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The Baptist Church by the Side of the Road

The One Talent Man Baptism at Ise, Japan \$50,000 Church Extension Goal



the home of Wylie M. Giffen, founder prominent Presbyterian elder, recentof the Sun-Maid Raisin Growers co- ly appeared on a U.S. commemorative operative, was purchased in Fresno, Calif., by the Pacific district of the Mennonite Brethren Church of North nian to occupy the White House. This America. It will be used by the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary this fall. The church group also has acquired 53 acres of land adjoining the six-acre estate for subdivision and as a site for Pacific Bible Institute.

A large stone monument inscribed with the Ten Commandments will be erected in a landscaped setting on the Montana capitol grounds in Helena. Gov. J. Hugo Aronson headed the state board of examiners who approved installation of the religious monolith. Other members were Attorney General Arnold H. Olsen and Secretary of State Steve C. Arnold. The monument will be a gift from national and state Eagles' organizations.

Or. Vaughn V. Chapman heads an organization, The Missionary Dentist, Inc., which is devoted to recruiting and sponsoring dentists for missionary service throughout the world. The interdenominational group, set up in Seattle, Wash., in 1950, works with all Christian bodies wishing its assistance in interesting dentists to invest their lives in missionary work. Dr. Chapman says, "Most missionary operations include medical doctors, nurses, agriculturalists, evangelists and teachers, but few have dentists."

More than 9,000 Jehovah's Witnesses are being held in Soviet slave labor camps, sect officials in Berlin, Germany, announce. Of this number, they said, some 7,000-chiefly from the Baltic countries-are imprisoned at a camp near Siberia's Lake Baikal while another 2,000 are in the notorious Vorkuta camp. Sect leaders disclosed they had written Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin asking that he receive a delegation and permit help and visits to Jehovah's Witnesses imprisoned in the U.S.S.R.

 America will be "dry" again, V. L. Stanfield predicted at the recent National Temperance Institute held at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, "The price paid for alcohol in broken bodies, broken homes, and lost time in industry is too high," Stanfield, professor of preaching at the host Seminary, said, "I do not believe the American public will continue to see such things happen." Registered for the nine-day institute were 92 pastors and workers from 20 states and Canada.

 A twelve-room mansion formerly
⊕ "Wheatland," the last home of a postage stamp. It was the home of James Buchanan, the only Pennsylvayear marks the centenary of former President Buchanan's election. Members of First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, Pa. (the Reverends John M. Gordon and Francis H. Scott, co-pastors), of which Mr. Buchanan was an elder at the time of his death in 1868, and other congregations observed August 5, the date the stamp appeared as "Wheatland Day."

> David Livingstone will soon be walking the shores of Africa's Lake Victoria and ministering to the needs of the African people. But this David Livingstone is no relation to the worldfamous Scottish Presbyterian missionary who was found by American news

new homes and with a steadily increasing population. It is located about 70 miles from Spokane, Washington. On September 1st Rev. and Mrs. Edward Kopf began their ministry in the First Baptist Church of Odessa. A sermon by Mr. Kopf on "The Blessing of Discipline" appears on page 5 of this issue of the "Baptist Herald." EDITOR.

FRONT COVER

Odessa, Wash., is one of those churches prominently witnessing to Christ and his Gospel "by the side of the road." The town

of Odessa is growing with many

The First Baptist Church of

He's a young American doctor who was commissioned recently by the Church of God at Anderson, Indiana, Dr. Livingstone received his medical degree a year ago, and has since been interning in Panama, specializing in the study of tropical diseases. In Africa he will serve at a Church of God mission hospital in northern paperman Henry M. Stanley in 1871. Kenya. He will go there in September.



from Broadman Press is "The Baptist the occasion of its 100th anniversary. Deacon" by Robert E. Naylor, avail- This Convention is one of three units able for \$1.75 from all Baptist book of the Baptist Federation of Canada. stores. In its first month it sold 5,000 copies.

 Denmark's first part-time secretary for Baptist women's work, Miss Anna Valbak Andersen, returns to her post of duty there this summer after two years study in the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago, Illinois.

 Baylor University's new executive vice-president is Dr. Paul F. Geren, a 1936 graduate, former economics teacher at Judson College, University of Rangoon, and since 1947 member of the United States Foreign Service with assignments in India and Jordan.

Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg of St. Louis, Mo., has had a three-weeks mission to Israel under auspices of the American-Israel Society. He is pastor of the Delmar Baptist Church, a former president of the American Baptist Convention, and a former Baptist World Alliance Executive Committeeman

 The first woman ever to be named president of the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec is Mrs. Ivan C. Milne of Ottawa, elected at the 68th annual assembly in Brantford, Ontario. The 1957 meeting will be held

S Most useful book recently to come in Ottawa's First Baptist Church, on

• Four thousand Oklahoma Indians christened evangelist Billy Graham "Chief God's Interpreter" and gave him a tomahawk to "beat the devil to death." Dr. Graham held a special Indian Day service during his monthlong Oklahoma City crusade. The Indians present came from 39 tribes. Many wore their tribal costumes. Indian chiefs sat with the evangelist on the platform.

• One hundred years of service to God in training enthusiastic evangelists was commemorated by Spurgeon's College, London, July 2-5, with special lectures and discussions, and the laying of the foundation stones of a new chapel. Dr. Adam Burnett of Edinburgh and Dr. John Pitts of the U.S.A. were chief speakers, with greetings from the Baptist World Alliance, the Baptist Union, and the Baptist Missionary Society. A special evangelistic effort in the form of 88 local campaigns will mark the centennial year. Spurgeon's pulpit Bible, a large volume published in 1827 which has changed owners several times since his death, was given to the college at the celebration by William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri.



The Sacrifices of Thanksgiving

HIS IS THE TIME of the year for the observance of our Harvest and Mission Festivals. We look on the harvests of the field with joy and bring many fruits of the field into the church sanctuary. We praise the Lord for his goodness and declare his works with rejoicing.

But we often forget an important and solemn truth. The Psalmist reminds us that we must "sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving" (Psalm 107:22) if we would exalt God in the congregation of the people. We cannot come to God in praise and thanksgiving with empty hands or void souls. There is a responsibility inextricably bound up with every spiritual privilege. When we call upon the name of the Lord in praise, we must also offer to him the sacrifice of thanksgiving (Psalm 116:17).

That means that we must praise God with a gift of love, with the gift of ourselves, with the gift of self-surrender. As the redeemed of the Lord, who have taken and tasted the cup of salvation, we praise him from a full heart and with a complete commitment to his ways and purposes for us. That means walking before the Lord in the land of the living, paying our vows unto the Lord in the presence of all his people, and recognizing that the only sacrifice pleasing to God is a humble, contrite heart!

The sacrifices of thanksgiving also remind us that we must praise God, even when we are depressed and despondent. Mrs. Charles Cowman in her book, "Handfuls of Purpose," asks several pertinent questions: "When shall I praise God? When I feel happy and when everything is moving smoothly? When there is no trial crossing my pathway? It would be no sacrifice to praise God at such a time as this. Sacrifice hurts! It costs!" A sacrifice of thanksgiving is to praise God when you do not feel like it, when midnight darkness envelops you as with Paul and Silas in prison, when the walls of adversity rise high before you. Then try thanksgiving!

We offer to God the sacrifice of thanksgiving when we praise God with thoughts only of others and of their need. We are most thankful to God when we are most intensely missionary minded. We offer to God our sacrifice when we heed his commission orders to go into all the world with the Gospel message. When we lose this world vision of missionary need, our hands are emptied of this gift of sacrifice and they clutch selfishly only at things for our own enjoyment. We are in danger of forgetting this Scriptural emphasis that these are Harvest AND Mission Festivals. We need to recapture the joy of our salvation by praising the Lord with our sacrifices of thanksgiving!

Georgia Harkness in the third stanza of a poem on "Thanksgiving" has brought us in the courts of the Lord:

> "Father who givest all, To thee we bring-Tribute of grateful hearts: Thy praises sing. Help us to use thy gifts To spread thy grace: Give us thy Spirit, Lord, Our love increase."

Both in Canada and in the United States as we hold our many festive observances of the Harvest Season, may we remember to bring our sacrifices of thanksgiving to our God and Savior!

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The One Talent Man

Jesus Christ tapped through simple faith and gratitude that great potential of one talent people

By REV. HELMUT H. RIEMER of Dayton, Ohio

bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:20).

Jesus Christ have made a tremendous difference in the world. History was dissected by the Cross, and all subsequent events are dated from those momentous days: Anno Domini,

Immediately after the resurrection things seemed the same. The crowds left Jerusalem after the Passover. The world seemingly had settled back into its humdrum existence. An empty cross still stood on the hill Golgotha, outside Jerusalem-rough and crude, bloodstained, lonely and neglected, addressed only by the whispering wind sweeping across the hill. The small band of disciples were together again. still somewhat confused and uncertain in spite of the resurrection experiences (for we read that "some still doubted" (Matt. 28:17) and yet things were not the same. Things would never be the same!

BOUGHT WITH A PRICE

There was a haunting refrain which would not be silenced, felt first in the hearts of the early followers, and articulated later by Paul in his letter to the Corinthians: "You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

They couldn't quite explain their feelings but when they looked at the "cursed wood" which reminded them of their dearest Friend who had been taken from them, in the midst of their tears was a shimmering reflection of God's light and grace. In spite of their scrrow they felt moved to glorify God. Not "in spite of" but "because of" these events, they began to experience a transformation of their whole outlook on life and death which made them want to glorify God with their bodies-to give their heart and soul and mind and strength to the service of God.

In our meditations under the Cross, this strange word has grasped us as

ing and we have cried out. "Thee will I glorify with my whole life, O God."

This we know we should do, and this we want to do, and yet in our HE LIFE, death, and resurrection of more sober and less emotional moments we have often felt so helpless, so insignificant for this overwhelming task. In this matter of glorifying God, do we not often feel like the one talent man must have felt? Poor fellow-one talent-what can you do with that, besides bury it?

You know, if we were writing that story of the talents today we would probably write it just the opposite way. We would have the man with one talent be the hero. We would have him using it for the glory of his Lord while the man with five talents, who could really do something, would squander his treasure or misuse it. But this is not the way it happens in life. Often it is easier for the five or two talent person to use his life to glorify God. He can see results. He has something to work with.

THE BURIED TALENT

But the one talent man looks at his one talent, becomes discouraged, and goes and buries it.

Jesus was trying to show the danger that is here. The one talent person is the one who will find it hardest to do something, in using his talent for the glory of God. Most of us are one talent people. We think, "If I could do something spectacular, if I had a little more to work with, what I wouldn't do for the kingdom of Godand so we go and bury our one talent.

The disciples were mostly one talent men. Jesus had picked them up along the waterfront. They were common fisher folk or tax collectors. But the miracle of Jesus' life and resurrection was that he could make one talent people give their best to God. This was why the world was never the same afterwards. Jesus tapped through simple faith and gratitude that great potential of one talent people.

They would forget that they were weak or insignificant and not endowed well. We, too, have heard the refrain to perform the spectacular. They and felt its compelling persuasiveness: would overcome their great tempta-You are bought with a price! So glori- tion to take their one talent and bury fy God with your body. Our heart has it. They would be inspired to love God

"You are not your own; you were been filled with praise and thanksgiv- with heart and soul and mind and strength and glorify him with all they had

One of the history transforming results of Jesus' life was the awakening and marshalling of the one talent folk into the work of the Kingdom. A tremendous army was on the move. As Paul said, "Where is the wise man? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? . . . God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise. God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong"---im-petuous Peters, doubting Thomases, quiet Andrews, unnamed disciples, women, little children, publicans and sinners, women of the streets, you and me-one talent folk to glorify the Father and to build the Kingdom of his Son.

When I hear of evangelists who have been great Hollywood or television celebrities and who are converted to Christ and become dynamic speakers. I am not too much impressed. These are five talent people-emotional, artistic, talented. They can move with ease and success from one field to another. What to me is much more significant is when common people, in quietness and simplicity and yet with determination, in simple faith and trust, turn their lives over to God and serve him with faithfulness, keeping their eyes on Jesus Christ, loving and sacrificing, bearing crosses often beyond their own powers, leaving a testimony through the consistent witness of their everyday life of how the Spirit of Christ can find a dwelling place in our day, and of how God may be glorified and the Kingdom built, even with one talent.

Yes, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ made a tremendous difference in the world. People were glorifying God as never before, and it was mostly the one talent folk.

A UNITED WITNESS

One other thing also happened. I have often thought, if that one talent fellow had had another one talent fellow around and they would have gone into partnership, they could have probably really done something. Not only has Christ awakened the one

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The Blessing of **Discipline**

The joys of walking in God's way come only to those who are willing to let him lead

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By REV. EDWARD KOPF of Odessa, Washington

and see if there be any wicked way in me and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24).

OME YEARS ago a new, streamlined train was on exhibition in a city railroad terminal. It was an amazing piece of machinery. Every part seemed built for strength and every gadget seemed to produce speed and power. If this locomotive were left to run wild, without control, it would speed down the tracks and soon come to a disastrous end.

As we see the train on exhibit, it is ready for the run. However, it needs the hand of an intelligent engineer to guide it to a proper destination. Left to run by itself it would be a useless and dangerous engine. With trained hands to guide it, it becomes a beautiful example of scientific achievement.

If we would make our lives useful and worthy, we also need to be guided. Our lives need discipline to keep them from wasted energy and even from becoming dangerous rather than useful.

WHY DISCIPLINE?

In this Psalm (Ps. 139) much emphasis is placed on the necessity of self-examination. The Lord is the searcher who knoweth all things. Our hearts should be open before God so that we can say with Peter, "Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee" (John 21:17). How can the sin loving man pray, "Search me, O God," when he can see quite clearly what his own sin is? And why say, "See if there be any wicked way in me," when there is no question about it?

The Psalmist says that searching is necessary by each individual, but that his own searching is not sufficient. From experience we know that none can understand his own errors. We need God to cleanse us from our secret. hidden, and unknown faults. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9.) No one, but God!

WHERE DISCIPLINE BEGINS

In the heart: Our life is visible to others and to ourselves. Our words

guide of our conscience. If we walk in his way, he will direct our paths looketh on the outward appearance. and lead us to life everlasting. The God we serve is an everlasting Samuel 16:7). How easy it seems for God and the ways of God are everus to deceive man, for we can put on lasting. All joy, goodness and strength are in his way. All that the heart can desire, all that can bless us, all that can glorify Christ are in his way and will. We must be led in this way-not merely look upon it.

"Search me, O God, and know my are audible and can be heard; but the heart: try me, and know my thoughts; heart is silent and hidden. "Man but the Lord looketh on the heart" (1 our best outward appearance. To fool God is impossible. Again the Psalmist reminds us that God knows all about us. "He knoweth mine downsitting and mine uprising" (Psalm 139:2). In the mind: "Try me and know my



thoughts." Our thoughts need to be tested and tried for they may seem right to us when they are wrong. It is so much easier to see the faults of others than our own. Judas was a selfdeceiver in this way, thinking his thoughts were right when they were all evil. Paul thought he was doing right when he persecuted the church until he met the One that searched his heart and showed him the true path. God is ever applying his tests and revealing himself to us. He does this for the gracious purpose of leading us to seek his guidance in our lives.

