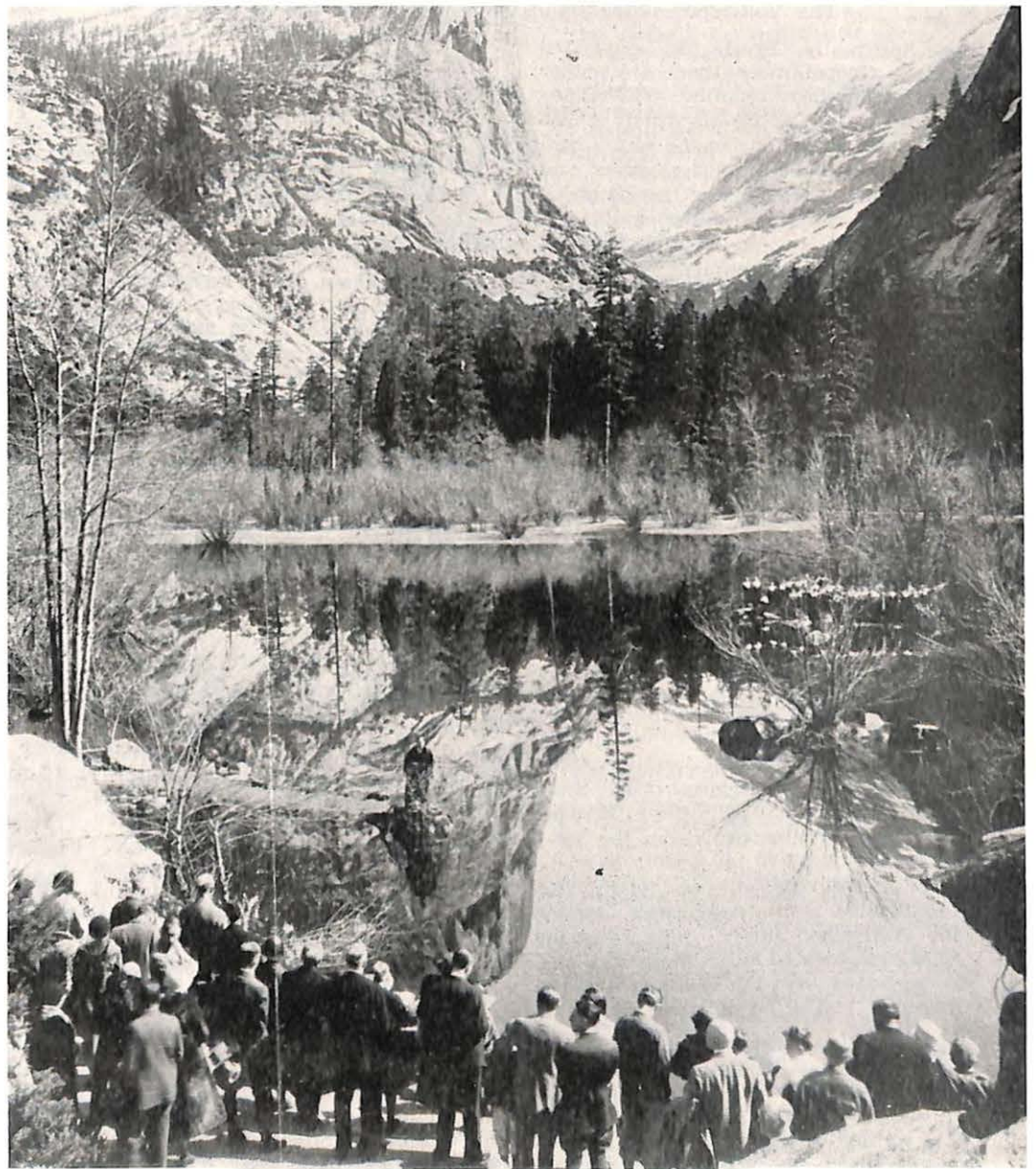


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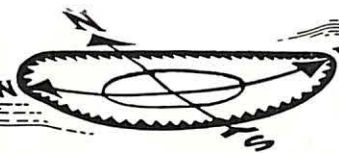
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● In Stockholm, Sweden, 750 Protestant church workers and lay preachers concluded a course in Bible study and psychology as a preliminary to the inauguration of what is described as an entirely new type of religious revival. Designed as an "all-Christian offensive," the campaign, starting this month, will be conducted on a broad ecumenical basis through meetings designed to stimulate interest in religion. Among those taking part in the preliminary course were representatives of both the State Lutheran and the Free churches, as well as members of the Salvation Army and the YMCA and YWCA.

—The Watchman-Examiner

● Spiritually, Brazil has responded to the Gospel more than any other South American republic. The Evangelical Union of South America has two fields there, one in the south, carried on by the English section, and one in the north under the administration of the North American Board. In addition to the missionaries at work there, a fine number of national pastors are in charge of self-supporting, self-propagating churches. The national theological seminary is located in Recife, capital of the state of Pernambuco; three missionaries cooperate with national workers in conducting the school. In the state of Paraiba, three lady missionaries are in charge of a Bible Institute for young women.

● Modern invention has again stepped in to provide new media for sharing the Message of Life. In Liberia, a daily radio program has brought about an unprecedented interest in regular Bible reading there. Liberia is the only country in tropical Africa where a free Christian radio can be maintained. There, every week-day at 6:27 a.m., hundreds and possibly thousands of Liberians open their Bibles. They all turn to the same passage and, at the cue from the program, they read in unison for 15 minutes—many reading aloud—following the Talking Book records supplied by the American Bible Society. Station ELWA is located near Monrovia and is operated by the Sudan Interior Mission. —The Evangelical Christian

● An infant congregation in Lebanon, Indiana, is beginning its life in a cemetery. St. Peter's mission, newest in the Episcopal diocese of Indianapolis, wanted to resist the immediate pressure for a new building, so it made an agreement with the Lebanon Cemetery to use the stone Gothic chapel in the middle of the cemetery

grounds as a meeting place. The agreement calls for use of the chapel for at least the next two years. The chapel is spacious and well-equipped. There is a sexton, and all the utilities are provided at a nominal fee. St. Peter's boasts of having "the largest churchyard in the diocese of Indianapolis," and places advertising in the local newspaper inviting people to come to the cemetery and join them in worshipping the Lord.

● Rome's ancient monuments, including a statue of St. Paul atop the 164-foot-high Column of Antoninus, are being bolstered and braced against the most insidious enemy they have had to face—modern traffic. Motor vehicles are believed to have caused more damage to the Colosseum and the Arch of Constantine than all

the invasions of Vandals, Goths and other barbarians put together. Parts of the Colosseum in Rome, Italy, one of the world's most majestic relics of the Roman Empire, today are screened behind straw matting and iron scaffolding while specialized workmen inject 200 more years of safe life into the gaunt ruins of the huge stadium. Blocks of stone crashing down from the top of the 187-foot-high eastern curve of the Colosseum warned Romans some time ago that something must be done. Experts decided that the vibrations caused by the thousands of vehicles which every day roar around the Colosseum, rising in what is today one of Rome's busiest intersections, were loosening its mighty Doric, Ionic and Corinthian columns.



Baptist Briefs

● Billy Graham, speaking to a Washington, D. C., audience, declared that "he would not trade places with the Apostle Paul" because today is the "golden hour" for evangelism. He also said: "Everyone is turning to Christ... scientists because all their probing has brought them no nearer understanding the universe; politicians because man has not been able to control himself or the monster created by science, the atom bomb. Society has turned to Christianity because religious and racial differences have gotten out of control and Christian principles offer the only answer."

● In a letter to Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, Rev. Yakov Zhidkov, president of Russia's All Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists reported that there were more baptisms in 1956 than in the previous years. In all the Russian churches about 15,000 were baptized. In Russia, no person can be baptized under 18 years of age, and then only after extensive probation. In September 1957 Russian Baptists celebrate the 90th year jubilee of their brotherhood.

● Baptist Leaders in Liberia. Although no figures are available, a record number of graduates are reported to have won diplomas in the most recent commencement exercises at the Lott Carey Baptist Mission School (Brewerville), Monrovia, Liberia., West Africa. Two honor students have been awarded scholarships to universities in the United States. A

stand-out crowd, including some high Government officials, attended the ceremonies. The Carey School is purportedly one of the best in West Africa. It is supported by the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, Washington, D. C.

● Okinawa is strategic for Christian missions in the Far East, in the opinion of Edward E. Bollinger, American Baptist missionary. He writes: "The great openness to the gospel, the lack of any entrenched and highly organized antagonistic faith, and the recognized need for deliverance from ancient superstition and fear on the part of community leaders, gives us one of the most unique and challenging situations of modern times." There are four organized Baptist churches and 13 regular evangelistic points on Okinawa. Baptists have the only weekly broadcast of the gospel in the language of the people.

● Formation of the Buckner Fanning Evangelistic Foundation is announced by 27 Texas business men. Mr. Fanning is a young evangelist. He attended Baylor University, in Waco, Tex., after his discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps in 1945. Following his participation in Religious Emphasis Week there he was asked to preach in some small country churches. He was then 21. After his graduation from Baylor in 1949, he attended the New Orleans Seminary and was graduated from Southwestern Seminary in 1952. It is said that he has preached the gospel to a million people.

Editorial



Giving with Generosity!

NORTH AMERICAN Baptist people have not forgotten how to give with generosity towards the work of the Lord! The thermometer that appears on page 13 of this issue and that shows the giving of our people toward our denominational and missionary budget, ending February 28, 1957, has broken out at the top. At that time we had exceeded the denominational budget of \$500,000 by a considerable sum. Instead of being behind our budget objective at the end of the fiscal year on March 31, 1957 by several tens of thousands of dollars, as was true a year ago, we can report that we have gone over the top by at least \$30,000. That is true Christian giving with generosity!

Such giving by our North American Baptist churches is evidence of the promptings of love in the lives of our people. It is easy to give liberally when you do so out of the motives of love. You do not think of the size of the gift or the cost of the effort when you want to show your love to another. Our people are in the front ranks of Christendom in their expression of loving devotion to Christ as Savior and Redeemer. That glowing faith in Christ has its counterpart also in the fact that the per capita giving of our people for all purposes in the Lord's work for the past year was the high sum of \$82.33. When prompted by love, we ought to set no limit on what we can do and give for the Lord!

Such giving with generosity is also the clear evidence of the response of our church people to a need. The possibility of a necessary missionary retrenchment because of lack of funds last year appalled many of our people. This is a time when we ought to advance, to send out more missionaries, to undertake greater tasks for our Christ. We have never used any high pressure methods to raise funds for the denominational budget. The needs before us have been presented as effectively as possible, and our people have always responded as the Lord has led them. When we are spiritually alive and alert to God's program, then we are bound to respond to the challenge of every need with wonderful generosity.

Such giving is the recognition of high expectations on God's part of us and the reaching of that objective on our part by God's grace and with his help. It is every soul's answer to the question that Saul asked sincerely on the Damascus Road: "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" God's expectations of us, like his yoke, are not grievous to bear, or impossible to attain. But they do require hard work, disciplined minds, sacrificial discipleship, giving with generosity. They call us constantly to a renewed spiritual inventory of ourselves whether our lives are well pleasing to God and our gifts are those of an acceptable and faithful steward before him.

Whenever objectives have been reached, there is bound to be great rejoicing and hearts will be ready to overflow with praise. Let these bells of joy and thanksgiving ring in North American Baptist churches as we recount the story of the past fiscal year to the effect that our people have had a mind to build and have given to the Lord's work with generosity!

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The Easter Song of Triumph

St. Paul: "If this earthly tent of mine is taken down, I shall receive a home from God, made by no human hands, eternal in the heavens."



An Easter Meditation
by DR. JOHN SUTHERLAND BONNELL

ON THE last day of the year 1889, Robert Browning was buried in Westminster Abbey in London, England. The famous cathedral was crowded to the doors with sorrowing people. Although the funeral service of the Church of England was dignified and impressive, one worshipper, Burne-Jones, the renowned artist, became increasingly restive and impatient. He was waiting for a note of triumph to be sounded.

Afterwards he said that he kept longing for someone to appear in the chancel and wave a brave banner, or for one of the choristers to mount the triforium and blow a resounding blast on a trumpet. The note of the trumpet, challenging, arresting, defiant, triumphant was what he wanted to hear. And why not? For who among the British poets looked upon death with a more fearless gaze than Robert Browning?

A WORLD WITHOUT HOPE

Right at this point is one of the major weaknesses in our Christian witness today. Far too many Christians are afraid of death. They are terrorized and victimized by it. They lay hold upon every possible synonym to avoid mentioning the word death. They meet bereavement not in the triumphant spirit of the Easter faith, but rather as though Jesus had never lived, as though he had never died

and risen again. Why have we crowded our cemeteries with broken columns, quenched torches, shattered vases, sealed urns, and weeping willows? These things are not the symbols of a living, victorious faith. They represent a pagan acceptance of the finality of death.

In the latter half of the 19th century, when archeologists began excavating Italian cemeteries at Volterra, Italy, and at the site of ancient Roman towns near Perugia, on many tombstones they found seven letters—N.F.F. N.S. N.C. They were puzzled as to their meaning until on certain tombstones they found the full inscription. These letters stood for an ancient proverb that had grown so familiar that the Romans had ceased to write the words out in full.

This is how the Latin inscription read: "Non fui, fui, non sum, non curo." When translated, it reads: "I was not; I was; I am not; I do not

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care." Think of one generation after another burying its dead—husbands and wives, mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, and little children—in this mood of utter disillusionment and cynicism: "I was not; I was; I am not; I do not care." This is a creed, of course, but it is the creed of the spiritually weary, the disbelieving, the sordidly cynical.

This, too, was the mood of the ancient world into which Christ came. It was a world without hope. Night had descended—a long, silent night relieved only by the trampling feet of those who had stumbled in the dark. Into that world came Jesus Christ with a divine revelation that was destined to illumine the whole earth. It was a literal fulfillment of Zacharias' remarkable prophecy: "The dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the shadow of death."

ETERNAL LIFE

When Jesus preached to the multitude in Galilee or addressed his disciples privately, he spoke as familiarly of the life of the world to come as he might have spoken of neighboring Judea. On the night of the betrayal, with the shadow of the cross darkening every horizon about the disciples, our Lord gave them a farewell message. He said: "Let not your heart be troubled . . . neither let it be afraid."

While he was going to be parted from them for a while, death, he said, was just like passing from one home to another. "I will make ready for you," he continued, "And when your place is prepared, I will come and receive you unto myself." Death means just a change of residence from the cramped quarters of earth to the Father's spacious home on high.

St. Paul was not present when Jesus uttered these words, but he accepted them gratefully. When the shadows began to gather around his own life, he wrote to his friends in the Corinthian church: "If this earthly tent of mine is taken down, I shall receive a home from God, made by no human hands, eternal in the heavens."

James Barrie, the brilliant and tender Scottish author, tells us that he seldom ever took up his mother's Bible but that it opened of its own accord at the 14th chapter of St. John. That has been true of many another saint. That chapter has inspired and comforted souls in every generation of Christian history, and brought light to those who were nearing the valley of the shadow of death.

The shock of the arrest, trial and crucifixion of Jesus was all the greater for his disciples, because they had not understood the full import of these words of the Master. They found it impossible to conceive that their mighty Friend could be overtaken by disaster and brutal death, that the forces of evil could win what seemed to be a final victory over him.

THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS

Oftentimes I have tried to picture in imagination the mood of the disciples on the first Easter morning. The key to understanding it, one may find in a museum in Paris, where a notable painting by Eugene Burnand, a Swiss artist, is on exhibition. Copies of it have gone all around the world. In the painting we see Peter and John on Easter morning racing for the empty tomb in Joseph's garden. Mary Magdalene had told the disciples that the tomb was empty, and that she had had a vision of the risen Lord.

The two disciples are running at top speed, their bodies bent forward in their eager haste. Their hair is blowing in the wind, and their garments float behind them. The artist concentrates all his genius on the face of Peter. His features are seamed with trouble and sorrow, and his eyes are sunken with much weeping. His countenance is channeled with lines of grief like bleak hillsides which have been torn with heavy rains. There is hope in his face, but it is hope dimmed by fear and dread. He secretly fears that the report of the resurrection may be true, and he dreads the shame of meeting his risen Lord after all his cowardly oaths and denials in the courtyard of Caiaphas.

This was the mood of all the disciples. It was only by degrees that

the sublime truth broke upon the benumbed minds of these men who had followed Jesus. Slowly they awoke in a re-created world.

Once again we are indebted to Luke for what is the most graphic story of our Lord's appearance to his followers after the resurrection. The Greek physician alone records the walk to Emmaus. It presents every element of the resurrection experience.

THE STRANGER OF GALILEE

Joseph Fort Newton calls this chapter in Luke the sublimest passage in the New Testament. There we see two disillusioned, bewildered followers of Christ conversing dejectedly upon the highway that winds westward from Jerusalem. They say, "We had hoped that it was he that should redeem Israel." A Stranger has joined them and their hearts burn within them as he opens to them the Scriptures and shows how the Old Testament prophets and seers predicted the coming of a Redeemer.

Their souls must have thrilled as he repeated the words of the prophet Isa'ah: "He is despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief . . . But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

Suddenly with divine illumination the stark tragedy of Calvary took on a new meaning. At last they understood what John the Baptist meant when, pointing to the Master by the Jordan, he said: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world!" Having reached their destination, they implored the Stranger to tarry with them, for the lengthening shadows betokened the close of another day.

As they sat at table for the evening meal, the Guest, this strange and wondrous Guest, forsook his role and became host to these men. He took bread and blessed it and brake it. What happened at this moment? Was it a characteristic gesture or movement of his head, a familiar word or look? Or did they for the first time catch a glimpse of those nail-pierced hands that broke the bread? In any case, suddenly they knew him. "It is the Master!" one of them cried. And instantly he vanished from their sight.

THE GOSPEL OF POWER

The impact of these contacts with the risen Christ were sufficiently real to change the lives of these disheartened disciples. They became transformed men. The Gospel of the resurrection, which they preached all across the ancient world, shook the souls of men and women and made them disciples of the crucified but risen Christ. The Gospel demonstrated that love can conquer hate, and that life is ever lord of death. It

made vile men clean. It changed weak men into spiritual giants. It transformed cowards into heroes and broken reeds into pillars of steel. It set a quenchless torch by every Christian grave. It made these followers of Christ unconquerable.

When Christian men and women throughout the Roman Empire refused to offer idolatrous reverence to the image of the emperor, the authorities resolved to exterminate these stubborn people. Nero attempted to strangle Christianity in its cradle. Hear what sober historians have written: "Christians were tied to the heels of wild horses and dragged to their death. They were sewn up in the skins of wild animals and torn to bits by ferocious dogs. They were thrown into the arena to be slain by lions."

VICTORY OVER DEATH

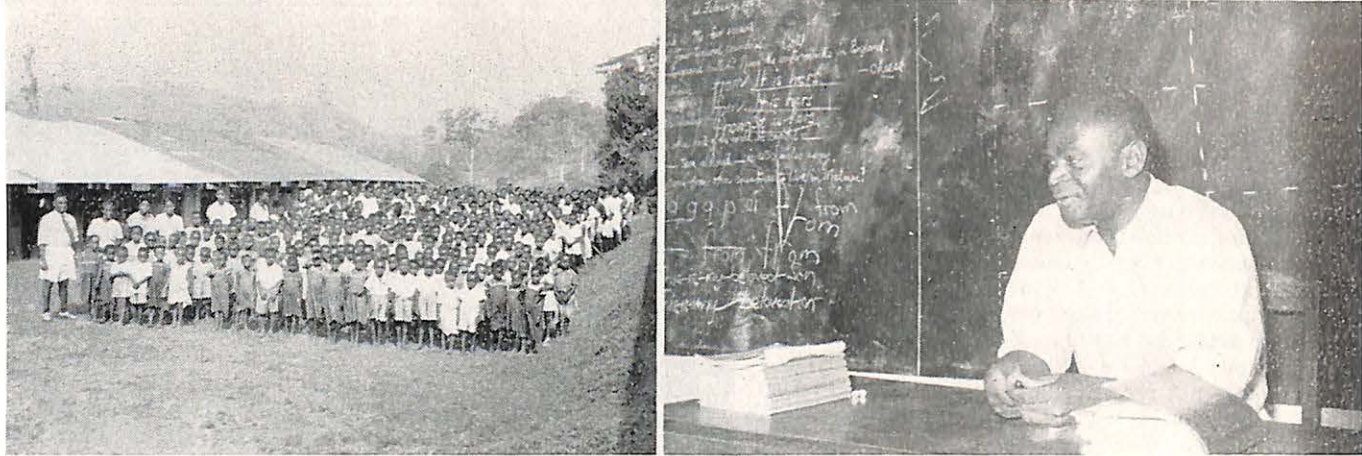
But listen to how one of the great Christian leaders of that early period answered their torturers: "Go on, good Governors, and destroy us. The more you mow us down, the more we increase, for the blood of the martyrs is the seed from which new Christians spring. The teeth of these beasts will but grind us into white flour for the pure bread of Christ." They were the despair of the Roman authorities, for these Christians had lost all fear of death. Fear of death is the mother of all fear. When it is destroyed, every form of fear is vanquished.

As late as the third century of the Christian era, the emperor Diocletian subjected the Church to ten years of the worst persecution it had yet suffered. At the end of that decade he had medals struck and given to all his lieutenants and officers. It bore this inscription: "The Christians are no more."

But what has history to say on that subject? What is the testimony of the long centuries? It is this: Diocletian is no more. He has returned to dust and to oblivion. But the Christ whose name he blasphemed and whose followers he persecuted rises higher and ever higher in the love and devotion of men. And today it is freely recognized that he is our only hope.

Would to God that in our own time, men and women who have named the name of Christ could show something of this ancient spirit of heroism and self-sacrifice instead of the anemic, bloodless, unheroic witness we too often give for Christ. The Gospel of the Resurrection—what a message is this for our feverish, fear-ridden, and death-embracing generation. Here is forgiveness. Here is salvation. Here is wholeness for man. Here is victory over fear and sin and death.

Out of the dark shadows of the tomb on Easter morning stepped forth One whose omnipotent shoulders lift every barred gate and who has shattered all the bonds of death. He is the Lord of life, the Conqueror of death, alive forevermore!



The large student body of the Cameroons Baptist Mission School at Victoria, Southern Cameroons, Africa (left), and Mr. G. L. Haddison, one of the school's teachers and a devoted Christian leader (right) as he teaches in the classroom with a winsome smile and with a scholar's discipline.

Baptist Mission Schools in Africa

By Mr. G. L. Haddison, Cameroons Baptist Mission School Teacher

IN THE eighteenth century Christian Missions in Europe and America sent out illustrious missionaries to the continent of Africa. These missionaries were to plant the Gospel of Christ which was to christianize the peoples of Africa and also to alleviate human misery which then prevailed in all parts of the continent on a large scale.

Towards the end of the century much had been achieved, and it was found necessary to build schools in which the succeeding generations were to receive instruction. Among the many denominations which have taken part in showing Christ to the African peoples is the Baptist Mission. Many schools have been opened by this Mission in many parts of Africa, including the Southern Cameroons.

TRAINING FUTURE GENERATIONS

There are many organizations within the Church which have as their task to spread the Gospel of our blessed Savior. Among these, the school is one and the part played by schools cannot be overlooked. Each school has the great privilege of training the future generations of any country by the dozens, scores and hundreds. This privilege carries with it a corresponding responsibility.

The future of any country, especially a young and growing country such as the Southern Cameroons, depends largely on the foundation laid by the educational system. Randall J. Kongdon in affirming what kind of instruction Christian schools should follow made the following statement: "Teach that which gives intelligence and skill, but forget not soul culture for out of this comes the more abundant life bringing forth the fruits of the spirit. These are the real fundamentals in education, for character is higher than intellect and the soul shall never die."

This is what all Baptist schools uphold. Every Baptist school has as its foremost aim to lead each child enrolled in the school from its earliest

years to accept the Lord Jesus as his or her personal Savior and Lord. This is fundamental and is in conformity with the advice recorded in the Book of Proverbs which reads, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

No member of the school who has truly accepted Christ need be satisfied if he has not revealed to the members of his family, his friends, and associates the unsearchable riches of Christ. It becomes obligatory for him to tell in the community to which he belongs what Christ has done for him and for all mankind. To be a Christian means to witness for Christ. This is the two-fold aim of a Baptist Mission School.

LEADING CHILDREN TO CHRIST

If every Baptist School worked to see its aim achieved, a long way would have been gone in trying to win to Christ through the power of his Spirit many lost souls in this area.

The task of leading a child to Christ is one that can be done only by a teacher who is concerned about his pupils' salvation. The desire to see his pupils become Christians burns in his or her heart. He is convinced of his responsibility to show Christ before his pupils by words and deed.

BAPTIST MISSION SCHOOLS

Mr. G. L. Haddison, a rather remarkable national Christian of the Cameroons, wrote these three brief essays for the purposes of preliminary selections for advanced training. Rev. Ben Lawrence, Supervisor of Schools, with the approval of the Cameroons Missionary Conference sent them for publication in the "Baptist Herald." They give a panoramic picture of the Baptist Mission Schools in the Cameroons as interpreted by one of our Christian teachers.

—Editor.

Such a teacher is qualified to fill a place as a teacher in a Baptist School. The selection therefore of teachers to teach in Baptist schools is of paramount importance.

The influence of a teacher cannot be overestimated. His opportunity is wonderful. A Christian teacher is in the position therefore to make Christ the Head of his class, and if Christ is the Head of each class, then as many pupils as are enrolled in that school will be pupils filled with messages for him.

Although the numerical strength of Baptist schools in this territory as compared with schools of other denominations is small, yet the power of his Spirit can work miracles if only the teachers in these schools allow themselves to be used of him.

GROWING CHRISTIANS

Baptist Mission Schools aim at making growing Christians in these schools. A growing Christian is an active Christian. It is the teacher's privilege and obligation to instruct character and the accumulation of good works so that he may be ready for effective service.

The training in service should include not only the giving of time and energy, but also the giving of money. Every Christian should give cheerfully, liberally and systematically as unto the Lord who gave himself for us. Someone has said, "Happy is the Christian who acquires early habits of giving, and great is the service of the teacher who so teaches and guides us to form this habit." The Christian teacher should so present the believer's debt of love and gratitude to his Savior that the pupil will be constrained by the love of God to seek and save the lost. The responsibility of making Christ known rests upon every believer.

In conclusion, the aim of Baptist Mission Schools is summarized in the expression of Dr. H. E. Carnack which reads, "Bring the pupil to Christ, build him up in Christ, send him forth to work for Christ."

The Cameroons' Harvest Field

By Mr. G. L. Haddison, a National Christian Teacher of Victoria, Southern Cameroons

FOR A tribe to grow numerically, the birthrate of children must be steady. Where the birthrate is very small, it is evident that such a tribe will soon run into extinction. There are some tribes in some parts of the world that have lost their existence because after the death of the parents there were no generations to succeed them. Villages like Bwenga, in the Bakweri tribe of the Victoria Division are now completely extinct, and there are others which are rapidly disappearing because of the lack of children in these villages.

A CHURCH THAT LIVES

What is true of villages or towns as far as numerical strength is concerned is true of churches. In a church where no classes for inquirers are held, one can determine without any hesitation the life of such a church. A church which has life and which must continue to live must be missionary in its outlook. Its inquirers' classes must be always regular.

Baptist Schools in this respect afford a rich field for the churches. The churches can gradually strengthen

their membership by conducting inquirers' classes in every school so that year by year the schools can be a regular source of supply of members to the churches.

In every Baptist School the opening of an inquirers' class for the boys and girls in that school should be a major project. Each member on the staff of that school should cooperate to see that that class is sufficiently enrolled. The Headmaster also will endeavor to see that the members of this class take delight in attending the classes and he gives encouragement as much as possible.

It is seen, therefore, that schools are an important wing of the church. Such churches should lose no time in making the best use of the opportunity they have. "There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." (Shakespeare).

An inquirers' class is one of the most far-reaching educational activities in the field of the Christian religion. It fulfills the injunction of our Lord, "Teach all nations." It is in the

inquirers' class that followers of Christ are taught the fundamental doctrines of the religion founded by our Savior. In this class the inquirers learn how to live like Christ. Here they are taught that every Christian is a missionary and a witness for Christ. Paul climaxes his demand of character: "Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might" (Ephesians 6:10). No character is complete that lacks a strong undergirding of faith in God.

INQUIRERS' CLASS

It is in the Inquirers' Class that the young convert learns how to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. So the importance of running a healthy inquirers' class in every church and in every school must be realized by the officers of the church and the staff of each school.

"Teach me to live, no idler let me be,
But in thy service hand and heart employ,
Prepared to do thy bidding cheerfully,
Be this my highest, this my holiest joy."

The Christian Headmaster

By Mr. G. L. Haddison of Victoria, Southern Cameroons

SCHOOLS are the medium through which many young people can be reached. The reaching of souls is the task of all teachers who are employed by the Mission to teach in schools. Each teacher should have the conviction that it is his obligation to seek and to save the lost. With this conviction he will have joy and interest in the performance of his task of leading his pupils to know Christ.

A PATTERN OF CHRIST

The Mission depends upon the teachers to carry out their aim in practice, and every teacher in a Baptist School should be conscious of his responsibility of leading the young to accept Christ. As a teacher the Mission looks up to him so to pattern his life in such a way that the beauty of Jesus may be seen in him. His attitude, his temperament, his general comportment must be such that they are in conformity with the life and teaching of our Lord. In short, he is a little Christ in his classroom, in the school and in the community.

His life for the study of God's words should influence his pupils so that they too may be delighted to search the Scriptures. His daily prayer should be:

"Oh, teach me, Lord, that I may teach

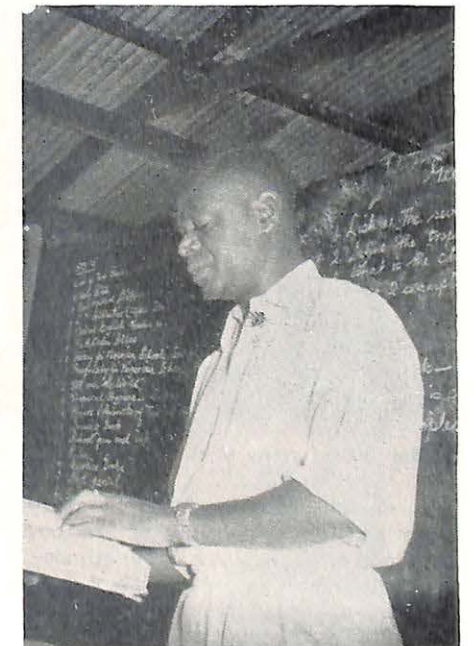
The precious things that thou dost impart;
And wing my words that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart."

