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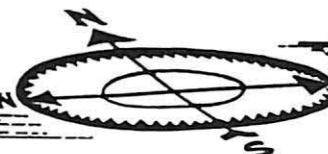
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"Unto You Is Born A Savior."

*The Birthplace of a Christmas Hymn
Undiscovered Riches of Christmas
Church Extension Projects*



• More Sunday School innovations are tried out first in southern California than anywhere else in the country, according to a report given at Los Angeles. Delegates to the 12th annual convention of the National Sunday School Association were told that the area has become "a strategic sounding board for the nation" in this regard. Experiments listed included the first extensive use of film strips and movie quizzes as well as other visual education aids. The meeting in Los Angeles was one of a pair of conventions being sponsored this fall by the National Sunday School Association. The other opened at Grand Rapids, Michigan, last October 30.

• In Brazil, Celsino de Oliveira Paradedella is a Methodist minister in the mountainous hamlet of Jerico in the country's interior. He services six Sunday Schools, two women's societies, two young people's groups, two children's groups and a men's group. All this activity is accomplished because the aging pastor uses his bicycle, often covering 60 or 70 miles on Sunday, for transportation. But now, Celsino doesn't know how much more pedaling he can do on account of his health. And besides he needs his strength to preach. So he's praying for a jeep. And—when he gets the jeep—what's he plan to do? He says he intends to enlarge his parish!

• The Methodist Board of Temperance charged that the liquor industry is going to let loose this year with "the most intensive barrage of liquor advertising and propaganda in the history of Christmas." The Board said that liquor sales fell off last Christmas, and distillers are worried by the trend among business concerns to turn their annual Christmas parties into "family fun" gatherings without alcoholic drinks. One distiller has placed seven million dollars' worth of advertising in newspapers and magazines for November and December, it said. Another distiller will spend nearly five million dollars on advertising tied in with Christmas. Over \$350,000,000 worth of liquor business is at stake, and the distillers are not at all happy over the way the "Christmas for Christ" campaign has hurt their liquor sales.

• Dr. Oswald J. Smith of Toronto, Canada, preached to a crowd of 12,000 in the Luna Park Stadium, Buenos Aires, Argentina, in the opening service of a two-week evangelistic crusade. A Salvation Army officer interpreted for him. Three hundred local Protestant churches co-operated in the effort. From Buenos Aires Dr. Smith moved to Argentina's second-largest

city, Rosario. He preached in Paraguay and Chile also. Dr. Smith has been pastor of the People's Church in Toronto for 27 years during which time he has raised many millions of dollars for missionary work. "The big thing we exist for is missions," the white-haired, non-denominational minister says. He spends about six months of each year conducting evangelistic missions in foreign countries.

• General Motors is encouraging its more than half a million employees to go to church. It has published and placed on its information racks over the country a pamphlet by Dean Sanderson entitled, "Your Church Can Help You." The pamphlet states: "When you want a car fixed, you take

it to a garage. When we're ill, we go to a doctor. When we need legal advice, we seek out a lawyer. But what do we do when we have human problems, emotional problems? Who is the specialist we turn to then? There is one trained man constantly available to all of us in every community: our minister, priest or rabbi. And his services are free."

• In ceremonies at the White House in Washington, D. C., on Oct. 15 the American Bible Society marked the successful distribution of a half-billion volumes of Scriptures since its founding in 1816. Rev. Dr. James Z. Nettin-ga, the Society's secretary for encouragement of use of the Bible, presented

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Baptist Briefs

• **Baptists in Cuba.** Two hundred fifty churches and over 1,000 preaching stations are maintained by the Baptists of Cuba. There are only 200 pastors. The lay people have to assume many preaching and leadership responsibilities. Many day schools are operated by the churches with 70 per cent of the children from Catholic homes. An average of 30 per cent of these join Baptist churches.

• **British Baptists.** For 30 years there was no increase in Baptist membership in Great Britain. Since the war 75 new churches have been started and membership has gone up as a result of a new evangelistic zeal. Sunday Schools are for children up to 14 years and for the most part are held apart from the church on Sunday afternoon or other times. Dr. W. J. Grant, recently here, said, "Preaching in Britain is more of a teaching ministry than in the United States, it is more theological and expository." No one is accepted into church membership until he is 16 years of age.

—Watchman-Examiner

• **Baptist Students.** A state-wide meeting of Baptist students at Jonesboro, Arkansas, upheld "the equal worth of all individuals" and denounced the use of violence in racial disputes. The students attend 14 colleges in Arkansas. With only one of the 360 delegates voting against it, the convention adopted the following statement: "We believe that the Christian position in the matter of race relations includes: 1) Upholding the teaching and example of Christ regarding the equal worth of all individuals, regardless of race, creed or state

in life. 2) Upholding the law of the land. 3) Abstaining from and discouraging violence in the settlement of any difficulty."