In the conscience: "See if there be any wicked way in me." We are constantly confronted with various choices which have to be made. How often we are perplexed and wonder which way to take. All around us people are moving along, each in his own way. How can we know which way to take? How can we know which is the right way and which is the wicked way?

Let us compare our life with a ship. It is necessary that the ship be in the water, but it is disastrous if the water come: into the ship. Even so, we must live in the midst of various ways, but the danger comes only when the wicked ways are in us and our conscience no longer shows us which is the wrong way. Christ must be the

A GOLDEN ILLUSTRATION The favorite answer of E. J. Bosworth to the question, "How do you know there is a God?" was an anecdote about a small boy whom he once met flying a kite so high that it was out of sight. To the query, "How do you know there is any kite there at all?" the boy replied, "I feel the pull of it."

THE PURPOSE OF DISCIPLINE

"All the way my Savior leads me, What have I to ask beside?

- Can I doubt his tender mercy,
- Who through life has been my
 - guide?'

The words of the hymn writer express security in the way of Christ. Many know the way but do not walk in it. We cannot walk in his way unless he leads us.

The joys of walking in his way come only to those who are willing to let God lead. The prodigal son would not let anyone lead him. He sought freedom by breaking the physical and moral laws and seeking after worldly pleasures. He wanted no parental restrictions nor did he want to discipline himself. He asked for his inheritance so that he might go away and be free.

In the story of the prodigal son we have a picture of all who try to run away from discipline and live only to satisfy their own desires. A life without discipline is like the engine out of control without the hands of the engineer to guide it. Jesus shows us that the young man who wasted his youth was finally very glad to be home where there would be discipline, where there would be hard work, but where there was also bread enough and to spare. Not bread alone, but happiness, contentment and love! "This my son was dead and is alive again" (Luke 15:24). There was great rejoicing when the son returned to his father. God is ready to rejoice with us when we ask for his leading.

Can we pray, "Search me, O God," and mean it? Are we willing to have him try our every thought? Do we really want to walk in his way and forget all our wicked ways? God is faithful and will lead us into life everlasting.



The father and sister of Reiko Yuki, a young Japanese Christian, who died, with the father holding the coffin.

ON A BLEAK and somewhat cold spring morning more than a year ago, my Japanese co-worker, a Japanese evangelist and I met at the home of a man who had been attending our meetings quite regularly. His name was Ryoji Yuki, an insurance salesman. The arrangements had been made the day before for us to accompany Mr. Yuki to the house of a business acquaintance of his, who, as we were told, was very sick.

At the house of this acquaintance we were very graciously ushered in by a little old lady. She showed us into the room where her husband, who was now in his late seventies, was lying at the point of death. After going through the quaint Japanese customs of meeting each other, the man in a feeble voice told us that for a number of years he had been suffering from a stomach cancer.

FEAR OF DEATH

A quick survey of the situation made us realize that his days on this earth indeed were numbered. He told us how he had gone to numerous doctors and hospitals, but all of them had turned him away as hopeless. 'Then he pleaded with us to ask our God to heal him because he was afraid of death, and did not want to die.

A glance at the room made us aware that everything possible had been done to seek help from the Japanese gods. Hanging on the wall near the ceiling was the Shinto god shelf with various idols, and immediately in front of the idols were carefully prepared offerings. Then to one side of the room there was the Buddhist altar in which the ancestors were enshrined. In front of this altar carefully selected offerings of food had been placed.

In this atmosphere, with a few of the neighbors, who had heard of our coming, gathering around the old man, we sang some hymns and after giving a Gospel witness and prayer we left. The second time we called on him the old man had become considerably weaker. When we came the third time we were told that, in spite of the fact that he feared death to the very end, death had made its call for him,

Death Calling in Japan

Christ makes the difference in life and death!

By REV. WALTER SUKUT, Missionary in Japan

Three months later as the sun began to illuminate our bedroom, calling us forth to a new day. I was taking inventory of the tasks that were before me for the day when the telephone rang. I answered the telephone and soon recognized the familiar voice of Mr. Kondo at the city hospital. We were expecting the news which he had to relate to us-death had called at midnight at the City Hospital taking Miss Reiko Yuki, a young Christian afflicted with tuberculosis. Miss Yuki was the daughter of the man mentioned above who took us to see his dving business acquaintance.

FIRST FUNERAL SERVICE

When we received this early morning call, I immediately knew that all other tasks would have to be laid aside and cancelled for the time being (the Japanese cremate rather than embalm the dead; so the funeral service has to take place very shortly after death). We began the preparations for this funeral with a deep sense of reliance upon God

This was the first funeral to be held in our Japan mission church, and none of us had had an opportunity to witness a Christian funeral in Japan. Realizing that many of those who would attend had probably never heard the Gospel, and also realizing that what we did would set a precedent for the future of our church in Ise, it was of vital importance to take the greatest care in making it purely a Christian service with a strong witness for our Lord and Savior.

Conscious of this, we proceeded to make the preparations. Florence Miller was in Ise at the time and Clemence Auch joined us later in the day. The following morning we turned our mission station wagon into a hearse (all the funeral wagons in Japan are Buddhistic in design and are run by the Buddhists).

First of all, we took the body to the place where it was cremated. During the time of the cremation in the waiting room of the crematory, we sang hymns and had a season of prayer with the friends and relatives. After the body had been cremated, we took



The grave of Miss Reiko Yuki, whose vic-torious, Christ-like testimony in life and death is described in this article.

the remains to the church where we held the funeral service.

All of us felt the nearness of God. We felt that we had achieved in making the funeral service simple and uplifting, emphasizing the blessedness of those who die in the Lord. From the church we proceeded to the cemetery. returning to the earth that which is earthy. But the spirit of Miss Yuki had gone to be with the Lord, and her Christian influence will long be felt in the city of Ise.

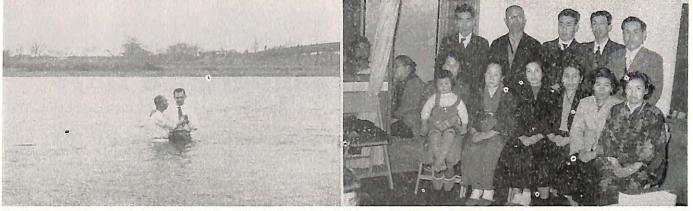
A RADIANT CHRISTIAN

During her short Christian life Miss Yuki was much more than an ordinary Christian. There was a radiance and a beauty about her that is hard to describe, but lovely to behold. When Miss Miller first began the work in Ise, she was asked to visit a sick girl not far from the place where she was holding her church meetings. The home for this sick girl was a little two room house with only one small window in it. Here Miss Miller found Reiko Yuki lying on the damp Japanese tatami floor afflicted with tuberculosis

Repeated visits to her house by Miss Miller and her co-worker Miss Yamamoto resulted in leading Reiko into a new hope and a new life in Christ Jesus. Due to the influence of Florence Miller, Miss Yuki was given entrance to the City Hospital in Ise where I met her for the first time in October of 1954.

From that time until death called her in July 1955, I had the privilege of spending many hours at her bedside. Our visits with her were always very inspiring and uplifting. She had touched heaven and the glory of it was reflected in her whole being. Her nurses were amazed at how pleasant she could be in spite of a constant high fever. Her roommate and others near her were constantly encouraged by her radiant faith and hope.

She suffered much, especially during the last month of her life, but not once did she falter in her faith. She had lost her fear of death and often prayed, "Lord Jesus, come quickly and (Continued on Page 24)



The Third Baptism at Ise, Japan

At Ise 21 Japanese Christians have been baptized since our Japan Mission was started and are demonstrating the resurrection power of Christ in their lives

ASTER SUNDAY! Has the thrill of that day gone from your heart until you again remember the resurrection of our Lord Jesus next year? If so, perhaps this account may help to revive it. We all tend to lose the joy and faith that are ours on that special day, because there are no Easter lilies in our churches, no choirs singing Easter cantatas, no Easter bonnets. But are these the things upon which our resurrection joy and faith are built? If so, we do well to look to our foundations.

RESURRECTION JOYS

The resurrection joy should continue wherever resurrection power is evident in human lives. Last Easter Day eleven men and women at Ise, Japan, made known in a visible way their faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and living Lord by receiving baptism. That day, of course, was to all of us a day of glorious joy, but unless that joy remains and grows, we as a church will not yet have experienced true resurrection power.

These eleven, for the most part, are continuing to walk with the Lord. The days immediately after baptism are crucial ones for young Christians in a pagan land. The newly born child of God looks forward with anticipation to baptism, sometimes requiring real courage to endure the taunts of unbelieving relatives. And after he has been baptized, when the goal has been achieved, as he may think, he tends to feel that there is nothing more to do but to coast along, forgetting that the Christian life is a constant spiritual warfare.

Easter Day was cold and rainy. It was so cold that we wondered whether to carry out the baptism as planned or not. The first baptismal service had also taken place in rain, so we were not afraid of the rain. It was the cold that everyone feared. The day opened with a sunrise service, followed by a fellowship breakfast. About fifty were present. The question in everyone's mind and on the lips of some was, "Will there be a baptism?"

All of our missionaries from Kyoto consultation. Mr. Ito was elected to be had come down to Ise for the occasion and, since the one who baptized the candidates would be in the water longest, we decided to ask his opinion. Since Rev. Clemence Auch would be coming to take over the work in Ise soon, he was asked to perform the baptism, his first since entering the Christian ministry. Upon his consent, we carried on as planned.

At 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon we gathered at the Miya River (Shrine River). The river has blessed associations for us, in spite of the name, because there our three baptismal serv- full-time service for him. ices have been performed.

MR. YUKI, HEAD DEACON

have a double nature.

both were baptized together.

Then there were Mr. and Mrs. Ito can he see to read with one eye. His who live next door to Mr. Yuki. Mrs. parents took him to many doctors and Ito became a Christian almost the also to many temples as a child in the same time that Rieko Yuki did. They hope of obtaining some help, but there were good friends. Through Reiko was no change. Mr. Yamamoto him-San's funeral, Mr. Ito became a Chrisself never believed in the gods of Budtian. The Ito's have two darling little dhism or Shintoism and was not pargirls, the youngest named Mogumi, ticularly seeking to know God. which means "blessing." She was thus But through a totally blind man named because she was God's gift to who was attending our church, we them after both of them had believed became acquainted with Mr. Yamain Jesus Christ. This is the only real moto and, after several invitations to Christian home were both parents have attend church, he came. He discovered been baptized thus far. It is a happy that the God of the Bible was quite home to which the people of the church diffierent from the gods he had heard often come, both for fellowship and (Continued on Page 14)

Mr. Yuki, 60 years of age, is baptized in the Miya River at Ise, Jaran, by Missionary Clemence Auch (left); and (right) the eleven adult candidates for baptism are photographed in the Baptist Church before the baptismal service.

By MISS FLORENCE MILLER, Missionary at Ise, Japan

The candidates were baptized in order of age, the eldest being Mr. Yuki, about sixty years of age.. He is the father of Rieko San who died last year. (See article by Mr. Sukut on accompanying page.) He came to know the Lord as a result of her illness and witness. Since then, he has been elected to be our head deacon. As a leader in the church, he is a target of the enemy, and so we request your special prayers for this man, who seems at times to

The youngest was a girl who had just graduated from high school, Yamaoka San. She and her mother are the only members of their family and the church treasurer.

Mr. Kubota is a young man about twenty years old. He attended the last night of the evangelistic meetings held in November of last year, at which Rev. John Rhoads was the speaker. He was saved that night and has scarcely missed a meeting, except for the Sundays when he has to work. He has been one of the most enthusiastic Christians in the church. When we spoke with him before his baptism, he said he was wondering whether or not the Lord might not be calling him into

In the six months that Mr. Kubota has been a Christian he has achieved an amazing knowledge of the Scriptures by correspondence Bible courses, faithful church attendance, and private study. He is now the president of the Young People's Group, teaches sorobon (Japanese adding machine) to a class of poor children unable to pay for the lessons, and teaches at the adult meeting in Kurose, a nearby village.

STORY OF MR. YAMAMOTO

Mr. Yamamoto is a music teacher. He teaches okoto, which is a Japanese musical instrument about three yards long and a foot wide. It has strings like a violin which are plucked with one hand and pressed with the other. His eyesight is almost gone. Only by holding a book almost up to his face

Highlights of Great Conference Days

Observations of the 4th Laymen's Conference Held from July 28 to August 4 at Green Lake, Wis.

AT THE LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

By MR. HENRY HOLZIMMER of Detroit, Michigan

The Laymen's Conference of Baptist Men is one of the weeks of the year to which our family looks forward. Weeks before conference time, we spend many evenings to prepare for and look forward with great anticipation to the arrival of the time when we will again meet at Green Lake. This was our fourth conference, and they seem to get better each time.

The very first meeting on Saturday evening, when all gathered for the opening of the conference with the Fellowship Program, followed by informal visiting and refreshments, is always a very good indicator of the type of conference that will be in the offing. I must say that this year was one of the best. The officers must be congratulated and a "BIG Thank You" to them all for the splendid program.

It is my feeling that the location this year for the conference added something new to the meetings. Meeting with other groups at meal time, having opportunity to make new friends from other conferences, has added richly to the fellowship. We enjoyed the meetings in Morehouse and having available the musical talent of the Assembly. And, of course, we cannot forget the beautiful new dining hall and lounge and fellowship hall that have just been added this year.

The highlight of the conference for me was the Sunday morning worship service when we listened to Dr. Norman Paullin bring us a message on "A Worthy Prayer." It was not only the blessing and challenge of the message, but the thought that every morning of the week we would be privileged to listen to him. The thought often occurred to me during the week that we as laymen certainly were privileged to be in attendance at these meetings, and we can go back to our churches and relate these experiences and challenges, but how much more effective they could be if somehow we could have our whole congregation in these sessions.

Another part of the conference that I enjoyed very much was getting reacquainted with friends you haven't seen since the last conference. Some of the most pleasant times were at the informal gatherings at one of the snack areas and meeting with a group from Minneapolis, or Chicago, or from most any part of the country.

In closing, I would like to say that I thank God for "Baptist Men," what they stand for and for the Lavmen's Conference. We hope to see many new friends at the next conference.

WE. THE WOMEN-WERE **OVERHEARD TO SAY:**

By MISS EVA YUNG of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

"I've heard so much about Green Lake; I just had to come! It exceeds all expectations"

"That new dining room seating 700, the social hall below, the huge picture windows overlooking the lake, all are beyond description!"

"The inviting snackery is certainly a popular place to win friends and influence weight!"

"All the sessions were so well planned." We congratulate the men on an excellent job. It was a real treat to remain in the background for one whole week and let the men take over. Of course, we made some contribution with musical talent, and the skit, "God's Coffee Time," depicting possibilities women have in the home to witness for Christ to neighbors.

"I enjoyed the discussion groups and the way the evening speakers prepared us for the topics of the following day." Dividing us into five groups was an excellent idea and encouraged participation.