The Headmaster performs a two-fold duty. He is between the Mission and his staff. He acts towards the teachers as an advisor and checks delinquency and slackness on the part of the teacher. He sees to it that each teacher tries to rise up to expectation in both the execution of his duties as a class teacher and also in the fulfillment of his obligation as a Christian teacher.

He endeavors to create an atmosphere of peace and harmony among the members of his staff so that each teacher recognizes his position as a member of one large family. He helps the younger teachers who need help in their every walk of life by exhorting them and thereby making them interested in the noble profession of teaching.

THE "EYE" OF THE MISSION

He helps them to realize the value of work. Through the influence of the energetic headmaster, the young teachers should cultivate the habit of doing maximum work for maximum play.



Mr. G. L. Haddison of Victoria, Southern Cameroons, one of the best qualified teachers in the Cameroons Baptist Mission Schools.

He is a friend to his teachers and makes himself approachable at any time. He should be stern to denounce any wrong and be ready to praise and encourage whenever the occasion arises.

He can best impress upon others such virtues as cleanliness in both word and deed, neatness in appearance and punctuality in both teaching.

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My Name Is Samuel Martinez!

The testimony of a Latin-American lad of Rio Grande City, Texas, who gives a glowing witness to the saving power of the Risen Christ in his life

THE testimony I am going to relate is true to the best of my knowledge.

I was born in Rio Grande City, Texas, on Aug. 15, 1938. In the following year after my birth, I was baptized as a Catholic according to the records in the priest's files.

My mother and father are both Catholics until now, even though they hardly ever go to their own Catholic church.

AN ALTAR BOY

I remained a Catholic member until I was 18 years old. During the last year as a member of the Roman Church, I helped the priest almost daily and took part in almost all the services of the church, such as masses, rosaries, etc. I used to help the priest

VOLUMES THREE

Life is a story in volumes three—

THE PAST,
THE PRESENT,
THE YET-TO-BE.

The first is finished and laid away;
The second we're reading day by day,
The third and last of volumes three

Is locked from sight;
GOD KEEPS THE KEY!

—Anonymous

take I was making by hating the other church and by trying to make all the people Roman Catholics.

BIBLE VS. PRIESTS

Thanks unto God I learned the truth about the Roman Church. As a church member I used to read the

made me realize the truth about the Roman Catholic church. I now know that the priests don't tell the people the complete truth about the Word of God.

A BORN-AGAIN BELIEVER

My eyes have been opened. I am now a Baptist. I was baptized on Feb. 3, 1957 in the little Garcias Ranch Baptist Chapel, which at one time I hated as a Catholic. I am trying to the best of my ability to serve the Lord in the best way possible.

I have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior and King. I have never been happier than now since I have Jesus as my own Savior and he has me as his servant here on earth.

My school mates and other people have told me that I am crazy and a traitor for changing from the Roman Catholic religion to that of being a Christian. But, dear friends, I don't care what they say. I take my stand with Christ and others who trust him as their Savior. I am not trying to please people but God as Jesus wants us to please him. Pray for me that some day soon I may be able to serve my Lord as a full-time worker.

May the blessings of God be with you all!
Sammy

MY SAVIOR LIVES!

Translation from the German (Glaubensharfe No. 152) by Rev. Paul Wengel, Ridgewood, N. Y.

My Savior lives, and through the night of death

There beams the morning light.
The Lord of life! Behold he conquereth

The grave and gloomy night.

Yes, after briefly sleeping,
The Savior, Christ arose;
While in the grave there's weeping,
There dwell life's ancient foes.

My Savior wins! All hell and death,
The grave

Have vanished from my sight.
He leadeth me! When him my heart
I gave,

He saved me by his might;
The stings of death I fear not,
For he doth lead me on
Where grief and tears appear not,
Where sin and pain are gone.

My Savior reigns in all eternity
For heaven is his throne.
He lives and reigns: to him all glory
be

As God's beloved Son.
Me too he guides through trials
Upon the narrow road,
Through sinning and denials
To his divine abode. —Hopfensack



Sunday School group of the Garcias Ranch Baptist Chapel, Rio Grande City, Texas, with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Castro, missionaries, at the extreme left.

free, so that at that time the priest really liked me as one of the best members of the church. Sometimes I would help him as an altar boy, even though I never attended a convent of the Catholic school.

During the summer of 1956, I was a good catholic member of the church. The priest and I used to go to the ranches near our community of Rio Grande City to give rosaries. During that summer, the priest and I went to a ranch called Los Garcias Ranch to have rosaries every Wednesday at a patio of a home of a Catholic family. At the time a BAPTIST CHAPEL was being built there in that ranch. I remember the time when I hated the Baptist church very much. I wanted all the people to be Roman Catholics. I never did realize then the great mis-

Bible. There in the Bible I could see the wrong doings of the Roman Church very plainly, for example, calling the priest "father" when Jesus Christ says not to; saying that the blessed sacrament is God himself; also repeating the "Hail Mary" fifty times and the Lord's Prayer five times every time the rosary is recited; kneeling down to statues, the saints and virgins; going to confessions to tell the priest your sins when the priest can never forgive. Only Jesus Christ, our Savior, can forgive sins.

I didn't like what the priests said that they were representing Christ and were like Christ here on earth when they are as much sinners as anybody else. In communion they didn't give the wine as Christ did.

These and many other reasons

What Christ's Resurrection Means to Me

By Rev. Daniel Moky, the Ordained Pastor and Evangelist on the Kumba Field, Southern Cameroons, Africa

TO BELONG to the Nyangwe Juju Society was very important to my people in the Cameroons, Africa. Any father would have great pride in bringing his sons to follow this juju. But when I grew up, a change had come to my country and many better things were here. The best help for children was in the schools, and my father sent me to school.

Then I joined the Inquirers Class at the Muyuka Baptist Church, and I accepted the Lord Jesus as my personal Savior. I was baptized by the late Pastor Laban Moky in 1931 and, according to Acts 2:32, "This Jesus hath God raised up whereof we all are witnesses." It is a great thing that Jesus has done for me, and I must be a witness of this.

THE TRUE SACRIFICE

Today, if I did not know Jesus, I would be killing fowls for sacrifice for sin. Many goats in my country are also killed and the blood is used in juju sacrifices. These sacrifices can never satisfy me, for there is no power in them. The blood of fowls or goats will never remove sin, and no juju man can give you the true promises that Jesus makes to me.

Not only does Jesus make these promises to me for Life Everlasting, but he helps me this very day in all my needs. With juju I would always have fear and have no peace. I am a witness of this power of Jesus since he is our Conqueror over sin and death.

Many things came to drive me away from Jesus. As a young man, there were the dances and the temptations which come to every man in Africa. God had mercy on me and helped to keep me from falling into the terrible sins of my people. Many of my friends soon hated and despised me because I would not join them, and I refused to bring shame on my Lord who saved me. Another great sin was arguing and debating to excess. I could never let a man win in arguments with me. But now God has helped me to use this talking power to convince men to follow Christ. Christ died to free me of sin and, by his resurrection, he made one of my old sins to work as a power and blessing for him. By his resurrection I am free of a desire to follow after the things of this world, and my interests are in heavenly places.

CHRIST'S GREAT RICHES

When I returned to Bible School for more training, I lost all of my possessions at the hands of thieves, but the Lord has again supplied me with

EASTER OFFERING
for the
**Risen Lord and His
Glorious Gospel**
in all parts of the world.
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21st

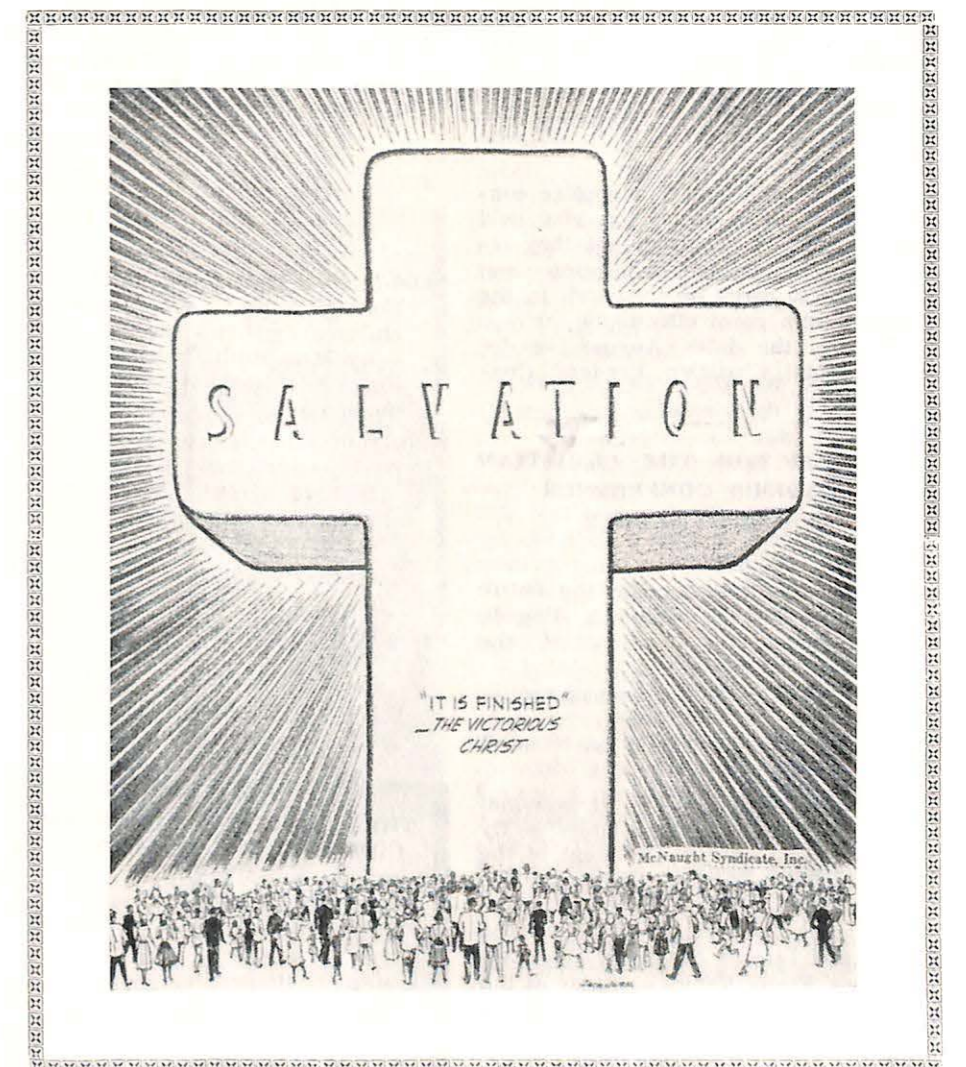
In this issue and the April 6th number of the "Baptist Herald," national Christians from our mission fields have testified: "This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses."

me to see real riches when I could lead a thief to accept Christ as Savior.

I always thought I had to be rich so that people would respect me, but now I am respected because I am Christ's witness, and he has helped me to become ordained as a pastor and minister of the Gospel. He has helped me to bring many souls to salvation. When I see a change in the lives of these people, then I understand more clearly the resurrection of Jesus Christ. I am trying to win my people to Jesus because I know what a happiness his resurrection power is to my heart.

The things I need through Christian friends. I have always wanted to be a farmer, but now I enjoy planting seeds for Jesus Christ and feeding people on the Word of God. I once aimed to be rich in money and material earthly cargo, but Jesus brought

One verse in the Bible which has helped me much is found in II Corinthians 5:17—"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." And all this is true because of our Savior's resurrection of which we are all witnesses.



The Christian Leaders' Conference

From Monday Evening, August 5, through Friday, August 9, at the North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

PLAN now for a 1957 summer filled with opportunities to strengthen your leadership in Sunday School and youth work by attending this special conference from August 5 to 9 at Sioux Falls, S. Dak. The conference program is designed to help our young people and young people's leaders, Sunday School teachers, superintendents, general secretaries of the local Sunday School, pastors, members of Boards of Christian Education, and workers with children and adults.

Valuable hours of study, inspiration and fellowship are in store for everyone attending. Special training will be provided for teachers of the Nursery through Junior departments. Guidance will be given to every leader of youth and Sunday Schools of our churches.

The conference is sponsored by the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship and the Sunday School Union of our denomination. Among the instructors for these conferences will be professors and leaders of our Seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Christian Training Institute of Edmonton, Alberta. These well qualified leaders will be able to provide a tremendous amount of help to all who will attend.

Many who attended a similar conference in 1953, which was also held in Sioux Falls, reported that they received stimulating inspiration and guidance to carry on the work in the local church more effectively.

Reserve the dates, August 5-9, for this special Christian Leaders' Conference.

PROGRAM FOR THE CHRISTIAN LEADER'S CONFERENCE

DAILY SCHEDULE

7:00-7:30 Breakfast
 8:20-9:00 Bible study for the entire group—By Dr. Ralph E. Powell, Professor of Theology at the Seminary.
 Tuesday and Wednesday — "Christ, The Teacher"
 Thursday and Friday — "Christ, The Soul-Winner"
 9:00-9:50 Adult Class — "Devotional Life of Christian Leaders" — By Rev. E. P. Wahl, President of the Christian Training Institute, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.
 Young People's Class — "Devotional Life of Young People"—By Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
 9:50-10:00 Recess

10:00-10:30 Presentation of topics:
 Tuesday: S.S.U. "Sunday School Curriculum" — By Miss Martha Leypoldt, Professor of Christian Education at the Seminary.

C.B.Y.F. "Operation TFC" — By Mr. Herman Balka, president of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship

Wednesday: S. S. U. "Board of Christian Education" — By Miss Martha Leypoldt

C.B.Y.F. "Board of Christian Education"—By Miss Martha Leypoldt

Thursday: S.S.U. "Sunday School Standard"—By Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Secretary of the Sunday School Union
 (No Buzz Groups for S.S.U.)

C.B.Y.F. "Leadership Training"—By Bill and Betty Goding. Mr. Goding, Northern Seminary graduate, 1957. Mrs. Goding, vice-president of the CBYF.

Friday: S.S.U. "Evangelism in S. S."—By Dr. G. A. Lang, president of the North American Baptist Seminary.

C.B.Y.F. "CBY Fellowship In Action"—By Rev. L. Bienert, secretary of the Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship.

10:00-11:30 "The Child—And Your Sunday School" for teachers of children ages two through eleven —By Miss Ruth Bathauer, Director of Children's Work of our denomination.

10:30-11:00 Buzz Groups
 S.S.U. Buzz Group Leaders: Rev. Richard Grenz, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Underwood, North Dakota

Mr. Ralph Kletke, president of the Sunday School Union
 Rev. D. Gallagher, pastor of the Carroll Ave. Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas

C.B.Y.F. Buzz Group Leaders: (To Be Selected)

THE CHRISTIAN LEADERS' CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
 Mr. E. Ralph Kletke
 Mrs. Wm. Goding
 Miss Ruth Bathauer
 Dr. G. A. Lang
 Rev. L. Bienert, co-chairman
 Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, co-chairman

11:00-11:30 Share Findings—leaders who presented topics in charge
 12:00 Dinner
 1:15-2:15 Choir and Study
 2:15-5:00 Supervised Recreation
 5:30 Supper

EVENING SERVICES 7:15-8:30
 Monday, Aug. 5 Keynote Address by Rev. J. C. Gunst, Promotional Secretary

Tuesday, Aug. 6 Message by Rev. G. Schneider, Missionary to British Cameroons, Africa

Wednesday, Aug. 7 Message by Rev. G. Schneider

Thursday, Aug. 8 "Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs"—By Dr. F. H. Woyke, Executive Secretary

Friday, Aug. 9 "God's Volunteers"—By Rev. D. Fuchs, denominational evangelist

8:30-9:00 Pictures on missions, camps, conferences, as listed.
 Monday Get acquainted hour and fellowship

Tuesday Rev. G. Schneider
 Wednesday Rev. G. Schneider
 Thursday Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of the "Baptist Herald"
 Friday Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Arrangements for Accommodations

\$3.00 per day per person if board and room is provided at the Seminary.

