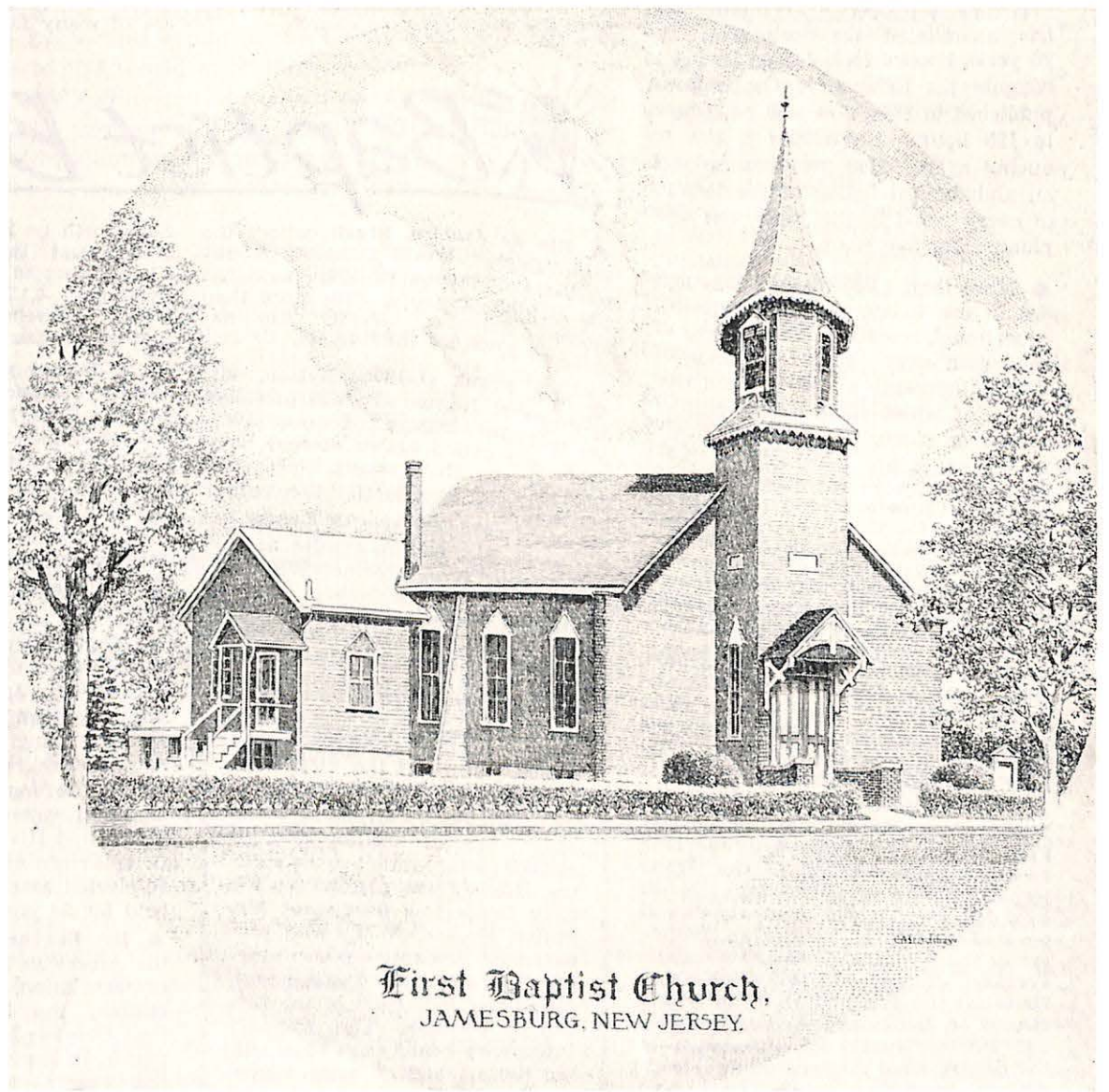


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# March of Events

● Senator William Langer of North Dakota has introduced legislation in Congress to require all Federal penal and correctional institutions to "maintain a supply of Bibles and religious literature to be furnished to any federal prisoner at his request."

● The Salvation Army is planning for new headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. A modern eight-story building will occupy the old site of Evangeline Residence and will cost approximately \$1,250,000. Work on the headquarters is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

● A concordance of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible is being prepared by a UNIVAC computer that has assimilated the Scriptures. The 30 years it once took James Strong to compile his Exhaustive Concordance, published in 1894, now will be reduced to 120 hours. Electronics is the reducing agent. The new concordance, an alphabetical listing of the location of every word in the Bible, has been planned for five years.

● More than 1,000 distinct languages are in use today, the United Nations educational, scientific, and cultural organization says. This total does not include thousands of dialects and variations, of which there are a thousand in Africa alone. A survey indicated 29 languages are used widely. Each is spoken by more than 10,000,000 persons. Chinese is the language of nearly one-fourth of the human race. English is spoken by 250,000,000 persons. Twenty-five major languages are considered by specialists to be important because of the extent to which they are spoken and their literature.

● Dr. James H. Hunter of Toronto, Ont., Canada, Editor of "The Evangelical Christian" and author of a number of widely selling religious fiction titles, has been signally honored by his publishers, the Zondervan Publishing House of Grand Rapids, Mich., as the "Author of the Quarter Century" in connection with the 25th anniversary celebration of the Grand Rapids publishers. The high honor awarded Dr. Hunter was announced by P. J. and B. D. Zondervan, founders of the business, at the silver anniversary dinner of the Publishing House at the Pantlind Hotel in Grand Rapids on October 5. Among the over 200 invited guests in attendance at the dinner were authors, editors, book dealers, publishers, civic, state, and national leaders.

● Winthrop W. Aldrich, United States Ambassador to Britain, opened

the new Pilgrim Fathers Memorial Church in Southwark, an historic quarter of London. The church is said to be the oldest Congregational church in Britain. It has been rebuilt three times since the original structure was founded in 1916 by Congregationalist martyrs inside the adjoining Clink Prison. Queen Elizabeth II sent a message saying that the work performed by the church members "cannot fail to strengthen the bonds between Great Britain and America." The Pilgrim Fathers prayed in the church and gave it their name before sailing for America in 1620. The second structure was destroyed in World War II and the new building, which cost 17,500 pounds (\$49,000), stands near the site of the old church.

## Baptist Briefs

● **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil**, where the tenth Baptist World Congress is expected to convene in 1960, now has 104 Baptist churches, with more than 20,000 members. Greater Rio has close to 2,000,000 inhabitants.

● **Mrs. Frank (Lillian) Nelson**, wife of Frank E. Nelson who was president of the American Convention 1955-1956, was called to her eternal home October 15. Her serious illness was announced at the Seattle Convention. For six weeks she appeared to be doing well. Mr. Nelson resides at 2007 Washington Ave., Racine, Wisconsin.

● **Italian Baptists have changed the name of their Union.** The Italian Evangelical Baptist Mission will

### FRONT COVER

The picture of the First Baptist Church, Jamesburg, N. J., was sketched by Mr. C. A. Bradshaw, one of the outstanding church picture artists in the country. He did the picture for the Clay Decorating Studios of Hamilton Square, N. J., who prepared 100 decorative plates bearing this picture and commemorating the dedication of the new church addition. The Woman's Missionary Society has been selling these plates to raise money for their project which is to put in a platform in the new fellowship hall. (See report on page 20.)

● A \$20,000,000-project to re-create Biblical Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Nazareth in California has been announced by the American Foundation for the Preservation of Christian Heritage. This project is a joint venture by Roman Catholic and Protestant leaders throughout the country. It will be known as 'Christialand.' The proposed site is a 2,000-acre plot in Riverside County, Calif., near San Diego. It was selected because of its similarity to the Holy Land in weather and terrain. The financing is still in the formative stage. Herbert A. Philbrick, former agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, is the executive secretary. James Francis Cardinal McIntyre of Los Angeles, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston and Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester, Mass., are among the Roman Catholic leaders who have endorsed the plan. The National Council of Churches has added a Protestant endorsement. The foundation plans to dedicate the land Christmas morning, with church leaders of many faiths participating.

henceforth be known as the Christian Evangelical Baptist Union of Italy. They report 56 churches with a membership of 4,159. Membership in the Baptist churches has nearly doubled in the past ten years.

● **A former member of the Baptist World Alliance Youth Committee**, Douglas Gow, has been elected by Canadian Baptists as General Chairman of the committee in charge of preparation for the Fifth Baptist Youth World Conference. The conference, scheduled for Toronto, June 27-July 2, 1958, will be the first Baptist World Youth Conference held in North America.

● **The National Baptist Convention of America** met in Richmond, Va., with about 5,000 delegates present. They went on record as "completely" favoring integration in public schools. A report asking that the Convention "meet the mob forces that seek to maintain segregation with devotion to Christ and His way" was adopted. Dr. G. L. Prince of Galveston, Texas, was re-elected as president, a post he has held for 23 years.

● **Dr. Eugene A. Nida**, secretary of the American Bible Society in charge of translation, is active in his home church, the North Baptist Church, Port Chester, N. Y., Dr. P. H. Conrad, pastor. In September he began his second year as teacher of "The King's Court," the young adult class in the church school. He gives an incisive study of the Scriptures in terms of the

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# Editorial

## Around the World in 68 Pages!

**YOUR TICKET** to see the world from the Christian point of view will cost you only \$1.00 by securing your copy of the 1957 ANNUAL. Its 68 pages will take you to China and Japan, on a sight-seer's trip to Europe, around the world to refugee camps, to our far flung mission fields, and to some exciting places in the United States and Canada. It will be an easy but thrilling adventure to open your eyes to the wonders of God in today's world as depicted in the 100 pictures and enlightening articles in the ANNUAL.

You will be amazed by several editorial "scoops" of this fascinating volume. Nowhere else will you find these important articles written expressly for the ANNUAL. The 500th anniversary of the Moravians, the first Protestant group in the world, will be celebrated in 1957. They gave to the world such men as John Hus and Count Zinzendorf and deeply influenced the spiritual awakening of John Wesley. They laid the groundwork for the Protestant Reformation. The story of the Moravians and their 500th anniversary has been graphically related by Rev. Bruno Schreiber, one of our very able authors.

The next year will also mark the 150th anniversary of the arrival of Robert Morrison, as the first Protestant missionary to China. Who remembers the life story of this great man of God who singlehandedly, with Christ at his side, opened China to the Gospel? Dr. I. E. Giedt of Rochester, N. Y., not only reviews Morrison's life but graphically portrays the future prospects of Christian missions in the vast country of China. This is an article to open the eyes and heart of every missionary-minded Baptist among us!

The 1957 ANNUAL will also feature an article on "Refugees of the World" by Dr. Paul R. Caudill, Baptist minister of Memphis, Tenn., and the chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Committee on Relief and Immigration. There are still millions of such refugees around the world, who were seen by Dr. Caudill on recent world tours of his. To catch the compassion of Jesus for the needy multitudes, you will have to read this message that appears exclusively as a magazine article in the ANNUAL.

That's only the beginning of your world tour! Miss Florence Miller will take you to Japan and tell you how it feels to be "no longer a foreigner in that country" as a Christian missionary. A California school teacher leaves her Mexican pupils and goes on a summer tour to Europe which she will describe for the reader's enjoyment.

One of the greatest attractions in California is a cemetery, where tens of thousands of people annually go in order to see "The Greatest Painting in the World." You will be thrilled by the pictures and story of "The Crucifixion" in the ANNUAL which required a million dollar building just to be large enough to exhibit this inspiring painting by the Polish artist, Jan Styka.

The Green Lake Assembly in Wisconsin can easily be called "The Baptist Hall of Fame" because on its grounds there are reminders in

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The wailing wall, in Arab Jordan of the Holy Land, where no Jew dares appear to lament the departed glory of the temple.

# Consider My Servant Job!

Radio message given over Station KJSK,  
Junction City, Kansas



By REV. J. R. KRUEGEL, Pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist  
Church of Kansas

**W**HY DO people have to suffer? Why is there so much sickness? Many people, who have been bed-ridden for years, have pondered these questions.

We don't pretend to know the full answer to the mystery of suffering, but the Bible does tell us a few things that help. To the person who trusts the Lord in the hours of pain, the Word of God gives comfort and strength in a way that the doctor and medicine never can give.

The child of God who walks close to the Lord knows that the Great Physician has a wonder medicine greater than any modern drug. The doctor can ease the pain in the body, but the Great Physician is the only One who can quiet the troubled soul. And pain of soul is far more serious than pain of body.

## JOB'S FAITH TESTED

The Lord said, "Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth (turns away from) evil?" Then Satan said, "Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? . . . put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face." Then God gave Satan permission to test Job, but restricted Satan with this order: ". . . only upon himself put not forth thine hand."

Then Satan went forth to destroy Job's faith in God. He took away Job's oxen, asses, sheep, camels, and servants. Last of all he took Job's sons and daughters. When news of all these calamities came to Job, he "rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and wor-

shipped" God. "In all this Job sinned not nor charged God foolishly."

However, Satan wasn't through with Job. He received permission from the Lord to "touch his bone and his flesh" in the hope that Job would break down and curse God. Satan "smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown," and also caused Job's wife to tempt him by saying, "Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die." In spite of all this, Job remained true to God (Job 1, 2).

## A GODLY MAN

Perhaps there was no man more perplexed over his suffering than was Job. Yet there was no man who learned better than Job that God watches over his own during the hours of suffering.

There are three things that stand out as we consider Job. First, Job was a **GODLY MAN**. God says, "There is none like him . . . perfect . . . upright . . . feareth God . . . turns from evil." Here is evidence from God's own testimony that Job was a man of God. Would God be able to say the same of us? No doubt, most of us would have to say, "No!" For that very reason we need to know Christ as our Savior, and for that reason we must walk with God daily, turning from evil and seeking to please God.

The second thing that we consider is that **GOD PROTECTS HIS OWN**. Only what passes God's approval comes upon his child. God made a hedge about Job and restricted the activity of Satan in his attacks upon Job. If you are God's child, you may rest in the promise of God that what you suffer today is only by his all-wise providence.

You may never understand why, at least not while here on earth, but you can be sure that God would not permit it if it were not for some good. God knows best. God permits only certain trials to come the way of the true Christian. He will not permit his child to be tried beyond his ability to bear it, and will, with each trial, provide a way to bear it or overcome it (1 Cor. 10:13). Truly, he gives grace for every trial.

## AS FIRE PURIFIES GOLD

One other thing we see in this story of Job is that **GOD HAS A PURPOSE IN OUR SUFFERING**. On first reading the story of Job, we may think that God was using Job as a guinea pig to prove to Satan that Job was faithful, and then in the end rewarded Job because of the way he stood the test. However, that is not the case at all. God does not bother to prove anything to Satan. God was testing and proving Job for Job's sake and Satan was being used unwittingly for Job's good. The trials refined Job as fire purifies gold.

Peter tells us that the trials of our faith are much more precious than the purifying of gold, though our faith be tried with fire. Gold will eventually be destroyed, but the soul that has been tested by God will be found to bring praise and honor and glory to God at the appearing of Jesus Christ (1 Peter 1:7).

James says that the Christian should count it all joy when he falls into various trials, knowing that the trying of his faith produces patience and growth toward Christian maturity, so that his character, like Job's, will be full, wanting nothing (James 1:2-4). Job stood the testing, came through the

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# Japan, As We See It!

The First Report by Rev. and Mrs. Edwin C. Kern, Missionaries in Japan

**L**ITTLE DID WE realize during our grammar school days that some day we would be going to "The Land of the Rising Sun" of which we were then studying. We only thought that their customs were interesting and far different from ours. If we had known at that time that we would be going to Japan some day, perhaps we would have studied about it more intensively.