• **Dr. Melbourn Evans Aubrey,** general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland from 1925-31 died October 18, age 72. He was an outstanding figure in church affairs. Dr. Aubrey charged that Roman Catholic domination of Protestants in Spanish-speaking countries was worse than Communist oppression of churches. A member of the Royal Commission on the Press in 1947, he belonged also to the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches. He was vice-president of the British Council of Churches from 1948 to 1950 and chairman of the United Committee of Churches for Christian Reconstruction in Europe from 1943 to 1950.

• **Dr. Wimbish Resigns.** Dr. John S. Wimbish, for seven and one-half years pastor of New York's Calvary Baptist church, has tendered his resignation as pastor of the church, effective "not later than December 31, 1957." Dr. Wimbish stated that several factors led him to the decision to terminate his ministry at the prominent Manhattan church. "First and most important of all," he said, "I feel that I have accomplished the work God called me to do in this church and city. I do not feel it is God's will for me to spend my remaining years of service in New York!" He added that another factor involved in his decision was the problem of properly rearing his eight-year-old son, John III, in

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Editorial



The Highest Affection of Christmas

AT THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, the fires of love and faith burn brightly in many hearts. We become aware of a strong affection in our souls for those things that make Christmas significant. But "those things" are a strange conglomeration of pagan and Christian elements. In recent years we have even found it difficult to see this line of demarcation so that ours might be a truly spiritual Christmas, pleasing to the Lord Jesus Christ.

When the Apostle Paul wrote his letter to the Colossians, he did not intend that this verse (Col. 3:2) should be a Christmas text. But it is a word for this Christmas season if we want to focus all our attention and concern on Christ. "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth". The highest affection at Christmas should be centered on Christ, on his revelation of God's love, on the spiritual truths that make Christmas so glorious, and on the joys that are ours in Christ alone.

The Christmas revelation was from above. Everything that pointed to that revelation directed eyes towards heaven. The star, that shown above the Bethlehem manger, and the voices of the angels over the Judean hills were a divine revelation. Christ came into this world from "heaven's glory" to take unto himself the likeness of man and the form of a servant.

Even the Christmas symbols can remind us to set our affection on things above—the revelation of God's love in Christ. The Christmas tree and candles that point heavenward, the carols which we sing with their message of "Silent Night, Holy Night," and the gifts which we exchange with one another with their story of God's "unspeakable gift" should bring us in thought to the Bethlehem manger with greater love for him than we have ever known before. For he is "Immanuel"—God with us—who has opened to our understanding the portals of heaven, the doors of God's revelation of mercy, the treasury of the bounteous grace that is ours through Christ!

The Christmas season becomes most significant when we remember its spiritual truths of "peace on earth among men of good will," of the need of becoming new creatures in Christ Jesus, of love that binds hearts together, and of service in Christ's Name that will outlast time. Set your affection on these things above! Let this Christmas be the outpouring of this "heavenly sunshine" from your witness for Christ. Blessed are those who see these "things above" and fill their minds and lives with their glory at Christmas time!

Even our greatest joys at Christmas will be experienced, not as we concentrate on the things of the earth, but on things above, on Christ living his life through us. Let your light so shine for him, that others might come to see and to know this Light of the world in Christ Jesus! As new affections are kindled at the Christmas season, remember this word of the Apostle Paul for the brightest possible Christmas: "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth".

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"Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last."

THERE is no more wonderful time of the year than the Christmas season. For nearly 2,000 years the world has had the Jesus of song, picture, and story. This is not enough. It has become a mere holiday, often associated with drunken and pagan celebration. The business world has captured this great day from the Church and is making merchandise of it. Add to this outrage a multitude of Christ's disciples meekly fitting into this pagan pattern, and being content with a little religious color.

"Say not the days are evil—who's to blame?

And fold the hands and acquiesce—
Oh, shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in
God's name."

"GOD WITH US"

Christmas is more than a time of giving and receiving presents. It is more than a date on a calendar. It is more than a family dinner. It is much more than a Sunday School program. Christmas is "Emmanuel," God with us. It is a confession of our hopelessness. It is Jesus saving his people from sin and sorrow. It is an experience that is personal and spiritual.

When California was ceded to the United States, John Sutter owned many thousand head of cattle, much land, and other property. But owing to the discovery of gold on his estates in 1843, these were overrun by miners. His workmen left him, and he was financially ruined. They were blinded by the glitter of gold and saw not the future wealth in cattle and land. The gold gave out, but the fertile soil remained to be inherited by the wise.