\$2.00 per day per person for three meals at the Seminary plus the cost of housing at the college, private home or other public room accommodations.
 .50 Registration Fee per person.

Accommodations for Families: Families are invited to the Christian Leaders' Conference. Please note the following:

1. Each family must assume the responsibility to make lodging arrangements directly with Motels and Hotels in Sioux Falls. Information regarding these accommodations will be made available to each church.
2. Parents will be responsible for their children throughout the day, since no classes for children are being planned.
3. Families may arrange to have all meals at the Seminary dining room at \$2.00 per day per person. Children ten years and younger at half price.

Registration blanks and further particulars are being sent to all churches in ample time to complete your arrangements to attend the Christian Leaders' Conference, August 5-9.

Billy Sunday in New York City

Forty years ago (April-May 1917) a great revival swept New York City led by Billy Sunday with his "sawdust trail." Here is the thrilling story of that campaign in Sunday's own words

EVERY feature considered, I regard Philadelphia and New York as the two most successful campaigns I ever conducted. I have preached to eighty millions of people who have heard my voice, and to millions through the newspapers and over the air who have never seen my face; more than one million have "hit the sawdust trail" to renew their pledges as Christians or to accept Christ as their Savior.

When I went to hold a campaign in New York City, there had not been a revival there in forty-one years, not since Moody and Sankey were in the old Hippodrome in 1876.

New York City was known as the "graveyard of evangelists." It was believed that no evangelist was big enough to touch the heart of Greater New York with its seven million people and its diversified interests.

Newspaper men predicted that my campaign would be a flop.

"The papers will give Sunday a good story for a day or two after he opens, but they'll drop him like a hot potato after a week," they said.

My best friends were unanimous against my going to New York. They agreed that I would be a failure.

The liquor interests said: "We'll pull Billy Sunday's cork in New York." They centered their opposition against me and we felt it in many ways. Many friends advised me that the liquor interests would fight me so hard that it would be useless to fight back.

TABERNACLE AT 168th STREET

Another argument used against my going to New York was that there was no suitable place for a tabernacle in the downtown district or anywhere within convenient reaching distance of it. The only available site for our tabernacle was away up at 168th Street and Broadway. This is more than ten miles from the heart of New York, or from Brooklyn, Jersey City, Hoboken or Staten Island, by the Broadway subway.

There wasn't an elevated road near it. A surface car ran past the door, but no one rides surface cars in New York except for short distances. They are too slow. The Fifth Avenue bus lines were diverted to reach our tabernacle, but they were slow, too. The crowds had to come by the subway, and to get there at night they had to come during the rush hour. If you've never been on a subway train during the rush hour you don't know what it means to pack 'em in like sardines in a box.

BILLY GRAHAM

in New York City.

Watch for the articles and reports about the Billy Graham evangelistic meetings in New York City (starting May 15, 1957) which will soon appear in the "Baptist Herald."

en-thirty o'clock at night, everyone tried to get me to change the hour. But I had too much experience with crowds to change anything.

And my hunch was right. The people would come and did come. They were hungering and thirsting for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and they endured suffering to come and hear it.

Nearly every Saturday night and Sunday night from ten to twenty thousand persons were turned away, so the newspapers said. The newspapers estimated that on the last memorable day sixty thousand were unable to get into the tabernacle.

And the newspapers did print the news of the campaign, printed it by the column and by the page.

I spoke one morning to a bunch of more than a thousand millionaires in the Plaza Hotel, and I gave them the real old Gospel, without any frills, trimming or emasculation. I gave them both barrels and told them where to head in, and when I got through, two hundred and twenty-one of them came forward upon my invitation, took my hand and pledged themselves to accept Jesus Christ right there and to live as he wanted.

I spoke all over New York in between my regular meetings in the Tabernacle. I spoke to the prisoners in the Tombs, to the missions in the Bowery and elsewhere, to the police and firemen and wherever I had time to go. I sowed the Gospel seed in New York just as a farmer sows down a field with grain.

THE SAME SHIP OF ZION

Some had predicted that I would trim my sermons to suit the New York audience, and many would have liked to have seen me stick on some gold leaf and give the upper works of the old ship a coat of new and more modern paint. But she was still the old Ship of Zion, same captain, same compass, same chart, bound for the same harbor.

I preached in the tabernacle to two million persons. The count was kept by a newspaper man of New York. There were 98,264 trail hitters, more than two army corps to fight the good fight of faith. The count was kept by a Mr. Macavoy, selected for that purpose by the newspapers of New York. When I began to shake the hands of converts, Macavoy stood beside me with a mechanical counter, and every time I shook a hand of a person who thus signified that he or she was accepting Christ, Macavoy would register one.

The Gospel never changes. Man's (Continued on Page 23)



Billy Sunday, the evangelist and "Ma" paying a call at the White House in 1918. (Mrs. Sunday went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 20, 1957 at 88 years of age.)

"The Secret Place" Goes Everywhere!

Story of the Baptist devotional guide now in its 20th successful year

THIS year, THE SECRET PLACE, our daily devotional guide, read over the years by millions of people from every walk of life, is writing Volume 20 on its masthead.

The idea, originating in 1935, with Mrs. Abram LeGrand, was that praying together regularly on the same daily theme would unite Baptist groups everywhere in close fellowship with deep spiritual meanings. The way to do this, she thought, would be to have the themes written in booklet form for everyday use.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME

The plan had great appeal for many people. It wasn't, however, until two years later, that Mrs. LeGrand's idea became a vivid reality. Through her constant urgings, the General Council voted that two hundred dollars be set aside for an editorial committee to see what could be done about publishing such a booklet. Thus the plan was initiated. Mrs. LeGrand, herself, secured the editorial matter for the first issue.

The name, THE SECRET PLACE, was made by Dr. Clarence M. Gallup, from the 91st Psalm. The Prayer Room of the Old Baptist Missionary Training School building inspired Robert W. Eads with the idea for the first cover design. An experienced editor, Michael C. Elliott, accepted responsibility for having the first few issues printed, and gave helpful counsel. He was pastor of Parkwood Chapel, Chicago, a mission of Morgan Park church of which Charles Carmen was pastor.

The popularity of THE SECRET PLACE was soon an established fact. Shortly after its triumphant beginning, The American Baptist Publication Society was asked by the General Council to take over the publication under the supervision of an editorial committee. The first chairman was Dr. Harold Husted and his associates were Mrs. LeGrand and J. Willard McCrossen.

THE SECRET PLACE has a long and triumphant history with many devoted editors, leaders and writers contributing to its success. For the first few years, different people were asked to secure the material and edit each issue. Among some of the contributors were: Walter Rauschenbusch, Earle Pierce, Frank Fagerburg, Norris Tibbetts, Gordon Poteat, Edwin Dahlberg, K. S. Latourette, W. S. Abernathy and Gordon Bigelow.

Dr. Luther Wesley Smith has had keen interest in this devotional booklet all through the years. The first item of business to come to his desk when he became Executive Secretary

of the American Baptist Publication Society had to do with THE SECRET PLACE.

EDITORIAL LEADERSHIP

From 1939 to 1951, Dr. L. R. Jenkins had general editorial responsibility for THE SECRET PLACE at the American Baptist Publication Society. He brought editorial experience, keen interest and extensive understanding of the need for maintaining the high quality of the devotional guide; and much credit is due to his fine leadership.

It was during this period, in October 1949, that the Disciples of Christ adopted THE SECRET PLACE as their devotional booklet. Since that time, it has been a joint publication. They use about 125,000 copies of each issue and furnish about one third of the writers. E. Lee Neal became associate editor and Marvin E. Smith serves on the editorial committee.

In 1951, the well-informed Leonard Campbell was given the reins, as editor of THE SECRET PLACE, under the brilliant supervision of Dr. Benjamin P. Browne, Executive Secretary of the Division of Christian Publications.

From the beginning, the editors have tried to keep THE SECRET PLACE suitable for family devotions; and it is used extensively for this purpose. In addition, individuals and many types of groups everywhere use it for spiritual inspiration daily. The chaplains of our armed forces are pro-



The front cover of the 20th anniversary number of "The Secret Place."

vided with 25,000 copies of each issue; camps and assemblies use it in their quiet hour. About 5000 copies go to mission fields. Some churches put copies in bus stations, motels, beauty parlors, libraries and waiting rooms. Pastors leave many copies in homes and hospitals during their round of visiting.

Also, much credit is due to chairmen in the local churches who are responsible for ordering and distributing it. A very popular practice in many churches is that the deacons or committee chairmen stand at the door with copies for three Sundays before the issue is due, a method that has proved successful in doubling the circulation in the churches.

HALF MILLION COPIES

Today nearly a half million copies of each issue are printed. Multiply this total by threes, an accepted modest calculation figure for readership of periodicals of this kind—making the total readership 1,500,000—and this gives you some idea of its popularity.

Because of the great care and planning taken by the editors throughout the years, THE SECRET PLACE has made a unique place for itself. Each year, it must have 365 writers. From the names of ministers listed in the Baptist Year Book, different letters are selected and these ministers are invited to contribute writings. Names and addresses of laymen are also obtained. In fact, anyone may send a devotional article for consideration. A little folder, "Suggestions to Writers," may be requested and read carefully; for good devotional writing takes time and effort. Within the pages of this fine publication are the intimate spiritual experiences of men and women from all over the world as they turn to God.

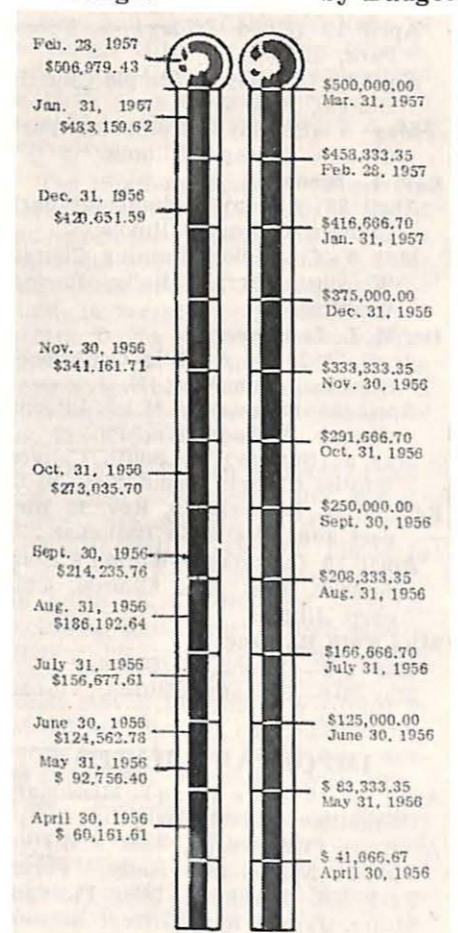
Appreciated, throughout the years, and today, by fellow disciples everywhere, THE SECRET PLACE continues to fill a constant need. This is evidenced by the letters that flow in to the editorial offices from all parts of the country telling with enthusiasm of its usefulness. Thus, THE SECRET PLACE grows in strength as it carries forth into a new cycle of time its Christian message of hope and understanding.

A single subscription, four issues, is fifty cents a year. Two years, or two subscriptions, are one dollar. A single copy is fifteen cents. Five or more copies mailed to one address in the United States or Canada, postpaid, are ten cents for each copy. Address The SECRET PLACE, 1703 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.

Conference Budget

February 28, 1957

Amount Contributed for Budget Amount Required by Budget



REMEMBER TO PRAY

(Prayer requests to be remembered by our North American Baptist Churches)

"In prayer it is better to have a heart without words, than words without a heart." (John Bunyan).

● Pray for the sessions of the General Missionary Committee to meet at the Forest Park Headquarters from April 23 to 25, and for the important decisions to be made that they might be in accord with God's will.

● Pray for our Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, its faculty and student body, and for the members of the Board who will be convening for their annual sessions from April 25 to 27.

● Pray for the various conferences and assemblies and for their leaders that the preparations now being made for the summer months might have the full blessing of God upon them.

● Pray for the Church Extension workers and pastors in their visitation work and preaching ministry, that they might endure as "seeing HIM who is invisible" until victory is assured.

What's your problem?

Answers by DR. RALPH E. POWELL, Professor at the North American Baptist Seminary. (Send all questions to him at 1605 S. Euclid Ave., Sioux Falls, S. Dak.)

1. How should I understand the Apostle Paul's statement that the law was given to increase transgressions, or to make sin abound (Rom. 5:20)?

It is clear from Paul's whole treatment of the law of God that he is speaking in this instance of the consciousness of sin. The law stirs up a man's conscience and makes him keenly aware of his sinful condition, especially under the conviction of the Holy Spirit, who reveals the true nature of sin. So quickened in his realization of sin, man is limited to the way of the cross for salvation. Every other way but that of faith in Christ is cut off.

By thus increasing the cognizance of transgressions, the law prepares men to receive the Gospel. It is "our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith" (Gal. 3:24). Thus, it does not causally increase sin, but sharpens the sinful self-consciousness by revealing sin as such. Relative to man's previous inadequate awareness of sin, it increases it.

By rebelling against this conviction, the carnal man himself may actually increase his transgressions. The law may in this sense arouse man's sinful nature and become the occasion

of increased evil action on man's part. In this way it makes sin abound.

2. In what sense is hate ascribed to God, as in Rom. 9:13, "Esau have I hated"?

The context of this passage shows that what is involved is a rejection of Esau in favor of Jacob, who is preferred by God. Paul explains this in verses 8, 11, and 12. God is never described as literally hating men, though he may exercise wrath in his holy disapproval of sin.

"Hate" in Romans 9:13 is a strong word, purposely exaggerated for the intended effect. This device is commonly used in literary expression: the use of an extravagant statement for a certain effect. It is known as an hyperbole. "Hate" is so used here in a relative sense to express strong preference of one to another. It is the language of exaggerated contrast.

In like manner Jesus said, "If any man come to me, and hate not his father and mother, and wife and children, and brethren and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:25). Natural affection, as compared with the believer's love and devotion to Christ, is to be as if it were hate (compare Matt. 10:37; 12:47-50). Actually, our Lord placed a high value and responsibility on natural affection and faithfulness (Eph. 5:21-33). But Christ must come first, and every relationship of life must be subordinated to our relationship to him.

Many terms which denote the emotions are comparative or relative.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
"To have ideas is to gather flowers; to think is to weave them into garlands."

