Henry, president of John Adams Henry Inc., second vice-president; John A. Mawhinney, Jr., of Shell Oil Company, treasurer; Henry G. Perry, executive secretary; Elmer Lewis, secretary.

● It is reported that chaplains of the U.S. Air Force stationed in Saudi Arabia are having to restrict their activities in deference to Moslem prejudices. At the Dharan Air Force Base American chaplains do not wear the authorized crosses signifying their rank as chaplains; and some Catholic officials, in the interest of personal safety, have been obliged to defrock when on a mission to the base. Some Catholic priests wear open-necked sport shirts and civilian clothes. Worship services are conducted behind locked doors. At a recent Christian service, one Arab employee of the base stayed behind and witnessed the Roman Catholic Mass. Later he told his Moslem co-religionists about the Christian rites, and "quite a little trouble ensued." The American flag is not flown over the base because Arabians look upon it as an infidel symbol.

● Dr. Paul P. Petticoord of Portland, Ore., the president of Western Evangelical Seminary of Portland, Ore., was elected president of the National Association of Evangelicals at the organization's 1956 Convention held at

Cleveland, Ohio, April 10-12. Dr. Petticoord succeeds Dr. Henry H. Savage of Pontiac, Michigan. A minister of the Evangelical United Brethren Church for 30 years, Dr. Petticoord has been the head of the seminary for ten years, and has been active in the work of the association of evangelicals since its formation 15 years ago. Other executive officers elected to head the NAE during the next year include Dr. Howard W. Ferrin, Providence, R. I., first vice-president; Dr. Herbert McKeel, of Schenectady, N. Y., second vice-president; Rev. C. C. Burnett of Springfield, Mo., secretary; and layman, Robert Van Kampen of Wheaton, Ill., treasurer. In another action, Rev. George L. Ford of Wheaton, Ill., who has served two years as associate director was promoted to full rank of executive director. The delegates voted to conduct their 1957 convention in Buffalo, New York, April 2-4.

Associated Church Press

By DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Editor

EIGHTY MEMBERS of the Associated Church Press, including Rev. L. Bienert and the editor of the "Baptist Herald," meeting in Toronto, Ont., Canada, from April 4 to 6 for its 37th annual meeting, reviewed the Canadian scene and the religious world picture in the light of their journalistic responsibilities. The Associated Church Press represents a circulation of 11,000,000 subscriptions to 142 religious papers with a reading constituency of about 33,000,000 persons, as estimated by Dr. William B. Lippard, executive secretary.

A STIMULATING PROGRAM

Since this was the first meeting of the Church Press in Canada, the program featured Canadian religious and journalistic leaders. Dr. Emlyn Davies, pastor of the Yorkminster Baptist Church of Toronto, dealt provocatively with "The Need for a Protestant Critique." Mr. John W. Fisher glorified the scenic beauty and unusual role of Canada of today. The Honorable Paul Martin spoke of "Canada's Place in the United Nations." A panel of religious and educational leaders discussed the Roman Catholic and Protestant tensions in Canada. Mr. David Lewis gave an impassioned review of "Socialism in Canada." Pierre Burton, managing editor of Canada's popular "Maclean's Magazine," intrigued his audience with his address on the content quality of magazines and by his dynamic personality.

● Contemporary design ran off with the honors as 18 United States churches—chosen from the thousands built in the last 25 years—were cited recently for general architectural excellence in a nation-wide poll of experts in the field. Heading the list was Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Minneapolis, Minn., the last completed work of the late Finnish-American architect Eliel Saarinen. The 18 were selected by vote of 35 leading architects, educators, editors, clergymen, and specialists in the field of church design. All but two of those selected were constructed since World War II. The winning church, constructed in 1949, is characterized by the use of natural red brick both for exterior and interior decoration. The exterior is dominated by a bell-tower, a simple-straight line structure, separated from the main church building by a glass passageway and more than double its height. It is topped by a willow-slim cross of natural wood. A similar cross mounted on the brick wall behind the altar is the focal point of the sanctuary. "Architectural Forum" has described it as a church in which "art, science, and faith achieve a serene harmony."

But the horizons of these editors and journalistic leaders were also lifted to world problems and global tensions. Dr. E. H. Johnson of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, who had just returned from a world tour of mission stations, pictured the African scene and considered the possibilities of the Gospel there in the years ahead. Mr. Donald C. Bolles took us "inside Russia" and described the experiences of the recent tour of a deputation of American churchmen to the Soviet Union. The explosive subject of Desegregation in the Public Schools of the United States was presented pro and con in a panel discussion.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF MINDS

In addition, we were the guests at tea of the Honorable Louis O. Breithaupt, lieutenant governor of Ontario, in the Parliament Building. We enjoyed a lunch in the sumptuous banquet hall of Toronto's Casa Loma. We visited the Broadcasting and Film Studio of the United Church of Canada in the Berkeley Street Church. We entered into the fellowship of Christian men and women who are dealing with similar journalistic tasks and wrestling with familiar difficulties in sending out the printed page with its Christian message. It was a stimulating, illuminating experience which ought to be reflected in an improved "Baptist Herald," both as to format and content in the months to come.

Editorial

The Garden of Your Sunday School

IF YOU WILL take a second look at your Sunday School and will study the faces of the children there, you can easily imagine it to be a garden of God with flowers "sweet and rare." Whenever Children's Day comes around, the first flowers are blossoming and we are again reveling in the glory of our gardens. At the Children's Day program as the little ones go into action, we see the spiritual garden that God has planted into our churches.

Like the flowers of June, there is a fresh and sparkling beauty about children as they recite their pieces and Scripture verses from the sheer beauty of such a human relationship that has not been marred by adult disappointments and hurts. Every new generation of children that appears on the stage of life brings something different and unique and freshly wonderful into the world of our day. Jesus recognized this spiritual beauty in children as God's creation and drew them in love to himself. This is the glory of the Kingdom of God, like unto the fresh innocence and sweet love of a child!

Children's Day is a thrilling Sunday School observance, not only because it is held in the pleasant month of June, but especially because of the wonder and excitement of children. That effervescent spirit soon becomes contagious. We share the open-eyed wonder of the children as expressed in their songs and recitations. This is a day and program to which we must come with great expectations, ready to receive God's blessings through the exciting ministry of the children.

The flowers on the platform and the little ones who take part in the Children's Day program are equally a promise of the harvest still to come. The flowers are just beginning to bloom and the children are launching out on their pilgrimage with the best things still to come. How concerned we should be about that spiritual harvest of tomorrow in our homes and churches and country!

The Children's Day Offering for new chapels is equally important in reminding us of God's garden of flowers and children. The Chapel Building Fund helps to build churches in new areas and in promising Church Extension projects. We need to cultivate this garden with our generous gifts and prayers. But the seed that is planted at the Children's Day programs, however small it may be, has the promise of greater things to come, of bountiful harvests to be garnered, of strong churches to develop in the years ahead.

Your Sunday School will show this garden of God at its Children's Day program. You will enjoy the flowers that bedeck the platform. You will rejoice with the children as they bring their recitations and songs. You will marvel at the beauty of this garden and its unfolding glory for the future. You will have an opportunity to cultivate the garden and to make it even more beautiful with your offering toward the Chapel Building Fund. It ought to be a wonderful Children's Day Sunday for you in the midst of the pleasant month of June!

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An African chief, the Fon of Bafut, in behalf of the people of Southern Cameroons offers a gift of a carved tusk to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, during her royal visit at Lagos.

Guests of Her Majesty

It was a distinguished honor to the Cameroons Baptist Mission as well as to our missionaries to have been presented to Queen Elizabeth at Lagos, Nigeria, on February 10, 1956

By DR. PAUL GEBAUER
Superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission

THE DAILY TIMES of Lagos, Nigeria, carried among its news items under January 22, 1956 the following one:

"QUEEN TO RECEIVE GUESTS FROM CAMEROONS ON FEBRUARY 10. Members of the Executive Council of the Cameroons, the Fon of Bali and other guests invited to luncheon with Her Majesty and the Duke, at Lagos, on February 10th, will arrive at Government House and will assemble in the Morning Room, where they will be received by the Governor-General, Sir James, and Lady Robertson.

"Sir James and Lady Robertson will conduct the Queen and the Duke from their apartments to the Morning Room. He will then present the Commissioner of the Cameroons, Brigadier E. J. Gibbons and Mrs. Gibbons. The Commissioner will in turn present to the Queen and the Duke the guests from the Southern Cameroons. As each is presented he will move to the Dining Room and take his appointed place . . ."

FIVE HONORED BAPTISTS

Among the "other guests" were at least five Baptists: the Honorable Ernest K. Martin and wife; Chief Manga Williams, a trustee of our Victoria Church; and Clara and Paul Gebauer of your Cameroons Mission. There could have been some other Baptists among the 26 guests at the luncheon but this 10th day of February was not exactly an opportunity for the "roll call."

What is it like to stand before the Queen? To have her hand hold yours?

To look into her eyes? To be so close to one admired by the many?

I recall every detail prior to the actual presentation; names, faces, personalities, color schemes, remarks, surroundings—but the happenings of the actual high moment are blissfully blurred benevolently veiled.

The easy flowing conversation while we mingled in the Morning Room, I recall distinctly. I recall the behavior and attire of the ones ahead in the waiting line. I remember crossing the few carpeted and endless yards toward Her Majesty, even her eyes of those staggering seconds. Her hand? Yes! But how deep did I bow? At all? Enough? Even Clara does not know, who was next in line!

JACKKNIFE SALUTE

This much I know that my eyes captured an amused grin upon the

SOMETHING EXTRA-ORDINARY

It is rather unusual for the "Baptist Herald" to feature the story of Queen Elizabeth's visit to Nigeria over four pages in this issue. But it was such an extraordinary event and honor that came to our Cameroons Baptist Mission on "Cameroons Day" that our North American Baptist Churches ought to share these festivities with our missionaries. Our Cameroons Baptist Mission has gained spiritual prestige and new opportunities for its witness to Christ as a result of this day!

Editor.

face of the Duke of Edinburgh as I came out of my curtsy before his Queen. It haunts me to this hour as a slim evidence that, in the exaltation of the moment, I may have performed a typical Prussian click and jackknife salute before Her Majesty.

Exactly fifty years before this honored moment I had been drilled rigidly to click and to clip before Crown Prince William of Prussia who chanced to visit our Kindergarten in Silesia, Germany. It is possible that my subconscious made me repeat the drill again, just fifty years later.

It is possible, and it was worth the experience of collecting the Duke's amusement.

But more remains, far more. Simple, unknown missionaries were called into the Queen's presence and into her crowded hours of far reaching duties, into the intimacy of her table and household to underline the royal conviction that "material progress by itself is not enough." On this account the Queen visited the grave of Mary Slessor at Calabar, went among the lepers of Oji River, attended church services every Sunday, knighted an African missionary-doctor, and thus made known her personal conviction about the value of Christian ideas and ideals.

TABLE CONVERSATION

Grace was said before we sat down at the table. Since I sat third to the Queen's right, I could observe and hear a great deal. Her dress? Her hair? Her table manners? Let Clara tell you, who sat across the table. The Queen's conversation? I won't tell you! The fascinating conversation (Continued on Page 12)

"Cameroons Day" at Lagos, Nigeria

Scenes from the royal visit of Queen Elizabeth to Nigeria, Africa, as related graphically by Mrs. Clara Gebauer of Bamenda, Southern Cameroons

ONE of the noblest gestures of appreciation by the Cameroons Government of the work of missions was the opportunity afforded its representatives of meeting Her Majesty, the Queen, during her visit to Nigeria, Africa. Being so uncalled for and so unexpected, it left no doubt as to the attitude of a grateful government toward the efforts of missions. We are fully aware of its significance and deeply touched by this recognition. Our gratitude goes forth in return to a benevolent government that has permitted us to work unmolested through the years and has offered us cooperation and support at all times in our services to this land and its people.

HONOR TO THE MISSION

Awareness of this great honor to be ours came as a frightening surprise, and our emotions flew between the extremes of awe and fear. Not for a moment losing sight of the fact that we were being honored only as the representatives of our Cameroons Baptist Mission, we wished that the same good fortune could have been spread to every worthy member of it. In all humility we prayed that we might conduct ourselves in such a way as to bring no shame on our Mission and no embarrassment to our government.

Our feelings, to be appreciated in proper perspective, must be understood in the light of our environment. Therefore go back with us to take in, not only the Big Day, but all that went before and after and colored the experience. The Queen, being unable to visit the Cameroons, graciously received a delegation from her trusteeship territory at the Government House in Lagos, Nigeria. This delegation was divided into two parties, the coastal party to go by air-lift and the inland party to proceed overland by motor.

COLORFUL CARAVAN

The Resident of Bamenda Province and ourselves, being the only Europeans, escorted the expedition of two cars, three jeeps, a pickup and a truck, with four Fons (paramount chiefs), four chiefs, twelve retainers, eight drivers, two mechanics, and one policeman. The big problem was to get the dignitaries to Lagos, not only safe but sober, and to get them fed and bedded down each night of the five day trip. This was for some of them their first experience into the world outside their Cameroons hills.

The trip was without incident, except for the sensation that our colorful

caravan caused as we passed through the towns. Stopping for petrol in one village, the natives gathered around one of our jeeps in which two chiefs were riding. One of them was dressed in his picturesque gown and traditional cap of porcupine quills and feathers sticking out at all angles. This aroused the comment from one onlooker, "Wonderful! They even take their medicine man along with them!" The next day the chief wore a plain cap.

Needless to say, the trip as well as the events in Lagos will keep our party in story material for many a night around the fireside—and I should like to hear the stories a year from now, fully embellished by repetition.

With our entourage safely turned over to the Liaison Officer in Lagos, the Resident and we checked in at the Baptist Hostel, an ideal place in the heart of the city of Lagos, just a few blocks from Government House where Their Majesties stayed with the Governor General and Lady Robertson and just a block from the Marina Drive on which the Queen passed coming and going to her many functions.