Not many years ago some farmers in western United States and Canada moved off their farms in search of more profitable work. Since then oil and minerals have been found under the soil of some of these same areas. If our pagan world is to discover the true meaning of Christmas and to be

affected by its blessed significance, the people of God must lead the way.

Let me suggest three gems found in a very familiar mine, John 3:16. But, unfortunately, these are riches taken for granted by many, and by others yet to be discovered.

THE POWER OF LOVING

"For God so loved the world." In the light of this revelation who could dispute Henry Drummond's valuation of love when he called it, "The Greatest Thing in the World." John saw this treasure. Nearly one hundred years after the first Christmas he wrote, "In this was manifested the love of God toward us."

No one person can love everyone in the world. We often find it is not an easy thing to love our relatives, and to love those who are good and kind to us. But Christmas tells us God loves every adult, youth, and child in the world. God loves every individual, the just and unjust, the sinner and saint. His love is universal. There are no



Rev. Robert S. Hess, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash.

Undiscovered Riches at Christmas

"I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee,
What hast thou brought to me?"

A Christmas Sermon

By Rev. Robert S. Hess, Tacoma, Washington

barriers of tongue, color, and condition to circumvent his love.

Yesterday we were told to hate the Germans and the Japanese, and love the Russians. Today it is just the opposite; and tomorrow? God's love is not based on politics and emotions. It is based on his holy character and is eternal and unconditional. He does not love because he sees something in us that he can love, nor something we have that can enrich him. God is not under any obligation to us. Christmas reminds us that God loves us just because he loves us. His love is far above our human experience and finite understanding. It is a treasure to be discovered and be enriched thereby.

GOD'S MEASURELESS LOVE

Can the love of a good mother be measured? Try measuring your mother's love with money, with time, and with life. It is something beyond measure. So God's love is measureless. He "so loved!" How much, neither man nor angels can tell. Wonder of wonders, God loves me! He loves you!

If God so loves, should not we love one another? What havoc there is in God's world because of bitterness, jealousy, unkindness, sharp tongues, and an unforgiving spirit among believers. Love will triumph when all else fails. Love never fails! There is power in loving that transforms life, resolves problems, and raises the individual on the high road of real happiness. It creates an infectious atmosphere that attracts others and affects the whole personality. May the whole heart be irrigated with love like God's that his beauty may be seen in us!

THE PROFIT OF GIVING

"That he gave his only begotten Son." Occasionally the floor of the Pacific Ocean opens and builds up a tiny island of volcanic origin. The break of the ocean floor reveals the heart of the earth at that point. So Calvary showed God's heart. "In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begot-

A Blessed and Joyous Christmas to You!

This is the sincere wish of
the personnel and editors of
the Roger Williams Press to
every reader of the
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ten Son into the world." God has proved his love by the gift of his Son.

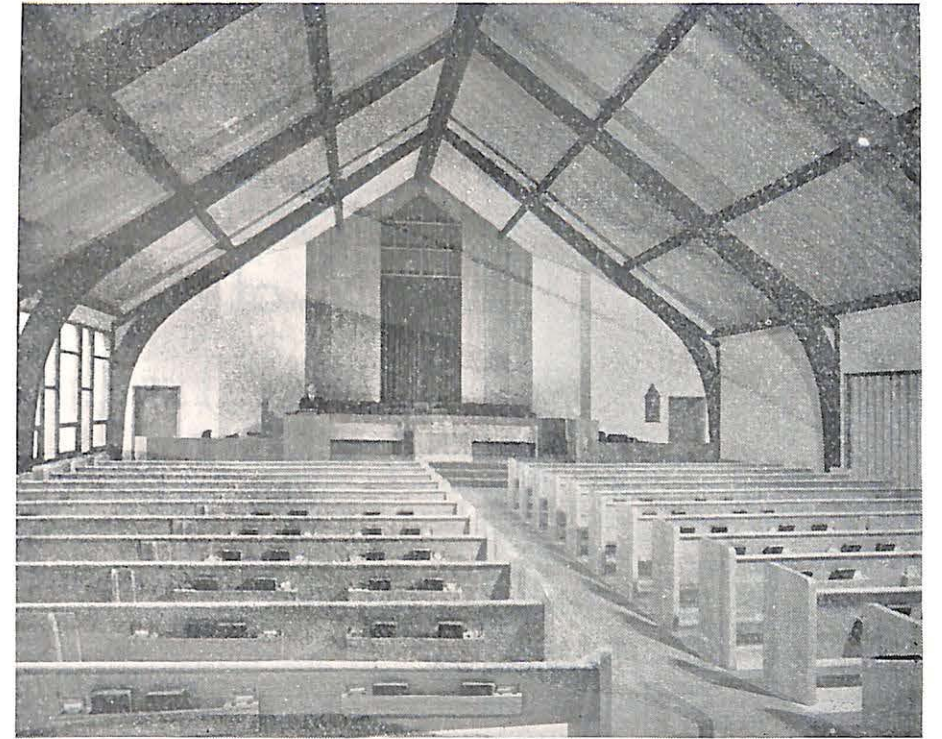
Only the Cross can measure God's love. Love is the dearest article in the world. There is always a price tag attached to it. All good and worthwhile things cost. Since love is the greatest, its cost is higher. A young couple fall in love, and at the marriage altar promise to love each other "until death do us part." At the time little do they realize what all it will cost. A mother gives birth to her child. Think of the cost of her love from birth to grave. But true love is willing to pay!