Since our arrival in Japan on Dec. 10, 1955, several facts, customs, and practices in Japanese life have been brought to our attention. We had never had such a feeling of utter helplessness before we arrived in Japan. Never had we realized how illiterate we would be until we made our first attempt to speak to a Japanese person who knew English.

It was a similar experience to that of Joseph going to the land of Egypt as related in Psalm 81:5, "Where I (we) heard a language that I (we) understood not." This was a strange experience which is difficult to explain and yet quite easy to understand because we were in a foreign land where everyone was a stranger to us, having strange customs and speaking a strange language. They, however, were not the strangers but we were!

## OUR FIRST TRAIN RIDE

We were, however, very fortunate and grateful to have two of our missionaries meet us at Yokohama to guide us on our first train ride in Japan from Yokohama to Kyoto. This was a beautiful sunny day making it possible to enjoy the many changes of scenery as the locomotive sped along.

In view were many small vegetable fields which in spring become rice paddies. The background of the small vegetable fields is composed of many mountains. Off in the distance we saw the peerless Mt. Fuji, which rises 12,364 feet above sea level. This in many respects is an ideal mountain because of its gently sloping sides and irregular snowy cap.

The mountains are terraced tier upon tier for the growth of vegetables, fruits, and trees. Interspersed between fields and orchards are Shinto shrines with their beautiful outer gardens. Back in the mountains, valleys, and along the railroad, villages have been planted.

The Japanese islands are about as large as the state of California. On this small area only about 15 per cent of the land is arable leaving the remaining 85 per cent of the land mountainous, unfertile and untillable. The arable land includes only a very narrow border around the outside of the islands. This is the territory upon

which Japan's 90 million people live and grow about 70 per cent of their food. The other 30 per cent is imported from other countries, thus being quite expensive.

The Japanese people possess many attractive traits. They have shown us their very best hospitality. Many have offered their services to us when we were in need. They like the aesthetic qualities of life, are quick-witted and are very eager to learn. It is nothing unusual to see someone reading at a bus or streetcar stop. Many of the Japanese customs have proven to be exceptionally advantageous, as for example, that of taking off your street shoes and putting on slippers before entering into a house.

## THE JAPANESE PEOPLE

In spite of the many potentialities that Japanese people possess, they are inclined to be rather unstable. This characteristic is partially due to the present political, economic, and social condition but has its root in their religious customs and practices which are over 2000 years old. The old religions of Japan have not been able to give the people the inner stability for which they have been looking.

Socially speaking, one of the most striking features is that of contrast in Japan. There is a marked distinction between the rich and the poor. The middle class with which we as American people are so familiar seems to be very small. Most people are seemingly very poor or very rich. The homes of the rich are well built with Oriental or Occidental styling. The homes of the poor are usually built of mud

walls with a bark, tin or thatched rice straw roof. The furnishings usually are a rice straw mat floor (tatami), a low table, and a charcoal burner with which to warm their hands and to cook their rice.

The rich have a better diet which would include rice, fish, some meat, vegetables, fruits, and possibly some Western foods. But the poor family's diet consists mainly of rice, fish and some of the vegetables that are in season at that time. The poverty stricken people have a little less than a day to day living, whereas the more fortunate live a comfortable life, comparatively speaking.

One of the reasons for the social gap between the rich and the poor is the social status of a particular family. If a certain family has a shopkeeper's background, the members of that family will very likely carry on the family trade. This means if the family is in a good prosperous occupation one will very likely be in the rich class. But if one's family background is that of a poor fisherman there is very little possibility of getting into another occupation that may mean a better livelihood. There is only one alternative and that is to rustle for daily food, shelter, and clothing.

## JAPAN, A RELIGIOUS MUSEUM

Japan has been called a religious museum because of its many religions. According to the 1955 religious statistics, there are 77,780,324 Shintoists, 47,714,876 Buddhists, 485,399 Christians including Protestants and Catholics, and 3,419,471 of other religions.

On the surface it appears, that the religious life of many Japanese people is not more than partaking in the large festivals, paying tribute at the local shrine or temple and taking care of the tomb of the departed loved one at the time when the ancestral spirits are thought to return. During these various occasions, the worshiper takes care of his religious duties after which he then participates in much so-called merry-making.

It seems as if their religion does not have a great deal of meaning to an individual. But, when a person is asked to leave his old religious practices to follow Christ, the impact of Shinto and Buddhism is revealed. It is then that the bondage of the old religious practices, such as ancestor-worship and idol worship, can be observed in the life of an individual.

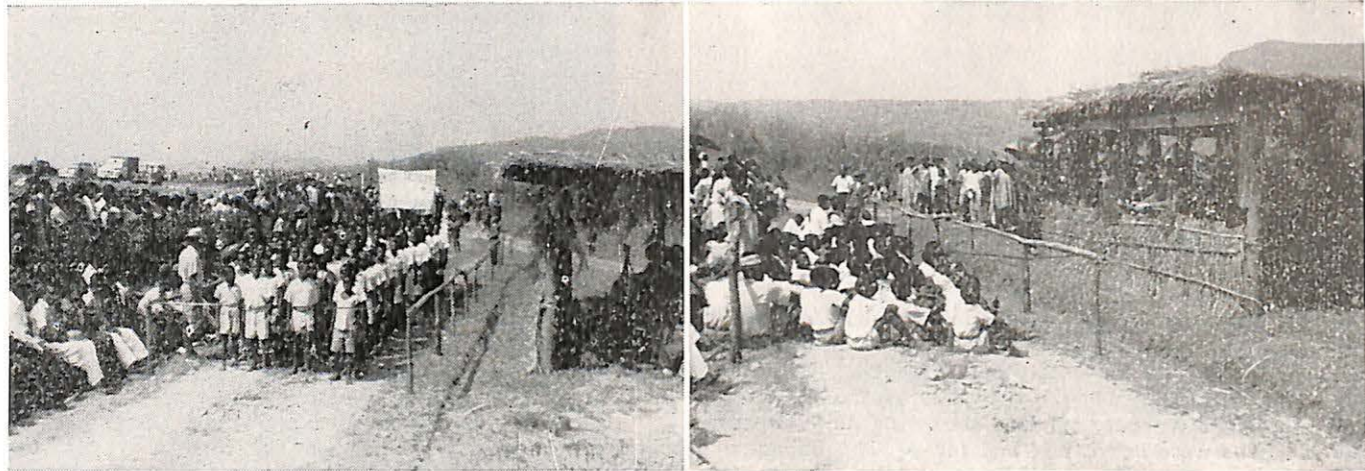
A Japanese does not have to cling only to one religion but he may be a Shinto believer because of his love for his country, he may be a Buddhist because of his many ancestors who

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Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Kern, missionaries in Japan.





Colorful scenes at the dedication of the New Hope Settlement for leprosy patients in the Cameroons, Africa, with children from the Belo School (left) helping to cut the ribbon, and with the impressive program in progress (right).

## “New Hope” Gets a New Doctor

The Missionary Story of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Stockdale

By REV. R. SCHILKE

THE READERS of this article will do well to refresh their memory by reading first the article which appeared in the issue of the BAPTIST HERALD of October 21, 1954 under “A Doctor for ‘New Hope.’” The writer followed this advice himself before attempting to prepare this present article. In that article mention was already made of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Stockdale and their appointment to Bamenda New Hope Settlement. Nothing more was said about them at that time except that their story was to follow later.

### A RED LETTER DAY

Two years have gone by since then and many things happened at Bamenda New Hope Settlement in those two years. December 7, 1954 certainly stands out as “a red letter day” for New Hope, not merely from the standpoint that the writer was there on that day but from the standpoint of what the happenings of that day meant for the entire leprosy work in Bamenda Province of the Cameroons.

The early morning hours of December 7, 1954 brought more than two thousand people together from the surrounding villages of Mbingo. Our native church and school at Belo, some five to six miles away, came out in full force, led by the children with banner and song. Chiefs and quarterheads from practically every surrounding village and area were represented in their colorful regalia. British officials, from the Deputy High Commissioner of the Cameroons to District Officers, Educational Officers and Medical Advisors were well represented. Native government authorities, members of the New House of Assembly of the Cameroons, were vitally interested, and religious barriers were set aside that day.

Our missionaries from Mbingo, Bamenda, and Belo saw the fulfillment of their dreams that day as all of us gathered together at the entrance to the Settlement under the direction of

Mbingo’s manager, Missionary Gilbert Schneider, to begin and to carry through the dedication service of Bamenda New Hope Settlement. The writer was privileged to bring the dedication message and offer the dedicatory prayer. To the Deputy High Commissioner fell the honor of cutting the ribbon and declaring the Settlement as officially opened.

No one may fully know what went on in the minds of the fifty-eight leprosy patients who were seated in the front row of the embankment, intently watching the procedure and progress of the dedication service. But of one thing we were quite certain: the presentation of Dr. Kenneth W. Jones, who arrived in time to be present and to participate in the program of the day, struck a warm response in their hearts. When the news of his interim appointment reached them prior to this day, they exclaimed, “Let



Dr. Eugene R. Stockdale, the new medical missionary at the New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons.

us pray and thank God.” Now they saw him; for him they thanked God.

Before the day was over we knew that Dr. Jones had been accepted by the natives. They had watched him through the day as he led a select group on an inspection tour through the various buildings and areas of the Settlement. He was their doctor. It mattered not whether his service could actually begin only some three months later after a period of indoctrination at another leprosy settlement in Nigeria nor that he was only their interim doctor.

The Apostle Paul on his journey to Rome was visited by a group of brethren and Luke later wrote of the experience: “Whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.” The sight of their doctor in their midst brought to these leprosy patients a similar experience.

### A PERIOD OF INTERIM SERVICE

Less than two years have gone by since Dr. Jones began his interim service; yet what has God wrought! The family of 58 leprosy patients has grown to over 300 within the settlement and about another 200 in outside clinics and segregated villages, regularly visited by the doctor. In addition, between 40 to 50 patients have already been discharged as healed or at least the disease arrested so that they can go back to their people and live as far as is possible a normal life. This latter, in particular, gives hope and courage to the others. Their lot is not a hopeless one as it used to be. God has been good to them. They have come to experience that love of God is the love of the missionaries living among them and serving them.

The interim service of Dr. Jones, already extended from what it was first to be, may be terminated by the spring of 1957. Plans have been laid for Dr. Jones and his family to come home in March or April.

We are grateful to God and thankful to Dr. Kenneth Jones for the period

of interim service. It enabled Dr. Eugene R. Stockdale, who had specifically been appointed in the spring of 1954 to this leprosy work, to complete his internship and residence work and further to gain some experience in local practice. On November 1, 1956 he and his family sailed for the Cameroons. Upon his arrival there he, too, will require a period of indoctrination in leprosy work in one of the leprosy settlements in Nigeria and then have just sufficient time to be initiated into the work at New Hope and take over when Dr. Jones and family will be ready to embark for home.

Who is Doctor Stockdale? Where does he hail from? Eugene Robert Stockdale was born on a farm near Aplington, Iowa, on April 26, 1921. He was the younger of twin boys born to Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stockdale. A sister and another brother followed five and 13 years later to complete the family. The parents were faithful members of the Presbyterian Church in Aplington, and “as far back as I can remember we attended church every Sunday,” writes Eugene. At 13 years of age Eugene also joined the church of his parents but realized very little the significance of this step at that time. Through Bible reading and study of God’s Word he came to know Christ more fully and opened his heart to the Savior.

In evangelistic meetings at the Baptist Church of Aplington, he came to a decision to be baptized by immersion, and through that step of obedience he became a member of this our church. Missionaries always have had a strange fascination for him. When Margaret Kittlitz left for the Cameroons as one of our missionary-nurses, a sense of inadequacy came over Eugene whether he should ever consider such a possibility for himself. Yet God was speaking to him through this missionary of the Cross.

### YEARS OF PREPARATION

In 1945 he entered the Army of the United States of America. It was then that he promised his Lord to go wherever the Lord would want him to go and do whatever the Lord wanted him to do. During the years of army life he married Violet Labagnara of Chicago, a consecrated Christian girl who shared his views concerning God’s call to the mission field.

After his discharge from the army, they both enrolled for a year at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Calif., in the fall of 1947. It was here that their objective became clear for them: medical work among the leprosy people.

Eugene Stockdale’s goal and call meant years of preparation. In secular education he had only completed high school at Aplington, Iowa. The long road did not falter his steps. From 1948 till 1949 he studied at North Park College. From 1949 till 1950 (with the summer course of 1948 also) he studied at Wheaton College. From

1950 till 1954 he studied at the University of Illinois, obtaining his Bachelor of Science degree in 1952 and his medical degree in 1954. Since then he served his internship and residence time with several months of local practice in the State of Iowa.

### THE DOCTOR’S FAMILY

Violet Labagnara was born on August 10, 1923 in Chicago, Illinois. She was the sixth of eight children born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Labagnara whose religious affiliation was Roman Catholic. At the age of 13,

On April 20, 1952 a son, David Robert, blessed their home. On May 15, 1954 a daughter, Diane Ruth, joined the happy family. Since the arrival of the children her duties became mainly that of a mother.

In April of 1954 Dr. and Mrs. Eugene R. Stockdale were appointed under the North American Baptist General Missionary Society as medical missionaries to Bamenda New Hope Settlement in the Cameroons of West Africa. In June 1955 at the General Conference at Waco, Texas, they were among



Dr. Kenneth Jones, medical missionary at the New Hope Settlement, examines the Cameroons patients receiving treatments at the Belo Clinic of our Baptist mission.

Violet was led to Christ by a pastor’s wife in a young girls’ Gospel club meeting. Parents and church became hostile to her because of this experience and after numerous attempts to have her recant she was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church and considered an outcast by her family and relatives. She found comfort in Christ and among her newly found Christian friends at Midwest Bible Church of Cicero, Ill., where she became a member.

Her high school education was completed in 1941 at Foreman High School. After several sessions of evening classes at the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, she enrolled as a full-time student in 1941 and took a two-year missionary course. On December 26, 1945 she married Eugene R. Stockdale and then, after his discharge from the army, she had one further year, together with her husband, at the Bible Institute of Los Angeles where she majored in a General Bible Course.

Following the year at BIOLA, Violet’s goal and call were as steadfast as that of her husband. While he followed the course which led him to become a doctor, she followed the course which led her to become a Registered Nurse. She studied at the Illinois Masonic Hospital School of Nursing and received her R.N. degree in 1951.

those who were commissioned to service. Since their appointment they have steadily looked forward to the time when they would leave for the mission field in Africa.

### WHAT HOPE HAS “NEW HOPE”?

No lasting mission work is built around any one person but around the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Men come and men go but God’s work goes on until Christ returns.

We have seen above what God has wrought at Bamenda New Hope Settlement in these few years under the interim service of Dr. Kenneth W. Jones. We are certain that God has even greater things in store for his servants and for our mission in years to come. Is it not God who calls his servants and supplies the needed personnel? We began our leprosy mission in 1952. God already called his servant to head the medical phase of it back in 1947-1948 and gave us interim service in another one of our servants until this his servant was ready.

With such clear indications of God’s marvelous leading, we also clearly see that God is very much mindful of the needs at “New Hope” and will constantly give to those seemingly hopeless ones that ray of hope in the hour of despair that many will yet experience that “New Hope” truly brings hope to them since God is there!



# God's Temple at Turtle Lake

The Story of the New Church Edifice at Turtle Lake, North Dakota

By MRS. ARNOLD FRANKE, Reporter

ON SUNDAY, September 30th, members and friends of the Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., realized the culmination of many months of planning and hard work when we gathered in prayer and praise to dedicate our new edifice to the honor and glory of God. A beautiful fall day made it possible for over 500 friends and members to attend.