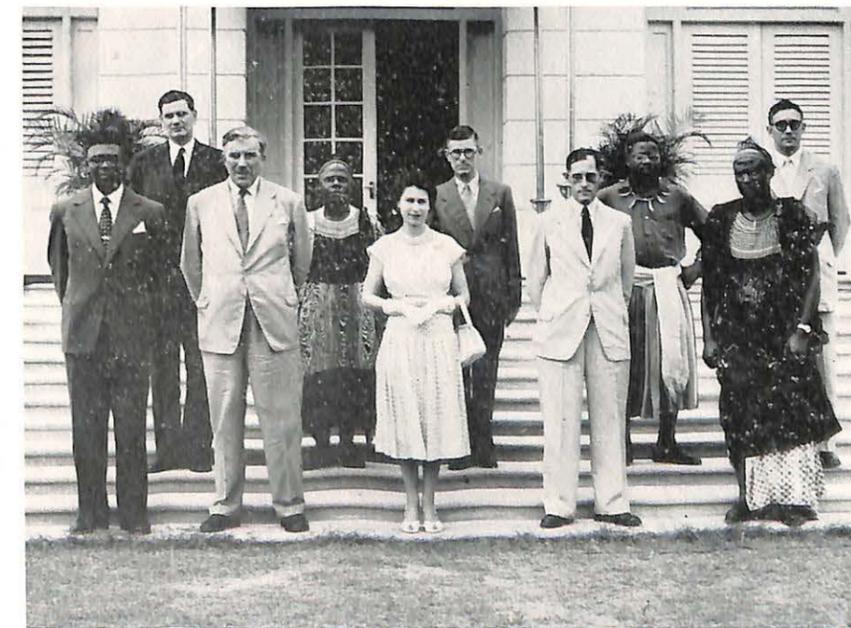
Our first glimpse of the royal couple came that first evening as they returned from the airport. Compelled by the same urge that brought white and black Africans to the Marina time after time, day after day, for just an-

other glimpse, we lined up on the curb and waited expectantly. Darkness had already set in as the royal car came into view, but with uncanny forethought Their Majesties, seated in the back of an open car, were expertly spotlighted, doing full justice to the beauty and charm of Her Majesty.

Perhaps because it was the first glimpse of her, it sent a peculiar warmth and thrill through me that is quite indescribable. I am quite sure that at that moment I felt quite as deeply as any British subject the great unifying force of which Her Majesty is symbolic. At that moment, even to an American, she was not a woman but a Queen, representing something very great and very deep in the hearts and traditions of a people. One squared one's shoulders and felt that for the moment one's better nature was drawn to the fore.

PRESENTED TO THE QUEEN

With a last critical look in the mirror and a bit shaky in the knees, Paul and I set out to meet our first appointment of the day, luncheon with Her Majesty the Queen at 1:15 o'clock, at which time we were to be presented. With our gold embossed invitations in hand, we passed the uniformed guards at the great gates and were shown to the Morning Room where our little party of about 26 guests were received by the Governor General and Lady



Queen Elizabeth is photographed with Cameroons officials and members of the Southern Cameroons Government at the Government House in Lagos on Cameroons Day, Feb. 10, 1956, during her visit to Nigeria.

Robertson who in turn introduced us to the members of the Queen's private party.

Our group consisted of the Commissioner of the Cameroons, the Deputy Commissioner, the Legal Advisor, the Financial Secretary, the representatives of Catholic, Basel and Baptist Missions, the African members of the Executive Council, one chief from the coast and one from the grasslands. We all knew each other and made no pretense of composure or self-confidence. Our human frailties, that would inevitably come to the fore at such a time, were sympathetically anticipated in the very efficient planning, and full instructions as to our dress, behavior and actions were given us. But to keep it all in mind was another matter.

The Queen and the Duke descended the white staircase and stationed themselves at the foot of the stairs where we were presented to them individually, women curtsying and men bowing at the waist. Their Majesties shook hands with each of us, an act that they

clude their father. And I find it quite easy to imagine her becoming quite exasperated at his refusal to take her seriously. If I am right, she has my complete sympathy!

Another evidence of the understanding and thoughtfulness of those responsible was the lovely printed menu given to each of us as a souvenir of the momentous occasion and printed proof to pass down to our grandchildren of our actual presence at Luncheon with the Queen of England!

THE GARDEN PARTY

Still in the clouds, we went back to the Mission to change for the reception which was to be a garden party on the lawn of Government House. To this the larger group of Cameroonians was invited, our Resident, Fons and Chiefs, House of Assembly members, some commercial and business people. For almost everyone but those of us who had attended the luncheon, this was to be their first view of Her Majesty. She did look lovely as she stepped out onto the veranda in a pale yellow dress and a

and interest of Her Majesty. The tusk was in turn presented to the Cameroons people in her behalf to be placed permanently in the Cameroons House of Assembly.

The Royal couple then descended the stairs and mingled informally with the guests while refreshments were served. Paul especially enjoyed the casual remarks of the Duke as he chatted with the guests. He is always easy going and seems to say and do pretty much what he pleases. Yet he is a real support to the Queen, never steals the show from her, always sees that she is in the fore and he in the background. But nevertheless he has a strong personality of his own, and one does not forget he is there.

Both their Majesties made it a point to show special attention to the Africans at the party. One of the chiefs said that she is a pretty woman but she would certainly have to get a lot fatter before she is a real queen. What—no fattening pens for the royal wives in England?

THE INVESTITURE

The Investiture at 9:30 o'clock was a magnificent spectacle, a full dress performance for everyone. Paul, in his borrowed finery of white shell jacket, black trousers, cummerbund, stiff-front shirt and butterfly collar, looked so elegant I quite fell in love all over again. Without a doubt, this performance will stay in our minds longer than anything else we experienced on this eventful day. The guests, all in the splendor of full evening dress, and obviously emotionally touched—for to any Britisher this ceremony tops anything but the Coronation itself—added a deep feeling of dignity to the already impressive occasion.

The setting for the Investiture was perfect, the ceremony taking place outdoors on the lawn of the new Law Court Building. The floodlighted building with the red and gold uniformed guards standing at attention every few feet along its length, formed a perfect backdrop for the royal canopy set on a high dais so all could see. The guests were seated in semi-darkness below and on the other side of the road on the Race Course where hundreds of Africans, curiously quiet, evidently sensing as we did the solemnity of the occasion.

A police car announced the progress of the Queen's party from Government House to the spot. As Her Majesty approached, excitement grew tense. As she stepped out of her car and the band struck up "God Save the Queen," everyone stood at attention while slowly and majestically she moved up the ramp to the dais, attired in the full splendor of evening gown, diamond tiara, diamond and emerald necklace, earrings and bracelets, the blue ribbon and Star of the Garter, all dazzlingly brilliant in the floodlight. While the band finished the anthem, she stood

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Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, speaks graciously to African chiefs as representatives of the Southern Cameroons Government.

are often unable to do with the large numbers of guests at most of the functions. We passed into the dining room and stood at our chairs until Her Majesty sat down.

The Queen herself, in a simple print dress and little jewelry, was the essence of girlish charm, far younger looking than in pictures, natural and easy in her movements, thoroughly delightful to behold. The Duke, a man after the Americans' own heart, is an easy going young man who gives one the feeling that he is enjoying every minute of his exacting life. It is not difficult to imagine that when the Queen finds it necessary to reprimand her two children for mischievousness she might find it also necessary to in-

clude that that was a cluster of flowers. "Radiant" is the only word for the Queen's genuine smile that is one of her greatest assets in public appearance.

The representative of the government read the Loyal Address to which Her Majesty responded. The presentation of gifts from the people of the Cameroons was made—a carved ivory tusk for Her Majesty and a miniature African village cast in brass for the royal children, both of which were evidence of the skilled craftsmanship of her so-called "backward subjects." The Gebauers, who had been entrusted with the responsibility of deciding upon and procuring these gifts, felt well rewarded by the obvious delight

The Queen Comes Home to London



An Eyewitness Account by
MRS. MARGIE LOU LAWRENCE of London, England,
One of Our Cameroons Missionaries



The Honorable E. M. L. Endeley, leader of the Southern Cameroons Government, offers a model of a Cameroons village to Queen Elizabeth during her visit with Cameroons officials at Lagos.

THE FIRST and highly successful visit of a British Sovereign to West Africa is over. Queen Elizabeth and her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, arrived in London by air on the 17th day of February, 1956, after a 19-day tour of Nigeria. These have been strenuous weeks for the visiting royalty, but the service to the commonwealth has been a twofold one.

For the Nigerians the Queen has made real and personal the symbolic Crown under which they aspire to equal partnership; to her people at home she has given closer understanding of a "country on the threshold of constitutional changes."

In an editorial from one of London's leading newspapers it was stated that "Britain's earnest desire is to see this Colony (Nigeria), with its great economic potential, make a smooth passage to self-government and become welded into a strong Dominion."

UNITY IN NIGERIA

To bring about harmony among Nigeria's various peoples and their mixed tribal personalities has been the most important purpose of the Queen's visit. In her farewell broadcast following her Nigerian tour, the Queen said, "You have welcomed me with one voice, and I hope that this may help you to feel a greater unity among yourselves." The reality of this hope can only be made possible through the statesmanship of Nigeria's leaders.

Undoubtedly the memory of Nigeria will be a lasting one for Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. Her impressions of the great happiness of the crowds and the great babble which surrounded them at all times and sometimes drowned the playing of the

national anthem were recalled in an address at a banquet given at Guildhall in London for the reigning monarch upon her return from Nigeria. In attendance at the banquet were 650 guests, including the Queen Mother and Princess Margaret, Sir Anthony Eden, Sir Winston Churchill, and Earl Atlee.

"In the three weeks we have spent in Nigeria," said the Queen, "we have seen enough to take away a conviction that its future is full of promise and that its people—the memory of whose warm-hearted welcome will always be with us—are steadily working their way forward."

"I am sure that nothing will be of greater help to them upon that road

than unity: and there are two aspects of it.

"First, there is the unity of Nigeria itself. There is much to do in harmonizing the many and richly varied elements which make up this federation and there are many difficulties in doing so. But I believe that with tolerance and good will, they will be overcome.

"And secondly, there is the unity of Nigeria within, and as part of the commonwealth. I hope that she will always remain a member of our brotherhood of nations.

"My husband and I have many colorful memories: the tropical vegetation of the south, the dry, rolling plains of

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The original lantern of the flagship of Lord Nelson, which was prominent in the Battle of Trafalgar, was photographed at Trafalgar Square in London, England, by Rev. H. Palfenier during the 1955 Baptist Congress days.



—Photo by United Press
Dr. Herbert Gezork (second from right), the only Baptist in the deputation of United States Protestant Churchmen to visit Russia, seems to enjoy his stroll with his American colleagues in Red Square near the Kremlin in Moscow. With the Americans is Archimandrite Pemin of the Russian Orthodox Church and an interpreter.

What I Saw in Russia!

By Dr. Herbert Gezork,
President of Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Mass.

IT WAS MY PRIVILEGE to serve as a member of the deputation from the National Council of Churches to Christian leaders in the Soviet Union. There were ten of us, representing various denominations and led by Dr. Eugene C. Blake, the president of the National Council. We spent most of our time in Moscow, but were also in Lenin-grad and in Zagorsk, a famous old monastery and historic spiritual center of the Russian Orthodox Church.

Ours was not a sightseeing or pleasure tour, nor was it a political mission. The chief purpose of our visit was to establish contacts with our Christian brethren in Soviet lands, to hold conversations on a number of subjects which are of mutual interest and concern to us, and to try to further the cause of peace between our nations and in the whole world.

MANY CONFERENCES

We visited a good many churches of the Orthodox faith and also the Moscow Baptist Church. We held extensive conferences with outstanding Christian leaders of the Orthodox Church, the Baptists, the Armenian and Lutheran Churches of the U.S.S.R. In these discussions we dealt with subjects such as Peace, Theological Education, Religion, and Science, the

freedom of our churches to fulfill their mission, Christianity and other religions. We also had two long and highly interesting conferences with the Russian government for Orthodox Church affairs (the Russians call him facetiously "Commissar for God"), and with his associate, who is responsible for the relations between the government and all other religious groups.

We were received with the most cordial kindness and generous hospitality. Whether on the streets, in the hotels, in museums, churches, offices, everywhere we were treated with utmost courtesy. We never heard a disparaging word, nor saw a hostile look aimed at us. All our conversations with church as well as government leaders were carried on in an atmosphere of friendliness, but also in great frankness.

It would be presumptuous and irresponsible to claim, after a visit of less than two weeks, to have definite answers upon the many questions concerning conditions in Russia. However, I kept my eyes and ears open, carried on continuous conversations with people who spoke either English or German, and I feel able to share certain observations and conclusions with those who read these lines. They

are my own, and I alone bear responsibility for them.

Socialism appears to be completely established in Russia. All industrial and business enterprises are owned and managed by the government. Here and there a tailor or shoemaker may still carry on his business on an individual enterprise basis, but he is not allowed to have employees working for him. There is no unemployment; many women are working. There is a general appearance of hustling activity.

Those of our delegation who had been in Moscow before were impressed with the great progress which this city of seven million inhabitants had made. The streets were remarkably clean. Many new buildings are being constructed, especially apartment houses. Side by side with them one can see the old wooden houses, still occupied, but often in a state of neglect and deterioration. The Russians say: "Give us time; we have a long way to go."

COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA

Food appears to be plentiful, and the people look adequately clothed, although rather drably by American standards, especially the women. There is a great deal of cultural activ-

ity—the famous Russian ballet, concerts of classical music, performances of Shakespeare drama, etc. In every one of them there is "standing room only," but one must not forget that Moscow is the heart of a great empire of over 200 million people, and that is only a very small percentage of the total population which has access to such cultural opportunities.

The continuous hammering of Communist propaganda over the last 38 years, since this regime came into power, obviously has been effective. A new generation has grown up which does not know the old order and which seems to regard the Communist way of life as the way of the future. There is dissatisfaction and grumbling, but from what I was able to observe, it is directed not so much against the system as such, but against the blunderings and failings of individual officials or organizations.

There are great political changes going on. Among them is the shift from the doctrine that war is inevitable between the capitalist and the Communist world to the doctrine of peaceful co-existence. The cult of the single leader—Stalin—is replaced by a system of Collective Leadership. Stalin was ruthless, vengeful, and capricious, and even the men nearest to him can never have felt safe. Now in power, they want to prevent a similar condition.

Only the future will show whether they can succeed, or whether a totalitarian system will not inevitably evolve again into a personal dictatorship. There seems to be, among the leaders as well as the masses in Russia, a belief that the final victory of Communism is inevitable in the world. I believe it is rather unrealistic on our part to expect within the foreseeable future an uprising of the Russian people against their present leaders.