FEBRUARY CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

Conferences	CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES		
	Feb., 1957	Feb., 1956	Feb., 1955
Atlantic	\$ 1,796.08	\$ 3,846.55	\$ 2,265.79
Central	8,314.12	5,250.25	5,606.43
Dakota	4,887.24	3,671.64	4,639.73
Eastern	1,147.87	1,124.98	1,327.13
Northern	2,225.46	1,025.30	3,083.95
Northwestern	3,665.40	6,143.17	4,785.70
Pacific	6,259.21	4,247.58	3,157.36
Southern	98.36	213.68	183.98
Southwestern	1,401.44	1,879.93	4,161.01
Inter-Conference	—	384.04	—

Total Contributions \$29,795.18 \$27,787.12 \$29,211.08

	CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED		
	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the month of February, 1957	\$ 23,849.81	\$ 5,945.37	\$ 29,795.18
For the month of February, 1956	22,846.64	4,940.48	27,787.12
For the month of February, 1957	24,761.75	4,449.33	29,211.08

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR			
April 1, 1956 to February 28, 1957	\$506,979.43	\$ 66,677.52	\$573,656.95
April 1, 1955 to February 29, 1956	441,544.55	79,282.24	520,826.79
April 1, 1954 to February 28, 1955	470,234.93	107,790.42	578,025.35

Book Reviews



THE PRAYERS OF JESUS. By Ralph S. Cushman. Abingdon Press. \$1.75.

These 21 brief meditations, based on the prayers of Jesus, and enriched by the original poems and prayers of the author, create a reverent and worshipful atmosphere for private and public devotions. Bishop Cushman rightly contends that "we will not gain spiritually unless we grow in the understanding and practice of prayer." This little book not only directs attention to the prayer life of Jesus, but inspires others to follow their Master's example.—"Missions."

THE MORNING ALTAR by Harold Lindsell (Fleming H. Revell Co.) 1956. 154 pages. \$2.00.

This is one of the best devotional books with "a morning altar" of Scripture verse and message for any day of the year. It is by the professor of missions at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., and previously at Columbia Bible College and the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. Its themes are provocative, such as "Golden Silence", "Suppose It is Today?" and "Coward's Castle." It is rich with quotations from such Christian leaders as Charles H. Spurgeon, Andrew Murray, F. B. Meyer, G. Campbell Morgan and Matthew Henry and others. His sentences are golden nuggets to be remembered. "We are called to be saints. The question is not whether we should be saints but whether we are." This is a devotional book to be studied and treasured.

THE EXPOSITORY METHOD OF G. CAMPBELL MORGAN by Don M. Wagner. (Fleming H. Revell Co.) 1957. \$2.00.

An important contribution to Bible study is being made with the publication of **THE EXPOSITORY METHOD OF G. CAMPBELL MORGAN**, this new book by Don M. Wagner. In the Morgan method, the author declares, is the key to true interpretation of the Scripture. G. Campbell Morgan was without peer as a preacher and expositor in his generation. He wrote more than 60 books. Don Wagner examines the importance of biographical factors and personal characteristics in the development of Morgan's expository method. He concludes that the prime essential in his great achievements was his keen understanding of the Bible and that his

method of Bible study can be a valuable guide to others.

This book is carefully annotated and includes four illustrative tables, a list of Dr. Morgan's published works, and a bibliography. This analysis of G. Campbell Morgan's method will be of keen interest to the tens of thousands—Bible students, ministers, and others who intensively study the Word—who constantly turn to the wealth of his works for insight.

HOW TO STUDY YOUR BIBLE by Lloyd M. Perry and Walden Howard. (Fleming H. Revell Co.) 1957. \$4.00.

To assist Christians—both young and mature—in increasing their knowledge of the Word of God is the purpose of this book. Billy Graham says in the Introduction that this book "might well be called a one-volume library of 'How to Study Your Bible.'"

Detailed suggestions are given for specific study of the Bible by books, by chapters, by paragraphs and for study of Bible doctrine, biographies, prayers, miracles, parables, poetry, and writers. One entire chapter is devoted to inspiring personal examples of the Bible study practices of such present-day Christians as Bob Cook, V. Raymond Edman, Harold Lindsell, Eugenia Price, and others. Basic principles underlying Bible study are outlined, suggested tools are listed, and there is an annotated bibliography of additional study help books.

Lloyd M. Perry is professor of practical theology at Gordon Divinity School in Massachusetts. Walden Howard is Dean of the Young Life Institute, graduate school for workers in teen-age evangelism at Denver.

BILLY GRAHAM IN NEW YORK CITY

Billy Graham's New York Evangelistic Crusade opens May 15th in Madison Square Garden of New York City with no closing date set. Clergymen and business leaders behind the crusade have a five-month option on the Garden. This will be the biggest evangelistic crusade ever tried by this man of God who has preached the Gospel in person to 20 millions. The spiritual developments of the campaign will be reported in the pages of the "Baptist Herald."

ENGAGEMENTS

- Dr. Frank H. Woyke**
April 25-27—Seminary Board meeting, Sioux Falls, S. Dakota.
- Rev. R. Schilke**
April 23-25 — General Missionary Committee, Forest Park, Ill.
- Rev. J. C. Gunst**
April 19 (Good Friday) — Forest Park, Illinois.
April 28 (Sunday)—Temple Church, Buffalo, New York.
May 5 (Sunday)—Humboldt Park Church, Chicago, Illinois.
- Rev. L. Bienert**
April 28 (Sunday)—Humboldt Park Church, Chicago, Illinois.
May 4—Counselor Training Course, Wisconsin Spring Rally, Racine, Wisconsin.
- Dr. M. L. Leuschner**
April 25-28 — Atlantic Conference Sessions, Jamesburg, N. J.
April 28 (Sunday A.M.)—Pilgrim Church, Philadelphia, Pa.
May 5 (Sunday) — South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. D.
- Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, Rev. L. Bienert and Miss Ruth Bathauer**
April 29 (Monday)—Worker's Conference, East Side Church, Chicago, Illinois.
- Miss Ruth Bathauer**
May 1-2—Corona, S. Dakota.
May 5-6—Bethany Church, Vesper, Kansas.

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 23-25 — General Missionary Committee, Forest Park, Ill.
- April 24 (Wednesday, 8:00 P.M.) — Public Missionary Rally, Forest Park, Ill. Speakers: Miss Florence Miller, Japan; Rev. Gilbert Schneider, Cameroons, Africa.
- April 25-27—Seminary Board meeting, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
- April 25-28—Atlantic Conference Sessions, Jamesburg, N. J.

1957 CONFERENCES

- ATLANTIC** — Jamesburg, New Jersey; April 25-28, 1957.
- CENTRAL** — Grosse Pointe Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.; June 27-30, 1957.
- DAKOTA** — South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, S. Dak.; June 26-30, 1957.
- EASTERN** — Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa.; August 22-25, 1957.
- NORTHERN**—Temple Baptist Church Medicine Hat, Alberta; July 3-7, 1957.
- NORTHWESTERN** — First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis.; July 10-14, 1957.
- PACIFIC**—First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif.; June 12-16, 1957.
- SOUTHERN**—Central Valley Baptist Church, Donna, Texas; July 17-21, 1957.
- SOUTHWESTERN** — First Baptist Church, Ellinwood, Kansas. August 28 - Sept. 1, 1957.

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Yahn of the King's Highway Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Conn., have announced the birth of a son on March 2nd to whom the name, Mark Timothy, has been given.

● The Stafford Baptist Church of Sherwood, Oregon, has had the joy of witnessing the baptism of 7 young people and of seeing these and 5 other adults come into the fellowship of the church in recent months, as reported by Mrs. David F. Oppel. During the communion service that followed the baptism, the hand of fellowship was extended to these new members by Rev. Ervin Gerlitz, pastor.

● The First Baptist Church of Auburn, Mich., (formerly the Beaver Church), has extended a call to Rev. David Draewell of Detroit, Mich., to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his pastorate on May 1st, succeeding Rev. Henry Hirsch who is bringing his ministry of five years there to a close on April 30. The church moved into its new edifice in Auburn on Sunday, April 14th. The church plans for the dedication services to be held on Sunday, May 19th.

● The CBY of the Plevna Baptist Church, Plevna, Montana, sponsored a Christian Leadership Training Course recently. It was held for five consecutive weeks from Jan. 23 to Feb. 20 with an average attendance of 20 young people. Rev. R. H. Zepik, pastor, taught the course, "The Life of Christ", using the textbook of Dr. H. E. Dana. Gloria Kusler as reporter stated: "We learned from the course and the examination that we ought to have more of these teachings and we hope to continue these classes."

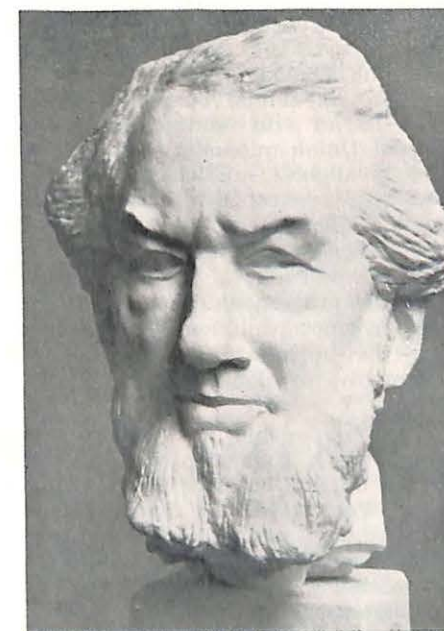
● The Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., has engaged the services of Mr. Harold F. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., a 1957 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary, as an assistant to the pastor, Rev. Frank Veninga, for the summer months. His ministry in the Pittsburgh Church will begin immediately after the close of the school year and the commencement exercises on May 19th. Harold Lang is a son of Dr. and Mrs. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and a younger brother of Rev. George W. Lang, missionary in the Southern Cameroons, Africa.

● The Cathay Baptist Church, Cathay, N. Dak., held a dedication service for its new "North American Hymnals" on Sunday, March 3rd, with Rev. David Zimmerman, pastor, in charge. The hymnals were given

as memorials in memory of Mrs. Fred (Salome) Seibold, Mrs. Albert (Susie) Broschat, and Mr. Frederick Fuhrman. Special invitations had been extended to relatives and friends of those for whom the memorials had been given so that a large crowd was in attendance, as reported by Mrs. Harold Boelke.

● Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Goodman, Cameroons missionaries stationed at Warwar, have arrived home in Los Angeles, Calif., for their furlough. They left Africa on March 2nd and arrived in England about March 24 and in New York City on March 29. They spoke in the Grace Church of Racine, Wis., on Sunday, April 7, on their way to the Pacific Coast. There they were reunited with their son, Larry, who is a student at Pomona College, Pomona, Calif.

● Evangelistic services were held at the Second Baptist Church of Union City, N. J., from Feb. 17 to 24 with Rev. Herman Palfenier, denominational evangelist. Seven persons made their decisions for Christ during the services. The members of the church also benefitted greatly from his ministry. Rev. Norman H. Klann, pastor, and Mr. Alfred Metzger, reporter, stated: "It was a week none of us will forget and Brother Palfenier will long stand out in our minds as a man of God truly filled with the love of Christ."



The bronze statue of J. G. Oncken (1800-1884), founder of the Baptist movement in Germany and pioneer Baptist leader in Europe which is on permanent exhibit at our headquarters building, Forest Park, Ill.

● On Sunday, Feb. 24, Miss Tina Schmidt, Cameroons missionary now on furlough, was the guest speaker at the First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa. The service was in charge of the young people. Miss Schmidt showed pictures and spoke of the mission work in Africa. Recently the church also held a reception for Rev. and Mrs. John Rhoades and family of Japan. They are now at home in Steamboat Rock on furlough. After special numbers in song, Mr. and Mrs. Rhoades brought brief messages concerning the Japanese mission field.

● Pre-Easter meetings were held by the Forest Park Church, Forest Park, Ill., with Rev. T. A. Nosworthy of the Mannheim Baptist Church speaking every evening from March 17 to 24 and then the following bringing "soul-refreshing and revival" messages on successive Sunday evenings: Rev. H. J. Vanderbeck of Elgin, Iowa, on March 31 (Youth Night); Dr. L. E. Olson of Chicago, Ill., on April 7 (Family Night); and Mr. R. D. O'Brien, Oak Park Y.M.C.A. director, on April 14 (Men's Night). The speaker at the Good Friday service on April 19 will be Rev. J. C. Gunst, promotional secretary.

● "Bible Day", March 10, was significantly observed at the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wisconsin. An exhibit of old and unusual Bibles was displayed on the communion table; some were nearly 200 years old. Included was also a book of bound "Lektions-Blätter" used by a deceased charter member who never burned a Christian paper. The first part of the evening service was in charge of the Sunday School and consisted of recitations and songs. Then Rev. Fred W. Mashner, pastor, presented a colored film-strip, with narration on tape, on the story of the Dead Sea Scrolls, the recent discoveries of ancient documents which throw light on our Bible. (See "Baptist Herald", March 7, 1957 issue, pages 8 and 9).

● An impressive, 20-inch, bronze bust statue of Johann Gerhardt Oncken, pioneer Baptist leader of Germany, is now on view in the William Kuhn Conference Room of the North American Baptist General Conference in Forest Park, Ill. The sculptor is Mr. Klaus Luckey, the youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. Hans Luckey of Hamburg, Germany. It was prepared for the exhibit at the 1955 Baptist World Congress in London, England, but due to a shipping strike it never reached its destination. It was presented to our conference by the Baptist Union of Germany as an expression of their gratitude for the relief assistance given them following World War II. J. G. Oncken belongs to the select circle of Charles Haddon Spurgeon, George W. Truett and others as the world's outstanding Baptist leaders of their day.

We the Women

By MRS. T. D. LUTZ, President
of the Woman's Missionary Union

Women, won't you pray and thank God for the leaders of our Woman's Missionary Unions all over our denomination?

Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski, president of the W.M.U. of the Pacific Conference, writes a message for "We, the Women."

We thank her for it and we would try to be more hospitable because we have read it and have applied it to our own lives.

THE BLESSING AND RESPONSIBILITY OF CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

By Mrs. J. B. Kornalewski,
Kelowna, B. C.

A common complaint heard among Christian women of today is: "I have no talent, no way in which I can serve the Lord." A tool that all of us have, and may have overlooked, or, shall we say, never thought to use as a tool in our Savior's service, is our home. The Scriptures admonish us to be "given to hospitality," "to be lovers of hospitality" and "forget not to entertain strangers."

The world makes much of hospitality. We need only to open the pages of our popular magazines to see what is offered under the guise of hospitality. We as Christian women can, if we wish, make our homes count for eternity.

It is a fact that it is most difficult for visiting missionaries, Christian workers, and other visitors who come to our churches to find a place of accommodation. So few are ready and willing to share their homes in Christian hospitality. Either they have no time, or simply cannot be bothered.

When "entertaining angels unaware" is the underlying motive to hospitality, then an angelic blessing will be left in the home. Many are there who can say, "It is because of the Christian minister, or worker visiting in our home that I was influenced and helped to give my life to serve Christ."

Hospitality can be shown in so many different ways to so many different people. Let me mention a few. Have you ever invited your child's school teacher to your home, the one who spends at least 25 hours a week with your child? Have you ever encouraged your high school or college daughter or son to bring their friends home for an evening, or on a holiday, yes, even the unsaved ones? Then show them what a Christian home means, not in words but in the very atmosphere of the home. **THE SPIRIT OF HOSPITALITY IS FELT, NOT SEEN.** (Continued on Page 22)

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

By MR. E. RALPH KLETKE, President

ON FEBRUARY 8 and 9, the General Sunday School Committee held its second annual meeting in Forest Park, Ill. The committee included the officers and the secretaries of each of the nine local conference Sunday School Committees. The reports by these secretaries of the activities in their respective areas enabled the group, in a sense, to "feel the pulse" of the local Sunday Schools.