## DEDICATION FESTIVITIES

The pre-dedication worship service began at 10:30 A.M. with the choir, in procession to "Holy, Holy, Holy," taking their places in the choir loft directly behind the chancel and just below the beautiful lighted painting of Christ praying in Gethsemane, a memorial which graces the baptistry window. Bouquets of yellow "mums" and other fall flowers beautified the sanctuary.

A ladies' sextet sang, "The Lord's Prayer," followed by prayer by Rev. Emanuel Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., one of the former pastors. The combined Junior and Senior choirs sang "The Children's Jubilee." Our guest speaker, Rev. J. C. Gunst, promotional secretary, spoke on "The Temple Dedicated to God." The choir sang "Let Mount Zion Rejoice."

The dedication service at 2:30 P.M. found 18 visiting and local pastors on hand to bring brief words of greeting. Jake Schlafman, clerk, also read letters of greeting and acknowledged gifts to the church from former pastors and members who could not be present. Fred Miller, as chairman,

reported for the building committee and Ted Haas, mayor, brought greetings from the city. Music was furnished by the male quartet, male choir, and Mrs. Vernon Wolitarsky sang "Bless this House." Rev. Herbert Schauer, pastor of the church, led the congregation in the "Act of Dedic-

ation" and Rev. J. C. Gunst offered the dedicatory prayer.



The Baptist Church choir, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., on dedication Sunday, with Rev. H. Schauer, director, at the left, and Mrs. Karl Schlafman, pianist, at the right.

tion" and Rev. J. C. Gunst offered the dedicatory prayer.

## POWER FOR THE CHURCH

In the evening consecration service, Rev. J. C. Gunst again brought a most inspiring message on "Power for the Church." The mixed choir sang "Praise Ye the Father," and "There is a Balm in Gilead." Mrs. Karl Schlafmann and Miss Wanda Lee Schlichenmayer very ably served throughout the day at the piano and

the electric organ, given as a memorial.

Along with the wonderful spiritual food, the ladies of the church provided a bountiful noon and evening meal for everyone in the spacious dining room. The tables were decorated with replicas of the church and

a larger model of the church was constructed to receive the free-will offerings for the meals.

Our new 39 by 119 foot edifice, with a seating capacity of 325, has seven permanent class rooms, plus a youth room in the basement for Christian educational needs. The kitchen, which was furnished by the Woman's Mission Society, has all-steel cabinets. The choir loft will seat 30 persons and the building is wired for a P.A. System including the nursery, mother's room, and basement.

The heating system is the baseboard, permeating hot-air type with five zones separately controlled by motorized thermostats. All floors are covered with Vynl plastic tile. The windows, in the sanctuary, are of glass blocks with a cross designed in the center of each. There is a large rose alsonite window at the upper east end, a plastic sky dome above the chancel, and a neon lighted cross on the outside of the church.

## GOD'S LIGHTHOUSE

The total offerings for the day, for which we praise God, exceeded \$3,700. We thank God for his presence and marvelous provisions during this time of building. We were constantly amazed at the wonderful way our needs were met through God's goodness. We pray that this Temple of God might serve as a lighthouse of God's love in this community and that its doors might ever be open and beckoning to those who are seeking him, to those who are serving him, and to those who need to know him.

# Your Denominational Budget and You

By MR. ARTHUR R. SCHWERIN, Chairman of the Finance Committee

IN PREVIOUS ARTICLES we have followed the making of the denominational budget from the setting up of the individual budgets of each co-operating organization until the approval of the combined and total budget by the General Council. All of these various steps are necessary and important.

However, the most important factor in the entire budget system is—YOU! Without your whole-hearted support, all of these previous efforts would be in vain, and as a denomination we could not carry on the work which the Lord has entrusted to us.

## ALMOST 70 MISSIONARIES

As individuals and as a denomination, God has been exceedingly good to us and blessed us both spiritually and materially. During my 25 years as a member of the Finance Committee I have seen our denomination grow from 34,671 to 47,319 members. During that time our denominational budget has grown from \$220,000.00 to \$500,000.00 for the current year.

Twenty-five years ago we had a general missionary secretary and a young people's secretary. We had only a few missionaries in the Cameroons, and were given merely token assistance to our Austrian and Gypsy missions in Europe. Today we have 40 missionaries in the Cameroons; seven missionaries in Japan; five missionaries in Indian reservations, and five missionaries to the Spanish-speaking people in Colorado and Texas. In addition, we have a part in the support of eight pastors in Austria, in addition to the assistance given in the rebuilding and relocation of bombed out churches in Europe.

Have these efforts been worthwhile? All one has to do is to read the reports of the missionaries in our papers or listen to their heart-warming stories while on deputation work as to the souls saved and won for the Kingdom. Truly, these efforts have been very much worth-while and would not have been possible without YOU and your co-operation and support of YOUR denomination budget.

Likewise on the home field we have seen great and marvelous changes. New church buildings, new parsonages, and, above all, many new congregations have been added to our roster of churches during the past few years. Through our Church Extension efforts, 17 new churches and church fields have received needed financial help.

Today we have six secretaries at headquarters who are devoting their entire time to furthering our denominational program. Stop and think for a moment of the many training

courses, institutes and talks that are given to our young people, our Sunday Schools and their teaching staffs. From these groups will come the future leaders of our denomination, and today they are receiving more and better training, given more help and are better informed than ever before.

As a result of these efforts, we are developing a group of outstanding leaders, and thus can look forward with confidence to the future. This same situation exists in all of the various facets of our denominational life. Never before has our outlook for the future been so bright—thanks to Your Denominational Budget and YOU.

At the beginning I mentioned that YOU are the most important factor. You and I know that there are hundreds, even thousands of worthy causes, all of which are continually asking us for money. May I be permitted to say, that regardless of the merit of these appeals, either as individuals or as a denomination we cannot contribute to every one who asks us for help. As a denomination we confine our solicitation for funds to our own churches and constituency.

What do some of the other conferences and missionary societies do? They never lose an opportunity to appear in our churches and solicit funds for their projects. WHY? Because they have learned from experience that our people have a big heart and give generously when asked to do so.

Have you checked recently to see how much your church has contributed to Your Denominational Budget and how much it has given for causes other than our own? Do this, and you may be surprised. Do you agree that as long as we confine our solicitation for funds to our own churches and conference, that it is fair and just

that other conferences and missionary societies solicit our membership for money to carry on their work?

Our beloved Dr. Wm. Kuhn, with the support of the General Missionary Society, years ago started the idea of having two special offerings a year—one at Thanksgiving time and the other at Easter. He called these "Offerings for God's Household." This idea was accepted by our people and became a tradition in our churches. However, in recent years some of our churches have been using these traditional days to raise money for local projects, rather than for missions. I would plead earnestly that these churches choose other dates for their special projects and that they continue to receive missionary offerings on these two special days of thanksgiving and sacrifice.

## YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

As a denomination your leaders can do no more than you permit them to do in accordance with the funds you supply. And might I also add this. I know of no other organization engaged in spreading the Gospel and the Word of God where as large a percentage of the money contributed is actually used for the purpose for which it is given.

Each year we approve a missionary program in the faith that our people will contribute the necessary funds. We provide no quotas for our local churches, and we expect no signed commitments from them. Our missionaries are appointed in faith—almost invariably without any advance commitments for support from local churches.

Thus far YOU have honored this faith by giving generously for our missionary and benevolent programs. My hope and prayer are that YOU will continue YOUR support even more loyally in the future.

## JAPAN, AS WE SEE IT

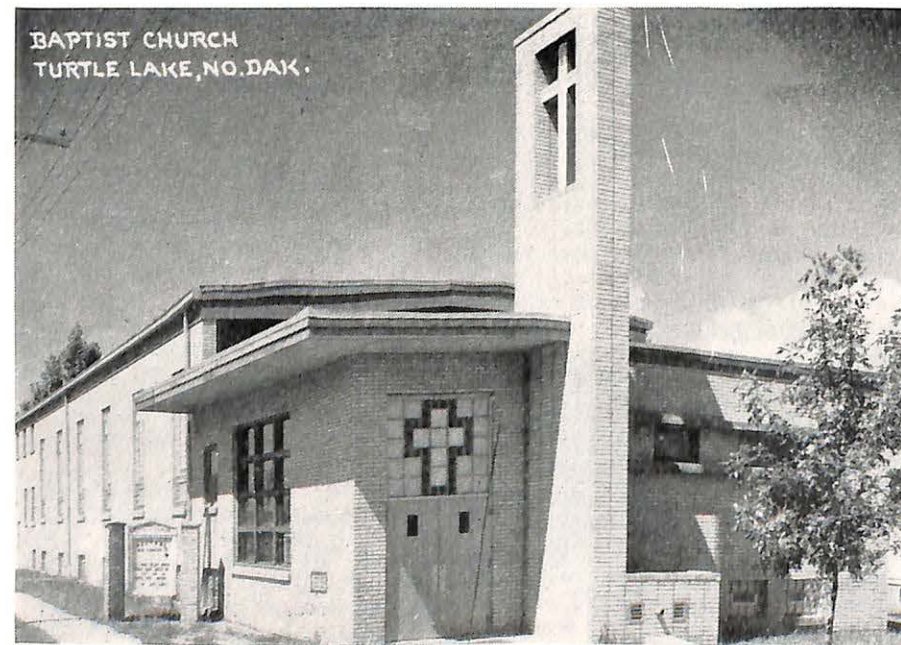
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have become Buddhas in the other Buddhist world, and he may be a Confucianist because of the strong moral teachings. This kind of religion is practiced by many Japanese people because it is supposed they may attain the highest good for themselves.

Many people think that Christianity is a Western religion and is therefore only for the West. This displays a lack of knowledge concerning Christianity. Did not Christianity have its beginning on this earth in the Orient? Regardless of this kind of thinking, many Japanese people are very eager to learn about the Gospel message.

In spite of the interest shown, many

find it very difficult to accept the supernatural power of Christianity as revealed in Christ. One evening a young student came to our house to speak to us about Christianity. In the course of our conversation he gave us the following illustration concerning his own spiritual condition. Mr. A. has heard the Gospel and after serious consideration has decided to accept Christ as his personal Savior. However, now that he has become a Christian he does not seem to be very influential in his new life. He reads his Bible and has regular devotions; nevertheless, he is still a weak Christian. (Continued on Page 15)



The new \$80,000 edifice of the Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, N. Dak., of which Rev. Herbert Schauer is the pastor.



# The Teacher's Spiritual Enrichment

Report of Five Christian Workers' Conferences in the Dakotas

By REV. RICHARD A. GRENZ of Underwood, North Dakota

A NEW PLAN was undertaken for this particular series of Christian Workers' Conferences in the Dakotas. There were five meeting places instead of three for the Northern and Central Association areas and the conference was abbreviated to an afternoon and evening. The dates were October 1 to 5 in the early fall to avoid the snowstorms and cold weather, making it possible for many to attend. However, we did have a little problem with late harvesting in northern North

pastor of the Baptist Church, Underwood, North Dakota.

"The Christian Teacher—His Spiritual Enrichment" based on Ephesians 6:10 was the theme of the conference. Every Christian is a teacher, even though he or she may not serve as a teacher of a Sunday School class.

## PROVOCATIVE WORKSHOPS

In the afternoon two workshops were held, one on the "Vacation Bible School" led by Mr. Schmuland,

Edenwold, Sask., Canada. The question and answer period which followed proved to be very helpful.

Following a delicious dinner served by the ladies of the host church, we met at 7:00 P.M. for the evening's schedule. Two workshops were held: "Making the Most of Special Days" by Mr. Schmuland and "The Art of Camp Counseling" by Mr. Zimmerman. Mr. Neuman, the missionary, dressed in Indian regalia, spoke briefly and taught the congregation a chorus in the Cree language. Colored slides of the Indian field in Alberta brought the message of missions to the hearts of all. Mr. Grenz served as chairman of the conference and led in the devotional period.

## CONSECRATED TEACHERS

The brethren Schmuland and Zimmerman alternated in bringing the consecration message. Without the yielding of one's life to the Lord, the knowledge, the ideas, the plans, and the methods do not produce lasting results for the Lord in the Sunday School.

Again it was evident that our good Dakota and Montana people are interested in and concerned about the on-going of the Sunday School. Their presence, their desire to learn and to share their experiences added immensely to the blessing and success of the conferences. The Christian teacher finds his spiritual enrichment in being busy with the Lord's work, in fellowship with Christians and the Lord, and in wholehearted dedication to Jesus Christ.



The Christian Workers' Conference group at Venturia, N. Dak. (left), and members of the team with the Reverends Richard Grenz (left to right), G. K. Zimmerman, Irvin Schmuland, and R. Neuman.

Dakota. Special music furnished by the host churches enhanced the evening gatherings.

## 700 PEOPLE PRESENT

The conferences were held at the Baptist Church, Washburn, N. Dak., with eight Sunday Schools represented; at Fessenden, N. Dak., with nine Sunday Schools cooperating; at Venturia, N. Dak., with 18 Sunday Schools represented; at McIntosh, S. Dak., with eight Sunday Schools cooperating and at Plevna, Mont., with three Sunday Schools represented. Of the 57 Sunday Schools in these areas, 46 were represented with a total registration of 465. The evening attendance was larger than the afternoon and, according to estimates, there were 700 people in attendance for the evening sessions. Another conference was held for the South Dakota Association churches at Emery, S. Dak., on November 27.

The conference team consisted of Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, general secretary of the Sunday School Union; Rev. Reinhard Neuman, missionary to the Indians on the Muscowpetung Reserve near Edenwold, Sask.; Rev. I. H. Schmuland of Goodrich, N. Dak.; and Rev. Richard A. Grenz, Dakota Conference Sunday School secretary and

and "Meeting Needs in Your Sunday School" led by Mr. Zimmerman. Missionary Neuman presented the Indian mission field by giving the history of the Baptist work on the Hobbema Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alta., Canada, and the Muscowpetung Reserve near

# Wisconsin Workers' Conference

Report by REV. J. G. BENKE of Watertown, Wis., a Member of the Workers' Conference Team

IT HAS BEEN most interesting to be a member of the Workers' Conference Team and to visit some of the Wisconsin churches from September 12 to 14 and on September 19 in the interest of better Sunday Schools. The response on the part of the churches was most gratifying.

At the Immanuel Baptist Church in Wausau we had about 75 in attendance. Besides the Sunday School staff, there were many other church members who were vitally interested in Sunday School work. We were especially interested to see the large home that was purchased recently two blocks from the church which will be used for Sunday School rooms without making many changes.

With these new facilities the Wausau church can look forward to an increased interest in the work and a more effective ministry through the Sunday School. The participation in the discussions at the workshop indicated that there is a sincere desire to give the pupils more than just a fine class room. Each teacher and worker was concerned about the spiritual life of the pupil.

In order to accommodate as many people as possible in the rural area, workshops were arranged at the Pioneer Baptist Church in Pound for the afternoon and evening. During the first session in the afternoon, Miss Ruth Bathauer led the discussion on the topic, "Pre-session and Wor-

## WHAT SPOILS AFRICA?

"I am haunted by a remark I heard from an English woman on the aircraft going out (to Uganda) this time. She was the wife of a hotel proprietor in the White Highlands of Kenya. I was telling her how captivated I had become in one year by Uganda. She looked at me in amazement. "But all those Africans," she said, contemptuously. "Don't they spoil it for you?"—Roger Falk in "The Spectator," London.

ship." It was pointed out that pre-session activities should be conducted from the time the child arrives until the group assembles for class and worship. Teachers were encouraged to make use of Worship Centers, arranging them to create atmosphere and to help children reach a worshipful frame of mind. Children should be encouraged to arrange their own worship center.

The second workshop period, under the leadership of Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, gave the workers an opportunity to present specific needs which they felt should be met in their Sunday School. After the workshop sessions in the evening, Mr. Zimmerman challenged the audience with a message on the theme, "Using Your Talents."