RELIGION IN RUSSIA

What about religion in Russia today? The basic attitude of the government toward Christianity has not changed a bit. It remains the same as before—undying hostility. Any kind of religion is regarded as superstition, illusion, an opiate for the people, opposed to the "scientific-atheistic" ideology of Communism. But the strategy of the government with regard to the treatment of the churches has changed significantly in recent years.

An important decree of November 1954, issued by the Central Committee of the Communist Party over the name of Khrushchev himself, states categorically that the churches must be left free to conduct their worship without hindrance or interference by any state authorities; that priests and ministers are to be regarded as loyal citizens of the Soviet State; and that therefore crude and insulting attacks upon them or their practices are to be strictly avoided. At the same time the struggle against religion with ideolog-

DR. HERBERT GEZORK

Dr. Gezork was one of nine American churchmen who composed a Protestant deputation to Russia for a twelve-day visit behind the Iron Curtain, returning on March 23rd. Dr. Gezork was the only Baptist in the group. At one time he was pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of our conference in New York City. Later he served as youth secretary of the Baptist Union in Germany for a number of years. Recently he has ably served as president of the Andover Newton Theological School near Boston, Massachusetts.

Following his address at the Baptist World Congress in London, England, last summer on "Our Baptist Faith in the World Today," he joined the North American Baptist group for tea and fellowship. Dr. Gezork was the speaker at the North American Baptist Rally in the Forest Park Church for our churches of Chicago and vicinity on Friday evening, May 25, during the General Council sessions. This illuminating address is a summary of his message of that evening. Editor.

ical weapons is to be stepped up, in the conviction that eventually religious beliefs will die out, and that the materialistic-atheistic view of life will inevitably triumph.

The churches, on their part, have accommodated themselves to this arrangement. They have accepted the rule that education is the responsibility of the state and the school, and not of the church, and that Christian education has to limit itself to the teaching of the Christian faith in the worship services or to occasional visits of priests and ministers in the homes of their people, where children may be gathered in small circles for religious instruction. The Christian leaders in Russia leave any concern with political or social questions strictly to the state. They emphasized again and again in our conferences that the task of the church is saving souls for eternity. Science, they said, is a function of the mind, but religion is one of the heart.

A LIMITED FREEDOM

The Christian leaders of Russia also follow quite closely the Communist party line with regard to the issue of peace. Several of them have taken an active and leading part in the World Peace Council, which has consistently reflected the views of the Russian government. We, the members of our Deputation, made it clear to them that we Christians of America also desire peace, but that we are unable to go along with the World Peace Council as long as that organization will make such false charges as that America started the Korean conflict, or that we practiced germ warfare. We expressed our strong conviction that peace will

only be genuine and lasting if it is bound up with truth, justice, and freedom.

To American Christians it may well appear as if the Christians of Russia have paid too high a price for their limited freedom by accepting so many restrictions imposed upon them. But let us not judge them too quickly. They may well say: is it not better to have a limited freedom, than no freedom at all? As long as we can worship God, receive the holy sacraments, teach the truths of the Bible, will not the faith of our fathers remain alive in the hearts of our people?

Moreover, we must not forget that Russian Christianity has always been strongly other-worldly, even in times of greater freedom. There is a deep and persistent mystic strain in the Russian soul. The emphasis has been strongly upon the adoration of God, and much less upon the relevance of the Christian faith for the totality of life here on earth.

We were informed by our Christian friends that there are at present 20,000 parishes of the Orthodox Church in Russia, with 35,000 priests and 50 million "believers." Moscow has 55 churches in use (as against 500 before the Bolshevik revolution). There are eight theological seminaries and two academies, preparing altogether approximately 2,000 future priests.

BAPTISTS OF RUSSIA

The Baptists of Russia claim 6,000 churches with 525,000 members and three million "worshippers." These figures indicate that the number of those who attend their services is much larger than that of their actual members. They baptize only persons who are at least 18 years old, and apparently their conditions of admission to the church are very strict. They hope soon to open a school for the training of their future ministers and evangelists. In the meantime, they expect to send this summer four young men to a theological seminary in England.

What did we find in the many churches which we visited? We found everywhere large and reverent crowds, standing shoulder to shoulder through the long liturgic services in the Orthodox churches which provide no seats at all. In the Moscow Baptist Church, where I attended and preached in two services, I estimated at a weekday evening service over 1,600 people, and on Sunday morning, at least 2,000. Half of them had to stand through the two-hour service. I was told that five such services were taking place each week.

I shuddered to think what would happen if a fire should break out in that closely-packed church during one of those services. The singing was wonderful, both in the Orthodox churches and the Baptist church. The people followed the service with the

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Days of Difficult Decision

Report of the Annual Sessions of the General Missionary Committee

by Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Editor

THE GENERAL Missionary Committee at its annual sessions in Forest Park, Ill., from April 24 to 26 found it necessary to wrestle with intricate problems before reaching its important decisions. Budget contributions by our people were almost \$60,000 short of the goal so that a cutback in this year's budget request by the Missionary Committee was virtually imperative. Changes in missionary personnel had to be considered since seven missionaries at home and abroad had resigned or were not reappointed. Very few new building projects can be undertaken. The number of missionary volunteers is woefully small. The advance in our Church Extension outreach has had to be halted, at least for the present.

BLESSINGS AND PROBLEMS

Rev. R. Schilke, General Missionary Secretary, pointed this out at the beginning of his report to the committee. "In many ways this past year has been one of blessings and problems. We cannot expect to have blessings only, for these are days accompanied by a certain amount of problems, sometimes more or less." But all of this was a challenge to the committee to crown these days of difficult decision with spiritual victories and with the promise of greater things to come in the year ahead.

A conscientious effort is being made to train the mission-supported churches toward self-support. Last year a total of 62 churches with a membership of 4,421 received missionary assistance of \$81,400. During the past year five churches became self-supporting. The committee recommended a ten per cent cut in mission support for this year wherever possible. Each request for financial aid was considered in the light of the church's ability to help itself and of the Missionary Society's responsibilities to that field. It can be said that encouraging progress is being made toward self-support by many of these small, struggling churches.

SIX NEW CHURCHES

However, it must be remembered that six new churches have been organized in this past fiscal year which will need considerable guidance and financial aid for a while. They represent the pioneering ministry of Church Extension projects and of our immigration program. These are the Grace Church of West Fargo, N. Dak.; the Willow Rancho Church of Sacramento, Calif.; the Upper Bay Church

of Santa Ana Heights, Calif.; the German Baptist Church of Calgary, Alta.; the First German Baptist Church of Saskatoon, Sask.; and the new settlement and church group of Terrace, British Columbia. Following their organization as Church Extension projects, these new churches and mission fields are turned over to the General Missionary Committee to care for them spiritually and to aid them financially. It is the Lord's work that has much promise for the future, but at present they are in need of money—mission support!

The best news from the home mission fields among the Spanish-Americans and Indians of North America comes from the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. As a result of the consecrated ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Castro at Rio Grande City, over 50 conversions among the Spanish-Americans have been reported, a prominent plot of ground has been purchased, and with the aid of Southern Conference friends a new chapel is nearing completion which will seat 120 people. It is hoped that the chapel can be dedicated in June 1956. This project was "a dream" for some time, but now it is a glorious reality in our evangelistic outreach to the Latin-Americans of the Rio Grande Valley.

For the present no great advances in the Spanish-American field of Colo-



Dr. and Mrs. Paul Gebauer of Bamenda, Cameroons, Africa, with their children Anne and Walter.

rado can be undertaken. The building program at Del Norte, Colo., has been tabled, at least until the fall of 1956. Miss Florence Eisele, missionary, was not reappointed. However, for the three summer months with plans for large Vacation Bible Schools, Miss Mary Ann Guthals of the Ebenezer Church, Elmo, Kans., will serve as summer worker to strengthen our missionary personnel. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Appel and Miss Helen Lohse are carrying on the work with self-effacing zeal.

COLORADO MISSION FIELD

Several baptismal services have been held on this field, as reported in the last issue of the "Baptist Herald." A good foundation has been laid by our missionaries in the Valley among the Spanish-Americans. But it is largely a work among children thus far. It is exceedingly difficult to win adults for the Savior and to gain entrance into the Spanish-American homes with a lasting influence for Christ. We need to be in prayer for our missionaries and for these young Christians that the saving and transforming power of Christ might be made manifest in the Spanish-American lives and homes.

Our Indian Mission has extended to three reservations among the American Indians on the Bull Reserve and the Montana Reserve of Alberta and on the Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan. The new chapel on the latter reserve burned to the ground as it neared completion. In addition, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Grabke have not been reappointed to the Muscowpetung Reserve. Rev. and Mrs. Reinhard Neuman with their family are beloved by the Indians on the Bull Reserve as they present Christ and the Gospel news with intense missionary fervor. This work among Indians requires a great deal of patience, slow plodding and much waiting on the Lord!

CAMEROONS VICTORIES

Mr. Schilke reported with glowing pride that the "past fiscal year has been another noteworthy one in the history of the Cameroons Baptist Mission." At Soppo we began an Elementary Teacher Training Center (Junior High School). During the past year we began a united effort with the Basel Mission in the Cameroons to go together on government invitation in strengthening Bali College into a Protestant Evangelical College. The Bamanda New Hope Settlement has grown into a beehive of activities with 300 patients at the settlement and



One of the many mission buildings in the Cameroons of Africa which our Society has built for chapels, school houses and meeting-places in making Christ known in darkest Africa.

with more than 200 lepers receiving treatments in outlying villages and clinics.

The Training Program for Midwives II has received official recognition by the British government. It is an amazing record that there were over 30,000 in-patients and out-patients in attendance at the Bansa Baptist Hospital in 1955, that 722 deliveries were made with our missionaries' help, and that more than 80,000 out-patients were in attendance at the various clinics at Mbem Center, Belo Center, and Warwar Center. For the first time we have an ordained ministry in the Cameroons. The Bible Training Center at Ndu has carried on vigorously in spite of a shortage of missionary personnel.

FORTY MISSIONARIES FOR AFRICA

The number of missionaries under appointment for the Cameroons Mission Field remains at forty, if the calls extended to a fine, consecrated couple in Canada for a teaching ministry and to another couple for the building program in the Cameroons of Africa are accepted. (This news will be announced in the next issue of the "Baptist Herald.") These new missionaries will be replacements, in numbers at least, for Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Michelson and for Rev. and Mrs. Howard Roth, who resigned during the past months.

Amazing news also came to the Bamenda New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients. This is a great and marvelous ministry which requires an annual budget of more than \$80,000. Of this amount about \$10,000 represent the self-support projects with income from the coffee and banana plantations and the cattle farm. A large proportion of this budget is met by government grants. Our part in this thriving work is only \$18,806 which

represents the missionaries' salaries, our evangelistic ministry, and some medicines.

The most difficult decisions had to be made in appropriating funds for the building projects in the Cameroons. The missionaries had requested \$27,762.30 for the building program on the various fields. This was cut down to \$17,000 in the hope that a further "cutting" would not have to be made by the Finance Committee in preparing the denominational budget.

CAMEROONS STATISTICS

The statistical report for the Cameroons for 1955 shows 241 churches, 2,508 baptisms, total membership of 15,338, seven ordained pastors, 5,897 inquirers, 10,871 Sunday School scholars, 86 active women's groups, 47 Christian Day Schools, and 4,832 pupils. Dr. Paul Gebauer is our highly honored and very capable superintendent on the field. A number of new assignments as missionaries were made which will be reported in a later issue. Miss Ruby Salzman, missionary home on furlough, was in attendance in the Forest Park sessions, giving illuminating reports and answering many questions by committee members.

In Japan the mission work has made definite advance with a new foothold established in Kyoto besides our work at Ise, with another baptismal service on Easter Sunday and the baptism of eleven converts, and with the Japanese language mastered to a greater extent by our personnel. With the return of Miss Florence Miller to America in the fall of this year for her furlough, we shall have reached our fifth anniversary of missionary service in Japan. Another lady missionary is needed for the field. Pray for God's leading in this matter as well as for our seven missionaries serving so faithfully in

Japan. The budget for this work calls for \$22,000.

OUR AUSTRIAN MISSION

In Austria the number of active mission-supported workers had dropped to seven. In the Salzburg area with Martin Gigseder and nearby at Seekirchen with Rev. Franz W. Hacker we are supporting a promising work. But there is great need for greater unity of missionary efforts in Austria and for a closer tie with the home office. Mr. Schilke reported that "a director on the field with a responsibility to the home office is not only desired but almost a necessity." In view of that, an appointment was made for a new director in Austria. Further news about this appointment will be passed on to "Baptist Herald" readers as soon as it can be released for publication.

The two evangelists, Rev. Daniel Fuchs and Rev. Herman Palfenier, were reappointed. Their evangelistic ministry is appreciated by our churches everywhere. The proposed program of "God's Volunteers" will be considered by the General Council. This calls for six young people to be trained for an evangelistic ministry in our churches at the Christian Training Institute of Edmonton with the Rev. Daniel Fuchs as director of this program in addition to his duties as evangelist. The difficulties which have beset our Church Extension program, especially along financial lines, were also reviewed by the General Missionary Committee.

The chairman of the Committee, Rev. Elmer Strauss, assisted by Rev. Adam Huber as vice-chairman, conducted the sessions in a democratic and genial spirit. God's Presence was felt, so that these days of difficult decision became days of spiritual achievement and victory in the service of Christ's Kingdom.

Berean Baptist Church Dedicates Building

The story of "modern Bereans" in Los Angeles, California, who by "searching the Scriptures daily" have found God's will for their small congregation in a new church building with 200 seating capacity

THE BEREAN BAPTIST Church of Los Angeles, Calif., looks back three and a half years to its first Sunday service, preceded by several Wednesday evening prayer meetings, on the first Sunday of October, 1952. The church was organized with six members and friends who desired to begin a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ in the western central part of Los Angeles, Calif., long noted for a scarcity of evangelical churches.

Dr. and Mrs. Donald G. Davis came by letter from the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Los Angeles, and Rev. and Mrs. F. Kenneth Goodman, missionaries on furlough from the British Cameroons, West Africa, came by letter from the First Baptist Church, Wasco, California. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin L. Jenkins came from churches outside the North American Baptist fellowship. Dr. Davis is also Professor of Church History and English Bible in Talbot Theological Seminary, Los Angeles, California.