It was encouraging to hear of the various activities which included a grand total of 48 Workers' Conferences for 175 of our churches, Sunday School sessions and workshops at annual conferences and associations, and greater missionary promotion. As a result, we see evidence of a greater awareness of the local church concerning the importance of the Sunday School, and also on behalf of the Sunday School Union program.

The utilization of the Sunday School Standard in our local churches for the past several years prompted the advisability of making changes in several of the goals. Therefore, the committee adopted a revision of the Standard. The goals in the revised Standard are presented with greater clarity and have been adjusted to be more suitable for use in our churches. To date, only 84 schools have adopted the Standard. It is hoped that all of our Sunday Schools will consider the newly revised Standard for adoption in the immediate future.

Rev. Richard Grenz presented the sub-committee report regarding a program of missionary education in our Sunday Schools. On the basis of the report, the committee decided that the Sunday School Union will prepare an annual missionary leaflet. This leaflet will outline the Sunday School Union missionary projects, list the available missionary materials and will suggest a program of promotion. The suggestions will include the "when" and "how" of promotion. The committee also recommended that the promotional department prepare a general missionary leaflet stating the objectives of missions and listing the available materials on all fields.

The Cameroons and Japan fields and Church Extension were selected as the mission projects for the coming year. Posters will be made available to promote these projects. The committee gratefully noted that our Sunday Schools contributed over \$40,000 for all missionary causes last year.

Mr. James Billeter, chairman of the sub-committee on Sunday School Records, presented his report and various record systems to the committee. As

a result, the committee agreed to recommend the Judson Record System to our churches. The flexibility of the Judson System is such that it can be used in both large and small churches. A leaflet explaining the Judson Record System along with a letter describing the essential materials needed for good records will be sent to the Sunday School superintendents.

Mr. Zimmerman reported that the Sunday School Lesson committee had completed its evaluation of Sunday School material. The cross evaluation will be completed by May and the findings will be presented to the General Council.

The newly revised version of the Leadership Training Curriculum was approved. The revised curriculum provides a more complete selection of courses for each unit of study of the training program. Of special interest are the additional books listed for the Children's Division, the list of study courses for camps, and books of special interest to pastors and church officers.

Plans for "The Sunday School Handbook" are progressing satisfactorily. Dr. M. L. Leuschner, editor of English Publications, was requested to aid in the editing and publishing of the Handbook. The Union is planning to publish 2000 copies which will sell for a nominal price.

The Children's Work has proven to be a very encouraging phase of the Sunday School Union program. Miss Ruth Bathauer reported that 1507 children had completed the Scripture Memory Course last year. The Union is planning to publish the Revised Scripture Memory Program in booklet form. Last year 133 Vacation Schools were held in our churches. Miss Bathauer will again make available to the DVBS supplementary missionary material in the form of short stories.

Plans were outlined for Sunday School Week, Sept. 29 to Oct. 6, 1957. The activities will be based on the theme, "Go—Teach," using Matthew 28:19-20 as the scripture text.

On Feb. 10, the program committee for the Christian Leaders' Conference met to complete its plans. This conference, to be held at our seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak., Aug. 5-9, will be the event of the year. Besides the topics covering Sunday School administration and organization, one of the special activities at the conference will be a course entitled "Your Child—and Your Sunday School," for teachers of children, ages 2 through 11. Details of this conference will be announced in future issues of the (Continued on Page 24)

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: April 28, 1957

Theme: BOOK OF BEGINNINGS

Scripture: Genesis 2:4-9, 15-22.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Genesis is important for showing us the dawn of the revelation of God in the soul of man.

INTRODUCTION: Maltbie D. Babcock wrote a few lines which are very appropriate to today's lesson:

"Back of the loaf is the snowy flour,
And back of the flour is the mill,
And back of the mill is the wheat
and the shower,
And the sun, and the Father's will."

We are living in an age of investigation. The general opinion is that once we get at the root of the problem, difficulty or question, everything will be solved. If we could discover where we came from, then we could chart our course and know where we are going. But by the time we find out all the little details about the past, it is too late to plan for the future.

The Book of Genesis gives us the basic truths as to our origin. It is a book of beginnings in which we are told that God is in back of all creation and that man can only be understood in the light of God because he has the life of God. Man is the crown of God's creation because he was made in his image.

When the Psalmist asked, "What is man that thou art mindful of him?" (Ps. 8:4), we must surely see that God must have been very mindful to send us his Son to redeem us and to make us a new creation.

I. GOD AND THE CREATION OF NATURE. Gen. 2:4-6.

It is often very difficult and well-nigh impossible to explain creation through the medium of science. There are still so many loop-holes and so many "missing links." That is why the writer of Hebrews says, "Through FAITH we understand that the world was framed by the word of God" (Heb. 11:3).

II. GOD AND THE CREATION OF MAN. Gen. 2:7.

"In the image" and in "the likeness" of God distinguishes us very radically from all the other creatures. Animals have a relationship only to this world. They have been trained to do all manner of things, but no one would think of trying to impart to an animal the concept of God. Angels are thought of primarily as heavenly beings. Man is the only creature that has both an earthly and a heavenly nature. That is why he is caught in an eternal struggle—the pull from below and the pull from above. To keep his mind in heaven and his feet on earth and still

keep an even balance take all the grace of God. Man is so easily swayed to extremes that, before he is aware of it, he is either a "Holy Roller" or rolling in the gutter of "Skid Row." In order to win, let God do the pulling and let us do the yielding. (Read Romans 7 and 8).

III. GOD AND THE CREATION OF WORK. Gen. 2:8-17.

Nothing is more harmful to a person's well-being than enforced idleness. Many handicapped persons are brought back to health and happiness by "occupational therapy." Jesus said, "My Father worketh hitherto and I work" (John 5:17). God is a busy God and he wants busy children. And no work is more rewarding and more Christ-like than the doing of the will of God.

IV. GOD AND THE CREATION OF THE FAMILY. Gen. 2:18-22.

All the virtues and beatitudes of God can be brought to light only in relationship with others. The material things of life as well as faith, hope and love must be shared with someone in order to find the joy and purpose of life. Marriage is a creation of God, a little colony of heaven, where love and honor, joy and contentment are found. Where marriage is based on lust instead of love, the colony of heaven becomes a settlement of hell.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: May 5, 1957

Theme: GOD'S PLAN AND MAN'S RESPONSE

Scripture: Genesis 1:27-28; 6:5-8; 8:20-22

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: No matter how sinful, disobedient and unappreciative man is, God remains gracious and dependable toward the penitent.

INTRODUCTION: Perhaps this lesson can give parents an opportunity to use their imagination and put themselves in God's place. What wonderful plans we often formulate for our children in their infancy. In their newly born state we think of molding them, teaching them until they conform to the image for which we believe they were created. Every responsible parent has lofty goals and high hopes and wonderful dreams for

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

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the fulfillment of the lives of the children entrusted to their care by God, the Creator.

The greatest burden that parents carry is the burden of disobedient children. Adam had them, as well as Jacob, Eli, Samuel and David. Needless to say, obedient children bring some of life's greatest joys and blessings. Many of the greatest sacrifices were those that were made in behalf of sons and daughters. And the greatest disappointments are those experienced by parents whose children have not responded to love and sacrifice.

However, we must admit that parents are often at fault because their plans for their children were not God's plans, and they were directly responsible for the ruined lives of the children. But the fall of man was not due to any flaw in God's creation and plan. The fault lay entirely in man's response to God's commands.

I. GOD'S CREATION OF MAN AND HIS RESPONSIBILITY. Genesis 1:27, 28.

The natural creation, as well as the animal creation, are silent declarations of God's glory. Man is God's vital declaration. He is capable of knowing that he is created in the image of God, for he has powers which were given to no other part of creation.

(a) In procreation God continues to bestow his image so that every new birth is also a living soul.

(b) Man was given power to subdue the earth. The powers of nature are subject to him.

(c) He was given dominion over all other living creatures. Because of his greater gifts he can make the animal kingdom serve his purpose.

II. GOD'S RUINED PLAN. Genesis 6:5, 6.

Many of us have seen pictures of families returning to their homes in war-torn countries. The houses in which they lived for so many years are nothing but rubble. Destruction lies all around them. Plans for the future are disrupted and almost impossible of achievement. It is a heart-breaking sight, and only by the grace of God are they able to rebuild and re-establish themselves and plan for the future. Sin is heart-breaking to God. To see his wonderful creation, particularly man in his image, in such a ruinous condition is grief beyond words. Attributing "repentance" to God is an expression of the damage and outrage done to the divine plan of love by sinful man.

III. GOD'S JUDGMENT. Gen. 6:7.

Thousands of years later Paul uttered a truth that has been in operation since the dawn of disobedience, "The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). Man's downfall begins with doubt, advances to open denial, leads on to disobedience and finally ends in death.

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—Ewing Galloway Photo

San Francisco with its steep hills, cable cars, exotic buildings of Chinatown and the San Francisco Bay Bridge in the distance.

The Emerald Necklace

By ELISE FRASER



A Christian mystery novel
laid in the exciting city of
San Francisco, California



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SYNOPSIS

When John Rowland slips his Bible into his pocket and walks out of the mission hall that November night in San Francisco, he begins a strange adventure. For out of the mist steps a woman of breath-taking beauty who calls his name and brings to his startled remembrance his lovely school classmate, Kathryn Greig. Kathryn begs him to have dinner with her, saying she needs help. She asks him to return a small trinket to a friend, hastily scribbling an address on a card. He opens the box and discovers a valuable emerald necklace in it. In the meantime, Kathryn is kidnapped by two thugs and taken to a hide-out. Then John Rowland, after a dinner date with Bruce Farningham and others, is knocked unconscious on his way to a mission. He was seemingly robbed! The next day Farningham takes Tom Wiley and Adrienne to see a jade exhibit at Won Long's jewelry shop.

CHAPTER EIGHT

WON LONG'S jade exhibit proved fascinating to Tom and Adrienne. There were many figures of odd form fashioned by nature. Won told them that in ancient times jade was supposed to have curative powers. Sometimes it had been ground as a powder and taken internally.

"Is jade mentioned in the Bible?" Tom asked.

Won shook his head. "Not as jade but some believe that some forms of jasper stone mentioned by the ancients were really jade."

"I always thought the jasper referred to in the Book of Revelation was a diamond," Tom said.

"Some believe it is," answered Won. "But most scholars say that the true diamond was unknown to the ancient Hebrews."

"The stone is described as 'most precious' and 'clear as crystal,'" said Tom. "Wait, here it is," Tom took out a New Testament and turned to the twenty-first chapter of Revelation and read, "... and he showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending

out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal." That sounds more like a diamond than any other stone."

"Diamond is mentioned in the Old Testament," Won said, "but it is believed that this was emery, a variety of corundum, which is a hard, flinty stone, used frequently for grinding. Next to the diamond, it is the hardest of any mineral. It is both transparent and pure. Perhaps in that passage the corundum was referred to."

Tom looked at Won. "You seem to know a lot about the Bible. Are you a Christian?"

Won shook his head. "No, but I read and study," he said modestly. "Besides, I'm a dealer in gems."

"Ah," said Farningham, "that reminds me." He pulled a newspaper clipping from his pocket and laid it on the counter in front of Won. "I see you have linked Kathryn Lockwood's name to this Monterey mystery. I hope you're wrong."

Won nodded. "I hope so, too."

Farningham looked at the clipping. "It says that Mrs. Lockwood was negotiating with you for the sale of some jewels. I'm wondering just what jewels she was seeking to dispose of..."

Won smiled. "That is a confidential matter," he said pleasantly.

Farningham frowned. "I know," he said impatiently. "But I've known the Lockwoods a long time. I've seen most of their jewels, all I suppose. It just occurred to me that Mrs. Lockwood might be in financial difficulty."

Won shrugged. "That's something I wouldn't know," he said obviously wishing to end the conversation.

Tom picked up the clipping. "I remember reading this," he said. "Swell plot for a story. Now if I wrote fiction..."

Adrienne giggled. "Why don't you try, Tom?"

"Who? Me? But no kidding, plots are all around us." Tom looked at Won Long and chuckled. "Why just last night Farningham was telling us a fantastic tale of an emerald necklace smuggled into this country. Who'd you say it belonged to, Farningham? A Rajah of India?"

Tom turned to Farningham and was astonished to see his face a mottled purple and red.

"Just a tale that's going the rounds" Farningham muttered thickly. "Heard it at the club."

The oriental's face became impassive, expressionless. "So?" he asked.

"Is the bloodstone a form of jade?" Adrienne asked in an effort to break the moment of awkward silence.

"It is a form of jasper," Won replied. "See, here is a stone which will interest you."

Won went to a case and drew out a ring, elaborately carved. "What do you see there?" he asked Adrienne as he handed the ring to her.

Adrienne studied the figure. "Is it a head of Christ?" she asked.

Won nodded. "See, it is carved in such a way that the red spots in the stone look like blood from the crown of thorns."

Adrienne handed the ring to Tom who studied it thoughtfully. Then he said softly, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him and with his stripes we are healed."

"Who carved the ring?" Adrienne asked.

"It is very old, probably twelfth century," Won replied.

"Is it for sale?" Adrienne asked curiously.

Won smiled at her. "Do you want to buy it?" he asked.

"How much is it?" Adrienne asked.

Won named a price and Adrienne caught her breath. "Oh, it is far beyond me," she admitted. "Oh, well," philosophically, "I'd rather look on the brighter side of the picture. I'd rather think of the resurrection."

Won's teeth gleamed. "You like this then?" He picked up a piece of jade. "It's called an Easter egg."

They examined the green jade which had been smoothed to the exact shape of an egg.

"If a man die, shall he live again?" quoted Tom.

"Nirvana," responded Won.

"The Christian hope is better, Won," Tom said earnestly. "For I know that my Redeemer liveth and that though worms may destroy this body, yet in my flesh will I see God."

"This man is nuts on religion," Farningham interrupted. He seemed to be himself again and jovially added, "Say, Won, how about showing my friends your collection of rock crystal?"

Won nodded agreement and led the way to a room in the back of the shop.

"The Chinese symbol for crystal is three suns," said Won. Opening the doors of a cupboard, he showed them pieces of the rock, cut and uncut.

The room was small, crowded with tables and ornaments. Stepping backward, Farningham brushed against a table, knocking a piece of china. It crashed to the floor, breaking in several pieces. Adrienne had noticed it as they entered, pink and white, a teapot in the shape of an elephant.

Farningham started to apologize but he broke off with a shout of amazement as he stooped to pick up a mass of gold and jewels.

"Oh, how lovely," exclaimed Adrienne. "What a heavenly blue. What sort of stones are they?"

"Lapis lazuli," said Won, taking the bracelet from Farningham.

"There couldn't be two bracelets like this, could there?" asked Farningham, his eyes on Won's face.

"Two?"

"Yes. I've seen Mrs. Lockwood with a bracelet like this. The stones match her eyes exactly."

"So?" Won's face was expressionless but his eyes smoldered.

"She must be desperate for money to sell this," Farningham observed. He seemed to be in deep thought. Then he asked, "Is the bracelet for sale?"

Won shook his head. "No," he said, putting the ornament in his pocket.

Farningham looked disconcerted. "I'm sorry about the teapot, old man. Let me pay you for it."

"It's not valuable," Won said. "Just everyday pottery. Think nothing of it."

Before they left Won served them rice cakes and tea in little cups without handles.

Adrienne was delighted with her experiences and chatted gaily as she walked along Grant Avenue with Tom and Farningham. But Farningham seemed preoccupied, worried.