## DEDICATED LIVES

Members of the Bethel Baptist Church in Sheboygan were invited to meet with us at the new church in Manitowoc on Friday evening, September 14th. After a brief devotional period led by Rev. J. G. Benke, based on Romans 12, emphasizing the fact that our lives, as Christian workers, need to be dedicated, separated and educated, the group divided into two workshops discussing ways and means on how to be better educated and prepared to carry on the vital work of the church through the Sunday School. Realizing the need for monthly workers' conferences and how to conduct them, a film, "Together We Grow," was shown each evening giving helpful suggestions on how to conduct such conferences.

The following week Rev. G. K. Zimmerman came to the First Baptist Church in Watertown. At this meeting the importance of visitation was stressed and plans outlined on how to conduct a regular visitation program. As on previous occasions, there was a display table with helpful literature for further study relative to Sunday School work.

I personally received a great blessing from traveling with this team and wish to encourage as many churches as possible to avail themselves of the opportunity of having these fine denominational workers.

# A Visit to Saskatchewan

By REV. J. C. GUNST, Promotional Secretary

SASKATCHEWAN in Canada is known as the province with the extensive golden wheat fields. This year the farmers in Saskatchewan harvested a bumper wheat crop. In recent years another prosperous industry came to the province, that of large and bountiful oil fields. Farmers are prosperous, the cities are growing rapidly in population, and employment is at an all time high. The future looks bright for the people and for our churches.

Located in southern and central Saskatchewan, the North American Baptist Conference has a large number of progressive and growing churches under the leadership of consecrated and aggressive pastors. Here also is our newest home mission field, the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve Mission, to which our seasoned and capable missionary, Rev. R. Neuman, and his family have come for leadership and service. In October the promotional secretary was privileged to visit eight of the Saskatchewan churches, the mission field, and to serve at the Saskatchewan Association. Readers of the "Baptist Herald" will be interested in the recent activities of these churches.

## MUSCOWPETUNG RESERVE

When the pastors of the two Regina, Sask., churches met the traveling secretary at the station in Regina, it was soon evident that a week of whirlwind activities was on the agenda. Monday was set aside for a trip to the Muscowpetung mission field. Rev. R. Jaster provided transportation in his car to make the 60-mile trip over some good, but also rough roads. The missionary, Rev. R. Neuman, and the building contractor for the Mission Chapel were busy putting finishing touches to the future home of the missionary family. It will not be possible to complete the chapel for use before the cold winter sets in because of lack of funds. Services will be held in the basement of the church.

The program for services, Sunday School and a few other activities will go on. The response on the part of the Indian families is gratifying. A short visit was made to a home of one of the Indian families. This family is in the process of building a new home.

For Monday evening a service had been arranged at the Victoria Avenue Church in Regina, Sask., with Rev. Robert Jaster pastor. Our bilingual churches in the growing cities face real problems in their program of Christian education and spiritual ministry. New families and the older people demand German, while the younger people and children profit much more by a ministry of Christian training and

preaching in the language of the land. Mr. Jaster and his leaders are making special efforts to meet the spiritual needs of the older established church in Regina.

Tuesday night brought the people of the Southey Church, 40 miles from Regina, together for a service. Here Rev. E. L. Thiessen is pastor. Besides serving the Southey congregation, he also serves Serath, a station of Southey, and Raymore, another station. The pastor finds it necessary to be in all three places on one Sunday when roads are passable in the winter time. The church recently celebrated its golden jubilee.

## REGINA, JANSEN, NOKOMIS

Wednesday night the Men's Brotherhood of the Faith Baptist Church in Regina, where Rev. Richard Grabke is pastor, had arranged for a fellowship supper meeting. Men from the neighboring churches of Edenwold and Davin cooperated. The promotional secretary was able to present the challenge of "Baptist Men" as related to the local church, the larger denominational fellowship, and the missionary program. Colored slides depicting the Spanish-American mission were presented also.

Faith Church is in a building program. The location is in a large housing development area where many of the better homes in this fast growing city are being built. The church under the leadership of its youthful and aggressive pastor has an attractive program for every organization of the church. The response of the people is most gratifying, a continuous program of visitation and community canvass is carried on by the church.

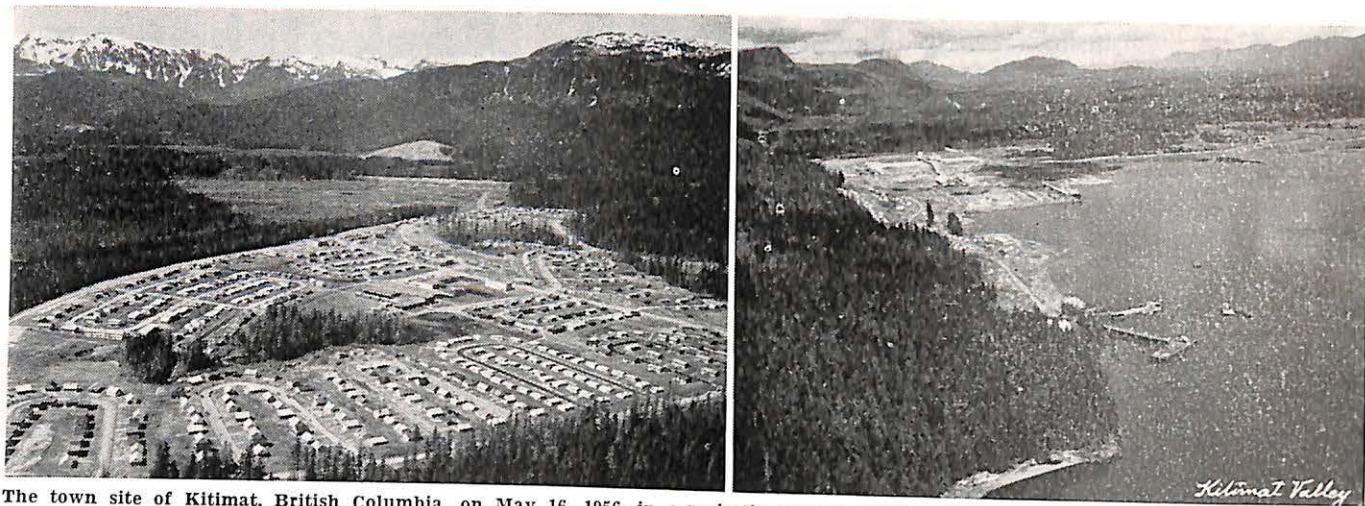
Thursday evening was devoted to the Temple Church at Jansen, Saskatchewan. The two congregations of Esk and Jansen have recently united their efforts, moved their church to the town of Jansen and are now in the process of completing a fine addition to the building, providing a larger sanctuary for worship and more educational facilities. Rev. Heinrich Herrmann is the new pastor on this field.

Friday evening brought the people of the Nokomis church together for a meeting. The attendance was surprisingly large for a rainy night and after an evangelistic campaign. Rev. Oscar Fritzke is the capable pastor on this field. He also serves the Lockwood field or station on Sunday afternoon.

In the university city of Saskatchewan, the city of Saskatoon, which is also the medical center of the province, a new North American Baptist Church has been organized in recent months. A suitable church building

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The town site of Kitimat, British Columbia, on May 16, 1956, in a majestic setting (left), and the surrounding Kitimat Valley (right) in a thrilling view.

## Kitimat -- A Saga of Canada

The Story of Our Church Extension Project at Kitimat, British Columbia, Canada

**K**ITIMAT is a booming community of British Columbia. It has been called "the fastest growing city" on the North American continent. Its population now stands between 13,000 and 14,000 people. It is predicted by many that it will have a population of 35,000 by 1965.

This city was literally created by the great Aluminum Company of Canada, ALCAN, a subsidiary of Aluminum Limited, an independent Canadian producer. There is an abundance of work. Wages are good. Many immigrant people are flocking into the city and taking advantage of a wonderful opportunity to get ahead in their new "homeland." This company is the world's second largest aluminum producer, and when it has put over one billion dollars into the plant between 1951 and 1959 its smelter is scheduled to reach 330,000 tons of ingot-producing capacity.

### BUSTLING CITY

Kitimat is the busy, bustling center for another Church Extension project of ours. Rev. G. P. Schroeder of Lodi, Calif., was sent to this area in June 1956 by the Church Extension Committee. The North American Baptist Church of 50 members is a very promising field. Attendance of members and friends of the church sometimes reaches the 125 mark. Mr. Schroeder definitely feels that within ten years the church will need a building with a seating capacity of 500 persons. This is the bright prospect for the future. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder will continue to serve the Kitimat field until at least March 31, 1957.

A recent Church Council recognized the churches at Kitimat and Terrace, British Columbia. Pastors and representatives as well as other members of the Baptist churches in Prince George and Prince Rupert, B. C., met

at 8:30 P.M. on Saturday, September 1st, in Terrace. Early on the following Sunday morning (9:30 A.M.) the service of recognition was held.

By 11:00 A.M. the entire group of 30 North American Baptist leaders and people were seated in "the Baptist Car" of the Canadian National Railway bound for Kitimat, 40 miles away. Even though the train took two hours to make this trip, the passengers in "the Baptist Car" enjoyed the adventure, singing and visiting, eating sandwiches and drinking soda pop.

At Kitimat cars took the Baptist representatives to lunch and then to the recognition service for the Kitimat Church at the Nechako School, room 204. These services of recognition for the Terrace and Kitimat Churches were reported by the Rev. Phil. Daum in the October 18, 1956 issue of the "Baptist Herald" (page 19).

On Sunday evening, Sept. 23, the mixed choir of 22 voices, the male quartet and the stringed orchestra of Kitimat held a sacred concert. The offerings of that Sunday's services amounted to \$280. The Harvest and Mission Festival of the church was held on Sunday, October 21. Another good offering of \$560.75 was designated for the building fund. Evangelistic meetings were conducted by Rev. G. P. Schroeder from October 28 to November 4 with good results.

The Kitimat Church has \$1,764 in the building fund and \$1,250 in the general fund. Mr. Schroeder stated that he had "never served a group of people that is so willing to sacrifice, considering their situation. There isn't a family here that owns its own home. All have to struggle for their existence. And we shall need a lot of money."

A site for the new building, as proposed by the Church Extension Com-

mittee, will be secured from ALCAN. The one that was originally allotted was only 60 feet above sea level. The new one is close to the area where our Baptist people live, and is about 300 feet high.

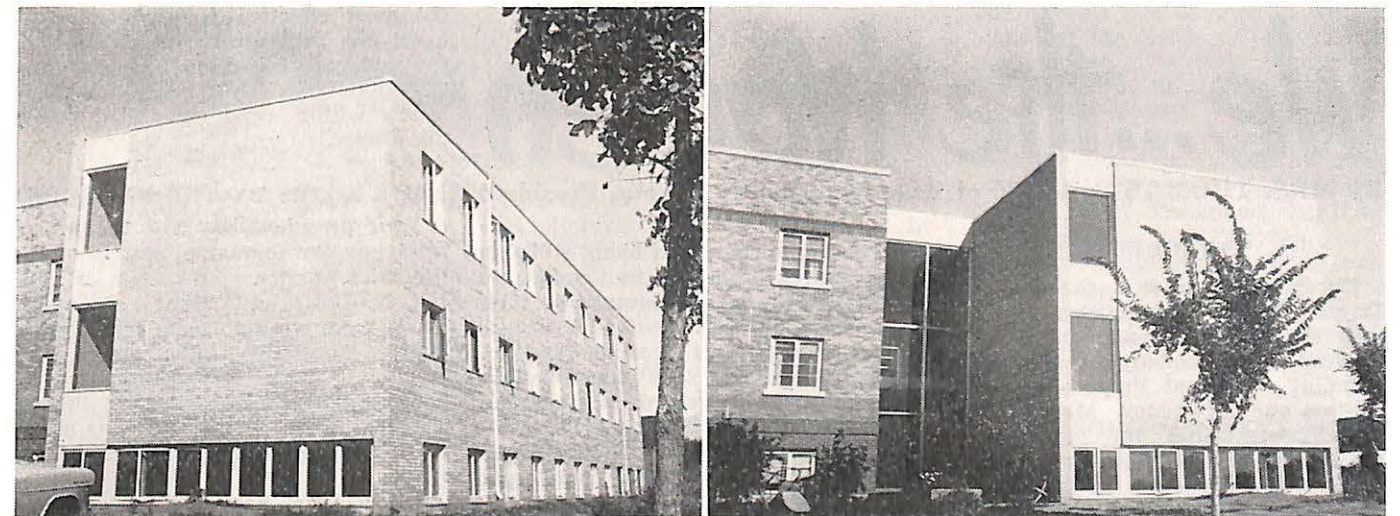
### NEW CHURCH BUILDING

A building committee of the church has been appointed. They are Messrs. Otto Schaffer, Bernard Oehlke, and Ernest Reimann. Some sketches for a possible new church building have been submitted with plans for a seating capacity of about 350. It has been estimated that such a building would cost in the neighborhood of \$65,000 to \$70,000. The parsonage would cost an additional \$15,600.

It has also been stated that the ALCAN company would probably make an appropriate donation toward the cost of the church building. The final decision as to the next steps to be taken in the building project has not been made as yet. But the church building must be constructed to meet the growing spiritual needs of our Baptist brethren in this area.

In a Chamber of Commerce leaflet, the Kitimat project is called "a saga of Canada." Kitimat will grow with Canada. All who built Kitimat—the manufacturers, the engineers, the workmen — and ALCAN—did so with the high purpose of a better way of life for today and all the tomorrows awaiting North Americans.

But that is only half the story—less than half. Only as Christ is proclaimed, his Gospel preached and his Church built in a community can the blessing of God rest upon that place. That is the task of our Church Extension project in Kitimat, as great and important in God's sight as the tremendous aluminum power project itself!



The new addition of the Baptist Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak., as seen from the east and south, which was dedicated on October 5, 1956.

—Photos by M. L. Leuschner

## Building Project at Bismarck Home

By Mr. George Kessler, Secretary of the Board of Directors, Baptist Home for the Aged, Bismarck, N. Dak.

**O**N FRIDAY, October 5th, friends and members of the Baptist Old People's Home Society of the Dakota Conference met at the Home for the Aged at Bismarck, N. Dak., for the annual business meeting and for the purpose of dedicating unto the Lord the new East Wing which was added to the Home. The building project was approved by the Society at its annual business meeting held on Oct. 5, 1954.

### THE NEW ADDITION

Immediately after the approval by the Society of the proposed building project, the board of directors together with the superintendent of the Home took the necessary steps to bring about the realization of a vision that is not yet complete, but which is inspired and kept alive by HIM who throughout the centuries is ever calling to his devoted disciples, "Follow Me."

With the new addition, accommodations have been provided for a six-bed infirmary, a long felt need, for want of which many an opportunity was lost to render the service to our aged people that the management of the Home felt necessary. A new chapel was provided for as well as a larger lounge where occupants of the Home as well as visitors may spend many pleasant hours in fellowship with one another.

### SERVICE OF DEDICATION

We are thankful to our promotional secretary, Rev. Jacob C. Gunst, who delivered the dedicatory message and thereby brought blessing and inspiration to all present and to Rev. H. Palfenier, our denominational evangelist, who assisted in the service, as well as to all those unsung heroes and heroines of the faith who in quietness

and with tireless devotion go about their daily tasks, neither asking for and all too often not receiving the recognition they merit but who are content to hear the voice of the Master as he rewards all work done in his Name with the words: "Well done thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

It therefore becomes our happy privilege again to express to all who

made possible the realization of this dream a sincere "Thank you!"

To God who inspired all who from the very beginning and even now, when this work was undertaken, have contributed of their time, talents, and material possessions and, even more important, their undivided loyalty, the Baptist Home for the Aged at Bismarck, N. Dak., will ever stand as a memorial of praise.