The heart of a human being is only satisfied with a human being. A young married couple may have a lovely house and many other things but they can be satisfied only with a child. So the Word became flesh to satisfy human beings. Christ, the gift which God gave, meets man's need and completely satisfies. Thus giving began with God's great gift of his Son. He and his Son held nothing back. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." Think of the stable, the Cross, and the grave. What a price God's love paid!

PRICE TAG OF LOVE

Christian, what price tag have you put on your love to God? How much of my gross income am I actually giving? A tithe? How many hours a week am I giving to God's Kingdom? To what extent am I using my abilities in youth work, teaching, visitation, singing, ushering, hospitality, helping, etc., in weekly services? People are as busy as bees getting things. So little time, if any, for God! Know you not there is no profit in gaining houses, fat bank accounts, a boat and the newest model auto and end life in spiritual poverty. It will be a dreadful thing to stand before God guilty of selfish living.

The voice of the world calls, "Get all you can for yourself." The voice of our flesh says, "Enjoy yourself; there is much to see, to do and to enjoy." The gentle voice of Christ, the one who suffered and died through giving himself, says, "Take up thy cross and fol-



The worshipful sanctuary of the newly dedicated Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington, with Rev. Robert S. Hess, pastor, behind the pulpit.

low me." He teaches us that by giving there is eternal profit. Contrary as it may seem to our selfish natures, there is profit in giving ourselves away. Have you discovered this precious gem? And if God's love has already touched our hearts, we will prove the sincerity of our love by giving.

"I bring, I bring rich gifts to thee,
What hast thou brought to Me?"

THE PURPOSE OF LIVING

"That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." The gift of God's love was for a grand purpose indeed. It "is eternal life through Jesus Christ." Whosoever trusts him will learn that he becomes light to the blind, physician to the sick, comforter to the sorrowing, guide to the lost, and Savior to the sinner. The shadow of the Cross hung over Jesus' whole earthly life because he was sent to "save his people from their sins" and that "we might live through him." Thus the yearning of a lost world is answered.

Christmas tells us that Jesus is not a failure. God's gift was not in vain. He fails only if we reject his saving power in our lives, if we refuse to yield

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Love is not a possession but a growth. The heart is a lamp with just oil enough to burn for an hour, and if there be no oil to put in again its light will go out. God's grace is the oil that fills the lamp of love.

—Henry Ward Beecher.

him our lives in service. Is it true that "unto you is born this day . . . a Savior?" Is he born in us today spiritually? Is he using us?

We use paint to preserve wood and build monuments to preserve memory. God gave Christ Jesus so that we who believe "should not perish." Evil will not endure forever. Beyond our troubled time and days of sorrow to come, Jesus is I AM. His Kingdom is everlasting and of his rule there shall be no end. His redeemed shall live and reign with him. Let us never forget this.

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT

A few years ago five persons were asked the following question by the Chicago Tribune's Inquiring Camera Girl, "Are you doing what you really want to do with your life?" Four out of the five said "No." Life is very precious. It should certainly be put to the best use possible. Christ can do more with one's life than one could ever dream of doing. Have you discovered this purpose of living? Living for God requires surrender of ourselves daily. Yes, the cost is high, but the profits are bigger.

With few exceptions, the readers of the "Baptist Herald" have already believed in Christ and know that his sufferings have paid the penalty of sin. Now will you bring to him today all that you have and are? Will you really live for him? Thus you will be giving to him the true gift of gold and frankincense. Let us give our hearts and our lives in consecration and dedicate ourselves to him "till he come" again.

"Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last."