"The messages were so challenging and heart-searching."

"It's been worth coming all the way from the Pacific Coast just to hear Dr. Paullin. Wish I could give the home folks a verbatim report." We can! Tape recordings were made and are available from Radio-TV Center, American Baptist Assembly.

"I wonder why this conference wasn't publicized in my church? I heard about it through a friend."

"I really expected to see more men." There were 117 women, 97 men, exclusive of children.

"At the next conference I would like to see a program developed especially for church offices, such as deacons, trustees, ushers, etc."

"We won the shuffleboard tournament" This area, the golf course, launch or speedboat rides on the lake, swimming, visits to Art and Craft Centers, were popular afternoon activities as were also the guided tours of the Assembly grounds.

"This conference is going to end all too soon." It did, but the next one may be your time for relaxation and Christian fellowship in surroundings that lead to "a closer walk with God."

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

When asked why he was going to Africa as a missionary doctor, David Livingstone said: "God had an only Son, and he was a missionary and a physician."

A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD AT GREEN LAKE

By MR. R. E. ENGELBRECHT of Waco, Texas, President of "Baptist Men"

It seems that when people get away from the regular routine of living and take time to meditate and seek God, that they usually find him and his will for their lives. The days from July 28 to August 4 have truly been mountain-top experiences for me. Although they were busy days, I shall always look back upon this week as the nicest vacation I have had.

The fellowship, as it is at all North American Baptist gatherings, was one of the highlights of this retreat. It was wonderful to renew friendships that were formed at previous gatherings and also to make new friends.

Food is always an important item at a gathering such as this, and our food was tops. Much of this was due to the manner in which it was served by the attractive and genial college girls who have dedicated themselves to serve the many Christian groups that gather at Green Lake during the summer months.

Of greater value to the individual was the spiritual food that was provided daily. The messages brought each evening by the various speakers on timely subjects were inspiring and made us all aware of the great privilege and responsibility that is ours as Christians in our day. Their messages were thought provoking which was further demonstrated in the morning sessions during the group discussions.

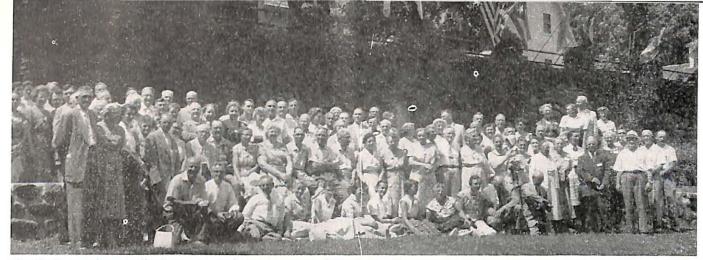
The highlight of this retreat, no doubt, was the presence of Dr. Norman Paullin. Not only were we challenged to a closer walk with God through the deep sincerity of his messages each morning but we were blessed by his genuine humility and graciousness as we had fellowship with him on the assembly grounds.

Surely, more would be done for Christ if all of us really took time off for our Layman's Retreat, sought to know God and then returned home to do all he had told us to do while we were there seeking him.

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT AND FELLOWSHIP PRIVI-LEGES AT GREEN LAKE By MR. WALTER W. GROSSER of Oak Park, Illinois, Moderator

of the General Conference

Has our denomination gained something from the fourth Baptist Men's Conference held at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wis., from July 28 to August 4? That is the (Continued on Page 11)



The North American Baptist Laymen's Conference group at Green Lake, Wis., with flags flying above them designating those countries where American Baptist missionaries are witnessing today.

Our Laymen's Conference at Green Lake

By DR. MARTIN L. LEUSCHNER, Editor of English Publications

Baptist laymen and their families, in attendance at their conference at August 4, participated eagerly in one of "God's Laboratories" by coming to grips with spiritual issues of today and engaging in spirited discussions. In many ways, this fourth conference sponsored by "Baptist Men" was the most representative and stimulating gathering for our denominational laymen.

GREEN LAKE SETTING

In the beautiful setting of the 1100 acre American Baptist Assembly along the two and one-half mile shoreline of Green Lake, our conference people met in the main area. We were housed in the luxurious suites and rooms of Roger Williams Inn and the spacious accommodations of John Clarke Lodge, Morehouse Hall, Indian Village and special bungalows. Our programs, held in the remodeled Morehouse Hall, were the main attraction on the grounds. We used the facilities of the sumptuously new and dignified dining hall, seating more than 600. We were at the center of Green Lake's main area with the inspiring Judson Tower and its illuminated cross at night constantly looking down upon us.

Spiritually, the program setting was like "a laboratory of God." Every evening some outstanding speaker brought a challenging message from the Word of God on some timely subject. The next day the conference assembly was divided into five groups with leading laymen serving as leaders in the lively discussion on the subject of the previous night's program. Questions and comments were brought by these lay leaders back to the general gathering to be presented to the guest speakers. All of this meant keen thinking on the crucial Christian problems of our day and a study of the same in the light of God's Word.

Dr. Gustaf A. Sword, for many years a Baptist missionary in Burma, spoke

MORE THAN 300 North American on the subject, "Can Missions Be Continued in a Revolutionary World?" He gave a positive, challenging answer, Green Lake, Wis., from July 28 to and the group came to grips with him concerning the Communist influences and pagan forces of our day that seem to be hindrances in the victorious march of Christian missionaries. Rev. Edwin Miller of Parma, Ohio, brought a fervent and fiery message on "Putting Life Into Our Local Churches" and thereby stimulated much spiritual thinking.

Rev. H. J. Wilcke of Stafford, Kans., dealt winsomely and graphically with the subject, "Bringing Christ Back Into the Home." The timely subject, "The Art of Reaching People for Christ," was considered by one of the most effective Baptist preachers of the Chicago area, Rev. John A. Lavender. Dr. Frank H. Woyke, our executive secretary and a member of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, dealt provocatively and comprehensively with the subject, "On Guard for Our Christian Liberties." In the laboratory of discussion the men and women did some real constructive thinking on these issues.

It was a splendid conference for the representative attendance from most of our conference areas. The cities of Detroit and Chicago had the largest representation, but the south and Pacific Coast and the entire central states area were also much in evidence. Many of the laymen participated in leading the meetings, bringing testimonies, offering prayers, and reading Scripture until one of the guest speakers commented on "the fine lay leadership" in our churches. Among others, they included Raymond Engelbrecht, president of Baptist Men; Herbert Stabbert, executive vice-president; David Jenkins, secretary-treasurer: Walter and Herbert Pankratz, Lincoln Love, E. Ralph Kletke, Milton Jahn, Edward Meister, Carl Jenkins, Irvin Obergefell, Harry Geis, Walter W.

CHALLENGING MESSAGES

Grosser, Peter Fehr, E. C. Quade, Roger Norman, John N. Kittlitz, B. V. Krueger, Harold Johns, Otto Graalman, Robert Biesanz, Carl Guenther, Wilbert Neuffer, Herb Seipke, Henry Holzimmer, Fred Grosser, Herman Bleeker, and Norman Wolfe.

SUNDAY SERVICES

The Sunday meetings on July 29 were exceedingly well attended. The Christian Fellowship Male Chorus of the Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Ill., under the direction of Herbert R. Pankratz sang several selections at both services. Many friends came on Sunday from our Wisconsin churches to join the laymen's families, who were staying for the entire week. Even the Sunday School crowd had to meet in various places with the following teachers in charge: Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, Mr. E. Ralph Kletke, and Dr. M. L. Leuschner.

The morning service with Mr. Ravmond Engelbrecht presiding was an uplifting experience. Besides the male chorus numbers, the American Baptist Assembly Girls' Choir rendered an anthem. We received a vivid insight into the feast of blessings to be enjoyed for the week as Dr. Norman W. Paullin of Philadelphia, Pa., spoke on "A Worthy Prayer" (Eph. 3:14-21).

Throughout the entire week Dr. Paullin brought the Bible studies to large, attentive audiences. His clear, unequivocal stand on Christian truths, his down to earth, practical manner, his simple and heart searching presentation of the message, and his effective, heartwarming stories taken from his experiences of life made these Bible studies golden hours long to be remembered. Every message seemed to grow out of the general theme, "This Is Your Reasonable Service," as he took us into God's Word and then into the laboratory of God to find out how our lives might be lived at their best and under the marching orders of Christ!

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Our Colorado Home Mission Field

By REV. J. C. GUNST, Promotional Secretary

EHIND THE FIRST range of moun- the people whom we are trying to win is in charge as the missionary who known as the Sangre de Cristo Range, lies the beautiful San Luis Valley. In this lovely valley about 7000 feet above sea level, with a mountain range to the east and another beautiful been praying and supporting the field with their gifts.

Since that time a number of missionaries have labored on this mission field. Nearly every summer the missionaries on the field have been assisted in the Vacation Bible School's program with a number of student workers during the summer months. At present, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Appel, their son Timothy, and Miss Helen Lohse are busily engaged in a preaching, teaching, and leadership ministry on this field.

tains, southwest of Denver, Colo., to Christ, requires time, special interest, and several contacts. While one is thrillingly impressed with the valley and the thriving little cities, one is even more impressed with the Spanish-American families because of the mountain range to the west, is our large number of families who perma-Spanish-American mission field. As nently live on each one of our mission early as 1944 when the first mission- stations and with our sense of responary, Rev. J. J. Reimer, and his family sibility to bring to them the much arrived on the field, North American needed Gospel message. There is a angle is the city of Del Norte with a Baptists have had a witness and have wide open door for us to present the Gospel message to the people.

Monte Vista is the North American Baptist center and is the home of our missionary family, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Appel. Here the mission has a modest five-room modern bungalow dwelling which is very livable. Within walking distance, strategically located, is a lovely chapel quite adequate for Sunday School, worship services, and such other activities which need to be carried on by the missionaries. Monte Vista has a population of 3,360. It is a thriving, aggressive city.



Spanish-American missionaries at the Baptist Mission chapel in Del Norte, Colorado. Left to right: Rev. Paul Appel: Mary Ann Guthals, Summer Worker; Friend from the Baptist Church of Center; and Miss Helen Lohse.

Upon arriving on the field, which can be reached either by bus or by air through public transportation, one is filled with awe over the beauty of the valley, but more so over the lovely little cities which make the visitor most welcome immediately.

THE THREE MISSION STATIONS

In the valley we have three promising mission stations, situated in a triangle only about 15 miles apart in a radius of 50 miles. It is quite easy to visit all three fields in a short time. One must realize, however, that to learn about the program of work which our missionaries are carrying the residents, a population of 1200, are on, to see them in action, and to become even partially acquainted with on our work here, Miss Helen Lohse

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Immediately adjacent to the city is an area known as Lariat, a center where the largest percentage of Spanish-American families live. On the edge of the city limits, across the street, centrally placed and easily accessible by all Spanish-American people stands our lovely chapel. Thus far Sunday School sessions and Vacation Bible School have been held in the chapel.

Traveling on a new, hard surfaced highway about 15 miles to the north of Monte Vista is the town known as Center. Someone has said that about half of Spanish-American people. To carry

lives in a rented dwelling which serves also as a meeting house for the Sunday School and weekday activities for the children to whom we minister. This year the enrollment at this station for the Vacation Bible School reached an all-time high of 119.

MORE FACILITIES NEEDED

At the southwestern end of the tripopulation of 2,200. Informed Baptists in this community state that 70 per cent of the residents in Del Norte are Spanish-American people. Here our missionaries carry on a fine work in the Sunday School but also have a regular Sunday morning worship service. Under the leadership of our missionaries, the people meet in a temporary meeting place which is far from adequate for any effective program of Christian training or worship. The buildings serve our purpose as a temporary meeting place.

But in order to do effective work in the future, our missionaries should have more adequate facilities to meet the growing need in this community. As a denomination we own a very fine parcel of ground in a very suitable section of the town where a church should be built as soon as possible.

The response to our missionaries' ministry to the Spanish-American people has been very well received on this field. Here we find not only a fine substantial group of children, but a fine group of adults have responded to the Gospel who are very loyal in the services and their Christian witness in the community. The Jasper Bleau family, father and mother, their two sons and oldest daughter, have been baptized and are a fine Christian witness in addition to being very active in the services. Other adults are attending and supporting the work.

WORK EXTREMELY HARD

One immediately realizes as he observes the work of the missionaries that the mission work on this field is quite difficult. There are three quite obvious kinds of opposition with which the missionary must cope: 1) worldliness, common everywhere; 2) indifference, due to the lack of education and opportunity for development; 3) traditional practices which bind the people to a complacency evident in a lack of concern for themselves which has always been encouraged by certain religious groups.

Furthermore, the field is too large for our present staff of missionaries to keep in constant contact and do constructive work. There is too much area covered to keep the flame burn-(Continued on Page 24)

GREAT CONFERENCE DAYS

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question which I have been asked to answer.

Emphatically, yes! First of all, more than 300 lay people, representing at least 40 churches, returned home spiritually enriched. They experienced a closer walk with the Master. In a report meeting at the Forest Park Baptist Church, we heard Mr. Arthur Grundke quote a statement from one of Dr. Norman Paullin's Bible Meditations, as follows: "If you ever find a perfect church, don't join it. You will mess it up in no time." Many of such comments indicated that the program had searched the hearts of individuals. A denomination is only as spiritually sound as the individual members of the local churches make it. The ministers will surely sense a new desire toward "a reasonable service" in the members who participated in this confernce.

The entire week's program was of such fine, high caliber, as to raise the prestige of our denomination within our ranks as well as with the many vacationers who were at the Assembly. A considerable number of these fine friends wanted to be notified when we would hold another such conference.

Imagine the boost toward denominational unity that developed from a week of fellowship which included several of our General Conference officers, three of our headquarters secretarial staff, and practically every board of all cooperating societies. The North American Seminary was represented by its president, two faculty members, the quartet and a number of its board members. To be able leisurely to visit from day to day with Dr. Frank Woyke, Dr. Martin L. Leuschner, and Rev. J. C. Gunst was a rare privilege. Usually at similar meetings they are so burdened with responsibilities that we scarcely see them.

Our General Conference projects will be more vigorously promoted by Baptist Men as a result of this conference. The organization has been revitalized and is being directed by able officers.

It was wonderful for all of us to spend a week with a great former moderator fo the General Conference, Dr. Herman von Berge of Dayton, Ohio. He did not talk about the good old days but expressed his confidence that these Baptist men will make a real contribution toward future achievements in our denomination. Much credit for the vision of "Baptist Men" was given at this conference to the late Roland E. Ross, who until his untimely death was the secretarytreasurer of the organization.

The Lord whom we serve, and our part in his service were made clearer to all of us at this Laymen's Conference at Green Lake.

SEPTEMBER 20, 1956



All is quiet—in the evening— As we sit beside the shore. As he did so long before. To learn for us, his will.

And as he fed the thousands, By the Galilean Sea, For body, but the more for soul, So may for us his blessings be. Thus while we sit and ponder We feel the Savior present, And know a heavenly portion For our strengthening has been sent.

LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

The highlights of these conference days were numerous. On Sunday afternoon a classical concert was held with Baptist young people serving on the grounds presenting the numbers. Throughout the week Miss Dorothy J. Yahn of Philadelphia, Pa., favored

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

When asked to write a message on the flyleaf of a Bible, George V wrote: "The secret of happiness is not to do what you like to do, but to learn to like what you have to do."-James Gordon Gilkey, "When Life Gets Hard."



Dr. Norman Paullin of Philadelphia, Pa. (left to right), Bible Study speaker at the Lay-men's Conference in Green Lake, Wis., with his wife; Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht, president of "Baptist Men," and a friend of the Paullins.

VESPER MEDITATION

By ROLAND E. ROSS, former Secretary-treasurer of "Baptist Men," who went to be with the Lord on August 1, 1955

And hear the Master speaking, While day is dying in the West Our voice and soul grow still, To hear again the Master's voice,

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us with various inspiring musical numbers. The women in attendance were organized into a Women's Chorus by Mrs. Emma B. Meier of Portland, Ore., and on the closing night they sang a number of beautiful numbers. The consecration message by Rev. S. Donald Ganstrom of St. Paul, Minn., on the conference theme was a thrilling climax to the week. A memorial service in honor of the late Roland E. Ross, former secretary-treasurer of "Baptist Men," was conducted on August 1st, the first anniversary of his death, by Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht.

Fellowship in the finest Baptist tradition was richly enjoyed throughout the conference. An array of athletic activities was planned with opportunities for golf, swimming, horseshoe, shuffleboard, and pingpong games. Quite a number of the conference people spent many afternoon hours in the craft shop, polishing precious stones of rings and jewelry. The Art Center was a popular place to see the latest exhibits of religious art, dolls from all countries of the world, and Bibles in many languages. A watermelon feast one evening after the service brought the entire conference together in another demonstration of fellowship.

CONFERENCE LABORATORY

This "Conference Laboratory" not only provided a fellowship "like that above" and opportunities for spiritual inspiration and physical relaxation, but it strengthened firm resolves of the heart to be "different" and more Christ-like after leaving the assembly grounds, and to make our churches more alive and virile in their witness for Christ. If "Baptist Men"-these laymen and their families-can carry out these resolves, then the blessings of this conference will be brightly evident in our denomination for years to come!



Our Growing **Churches**

\$50,000-New Church Extension Goal

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By REV. J. C. GUNST, Promotional Secretary

ORTH AMERICAN Baptists have ministry, particularly in the winning done well in recent years in organizing and building new churches. These new churches have not sprung into existence without much prayer and careful planning. Christian people were obliged to render many services. to give sacrificially toward the cause, but, most of all, it required regenerated individuals moved by the spirit of the living God to accomplish what has been done in our Church Extension program.

All of our churches have contributed generously to make possible our extended venture in Church Extension. In communities where the churches were built, members of former churches, who live in these new areas, have rendered unselfish stewardship to make possible a new congregation and build a new church home. Men, called of God, with their families joining them, accepted the challenge to become leaders and pastors of these new fields. Truly, God has richly blessed, but our task is far from finished.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE?

Seventeen new churches have been organized, reaching across the North American continent from Windsor, Ontario to Vancouver, British Columbia. Canada. This growth in our Canadian churches and area was greatly enhanced by our program of immigration. Again, beginning in California and extending to the state of Michigan in the United States, a number of new churches have been built. The membership in these churches has already exceeded the 1000 mark. Strong and growing Sunday Schools as well as youth organizations are active and are adding much to our Christian witness and growth. God has called consecrated men into these new fields to which they have responded and where they are working with wonderful results in every phase of the church's

of the lost to Christ.

Our people of the General Conference have accepted the challenge to raise \$250,000 to inaugurate a building program for these new congregations. The results in this matter have been most gratifying. We must, however, report that our goal for the amount set before us has not been reached. Our Sunday Schools and younth groups have cooperated and have contributed a sizable amount of the sum that is now at work in these home mission fields.

The people in the new communities have responded to our Church Extension program with the result that in each new field we see promises of a fast-growing and live spiritual church. Let us thank God for these new member churches which have joined our ever growing denominational family. It is necessary to remind ourselves from time to time that as our family gets larger the responsibilities for every one of us increases.

OUR INTEREST MUST CONTINUE

For these new churches there must be continuous prayer and care as manifested in giving towards spiritual and educational nurture in their behalf. In every sense of the word, our Church Extension work must be continued. This means that workers must

17 CHURCH EXTENSION PROJECTS

As North American Baptists we have begun 17 Church Extension Projects or come to their financial aid. The encouraging story of these 17 projects will be reviewed on this page and the latest developments de-EDITOR. scribed.

be supplied and provided for. Buildings must be erected and maintained. Local congregations must assume greater responsibilities and contribute liberally in time, means and leadership in the work.

Already the local congregations have assumed the lion's share of the financial obligations in the building program and in leadership for the new congregation. New churches have committed themselves to a long range financial program. All these congregations have the responsibility for spiritual leadership which must be developed among those who come into the new fellowship.

There is, however, a responsibility for our larger fellowship which is most vital to the spiritual life of these churches. This responsibility is the urgency of providing, and keeping on the field, a Church Extension worker or pastor until such a time when the new congregation has become sufficiently established to assume the full responsibility of caring for the pastor and carrying out the local financial obligations.

OUR TASK IS NEVER FINISHED

In reviewing our Church Extension program and realizing the importance of continuing this vital phase of the Lord's work, our General Council at its annual meeting in May 1956 decided to set another goal of \$50,000 for Church Extension work for the year of 1956 and 1957. All members of the Council enthusiastically endorsed this goal and are recommending this objective to all our churches with the prayer and high hope that all of us will do our share during the year to attain the goal.

It should be stated here that this goal is to be an amount over and above our regular giving toward our responsibilities which we have to keep

the denominational program functioning and growing. To attain these goals, which in every sense of the word are spiritual objectives, since they are a God-given missionary enterprise, it will require much prayer and concerted effort on the part of all of our people.

We recommend to our churches that the month of January 1956 be set aside for Church Extension emphasis. By way of suggestion, it might be well for our churches to plan that Sunday, January 20, or January 27, be designated as Church Extension Sunday in your church. Literature and general information to promote the Church Extension project will be available from the denominational office in Forest Park. Officers in our churches, organizations such as the Sunday School, CBY Fellowship, the Woman's Missionary Union, and the Men's Brotherhood will be able to do much to promote and to support this worthy cause in the Kingdom work.

OUR GROWING CHURCHES

Growing churches never reach a final goal in expansion, in growth for membership, or even spiritual attainment. God's spiritual program is an ever-growing and expanding program. Christians everywhere must always be vigilant to meet the spiritual needs of each generation. We must especially heed the Lord's teachings and command in this matter. His admonition to his disciples was and always will be: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already unto harvest" (John 4:35).

This is as true today as when he spoke the words to his early disciples. With each new day given us by God's grace, we look about us and everywhere new communities are mushrooming before our eyes. Thousands of these people need the plan of salvation and need Christ as Savior. While ours is not necessarily the responsibility to reach every last soul for the Gospel, we do have a definite share in reaching all we possibly can.

We have done nobly as a denomination in the foreign fields. God has blessed us for it. But we must not, and we dare not, lose sight of our home mission enterprise and responsibilities.

As a North American Baptist General Conference we have done great things for God. He will continue to honor us and our efforts if we continue to do all we can and do it gladly as unto him. As denominational leaders together with our pastors and those responsible for leadership in our churches, let us resolve that the Church Extension program is a special challenge for his new day in our church work. As we band together to work and share, we can accomplish this over and above goal since it is his challenge to us. He will not fail us for his promise is, "And, lo, I am with you alway" (Matt. 28:20).

talent folk, but he has brought them together, to pool their individual talents, and thus to glorify God through the fellowship and work of his Church

There was a wise little girl who saw a Cross in the sanctuary and was curious enough to ask: "Why do they have the plus sign in the church?"

The Cross is the plus sign which has drawn people together, which adds this one talent person to that one talent person, which adds the Baptist and the Presbyterian and the Quaker, which adds the white Christian and the black Christian, which adds the American Christian and the European Christian and the Indian and the Japanese and the Russian, which adds the Christian of this generation with the Christian of the first century and all other centuries in between. This plus sign adds all the one talents to become a mighty witness for God, to make up the mystical body of all true believers

It is in and through the church that this job of glorifying God can best and WORKERS' CONFERENCES most effectively be done. The Church of Jesus Christ is the marshalling(not Team consisting of Rev. G. K. Zimmerof the morally better people, as some man, Rev. Reinhard Neuman, Rev. I. of us like to think) of the one talent H. Schmuland, and Rev. Richard people of the earth, aware of their Grenz. Oct. 1st-Washburn, North Dakota. weakness and inadequacy, but inspired to use what they have to the glory of Oct. 2nd-Fessenden, North Dakota. God, and to pool their resources in Oct. 3rd-Venturia, North Dakota. that great endeavor. Maybe five tal-Oct. 4th-McIntosh, South Dakota. ent folk can make a significant con-Oct. 5th-Plevna, Montana, tribution of their own; one talent folk will do it together. They will pool their lives, their resources, their talents, ASSOCIATION DATES making their church a strong and Sept. 21-23-MINNESOTA ASSOCIunited witness to the world. ATION at Riverview Church, St.

The hope of the world and the answer to the besetting problems of our day is not in the outstanding personalities. There are too few of these. These things depend on, and continually wait for, the power of Christ to marshal one talent people to use their talent in the Kingdom's work, and to cooperate with others of like mind and talent in and through the church.

You too are bought with a price and deep within you, in gratitude and joy, you desire to glorify God in your body. Don't be afraid or ashamed or insecure about being a one talent person. It is with people like you, when that one talent life has been fully yielded, that Christ has been doing most of his work through the ages.

will, so help me God!"

THE ONE TALENT MAN

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY Jonathan Edwards wrote the following resolution in his diary: "Resolved first, that every man should live, always and everywhere, at his highest and best for God. Resolved second, whether any other man in the world strives to do so or not, I

ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

- Sept. 24-25-Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Washington, D. C.
- Oct. 7 (Sunday)-Harvest Mission Festival, First Church of Dickinson County, Elmo, Kansas.

Rev. R. Schilke

Sept. 30 (Sunday)-Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio,

Oct. 7 (Sunday)-Harvest Mission Festival, Herreid, South Dakota.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

Sept. 23 (Sunday A.M.)-Hutchinson, Minnesota.

Sept. 23 (Sunday P.M.)-Randolph, Minnesota.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Sept. 23 (Sunday)-Harvest Mission Festival, Bismarck, N. Dak. Sept. 30 (Sunday)-Harvest Mission Festival, Strassburg Church, Marion, Kansas.

Oct. 7 (Sunday A.M.)-Northside Church, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

- Paul, Minnesota. Miss Delores Henne, Cameroons missionary, as guest speaker.
- Oct. 7-9-SOUTH DAKOTA ASSO-CIATION at Parkston, S. Dak. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, guest speaker.
- Oct. 9-10-IOWA ASSOCIATION at Buffalo Center, Iowa.

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

INTRODUCTION

Again school has started, and we are thinking seriously about what is best for all of us in the line of education. We would "study to show ourselves approved unto God." We need to know his approval for each of us.

Mrs. Lawrence W. George, our pastor's wife at Killaloe, Ont., Canada, gives us much thought as we consider the first weeks of school. We appreciate her contribution for this page and her willingness to share these beautiful thoughts of meditation.

SCHOOL DAYS

By MRS. LAWRENCE W. GEORGE of Killaloe, Ontario.

School days are here again! Across the continent boys and girls and young people have returned to the classroom to resume their studies. Some return gladly because they find joy in studies; others go back reluctantly, preferring the swimming hole to the study hall. But all return in obedience to the decree of society which has ordained that education is necessary for all

We are grateful for all the schools we have throughout the land where our youth can prepare for the vocation of their choice. We seek diligently to impress upon them the importance of education. Whether they intend to pursue a career in one of the professions or plan a life in one of the numerous trades, it is virtually impossible to attain success without proper education and training.

The truth of this is realized by all, yet personnel officers in almost all organizations lament the lack of highly trained help. There is a scarcity of qualified men and women. It is necessary to teach our youth that their chosen field of endeavor is worthy of the very best preparation and training. Anything less is dishonoring to their vocation.

Of equal importance with secular training is religious education and training. It is nothing less than tragic when a pastor cannot find one person in his entire membership who is capable of engaging in the great work of guiding a soul into a knowledge of Jesus Christ as personal Savior. While we have emphasized the importance of secular education, we have, on the other hand, greatly neglected religious education.

True, we have Sunday Schools, Bible Schools, and seminaries. But how many of our Sunday Schools give any

of our young people enroll in schools of higher Christian education who have no intention of entering the ministry or of going to the mission field? We stand in great need of trained men and women who can be used in the volunteer work of the church and Sunday School. Parents might well emphasize to their children and young people the importance of proper preparation for non-professional Christian service.

"We, the Women," can have a part in preparing our children for volunteer Christian service in the church and Sunday School by teaching them through the medium of the family altar and by providing helpful Christian literature in the home. Churches should consider whether the Sunday School ought to be producing from within its own enrollment young people ready to step into teaching and counselling positions.

Another side of this question of training that is very distressing is the matter of preparation for special occasions. One of the more disturbing things in Christian activities is the number of programs put on with definitely inadequate preparation. Every one is familiar with the young person who gets up before his youth group, reads a paragraph from a topic book, and says in an apologetic manner, "This is all I was able to find on the subject."

Nor is this restricted to young people. We adults are equally as guilty. Programs are presented by adult groups, even radio programs, that show a great lack of preparation. The attitude is widespread that if it is for the Lord a minimum of preparation is all that is required.

All of us women today realize more than ever before the importance of our school days. As we see our own lack, we realize the great need for proper education. "We, the Women," have a great opportunity to encourage our children and young people to greater efforts in education, training, and preparation for all phases of Christian activity as well as in secular fields. We can cooperate with our denominational schools by urging our youth to attend the North American Baptist Seminary and the Christian Training Institute.

Our seminary is offering the Master of Religious Education course. Here is a great opportunity for youth to train for useful service in the Sunday School and church. "We, the Women," may greatly influence our young people by practical training in such matters as setting the example of adequate preppersonal soul-winning? How many aration for the programs we present

in the church as missionary societies. May we all become conscious of the importance of our great task of glorifying God and lifting up the Lord Jesus Christ. Surely, this great task is worthy of the very best training and preparation.

MISSION LEAFLETS

Things we like to know about:

Our denomination has made up several pamphlets regarding our mission work on several fields. These may be secured by writing to North American Baptist General Conference. 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill., FREE OF CHARGE.

Just to mention a few titles: "The Banso Baptist Hospital" of the Camroons Baptist Mission in West Africa; and "White Man's Medicine" by Miss Minnie Kuhn, missionary.

Friends of the late Mrs. G. H. Schneck of Brooklyn, N. Y., have made a memorial to her by giving over \$100.00 for scholarship purposes. Surely, this is a way that the life of Mrs. Schneck lives on and is a beautiful memorial. Mrs. Schneck was president of the Woman's Missionary Union from 1928 to 1937.