### AROUND THE WORLD IN 68 PAGES!

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buildings, memorials, towers and places of the greatest Baptist leaders and missionaries of the world. The story behind these Baptist memorials appears for the first time in the pages of the ANNUAL. Among others is the wonderful account of the launch boat, "Captain Bickel," named after a North American Baptist who spent his boyhood days in the Walnut Street Baptist Sunday School of Cincinnati, Ohio.

By the way, this Cincinnati church as well as the Central Baptist Church of New Haven, Conn., will celebrate their Centenary Jubilees in 1957. That story appears in the 1957 ANNUAL. Likewise, the Golden Jubilee of the Woman's Missionary Union is celebrated with an historical account of the women's work of our denomination.

### TRAVEL THOUSANDS OF MILES

You will travel with Harold Lang as our first exchange student to the Baptist Seminary in Hamburg, Germany, on his adventures to Europe. You will get a preview of the 1958 General Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, with a colorful account of what you can expect in this Canadian city and province. You will travel thousands of miles with Rev. Elmer Strauss and other young leaders in the amazing work of the "Challenger's Club" encouraging hundreds of youngsters to memorize the Scriptures. The ANNUAL will also take you on an exciting day with all kinds of experiences to our Christian Training Institute in Edmonton.

With its front cover view of the Statue of Liberty and its 100 pictures and with its fine world coverage, besides many items of denominational data, you will not want to miss another editorial TREAT which is in store for you. Secure your copy at \$1.00 from our Publication Society agent or pastor or write directly to the Roger Williams Press. The 1957 ANNUAL will be ready for distribution by the middle of December. It can be your Christmas gift to yourself, assuring you of thrilling reading during the Christmas season. But be sure that you get a copy for yourself and remember to give several other copies to friends. You can't find a better bargain in reading thrills anywhere!



# We...the Women

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

## INTRODUCTION

December 7, 1956 is the Woman's Day of Prayer for Baptist women all over the world. It seems only fitting to read the testimony of Miss Tina Schmidt on "What Prayer Means to Me" on our page today. Miss Schmidt was at one time our "Scholarship Girl." She is now home on furlough, and when she returns to Africa, the Lord willing, she will be our Women's Worker in the Cameroons. We are wishing her days of blessing and rest, and are thankful for this article.

## WHAT PRAYER MEANS TO ME

By MISS TINA (E.) SCHMIDT

As I recall, perhaps one of the first effective prayers I uttered was that of my unregenerate soul under the conviction of sin. An invitation had been extended to me to attend a revival service, which I accepted reluctantly and only because I felt obliged to do so. However, the effect of the message put my soul under a greater obligation, to a greater Being—to God.

At this obligation, I rebelled. Though I tried to find ways to rid myself of this obligation without the risk of involving myself, I found none. In sheer desperation I prayed that God would answer, not my prayer, but the prayer of my parents and save my guilty soul. God heard; God answered!

But just as a sound is expected of a new-born child, so a sound seemed to be expected of me as a new-born child of God. Sometimes a stimulus is required to produce a response. Whether my soul needed a stimulus or not, I do not know, but I believe it received one, nevertheless. Upon returning from the meeting, I found my unbelieving friends visiting at the house. I told them of my conversion, but they did not rejoice with me; they ridiculed me.

The sting of this sort of stimulus caused me to excuse myself and to find refuge in another room. Kneeling down, my soul responded with the cry, "My God!" That utterance seemed to be the sign of what some have referred to as "the breath of the soul."

During those first spiritual steps which I took in defining my new-found faith, when the arguments and the quoting of Scripture by the unbelievers seemed to stifle me, I found relief only through prayer. New strength and courage would come and again I would be ready to meet the next attack. Thus prayer served as a release for my suffocating soul.

An assurance of answered prayer is not always to be had through the

still voice, nor through being still, but by first searching the Scriptures which will be your assurance by their message. The night before I had to undergo surgery, I became very apprehensive. My soul was restless. Friends prayed and I prayed, but peace was not to be found.

Then I started to search the Scriptures and when my eyes came upon the words, "Be still, and know that I am God," my soul responded and was comforted with the interpretation that came to me by reading Proverbs 12:31. The words are, "The horse is made ready for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the Lord." But I thought of it as a surgeon being prepared for the surgery, but the success is in God's hands.

Prayer also means preparation of mind before a thing happens. This experience happened at Ndu in the Cameroons while the Ahrens were away from the station. During the late afternoon, a mentally deranged teacher came on the scene and announced that he was hungry and that he was going to eat at the white man's house. This we managed to do without difficulty, and friends took him away.

In the night I had a dream in which I played the role of a nurse and the doctor ordered me to soothe this teacher's nerves. I woke up and was glad that it was only a dream. I prayed for him and tried to go to sleep. However, the crunching of footsteps on the gravel path, the sharp knock on the door and the loud voice saying, "I'm naked; clothe me," startled me into the realization that this was no longer a dream! I was frightened but nevertheless I had the assurance that God was with me. After several attempts, the promise of a new cloth in the morning when the shop would open, apparently soothed his nerves and he went away.

There have been other times when in the dead of night I was awakened with the thought of friend, foe, or a perplexing, unsolved problem vividly on my mind. At first I was annoyed to be awakened for no apparent reason, but then the thought came to me of what a saintly deacon in my home church used to testify. He said it brought him joy and peace to be praying during the long sleepless nights.

I also tried this and to my joy, a solution to some unsolved problem would come as a result of these prayers and, what is more important, a change of attitude with respect to some person. It seems that prayer is

the most effective way whereby the heart can be cleared and cleansed of the multitudinous cares that enter in. "Create within me a clean heart and renew within me a right attitude" is my prayer.

## NEWS NOTES BY THE PRESIDENT

Your president has had the joy of attending the annual programs of the Woman's Missionary Societies at Beulah, N. Dak., and Sidney, Montana. These were blessed events. The women showed hospitality, talent and a willingness to work. It was most unusual that all eleven members of the Society at Vida, Mont., were present as guests at Sidney, Montana. The distance was at least 70 miles or more. Some of these societies have nearly completed their White Cross quota. The pastors of these churches are Rev. Ernest Lutt, Beulah, N. Dak.; Rev. Jacob Ehman, Sidney, Mont.; and Rev. August Bertsch, Vida, Montana. Their wives are active in their respective groups. The youngest "little lady" present was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. August Bertsch. She was a month old on the day of the meeting.

I would like to pay tribute to my own Society in Aberdeen, S. Dak., for its annual birthday party that was carried out so splendidly. A cake was made in the form of the little Calvary Baptist Church and candles were lighted from the top. There was a feeling of dedication when all other lights were extinguished and we realized that, as members, we make up the Church of Jesus Christ and we have a work to do for our Lord and Savior.

## CONSIDER MY SERVANT

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refining fire walking closer to God than he had done before, and God blessed him with twice as much as he had before.

Although you suffer on a bed of pain, if you really know the Lord, take heart. God is watching over you. While you may not understand why you suffer as you do, be assured that God knows why. Trust him for he has said, "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Of course, God can and does perform miracles and raises some up to health if it will glorify him. However, for many it is not God's will to heal the body. These must learn with the Apostle Paul that God's grace is sufficient for every trial and pain, and that day by day God grants such grace to his own who trust him.

Some day, perhaps soon, Christ will call his Church home. Then all sickness, suffering, sorrow and sin will be put away and we shall be clothed in perfect bodies like Christ's. To those who suffer and who trust in Christ, this is a very blessed hope!



By REV. G. K. Zimmerman, General Secretary

## ACTIVITIES OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WEEK

A few excerpts from the reports by the superintendents on Sunday School Week reveal some of the blessings which were experienced through this united effort to strengthen the work for Christ through our Sunday Schools. The following are some of the reports received from the Sunday Schools:

"The annual teachers and officers banquet was held with 30 teachers, assistant teachers, and officers present. Plans for promotion, Rally Day and Sunday School Week were discussed. The teachers expressed the need of some guidance on visitation. Special instructions on visitation were presented at a class on Monday of Sunday School Week." Mr. G. V. Miller, Riverview Church, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Junction City, Kans., arranged to have one of the oldest members of the church be the speaker at the worship service on Rally Day to relate activities of the Sunday School during the earlier days of the churches 75 years of ministry in the community. Mrs. N. Martinitz, the superintendent, states: "We also had a dedication service of the present teachers and officers, and the promotion of pupils. I feel the day was greatly enjoyed by all. Pray for us that we may grow in number and spiritually, and that the efforts put forth may be to the glory of God."

## PRAYER MEETING TOPICS

Most of the Sunday Schools reported that the teachers and officers conducted the prayer meeting. Topics for discussion at the prayer meetings, included the following: "Visitation," "Lesson Preparation," "Personal Evangelism," "What the Church Expects from the Home," and "What the Home Expects from the Sunday School." Your school may want to use some of these topics when the opportunity is presented to share in the prayer meeting or in a meeting of parents and teachers.

The Sunday School of the Faith Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn., launched a study course for the Sunday School Staff. Mr. Peter Fehr, the superintendent, stated in his report: "On Tuesday of Sunday School Week we had the first lesson of a leadership training course, 'Christian Beliefs' by Ralph E. Knudsen, taught by Miss Ellen Lehr of Bethel College in St. Paul, Minnesota. We will be having one lesson during the first hour of our teachers and officers meetings in the coming months . . . We sent invitations on postcards to all of the mem-

bers of the Sunday School and their families on both our active and inactive Sunday School rolls during the week prior to Rally Day. On Rally Day we introduced this year's denominational Sunday School Mission Projects and a special mission story." (Posters of the three mission projects of the Sunday School Union have been mailed to all pastors and superintendents.) Mr. Fehr also reported that 20 of their workers participated in the visitation program to contact new families and absentee scholars.

## INSTRUCTION ON VISITATION

Mr. Robert Wirth, the superintendent of the Bethany Sunday School, Vesper, Kas., related in his report on Sunday School Week that Family Night was observed by showing slide pictures of church activities and gave an opportunity for families to share pictures and reports about their vacation. Parents then also visited the classrooms of their children and saw materials used for teaching. Visitation by the Sunday School staff was preceded by a period of instructions on visitation by the pastor, Rev. John Wood.

The need for additional Sunday School space is a very common item in the reports. The Erin Avenue Sunday School, Cleveland, Ohio, used one night of Sunday School Week to enlarge the room for the nursery class. Mr. Anthony C. Perez, superintendent, reports: "We enlisted the young people of the Sunday School to share in this project."

The Startup Sunday School, Startup, Wash., reveals in its report of a unique place for one of their classes. "We are so short of classrooms, that we now have one at the parsonage and one in the WOODSHED. We are busy in building a basement under the church for Sunday School classrooms. Many children attending our Sunday School come from homes where parents do not attend church and we feel that ours is a real challenging mission field. The visitation program brought out many new pupils. We hope to be in our new classrooms by Christmas." Mrs. Dorothy Hieb, superintendent.

Several churches arranged for a dinner for their Sunday School staff.

## FLORENCE MILLER

Miss Florence Miller, missionary in Japan for the past five years, left Japan on November 1st, bound for her home in Benton Harbor, Michigan. This will be her first furlough. She will be in the United States by the time this issue reaches the reader.

EDITOR.

The evening was devoted to outlining plans for the Sunday School for the coming year. The First Baptist Sunday School of St. Joseph, Mich., invited your general secretary of the Sunday School to conduct a workshop after the dinner meeting. The participation by the teachers and officers in the workshop discussions was ample evidence that providing the best in Christian Education for their school of more than 400 scholars is a foremost concern of the pastor, Rev. L. H. Broeker, of the superintendent, Mr. G. Beimfohr, and of the consecrated staff of workers.

## PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

The activities for Sunday School Week clearly indicated that encouraging results were experienced wherever special planning was carried out. We are grateful to the Lord for all the scholars now enrolled in our schools and for those who are added to our Sunday Schools each week. The suggestions for visiting for Sunday School Week should be carried out throughout the year, if we wish to retain those who are enrolled and also increase our outreach into the community.

If your school did not carry out some special activities for Sunday School Week then plan now for such activities for a week chosen by your school. The Lord will richly bless our efforts effectively to teach the Gospel. Let us continue to pray for one another.

## JAPAN, AS WE SEE IT

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On the other hand Mr. B is a good man. He is deeply interested in the Gospel message, but because he cannot find a logical answer to the miracles of Christ he has not as yet accepted Christ as God. After this young man had given this illustration he said, "Which do you think is the better of the two men?" (We are certain that the reader would also agree that Mr. A was on the Way and that Mr. B is still living in doubt and faithlessness.)

At the conclusion of our discussion he said, "I am Mr. B." This appears to be a fair cross section of the Japanese attitude toward Christ and his message of salvation.

The people in Japan who have made their own myriads of gods find it difficult to accept the true and living God. They with the people of whom Jeremiah spoke in Jeremiah 2:13, ". . . have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

The conditions of the souls of men in Japan present unlimited opportunities and a boundless challenge to the missionary. May we be faithful in presenting clearly and simply the message of Christ "the Fountain of Living Waters"!





# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 9, 1956

Theme: MORE THAN CONQUERORS

Scripture: Romans 8:26-28; 31-39.

**THE CENTRAL TRUTH:** In an unsure and changing world we can be sure of the unchanging love of God.

**INTRODUCTION:** In choosing great passages from the Bible for our study this quarter, it would be folly to overlook the writings of Paul. The word "great" is typically descriptive of him. His letters are literally filled with great passages. He had a great heart, a great theology, a great love, a great message, a great mission, because he had a great Savior. He was a man who continually thought and acted greatly.

Some theologians, as well as many Bible scholars, consider the eighth chapter of Romans the most profound and the most thought-provoking of any that Paul has written. It is certainly the source of countless sermons and makes for interesting and deep spiritual study. Such great themes as regeneration, justification, adoption, sanctification, the Holy Spirit and eternal abiding are all included in this one chapter. There is a wealth of spiritual power available to all who are willing to apply themselves to the great truths that Paul proclaims in this short passage. In eleventh century history we learned much about William, the Conqueror. He was noted for overcoming all his physical enemies. But every Christian can have the title of "Conqueror" if he has overcome sin and the spiritual enemies of the soul. They are not always "flesh and blood, but spiritual wickedness in high places" (Eph. 6:12).

**I. MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH GRACE.** (Romans 8:1-3.)

In the foregoing chapter Paul describes his misery in trying to keep the law. After fighting an inward civil war, he finally admitted defeat: "O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Not until he experienced the power of grace was he able to say, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord." The conquering power of grace had made him free from the law of sin and death.

**II. MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH THE SPIRIT.** Romans 8:4-25.

Paul experienced the saving power of grace and the keeping power of the

Holy Spirit. Life and peace were available, not through his own efforts, but through his surrender and obedience to the Spirit.

**III. MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH PRAYER.** Romans 8:26-27.

No more does Paul have to rely on his intelligence and knowledge of the law and on the prayers learned by rote. His prayers are now led by the Holy Spirit and according to the will of God.

**IV. MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH CIRCUMSTANCES.** Romans 8:28.

It is much easier for many Christians to understand God when the circumstances are favorable. But if our love to God is genuine, it is possible to see the unfavorable circumstances working together for good and according to his purposes.

This chapter can also be used as a study in contrasts:

- (a) The power of the law vs. the power of grace (8:3).
- (b) The power of our infirmities vs. the power of the Holy Spirit (8:26).
- (c) Circumstances against us vs. God for us (8:31).
- (d) Condemnation vs. the death and resurrection of Christ (8:34).
- (e) The power of the world's evil vs. the power of God's love (8:35-39).

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 16, 1956

Theme: THE WAY OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13

**THE CENTRAL TRUTH:** Every circumstance and relationship in life can be mellowed and understood in the light of Christian love.