The church gathered from the beginning in Pastor Davis' home, where Sunday School, morning and evening Sunday services, young people's and midweek meetings found "the little flock" gathering regularly. The Lord added to the church, and it became evident that the work could not long be a "church in a house."

God seemed to be leading the church to move to La Mirada, one of the miracle cities of Southern California, some 22 miles southeast of Los Angeles, where thousands of families had no church or Sunday School. The Church Extension Committee expressed an

interest in aiding the church to secure a two-acre plot of land offered by the owners. When the offer was suddenly withdrawn, both the church and the committee were disappointed, even while recognizing that God must have another plan.

Just at that time, last November, a church a mile north of the Davis home closed, and the Sunday School children came to the Berean Church. Their church had been sold. Shortly thereafter another church, in the path of a freeway, rebuilt in a different area, and a dozen more were added to Berean's swelling Sunday School rolls.

It was becoming evident that God had a mission for the new church in central Los Angeles. An inquiry concerning the possibility of renting the closed church revealed that the sale had not gone through, and the property was still in the market. The comfortable church building seats about 200, with additional space in the balconies. A three-bedroom bungalow houses the parsonage, and a third building provides for a fellowship hall and educational activities.

In response to the Berean Baptist Church's call for prayer and help, the members and the friends came forward with gifts and loans to make possible the down payment of \$7,500 on the \$24,000 property, located at Melrose and Westmoreland Avenues, just off the Hollywood Freeway. By "searching the Scriptures daily" these modern Bereans have learned that God never makes mistakes. He has revealed his will.

Services began in the newly purchased church on Sunday, March 18. The dedication service in the afternoon was attended by over 200 members and friends of the North American Baptist Churches of the California Association in the Los Angeles area, and letters of congratulation were read from the churches in central California.

The choir of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church of Los Angeles of Los Angeles rendered two anthems. The invocation was given by Mr. Bill Acton, Harbor Trinity Baptist Church, Costa Mesa, and the Scripture lesson was read by Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim. Following the act of dedication the congregation was led in a dedicatory prayer by Rev. Edmund Mittelstedt, pastor of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles, and moderator of the California Association. The sermon, "The Church with a Vision" (Prov. 29:18), was preached by Rev. Henry F. K. Hengstler, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Los Angeles, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Fred David, pastor of the Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights.

GUESTS OF THE QUEEN

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with her private secretary to my right? I dare not tell you until presidential elections are over. Be assured, however, that I found it far more easy and far more enjoyable to sit and to eat at Her Majesty's table than on some other tables out here.

What did we eat? Let's study the menu: Cream of Tomato, Chicken Vol-au-vent, Cold Meats, Salad, New Potatoes, Lemon Fluff, Coffee.

How did we eat? The British way, of course, and with an ease that spoke for training, timing, centuries of experience. Everything was timed, and yet one did not feel haste or a schedule. One was quickly given to the soft music drifting in from the green lawn, to the gentle flow of words to left and right, the silent rhythm of the pun-kahs swaying overhead, the pleasure of the table and arrangements, the good food.

How did we escape the royal charm and splendor, food and fellowship? Later than planned, I am pleased to state, after the royal couple had risen and crossed the hall, still in a daze, we returned to our lodgings to ask ourselves, "Did this really happen to us?"

SPECIAL ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke
June 3 (Sunday)—Dedication of new edifice, Calvary Church, Billings, Montana.

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

Rev. R. Schilke
June 3 (Sunday)—Dedication of new Baptist mission chapel, Rio Grande City, Texas.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner
June 10 (Sunday)—Services with the Montana and Bull Reserve Indians, Benke Memorial Chapel, Alta., Canada.

CONFERENCE DATES

May 31-June 3—CENTRAL ALBERTA SASKATCHEWAN Association at the Bethany Baptist Church, Lethbridge, Alta. Prof. Herbert Hiller, Guest Speaker.

May 31-June 3—BRITISH COLUMBIA Association (also 50th Anniversary of Church) at the Hager Memorial Church, Prince George, B. C. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, Guest Speaker.

June 7-10—NORTHERN NORTH DAKOTA Association at the Bethel Church, Harvey, North Dakota. Prof. Roy Seibel, Mrs. Harm Sherman, Guest Speakers.

June 12-17—SOUTHERN CONFERENCE YOUTH CAMP at Latham Springs Encampment Grounds, near Waco, Texas. Rev. L. Bientert and Miss Ruby Salzman, Missionary.

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

June 14-17—MONTANA AND CENTRAL DAKOTA Association at the Lehr Baptist Church, Lehr, North Dakota. Prof. Roy Seibel, Guest Speaker.

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

JUNE DATES

Sunday, June 10—Children's Day. Programs by Sunday Schools. (Material for programs have been sent to churches.) Offering for the denominational Chapel Building Fund.

Sunday, June 17—Father's Day.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

Mr. Leon Bill
Okeene, Oklahoma

Rev. Edward Oster
McClusky, North Dakota

Rev. Donald Patet
Aplington, Iowa



Deborah, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Orville Meth, formerly of Odessa, Wash., now in charge of the Lincoln Village Church Extension Project near Stockton, Calif.

CHILDREN'S DAY

Well may we honor the children
They blossom like the flowers
And for the older folk they mean
So many sunny hours:
Well may we honor the children;
And thus to him draw near,
Who truly loves the little ones
And counts them very dear.

JESUS LOVES ALL CHILDREN

Do you think Jesus loves a little child
Because his skin is white?
Do you think that he would run away
A cherubic Ebonite?
Would he ignore a yellow child—
Do you think he might?

If you do, you do not know
The Man of Galilee
Who said of little children,
"Bring them unto Me."
He gathered ALL unto him
And blessed them tenderly.

Christ wants children everywhere
To heed his loving call;
He watches over every race
That harm will not befall
His little ones, for did he not
Make them, one and all?

—Rega Kramer McCarty

GOD'S LOVING CARE

This world is full of lovely things
And of God's care they teach;
Our Master, when upon this earth,
A lesson found in each.

CHILDREN'S DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 10, 1956

with programs by the Church
Sunday School and offerings
for the denominational Chapel
Building Fund.

We're taught that not a sparrow falls
But God, the Father, knows,
And how upon the green hillsides
Sweet grass for cattle grows.

Over the lilies of the field
He watches with kindest care,
And Jesus showed how children small
In his love shall richly share.

Each boy and girl on Children's Day
A song of glad praise sings
For nature's beauty everywhere
To him who made all things.

—Ada Hogle

GOD'S GOODNESS TO THE LITTLE THINGS

It gives the heart a happy song,
It gives the trusting spirit wings,
To see it, as we go along,
God's goodness in the little things!

It may be just a flaming rose
That blooms beside the garden wall,
Or lovely lily fair that grows
On slender stalk so straight and tall!

It may be just a message kind
From loving friend afar or near,
But in a word or deed we find
The goodness of our Father dear!

So as we go along our way,
What happiness it surely brings
If we but see from day to day
God's goodness in the little things!

—Elsie Duncan Yale

OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM

One far off day, when Jesus trod
The dusty roads in weariness,
Mothers their little children brought
For him to touch and bless.

Gladly each child forsook its play
To go to One who, passing by,
Had such strange sweetness in his
voice,
Such kindness in his eye.

The children shyly gazed at him,
The timid closely to him pressed;
The babies laid their drowsy heads,
Fearless, against his breast.

The stern disciples were displeased,
"Away!" they cried with voices grim:
"The Master for a Kingdom seeks,
No child must trouble him!"

Then, Oh how kindly Jesus smiled
At those bright faces round his knee!
"My Kingdom is of souls like these!
Let children come to Me!"

"No man My Kingdom true need seek
By pride, or dazzling gifts of mind;
For only simple, loving hearts
Like these, shall entrance find!"

Hasten the day, Oh tender Christ,
When from fair home and sordid slum,
From every nation, unto thee,
Earth's children all shall come!

—Effie Smith Ely



The new church and parsonage of the Berean Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., located at Melrose and Westmoreland Avenues, just off the Hollywood Freeway.

We...the Women

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

INTRODUCTION

We have a picture on our page today that was taken at the General Conference in Waco, Texas, on June 10, 1955. We hear God's voice speaking to us from this General Conference. It reminds us of the challenge given to us that day. Please note that this was nearly a year ago.

This year has brought us much joy, happiness and progress. We pay tribute to those who have made this possible, the faithful workers of the past, the local societies and the individual persons with their cooperation. Without these we could not go forward.

As a tribute to the local societies, Mrs. J. Kruegel, the pastor's wife of the Mt. Zion Baptist Dorcas Society of Junction City, Kans., writes the following. This is the society and church of my first love. From them have grown love and understanding for each of you and our missionary task.

A DORCAS SOCIETY AT ITS 24th BIRTHDAY

By MRS. J. R. KRUEGEL of Junction City, Kansas

Everyone looks forward to a birthday party. The members of the Mount Zion Dorcas Society looked forward with joy to April 12, 1956, which was the society's 24th birthday. This anniversary was celebrated with a tea, to which the women of neighboring churches had been invited.

The church auditorium was nicely decorated for the occasion, and was well filled with guests, who had come to enjoy the afternoon with us. Our guest speaker was Mrs. Thomas Lutz, who, along with her husband, had come to help our church celebrate its 75th anniversary. To our society Mrs. Lutz is more than the president of our denominational Woman's Union. She is "one of us," having been a faithful member of our group during the years her husband was Mount Zion's pastor.

Mrs. Lutz challenged our hearts with a message from the Word. Following the service, a fellowship hour was enjoyed in the church basement, where party refreshments were served.

When we celebrate a birthday, whether in the life of an individual or of an organization, it is a good thing to take a backward look. As we look backward to April 12, 1932, we see a group of Christian women, meeting together to form a society, the aim of which was to "further the Kingdom of God in our church and community." Down through the years that aim has been carried out in various ways.

As our group has met together, our knowledge of the Word and of God's work has been increased through our study. On occasions we have been able to reach out to women in the community to bring cheer and blessing and a witness for Christ. Often a bit of sunshine has been sent to the sick and the shut-ins. The group has assumed its share of the responsibility

for the care of the church and parsonage.

Our group has tried to live up to its name, Dorcas, and help supply the needy as did Dorcas of the early church. Many boxes of used clothing have been sent to headquarters. Others have been sent to the needy in the Spanish-American mission field. We have rolled bandages and made other hospital supplies for the Cameroons field. As we have mended the clothing and rolled the bandages, we could hear our Master say, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me."

The needs of the regions beyond our own church and community have also been brought to our attention. God has seen fit to call two of the girls, who were once active in our society, to the foreign mission field. Others serve as pastors' wives here in the homeland. Two of our mothers have watched sons go into the Lord's service, one into Church Extension work, the other into foreign mission work.

Our interest in our denominational home mission fields has grown as several of the young people from our church have served as short-term workers in the Spanish Field of Colorado and one of them served for a time on the Montana Reserve of Alberta. As we look backward over the 24 years of the Dorcas Society, we can say, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

However, when one celebrates a birthday, it is a good time to look forward as well as backward. What does the future hold for the Mount Zion Dorcas Society? We as a society do not know, but we know that our future is in God's hands. We would not rest on the victories of the past. Rather, with the Apostle Paul, we would be reaching forth unto those things which are before, and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

THE WOMEN

To pay special tribute to the special talents of the individuals who make up our societies, we present a poem written by Miss Ida Glewwe of the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minnesota.

"Twas Martha, who with purpose clear,
With ready hand and willing heart,
Did work and serve for those most dear,
Though forfeiting the better part.
And Mary with a heart of love
Had chosen what was best
By sitting at the Master's feet,
Found endless joy and perfect rest.

"Come into my house and there abide,
If ye have judged me faithful to the Lord,"

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Remember the challenge to women at the 1955 General Conference sessions, Waco, Texas! Left to right: Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer, Woman's Union secretary; Mrs. Edward Kary, treasurer; Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, former president; Mrs. Albert E. Reddig, vice-president; Miss Laura E. Reddig, conference speaker; Mrs. Frank Veninga, Council representative; Mrs. Thomas D. Lutz, president; Mrs. Walter Hill, program chairman; and Mrs. Adam Huber, program assistant.

C.B.Y. Fellowship Spice of Life

By REV. LAWRENCE BIENERT, General Secretary

SUMMER CAMPS will begin in some areas in less than a month. Are you all set? Is your program well planned? Have you chosen your counselors and set aside a time of instruction for them? Have your teachers received the material they are to use at camp this year? Here are a few additional suggestions which you may find helpful.

CAMP INSURANCE

Are your young people insured while traveling to and from camp as well as during their stay at camp? Medical reimbursement insurance should be carried on all campers and all staff members. This is a protection that is required by the American Camping Association as well as by the parents of your campers. The camp management should carry liability insurance and the director should see that this matter is taken care of. Camp insurance companies are in contact with your president and camp dean. Do not overlook this important item of your camp program.

CAMP CRAFT

Camp craft is not just another added attraction to an entertainment called camping. It should be a carefully planned curriculum activity. Hand-craft should be selected so as to provide that type of individual or group experience most needed by the campers. Yet the craft program should be flexible enough to meet the interests of all campers. Multiply the variety of crafts in order to be sure that all the campers will find some craft which will have real meaning and enjoyment for them.

Camp craft projects should be as indigenous to the area as possible. If you have native woods and stones which have craft possibilities, use them. A box of supplies from some craft house will not necessarily solve your craft program in camp. Order your supplies carefully with camper needs, available leadership, and its contribution to the total purpose of the camp program in mind. Encourage those crafts where there is a real sense of accomplishment through a new sense of appreciation, a new skill learned, and which are of reasonable use in camp or in the home.

Here are just a few suggestions for handcraft leathercraft, metal work, shell craft, plastic, clay modeling, sketching, painting, finger painting, textile painting, spatter painting, cork work, and others. If you cannot secure

any of these materials at your local hobby shop or variety store, then write to our office for the addresses of firms which handle these materials.

PUBLICITY

You will not want to overlook publicity, that important phase of camp promotion. Announcements should appear in your regional paper, church bulletins and on bulletin boards. The publicity should carry such data as place, dates, ages of persons for whom the camp is intended, procedure for registration, the provision made for health and safety, a brief description of the program planned, who your camp leaders and instructors will be, and also directions to the camp.