BAPTISM IN JAPAN

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of before. He testifies that 'since he has believed in Jesus, he is able to remember the long compositions which he must memorize for concerts and the radio much more easily than before, because he has Someone upon whom to depend for help. He has gone with us to the Juvenile Home on several occasions to play for the young people there and to give his testimony. He also leads our hymn practice after the Wednesday night service.

It is impossible to tell you about each one of the Japanese who were baptized, but this will give you some idea of those whom the Lord has added to the church and will stimulate you to pray for them. These Christians, living changed lives, are the greatest proof to the Japanese of a living powerful Christ. Let it be your continual prayer that they may grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The baptism was followed by the fellowship supper with those who had been baptized previously. At this time we heard testimonies from all of our twenty-one members in the Ise church who were present. I especially rejoiced over Takashi San, the priest's son, who for a time did not come to church, but who has again returned and is now quite active. The day closed with a communion service which bound our hearts together and to our Lord.

Pray that we as missionaries in Japan may know Christ's resurrection power every day in our ministry!



to which he has replied favorably. On Sunday, August 15, he presented his resignation to the Clinton Hill Baptist Church of Newark, N. J., where he has served as assistant pastor since 1952. He will begin his ministry in the Salem, Ore., church about the middle of October, succeeding Rev. Rudolph Woyke now of the Temple Church, Milwaukee. Wisconsin.

• Recently Rev. Alvin Wetter of Victor, Iowa, presented his resignation to the Victor Baptist Church and announced that he had accepted a teaching position at the Bridgman Public School near Benton Harbor, Mich., beginning with September 1956, and will also take some studies at Michigan Western College. He and his family will live with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. Wetter, on a farm at Benton Harbor, Michigan. Mr. Wetter served the Victor Baptist Church as

On Sunday, July 5, Rev. James Brygger, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, George, Iowa, had the privilege of baptizing six converts on confession of their faith in Christ. They were Mr. Melvin Schrick, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Krull, Mr. Claus Van Weston, Dick Siebrands, and Mr. Ben Aning. These were given the hand of fellowship at the candlelight communion service that evening. Another baptismal service for four converts had been held on Easter Sunday, as reported by Mrs. Kenneth

Rev. William L. Schoeffel of Chicago, Ill., brought his ministry as the pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Chicago formally to a close at the communion service on Sunday, September 9th. He will continue to supply the pulpit of the church for the present. He has served as the pastor of the Grace Church since 1949. He and Mrs. Schoeffel are now engaged in office work in large industrial plants of Chicago. They will move into their new residence on October 1st. The new address is given elsewhere in this issue.

Henry Ramus of Arnprior, Ont., a member of the 1956 class of the North American Baptist Seminary, as its pastor. He has responded favorably and on October 1st will begin his pastorate there, succeding Rev. George

• The Bethel Baptist Church of Sa- McLean, who is retiring from the ac-lem, Ore., has extended During the summer lem, Ore., has extended a call to Rev. tive ministry. During the summer Everett A. Barker of M. Everett A. Barker of Newark, N. J., months Mr. Ramus has served as the to which he has raplied Baptist Church of Burlington, Iowa, where he has rendered an appreciated ministry, according to Rev. Emanuel Wolff, pastor.

> • On Sunday evening, July 8, the Kitimat Baptist Church of Kitimat, British Columbia, Canada, was organized with a membership of 43 persons. The developments at Kitimat are amazing with the town mushrooming to 12,000 population and predictions that by 1965 the city will have grown to 35,000. Great industrial plants, especially the aluminum concern ALCAN, are located in Kitimat. The church moderator is Mr. H. Kitschke and the Sunday School superintendent is Mr. Otto Weber. Rev. G. P. Schroeder is serving as the Church Extension pastor on the field for the present.

Mr. Fred Woyke of Minneapolis, Minn., a member of the Faith Baptist Church and an influential leader in our denominational enterprise, was Rev. Laurence R. Prast, formerly summoned to his heavenly home as pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church. the result of a heart attack on August Indianapolis, Ind., has been admitted 15. For several years he served on as a student to the Central Michigan the General Council, representing the College of Mt. Pleasant, Michigan. He Northwestern Conference, and on the will need to take only 30 hours of Board of Trustees of the North Amerresidence work to earn the Bachelor ican Baptist Seminary. Two of his of Arts degree. His address in the younger brothers are Dr. Frank H. vicinity of the Beaver Baptist Church Woyke of Forest Park, Ill., and Rev. of Michigan is given elsewhere in this Rudolph Wolke of Milwaukee, Wisissue. During the summer months he consin. The memorial service was has been helping his father and held on Saturday, August 18, with father-in-law on their farms and Rev. Adam Huber, pastor of the Faith preaching almost every Sunday be-Baptist Church of Minneapolis in sides conducting many prayer meetcharge. The obituary will appear in ings. the next issue.

• The Zion German Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alta., is the most recently established of five North American Baptist Churches in that city. It is located at 9802-76th Avenue in Edmonton. From May 13 to September 1st Mr. Gunther Rochow is serving as the interim pastor. He has spent the past two years at the Christian Training Institute and the University of Alberta in Edmonton. He reports that the church has a membership of about 100 with a recent maximum attendance of 177 at one of its services. It is largely composed of European immigrants and all of its services are conducted in German.

• The First Baptist Church of Neu- • Rev. Eduard Hornbacher recently stadt, Ont., Canada, has called Mr. resigned as pastor of the Immanuel Church of Edmonton, Alta., and announced that he would enroll in the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., this fall. The church has called Rev. Hans Platter of Wermelskirchen, Rhineland, Germany,

as its pastor, to which a favorable response has been received. Mr. Platter and his family of wife and five children will arrive in Canada in September for the beginning of his pastorate at the Immanuel Church. This church of 186 members is largely composed of European immigrants. Several baptismal services have been held in recent weeks.

• Rev. Ronald C. MacCormack has resigned as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, and announced that he has accepted the call from the West End Baptist Church of Halifax, Nova Scotia. The Halifax Church is in the Maritime Baptist Convention and the Baptist Federation of Canada. It is an evangelical and aggressive group of about 900 members with modern church facilities. It is in a growing area of the city and recognized as a leader among the 540 churches of the Maritime Convention. Mr. MacCormack is a native of Yarmouth. Nova Scotia, with many family ties in this vicinity, including his parents. He has served the Parkersburg Church since 1953.

• On July 12 Rev. Henry Schumacher of Wetaskiwin, Alta., Canada, and Miss Anna Wuschke of Mossbank, Sask, were married at the Associated Gospel Church of Mossbank with Rev. M. Klassen of Carenport, Sask., officiating assisted by Rev. D. Gunzel of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Rev. R. Neuman of Wetaskiwin, Alta., was one of the bridegroom's custodians. He also brought "the toast to the bride" at the reception held afterward for 140 guests. The former Miss Wuschke served as a missionary with the Evangelical Alliance Mission in the Union of South Africa, Natal and Zululand, and for several years she was in charge of the Missionary Children's Home at Vryheid, Natal, South Africa. She is a graduate of Briercrest Bible Institute. After a honeymoon trip to Banff, the couple has settled down in the manse at Wetaskiwin and in the ministry of the Calvary Baptist Church.



A TEACHING GUIDE Date: September 30, 1956

Theme: THE GREAT INVITATION

Scripture: Rev. 22:1-5, 8-9, 16-21.

THE CENTRAL TRUTH: The Word of God ends with a full and final invitation. It is the climax of a great IV. OUR INVITATION TO THE INspiritual oratorio.

INTRODUCTION: One of the most important and most meaningful words in the Bible is the word "come." It is used in one way or another over 600 times. With the aid of your concordance, look up the number of times Jesus used the word as an invitation to follow him. Notice the change in the lives of those who have accepted his invitation, and the dire results in the lives of those who refused his invitation.

Often Jesus illustrated the joy his invitation brings, as for example when invited the fishermen, he tried to show them how much more successful they would be if they accepted the invitation to become "fishers of men."

Ι. THE ULTIMATE REWARD OF THOSE WHO ACCEPT THIS IN-VITATION. Rev. 22:1-5.

The scene pictured here is one of peace, joy, light, contentment, and abundance of life. But, above all, is the fact that we shall see the face of Christ, an indication that in his presence there is always fullness of joy (Ps. 16:11).

II. THE IMPORTANCE OF LOOK-ING TO GOD WHO GIVES THE INVITATION. Rev. 22:8-9.

The true minister of God will not draw people to himself, but to God the Author of the invitation. Peter did not yield to this temptation in the case of Cornelius (Acts 10:25). Father Divine and others, in various ways, are attempting to attract people to themselves. In the end they have always perished (Acts 5:35-39).

III. THE PERSONS TO WHOM THE INVITATION IS DIRECTED. Rev. 22:16-17.

(a) Him that heareth. None of us are beyond the voice of God, and once we have heard and followed his voice, it is our duty to give the invitation to others.

(b) Him that is athirst. We seldom feel the need for water until there is a scarcity of it. Read the story of a very thirsty soul in Psalm 42.

(c) Whosoever will. In case there is any doubt as to who is included,

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John wants to make it very plain that the invitation is for all. But there is also a warning for those who may want to tamper with the Word of God (vss, 18-19). There are still those today who are "making the word of God of none effect" (Mk. 7:13).

VITER. Rev. 22:20.

"Even so, come quickly." Just as the bride and bridegroom are anxiouslv looking forward to the wedding day, so the Christian and his Savior are anxiously waiting for the union which will culminate in eternity.

A TEACHING GUIDE Date: October 7, 1956 Theme: THE CREATION STORY

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31.

THE CENTRAL TRUTH: In simple he compared it to being invited to a language and terms the Bible tells us greast feast or a wedding. When he who made the world and why it was made

INTRODUCTION: The Book of Genesis is commonly referred to as the book of beginnings-the beginning of creation, the beginning of man, the beginning of sin, the beginning of redemption, the beginning of the Jewish race. But in back of all these beginnings are the sublime words, "In the beginning God -----!" He is without beginning and without end, the Author and Finisher of all things.

There are other accounts of creation in some of our ancient literature, as for example in the writings of the Babylonians. But the great scientists will readily admit that no creation story is so majestic and so sublime as the Biblical account in the first chapter of Genesis. If it takes such divine inspiration to compose an oratorio like Handel's "Messiah," there should certainly be no doubt as to the revelation and inspiration of the story of creation as recorded in the Word of God. Because of our limited knowledge and understanding of God, there are often controversies as to the process of God in creation, but we are usually agreed as to the fact of God in creation.

I. IN THE BEGINNING GOD CRE-ATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH. Gen. 1:1.

Rev. Bruno Schreiber of Oak Park, Illinois, is the editor of this fine page of "Sunday School Lessons.

There are certain assumptions in the opening sentence that can be clearly accepted

(a) The existence of God. This is a pre-requisite to salvation according to Hebrews. "For he that cometh to God must believe that he is" (Heb. 11:6).

(b) He is eternal. The Psalmist says he is "from everlasting to everlasting" (Ps. 90:2).

(c) He is all-powerful. We are just beginning to experience the power in the atom and we are fearful because we do not know how to use it. "Power belongeth unto God" (Ps. 62: 11). Therefore let us ask him how to use his power.

(d) God is infinitely intelligent. The universe is an orderly creation and it runs on split-second precision (Job 38)

(e) God is good. "And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1:31). Paul said, "The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance" (Rom. 2:4). His goodness is not evident only in his creation, but in his love, his justice, his mercy, and his grace. The greatest manifestation of his goodness was most evident in his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

II. THE SEQUENCE OF GOD'S CRE-ATION. Gen. 1:3-31.

When God created light, he gave to earth a part of himself. "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). There is no life in continual physical darkness, and there is no life in spiritual darkness. When God said, "Let there be light," it was not only a part of the physical creation, but also a revelation of himself. All the other subsequent creativity of God—the separation of the waters, the appearance of earth and plant life, the heavenly bodies, the fish and birds, the mammals and man-are all dependent on light. Before a person can create anything, he must be able to see-physically and spiritually. Just as God needed light to make a creation out of something that was "waste and void," so we need the light of Christ to be a new creature (2 Cor.

III. THE CREATION OF THE SAB-BATH. Gen. 2:1-3.

We do not think of God as resting on the seventh day because he was tired in a physical sense. Rather we think of him as enjoying a sense of satisfaction in the work of creation when he beheld everything which he had made, and it was very good.



Northwestern Conference

Vacation Bible School and Summer Activities at the Temple Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

A very profitable Vacation Bible School was held at the Temple Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wis., June 18 to 28. The Scripture Press material was used. There were 13 teachers, assistant teachers, and officers, Forty-seven pupils were enrolled and the average attendance was 40. The pastor, Rev. Rudolph Woyke, served as superintendent. The school offerings amounted to \$75.67. In addition to these offerings there were many contributions for treats and transportation. The Demonstration Program was held on June 28th.

On June 30th our Sunday School held a picnic at Smith Park. About one hundred came to enjoy the fellowship, games, and refreshments. The picnic closed with a program in the pavilion at which time several entertaining films were shown.

The King's Crusaders Quartet of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., presented a program during our Sunday morning worship hour on July 22nd.

During the month of August the pastor and his family were at the Northwestern Conference and on vacation. In the pastor's absence Rev. George Hensel occupied the pulpit. Twenty young people from our church, together with Rev. and Mrs. R. Woyke, attended the Wisconsin Youth Camp at Camp Bird from July 22 to 28.

Mrs. W. Nasgowitz, Reporter.

Southern Conference

Vacation School, Evangelistic Services and Youth Rally at Greenvine Church, Burton, Tex.

July 2nd was an exciting day for the children of the Greenvine Baptist Church, Burton, Texas, for it was the beginning of our Vacation Bible School. The theme, "The King's Adventureland," by the Gospel Light Press was used and marvelously carried out in Bible study, memory work and choruses in each of the four classes.

The school under the supervision of the pastor, Rev. F. Armbruster, had an enrollment of 23 in addition to four teachers and three helpers. Mr. John Binder, a student of our Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., faithfully assisted us with the classes. The teachers were: Mrs. Frank Armbruster, Visual Aid; Beginners, Gloria Ann Demuth, assisted by Mrs. Pete Demuth; Primary, Barbara Jean Luedemann assisted by Joyce Parr; Juniors, Rev. F. Armbruster: and Young People: Mr. John Binder.

A program was presented by the school on Sunday evening, July 8, at which the children eagerly recited the many Scripture passages and songs which they had learned. The teachers asked their classes questions about the lessons which were well answered by their pupils. Miss Joyce Parr gave a very interesting flannelgraph lesson entitled, "Moab the Leper."

From July 15 to 22 evangelistic meetings were conducted at our church with Rev. Daniel Fuchs as evangelist. The large attendance every evening was a sign that people were interested and the number of persons who accepted Christ was the result of the God-inspired messages brought in all simplicity and power.

On Saturday evening, July 22, a oung people's rally, sponsored by the CBY, will long be remembered. With record attendance for Saturday night, the meeting was opened by our pastor. Rev. Daniel Fuchs brought another of his interesting stories. A late missionary film of the work being carried on at our Banso Hospital in the Cameroons, Africa, was also shown. Katie Steen, Reporter.