**INTRODUCTION:** Most of us at one time or another have secretly wished to possess one outstanding gift or talent that would make people sit up and take notice. As boys we often wished we could be a major league baseball player, or a star half-back on the school's football team. Others sighed with a little envy when they

## EDITOR OF LESSONS

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heard an outstanding soloist or instrumentalist. If only they could have been born with such a talent, what satisfaction it would be to receive the applause of great audiences in concert halls.

Christians often bring these same thoughts of vanity into the church after they are converted. One would like to be the soloist in the church choir; another would like to be a dynamic evangelist or a divine healer; still another would like to have the gift of prophecy. In Paul's time there were many who wanted the gift of tongues. To have these gifts and to use them is not wrong in itself. The difficulty and the sin lies in the fact that people wish to use them to attract attention to themselves. They boast of the gift and not of the Giver.

The Apostle Paul recommended "a more excellent way." It is a gift that is available to all and can be a source of service and power second to none. Henry Drummond, one of Moody's co-workers, referred to love as "The Greatest Thing In the World." Everywhere he went he preached it and lived it.

**I. THE WAY OF LOVE IS INDISPENSABLE.** 1 Cor. 13:1-3.

It is almost unbelievable to think of the things Paul looked upon as dispensable: the gift of oratory, even though it may be angelic; the gift of prophecy; the gift of insight into the mysteries of the universe; the attainment of knowledge; the gift of faith; the sacrifice of all our wealth and life itself. All would be useless without the virtue of love.

**II. THE QUALITY OF LOVE.** 1 Corinthians 13:4-7.

If all this is true of love, then we must certainly bow down before God and pray, "Lord help us." In the light of this revelation we humbly admit that we have a very poor quality of love. All the virtues of patience, hope, faith, meekness, and temperance are based on the measure of love we possess.

**III. THE WAY OF LOVE IS PERMANENT.** 1 Cor. 13:8-12.

Shakespeare wrote a play called "Love's Labor Lost." But love itself is never lost. It may not always be acceptable nor practical (Mk. 14:3-9), but in the eyes of God "Love Is Eternal." We have often had the experience with children who have rejected every gift until they were offered the gift of love.

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# What's Happening

● Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., has received an appointment from the United States Veterans Administration to serve as the part-time Protestant Chaplain of the local Veterans Administration Hospital. Rev. Peter Pfeiffer has been ministering at this post since September 1.

● The Elm Creek Baptist Church of La Vernia, Texas, has extended a call to Rev. W. E. Schubert, who responded favorably and began his ministry at the church on Sunday, September 30. Mr. Schubert has succeeded Rev. Edward Schmeltekopf, who is now attending the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas.

● Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., has contributed a chapter to the 1957 Yearbook of the Albertus University, Koenigsberg, Germany. The publication contributed to this annual publication, which was recently released, is entitled, "The Meaning of Schleiermacher's Patriotic Sermon from the Spirit of His Christian Faith." Copies of this publication were distributed recently among members of the Temple Baptist Church of Pittsburgh.

● On Wednesday evening, Oct. 3, Rev. Raymond Parry of the Grace Church, Racine, Wis., and some members of his church held a Bible study and prayer time at Crestview, Wis., a new addition on the north side of Racine where some of the members reside. The church bus gathers the children of this new community on Sunday mornings and brings them to the Racine Baptist Sunday School. This is a commendable outreach of the Racine church into this new community.

● On Sunday evening, October 14, the choir of the First Baptist Church, Colfax, Wash., presented an "all request" musical program under the direction of Mrs. F. E. Klein. At this service the new choir robes were also dedicated. In August and September Rev. F. E. Klein, pastor, baptized eight converts and received them and two others into the church's fellowship. During the past year 40 new members have been received, 22 by baptism and 18 by letter and testimony.

● The First Baptist Church of Elk Grove, Calif., held a mortgage burning service on Sunday evening, October 7. During the service the Men's Quarter sang, and Miss Theo Wuttke gave a brief history of the church and of its achievements since its location

in Elk Grove. The pastor, Rev. W. W. Knauf, brought an inspiring message, "Rejoicing Over Successful Achievements." Mrs. Ed. Kammer, reporter, stated: "We are most thankful for the way the Lord has led us and has shown his ever abiding love to us."

● The Board of Directors of the Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill., has announced that Dr. M. Vanderbeck of Chicago, the pastor of the Humboldt Park Baptist Church, has accepted the appointment as superintendent of the Home. He will begin his ministry with the opening of the new building at Lawrence Ave. and Canfield Blvd., Norridge, Ill., on December 8th. He and Mrs. Vanderbeck will live in the superintendent's house adjoining the new building of the Home.

● On Sunday, October 8, Rev. Bert E. Milner of Springside, Sask., baptized eight converts on profession of their faith in Christ. "God's Volunteers" recently carried on visitation work with an evangelistic emphasis in the vicinity. The West Ebenezer Baptist Church, of which Mr. Milner is also the pastor, is contemplating relocating to the village of Orcadia, Sask., in the near future. Mr. and Mrs. Milner have also announced the birth of a son on September 10, who has been named Gerald John.

● The Emery Baptist Church, Emery, S. Dak., had a record attendance of 390 on Rally Day, September 30. The Sunday School pupils took part in a promotion exercise centered around the theme of comparing God's Word to the seed sown in the hearts and lives of the pupils. Dr. Walter Wessel of the North American Baptist Seminary faculty brought the messages at the morning and evening services. The offering, which was for the church's building fund, amounted to over 2,500 dollars.

● Since the death of Rev. John Schmidt, the pulpit of the Second German Baptist Church of New York City, is being supplied by two retired ministers. In the main German worship services on Sunday evenings Rev. Frank Orther of Brooklyn, N. Y., serves the congregation. Rev. Cyril L. Monland is in charge of the English services on Sunday mornings. The church is located on Manhattan Island at 407 West 43rd Street, only a few blocks from the thronging theater district of New York City.

● From November 3 to 21 Miss Esther Schultz, Cameroons missionary

who is now in the United States on her furlough, visited churches in Texas, California, and Oregon besides taking part in the services of the Oregon Association at Salem, Oregon. From December 2 to 12 she will visit a number of churches in Kansas and the three North American Baptist churches in St. Paul and Minneapolis, Minnesota. She spent several hours at the headquarters office in Forest Park, Ill., on Tuesday, October 30.

● From October 17 to November 4 Miss Ardice Ziolkowski, missionary-nurse at the Banso Baptist Hospital in the Cameroons, visited all of the California churches and participated in the sessions of the California Association. From November 18 to December 9 she is visiting 14 churches in Saskatchewan, including the West Ebenezer Church of Ebenezer, Sask., which is supporting her in the Cameroons. On Thursday evening, November 8, she was the speaker at a Missionary Rally for churches of the Edmonton, Alta., area held in the Alberta College Auditorium. In addition to the missionary address by Miss Ziolkowski, the mass choir of the Christian Training Institute sang and a missionary film was shown.

● The First Baptist Church of Elgin, Iowa, held a "Deeper Life Conference" with daily evening services from Nov. 11 to 18. Dr. Edgar W. Boss of Chicago, Ill., a member of the faculty of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, was the guest speaker. The Harvest and Mission Festival of the Sunday School was held on Oct. 14. "World Missions Week" was observed from Oct. 28 to Nov. 3. On "Japanese Missions Sunday" on Nov. 25 a film on Japanese missions was presented and an Oriental display was set up by a committee. The "First Baptist Visitor," a 20-page mimeographed paper, continues to be sent to all members and friends of the church with Rev. and Mrs. H. John Vanderbeck serving as editors.

● Dr. W. J. Appel, our director of the Austrian Mission and representative in Europe, and his wife have established their residence in Salzburg, Austria. Their address is given elsewhere in this issue. In October they visited at the Huetteldorf, Mollardgasse, Essling and Ternitz Baptist churches in the Vienna area. Their first Sunday in Austria was spent at the Ternitz church where the mixed and men's choruses shared in an inspiring service. With Salzburg as a center, they visited a small Baptist group in a home in Golling, sponsored by the Salzburg Baptist Church, the Youth Center of St. Gilgen in the Salzkammergut Mountains, and a Sunday evening service at Bad Ischl. On the previous Saturday afternoon they were at Seekirchen where they visited Rev. Franz Hacker, the pastor, and found the new chapel nearing completion.



# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Northwestern Conference

### Woman's Missionary Union Session of the Minnesota and La Crosse Association

The annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Minnesota and La Crosse, Wis., Association was held in the Riverview Church of St. Paul, Minn., on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23. The main item of business was election of officers. The results were: president, Mrs. John Firtko, Faith Church, Minneapolis; vice-president, Mrs. Don Ganstrom, Riverview Church, St. Paul; and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. D. S. Wipf, Minnetrista church, St. Bonifacius. Twelve societies were present, representing eight churches.

After the business meeting a very fine program was presented. We were led in devotions by the La Crosse society, and special music was furnished by the Daytons Bluff and Faith churches. The highlight of the afternoon was hearing Miss Delores Henne, our new missionary to the Cameroons. The theme of her message was "What Is Our Responsibility?"

After this address the new officers were introduced and Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom from the local church closed our meeting with prayer.

Mrs. D. S. Wipf, Secretary.

### Reception for Rev. and Mrs. Harold Sanders and Eight Children at Baileyville, Illinois

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 26, a large group of members and friends gathered in the auditorium of the Baileyville Baptist Church, Baileyville, Ill., for a reception and pantry shower for Rev. and Mrs. Harold Sanders and family.

Relman DeVries, chairman of the deacons, was in charge. Myrna DeVries gave a very fine welcome. Mrs. Merrill Janssen gave an accordion solo. Sandra DeVries brought a very appropriate reading, "Consider the Preacher."

Greetings were given by Relman DeVries representing the church, and Vincent Paul spoke for the Sunday School. Lois Vogt represented the CBY. Rev. D. Phelps of Orangeville, Ill., guest speaker, showed us the Apostle Paul's concept about the successful ministry between the church and pastor. Rev. H. Sanders responded with words of appreciation from the family.

After the meeting everyone was invited to the church dining room where the Home Builders presented delicious refreshments and the Sanders' family was pleasantly surprised with a pantry shower. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have six boys and two girls.

Mrs. Eliz. Renkema, Church Clerk.

## Southern Conference

### Ordination of Rev. Raymond Castro, Spanish-American Missionary, at Donna, Texas

With full consent of our General Mission Secretary and the mission committee of the Southern Conference, the Central Valley Baptist Church of Donna, Texas, voted to ordain our missionary to the Latin-Americans, Mr. Raymond Castro. The date was set for October 11 and all of the churches of the Southern Conference were invited to send delegates to the council.

Rev. B. F. Taylor, local pastor, opened the meeting, after which he called upon the church clerk to read the minutes concerning the calling of the council for the ordination. Rev. F. Armbruster was elected moderator of the council, and Mr. Lawrence Terveen secretary. In addition to the Southern Conference churches those receiving invitations to sit on the council included Rev. M. C. Elhert, president of the Rio Grande Bible Institute; and Rev. R. C. Mulder and Rev. James Russell, missionaries under Baptist Mid-Missions.

Brother Castro told of his conversion and call into the Gospel ministry and then gave clear and distinct views of his doctrine, using Scripture to back his words. There were questions asked to which the candidate gave clear answers. The council voted unanimously to recommend to the church that Brother Castro be ordained.

The evening service was in charge of Rev. B. F. Taylor. After the songs and prayer, Rev. Rufus Castro, brother of the candidate, read Scripture. He and his wife also sang two duets during the service, one of them in Spanish. Rev. Frank Armbruster, pastor of our Greenville Church of Texas,



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jahn of Arnprior, Ont., Canada, at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

brought the ordination message. Rev. Rufus Castro gave a summary of this message in Spanish for the Spanish-American friends from the mission at Rio Grande City.

The charge to the church was given by our Southern Conference Mission Secretary, Rev. Alex Sootzman, pastor at Mowata, Louisiana. Rev. R. C. Mulder gave the charge to the candidate and welcomed him into the ranks of Gospel ministers. Rev. M. C. Elhert gave the dedicatory prayer after which Mrs. Castro was asked to stand by the side of her husband and all visitors and church members gave them the Christian hand of fellowship. Rev. Raymond Castro then pronounced the benediction.

The Donna Church counts it a joy and privilege to have the Castros on its roll and to be able to make frequent trips to Rio Grande City to visit the mission station and to "mother" this work that God is blessing so wonderfully. Do not cease to pray for our missionaries.

B. F. Taylor, Reporter.

## Eastern Conference

### Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jahn, Arnprior, Ontario

On Saturday, Sept. 22, friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jahn gathered in the First Baptist Church, Arnprior, Ont., Canada, to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Robert Milne, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, was in charge of the program. Mr. and Mrs. Jahn were escorted into the church by their two oldest grandchildren, while two other grandchildren led the way with arms laden with flowers.

The meeting opened with two granddaughters, Beverly and Diane Jahn, singing several choruses, after which the poem, "Golden Wedding," was read by Mrs. Milne. Following the Scripture reading and prayer by our pastor, Rev. Walter Schmidt, we were favored with a musical number by Bette Chabot on her piano accordion. Mrs. Milne and Mr. Schmidt brought brief messages of congratulation for the honored couple. The four Scheel sisters completed the program by singing two favorite hymns.

At 5:00 P.M. some fifty guests gathered in the church basement for a turkey dinner. The honored guests were presented with a Kenwood blanket from the Woman's Missionary Society and numerous cards and tokens of good wishes from friends. During the dinner toasts were presented and musical numbers rendered, after which Mr. and Mrs. Jahn fittingly thanked all for their contributions and their presence on this wonderful occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Jahn were married in the Lyndock Baptist Church of Ontario on Sept. 20, 1906. Their two sons and one daughter were present to honor them on their golden wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Lois Kuehl, Reporter.

### Baptism of Eight Converts and Fellowship Supper Honoring Young People at Erie, Pa.

As dark-eyed mysterious Indian Summer glided silently through a brilliant autumn, lavishly painted by a generous God, members and friends of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., witnessed an inspiring baptismal service, in which eight persons followed the Lord's example. The pastor, Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, brought the baptismal message while appropriate organ selections were played throughout the baptism by Gary Eichler.

Previous to the evening worship and baptismal service, the Adult Fellowship group held a fellowship supper, honoring the candidates and some of the other young people of the church. Among those at the table of honor were: Larry Gibbens, who was leaving to enter Slippery Rock State Teachers College; Thomas Green who was returning to Penn State College to continue his studies as an engineer; Natalie Pfeiffer, who had just returned from three months in England; and Gary Eichler who had enlisted in the United States Army Band.

As we go into the chill twilight days on November when the barren trees thrust their stark limbs upwards against the cold grey sky and the wind with a wintry cut swirls the dead dry leaves over the ground, our hearts are filled with the warmth of God's love and the expectancy of his guidance during the days to come.

Mrs. Robert R. Eichler, Reporter.

## Northern Conference

### Ministry of "God's Volunteers" at the McKernan Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

As "God's Volunteers" we have many blessings to report during our term of work at the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., from October 14 to 21 with Rev. A. Lamprecht as pastor. Although this was our first engagement and we were in the area for only one week, we certainly can say that "the Lord blessed abundantly."

Our time was spent in canvassing the area, trying to contact those homes which do not attend church and Sunday School services. In this work we were greatly blessed as these homes were contacted. However, we were challenged to do even more for the Lord, when so many homes are not blessed by some spiritual ministry.

Every evening of the week we were privileged to help along with the evangelistic meetings besides giving children's stories and rendering special music. Rev. Daniel Fuchs, our denominational evangelist and director of the "Volunteer" group, was the speaker each evening, bringing very inspiring messages. We are very happy to report that one adult and 13 children made their decisions for Christ.

Eleven of these decisions were made during a Children's Rally which was held on Saturday morning. We cer-



Six of the eight converts whom Rev. Peter Pfeiffer of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pennsylvania, recently baptized.