Stained glass window in the Memorial Chapel at Oberndorf, Austria, dedicated to Franz Gruber, composer of the Christmas carol, "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Austria, Birthplace of a Christmas Hymn

By Mrs. Betty Appel
of Salzburg, Austria



This beautiful window can be seen in the Oberndorf Memorial Chapel dedicated to Josef Mohr, author of the words of "Silent Night, Holy Night."

AUSTRIA, the country which this article portrays, has for 1,000 years been at the busiest crossroads of Europe. Great migrations of people have crossed its borders. The cultures of the continent have come together here. Armies, both Christian and heathen, have rolled across its fields. Sometimes there has been a state of balance between opposing influences and interests, but rarely has there been rest.

GLITTERING COLOR

Austria, the heart of Europe, is a lovely country, a land of inviting and glittering color. Beneath its towering mountains lie valleys shimmering with beautiful foliage. Its rivers are lacy, meandering streams. Flowers bloom in abundance everywhere. The solemnity and brilliance of the Austrian landscape are manifested in the nature of its people, whose love of all that is beautiful finds expression in the architectural variety of its cities.

Whether it is a glistening landscape, the expansive squares of the archbishops or the crowded lanes of old houses, the Master Hand has been able to produce a lovely portrait. Centuries of history and the great buildings put up by its wealthy ecclesiastical and state rulers attract visitors from all over the world. Culturally this little country is of world-wide significance, and each of its cities has a beauty and culture of its own.

"SILENT NIGHT"

To the Province of Salzburg the world is indebted for the beautiful Christmas hymn, "Silent Night, Holy Night." As we think of the story of the birth of the hymn, we realize how full of wonder it is. Two simple, inseparable

friends, as poor as the shepherds in the pastures of Bethlehem, were given the important role of presenting to the world the beautiful hymn.

On December 24, 1818, after writing the words, Josef Mohr, vicar of the Oberndorf Church, handed them to the organist, Franz Gruber, school-teacher and son of a linen weaver, with the request that he compose a suitable melody. At the Christmas Eve services, the words and music of the beautiful hymn were sung for the first time. For years no further mention was made of the hymn. In the spring of 1819, the organ builder came from the Tyrol to repair the organ. When he returned to the Tyrol, the hymn went along with him. From there, industrial workers who visited the markets and fairs in Germany took it to that country.

But it was not until thirteen years later, in a church in Leipzig, Germany,

DR. AND MRS. W. J. APPEL

Dr. W. J. Appel is the director of our mission churches and fields in Austria and our European representative for important contacts with Baptist groups and leaders in Central Europe. His wife, Betty, is not only his efficient secretary, but she can also write colorful articles about the Austrian mission fields, as the accompanying account about the Christmas carol, "Holy Night", clearly demonstrates. Dr. and Mrs. Appel are making their residence in Salzburg, Austria. We are grateful to both of them for their appreciated contributions to the "Baptist Herald".

—EDITOR.

that it was again sung. The words went straight to the hearts of the congregation, and have since stirred the hearts of the world. The original church in which the music was written no longer stands, but in its place is a beautiful memorial chapel, where each Christmas Eve hundreds of people gather outside its doors to hear the message of this song of love, God's love for all men.

CITY OF SALZBURG

The city of Salzburg itself is, indeed, a blessed city. She gave us Mozart. The charm and style of the works of this great musician will remain immortal. It would be difficult to find another city in the world where the works of men and of nature harmonize so happily. Surrounded by majestic mountains, Salzburg is a city of unusual beauty, crowned for all time by the great fortress of Hohensalzburg.

Each of the nine provinces of Austria has its own peculiar beauty and character, and much could be written to describe them. But an article on Austria would not be complete without some mention of the beautiful province of Tyrol, called the "Land in the Mountains" because from north to south the whole territory consists of mountainous country which never descends to the level of the plains.

THE AUSTRIAN TYROL

There is no monotony in the Tyrol, for within its boundaries one comes across sudden changes in scenery as well as climate. Its inhabitants, dialects, customs, methods of building houses and of agriculture differ from valley to valley, and often from village to village. Many houses in the villages

are decorated with frescoes depicting religious scenes, and below them appear 400-year-old sundials.

Sometimes huddled together, sometimes loosely scattered, the houses on the farms are grouped about the church, whose slender tower with Gothic spire or baroque dome seems to gather together the surrounding buildings. The onion-shaped spires of many of the churches reflect a Byzantine architectural influence that was brought into Austria from Venice in the 17th century. Wayside chapels and shrines, with murals of the saints adorning them, are a familiar sight in the Austrian Tyrol.