Southwestern Conference

Oklahoma CBY Fellowship and Scripture Memorizers Camp at Roman Nose State Park

July 18th marked the beginning of a week of blessing and fellowship for our Oklahoma CBYF and Scripture Memorizers Camp held at Roman Nose State Park at Watunga, Oklahoma. Free Camp is furnished by the Oklahoma churches for all CBYF'ers who participate in Scripture Reading and answer questions over portions read as well as for the children through the age of 14 who memorize the prescribed



Vacation Bible School group at the Greenvine Bantist Church near Burton Texas

amount of Scripture throughout the fall, winter, and spring seasons.

Rev. J. C. Gunst, promotional sec-retary, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Castro and two daughters, missionaries to the Spanish-Americans in Texas, were our guest speakers and missionaries. Mr. Gunst stayed only for the CBYF Camp. The Lord used him to challenge and bless the young people as well as all those of our churches who were able to attend services throughout camp.

Saturday night, the closing evening of CBYF Camp, was climaxed with a banquet and the film, "The Great Discovery." Eight young people stepped out in a consecration and rededication service, declaring themselves willing to go wherever the Lord leads them.

On Sunday, the seven Oklahoma churches turned out in good numbers and many gathered at Roman Nose Park for Sunday School and the morning service, dinner and an afternoon missionary rally. We witnessed what was believed to be the largest crowd ever to attend the Sunday service during Camp Week.

On Sunday evening registration began for the Children's Camp and our hearts were continually blessed by the ministry of Mr. and Mrs. Castro, 'Two children were saved and one stepped out needing reassurance of salvation. The theme throughout the camp was "A Closer Walk With God." It is hardly possible that anyone could have been there and had left, not having had "A Closer Walk With God."

Gracie Megert, President.

Northern Conference

Vacation Bible School for the Indians on the Bull Reserve of Alberta, Canada

The Benke Memorial Baptist Church of the Indian Bull Reserve, Alta., Canada, held a Vacation Bible School from August 6 to 10 with an enrollment of 32 children and an average of 29 in attendance. On Friday afternoon we held the demonstration program.

A number of visitors and friends were present to witness the program and examine the handwork materials made by the children during the week. The prizes and awards to each pupil of each class came out of the grand project made and sent to us from the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois. Our school here was a grand success.

The Sunday Schools of the Alberta Conference helped to defray the expenses of the school. After the orogram special treats were made available by our neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dickau, who were also present to distribute popcorn, chocolate bars and gum and cookies to the children.

The lessons for our school carried the title, "Jesus, the Almighty Son of God," published by the Ambassador Press of Chicago. Teachers and workers were Miss Lois Weisser of Camrose, Mr. and Mrs. Neuman and Doris and Doreen Rabbitt of the Bull Reserve, Hobbema

R. Neuman, Reporter.



Vacation Bible School held by the Grace Baptist Church, Davin, Saskatchewan,

Vacation Bible School With 39 Children Enrolled at Grace Church, Davin, Sask.

"Champions for Christ" was the theme of the Vacation Bible School held in the Grace Baptist Church of Davin, Sask., from July 9 to 13. We had an enrollment of 39 children with an almost perfect attendance. Again this year as last year, the men of the church supplied the transportation for twelve children from the neighboring town of McLean, Saskatchewan.

The school was under the direction of Mrs. Lester Kuehl and she also taught the Intermediate Class on "Answering God's Call." The Juniors learned of "The Christian Birth and Growth" with Miss Doris Rosom as the teacher. Mrs. Bill Duesterbeck and Mrs. Eddie Rosom taught the Primary children. Their lessons were on "Jesus, the Good Shepherd." "We Learn About Jesus" was the theme of the Beginners Class, and their teacher was Mrs. Arthur Browatzke with Mrs. Henry Paul and Mrs. Ernest Rosom assisting.

The closing program was held on Sunday evening, July 15th. During this time the boys and girls demonstrated only a few of the things they had learned during the week. The offering taken that evening was enough to cover the expenses of the school and in addition we were able to send three boys and three girls to

our Tri-Union Camp at Echo Lake Mr. Arthur Browatzke is the pastor of our church.

Doris Rosom, Reporter.

Farewell Reception for Rev. and Mrs. F. Pahl at the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alberta

On Tuesday evening, June 26th, the members of the East Olds Baptist Church, Olds, Alta., held a fareweil reception for Rev. and Mrs. Fred Pahl and family who closed their ministry with us. The Sunday School superintendent, Ladies' Society president, young people's president, and deacon of the church expressed their regret to see our pastor leave and presented them a gift. Special numbers were rendered by the young people. Mr. and Mrs. Pahl also expressed their thanks to the church for the co-operation, love and fellowship they had received during the past four years. Madeline Nikolai, Reporter.

Vacation Bible School with 27 Children Enrolled at the Zion Church, Drumheller, Alberta

After spending a long and pleasant day at the annual Sunday School pic-nic on Monday, July 2nd, the children of the Zion Baptist Church, Drumheller, Alta., Canada, gathered on Tuesday morning to begin four days of intensive study and play at our Vacation Bible School.

Twenty-seven children were en-"Adventuring rolled in the course, With Christ," as studied in four classes. The Beginners Class was taught by Mrs. Arthur Freitag, the Primary Class by Miss Frieda Freitag, the Junior Class by Mrs. Frieda Freitag, the Jun-ior Class by Mrs. William Effa, and the Intermediates by Rev. William Effa, our pastor. Mrs. John Grose capably directed the music. Handcraft by the Junior and Intermediate Classes included copper tooling, which proved very popular with both teachers and students.

The program was presented before a large congregation on Sunday evening, July 8, with certificates and awards being given to the children. Our prayer is that these young lives may have been strengthened and that they will be better Christians. Mrs. William Effa, Reporter.

Central Conference

More Than 500 Pupils Enrolled in Ebenezer Church's Vacation School, Detroit, Michigan

July 16 to 27 marked the dates of the most successful Vacation Bible School held in the history of the Ebenezer Church, Detroit, Michigan. The director of the school was Mrs. Marvin Skubick. She gave inspiring leadership to the almost 80 workers who labored with her during the two-week school period. The efforts of these dedicated men and women were blessed by the Lord in a thrilling way.

More than 500 pupils were enrolled in the school. The highest single day's attendance was 445. The average daily attendance for the two-week period was 417. During the school, the pupils gave \$327.68 for missions and the school's expenses. In addition, many boys and girls made profession of faith in Christ as their Savior.

We praise God for those who sacrificially gave time and effort to this work. We also praise him for our increased educational facilities which made such a large school a practical reality. Last, but not at all least, we rejoice that he has blessed us with three fine church buses which brought 160 to 175 pupils and workers to our school daily. "Great is our God . . . and great is our task for him." David J. Draewell, Activities Director.





Dakota Conference young people and teaching staff of the Senior Youth Camp held at Crystal Springs, N. Dak., from July 2 to 8, 1956.

Vacation Bible Schools of Four Weeks at Erin Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio

We of the Erin Ave. Baptist Church. Cleveland, Ohio, were again privileged to hold another session of Vacation Bible School. This year our school was held for four weeks, and was divided into two-week periods. The first two weeks, June 18-29, were for the Juniors and Intermediates. During these two weeks we had an enrollment of 46, with five teachers and eight helpers working with the boys and girls. The second session, July 9-20, was for the Beginners and Primary children. During these two weeks we had an enrollment of 40, with five teachers and twelve helpers present.

The course this year was a very in-teresting one and one which was en-joyed by all the children, as we went "Adventuring with Christ" each day, in the King's Adventure Land, the Bible. The Lord blessed us in these weeks of Bible School, as we praise him for the decisions that were made. Shirley Sergent, Reporter.

The new camp officers for the coming year, elected at the business meeting, are as follows; president, John E. Kastelein of Harvey, N. Dak.; vicepresident, Janice Bibelheimer of Cathay, N. Dak.; secretary-treasurer, Lucelle Kramer of Napoleon, N. Dak .; camp director, Rev. G. Breitkreuz of Lehr, N. Dak.; dean of men, Rev. Bernard R. Fritzke of West Fargo, N. Dak.; dean of women, Mrs. M. DeBoer of Fessenden, N. Dak.; recreational di-rector, Rev. D. Schauer of Mott, N. Dak.; and camp pastor, Rev. J. Kaste-lein of Harvey, North Dakota.

John E. Kastelein, Reporter. Mr. and Mrs. August Seidel of

Mr. and Mrs. August Seidel of the Germantown community near Cathay, N. Dak., were honored on their golden wedding anniversary, Sunday afternoon, July 1, at the Germantown Baptist Church



Dakota Conference Baptist Senior Youth Camp at Crystal Springs, North Dakota

We of the Dakota Conference churches thank the Lord for his blessings to us in the second annual Crystal Springs Baptist Senior Youth Camp at Crystal Springs, N. Dak., from July 2 to 8. Starting with registration at 2:00 o'clock on Monday afternoon, the spirit of Christian fun and fellowship was present. After a challenging message on Monday night, 18 young lives responded to present their lives to God for Christian service. In all five known decisions for Christ were made and about 30 young people manifested their desire to live more consecrated Christian lives or to be used in fulltime service.

There were about 145 young people registered. The courses on "Christian Living" taught by Rev. H. Vetter; "Baptist Principles" taught by Dr. Frank H. Woyke; and "Cults" taught

by Prof. Herbert Hiller were enjoyed and were very inspirational.

Fessenden, N. Dak., Celebrate Golden Wedding Anniversary

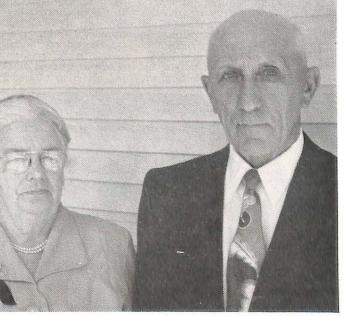
Mr. and Mrs. Seidel were married on June 28, 1906 in the Germantown Church. They farmed in the Germantown community until 1953 when they retired to live in Fessenden. They have one son who farms near Cathay.

The honored guests entered as Mrs. Emery Broschat played a nuptial prelude. Rev. Elmer Buenning presented the program which included: brief talks by Edmund Wehr of Anamoose; John H. Edinger of Lodi, Calif.; and Mr. Buenning.

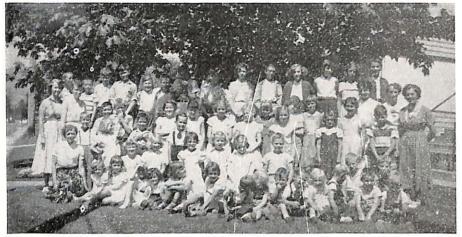
Musical numbers included a trio by Mr. and Mrs. Orlien Melby and Mrs. R. M. Striebel: solo by Dalton Seibold: trio by Mrs. Gene Neumiller, Mrs. Arlo Seidel and Clarence Seidel; duet by Mr. and Mrs. Orlien Melby; piano solo by Dorene Norden and readings by Mrs. Elmer Burgstahler and Mrs. Elmer Buenning.

Mrs. Harry Seidel and Mrs. E. V. Seibold were in charge of all decorations. The church altar was beautifully graced with a large wreath of 50 gold roses and large baskets of peonies and mock orange blossoms.

Following the program refreshments



Mr. and Mrs. August Seidel of Fessenden, N. Dak., members of the Germantown Baptist Church, who recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.



Vacation Bible School children and teachers of the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, Chilliwack, British Columbia.

were served in the church basement with Mrs. Al Kurzweg of Harvey as hostess. A four-tiered wedding cake in gold and white centered the honored couple's table. Mrs. Atilda Broschat was in charge of the guest book and Mrs. Paul Seidel cut the cake. Mrs. Gene Neumiller attended the gift table assisted by Mrs. Arlo Seidel. Approximately 100 guests attended the celebration

Clarence K. Seidel, Reporter.

Pacific Conference

Enthusiastic Vacation Bible School at the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church, Chilliwack, B. C.

The Victoria Avenue Baptist Church of Chilliwack, British Columbia, was a beehive of activity from July 3 to 13, as boys and girls gathered with their teachers for Vacation Bible School classes with an average attendance of about 50 pupils.

The pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, was director of the school and also taught the Intermediate Class on "Answering God's Call" and "Church Membership." He was assisted by his daughter, Miss Anita Beutler, who was home on sick leave from Nurses Training at Jamestown College in North Dakota.

The Beginners' theme was "Learning About Jesus" and was taught by Miss Irma Schiwy, Mrs. Willie Schiwy, and Miss Iris Trabant. To the Primary Class "The Lord Is My Shepherd" became very real, as taught by Mrs. Fred Schroeder and Miss Joyce Ratke. The topic for the Juniors was "The Christian's Birth and Growth," and was taught by Mrs. Beutler and Mrs. Hugh Lueck

On Friday evening, July 13, a large audience witnessed the fine demonstration of some of the Bible memory verses and knowledge acquired, as well as the handwork made by the pupils to take home as reminders of what they had learned. The Sunday School superintendent, Mr. Hugh Lueck, also spoke words of commendation to pupils and teachers for what was achieved in so short a time.

Another factor in helping to make the Bible School a success was the volunteer service in transportation given by the following: Mrs. John Enns, Mrs. Esther Kahler, Mr. Assaf Eckert, Mr. Fred Trabant, Mrs. Fred Grapentine, and Rev. G. Beutler.

Mrs. G. Beutler, Reporter.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., Holds Ground Breaking Ceremony

On Sunday, July 8, we of the Im-manuel Baptist Church, Vancouver, B. C., celebrated the ground breaking for our new church edifice on our property, corner 40th Avenue and Quebec Street under bright sunshine and with a large attendance. The ceremony was based on Genesis 12:6-8 and the question of the message from the



Ground breaking ceremony for the new edifice of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Van-couver, B. C., with Rev. Gerhard P. Gebauer, pastor, watching at the left.

pastor, Rev. Gerhard P. Gebauer, was: What is the purpose of erecting this house?" A representative of the Christian Reformed Church, now acting as our hostess, expressed hearty wishes of blessing in English.

Then we dug the sign of the cross in the ground of our new home country; at first the minister of the church, followed by the representative of the Christian Reformed Church and Rev. Andrew Knaut (a member of our church), and the members of the board of deacons, the building committee and the other branches of the church.

Our church lives from the experience of many blessings of the Lord. While the membership of the Bethany Church grew steadily, more than 200 members dared to organize this new work on their own accord. The courageous decision of every individual was from the start under the sign of true sacrifice. Although we received real Christian love from a Dutch Reformed Church while permitting us to conduct our meetings there, we immediately decided to build our own church. We bought an excellent situated prop-

erty. Even though most of our members are newcomers, we have already raised \$22,000 for the church building fund. In our services we perceive the efficiency of the Holy Spirit in purifying Christians and making new decisions for Christ. In this year's sessions of the British Columbia Association and the Pacific Conference we were admitted as members.

Trusting in the grace of God we started building the church without any essential assistance. The cost of the complete building is estimated at \$90,000.