Left to right: Charles Fitzpatrick, Marylou Robinson, Janet Moon, Rev. Peter Pfeiffer, Roland Butterfield, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson. Absent when picture was taken: Mrs. Sontheimer and Alton Haynor.

tainly are thankful for these boys and girls, as the majority of them came from non-Christian homes. Our prayer is, that through their lives, their parents might come to know Christ as their personal Savior. Sunday evening, October 21, brought our campaign to a close, and with the Psalmist we can say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

Eunice Kern, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

### Young Women's Missionary Society, Second Church, Union City, N. J. Celebrates 80th Anniversary

The opportunity that our heavenly Father has given us to serve him is a rich and precious treasure. Although we are aware that in the vast Kingdom of God we are but a handful, we, the women of the Young Women's Missionary Society of Second Baptist Church, Union City, N. J., rejoice in the tasks accomplished in

his Name as we completed eight years of service. We invited all our friends to spend Monday evening, Oct. 8, to fellowship with us and to commemorate our anniversary.

Approximately 60 guests were welcomed by our president, Mrs. Otto Weber, after which Mrs. V. Prendinger read the Scripture followed by prayer led by Mrs. N. Klann. A beautiful duet was presented by Mrs. H. Schell and Mrs. W. Downs accompanied by Mrs. A. Dalessio. After the reports of the secretary, Mrs. T. R. Downs, and the treasurer, Mrs. J. Emr, a poem was read by Mrs. V. Prendinger.

We were blessed and honored by the privilege of having as our guest speaker, Miss Betty Hu, vice-president of Bethel Mission of China. Miss Hu presented slides showing the work being done in Hong Kong by the mission. This was especially noteworthy to our society because it is with great joy that we are able to contribute to the support of a little girl in the mission.

Following the closing prayer by our pastor, Rev. Norman H. Klann, refreshments were served.

Mrs. Thomas R. Downs, Secretary.



The "God's Volunteers" evangelistic band with Rev. Daniel Fuchs, director (third from right) in front of the McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, where their first campaign was conducted.



**Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., Celebrates Its Eighty-second Anniversary**

The Pilgrim Baptist Church of Philadelphia, Pa., celebrated its 82nd anniversary on September 15th. Members and friends were invited to the church parlor to partake of a delicious dinner that was served by the ladies of the Stewardship Class. It was a time of renewing acquaintances and enjoying Christian fellowship.

A very fine program was planned for the evening under the direction of Miss Ida Draeger. Special music was presented by all of our three choirs: Junior, Men's Chorus, and Choirs. Our pastor, Rev. Walter C. Damrau, read words of greetings that we had received from our missionaries; the Lawrences in Africa and the Hackers in Austria. A surprise gift was received from both of our missionaries.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., was the guest speaker. The atmosphere was sparked with a sense of praise, gratitude and thanksgiving as our speaker so ably presented his message entitled, "Pilgrims of Christ." We are thankful to God for his guidance and untold blessings which have been ours during all these years. We pray that God will continue to bless us as we strive to serve him.

Audrey Miller, Church Worker.

**Dedication of \$18,000 Addition to Baptist Church Building, Jamesburg, New Jersey**

Members and friends of the First Baptist Church of Jamesburg, N. J., gathered at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, October 7th, for a joyful service dedicating our new church addition, with the Rev. Roger Schmidt, pastor, presiding.

Dr. Walter Macoskey, Director of Promotion for the American Baptist Convention, was the guest speaker. A special historical poem entitled, "Another Milestone," was composed and rendered by Miss Lillian D. Epp. Special music was rendered by the combined Junior and Senior Choirs under the direction of the pastor. Mr. Harry Brobst played a trumpet solo; it was his own arrangement of "My Anchor Holds." Several of our sister churches were represented by delegations and others by special greetings. Following the dedication service a buffet supper was served to the congregation of members and friends.

The newly dedicated addition is the first phase in the expansion of the church. It was erected at a cost of \$18,000 and includes a pastor's study and church office, a basement fellowship hall (50 by 28 feet), new rest rooms and enlarged kitchen facilities. The existing basement was also permanently partitioned off into six classrooms for the lower Sunday School grades, and a new heating system was installed. It is planned that at a later date, as the need arises, a top wing will be added.

Mr. Jacob Weisert, deacon of the church, served as architect and Mr. Edward Clinton, chairman of the trustees, served as building chairman.

Roger W. Schmidt, Correspondent.

**Central Conference**

**Summer Activities and Sunday School Conference at Baptist Church, Center Line, Michigan**

As we at the First Baptist Church, Center Line, Mich., review recent activities, we rejoice in the blessings of God and want to share them with you. Under our God-given leader, Rev. Adolph Braun, we experienced many joys and spiritual growth.

A new experience for us, one which proved successful, was securing Ernest Hahn, student at the North American Seminary at Sioux Falls and a member of the Conner Baptist Church of Detroit, as assistant to our pastor for the summer. His presence proved invaluable during Bible School, canvassing the entire city of Center Line, filling the pulpit during our pastor's vacation, and serving as a teacher, choir member and youth leader. We praise God for this young servant and for the success of his stay with us.

Our Sunday School Conference, Sept. 26 to 30, was another time of great blessing. Speakers were Mrs. Marie Stiffins, president of Bible Clubs for our area and Sunday School worker; Mr. Joseph Wade of the Temple Baptist Church; Mr. White, superintendent of Calvary Church in Hazel Park; and Judge Parent of Mt. Clemens. A most impressive banquet for the teachers and officers was held on Saturday. The theme, "Harvest is great but the laborers are few," was carried out in colors of yellow, red, and brown. Mrs. J. Riederer, banquet chairman, gave us a most enjoyable evening including special music. On Sunday, Marvin Skubik, of the Ebenezer Church of Detroit spoke of "The Importance of Our Sunday School."

God has been good to us. We are now in the midst of cottage prayer meetings, preparing our own hearts for the evangelistic meetings, Oct. 14 though 21. Rev. Hubert Mitchell, former foreign secretary of Youth For Christ International, served as our evangelist. We are also entered in the local Sunday School contest starting Oct. 14th and lasting six weeks. We are striving to double our enrollment. We hope to reach 400 by Christmas. The task before us is great but we have a God who hears and answers our prayers.

Mrs. Norman Sonnenberg, Reporter.

**Southwestern Conference**

**Anniversary Program of Woman's Missionary Union, Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma**

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Calvary Baptist Church at Corn, Okla., observed its 7th anniversary with a missionary program on Friday, Oct. 5. Mrs. Elvern Nikkel, program committee chairman, was in charge.

Mrs. Archie Franz, president, gave the invocation. Musical selections were given by our ladies' glee club

singing "Send the Light" and a ladies' quartet singing "May God Depend on You." A very faithful member, Mrs. E. R. Siemens, gave a report on the organizing of our Union. An offering was taken to be sent to our Oklahoma Association for missionary work.

Our speaker was Rev. David Keiry, pastor of the Bessie Baptist Church, Bessie, Oklahoma. Since Mr. Keiry had been raised in the San Luis Valley of Colorado and later having served there, he spoke on the Spanish-American Mission of Colorado. We became better acquainted with this mission field through Mr. Keiry's message.

Our Woman's Missionary Union meets twice monthly. The first Thursday we have an all-day meeting to do White Cross work, sewing for mission needs, etc. On the third Thursday we meet in the afternoons for business, Bible study and prayer. Each member present accepts a missionary or a missionary's child to remember daily in prayer. These names are chosen during the months of their birthdays.

Mrs. Elvern Nikkel, Reporter.

**Kansas Association Meets at Ellinwood, Kansas, with Dr. Walter Wessel, Guest Speaker**

"I will build my church" (Matt. 16:18) was the theme and text of the Kansas Association, meeting Oct. 15 to 17 at the First Baptist Church of Ellinwood, Kans., with its pastor, Rev. Elmer C. Strauss.

Dr. Walter Wessel, the new professor at our seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the guest speaker. Besides bringing the Association a good denominational report with emphasis on the seminary, he took his turn with local pastors, speaking twice on the association text. Others who spoke on the text were Rev. O. K. Ringering of the Bison Church, Rev. Walter Weber of the Dickinson County Church, and Rev. H. J. Wilcke of the Stafford Church. Devotional and prayer service leaders were Rev. L. B. Hinz of the Strassburg Church, Rev. J. R. Kruegel of the Mt. Zion Church, and Pastor William Berger of the Dighton Church.

The treasurer reported an expenditure of \$1,802 for the Kansas Scripture Memory Program, and the Scripture Memory Committee reported that 187 children and adults had been at the Scripture Memory Camp last summer. The Scripture Memory Program began in Kansas in 1937 and has since become a denomination-wide project.

The Association accepted the recommendation of the Kansas Mission Committee that we continue to seek to establish new churches and that such efforts be "mothered" by local churches or groups of churches. If additional help is needed, the Kansas Mission Committee stands ready to assist.

Officers for the coming year are as follows: moderator, Rev. J. R. Kruegel at Mt. Zion; vice-moderator, Mr. Charles Thole of Stafford; secretary, Rev. John Wood of Bethany; and treasurer, Mr. Russell Scheufler of Bison.

J. R. Kruegel, 1956 Secretary.

**Sunday School Week and Baptismal Service at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Loyal, Oklahoma**

A blessed week was observed in the Immanuel Church of Loyal, Okla., from September 30 to October 7. It was begun with Promotion Day. Seven of our Sunday School pupils received prizes for perfect or near perfect attendance. At the Sunday morning worship service the pastor, Rev. Eleon L. Sandau, spoke on "The Purpose of the Sunday School in the Church." At the midweek service the topic was "The Challenge of the Sunday School Worker." A season of prayer was devoted to the needs and work of our Sunday School.

On Thursday evening we observed Family Night at which time we enjoyed two films, "A Clean House" and "Bible on the Table," together with a group of color slides of our summer camps, Vacation Bible School, and other church activities.

On Sunday, October 7, we observed Rally Day during our Sunday School hour which included a dedication service for officers and teachers. The week was climaxed with a baptismal service on Sunday night. The baptismal candidates who had submitted to a number of weeks of instruction and who were unanimously accepted by the church were Jeanette Geis, Connie Jeffers, Darryl Geis, and Jerry Pope.

Eleon L. Sandau, Pastor.

**Farewell Reception and Rally Day Service at Calvary Church, Stafford, Kansas**

A farewell reception was held on Sunday, Sept. 23, for Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hildebrandt who are returning to the mission field in the Cameroons, Africa. After the morning service members of the church and friends enjoyed a basket dinner. Our pastor, Rev. H. J. Wilcke, and representatives of the different organizations spoke words of farewell, wishing the Hildebrands God's blessing.

A very impressive Rally Day service was held on Sunday, Sept. 30, as a climax to Sunday School Week. The Sunday School goals and activities were given by the general superintendent, Mrs. Clifford Hildebrand. Special musical numbers were given by the Beginners, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate Departments.

A very interesting report on Scripture Memory work was given by Mrs. Edward Lichte. This work began in 1937 with a few of our Kansas churches participating. Now the work has grown to be a denominational project. At the present time 51 boys and girls are enrolled. Ellen Jean Hildebrand and Rajean Rich sang, "I Know and Love the Bible." The picture story of our Sunday School in action, was given in colored slides, taken recently of the different departments and classes in action.

Certificates were presented to 38 persons who had completed the Leadership Training Course. Mrs. Harve Junior and Intermediate departments, presented the new teachers and officers.

Mrs. Charles Thole, Reporter.



Rev. R. H. Zepik (right), pastor of the First Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana, and the fine young group whom he recently baptized, including his daughter Lois (front row at left).

**Dakota Conference**

**Baptismal Service and Harvest Mission Festival at Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, N. Dak.**

Sunday, August 5, was a day of rejoicing for the Immanuel Baptist Church of Beulah, North Dakota. Eight candidates were baptized, four from Beulah, and four from the station at Zap, North Dakota.

On Sunday, Sept. 9, we had our annual Harvest Mission Festival, with Rev. L. Bienert from Forest Park, Ill., as our guest speaker. Our offering for the day was probably the best offering in the history of the church. It amounted to \$1,117.90. Last spring our pastor, Rev. E. Lutt, offered a dollar to any boy or girl wishing to undertake a project to raise money for the installation of restrooms in the church basement. Eighteen boys and girls accepted the challenge. Their projects consisted of vegetables, grain, poultry, etc. It was a pleasant surprise when the boys and girls presented their gifts to the church, and related their experiences in planting, watering, and caring for their projects.

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The projects amounted to \$348.10 which paid for a rest room.

Mr. Bienert remained with us for two more evenings conducting a teachers' training course, "You Can Teach," which our pastor completed in the following weeks.

The Ladies Missionary Society presented a program on Oct. 9. Their guest speaker was Mrs. T. Lutz, our national president. The women had two short plays, and several numbers in song. The offering for the evening amounted to \$38.00 which went to the Indian Mission Field in Canada.

Mrs. R. Mehrer, Reporter.

**Baptism of 13 Young People and Harvest Mission Festival at Plevna, Montana**

On Sunday afternoon, September 9th, the First Baptist Church, Plevna, Mont., moved its service to the First Baptist Church of Miles City, Montana. The purpose of this move was to have adequate accommodations for baptism. It was the pastor's privilege to baptize 13 young people who had been won for Christ in the course of over a year. Three of these were won at our Crystal Springs encampments.

The Workers' Conference held here on Oct. 5th was a time of blessing and fellowship. It was also a time of learning how to improve our methods for reaching the lost, and teaching and training the workers.

The word "harvest" had no meaning for many people in this part of the state. It was so dry that many had nothing to harvest, and the winter range is dry and bare. However, the church planned for its Harvest Mission Day on Sunday, Oct. 7th. The morning offering was to be retained by the church to go into the Church Building Fund, and the afternoon offering was for our denominational missionary budget. We believe that it is the Lord's doing that the morning offering was \$6,254.45 and the afternoon offering \$1,935.37 for a total of \$8,189.82. Thanks be unto God who laid it upon his people to sacrifice.

R. H. Zepik, Pastor.



## 1957 INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTERS

All reports MUST be limited hereafter to 175 words. The manuscripts will be returned for revision if they exceed this maximum number of words.

Please keep the reports factual. Review only the important highlights of the church events.

All reports should be sent within one month after the event to be eligible for publication.

No annual reports from organizations of your church, etc., can be published. No reports of wedding announcements are acceptable, except for golden wedding anniversaries and those beyond the 50th year.

Every church will be limited to two pictures a year. The pastor and reporter should determine what those pictures should be to appear in the "Baptist Herald."

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## Annual Birthday Program of the Woman's Missionary Society, Napoleon, North Dakota

On Friday, Sept. 28, the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church, Napoleon, N. Dak., held its annual birthday program. Mrs. Hulda Gohring was the leader. The theme was "Our Life Line." Our program consisted of several readings, a play, and two musical selections by the ladies. Rev. Henry Lang, the pastor, gave a talk on "Throwing Out the Lifeline."

The special project of the society in the past year was a God's Acre plan by which each member donated an acre of land to God. As roll call was taken, each woman responded with her favorite Bible verse and brought her offering and laid it on the altar for God. The offering for the evening was \$345.30. Our society consists of 17 members.

Other projects of our society are our White Cross meeting each month. A patchwork quilt was made for the Old People's Home at Bismarck, N. Dak., and chickens were sent to our Home. Christmas gifts were sent to our service boys and the Sukuts in Japan besides other cash donations and gifts to institutions.

Mrs. Henry Lang, Reporter.

## Harvest Mission Festival for Ebenezer & Immanuel Churches, Wessington Springs, S. Dak.

The Immanuel and Ebenezer Baptist Churches of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., held their fall Harvest Mission Festival on Sunday, October 21, at the Immanuel Church. The Lord gave us a beautiful day for this occasion. Mr. Harold Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., who was an exchange student to Germany last year, was our guest speaker. In the morning his message was entitled, "Living by Faith." He related several personal experiences which happened while in Germany, which showed us how we will be rewarded if we will live by faith and put our trust in Christ.