GREAT CITY OF VIENNA

But Vienna, the capital of the country, is the essence of all that is found in other parts of Austria. This ancient and at the same time ever-modern metropolis is one of the leading cultural centers of the world. Situated on the Danube River, it is at the same time a city and a landscape. In the course of centuries of development, all recognized building periods and styles have contributed towards beautifying this wondrous city.

It is to these that Vienna is indebted for such wonderful products of architectural beauty as St. Stephens Cathedral; the Opera House; the magnificent Ringstrasse, one of the most beautiful boulevards in the world; and many other fine buildings and monuments. Great architects, men of letters and famous composers have lived and worked in Vienna, and many of the works of art are the reflection of their own great personalities.

Amidst all this magnificent beauty and culture in Austria, there is a glory far surpassing that seen in nature and tradition.

On a recent Sunday afternoon in the University City of Graz in southeastern Austria, a group of believers gathered for a quiet, meaningful service. In the midst of the group stood fifteen adults, their faces aglow with the radiance of heaven. Having professed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, they awaited the experience of baptism. An opportunity being given for an expression of faith, a sweet old lady promptly responded with a glowing testimony, followed by another. Then the voices in unison answered "I do" to the question, "Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and is your Savior?"

MISSIONARY HARVESTS

The beauty of the scenery outside was forgotten in the spiritual joy, as those gathered remembered that heaven rejoices "over one sinner that repenteth." This is the fruit of the ministry of one of our devoted missionaries as he faithfully tells the glad tidings of salvation.

In the dominantly Catholic province of Tyrol where the tolling of the

QUOTABLES

True faith never returns home with an empty basket.

Those who aim to do nothing always hit it.

If Christ is kept outside something must be wrong inside.

—Compiled by
John E. Southard.

church bells marks out the year according to the festivals of the church, a humble missionary of the Gospel is constantly traveling from village to village availing himself of every opportunity to tell the story of Christ's redeeming love. Wherever a ready listener is found, our missionary bears witness.

Occasionally contact is made by lending a helping hand to a farmer, who in the threat of a storm might be hastening to harvest his crop of hay, and so welcomes the offer of a passer-by who proves to be a servant of God. Such contacts often result in opening a way for a quiet time of Bible study and meditation with the family in the evening.

BAPTIST MISSION FIELDS

This ministry in the Tyrol is one of several under the guidance of our Salzburg Church and on a recent Sun-



The "Silent Night, Holy Night" Memorial Chapel (right) at Oberndorf near Salzburg, visited by hundreds of people on Christmas Eve to sing carols and to hear the message of this song of God's love for all men.

day morning it was the joy of the church to welcome into its fellowship by baptism the first convert to unite with them from the Tyrol.

The first Baptist convert in Austria was a Bible Society colporteur living in Vienna, who through his faithful testimony gathered a group about him. This group eventually organized into our Mollardgasse Baptist Church in Vienna, the first Baptist Church in Austria, which today is an active, well-organized church with a number of mission stations in eastern Austria.

During the troubled war years of the past, this church ministered to hundreds of refugees from many neighboring lands, and was among the first to welcome the Hungarian refugees coming into Austria during the uprising of October 1956. It was in this church that we celebrated our first Austrian Christmas in 1956. On Christmas Day Pastor Appel was privileged to minister at the morning service.

HUNGARIAN REFUGEES

At its close our Hungarian friends requested that he bring the message at their afternoon Christmas service. The service was one that we shall not soon forget. The strains of melodies, well-known in our Baptist churches, pealed forth as a young Hungarian lad sat at the organ playing familiar hymns. What a joy it was to hear these refugee folk singing in their native tongue hymns which were so familiar to us! There followed a few numbers by a male octet, and how heartily they sang, despite the sadness in their hearts! One of their numbers was an old familiar hymn from our "Glaubensharfe," "Hier ist mein Herz," (Here Is My Heart).

Pastor Appel stood on the pulpit with a fine Baptist pastor from Budapest, Hungary, who acted as interpreter. A roll call revealed that 15 Hungarian Baptist churches were represented in the service. A period of prayer followed, when many poured out in praise and petition the deepest longings of their hearts. As we listened, we knew that they were asking for the safety of loved ones left behind and for guidance for the future.

As there is the poetry of beauty in the magnificent views that we see about us in Austria, so is there the poetry of happiness that we see in the lives of those who come to know the Lord Jesus Christ.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Christmas Poems for Inspirational Reading

Awake, Glad Heart

Awake, glad heart! Get up and sing!
It is the birthday of thy King!
Awake! Awake!