Gerhard P. Gebauer, Pastor.

Sunday School Contest at the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Oregon

The Sunday School of the Salt Creek Baptist Church, Dallas, Ore., held a contest from May 20 through July 29. A four by six inch colored world map with our North American Bap-tist mission fields was painted and placed in our church auditorium. Each of our five departments was represented by a differently colored airplane. Our course of flight was as follows: Salt Creek to Japan; Japan to the Cameroons of Africa; Africa to Austria; Austria to Forest Park headquarters; Forest Park to Spanish-American field in Texas; Texas to Colorado Indians; Colorado to Alberta Indians; and Alberta to Salt Creek. Flight advancement was based on points given for attendance and vis-

The superintendent of the department that first reached a given field brought a report of that field the following Sunday during the morning church service. Thus the entire church received a greater insight of our worldwide mission program. The winning department of the week was presented with a banner which was held by all but one department at least once. The Primary Department reached home first, and therefore won the contest. Mr. Richard Nallinger is our Sunday School superintendent, and Rev. Robert F. Penner the pastor.

Mrs. Robert Penner, Reporter.

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The California Assembly for North American Baptist churches at Hume Lake, Calif., with 280 CBY and Sunday School workers in attendance.

280 Young People Attend California Summer Conference at Hume Lake, California

Two hundred and eighty young people and adults of the California Assembly of CBY and Sunday School workers enjoyed days of instruction, inspiration, recreation, rest, and all else that makes for a wonderful time in the hills of God from July 21 to 28 at Hume Lake, California.

The morning program of classes was truly inspiring. Classes were held on three levels: primary and juniors, young people, and adults. The Primary and Junior "Bible Hour" was taught by Miss Violet Rowe, Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento. Following the "Bible Hour" the children enjoyed stories and pictures by "Aunt Ruby," Miss Ruby Salzman, missionary to the British Cameroons, West Africa.

The first hour for the young people and adults included challenging mes-sages and pictures brought by Miss Salzman. This was followed by a choice of two classes for the Junior High group: "Meeting Life's Prob-lems" taught by Rev. W. W. Knauf, Elk Grove; "Christian Stewardship" taught by Rev. Fred David, Upper Bay Church, Santa Ana Heights. The High School and College age group had the choice of "You Can Teach" by Rev. Clarence Walth, Willow Rancho Church, Sacramento; "Teaching Jun-ior Highs" taught by Paul Jungkeit, Bethel Church, Anaheim; "Leadership Training and Program Planning" by Kenneth Fischer; and "The Doctrine of the Second Coming" taught by Dr. Ralph Powell, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The adult program was similar to that of the young people. The second hour's choices were: "You Can Teach," choices were: "You Can "Teaching Junior High's," "Church Officers' Training Course" presented by Rev. Berthold Jacksteit, Anaheim; and "The Doctrine of the Second Coming" by Dr. Powell. For the third hour young people and adults met together for Bible study with Rev. G. G. Rauser, First Baptist Church, Lodi; the Junior High Bible study led by Rev. Orville Meth, Church Extension, Stockton.

God.

The new \$20,000 parsonage of the Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon, which was formally

Japan mission field.

Much praise should go to all those who had a part in making this camp such a success, especially to our dean, "Pastor Bob," Rev. Robert Schreiber, Temple Baptist Church of Lodi, and to our president, LeRoy Grauer, of Costa Mesa. The Conference Assembly designated \$2,000 for our project for the coming year: 50 per cent designated for Church Extension work in California: 25 per cent to the Cameroons Missions, and 25 per cent to the

The elected officers for the coming year are: dean, Rev. Robert Schreiber, Temple Church, Lodi; president, Marvin Renke, First Church, Lodi; first vice-president, Henry Walpus, Inglewood Knolls Church, Los Angeles; second vice-president, Lloyd Kwast, Anaheim: project treasurer, Otis Boling, Upper Bay Church, Santa Ana Heights; secretary, Liz Michelson, Temple Church, Lodi; registrar, Odell Davis, Temple Church, Lodi; camp hostess, Gloria Walpus, Inglewood Knolls, Los Angeles; representatives: Bill Gurlack, Milo Terrace, Los Angeles; Larry Grenz, Sacramento; Phillip Holly, Costa Mesa; Ted Yancy, Elk Grove; and Gordon Davis, Berean Church, Los Angeles.

Conferences like these make us aware of our responsibilities toward Odell Davis, Vice-president.

Bethel Baptist Church, Salem, Oregon, Dedicates Its New \$20,000 Parsonage

Sunday, July 8, was a day of rejoicing for the Bethel Baptist Church of Salem, Ore., as its new parsonage, located in the West Salem Hills, was dedicated to the glory of God. Our interim pastor, Rev. A. W. Wardin, was in charge of the service. Scripture and prayer were offered by Rev. Robert Penner of the Salt Creek Church. The song service and a vocal solo, "O Blessed House," were presented by Mrs. Clayton Wenger. The dedication message was challengingly presented by Dr. John Wobig of the Trinity Church, Portland, Oregon. 'The pastor offered the dedication prayer.

The churches of the Oregon Baptist League were invited to this occasion. Open house then followed and those attending were toured through the parsonage by the hostesses, Misses Ruth Rae, Erma Reischke, and Dorothy Caspar.

A brief history of the parsonage is that in 1951, due to crowded conditions in the Primary Department of the Sunday School, it was decided to start a building fund. It began with \$15.00 and then in 1952 the fund became officially designated as the Parsonage Fund. It was decided that the old parsonage, next to the church, would be used as a Sunday School annex. After several years of little activity, the need for a new parsonage was re-vitalized.

Just one year ago the large scenic lot was purchased and then in the fall, building plans were presented by the Parsonage Building Committee. This hard working group was com-posed of Mrs. Walter Willecke, Mr. Fred Schifferer, Mr. Cecil Stark, Mrs. Roy Rocks, and acting as chairman was Dr. W. C. Heringer. Construction of the parsonage began in Sept. 1955.

The modern parsonage features three bedrooms as well as a pastor's study. The Woman's Missionary Society and Sunday School classes have carried out special projects, such as drapes, curtains, and fireplace screen, amounting to nearly a thousand dollars. The cost of this fine porsanage was over \$20,000, and we are thankful to God that a balance of only \$5,600 remains to be paid.

Dorothy Caspar, Reporter.



Eastern Conference

Vacation Bible School and Baptismal Service at Calvary Baptist Church, Killaloe, Ontario

A Vacation Bible School was held in the Calvary Baptist Church of Killaloe, Ont., Canada, from July 3 to 13, with the cooperation of the First Baptist Church. An enrollment of 85 with an average attendance of 79 was a real encouragement to the teachers who gave sacrifically of their time to teach the boys and girls. The school consisted of three departments, namely, Beginners, Primary, and Junior, with age limits from 4 to 13.

Pupil interest was very high throughout the duration of the school. It was largely through the efforts of our consecrated teachers that 26 boys and girls made a profession of faith in Christ. Our gratitude is also extended to three of the ladies of the Evangelical Church for their able assistance on the teaching staff.

On Friday evening, July 13, a program was presented by the children to demonstrate the many lessons learned and projects completed. An excellent display of the workbooks and handwork projects was viewed in the church basement.

On Sunday, July 22, Rev. L. W. George, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, baptized three converts on confession of their faith in Christ, namely, Mrs. Howard Kuehl, Miss Shirley Hiderman, and Mr. Burt Keitch. On the same Sunday we were happy to welcome into our midst Rev. and Mrs. Lester Schoen of St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. Schoen's father was pastor here more than 50 years ago. It was during his ministry that the present building of the First Baptist Church was erected. With great joy we listened to Brother Schoen as he

ÖBITUARY

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

MR. JOHN E. JOHNSON of Monroe, South Dakota.

Mr. John E. Johnson of Monroe, S. Dak., son of Mr. and Mrs. Emme E. Johnson, was born near Ackley, Iowa, on January 4, 1876. At the age of four, he moved to South Dakota with his parents. In 1901 he was united in marriage to Miss Lena Gortmaker. In 1920 he moved from the farm into Mon-roe, South Dakota. He spent his last two months in the Ebenezer Nursing Home in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He went to his heavenly home on Aug. 7, 1956. heavenly home on Aug. 7, 1956.

Mr. Johnson was a convert of Christ. Upon confession of faith in Christ, he was baptized in 1895 and united with the Baptist church near Emery, South Dakota. Later he transferred his membership to the Spring Valley Baptist Church as a charter member. Here he had taken an active part in Sunday School work and other offices of the church.

Those who preceded him in death were his wife, Lena, on Dec. 10, 1954; his parents; two sisters and four brothers. He leaves to mourn his departure: two sisters: Mrs. An-hie Johnson of Montrose; Mrs. Lillie Heyer of Huron, S. Dak.; and one brother, Fred-erick Johnson of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Spring Valley Baptist Church,

Canistota, South Dakota GORDON HUISINGA, Pastor.

MRS. DAVE WARKENTIN of Edenwold, Saskatchewan.

Mrs. Dave Warkentin of Edenwold, Sask., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Rumpel, was born April 12. 1911 in the Edenwold district. She found her Lord as personal Savior at the age of 15 years and was bap-tized in 1926 by Rev. Adolf Milner. She was

brought us the Word of Life in the church where his father ministered so many years ago.

The annual memorial service was held at the cemetery on Sunday, August 5, with a good attendance. Mrs. E. D. Zummach, Reporter.

JULY CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

CONTRIBUT	IONS FOR ALL PU	URPOSES		
Conferences	July, 1956	July, 1955	July, 1954	
Atlantic	\$ 1,859.16	\$ 2,619.59	\$ 1,597.46	
Central	5,555.29	6,425.23	3,348.18	
Dakota		4,587.73	4,365.22	
Eastern	1,420.45	1,673.01	1,265.27	
Northern		7,263.40	7,731.78	
Northwestern	6,501.32	2,786.3 4	4,273.75	
Pacific	E 00100	4,807.72	7,811.86	
Southern		1,522.82	937.70	
Southwestern	4.327.96	4,764.78	4,284.63	
Inter-Conference			51.00	
Total Contributions	\$36,581.88	\$36,450.62	\$35,666.85	
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions	
For the month of July, 1956	\$32,114.83	\$ 4,467.05	\$36,581.88	
For the month of July, 1955		3,267.96	36,450.62	
For the month of July, 1954		707.65	35,666.85	
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE F	ISCAL YEAR			
April 1, 1956 to July 31, 1956 .	\$156,677,61	\$15,613.52	\$172.291.14	
April 1, 1955 to July 31, 1955	145,777,77	14,841.75	160,619.52	
April 1, 1954 to July 31, 1954	165,920.87	3,546.09	169,466.96	
CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	FOR THE TRIEN	NIUM		
April 1, 1955 to July 31, 1956		\$ 99,550.15	\$735,528.66	

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married in June 1949 to Mr. Dave Warkentin with whom she lived here in Edenwold until her death.

She was an ardent worker for her Lord, serving him with all the talents with which he had endowed her. She was active in the Sunday School as teacher, young peo-ple's work, "Busy Bees," Ladies' Missionary Society, choir, and in special singing and instrumental music instrumental music.

Instrumental music. The cause of her early death began with the misfortune of a fire in the house on July 27, 1956 whereby she suffered severe burns over one-third of her body. The final toll of her death according to Dr. Rennick was toxemia and shock following the ac-cident. The Lord took her soul and spirit into the heavenly rest on Thursday, August 2nd, while she was peacefully resting after a short time of ilness.

a short time of ilness. She has left to mourn her sudden death: her husband, parents, one sister, Mrs. Carl Hollerbaum; three brothers: Edwin Rum-pel and Herb Rumpel of Edenwold; and Ruben Rumpel of Regina, Saskatchewan. Also many other relatives and friends mourn, yet not without hope, for all have the assurance to see her again in the great Day of Resurrection.

Rev. E. L. Thiessen and Fred H. Ohlmann Rev. E. L. Thiessen and Fred H. Oniman-spoke comforting words to a large audience. According to the Lord's will, she has kept the faith and finished her course of service to receive her reward. God grant that we may follow those who thus have gone on before

Edenwold, Saskatchewan

FRED H. OHLMANN, Pastor.

MR. JOHN F. ROLFS of Lorraine, Kansas.

Mr. John F. Rolfs of Lorraine, Kans., the Mr. John F. Rolfs of Lorraine, Kans., une youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rolfs, was born on August 25, 1874 at Walshville, Ill., and passed away Sunday morning, August 5, 1956 in the Ellsworth Hospital, Ellsworth, Kansas. He was 81 years of age. Ellsworth, Kansas. He was 81 years of age. At the age of two years, he came to Kan-sas with his parents and brothers and sis-ters. The family settled on a farm near Bushton and attended the Baptist Church in Lorraine. It was here that Mr. Rolfs found the Savior as a boy of eleven and was baptized on February 7, 1886 by the Rev. J. H. Janssen. For more than 70 years he was a loyal member of the First Baptist Church of Lorraine, regular in his attend-ance and faithful in his stewardship. On February 10, 1912, he was united in

ance and faithful in his stewardship. On February 10, 1912, he was united in marriage to Margarete E. Kaiser. Left to mourn a loving husband and father are his wife, Mrs. Margarete Rolfs; and four chil-riage; Getrude Rolfs and Roland Rolfs, all of Lorraine; and Mrs. Louis Kottman of Lyons, Kansas. Also surviving are an aged sister, Mrs. Mary Pigeon of Portland, Ore.: seven grandchildren; and a host of friends. Two sisters and three brothers preceded him in death.

him in death. Funeral services were held from the church on August 7, 1956, with his pastor bringing a word of hope and assurance from Hebrews 12:2: "Looking unto Jesus the pioneer . . . of our faith." Rev. Eldon G. Schroeder of Kyle, Texas, assisted with the Scripture and prayer. Burial was in the Lorraine Baptist Cemetery. Surely God would add: "Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name" (Psalm 91:14). First Baptist Church.

First Baptist Church, Lorraine, Kansas

HAROLD W. GIESEKE, Pastor.

MRS. ANNIE BETZ of Loyal, Oklahoma.

Mrs, Annie Betz, nee Schuber, of Loyal, Mrs, Annie Betz, nee Schuber, of Loyal, Okla., was born near Dorrance, Kans., on April 24, 1885. In 1893 she came to Okla-homa with her parents, settling in the vicinity of Okeene at first and later moving to a farm north of Hitchcock where she grew up. On November 26, 1901 she was united in marriage to Daniel Betz at King-fisher. Oklahoma. Since her marriage she had made her home in the Loyal commu-nity. She followed her Lord through the waters of baptism on November 15, 1949 under the ministry of Rev. G. Wesley Blackburn.

On Wednesday, July 25, while a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla., she went home to be with her Lord. She had reached the age of 71 years, 3 months, and 1 day. Preceding her in death were her husband, one daughter and one

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son. Two sisters and three brothers also went on before her.