"I can see where jewels might become an all absorbing passion to one with the interest and money to collect them," Tom said, "but at best it is a temporary pursuit with no eternal value."

"Is there any pursuit with eternal value?" asked Farningham cynically. "Yes. They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever."

"You're an odd duck," Farningham remarked. "Well, here's where I turn," he said as they reached California Street.

Tom and Adrienne expressed their appreciation of the evening but Farningham seemed hardly to hear them. He started up California Street but had not gone more than a few steps when he wheeled abruptly and called to them. They waited as he approached them.

"About this diamond and emerald necklace," he said hurriedly, "I'd rather you wouldn't mention it to anyone."

"Okay," Tom said. "I didn't know it was a secret. I just thought you wanted it kept out of the papers."

"True," Farningham agreed. "But the less said, the better. News has a way of spreading and the result could be disastrous."

"I'm sorry about tonight," Tom said.

"Well, just watch the future," Farningham cautioned.

After Farningham had left them Tom said fervently, "I'd say he's an odd duck."

The next morning at her office, Adrienne received a phone call from Farningham. "I'm going to be near your office at noon. Could I take you to lunch at the Palace?"

Adrienne hesitated and Farningham said, "You're a little afraid of me, aren't you?"

Adrienne was surprised. It was true. She was a little afraid of him. But she temporized, "Oh, I don't know about that."

"Well, I know. But I can't eat you in broad daylight with hundreds of people all around us. How about it?"

Adrienne was reluctant. "I do appreciate your asking me," she said, "but I just have an hour for lunch."

"I'm not a lady of leisure, you know."

"Yes, I realize that. I'll say that you're back in an hour."

"You are very kind," Adrienne murmured. She wished he had not asked her. But she felt in a way, obligated. Farningham had shown her and Tom two very nice evenings. He seemed lonely and, as he said, nothing could happen in the middle of the day, at a popular hotel, in the heart of a city.

"What time shall I call for you?" Farningham asked, assuming her acceptance.

"One o'clock will be all right," Adrienne responded.

"Fine. I'll see you then."

Farningham had already reserved a table and they were ushered promptly to it. Adrienne looked around the room with interest. There was an air of smart sophistication about the diners. Career women with good jobs to support atmosphere and expensive luncheons. Women shoppers lunching with their husbands. Men talking over business deals. Obvious lovers who had eyes for nothing or no one except themselves.

Someday, if she kept on with her career, she could easily afford this atmosphere, expensive clothes, travel, smart living. She had talent and ability, she had been told that by people who were in a position to know. She was used to hard work. Now she was sacrificing present comfort for future luxuries. But she was satisfied.

"You belong in this world," Farningham spoke softly.

Adrienne returned her attention to him. She had almost forgotten him, so absorbed had she been in looking around her. But she shook her head. "Not in the world you are thinking of," she answered. The verse ran through her mind, "Friendship with the world is enmity with God."

"What world am I thinking of?" he asked.

"The world of smart sophistication... of pleasure... of carelessness."

"And you don't like pleasure and sophistication?" Farningham asked.

"What I call pleasure, probably wouldn't be pleasure to you."

"And what do you call pleasure?"

"Many things in which you could not share," Adrienne replied.

"For instance?" Farningham insisted.

"Oh, in my church, in spreading good news of the gospel..."

"Religion? Let's leave religion out."

"That's it," said Adrienne earnestly. "I can't leave religion out of my life."

"I hope to persuade you to better ways. Anyway, we can leave it out of our discussion. What do you find pleasure in besides religion?"

"My work," Adrienne replied.

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Our Denomination in ACTION

Eastern Conference

Church Inventory and New Challenge at Erie, Pa.

The members of the Central Baptist Church, Erie, Pa., recently completed a series of five evening services on what were titled "Evaluation and Determination Meetings." The theme of the meetings was "What Is Right With Our Church?"

A deacon brought the message at each of the meetings, preceded by a family supper. The following deacons brought the corresponding messages: William Siegrist, "Its Heritage"; Edward Gibbens, "Its Spirit"; Robert Eichler, "Its Message"; Milton Bartlett, "Its Program"; while George Hartikainen divided the members into groups and each discussed the problems, causes and possible solutions for better church attendance.

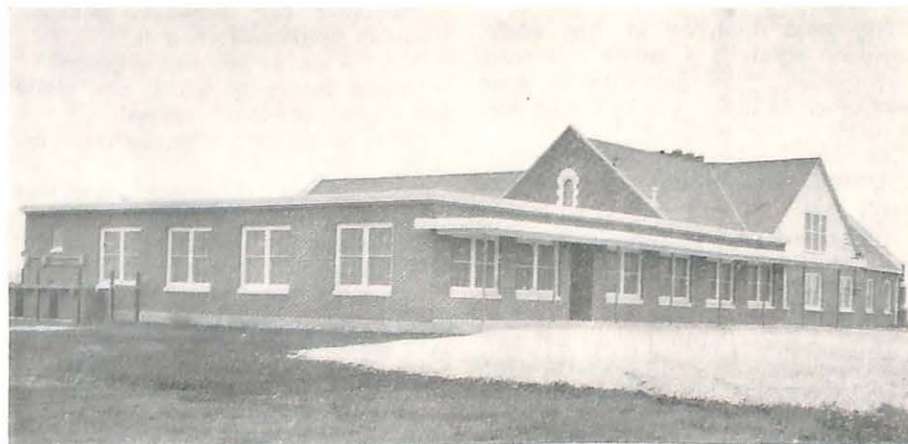
The last meeting was in the form of a business meeting at which time the solutions were presented to the congregation and voted upon for acceptance. The church unanimously felt that individual re-consecration to God was the outstanding solution. Then the church voted to celebrate our 100th anniversary (in four years) in a new church building and, with this in mind, a committee is now looking for a suitable location for our relocation, preferably on the outskirts of the city.

K. Louise Eichler, Reporter

Southern Conference

Dedication of \$47,500 Sunday School Annex, Waco, Texas

On Sunday, March 3, the Central Baptist Church of Waco, Texas, dedicated to the Lord's service its Sunday School Annex. This day also marked the 67th anniversary of the church. Of the nine charter members present



The new \$47,500 Sunday School Annex of the Central Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, with Rev. Leonard B. Hinz, pastor.

on March 4, 1890, when the church was organized, only August Schweisinger remains with us today. Although he is over 92 years of age, he was able to observe this anniversary with us.

Two former pastors of the church, Professor Roy W. Seibel and Rev. Louis R. Johnson, brought appropriate messages during the day. The new addition, which is air-conditioned, provides 15 additional classrooms and 3 assembly rooms and was constructed at a cost of \$47,500. Our church plant, as it is today, consists of one city block, including the church building itself, the parsonage, pavilion for Bible school and recreational activities, tennis court, softball field, children's playground equipment, stone barbecue pit and concrete picnic tables.

Our pastor, Rev. Leonard B. Hinz, came to us Feb. 1, 1957, and together we look forward to bringing the Word to a new and growing community of people. We look back only to thank God and to find encouragement for the task before us.

Milton Lippert, Reporter

Pacific Conference

Recent Programs at Bethany Church, Portland, Oregon

Some time ago the members and friends of the Bethany Baptist Church near Portland, Oregon, greatly enjoyed another "all request program" rendered by the choir. Several numbers were specially arranged by the able choir director, Mrs. Ernest Schaefer.

In February several Baptist churches in the Portland area joined us in a Sunday School Clinic Conference with Dean Dalton, Christian Education Consultant with Baptist Publications of Denver, Colo., as the speaker. This inspiring conference was timely since we soon expect to begin construction of a much needed Sunday School unit.

On March 8th the Woman's Missionary Guild sponsored a birthday anniversary banquet. A capacity crowd was served at tables artistically decorated to represent each month of the year. The program which followed was composed of skits and musical numbers appropriate for each month. Our pastor, Rev. Arthur K. Schulz, brought the program to a close with a short talk.

Hulda H. Graf, Reporter

Dedication of Ebenezer's New Parsonage at Vancouver, B. C.

On Sunday, March 3rd, the members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, were privileged to have Dr. M. L. Leuschner as guest speaker who ably assisted in the dedication ceremony for the new parsonage. The parsonage was built on the grounds of the church which was only recently dedicated to the service of God. Equally so the parsonage was dedicated, and our thinking was led by Dr. Leuschner in the thought that not only was this building to serve as "Home Sweet Home" for the various pastors, but also to be used in the service of the church and the Kingdom in that streams of blessing would flow therefrom.

This manse is situated amongst tall cedar trees, and consists of approximately 1700 square feet of modern designed architecture. All the most modern materials were used for the interior and exterior, including the completely finished basement with recreation and family rooms. It is our desire to make available for the years ahead a home, not only equally beautiful as our church, but a place where spiritual thoughts can be gathered by those serving us.

Elmer Daum, Reporter

Woman's Society Program, First Church, Lodi, Calif.

On Sunday evening, Feb. 24, the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, Calif., presented its annual program. We are thankful to God for another fruitful year under the leadership of our president, Mrs. Meta Burgdorf, and our vice-president, Mrs. Bertha Schopp. The women have been busy in many and varied activities and have been faithful in their labors as a Missionary Group. We have four groups with a total membership of 169 women.

These groups are Tabea, Naomi, Rebecca, and Faith Groups, who meet individually on separate evenings, and then together on the first Thursday of every month. We truly appreciate our pastor's wife, Mrs. G. G. Rausser, who attends all of these meetings, and also is on the executive board of the Society, besides taking care of many other duties in the church. In the Treasurer's Report it was brought out that our women have contributed, in the past four years, a total of \$11,-

460.00 towards the Church Building Fund, besides their missionary support.

Our program for the evening consisted of special music, the reading of the treasurer's report by Mrs. Martha Chappuis, and the secretary's report by Mrs. Martha Renke, and a reading given by Mrs. Ella Schmiedt entitled, "The Miracle." Our verse for the year is 1st Corinthians 15:58.

Mrs. Thelma Fischer, Reporter

\$80,000 Edifice Nearing Completion, Immanuel, Vancouver, B. C.

The Immanuel Baptist Church of Vancouver, British Columbia, is busily engaged in completing its new edifice which will ultimately cost about \$80,000, as reported by Rev. Gerhard P. Gebauer, pastor. This congregation, composed mostly of immigrants from Germany, has recently observed its first anniversary as an organized church. The new church will have a seating capacity of 350 on the main floor, with additional space for 140 persons in the balcony. It is to be a stucco building with brick veneer. A 7-foot cross will be placed on the tower. This tower, which looks like a lighthouse with its windows facing in all directions, is to be illuminated brightly while services are being held. There will be a full basement with Sunday School rooms.

More than 40 men have been contributing their labor on the construction job. Rev. G. P. Gebauer is serving as Chairman of the Building Committee. A total of \$33,000 has been contributed in cash thus far, with a mortgage of \$20,000 on the building. It is hoped to dedicate the new church this spring, soon after Easter Sunday.

M. L. Leuschner, Reporter

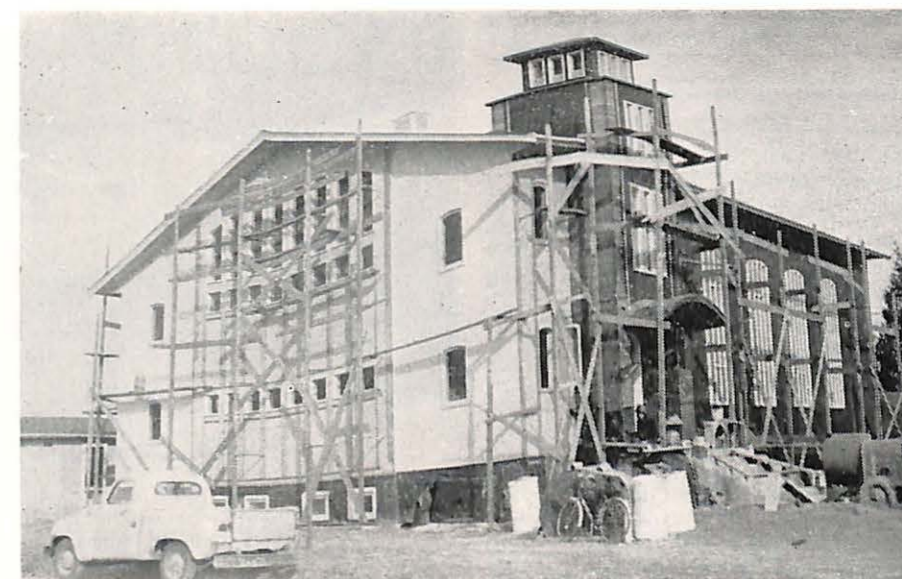
Central Conference

Erin Ave. Church, Cleveland, Welcomes 29 New Members

The Lord has given us many blessings at the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. The Lord



Twenty-four of the 29 new members received in 1957 into the Erin Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Pastor E. Strauss is in second row, extreme right; Miss M. Froehlich, Christian Education Director, is in second row, second from left.



The new edifice of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, under construction early in March.

has given us an open door into a field that is white unto harvest, and we praise him for the victories that have been won for him. Twenty-nine new members were received into our fellowship during the past year, and we also praise him for those who followed the Lord in baptism during the past three months. Also in 1956 the Lord answered our prayers in sending to us our new Christian Education Director, Miss Manetta Froehlich, and

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Far up in Canada, too;
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With a 'Baptist Herald' too?"
—By Raymond Noll in the Bulletin of the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

we can say that the Lord has richly blessed us together.

From January 27 to February 3, we observed Youth Week at our church. During this week many young people participated in the various services and activities that were planned, and the Lord blessed us in a wonderful way. During the coming year we are looking to the Lord for many spiritual blessings from him.

Miss Shirley Sergent, Reporter

Tenth Anniversary, Rev. Wm. Hoover, Benton Harbor, Mich.

Capacity audiences at both services greeted the Rev. William Hoover on Sunday, March 3, at the anniversary services planned in his honor at the Clay St. Baptist Church, Benton Harbor, Mich. The occasion was his completion of ten years as the pastor of the church. The Sunday School's recorded attendance was 590—another high level mark. The theme of the pastor's sermon was "Ebenezer" from I Samuel 7:12. Five adults were added to the church family by letter at the morning communion service, which brought the total of those welcomed into the fellowship of the church to 703 during the period of Mr. Hoover's ministry in Benton Harbor.

The basic feature of the evening service, March 3, was the presentation of a historical summary prepared by the associate pastor, Rev. Reginald Shepley, which recounted the accomplishments of the past ten years under the able and aggressive leadership of Pastor Hoover. It was presented in four parts: each part being interspersed with musical numbers of various kinds. The Hoover family responded as a unit in their part of the program. Gloria, the youngest daughter, gave a recitation; Darlene played a piano solo; Vivian sang a vocal solo; and all the daughters rendered a quintet number. Mrs. Hoover spoke a few words of appreciation, the final words of response being spoken by the pastor.

Rev. R. Shepley, Reporter

Dakota Conference

New Baptist Parsonage Is Dedicated at Bismarck, N. Dak.

It was a glad day for the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, N. Dakota, and its pastor's family, when on Sunday, January 27, at 2:30 P.M., many friends from nearby churches joined them in a very appropriate dedicatory service in behalf of the newly constructed parsonage.