YOUR MISSION PROJECT

Your youth group will be choosing a new mission project for the year 1956-1957. Suggestions for mission projects will be sent to you upon request. There are a few suggestions we would like to make regarding the number of mission fields which you include in your project. Please choose one field, either foreign or home missions, for your project. This would simplify matters of publicity, information, as well as make it easier for your treasurer to keep his records. Then, too, you would be gaining a thorough knowledge of one field at a time. A different mission field may be chosen each year for your mission project.

If any group should prefer to have more than one field represented in its project then we would suggest that no more than two such fields be chosen. One could be a home mission field and the other a foreign mission field.

MISSION MATERIAL FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Ten pages of special mission material have been prepared for your Vacation Bible School by the Sunday School Union and mailed to all pastors. This material presents interesting missionary information of our mission fields in Japan and in the Cameroons; and among the Spanish-Americans and the Indians. Additional copies are available without cost from the Sunday School Union, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

Captain: "Have you cleaned the deck and polished the brasses?"

Sailor: "Yes, sir, and I've swept the horizon with my telescope."

A four-year-old boy got a severe sunburn and his skin began to peel. One day, as he washed his face, his mother heard him mutter to himself: "Only four and wearing out already."

"Do you mean to tell me that your son plays the violin just like the great masters?"

"Sure!" answered the proud mother. "He holds it under his chin."

Jones: "Hey! what's the idea of putting such a scalding towel on my face?"

Barber: "It was too hot for me to hold."

WE, THE WOMEN

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Said Lydia, at the river's side,
Where Paul and Silas preached the Word.

Good works and deeds, with care
for others,

Was Tabitha's desire and aim,
Her love and talents joined together,
And throughout Joppa spread her fame.

Because Priscilla, with able hand
and heart,

Applied her craft of making tents
by day,

While Paul would love and truth
impart,

She could help others find the way.
To teach the little ones, their life's
road chart,

Takes faith and strength of purpose
high

Which dwelt in Lois' and Eunice's
heart,

Their love to God could not deny.

Remembering those of bygone days,
Those, who their task so fully filled,
So even now, in many ways,

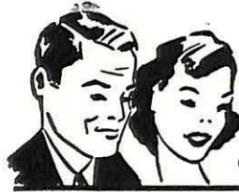
Our every deeds are love instilled.
We have our Martha's willing hands,
Our Mary's with attentive hearts,

The perfect hostess, Lydia,
And Tabitha, with needle art,
Priscilla, who is quick to learn

Sees open doors of service true,
While Eunice, with her mother, turn
To teach the truth and faith renew.

Our names may not be just the same,
Our tasks of different mold,
Nor do we seek the great world's
fame,

But work and love will not withhold.



Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 10, 1956

Theme: **THE GOSPEL OVERCOMES PAGANISM**

Scripture: Acts 18:23-21:16; Eph. 5:15-18.

The Central Truth: The power of the Gospel can most clearly be seen where the power of sin is most evident.

Introduction: It was said that wherever Paul went he created a riot or a revival. Always and everywhere he preached the Gospel with conviction and boldness. He was most sincerely happy only when he preached the riches of Christ, whether it was to a little group of twelve men (Acts 19:7) or to the crowds of Asia (Acts 19:10).

I. PAUL MINISTERS TO THE IMMATURE DISCIPLES. Acts 19:1-7.

These twelve men had no depth in their Christian experience. They followed as much of the Gospel as they had heard through John the Baptist; but they lacked the power of the Gospel through the Holy Spirit. Yet Paul realized that if he could lead the group into a fuller revelation of Jesus Christ, he would gain a foothold whereby he could reach the whole city of Ephesus. To their credit it must be said that they heard, they believed, and they received. They had a great reverence for John, but now they worshipped Jesus.

Herein lies one of our greatest dangers to effectual discipleship. There are millions today who have an attitude of reverence (bordering on worship) for their favorite evangelist, preacher, teacher or healer. It is a respectable form of idol worship. They are inoculated with a mild form of Christianity which keeps them from getting the real thing, as Dr. McCracken pointed out. Perhaps the minister was right who said that we have a generation of Holy spirit-less Christians. At no time in history have we had so many church members and at the same time so much crime, immorality and juvenile delinquency. The churches are crowded, but so are the prisons.

II. PAUL MINISTERS TO A PAGAN CITY. Acts 19:8-27.

The apostle was never afraid of the strongholds of Satan. He was convinced that where sin abounded, grace did much more abound (Rom. 5:20). In Ephesus his ministry was evident in a number of ways:

(a) He began a prolonged and extensive teaching ministry (19:9-10). Usually the revival is over when the evangelist leaves. It takes time, patience, and hard work to lead the converts into a deeper and more abiding Christian experience. It is not enough to accept the grace of God; you must "grow in grace" (2 Pet. 3:18).

(b) His ministry had a great influence on their moral lives (19:19-29). There was a great change in the way they spoke and in the way they lived and in what they read. The books were not merely thrown away—they were burned.

The American library in the average home is badly in need of a housecleaning. Fifty thousand pieces of silver is nothing compared to the millions spent for harmful comic books, pornographic literature, and immoral novels.

(c) His ministry created a great disturbance (19:23-41). People usually do not care if you preach and teach as long as you have no success. It is only when the success of the Gospel disturbs an illegal business that the trouble begins.

(d) Paul ministered through the written word as well as the spoken word (Eph. 5:15-18).

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: June 17, 1956

Theme: **AMBASSADOR IN BONDS**

Scripture: Acts 21:17-26:32.

The Central Truth: Paul was accused falsely and suffered in prison, yet he had the conviction that he was doing the will of God.

Introduction: The great missionary apostle seems to be following the pattern of his Lord. After about thirty years of service, he is slowly but surely going toward Rome and martyrdom. In the holy city of Jerusalem, where Paul once laid hands on the Christians and put them in prison, he himself is taken prisoner. His arrest and trial and journey to Rome are all carefully recorded and described by Luke. It makes for one of the most interesting and dramatic stories ever written of

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a missionary. His defense, his faith, and his fearlessness portray the characteristics of a spiritual giant with whom there is no equal.

I. PAUL'S ARREST IN JERUSALEM. Acts 21:17-40.

The experience of Paul in Jerusalem brings up a number of questions for discussion:

(a) Was he right in following the advice of James and the elders concerning the law of Moses? (21:21.)

(b) How could he conscientiously make an offering for purification (vs. 26) when he knew that Christ was the final offering—once for all?

(c) How could Paul be "all things to all men that he might save some?" (1 Cor. 9:22.)

(d) Was he convinced that he was doing the will of God, or did he merely compromise by trying to please the Jews? (vs. 24.)

II. HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE CROWD. Acts 22:1-22.

Very simply and earnestly Paul relates his early life, where he received his education, his zeal toward God and persecution of the early Christians, and finally his journey to Damascus and the wonderful experience of his conversion. Through all this he had the silent attention of his audience. It was not until he stated the fact that he was sent to preach the Gospel to the Gentiles that he created a riot (vss. 22-23).

III. HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE SANHEDRIN. Acts 23:1-9.

Paul knew from past experiences that he would not receive justice from this council. Since it was composed of Sadducees and Pharisees, he reminded them of their own disunity by mentioning the fact that he was a Pharisee and believed in the hope of the resurrection of the dead. Immediately they began to argue with one another, and in the process they forgot Paul.

IV. HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE FELIX, FESTUS, AND AGRIPPA. Acts 24:1-26:32.

After all these years Paul finally received the opportunity of bearing the name of Christ before kings (Acts 9:15). His defense before these rulers had a three-fold purpose:

First, Paul defended himself (24:18-21). His Roman citizenship and his knowledge of legal matters often proved to be of great advantage (25:10-17).

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What's Happening

● Miss Florence Eisele of Monte Vista, Colo., missionary to the Spanish-Americans in the San Luis Valley, has terminated her missionary services as of May 15th by action of the General Missionary Committee at its annual sessions in April at the Forest Park headquarters. Her salary will be paid to June 30, 1956. She has been a missionary among the Spanish-Americans in Colorado since 1952.

● The Baptist Church of Washburn, N. Dak., held two weeks of evangelistic meetings shortly before Easter Sunday with Rev. H. Vetter of Isabel, S. Dak., serving as evangelist. Mrs. Orrin Enockson, reporter, stated that "new souls were brought into the fold and we experienced a reawakening to the love of our Lord and God." A baptismal service was held in April with Rev. Otto Fiesel, pastor, baptizing several converts.

● The First Baptist Church of Colfax, Wash., recently held evangelistic services with Rev. P. G. Neumann of Costa Mesa, Calif., serving as evangelist. As a result of these services Rev. F. E. Klein, pastor, was able to baptize ten converts and to receive these and five others on confession of their faith into the church's fellowship. Several months previous to this, Mr. Klein had received nine new members into the church by baptism and confession of faith.

● The CBY group of the Rabbit Hill Baptist Church of South Edmonton, Alta., Canada, presented a Good Friday program to a large audience. Three of the young people gave brief messages as follows: "The Life of Christ" by Margaret Hiller, "The Sufferings of Christ" by Wesley Kuhn, and "The Christ of the Cross" by David Kuhn. Special numbers in song were also rendered, and closing comments were made by the acting pastor, Mr. Philip Grabke.

● The Grace Baptist Church of Hettinger, N. Dak., has called Mr. Iver L. Walker, a 1956 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as its pastor. He has responded favorably and announced that he will begin his ministry there on July 1st. He will succeed Rev. Edward Oster, now of McClusky, North Dakota. Mr. Walker is a spiritual son of the First German Baptist Church of Ashley, North Dakota. He received his degree at the Seminary's commencement exercises on Sunday afternoon, May 20th.

● At its annual session from April 24 to 26 the General Missionary Committee accepted the written resignation of Rev. and Mrs. Howard Roth, missionaries to the Cameroons, West Africa, who are now at home on furlough. The resignation was effective on April 30, 1956. They were on the Cameroons mission field for four years. Recently during his furlough Mr. Roth has been studying at the Western Baptist Conservative Theological Seminary in Portland, Ore., and has engaged in promotional work in visiting North American Baptist Churches.

● On Wednesday evening, April 25, at several midweek services of churches in the Chicago area, members of the General Missionary Committee took part. In the Forest Park Baptist Church, Rev. Adam Huber of Minneapolis, Minn., spoke and Rev. H. K. F. Hengstler of Los Angeles, Calif., sang two numbers. Rev. Elmer C. Strauss of Ellinwood, Kans., and Rev. Karl Korella of Edmonton, Alta., spoke in the service of the Foster Ave. Baptist Church. At the Humboldt Park Baptist Church Rev. Walter C. Damrau of Philadelphia, Pa., was the guest speaker.

● During the months of June, July, and August Mr. and Mrs. Loren Weber of the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., will assist in the ministry of the First German Baptist Church of Ashley, N. Dak., of which Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer is the pastor. They will be in charge of the Vacation Bible School from June 18 to 22 and will serve in many other capacities during the summer months. Mr. and Mrs. Weber are from Buffalo Center, Iowa. At the Seminary Mr. Weber has finished his first year of theological studies. Mrs. Weber is a public school teacher in Sioux Falls during the school year.

● Rev. J. F. Niebuhr of Ocean Grove, N. J., who spent over 20 years as a North American pastor in South Africa as well as in Allentown and Williamsport, Pa., is enjoying "a very active retirement." He is serving as the teacher of the Everyman's Bible Class, a non-sectarian Christian group, which meets for Bible Study every Friday morning in the Ocean Grove YMCA for the shore area. Mr. and Mrs. Niebuhr serve as members of the Board of Directors of the Mountain Child Welfare Missions in Hazard, Kentucky. They met with unusual success recently in an appeal for funds to obtain clothing to help those in need on this Kentucky field.

● Miss Ruby Salzman, missionary to the Cameroons, West Africa, who is now at home on furlough, spoke on Sunday evening, April 29, at the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Ill., which is supporting her as the church's missionary project. A reception for her was held afterwards. That same Sunday evening Rev. Rubin Kern, pastor, baptized four converts on confession of their faith in Christ. On Friday evening, April 27, members and friends of the Omicron Sunday School class held a reception and surprise shower for Miss Salzman at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Grosser.

● On April 15 the Baptist Church of Corona, S. Dak., joined with its pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Herman Lohr, in the celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary. It was in the nature of a surprise program for the honored couple. Mr. Victor Joachim served as master of ceremonies. Congratulations were presented on behalf of the church by Mr. Leonard DeBoer, senior deacon. The Sunday School was represented by Maynard Hoekman, the Woman's Missionary Society by Mrs. Elmer Schulte and the CBY by Miss Sylvia Harms. Musical numbers were given and Mr. Harry Schulte presented the Lohrs with a gift from the congregation.

● On April 15 the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill., recognized the 60th anniversary of Mr. Herman Siemund's membership in the church. He was given the hand of fellowship into the church on April 7, 1896 by the late Rev. Christian Dippel. He has served as young people's president, Sunday School superintendent church clerk, and at present is the church moderator. He was presented with a large bouquet of roses by the church besides a brief tribute to his faithful services brought by Rev. William L. Schoeffel, pastor. Mr. Siemund, General Conference photographer at recent conference sessions, left in May for an auto tour of Europe. He hopes to bring back with him wonderful films in color of his European trip.

● The 75th anniversary of the Baptist Missionary Training School, Chicago, Ill., was celebrated at its Founders' Day banquet on Tuesday evening, April 17. Among several speakers was Mr. Frank A. Nelson of Racine, Wisconsin, president of the American Baptist Convention. A dramatic presentation, "Pathways of worship—1881 to 1956," was presented by students of the school. During the day the new worshipful Chapel of the Crosses was dedicated. Commencement exercises will be held on June 17 with Miss Laura Pahl of Gladwin, Mich., in the graduating class. Dr. Robert W. Beaven, former president of the school and now chaplain at the University of Rochester, will speak.

Our Denomination in ACTION



The sad news reached us that our beloved manager, Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, went home to be with the Lord on May 18th, 1956. A service was held in Cleveland on Monday, May 21, and another one on Tuesday, May 22, in Erie, Pa., where he found his last resting place.

Dakota Conference

Young People Sponsor Holy Week Services at Church, Washburn, North Dakota

The CBY Fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Underwood, N. Dak., was privileged to begin Youth Week on January 29 with Rev. L. G. Bienert, the CBYF general secretary, as speaker.