A concert make . . .
And let, once more, by mystic birth,
The Lord of life be born in earth.
—Henry Vaughan, of Wales, 1650

Christmas Thanksgiving

By Dr. H. von Berge of Dayton, Ohio

May the wondrous Christmas story
Of the birth of Christ, our Lord,
Fill our hearts with true thanksgiving,
And may songs of grateful joy be heard.

O be it spread over all the earth,
This story of Jesus, our Savior's birth!

And as angels high in heaven
Gather round our Savior's throne,
They too are joining our rejoicing
O'er him who made us all his own.
Christmas is not but a joy on earth,
Angels in heav'n too adore his birth.

Fear Not

This was God's message to earth's
weary nations

On that first Christmas morn:
"Fear not for unto you I give a Savior;
This day the Christ is born."

And still the words are ringing down
the ages

Above the world's despair;
Fear not, for unto you is born a Savior,
And here is rest from care.

And here is free and plenteous re-
demption

For all the sins of men;
Beauty of flame among their dead,
gray ashes,
From death, new life again.

And here is light for those who sit in
darkness,

And joy for those who mourn;
And here is peace amid the world's
disquiet,

Fear not; the Christ is born.

—Annie Johnson Flint

'Tis Christmas

'Tis Christmas in the fields of snow,
'Tis Christmas where the palm trees
grow

For every land and people, lo,
'Tis Christmas.

What other day in all the year
Can flood the human heart with cheer,
And bring together there and here
Like Christmas?

What other day can make us blind
To all the petty woes behind,
And move with love to all mankind
Like Christmas?



A full-page, full-color insert appearing in CHRISTMAS (see page of Book Reviews) with its illustrated message of a Christmas carol.

It brightens Scrooge, so cold and grim,
It brightens Fred and Tiny Tim,
"God bless us all!" we say with him,
'Tis Christmas.

'Tis Christmas, yet there must be some
Who stand 'mid jubilation dumb,
To whom there never seems to come
A Christmas.

And so I vow, not once a year,
But every day to someone near
I'll make the star to reappear
For Christmas.

—Robert Freeman

Christmas

The first great Christmas gift to men
Was hung upon a tree;
It was not by a fireside,
Where only those could see
Who near of kin or friendship were,
And gifts exchanged would be;
But out upon a mountain side
For all the world to see.

He gave his all, his life, his blood,
That men redeemed might be;
Then what can man give in exchange
For love so boundless, free?
The debt of sin, he paid it all,
Naught in ourselves have we,
Nothing to bring unto our King.
Maker, Redeemer, he.

Our hearts, if emptied of this world,
Filled with his love shall be;
Our hands, if free from selfish toil,

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Treasures in heaven are laid
up only as treasures on earth are
laid down."

Filled with his tasks shall be;
Our sin-sick souls, if brought to him,
Shall pure and cleansed be.
What shall I render unto God
For all his gifts to me?
This only do: Call on his Name,
"Accept salvation free!"

—Watchman-Examiner

My Christmas Prayer

Let not our hearts be busy inns
That have no room for thee,
But cradles for the living Christ
And his nativity.

Still driven by a thousand cares,
The pilgrims come and go;
The hurried caravans press on,
The inns are crowded so!

Here are the rich and busy ones,
With things that must be sold;
No room for helpless hands within
This hostelry of gold.

Yet hunger dwells within these walls,
These shining walls and bright,
And blindness groping here and there
Without a ray of light!

Oh, lest we starve, and lest we die
In our stupidity,
Come, Holy Child, within and share
Our hospitality.

Let not our hearts be busy inns
That have no room for thee,
But cradles for the living Christ
And his nativity.

—Ralph Cushman

Hail Him, Immanuel

Silently, softly, slowly,
Darkness was put to flight
When in resplendent glory
Angels in clouds of white
Sang the most wondrous anthems
Ever heard on this earth,
No age can dim those tidings
Of the dear Christ Child's birth.

Peace on the earth forever,
Jesus has come to dwell
With sinful, earth-born children,
Hail him, Immanuel!

Jesus, divine yet human,
To thee our songs we sing,
Blest name above all others,
All lands shall hail thee, King.
Hark all ye Christian people,
Tell all the sons of men:
To you is born a Savior.
Sing and rejoice again.

Peace on the earth forever.
Jesus has come to dwell
With sinful, earth-born children,
Hail him, Immanuel!