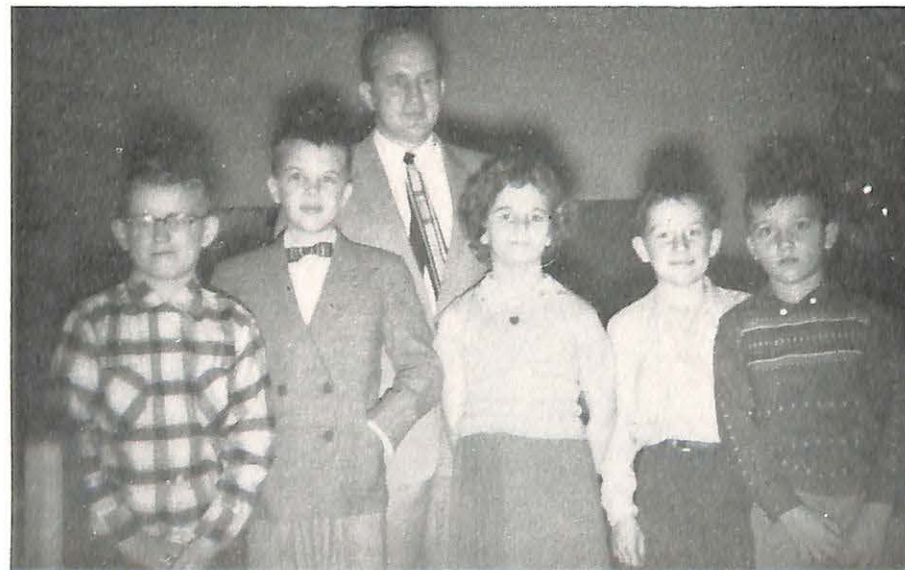
Rev. Edward Oster read Psalm 115. Rev. Otto Fiesel led the dedicatory prayer. Rev. A. J. Fischer delivered the message: "To Build and Be Built." These brethren, and others also brought greetings in behalf of their congregations. Mr. Walter Mehlhoff, chairman of the Building Committee, informed the people of the progress and the completion of the building project. Young ladies of the church rendered a double-duet selection.

We are happy to report that total cost of building without landscaping, sidewalk, and driveway amounts to only \$23,925.80. As of that Sunday, an \$8,000.00 debt rests upon the church. All who have seen the building could joyfully exclaim: "Surely, wisdom hath builded her house!" The Lord is blessing his work here. Twelve new members have been added to the church since Christmas.

John E. Grygo, Pastor

Mission Pictures and Baptism at McLaughlin, S. Dakota

Rev. Edwin Michelson and family have been with us in McLaughlin, S. Dak., a year, and great has been our fellowship with them. Having served on the mission fields in Africa, they have given us much insight into that very important work. Again it has been our privilege on Sunday evenings to view more of the interesting pictures from the land of Africa.



Five young people who were recently baptized and received into the Baptist Church, McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Left to right: Rodney Strobel, Paul Michelson, Rev. Edwin Michelson, pastor; Judith Michelson, Albert Grosch and Harvey Friez.



The new parsonage of the Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, North Dakota, with Rev. and Mrs. John E. Grygo the first occupants.

Great is the call of God to serve in that capacity and it is hoped that even one of our number will be called and will heed the call to serve as a foreign missionary.

As a result of the evangelistic meetings of last fall, at which Mr. Michelson was the speaker, five young people expressed their desire for baptism. They had previously accepted Christ as their Savior and were now ready to become members of the church. A beautiful baptismal service was held in the Baptist Church of Mobridge, S. Dak. In a service of a later date, the hand of fellowship into the church was extended to them by Rev. Edwin Michelson.

Mrs. Argo Brockel, Reporter

Reception for New Pastor at Mott, North Dakota

Rev. Milton Vietz began his ministry at the First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., on Feb. 7. Mr. Vietz brought his first message to us at the morning worship service. In the afternoon the church held a reception for the pastor and his wife.

Words of greeting were spoken by Rev. Emil Becker of our neighboring church of New Leipzig as moderator for the occasion. The choir and the

Ladies' Choir of the New Leipzig Church, under the direction of Mrs. Becker, brought us several numbers in song. The various officers of the church then extended words of welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Vietz. Mr. Ben Auch and Mrs. C. E. Schwartz spoke in behalf of the church; Mrs. Ben Auch, president of the Woman's Missionary Circle, spoke for the Circle; Rudy Fiedler in behalf of the Sunday School; and Jeffery Auch for the C.B.Y.

We are grateful to God that after having been without a pastor for several months our prayers have been answered and we again have a shepherd to lead our flock.

Mrs. Walter Auch, Reporter.

WE, THE WOMEN

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Many a young person can testify, "It is because of my visit in the home of a Christian friend that I am a Christian today." Has it ever occurred to you to take in a child and to shower it with your love and to offer it the upbringing and training of your home? I know of no other occupation that will pay such rich dividends as to take in one of these unloved, and often unlovely. What a thrill to witness a great blossoming forth in these young lives under the sunshine of a Christian home.

The Welfare Agency in your area will be deeply grateful for good homes for the placement of such. We find that in many Christian homes an animal pet is lavished with affection by those who could be doing the same to a living human soul clothed in the body of some poor forlorn, forgotten, unwanted child. WHAT A CHALLENGE!

There is a wrong way of hospitality, also. Can I ever forget the Sunday a friend and I were asked to share the day with a Christian family of whom we had high esteem. How deep was our disappointment when it turned out to be a wasted and absolutely empty Sunday at their cottage at the beach. In that we offer hospitality, we bear the responsibility to offer it in Christ's way by putting him first. Then our home will be a profitable TOOL in the Master's hand!

Letter Box

(All letters for the "Letter Box" must be signed and should be limited to 100-150 words.)

LAUDATORY REMARKS

In response to your recent invitation of "constructive editorial criticism," permit me to write that "our" "Baptist Herald" is almost perfect. This is no flattery. Those of my ministerial friends who have had occasion to read it have made laudatory remarks to that effect. You incorporate most of the cogent features which a paper of that purpose has to present. The new department, "What's Your Problem?", is a courageous undertaking in an age of many questions as well as something that meets a definite need.

Of ourselves we can only say that the Lord has been good and has wonderfully taken care of us. We both are in good health and spirits. We serve the Lord wherever and whenever he has use for us, which is daily. Otherwise we have not given up hope that some day he will provide a full-time ministerial job for us.

Rev. and Mrs. E. Gutsche,
Williston, North Dakota

MINISTERING PASTORS!

An Open Letter to the "Baptist Herald" and to all the Ministers of Baptist Churches:

"If ye have faith and doubt not." "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

How do you interpret these inspiring words from the Bible in these days of confusion? As a minister to the people, do you limit yourself only to those of the Baptist faith who come to you or as a servant of God are you exercising your devotion and life to saving souls for the Kingdom of Heaven? In God's Name, have you called on a family that resides or occupies premises nearby?

When we look around us and see the turmoil of things right in our own United States, when we hear interviews on television of famous or popular writers, comedians, and persons who have an influence on our children and they profess they believe in God but have no church affiliation, somewhere some minister should come forth and make himself known to them with the message of truth in the Name of the Lord our God.

The world today needs more ministering unto by our ministers and less psychiatric treatment.

A Baptist in Christ's Name,
Mrs. Joseph F. Pasternak,
North Haven, Conn.

Obituary

(Obituaries are to be limited to about 150 words. A charge of five cents a line is made for all obituaries.)

MR. GEORGE LUBBERTS of Parkersburg, Iowa

Mr. George Lubberts of Parkersburg, Iowa, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lubbert Lubberts, was born November 14, 1858 in Germany. He came with his parents and two sisters to Grundy County, Iowa, when he was four months of age. He was married on March 9, 1893 to Katie Iblings, who preceded him in death on October 16, 1949. Mr. Lubberts was baptized at Aplington in 1888 by Rev. William Paul. He was the last living charter member of the Calvary Baptist Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, which was organized in 1895. He was an active member of this church until a few weeks before his death and had held the position

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opinion may change, but that does not alter a fact. Styles change, weather changes, your health changes, the war changed the boundaries and governments of the world, the surface of the earth changes—where once there was water, today there is land. We enter the world by birth, we go out by death. Seeds grow under the same conditions as in the beginning. The elements that constitute food and drink will be the basis of nourishment for vegetable, animal, and man as long as the world stands.

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

I preach Christ. That is the sum and substance of my message. That cannot change. He alone can save. I hold fellowship with all who believe in Christ and follow him as Lord and Master.

In Pentecostal days "three thousand" were added to the church in one day. A few days later, five thousand men, and a few days later, multitudes of both men and women. How large was the church? One hundred and twenty members. Who did the preaching? Fishermen.

Think of it! A church of one hundred and twenty members has almost as many accessions as one of our leading denominations had last year with ten thousand churches working a whole year. Why? The apostles worked upon this faith: "It is not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord."

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of Deacon, Trustee, Treasurer and Clerk, and at the time of his death was an honorary Deacon. His passing will be a great loss to our church.

Surviving are four sons, three daughters, eleven grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Parkersburg, Iowa
In the absence of a pastor,
R. H. MULDER, Clerk.

MR. EDWIN BOLLINGER of Herreid, South Dakota

Mr. Edwin Bollinger of Herreid, S. Dak., was born July 21, 1908, on a farm north-east of Herreid in Campbell County, and died Feb. 23, 1957, in the General Hospital in Minneapolis, Minn., of a heart attack. His age came to 48 years, seven months and two days. He was converted and baptized under the ministry of Rev. A. Alf in 1932 and was received into the fellowship of our church in which he retained his membership until his death.

Edwin was united in wedlock to Kathrine Pfeifer on Feb. 18, 1937. This union was blessed with three children whose names are: Sherman, Priscilla and Daniel. He loved his family and was a good provider for them.

During the past 25 years Edwin was operating a gas and oil business in Herreid. He was endowed with a friendly disposition which won for him many friends and patrons. Besides his wife and three children he leaves a number of immediate relatives who mourn his passing.

May God in his infinite mercy comfort all the bereaved!

Herreid, South Dakota
E. S. FENSKE, Pastor.

MRS. LYDIA FISCHER of Medicine Hat, Alberta

Mrs. Lydia Fischer, nee Odenbach, of Medicine Hat, Alta., was born in Odessa, South Russia, on Feb. 16, 1895. In 1910 she came to Canada and lived at Hatton, Sask., where her parents took up farming. At the age of 19 she received Christ as her Savior and three years later was baptized and joined the Annetal Baptist Church of Saskatchewan. On July 23, 1916, she was united in marriage with Fred Fischer and in the happy years that followed she was blessed with a family of ten children, of whom only one died in infancy. In 1947 she moved with her family to Medicine Hat, Alberta, where she lived until her death. She was a member of the Grace Baptist Church of Medicine Hat. Her life, love and prayers will remain a loving memory to all who have known her. She passed away on Feb. 6th at the age of 61 years.

Funeral services were held in the Grace Church on Feb. 11, conducted by the pastor, Rev. R. Kanwischer, assisted by Rev. R. Milbrandt.

Grace Baptist Church
Medicine Hat, Alberta
R. KANWISCHER, Pastor.

MR. RUDOLF FENSKE of Springside, Saskatchewan

Mr. Rudolf Fenske of Springside, Sask., was born Sept. 15, 1877 in Poland. He passed away February 23, 1957, at the age of 79 years, five months and eight days, in the Yorkton Auxiliary Hospital, after having been confined since January 4.

In 1887 Rudolf Fenske came to Canada with his parents. They settled in the Ebenezer district. Later Mr. Fenske moved to the Homestead district where he farmed till his retirement to the village of Springside. At the time of his death he made his home in Springside with members of his family.

He was united in marriage to Lydia Carolina Klamm in 1903. She predeceased him in 1932. In 1933 Mr. Fenske was united in marriage to Genowa Bartosek, who survives her husband, as well as 8 children. As a youth Rudolf Fenske accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior. He was a member of the Springside Baptist congregation at the time of his death. Burial was in the Springside cemetery, after the service in the Springside Baptist Church. Rev. Bert Milner officiated. The male chorus brought two fitting selections, and Mr. G. Goltz sang "The Lord is My Shepherd." The message was in keeping with the pioneer spirit, "The Great Adventure."

Springside, Saskatchewan
BERT MILNER, Pastor.

THE EMERALD NECKLACE

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Farningham made a face. "Work? Imagine anyone finding pleasure in work!"

"I'm fortunate, no doubt," Adrienne said complacently. "I find great pleasure in my work." She felt joy as she realized this afresh.

"Well," said Farningham. "I haven't any religion and I have money enough to live without earning. I live where I please, come and go when I please. Do as I please. Isn't that the highest form of pleasure?"

Adrienne smiled. "It would depend on what you pleased to do and where you pleased to go."

"Ah!" said Farningham mockingly, "a moralist."

"If you wish to put that interpretation on it, yes."

"I'm reading your mind," Farningham said defensively.

"Well, then, there's nothing more I can say on the subject." Adrienne smiled at him.

"That was neat," Farningham admitted. "But let's return to the subject of pleasure."

"Haven't we worn it out?" Adrienne asked.

"I thought I had until I met you. And now I find it is fresh and beautiful." Farningham's bright blue eyes were fixed upon her. He looked at her in a way that made Adrienne feel defenseless. She was glad of interruptions from the waiter, and glad, too, when the luncheon came to an end.

"Do you like music?" Farningham asked as he escorted her back to her office.

Adrienne nodded.

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ers and pupils if he is an example himself.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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IV. GOD'S GRACE. Gen. 6:8; 8:20-22.

The lesson heading is God's Plan and Man's Response." His response was ungratefulness and sin in all its forms. We might add an additional heading, "Man's Sin and God's Response." And God's response is diametrically opposite to man's. It is grace, mercy and love, finally consummated in the coming of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Obedience will always bring God's favor and grace, while disobedience will always bring his judgment and death.

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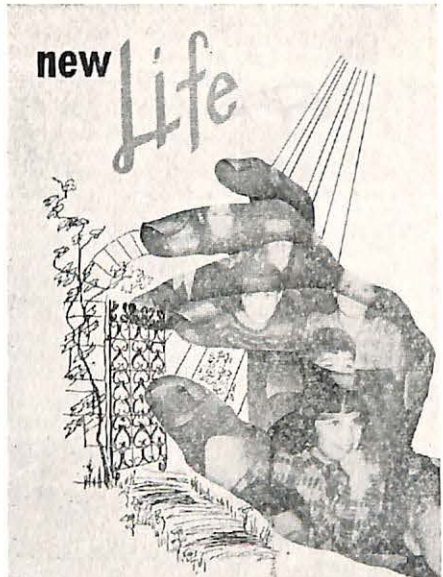
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HERALD. The Union is recommending to our churches that they finance one or more persons from their church to the conference.

Even though the enrollment of our Sunday Schools showed an increase of 3½% over the previous year, this is still below the increasing population trend of our nation. The Sunday School committee was concerned that our local schools meet the challenge of this new day of growing and shifting populations. It was felt that the Sunday School Union should consider setting a goal regarding increase in attendance and enrollment in our local schools.

At the suggestion of the vice-president, Mr. James Billster, the Sunday School committee appointed a committee to plan a program of promotion that would create greater interest in the local Sunday School as well as stimulate the attendance. This committee will report at the next annual meeting.

The committee expressed its appreciation to the general secretary, Rev. G. K. Zimmerman, and the Children's Worker, Miss Ruth Bathauer, for the excellent manner in which they have carried out their duties. These workers not only develop and administer the program of the Union, but they also spend a good percentage of their time in the field at worker's conferences, assemblies, conferences and associations. May God continue to supply these choice servants with wisdom and strength.



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