The CBYF sponsored Holy Week meetings in our church from March 25 to April 1 with Mr. Bert Itterman, senior student at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as guest speaker. He brought challenging and heart-stirring messages and there were those who accepted the challenge to live more fully for Christ.

During the meetings a great Youth Rally was held on Saturday, March 31, with CBYF groups from Mercer, Turtle Lake, and Washburn joining our own group. The inspiring rally was followed by a youth fellowship in the church parlors. Each evening we had pre-prayer services, special music and a children's story. The attendance was most gratifying, even though the road and weather conditions weren't always in our favor.

Members of the CBY Fellowship and the pastor, Rev. Richard H. Grenz, served faithfully on a number of committees planning and arranging the meetings. The cooperation was excellent.

Lorella Sayler, CBYF Secretary.

Twelve New Members Received Into Baptist Church, Cathay, North Dakota, on Easter Sunday

On Palm Sunday evening the Cathay Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak., had the privilege of joining the Calvary Baptist congregation of Carrington for a baptismal service, when the undersigned had the pleasure of baptizing three girls and seven boys as follows: Delilah and Eralene Aippersbach and Sharan Kandt; Earl Aippersbach, Richard Edinger, Kenneth Kandt, Delan Pepple, James, Michael and Robert Reddig.

On Easter Sunday morning these ten were received and Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Aippersbach joined us by experience. At the previous communion service Mrs. Paulina Klein united with us by letter.

Some of these were led to accept Christ as their personal Savior by Mrs. Albert Reddig, our Junior CBYF leader. The others accepted Christ last fall when Rev. Herbert Schauer of Turtle Lake, N. Dak., helped us in special evangelistic meetings.

We are grateful for all Christian workers and these new additions to our membership and pray that they may grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

David Zimmerman, Pastor.

Highlights of Activities at the Anamoose Baptist Church at Anamoose, North Dakota

Beginning with the month of July last year, it has been a real joy for us in the Baptist Church, Anamoose, N. Dak., to have Rev. and Mrs. A. Krombein with us, and again we have many reasons to be thankful to our Heavenly Father that he still continues to bless us. Not only are they kept busy serving our two churches, but they also take time to call at the various homes, and give comfort to the sick through their prayers.

Besides this Mrs. Krombein has proven her interest in our young peo-



Rev. Edward Oster, pastor of the Grace Church, Hettinger, N. Dak., and five young people whom he received into the church's fellowship at the Good Friday communion service.

ple in that she has helped to revive our CBY. Our young people have really co-operated with her, in that a Junior Choir has been started, and programs are given twice every month, which are being enjoyed by everyone. Our Sunday School is well attended and here also several improvements have been noted. A Senior Choir has also been started and they are giving us special numbers at every morning service.

We started with evangelistic meetings last winter, but owing to the stormy weather we had to discontinue. We are planning, however, to start earlier this fall with similar meetings before the bad weather gets ahead of us. It is our continued prayer that the Lord may still reach those who live in this community, but who are still without the assurance of an eternal hope.

Thomas Derman, Reporter.

Baptism, Reception of New Members and Communion at Eureka, South Dakota

The members of the First Baptist Church of Eureka, S. Dak., are very grateful to the Lord for the high privilege of receiving nine new members into their fellowship: five by baptism and four by transfer of letter from other churches. The impressive baptismal service was held on Good Friday evening as well as the specially prepared ceremony of extending the right hand of Christian fellowship and the observance of the Lord's Supper.

The Easter Sunday services in our churches of Eureka and Leola were attended in a grand way. All of God's children were eager to worship the risen Savior and, in response to careful preparations, an Easter offering of \$239.46 was dedicated for our Christian witness and missionary outreach. The total amount was forwarded to our headquarters in Forest Park, Ill.

Since the arrival of our new minister, Rev. A. E. Reeh, and his family on October 1, 1955, many wonderful blessings have warmed our hearts. Special evangelistic services were conducted in the church at Leola and here in Eureka two weeks in each place. These services were well attended and on one evening the Male Choir of the Johannesthal station of the Ashley Church presented the Gospel message on wings of melody.

Our church schools are now so organized to provide classes for each age group from the Cradle Roll department to the Bible classes. English as well as German is used in our schools according to need. In order to emphasize missionary outreach and opportunities as well as need in these various fields, the schools initiated a program whereby the fifth Sunday in a month is now designated as Mission Sunday.

Plans are now underway to have a Vacation Bible School shortly after the close of the Public Schools at the end of May, both at Eureka and at Leola. In order to stimulate and foster regularity in attendance and loyalty in our church schools, a system of awards has been initiated, and a surprisingly large number of scholars are now eligible for the award.

Fred C. Wolff, Clerk.

Baptist Church Choir, Herreid, South Dakota, Presents Easter Cantata, "The Living Redeemer"

Sunday evening, April 8, the Herreid Baptist Church choir of Herreid, S. Dak., presented an Easter Cantata entitled, "The Living Redeemer." Rev. E. S. Fenske served as choir director, Mrs. R. H. Ackerman as organist, and Mrs. Esteline Quenzer as reader. Although the cantata was rendered one week after Easter, the wonderful message of the risen Christ was well received by a large and appreciative audience.

The choir consists of 25 members and sings at our Sunday morning worship services. The desire of our choir is to be a blessing as we serve Christ through the message of song.

Mrs. E. S. Fenske, Reporter.



The Baptist Church Choir, Herreid, S. Dak., with Rev. E. S. Fenske, director (center, front row), that presented the Easter cantata, "The Living Redeemer."

GOD'S HEALING HAND UPON A FAITHFUL SERVANT OF HIS

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking my many friends for the kindness they have shown me through cards, letters, flowers, visits and, most of all, for their prayer support during my stay of 3½ months in the hospital. (Mr. Rumpel as the builder of the Baptist Chapel on the Indian Muscovetung Reserve was badly burned in the fire that destroyed the partially finished building. See "Baptist Herald," Jan. 26, 1956 issue, page 21. Editor.)

I am thankful to God for sparing my life and for healing my body. It is certainly good to know that we have the hand of our Heavenly Father watching over us when one suffers such pain. (Jeremiah 30:17.)

Ed. Rumpel,
Edenwold, Saskatchewan.

Northwestern Conference

Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter Programs at Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Preparations for Easter were well in advance of Easter Sunday at the Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minn., and the blessings received throughout these preceding days were a glorious reminder that "Our Savior Liveth."

On Palm Sunday, three adults and four boys followed their Lord into the baptismal waters following the morning worship service and three boys and six girls joyously took this same step on that Sunday evening. Both Norris and Glennis Ganstorm, son and daughter of our pastor and wife, were among the baptismal candidates.

We had the privilege of having the Rev. Donald Patet with us who brought an inspiring message after which he, too, stepped into the baptismal waters to baptize two young believers from his church at Randolph, Minnesota.

The services during Holy Week were well attended and on Thursday evening, we gathered around the Lord's table in remembrance of his suffering and death. At this time the hand of fellowship was extended to those who followed their Lord in baptism and to another person who came to us by letter.

Easter Sunday activities began with a sunrise service and breakfast sponsored by the CBY and a program by the Sunday School. A crowded-to-capacity attendance for the morning worship service followed at which time we received the Easter offering.

On Easter Sunday evening the choir under the direction of Mr. A. Ahlquist and Mr. M. Carlson at the organ brought our day to a perfect ending with song and praise to our Risen Savior and Lord. May this be but a beginning of the outpouring of his Spirit.

Ida Glewwe, Reporter.

Encouraging Reports at the Annual Business Meeting, Calvary Church, Parkersburg, Iowa

The Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, held its annual business meeting on Thursday, April 19th. The pastor, Rev. Ronald C. MacCormack, presided. Excellent financial and achievement reports were given by all departments. Total receipts of the church amounted to \$17,579. For missions the sum of \$5,334 was raised.

During the year a church-model Hammond organ was installed, the parsonage was redecorated, one of the members, Andrew Hagen, was ordained to the ministry, the church attained the highest membership in its history (201), and a weekly broadcast on Saturdays at 12:15 p.m. was conducted over KNWS, Waterloo, Iowa, which continues.

The officers are as follows: clerk, R. H. Mulder; treasurer, Bert Heerts; deacons, Heit Huisinga, Alvin Lindaman, Fred Junker, Harold Freeseaman, and August Schwerdtfeger; trustees, Paul Abkes, Fred Everts, and Grant Palmer; Sunday School superintendent, Louis Dreyer; assistant, William Heerts; Sunday School secretary, Edward Hayes; assistant, Arnold Frey; organist, George Thorne; assistant, Mrs. William Heerts; music committee, Marion Arends, Mrs. William Heerts and Mrs. John Goldhorn; ushers, Paul Abkes, Raymond Pruisner, John Goldhorn, and John Krull. Committees were appointed to survey the matters of auditorium lighting, beautifying of church windows, and of a scenic painting for the baptistry. A car allowance and salary increase were voted to the pastor.

Our congregation rejoices in the power and presence of the Lord. We earnestly pray that new spiritual territory will be gained in the coming year.

R. C. MacCormack, Pastor.



Fourteen of the 16 persons who were baptized on confession of their faith at the Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., on Palm Sunday by Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom, pastor (back row, right).

Pacific Conference

Baptismal Service and Musical Programs at Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, British Columbia

On Easter Sunday evening, the Ebenezer Church of Vancouver, B. C., joyfully witnessed the baptism of six young boys. Most of these came to the realization that they were sinners in need of salvation during the time of Rev. John Wobig's service as evangelist here last February. May these young lives grow strong in spirit and be willing workers in the vineyard of the Lord! Following the baptismal service, the newly baptized, as well as four adults, were extended the hand of fellowship and partook of the Lord's Supper.

During the Easter week each of the four choirs of our church rendered special music, taking us in song to the foot of the Cross where Jesus died and then on to his glorious resurrection. On March 18th, the Missionary Guild presented its annual program. The showing of colored films entitled, "The Trial," "The Crucifixion," and "The Resurrection" highlighted the evening and impressed anew on all present the true meaning of Easter.

Mrs. Eugen Lueck, Reporter.

Baptism of Ten Converts and Inspirational Programs at Elk Grove Baptist Church, California

The Lord has showered many blessings upon the First Baptist Church, Elk Grove, Calif., in recent weeks. Our evangelistic meetings from February 1 to 15 with Rev. Aaron Buhler of Lansing, Mich., were a source of inspiration and reconsecration to Christians and the means of showing sinners the way of salvation. Ten converts followed the Lord in baptism on Easter Sunday evening. What a joy it was to welcome them into our church fellowship! We are grateful to the evangelist and our pastor, Rev. W. W. Knauf, for their untiring devotion in preaching and visitation work during this period.

It was also our privilege to have the Willow Rancho Baptist Church recognition service in our church following our evangelistic meetings. The service was very impressive and sweet fellowship followed as we all met in the social hall for refreshments.

On February 24 our Woman's Missionary Society held a Mother's and Daughter's Banquet which was very well attended. We enjoyed the guest speaker of the evening who is the missionary of the Lincoln Christian Center of Sacramento. On April 9 we had the pleasure of hearing the Coronation Choir of 37 voices from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California. They presented a fine program of both vocal and instrumental numbers.

Tuesday, April 17, was an evening long to be remembered with the ordination of Rev. William Dalton. "Bill and Arlene" have been appointed missionaries to Pakistan and we are proud to have the opportunity of assisting



Miss Anita J. Richards, the new church missionary for the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois.

with their support while they are laboring for the Lord in that country. Theodora G. Wuttke, Reporter.

Central Conference

Miss Anita Richards, New Church Missionary for the Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Illinois

Miss Anita J. Richards, a faculty member of Olivet College of Kankakee, Ill., will become the local church missionary for the Immanuel Baptist Church of Kankakee in June. Miss Richards was born in Miami, Fla., and received her high school education and early office and secretarial experience in St. Petersburg. Being interested in music, she majored in violin at Olivet College, where she graduated in 1954 with the B.S. in Music Education degree. She has done further graduate work towards the master's degree at the University of Illinois and for the past two years served on the faculty of the Division of Fine Arts of Olivet College.

Since 1953 Miss Richards has been Minister of Music at the Immanuel Baptist Church where she will now become a member and enter full time local missionary work in the fields of visitation, music, and secretarial work. We appreciate Miss Richards' talent and consecration to the Lord. Already she has had the opportunity to lead several to know Christ as Savior.

WHITEMOUTH, MAN., CHURCH CELEBRATES 50th ANNIVERSARY

The Baptist Church of Whitemouth, Man., expects to celebrate its 50th anniversary on Sunday, June 3rd. All congratulations of former pastors and members of the church, be it by letter or personally, will be greatly appreciated. Kindly mail your letters to Mr. W. Kretschmer, Seven Sisters Falls, Man., or the local pastor, Rev. J. Kuehn, River Hills Manitoba.

The enlargement of the work and the many new families coming to the services has necessitated further help. God has graciously blessed our church so that the Sunday School and evening services have more than doubled in attendance in the past four years and a Junior Church and three young people's groups and a Junior Choir have been established.

Herman H. Riffel, Pastor.

Immanuel Church, Kankakee, Illinois, Extends a "Home Welcome" to Two Missionaries

Sunday, April 22, was a "great day" for the members and friends of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kankakee, Illinois. Miss Ruby Salzman and Miss Esther Salzman, who call Kankakee their home, were welcomed in the services, being home on furlough from the British Cameroons, West Africa, and the Philippine Islands, respectively.

In the morning service, Miss Ruby Salzman was welcomed and presented with an orchid corsage. Six people—four women and two men—were baptized. Rev. Herman H. Riffel brought the message on, "The Answer of a Clear Conscience."

In the evening service Mr. Riffel brought the message on, "Beautiful In the Eyes of God." Mr. George A. Salzman, the church choir, and the Immanuel male quartet brought special music. Each of the missionaries spoke a few words to the eager audience, Esther telling of God's promise to her in 2 Tim. 1:7, when she left for turbulent China in 1940 and of his guidance throughout the years into her presently completed term of service in the Iloilo Mission Hospital in the religious but Christless Philippines. Ruby spoke of the various aspects of her work in the British Cameroons, particularly challenging the young people of the audience to answer the call to the foreign field where the need is to very great.