Left behind are: one daughter, Mrs. Victor Liebel, and two sons, William and Ar-thur Betz, all of Loyal. In addition to her children, she also leaves five brothers: Ben-jamin of Dewey, Carl of Garber; Dave, Ray, and Ezra, all of Hitchcock, Oklahoma. She also leaves four grandchildren and many friends. Funeral services were conducted on July 28th by the pastor, Rev. Eleon L. Sandau, with interment at East Cooper Ceme-

Immanuel Baptist Church, Loyal, Oklahoma

ELEON L. SANDAU, Pastor.

MRS. LOUISE BECHTHOLD of Lodi, California.

Mrs. Louise Bechthold, nee Reimche, of Lodi, Calif., was born in Russia on Feb. 3, 1863. She came to this country in 1876 and homesteaded near Harvey, N. Dak., where homesteaded near Harvey, N. Dak., where she lived until 1908 when she came to Lodi, California. Since 1953 she lived with her daughter in Santa Clara, California. In 1883 she was united in marriage with Mr. George Bechthold, who was called to his heavenly home in 1914. This union was blessed with 13 children, of whom five pre-ceded their mother in death. ceded their mother in death.

ceded their mother in death. As a young girl she received Christ as her Savior and was baptized on profession of her faith. In Harvey, N. Dak., the First Mennonite Church was founded in her home. When they came to Lodi, they started a church in their house which also grew into a fine work to God's glory. In 1929 she became a member of the First Baptist Church of Lodi, where she remained a faithful member until she joined the Church Triumphant in God's presence. She was a member of the Woman's Missionary Society and made her contribution in many ways toward the furtherance of the King-dom of God. dom of God.

dom of God. She was called to her eternal home in the Father's House on July 24th. She reached the age of 93 years, 5 months, and 16 days. She is survived by eight children: Charles Bechthold of Oakland, Calif.; Al-bert Bechthold of Niles, Calif.; Mrs. Louise Bick of Harvey, N. Dak.; Mrs. Emma Dahl of San Jose, Calif.; Mrs. Bertha Nelson of San Jose, Calif.; Mrs. Ruby Pomponio of Stockton, Calif.; Mrs. Bertha Nothrup of Stockton, Calif.; Mrs. Bertha Northrup of Santa Clara, California. She also leaves 17 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. The pastor spoke words of comfort from the 17th Psalm, "As for me I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness." First Baptist Church,

First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

G. G. RAUSER, Pastor.

MRS. CHRISTINA DOBROVOLNY of Lodi, California.

Mrs. Christina Dobrovolny of Lodi, Calif., wife of the late Rev. Frank Dobrovolny, was born Sept. 16, 1874 in Austary, Hun-gary. In 1903 she came to 'the United States and for many years she lived in different places in North and South Dakota where her husband pastored various churches. In 1932, at the time of their re-tirement from the full-time pastorate, she came to Lodi, California.

In 1896 she joined hands with Frank Dobrovolny with whom she shared the Gospel ministry with its blessings and sacrifices for many years. This union was severed on earth in 1946 when he was called to his eternal reward. Nine children were born to them, of whom one daughter pre-ceded her mother in death.

ceded her mother in death. At the age of 19 she accepted Christ as her Savior, was baptized and united with the Baptist church. She loved her Savior dearly and served him with a humble and sincere spirit. The Word of God was a de-light to her soul and she feasted on this heavenly manna daily. She was a mem-ber of the Woman's Missionary Society where she made her contributions in so

In the last years of her life she suffered a great deal. However, she bore her af-flictions patiently in the hope of eternal glory when this life is past. She passed away on July 21st at the age of 81 years, 10 months, and 5 days. 10 months, and 5 days.

She is survived by eight children: Dr. Frank Dobrovolny of Sanborn, N. Y.; Henry Dobrovolny of Kensington, Md.; Dr. Charles Dobrovolny of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Mrs.

Mary H. Horst of Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Bertha Imlay of Silver Springs, Md.; Mrs. Freda Sheehan of Lodi, Calif.; Ernest Dobrovolny of Denver, Colo.; and Herbert Dobrovolny of Modesto, California. She also leaves 17 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends. The pas-tor spoke words of comfort and tribute from the text: "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." First Baptist Church, Lodi, California

MR. ALEXANDER FENDER Of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Mr. Alexander Fender of Edmonton, Alta., was born on Sept. 13, 1883 in Poland. He emigrated to Canada as a young man and was converted and baptized at Whitemouth, Man., in 1903. He was married to Miss Florence Engel in 1906 in Whitemouth. This union was blessed with two sons and one daughter. His devoted wife passed away in November, 1940, at Congress, Sas-katchewan.

katchewan. On July 14, 1941 Mr. Fender was married to Mrs. Samuel Falkenberg, a widow with three children, at the Christian Training Institute in Edmonton by Rev. E. P. Wahl. Mr. and Mrs. Fender lived in Regina, Sask., for three years. Since 1944 they have re-sided in Edmonton. Brother Fender was well until a few weeks ago. He went to the hospital on July 23, and passed away sud-denly on Friday morning, July 27, in the Misericordia Hospital of Edmonton. He is survived by his sorrowing wife

Misericordia Hospital of Edmonton. He is survived by his sorrowing wife, three sons, three daughters, 17 grandchil-dren, one brother and one sister. Our de-parted brother was a deacon and a Sunday School teacher of the Central Baptist Church of Edmonton for about twelve years. The funeral service which was well attended was held in the Central Baptist Church on Monday afternoon, July 30. Rev. E. P. Wahl spoke in English and the under-signed in German. Six deacons acted as pallbearers. Two sisters of the church sang appropriate selections. appropriate selections.

His remains were taken to Congress. Sask., for burial. A second service was held on Thursday, August 2, in the Congress Baptist Church, where the departed was a charter member. Rev. D. D. Wiebe con-ducted the service at the church and the obsequies at the grave. May the God of all comfort richly console the bereaved. Central Baptist Church,

Edmonton, Alberta, Cana

MR. FRIEDRICH BENDER

of Leola, South Dakota. of Leola, South Dakota. Mr. Friedrich Bender, retired farmer of Leola, S. Dak., died in his own home, July 21, 1956 at the age of 71 years. He was born June 12, 1885 at Bridgewater, South Dakota. He was a life-long citizen, farmer and resi-dent of this state. On Sept. 27, 1905 he married Miss Katherine Guthmiller, and together these young people established their own home on a farm in the Long Lake district. The Lord blessed this union with eleven children, all of whom survive the father with their own families. In 1048 the Benders retired from the farm

In 1948 the Benders retired from the farm In 1948 the Benders retired from the farm which they had operated for 43 years. For more than 50 years this couple shared faith-fully all the experiences of life together. Through all the years of his life he at-tended the Baptist Church school and wor-ship services, but only recently, while in the hospital, he gave expression of the hope that was within his soul.

hope that was within his soul. He leaves to mourn his death his devoted wife and partner through life; his eleven children: Fred, Albert, and Erwin, Leola, S. Dak.; Alwin, Wetonka, S. Dak.; and August of Bismarck, N. Dak.; six daughters: Ida, Mrs. Christ K. Hoffman, and Emma, Mrs. Edwin Heupel, both of Leola, S. Dak.; Martha, Mrs. Gottlieb Dalke, Powell, Wyo.; Alma, Mrs. Jacob Roth, Long Lake, S. Dak.; Leah, Mrs. Wm. Human, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and Marcella, Mrs. Roy Heupel, Eureka, S. Dak.; one half-sister, Lydia. Mrs. John Schnabel, Eureka, S. Dak.; and two half-brothers: Jacob Guthmiller, Eu-reka, S. Dak.; and August Guthmiller, Hillsview, South Dakota.

Hillsview, South Dakota. At the end of his life he could look back upon 35 grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. He had many friends be-sides his large relationship in the church and in the community. The memorial serv-ice was conducted in the Leola High School Auditorium, the undersigned officiating, be-ing assisted by the Rev. A. W. Bibelheimer

G. G. RAUSER. Pastor.

JOHN LEYPOLDT, Interim Pastor.

of Ashley, who brought a message of com-fort in English while all else was in Ger-man. Interment was in Leola Cemetery. May the God of all comfort and consolation be near the bereaved! Eureka, South Dakota

A. E. REEH, Minister.

MRS. SALOME SEIBOLD of Cathay, North Dakota.

Mrs. Salome Seibold of Cathay, N. Dak., daughter of the late David and Carolina Heonke, was born near Odessa, Russia, July 25, 1872. She emigrated to the United States with her parents at the age of five years, settling at Parkston, South Dakota. She passed away after a 15 week-illness and hospitalization on Aug. 3, 1956, attaining the ripe age of 84 years and 9 days. She was the last member of her family. She was married to Fred Seibold on Jan

She was married to Fred Seibold on Jan. 16, 1891 at Parkston, South Dakota. This union was blessed with six daughters and four sons. She was preceded in death by one daughter, Emelie, in 1901 and her hus-band, Fred, on June 23, 1943. She is surband, Fred, on June 23, 1943. She is sur-vived by her five daughters: Lydia, Mrs. John Buechler; Elsie, Mrs. Gust Meth; Adena Leitner, Hilda and Ruth, Mrs. Fred Reddig; and four sons: Otto, Emmanuel, Edward, and Herbert, as well as by twelve grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Among her grandchildren are: Rev. Orville Meth of Stockton, Calif., and Rev. Eldon Seibold of Portland, Oregon. She accepted Christ as her personal Sav-ior and was baptized Nov. 23, 1913 and united with the Germantown Baptist Church. On April 10, 1936 she transferred her membership to the Cathay Baptist Church, where she remained a faithful and active member until her death. She served for meny years as president of the Wom-

for many years as president of the Wom-an's Missionary Society and was a faithful attendant of the same as well as of the church services as long as she was able to do so.

The memorial service took place at the local Baptist church with the pastor, Rev. David Zimmerman, in charge and speak-ing on the "Brevity and Uncertainty of Life," based on Psalm 39:5 and Psalm 90: 5-10. The many flowers and memorial gifts and the large gathering showed that "Grandma Seibold" was held in high esteem. May her memory be a challenge and comfort to all her loved ones. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth" (Rev. 14:13).

Cathay Baptist Church, Cathay, North Dakota

DAVID ZIMMERMAN, Pastor.

MR. GEORGE F. STEINBERG of Le Sueur, Minnesota.

Mr. George Frederic Steinberg of Le Sueur, Minn., son of Charles and Augusta Steinberg, was born Oct. 22, 1879, at Ot-tawa, Le Sueur county, Minnesota. He died April 24 at the Community Hospital in St. Peter from a lingering heart condition at the age of 75 years, 6 months, and 2 days.

In 1902 he was marred to Margaret Eng-ler of Randolph, Minnesota. At that time he took over his father's farm. Although handicapped early in life by the loss of an arm, he continued active farming until two years ago.

In his youth he united with the North American Baptist Church in Sharon and was an active member until it was dis-banded in 1937. Since then he has attended the Churches of Christ in Cleveland and St Peter St. Peter.

He is survived by his wife and two chil-dren, Carlyle of Le Sueur and Gladys, Mrs. Leo Geldner, of Cleveland; a brother, Ben, of Wasco, Calif.; and four grandchildren: Mrs. Roger Nelson of New Richland, Minn.; Mrs. Marshall Jones of Mobile, Ala.; Dale Steinberg of Le Sueur; and Kathy Jo Geld-ner of Cleveland.

Funeral services were held Thursday, April 26, at the Roschen-Schaffler Chapel in Le Sueur, Rev. Dean Hardy, pastor of the Church of Christ at Cleveland, officiating, Mrs. Roy Ziebarth and James Davis sang, "I'll Take My Vacation in Heaven," and "Face to Face."

Attending the funeral were friends and relatives from St. Croix Falls and Grants-burg, Wis., Princeton, Dover, St. Paul, Min-neapolis, Mankato, Waconia, St. Bonifacius, Austin, Faribault, Northfield, Cannon Falls, Randolph, and New Richland, Minnesota, Le Sueur, Minnesota

DEAN HARDY, Pastor.

DEATH CALLING

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take me to my heavenly home." In numerous letters that she wrote to the church she encouraged the Christians to be strong in the Lord.

Her favorite hymns were "Amazing Grace" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus." She had us sing these two hymns again and again during the last days of her suffering. As her sister and Mr. Kondo, who was led to the Lord through her testimony, sang these two hymns, she was taken away in the arms of Jesus to her heavenly home.

It is a year now since we laid aside her body, but in a very real sense she is still with us, and her influence is still strongly felt. Today there are at least five or six Christians at the City Hospital who meet each week for prayer and Bible study. Their testimonies are heart warming because they have learned to share the hope which Miss Yuki so vividly expressed and lived. Her father and one of her neighbors were also drawn very close to the Lord through this experience.

As I reflect upon my experiences with death while laboring for my Lord in the city of Ise, I cannot help but draw a parallel between the old man who in his late seventies feared death as a black monster, and the young girl of 16 who felt so completely secure in the arms of Jesus that death had lost all of its sting.

This, I believe, is the strength of our message to this heathen land of Japan. Christ not only helps us in this life but through him we have the blessed hope of eternal life. In him we are secure forever! Should there be anyone who is prone to say, "The heathen have their gods and therefore need not Christ," may such a one ponder carefully upon this incident of death

CORRECTION IN ARTICLE ABOUT VISIT TO JAPAN

In the fine article in the August 9, 1956 issue of the "Baptist Herald" by Mr. Wilfred W. Rueb of Sacramento, Calif., entitled, "My Visit at Our Mission in Japan," a portion of a sentence was inadvertently omitted. This correction is being made with apologies to Mr. Rueb.

The first paragraph under the subtitle "GOSPEL DOORS ARE OPEN" should have read as follows:

"During the morning worship service I was given the opportunity to bring greetings from the Willow Rancho Baptist Church of Sacramento, Calif., of which I am a member, and brought them a message in song. Rev. Walter Sukut brought a challenging message from the Word of God which was translated into the Japanese language by Brother Ono, a very faithful servant of the Lord."

calling on the old man and the young girl. Christ made the difference! He is the answer! He alone can meet man's needs in life and in death.

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OUR COLLORADO HOME MISSION FIELD

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ing and not enough opportunity on either of the three fields to drive the roots of the Gospel deep and to nourish adequately those who have been contacted at such time when it is most necessary. Besides the consecrated missionaries well trained and qualified to do the mission work now, it will take a larger staff to meet the urgent need in the field. At the same time, it will require substantial financial support for years to come.

Already at this time the goal ought to be, and the Spanish-American people on the field should be made aware of it, that an indigenous church is to be established as soon as possible. While much has been accomplished in working with children on this field, it is quite necessary to reach the parents and integrate them into a permanently established and strong self-governing church body for which the people themselves have to assume the larger share of the responsibilities.

God truly has blessed our concerted efforts in the past. God surely will honor our continued efforts even more if we put forth greater zeal to do his will, not only to reach these Spanish-American people with the Gospel, but also to establish them in the faith in a church fellowship which becomes their responsibility and at the same time their opportunity to witness for Christ among their own people. May we urge all of our people to continue to pray for our missionaries in this field, as all of our missionaries, hoping that many of these people will come to know Christ, will serve him more effectively because of our interest in the cause of Christ.

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