In the afternoon the young people took part and Mr. Lang spoke on the text, "And Jesus said, Come unto Me." In the evening he showed slides which were taken in Germany and some in Switzerland where he attended a world-wide young people's conference.

mony. A sextet from Avon sang "Heaven Is Nearer." Mrs. Kirstein of Wessington Springs read scripture and Mrs. G. Lubbers of Tyndall led in prayer.

A reading, "Now Is the Time," was read by Mrs. Herbert Decker of Plum Creek. The guest speaker, Miss Ruby Salzman, told of some of her interesting experiences in the Cameroons. Our vice-president, Mrs. Wayne Heitzman of Emery sang a solo, "Jesus Led Me All the Way." After the mission offering was received, the Ann of Ava Guild of Madison presented a challenging play, "The Lord Hath Need of Thee."

At the business meeting which followed the program, Mrs. Willis Potratz was re-elected president and Mrs. Irvin Finck was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The interesting letters from the various societies were read. It was decided to invite the Seminary Guild to join our association.

Mrs. Irvin Finck, Secretary.

## Pacific Conference

### Ordination of Rev. Kenneth Fischer by the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, California

On Sunday evening, October 7, an ordination service was held at the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., for the purpose of ordaining Mr. Kenneth Fischer to the Gospel ministry.

Special music for the occasion were two numbers by the choir: "His Love Won My Heart" by Scholfield, and "The Lord Is My Light" by Adams. The male chorus sang Hoffman's "Is Your All On the Altar?" The Scripture passage was read by Rev. Herman Wedel, a member of the church.

Rev. Robert Kevorkian, pastor of First Baptist Church of Anaheim, gave a charge to the pastor and the charge to the congregation was given by Rev. Fred David of the Upper Bay Baptist Church of Costa Mesa. The ordination message was delivered by Dr. Lawrence Allen of the California Baptist Theological Seminary at Covina.

Joining the other ministers in the laying on of hands were Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, pastor of the church, and Rev. William Jaster, also a member of the church. Immediately following the service an informal reception was held in honor of the Rev. Kenneth Fischer, with members and friends of the church joining in this time of fellowship together.

The Rev. Kenneth Fischer received his B.A. degree from the Bible Institute of Los Angeles and his Bachelor of Divinity degree in the class of 1956 from the California Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as assistant pastor of Bethel Church since November 1, 1955 and at present is also organizing pastor of the Magnolia Baptist Church in western Anaheim, which is a Church Extension project of the Bethel Church and of the North American Baptist General Conference.

Iris Fallon, Reporter.

# OBITUARY

(A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries, except for those of our pastors and their wives.)

### MR. FRED FRANZEL of Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Fred Franzel of Phillipsburg, Pa., son of the late Joseph and Kathryn Franzel, was born April 7, 1884. He passed away on September 1, 1956 at his home, following an illness of one month, at the age of 72 years, 4 months, and 24 days. He was converted and then baptized on Easter Sunday of 1907 by Rev. E. E. Kliese, and received into the fellowship of the Forest Baptist Church, Munson, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Franzel was married to Wanda Lipke of Forest, Pa., in 1914. She survives along with three children: Walter of Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. Alfred (Esther) Tulwits, and Herbert at home. Three grandchildren also survive along with two brothers: Henry and Adolph of Portland, Ore.; three sisters: Amelia of New York City; Emma and Mathilda of Portland, Oregon. Three children, one brother and one sister, preceded him in death.

Words of comfort were taken from Rev. 7:9-17. Funeral services were held in the Forest Baptist Church and conducted by the undersigned, his pastor.

Forest Baptist Church,  
Winburne, Pennsylvania  
GEORGE ZINZ, SR., Pastor.

### MR. and MRS. GORDON WIESER of Kenora, Manitoba.

Mr. Gordon Wieser of Kenora, Ont., was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wieser of Anola, Manitoba. He was born on August 1, 1934. Mrs. Lydia Wieser was born at Southey on September 30, 1931 to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lang. She came to know Christ as Savior in 1944 and was later baptized by Rev. Henry Smuland in 1945.

Gordon and Lydia were married on October 1, 1955 with the undersigned officiating. Both loved the Lord and had been students at the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta. They worked and made their home in Kenora, Ontario. However, their earthly pilgrimage together was short lived. On September 3, 1956 they came to a violent death when the boat in which they were riding capsized on Lake-of-the-Woods.

They are survived by Gordon's parents; his two sisters: Elsie and Judy; and one brother, Walter, all of Anola, Man.; Lydia's parents, her sister, Anne (Mrs. J. Wohlgenuth) of Edmonton; six brothers: John, Jake, Albert, Ernest, Walter of Southey and Carl of Edmonton.

The funeral service was conducted from the chapel of Brown's Funeral Home on September 8 at 2:00 P.M. in Kenora. Rev. A. McRae, pastor of First Baptist Church in Kenora, officiated. Interment was in the Lake-of-the-Woods Cemetery.

Southey, Saskatchewan  
E. L. THIESSEN, Pastor.

### MR. C. G. GROSS of Pound, Wisconsin.

Mr. Carl G. Gross was born Nov. 14, 1865 in Germany. In 1891 he came to the United States and settled in Pound, Wis., in which area he resided until his death on October 14, 1956.

On Nov. 18, 1905 he was united in marriage to Otilie Plank in Pound. Mr. Gross operated a farm at Pound until his recent illness. Mr. and Mrs. Gross celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Nov. 18, 1955. Brother Gross was one of the few remaining charter members of the Pioneer Baptist Church of Pound, which he helped to organize in 1899. He served as the clerk of the church for a period of 38 years as well as serving for many years as deacon, Sunday School teacher, and choir director.

Surviving him are his wife; two sons: Theodore and Leo of Pound; four daughters: Mrs. John W. Matrisch, and Mrs. Wm. Konstanski of Pound; Mrs. Milo Jorgensen

## OBITUARIES

All obituaries hereafter will have to be kept to a maximum of 150 words. The account of the individual's life, conversion, and baptism, and church membership should be stressed. The names and addresses of children and relatives are to be omitted. Please follow these instructions for a streamlined "Baptist Herald" in 1957.

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of Marinette, Wis.; and Mrs. Andrew Cronk of Thiensville, Wis. A son, Ernest, and a daughter, Gertrude, preceded their father in death. Funeral services were held at the Pioneer Baptist Church on October 16, 1956.

Pioneer Baptist Church,  
Pound, Wisconsin  
G. W. BLACKBURN, Pastor.

### MRS. CAROLINA WEISSER of Streeter, North Dakota.

Mrs. Carolina Weisser of Streeter, N. Dak., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hoff, was born in South Russia, Dec. 12, 1883. In 1884 she came with her parents to the United States, settling in this vicinity of Streeter. On Sept. 29, 1956 she was involved in a tragic car and pedestrian accident from which she never regained consciousness. She went to be with her Lord on Sept. 30th, at the age of 72 years, 9 months, 18 days. She was a born-again Christian who followed her Lord on confession of faith, in baptism, and united with the Streeter Baptist Church, of which she was a beloved and active member.

On July 7, 1907 she was married to Paul Hoffer, who died in 1934. This union was blessed with ten children. Besides her husband, three children and one brother preceded her in death. In 1949 she was married to Christ Weisser of Streeter, North Dakota. He died in 1955. She leaves to mourn her sudden departure her three daughters: Lydia Finlayson, Bismarck, N. Dak.; (Kathryn) Mrs. Wm. Powell, and Mary Mason, of Tracy, Calif.; four sons: Richard Hoffer, Harlan, Iowa; Bennie Hoffer, Streeter, N. Dak.; Oscar Hoffer and Arnold Hoffer, Bismarck, N. Dak.; one sister (Margaret), Mrs. Adam Berreth, Linton, N. Dak.; five half-brothers: Christ Hoff, Valley City, N. Dak.; Adam Hoff, Bismarck, N. Dak.; Fred Hoff, Redfield, S. Dak.; August Hoff, Portland, Ore.; and Benjamin Hoff, Homestead, Florida; four step-sisters: (Katie) Mrs. Otto Hillius, Fredonia, N. Dak.; (Magdalena) Mrs. Emanuel Miller, Rupert, Idaho; (Christina) Mrs. John Kola, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and (Mary) Mrs. Albert Kroll, Napoleon, N. Dak.; twelve grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

The church being without a minister at the time, Rev. Emanuel Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., conducted the funeral services, and brought messages of comfort and admonition on 2 Cor. 5:1 on "The Blessed We Know."

Mrs. Weisser was a dearly beloved mother to her family. She will also be greatly by her church and neighbors. The large gathering and floral display gave evidence that she was highly esteemed. Sacred will be her memory. Her bereaved take comfort of meeting again on "That Day."

Streeter, North Dakota  
EMANUEL BROECKEL, Officiating Pastor.

### MR. BENJAMIN WILTERMUTH of Calgary, Alberta.

Mr. Benjamin Wiltermuth of Calgary, Alta., began his earthly pilgrimage on Nov. 27, 1884 at Lichtenal, South Russia. He left his native country at the early age of 21 years and emigrated to London, England, and then to Buenos Aires, Argentina. In 1908 he traveled extensively through

Mexico, Texas, Colorado, and finally settled in North Dakota. Two years later he moved to Portland, Ore., and was united in marriage with Marie Tarnaski Jan. 18, 1910. The Lord blessed them with four children. He homesteaded at Hilda, Alta., where he farmed until 1924. He then moved to Maidstone, Saskatchewan. In 1949 he retired to Calgary.

During the flu epidemic of 1918 his wife Marie also became a victim of this disease and died. A year later he was joined in marriage with Mathilda Sukut (nee Neitz) who brought with her two children into the home. The Lord also blessed this union with four children. On August 15, 1947 his wife Mathilda was taken from his side in a car accident. He, too, lay in a critical condition in the hospital for many weeks as a result of this accident. On June 3, 1949 he was joined in holy wedlock with Louise Ziegler (Schlag). He made his life's decision for God in 1913 and became a citizen of his Kingdom. In 1949 he also followed the Lord into the baptismal waters.

He was relieved from much suffering when he passed away quietly on Oct. 2, 1956, having reached the age of 71 years, 10 months, and 5 days. Surviving are his wife Louise; seven daughters: Mrs. Lizzie Walker of Sundre; Mrs. Martha Reid of Victoria; Mrs. Esther McCulloch of Victoria; Mrs. Lydia Neufeld of Aberdeen, Sask.; Mrs. Ruth Cutsforth of Maidstone; Mrs. Laura Shaw of Beaverdale, B. C.; and Freda Wiltermuth of Edmonton; three sons: Joseph, Harold, and Herbert of Maidstone; three sisters: Mrs. Annie Zieffle of Seven Persons; Mrs. Tony Bierwagon of Hilda; and Mrs. Lizzie Finkbeiner of Veteran; 24 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. After the funeral services in the Bridge-land Baptist Church where words of comfort were brought by the undersigned, his body was sent to Maidstone, Saskatchewan. He was laid to rest there awaiting the great resurrection morning.

Bridgeland Baptist Church,  
Calgary, Alberta

ERVIN J. FAUL, Minister.

### MRS. LEOPOLD HIRSCH of Lodi, California.

Mrs. Whilemina Hirsch, nee Konrad, of Lodi, Calif., was born on Sept. 20, 1880 in the Ukraine. She came to this country in 1900 and lived in Turtle Lake, N. Dak., for many years, and in 1944 she came to Lodi, Calif., where she lived until she was called to her eternal home in the Father's House above. On January 23, 1898 she was united in marriage with her now bereaved husband, Mr. Leopold Hirsch. This union was blessed with five children, of whom one died in infancy.

Mrs. Hirsch was converted in 1918 and baptized on profession of her faith and united with the Baptist Church in Turtle Lake, North Dakota. At the time of her departure she was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, and also a member of the Woman's Missionary Society of this church, where she made her talents count for her Lord whom she loved so dearly. She loved the house of God and the sincere preaching of the Word of God. Now there is fulfilled in her life the word that is written, "One thing have I desired of the Lord that will I seek after, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life to behold the beauty of the Lord and to visit in his temple."

She passed away in a local hospital on October 9th at the age of 76 years. She leaves to mourn her beloved husband, Mr. Leopold Hirsch; and four children: Louis Hirsch of Seattle, Wash.; Walter Hirsch of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Ann Jacobsen of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Mrs. Lillian Davidson of Los Angeles, California. Also surviving are six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Her humble and consecrated Christian character will always be remembered by the ones who loved her and knew her. During the days of her long illness and much suffering, her faith never wavered, and her song of praise to her Redeemer did not die. The blessed hope of the saints was her strength and expectation.

First Baptist Church,  
Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.



## VISIT TO SASKATCHEWAN

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has already been purchased in a very promising area, and a fine congregation is carrying on the work there. Rev. H. Schatz, Northern Conference field worker, is temporarily serving this new congregation.

While the church is a project of our Church Extension work, serving for the most part the new immigrant families, several of the families from our Saskatchewan churches have located in Saskatoon and are assuming leadership in the new work. Among these are the parents of our missionary, Rev. Reinhard Neuman. Since Saskatoon is drawing many of our young people from the Saskatchewan churches to the university and many young women to the hospital for nurses training, special efforts must be made to provide a spiritual ministry for these young people of ours in the newly organized church. Here we find a real challenge for service.

Leaving Saskatoon Saturday night on the train after the service, the pastor of the Fenwood Baptist Church met the weary traveler at 2:00 A.M. Sunday morning to bring him to his church for a full day on Sunday in a Harvest Mission Festival program. Rev. Eldon Janzen is offering capable leadership to his church at Fenwood. The Sunday School presented a fitting Harvest Mission program where all departments participated.

### REV. C. FUELLBRANDT CALLED HOME!

On Nov. 7th Rev. Carl Fuellbrandt of Toronto, Ontario, was called to his heavenly home following a brief illness. For many years he served as the director of our Danubian Mission Field in Europe. A tribute to him will appear shortly in the "Baptist Herald."  
EDITOR.

The next point of contact with all Saskatchewan churches, at least through delegates represented, was the Saskatchewan Association held with the East Ebenezer Church at Ebenezer. The sessions were devoted to reviewing the spiritual progress of the churches. The missionary challenge, both at home and abroad, was presented, interspersed with fitting and inspiring messages by pastors and visiting guest speakers on the appropriate theme, "The Christ of Christianity."

Ours is a great Christian fellowship of which the Saskatchewan churches are a vital part. The strength of our larger outreach in evangelism, Christian Education and missionary effort lies with the local church and its integration into the larger program of service. The opportunities for a dynamic program for Christ through our fellowship are unlimited. Our witness will be stronger and far-reaching as we are united in prayer, fellowship, and in a Christian teaching ministry.

## BAPTIST BRIEFS

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problems of this age group. This class of 60 is becoming one of the strongest elements in the life of the church.—  
Watchman-Examiner.

● During his visit in August to Hungary, Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, received a strong impression of the vitality of our Baptist work. Particularly during a Sunday night service in the Naputca church in Budapest great spiritual power was strongly felt. Very valuable was the four-hour conference with half a hundred Baptist preachers and leaders, held at Baptist headquarters in Budapest. He stated that there are 20,000 members of Baptist churches in Hungary. In Budapest there is a theological seminary that has 16 students.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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### IV. THE WAY OF LOVE IS SUPREME. 1 Cor. 13:13.

Sometime ago the title of a book was brought to our attention called "Faith Is the Answer." Perhaps it would have been closer to the truth to say "Love Is the Answer." Faith can often be used in getting something for ourselves. Love, on the other hand, is used in giving something to others.

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