Miss Esther Salzman was welcomed on Sunday morning, April 15, also receiving an orchid corsage. She returned about April 10 from the Philippines after five and one-half years of service as Dean of the College of Nursing, Central Philippine University, Iloilo City, Philippine Islands. Miss Ruby Salzman returned to Kankakee after having served four and one-half years as General Director of Schools, the Cameroons Baptist Mission, in British West Africa.

At the close of the service the Salzman Guild was in charge of a reception in the church basement. Miss Anita Richards, violinist, accompanied by Mrs. J. Daniel Merrick, played. Refreshments were served from two tables, one decorated with black African figurines and forsythia. Yellow tapers were in black holders. The Philippine table had a straw ox cart filled with flowering quince (japonica), using bittersweet tapers also in black holders. Both tables were covered with dark green linen cloths. The decorations were in charge of Mrs. J. Burton Hertz. Mrs. Earl Hatley served coffee and Mrs. Gilbert Luhrs punch.

Mrs. Gilbert Luhrs, Clerk.

Eastern Conference

Missionary Play and Easter Cantata at the Calvary Church, Killaloe, Ontario, Canada

The play entitled, "The Soldier of the Cross," was given on Tuesday evening, March 27th at the Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario. Names of those who took part (from left to right) are Miss Dalton Schleen, Mr. Frank Moir, Mrs. Willard Cienow, Mr. Barry Buder, Miss Gail Hartwig, Mr. Donald Weber, Miss Gale Buckwald, Mr. Arthur Getz, Mr. Winston Wills, Miss Jule Weber, Mr. Keith Schleen; director, Mrs. L. W. George; Mr. Ronald Getz, Mr. Boyd Manwell.

The theme of this play was based on the Scripture verse found in Mark 8:35, "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it, but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it." The story was centered around Richard Cartwright, who heard the voice of God speaking to him, surrendering all and going to India to preach the Gospel.

The offering was designated for the Spanish-American Mission of our denomination which is the missionary project of the Eastern Conference CBY. The CBY of the Calvary Church meets every second and fourth Tuesday of the month and is divided into four Commission groups: Program and Worship, Enlistment and Publicity, Fellowship and Service, Study and Missions. Even though the group is small, we thank God for our young people and their faithfulness to the church.

Easter Sunday at Killaloe was a bright and happy day for everyone, beginning with the sunrise service at 6:00 o'clock, which was well attended. At the morning worship service the message by the pastor on the Resurrection of Jesus was followed by the communion service. In the evening the choir presented an Easter Cantata, "Our Mighty Lord," directed by Rev. L. W. George, pastor. An overflowing crowd filled the auditorium of Calvary Church to hear this cantata sung by the choir. A special Easter offering was taken at this service for the Church Extension Fund.

Mrs. E. D. Zummach, Reporter.

Northern Conference

Evangelistic Services With Rev. William Hoover at the Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta

It was our privilege at the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, to have Rev. William Hoover of Benton Harbor, Mich., for a week of revival meetings. These special evangelistic services were held from April 8 to 15. God blessed the plain Gospel messages brought to us in such a spirit-energized and convincing manner that many persons found Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. We are thankful to our Lord that he has been so

merciful to us, giving us another opportunity to rededicate our lives to him. Decisions have been made for a closer walk with Jesus.

The climax of these meetings came on the last Sunday night when Mr. Hoover showed us a number of different chains that keep people down and away from Jesus. But glory be to our Lord, there is a possibility to arise, to be free and fearless. As the closing invitation was given, people from all over the large audience stepped out and came forward witnessing that God had blessed them abundantly during these days.

We are thankful for such wonderful opportunities. Our prayer is the Lord may continue to bless us that we might experience even greater heights in the service of his Kingdom.

Withold Neumann, Reporter.



Cast of characters for the play, "The Soldier of the Cross," presented at the Calvary Church, Killaloe, Ontario (left), and Rev. and Mrs. L. W. George, pastor of the church and director of the play.

Play, "Revive Us Again," Is Presented by McDermot Avenue CBY, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Once again we owe a blessed evening at the McDermot Avenue Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Rev. E. J. Baumgartner, who in 1943 wrote the play, "Revive Us Again," and which was given to us by our pastor, Rev. H. J. Waltereit. We, as the English CBY, had the privilege to present this play on April 15th in an endeavor to raise funds to meet our Tri-Union project goal. The message of this play, falling close after our evangelistic meetings, stirred the entire audience and our prayer is that God will truly "revive" us again.

The choir, comprised mostly of young people, rendered two beautiful selections: "Lord God Almighty" and "Savior, Lead Me Lest I Stray," to set the mood for the evening. We express our thanks to Ernie Rogalski and Adina Tulman, who very ably directed this production, and the young people who portrayed the characters as follows: Seno Rist, Gladys Kort, Andrey Kort, Ernie Kort, Elizabeth Gerhardt, Myra Kort, Brian Kort, Wilfred Fiks, Frieda Grieger, Bernice Graumann, Violet Lepholtz, and Dorothy Sturhahn. The special singing in the play was by Elsie and Margaret Stober, Elsie Lepholtz, and Joyce Kort.

We are now planning on taking this play to various churches, and we know that God will have a real blessing in store for all who hear it.

Miss Erna Redlich, Reporter.

Special Observances, Easter Program and Musical Numbers CBY at Minitonas, Manitoba

The CBY of the First Baptist Church, Minitonas, Manitoba, has again had extensive activities. Youth Week was held from Feb. 6-14. Monday evening the young people had a study evening. Tuesday was visitation evening. The young people, who were divided into groups, went out to visit the old folk who were sick or otherwise unable to attend the regular church services. The songs, special numbers, Scripture, and prayer

proved to be a real blessing to the young people as well as to the old folk. On Wednesday evening the young people participated in making the prayer meeting a blessed time. The following Monday a cabinet meeting was held, and on Tuesday, Feb. 14, a Valentine Social was held in the church basement.

On Sunday, Feb. 12, the CBY presented a "Youth Week Special" program. The program consisted of choir and special numbers, and a play entitled, "The Lamp Burned Low." On Feb. 25, this program was presented in Swan River, Man., and on March 9 the young people again presented it in Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

On Easter Sunday, April 1, the CBY presented a program which proved to be a blessing to all in attendance. The songs by the choir, men's quartet, duets, trios, poems, as well as the play, "The Way of the Cross," told again the wonderful story of Christ's resurrection.

The young people's choir, under the direction of Ed. Hart, has proven to be a valuable asset in the work of the church. In addition to taking part in all the young people's programs, the choir also sings for every second Sunday evening service. Under the capable leadership of the president, Lily Boymook, the CBY is proving its ability in the service of the Lord.

Rose Eisner, Reporter.

I WAS IN RUSSIA

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closest of attention. But there were no Sunday Schools, no Christian youth meetings, and there was a great preponderance of older people and women in all the services, especially in the Orthodox churches.

In Leningrad we visited the Pioneers' Palace, one of the large palaces formerly owned by the Czar's family and now a center of youth activities. At least 12,500 children, between seven and 15 years of age, meet here regularly twice a week in small circles, under the affectionate and competent guidance of enthusiastic leaders, to play, to study, to work with their hands. We found it a place of vibrant life, but it was clear that its purpose was to mould these youngsters into loyal and devoted members of the Communist society.

THE STRUGGLE FOR SOULS

Thus we might well say that the struggle for the souls of the next generation is on between the mothers and the teachers. Who will win? To be brutally frank, at present the outlook from the Christian point of view is not bright. So many of the advantages appear to lie on the other side, and the Communist leaders seem to be quite confident that they will eventually win.

Yet, God's timetable is different from ours. The day will come when hungry hearts will turn from the empty altars of a materialistic faith to Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In the meantime, there glows in countless hearts in Russia the faithfulness of those who call him Lord. Families who have drifted away from the church come back in times of trouble. As one person said: "At times of bereavement, neither Marx nor Lenin have words for the family equivalent to the benediction of the priest."

Some day—when God's hour has struck—new fire will spring from these glowing embers. Until then, our fellow-Christians in Russia need more than anything else our Christian love, our humble, sympathetic understanding, and our constant intercessory prayers.

THE QUEEN COMES HOME

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the north, the sight of hundreds of horsemen, and, at all times and in all places, a joyous welcome. For that welcome and for the loyalty it showed, I am deeply grateful.

"But perhaps even more striking was the sense of purpose and determination, particularly in the intellectual field, which is so evident amongst the people of Nigeria. They know what they want: they are pushing forward with education, and schools are multiplying.

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.)

MR. SIDNEY LE ROY SOMMARS of Madison, South Dakota.

Mr. Sidney LeRoy Sommars of Madison, S. Dak., was born on January 28, 1898 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He came to Madison with his parents in 1904. He was married to Iome Gimpel in 1924. One son, Jerald, was born into their family circle. Mr. Sommars was a well known personality in Madison. Those who dealt with him in business matters spoke highly of him.

He loved his Lord and his church. He served as head usher and as trustee of his church with great efficiency and much devotion. Since he had been in poor health, because of a weak heart, he had to curtail many of his business and church activities during the past four years. Despite his limited strength he always tried to be cheerful and helpful. Realizing that his weakened heart could not carry on indefinitely, he settled his business affairs so that his wife and son could carry on. On Friday, April 13, after having settled some business matters, he suddenly collapsed and soon passed on to be with his Lord. He had attained the age of over 58 years.

He is survived by his wife, one son, three sisters, two grand-children, besides a great host of other relatives and friends. Professor Herbert Hiller of Sioux Falls and the pastor were in charge of the memorial service.

West Center St. Baptist Church,
Madison, South Dakota

FRED SCHMIDT, Pastor.

MRS. ROSIE LETZ of Salem, Oregon.

Mrs. Rosie Letz, nee Fromm, of Salem, Ore., was born February 4, 1895, in Eureka, South Dakota. She departed this life at her home in Salem, Ore., April 13, 1956, at the age of 61 years, 2 months and 9 days. She was baptized in the Baptist Church at Hebron, N. Dak., in 1912 by Rev. John Schmidt. On February 4, 1914, she was married to Mr. Mike Letz in Eureka, S. Dak., and from this union they were blessed with seven children, three of whom preceded her in death.

In 1923 she and her husband moved to Salem, Ore., where they lived ever since. Also the same year she joined the Bethel Baptist Church of the same city, which church was her church home at the time of her death, having been a faithful member there for approximately 33 years.

She is survived by her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Esther Helton of Salem; three sons: William Letz of Portland, Ore.; Roy Letz of Bend, Ore.; and Walter Letz of Salem; eleven grandchildren; three sisters: Mrs. Lydia Gaertner of Salem, Mrs. Christina Gunch of Zap, N. Dak., and Mrs. Martha Amos of Eugene, Ore.; three brothers: Robert Fromm of Canby, Ore.; Emmanuel Fromm of Tacoma, Wash.; and Henry Fromm of Coos Bay, Ore.; and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Memorial services were conducted in the

"At Ibadan I was greatly impressed by the university college. Apart from this, more and more young men and women go to England and America for higher education. This activity is repeated in many other fields, in medicine, in commerce, and in law.

INTEREST IN THE TRIP

"They are indeed proving the truth of one of their own proverbs. I will give you the English translation: 'A young person who travels extensively and mixes freely is more experienced than an old person who stays in the same place'."

Howells-Edward Funeral Home of Salem, April 17, by the pastor. Interment was at Belcrest Memorial Park Cemetery.

Bethel Baptist Church,
Salem, Oregon

ALBERT W. WARDIN, Pastor.

MR. HERMAN D. JOHNSON of Tea, South Dakota.

Mr. Herman D. Johnson of Tea, S. Dak., son of John and Antje Johnson, was born in Manslagt, Germany, November 3, 1879. His spiritual life commenced on February 2, 1913, when at the age of 33 years he took Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized in Germany.

In this same year of 1913, Mr. Johnson came to America, settling first at Buffalo Center, Iowa, and a little later at Monroe, South Dakota. It was here that he married Mrs. Tena Peters on September 18, 1915. Four years later they moved to Corona, S. Dak., and then to the vicinity of Chancellor, South Dakota. In 1947 they retired from farming and moved to Tea, S. Dak., where after a lingering heart ailment he passed on to be with the Lord on April 8, 1956, at the age of 76 years.

For 33 years Brother Johnson was a faithful and devoted member of the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, South Dakota. He is survived by his faithful wife and four children: Ann, Tea; Mrs. Thomas Jibben, Sioux Falls; one step-son: Henry Peters, Tea; one step-daughter: Mrs. Fred Jacobs, Tea; two sisters in Germany; and nine grandchildren. Services were conducted in the First Baptist Church of Chancellor, S. Dak., by Rev. Harold E. Weiss and the pastor.

Chancellor, South Dakota

REV. FRED G. MOORE, Pastor.

MR. JOHN MINDRUP of Platte Center, Nebraska.

Mr. John Mindrup of Platte Center, Neb., was born September 27, 1876 at Halle a. d. Saale, Germany, and died at Columbus, Neb., in a hospital on April 14 at the age of 80 years. He had been in failing health for several years.

On November 5, 1902 he married Emma Zeckler at Alta Vista, Kans., and after farming in that community for a few years, they moved to a farm north of Columbus Nebraska. Mrs. Mindrup died February 11, 1928. Mr. Mindrup retired from farming about 1932 and has since lived in Platte Center, tenderly cared for by his daughter, Anna, and surrounded by all the love of his wonderful children.

At the age of 28 he found and accepted Christ as his Savior and was added to the congregation of the Shell Creek Baptist Church through baptism by Rev. Heinrich. He was always a devoted Christian with cheerfulness ever a matter of fact, and the spiritual welfare of others in his foremost thoughts. He will long be remembered by all who knew him.

Surviving are seven children: Miss Anna and Herman of Platte Center; Mrs. Elmer (Edna) Bergren of St. Edward; Harold of Logan, Iowa; John of Ames; Fred of Belgrade; and Mrs. Rober (Hilda) Dischner of Santa Ana, Calif.; also 19 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr. Mindrup was preceded in death by a daughter, Esther, who died in infancy, one brother and one sister.

Shell Creek Baptist Church,
Columbus, Nebraska

P. T. HUNSICKER, Pastor.

During the Queen's absence her people were kept informed of her activities. Pictures and commentaries describing the warm reception being given to the Queen as she visited her people in West Africa for the first time filled London's newspapers daily. Hourly telecasts and radio broadcasts followed her every move in that strange land. The common gossip on the street, over cups of tea, and over backyard fences was the Queen's visit to Nigeria. All of this gives evidence of the interest shown by the Queen's people in England of her recent trip of unification and goodwill to Nigeria.

MRS. MARIE ROSE PAZER of Colfax, Washington

Mrs. Marie Rose Pazer of Colfax, Wash., was born Dec. 25, 1896, at Almota, Wash., and, after a lingering illness, passed away March 26, 1956 at the age of 59 years, 3 months and 1 day. In her youth our sister accepted Christ as her Savior and joined the Onecho Mennonite Church. After her marriage she was baptized by immersion, Aug. 29, 1943, by Rev. R. M. Klingbeil and united with the Wilcox Baptist Church near Colfax, Washington. When the Wilcox Church merged with First Baptist Church of Colfax, she brought her membership here and remained a true Christian and a faithful member of the church, always taking her place in the House of God on the Lord's Day.

On November 10, 1933 she was married to Mr. Alvert Pazer. One son was born to them. She is survived by her deeply bereaved husband, Harold; her son; two brothers, three sisters, and many friends. According to her own request, the 23rd Psalm was used as a source of comfort at the funeral service. Rev. R. M. Klingbeil and the undersigned took part in the service at our church.

First Baptist Church,
Colfax, Washington

F. E. KLEIN, Pastor.

MR. GEORGE HERR, SR. of Eureka, South Dakota.

Mr. George Herr, Sr., of Eureka, S. Dak., an early pioneer of McIntosh County, passed to his reward March 25, 1956 at the Eureka Hospital where he had been a patient for about two weeks. He was 85 years of age and came to this country in 1884. His entire life was spent in farming, except for the years of his retirement. In 1891 he married Christina Boshee, with the late Rev. E. Matzke of the Baptist Church, of which they were both members, performing the ceremony.

Their first home was of sod and stones, thus sharing the experiences common to the early settlers. In 1889 he was baptized upon confession of his faith in Jesus Christ, becoming a member of the Beaver Creek Church, taking an active part in the church and community in which he lived. He was a Church School teacher, superintendent, deacon and clerk for 27 years. Since 1942 he was a resident of Eureka, S. Dak., and a beloved member of the First Baptist Church.

Surviving are his third wife, five sons and their families, two daughters and their families, 69 grandchildren and 72 great-grandchildren, many friends and the members of his beloved church. Three children preceded him in early childhood and three in recent years.

The memorial service was held in German in the First Baptist Church of Wishek, N. Dak., according to his request and arrangement by the family. The undersigned was assisted by the local pastor, Rev. L. O. Wahl. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord."

Eureka, South Dakota

A. E. REEH, Minister.

MR. JOHN MARTIN of Drake, North Dakota.

Mr. John Martin of Drake, N. Dak., was born Aug. 26, 1891 in Czukurawa, Rumania, and came to America with his parents in 1902. The family homesteaded six miles south of Kief, North Dakota. On June 9, 1916 he was united in marriage to Sophia Martin. The couple farmed in Strassburg Township south of Kief until his retirement in 1949 when they moved to Drake, North Dakota. This union was blessed with seven children, six sons and one daughter. One son preceded him in death in infancy. The living are: Albert, Alfred and Bennie of Kief, N. Dak.; Edwin of Ka'amazoo, Mich.; Freda, Mrs. Ben Rauser of Goodrich, N. Dak.; and Jonathan of Camp Chaffee, Arkansas.

He was converted in 1922 to the Lord Jesus Christ while attending services at the Rosenfeld church. He was baptized by Rev. S. A. Fuxa and became a member of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church. During the time he held many offices in the church as deacon, trustee, Sunday School superintendent and church treasurer. In 1949 he moved to Drake, N. Dak., and joined the Drake Baptist Church of which he was a member until the Lord called him to his heavenly home.

Mr. Martin had been ill for about five weeks. He passed away Friday, March 30th, in Minot Hospital. He reached the age of 64 years, 7 months and 4 days. He leaves to mourn his departure his bereaved wife, six children, four grandchildren, two sisters: Mrs. Caroline Krueger of Mercer, N. Dak., and Mrs. Justina Burgmeister of Drake, N. Dak., and many other relatives and friends who live in hope to meet him on that beautiful shore. Rev. D. H. Yeend of the Drake Baptist Church and Rev. Arthur Voigt of the Rosenfeld Baptist Church spoke words of comfort to the bereaved. Interment was made in the Rosenfeld Cemetery. May the Lord of comfort be the strength of all who mourn, especially with the bereaved wife and children.

Anamoose, North Dakota

A. KROMBEIN, Correspondent.

MRS. MARIE ELIZABETH BUXIE of Anamoose, North Dakota.

Mrs. Marie Elizabeth Buxie, nee Trellenberg, of Anamoose, N. Dak., was born January 9, 188 at Tulsea, Rumania. She was married to John Buxie March 1, 1901 in Rumania; later they moved to Germany. In April 1909 they left Germany, came to America, and settled on a farm four miles east of Anamoose, North Dakota. She left the farm in 1936 and lived in the town of Anamoose until 1948. Then she left for Bismarck, N. Dak., to be in the Home for the Aged, where she stayed until February 1956.

In her youth she was converted, was baptized and became a member of the Baptist Church of Rumania. After she came to North Dakota, she joined the Anamoose Baptist Church of which she was a faithful member until death.

This union was blessed with eleven children, five preceding the mother in death. Lydia died July 24, 1922 at the age of 18 years. Adolph was killed in service Jan. 21, 1945 at the age of 23 years. Also her husband preceded her in death in 1932. The following six children are mourning their mother: Walter, Anamoose, N. Dak.; Mary, Mrs. G. Altman, Eureka, Calif.; Emma, Mrs. C. Frank, St. Paul, Minn.; John, Minneapolis, Minn.; Ben, St. Paul, Minn.; and Augusta, Mrs. A. Frederick, Belfour, North Dakota. She also leaves to mourn an aunt, Rose Engel, aged 93 at the Home of the Aged in Bismarck; and twelve grandchildren.

She died at the Harvey Hospital April 16, 1956 at the age of 73 years, 3 months and 7 days. Her favorite hymn was that wonderful German song, "Gott ist die Liebe." It was her sincere wish to be released of her suffering to be with the Lord where there shall be no more suffering because old things have passed away. May the good Lord comfort and bless all those who mourn! Rev. B. W. Krentz of Bismarck, Rev. J. Kastelein of Harvey and the undersigned took part in the service.

Anamoose, North Dakota

A. KROMBEIN, Pastor.

MRS. KATHARINE K. JUSTUS of Anaheim, California.

Mrs. Katharine Kingmann Justus of Anaheim, Calif., was born in Gnadenfeld, Russia, on July 18, 1891 and passed away in Anaheim, Calif., on January 8, 1956. In the late fall of 1913 she, together with her late husband, Samuel Justus, and two children made the long journey from her native land to Fessenden, N. Dak., arriving there in January 1913. For 31 years this was her home until she and her husband moved to Anaheim, Calif., in 1944. After her husband's death, she lived in Lodi, Calif., for several years and then came back to Anaheim again about two years ago.

On December 25, 1909 she was joined in marriage to Mr. Samuel Justus and shared the joys and duties of life with him for almost 39 years—until time of his death on August 28, 1948. The Lord blessed their union and gave them a wonderful family of twelve children. Four of these preceded their parents in death. Those remaining behind are five sons: Alex, Leonard, and Wesley of Anaheim, Calif.; Edward of North Dakota, and Roland of Portland, Ore.; three daughters: Mrs. Emma Stone of North Dakota, Mrs. Elsie Trapp of Anaheim, and Mrs. Irene Bowser of Lodi, California. In addition, she is survived by 13 grandchildren, one sister, and several brothers in Argentina.

Mrs. Justus was converted in 1923 and shortly thereafter was baptized by Rev. Thomas Stoeri and received into the mem-

bership of the Baptist Church in Fessenden, North Dakota. Through the years she was a faithful follower of her Lord and an active and loyal member of the church. At the time of her death, her membership was in the First Baptist Church of Lodi, California.

For all the blessed memories she leaves behind in the hearts of those who knew and loved her, we thank our heavenly Father and claim for her the promise of his Word: "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord . . . for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow after them."

Bethel Baptist Church,
Anaheim, California

BERTHOLD JACKSTEIT, Pastor.

MR. WILMER E. EDINGER of Cathay, North Dakota.

Mr. Wilmer Eugene Edinger of Cathay, N. Dak., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Edinger, was born on February 8, 1924 in Woodward Township near Cathay, N. Dak., and passed away on March 11, 1956 at 4:15 in the afternoon after a lingering illness of one year and three months to be with his Lord and Savior, attaining the age of 32 years, 1 month and 3 days.

During evangelistic services conducted by the late Rev. Gustav Eichler, he was converted and then baptized in June 1936 by Rev. Emanuel Bibelheimer and received into the Cathay Baptist Church, of which he was a member at his death. Two years ago he changed his religion, but his last wish was to have his funeral service in the Cathay Baptist Church and the burial in the Cathay cemetery.

Wilmer's occupation was farming and he was township supervisor of Woodward Township for five years. He was also 4-H Club leader for nine years in the community.

He is survived by his father and step-mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Edinger of Carrington; three sisters: Mrs. Carl Berndt (Lydia) of Cathay, N. Dak.; Mrs. Lloyd Archer (Ella) of Anaheim, Calif.; and Mrs. Ervin Meier (Adeline) of Sacramento, Calif.; and two brothers, Harold of Cathay, N. Dak., and Victor of Grand Forks, North Dakota. His mother died in 1940 and a twin sister and brother died in infancy. His passing is also mourned by many other relatives and a host of friends. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" (Psalm 116:15).

Cathay, North Dakota

THE FAMILY.

MR. FRED HILDEBRAND of Fredonia, North Dakota.

Mr. Fred Hildebrand of Fredonia, N. Dak., was born May 17, 1904 in McIntosh County, North Dakota. In his youth he attended the church and Sunday School of the Rosenfeld Church. In 1928 he went to Canada, where he farmed with his brother until 1939. From there he went to Crossfield, Canada, where he worked as a farm hand. About four years ago he became ill, and it developed cancer. He had a number of operations, but at last succumbed to this sickness. He died April 7, 1956 at the Ashley Hospital.

He leaves to sorrow for his homegoing: his stepmother, Mrs. Fred Hildebrand; his brothers: John of Richmond, Sask.; and Harold of Monango, N. Dak.; the sisters: Mrs. Barbara Schwab of Vancouver, British Columbia; Mrs. Amalia Morlock of Eglund, N. Dak.; also his half-brothers and -sisters: Mrs. Katie Beck of Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Irene Roesler of Pleasant Hill, Calif.; Mrs. Helen Harr of Lansing, Mich.; Erwin of Lansing, Mich.; Marvin of Stockton, Calif.; and Mrs. Rubie Johnson of Lansing, Mich.; besides the stepbrothers and -sisters: Ludwig Strobel of Fallon, Mont.; Gottlieb Strobel of Lehr, N. Dak.; Mrs. Pauline Isler of Lansing, Mich.; and Mrs. Bertha Knoblich of Ashley, North Dakota.

We are glad to report that he accepted the Lord in the last few days of his life. He requested the hymn, "Jesus, Lover Of My Soul," to be sung as a testimony to his new found faith. He also asked to tell every one that he found the Lord and hopes to meet all his loved ones in eternity.

The funeral service was held at the Berlin Baptist Church of Fredonia, N. Dak., with Rev. George Breikreuz of Lehr assisting in the service. May the Lord comfort the family of the bereaved!

Berlin Baptist Church,
Fredonia, North Dakota

VICTOR H. PRENDINGER, Pastor.

CAMEROONS DAY AT LAGOS

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for a moment all alone, every inch a Queen. I could not help thinking that she will be a lot like her grandmother in dignity as she grows older. It was a tremendous moment.

KNIGHTED BY THE QUEEN

Those to be invested wore full evening dress, marched one at a time to the dais, were announced, bowed low, were decorated, bowed low again, turned, bowed to the Duke and walked down the other side. From the knight to the lowliest able seaman, all were equal in her sight. Each of those knighted knelt on the velvet cushion, while she touched him on each shoulder with her sword and then, taking his hand, said, "Arise! Sir . . ."

Even more impressive was her attitude toward the six but able African seamen who were being rewarded for bravery in rescuing passengers from a ship that cracked up on a sandbank. Some of them had managed to acquire fair clothes for the occasion, and one had only a new cloth and a new store shirt with the tails hanging outside his cloth. Yet to each one she gave personal attention, asking interested questions, smiling and shaking hands. It was a magnificent performance of simplicity and dignity on a high level, which did not suffer by formality nor repetition but retained an intimate touch.

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As the band again struck up "God Save the Queen," with everyone standing at attention, the Queen stood again for a moment in the sparkling brilliance of her jewels, and then with great dignity she walked slowly down the ramp and into her car. As we drove home, the sky was aflame with a fireworks display that must have awed the African and seemed a fitting finish to "Our Day."

THE AFRICAN'S INNATE POISE

George W. Lang of Soppo remarked one day about the missionary having to be prepared to adjust himself to all levels of social situations, from squatting on the floor of a mud hut with primitive Africans to sitting at luncheon with the Queen of England. Yes, this is true, but I could not help but think of the even greater adjustment that had to be made by one brought up in that simple mud hut, yet sat at table with the Queen with the innate poise and dignity, that is the African's

most charming gift and which covers up any awkwardness of manipulating the impractical tools of the white man's eating habits.

The African woman in question, who sat second from the Queen, is a Basel Christian who is my assistant in my weekly women's meeting. Her poise and composure should have put me to shame. The mental adjustment and control necessary to spring the complete gap from the mud hut to the Queen's table is unfathomable and its achievement, with poise and dignity, is the highest compliment to the African and the complete answer to the sometimes superior white man, who still thinks of the African's capabilities as limited.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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Second, Paul defended the Gospel (26:18-23). He defended it, first of all, because of his own experience (26:13-16) and because of the change it brought about in the lives of many Gentiles and Jews (26:20).

Third, Paul presented the Gospel (26:26-29). He was not timid in appealing to the king to accept the salvation which Christ came to bring. An interesting index to Paul's unselfish nature is found in the fact that he wished the king, and all who heard him, might have everything he had except his bonds (vs. 29).

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