—Marie C. Turk



Cameroons' missionaries and their children in their most recent group picture with the Bamenda Baptist Church in the background. Some of these missionaries are now at home on furlough. —Photo by Laura E. Reddig

BEGINNINGS OF A MID-WIFERY TRAINING PROGRAM

By Miss Eleanor Weisenburger

Missionary-Nurse at the Banso Baptist Hospital, Africa

AS I WAVED goodbye to our second set of pupil midwives at Banso, Cameroons, on their way to their government examination a few days ago. I suddenly realized that this indeed was an answer to prayer. Three years ago we were told by the Principal Medical Officer that we would not be allowed to have a training school because another Mission already has such a school two miles from here.

DIFFICULT BEGINNINGS

A change of administration and the prayers of many, who were burdened for a midwifery training program at Banso Baptist Hospital, were instrumental in bringing about the unexpected. On February 15, 1956 the training program was officially started with nine pupils. Three of the girls had already spent two years with us; four had been with us one year; and one was a new entry. All were grouped together in one class for lectures, and the more experienced of the group had the most difficult task.

They had to begin to unlearn a number of things and ways they had learned before, because they were being prepared to face government examiners who are all trained in England. Many new spellings had to be learned. For example, the word "labor" now became "labour." The new, rather regimented schedule of work sometimes became almost too much for in that all of us sometimes longed for the instructor and pupils alike, and I'm sure former "easygoing," carefree days.

A number of heartaches attended

our first efforts. A few months after the training program started, there was a violent clash of personalities between our trained Baptist midwife and one of the pupils. We employed all of our textbook methods of Christian counselling and felt quite relieved, when after some weeks, all seemed to go well. Six months later we discovered that the matter had not been settled at all; so we employed a very drastic measure. The pupil midwife was transferred away from the Maternity Department. The next day she wrote a letter of confession and apology to the midwife and all was settled.

HEARTACHES AND JOYS

Just before Christmas, our one and only Baptist pupil suddenly and without notice went home and did not return. We had spent many extra hours of patient teaching with her in the hopes that she would be the first girl to take over one of our Baptist Maternity Centers.

All worries and heartaches suddenly seemed very small when at the end of April of this year we heard that our first two candidates who took their government examination in March were successful. One of the girls is now serving at our very busy Belo Maternity Center, the other is with us here in Banso. The two girls and all of us praised God for this small but good beginning.

The candidates for Midwifery training must, first of all, meet government requirement for entry, which is a Standard Six (Grade Eight) pass certi-

ficate. Our Mission requirement is that they must have a recommendation from their church. We are very happy that one of our new pupils in the 1957 class of five is a Baptist girl, the daughter of one of our church teachers.

TRAINING PROGRAM

The training period is two years, during which time the girls take elementary courses in anatomy and nursing and very detailed studies in Midwifery. They are required to deliver and nurse thirty maternity cases and their babies. All three of the pupils who are doing their examination have now delivered over a hundred babies. If successful, they receive a Grade II Midwives Certificate which qualifies them to be in complete charge of a Maternity Center, caring for women during the prenatal period, during and after delivery.

The purpose of our training program can be summed up in the words of one of our pupils. "Many mothers and babies are dying needlessly in our country. I wish to be trained so as to relieve this suffering, and teach the mothers how to bring up their babies in the better, Christian fashion." Every one of our 543 mothers who delivered here at Banso Hospital last year heard the Word of God who alone can give life as they attended prenatal clinics and as they were nursed in the hospital. Our prayer is that the Word may bring forth much fruit in the lives of the mothers and through them in the little ones who breathed their first breath of life here.

GOD'S VOLUNTEERS "INVADE" OREGON

First Report of "God's Volunteers" in Action

By Mrs. Shirley Roehl

FIRST IMPRESSIONS of anyone or anything are always very interesting and often amusing.

About August 10th, all of us received letters of acceptance and the names of the others who had been accepted for "God's Volunteers." Immediately we tried to picture the persons with whom we knew we would soon be working in Christ's service.

SEMINARY TRAINING DAYS

Early in September we started "invading" the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and making our first impressions. Vi Rau from "Sunny California" was the first to arrive. Her first impression of the seminary was that it was a lonely, quiet place, since no one was there to let her in the building. Soon someone came and did let her in. Then she found the place wasn't as quiet as she had thought, and as time went on it became more lively.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Roehl from North Dakota arrived next, and they and Vi made their acquaintance. Lily Boymook of Manitoba and Leona Hoffman of Saskatchewan came together to make the group almost complete. "Last but not least," also from North Dakota, LeRoy Kiemele arrived just in time for our first breakfast together. What a thrill finally to have our team together with our Director, Rev. Elmer C. Strauss. All of us gave our testimony telling how God had called us to this work, and it was a real blessing to all of us!

SCHEDULE OF "GOD'S VOLUNTEERS" WITH REV. ELMER E. STRAUSS, DIRECTOR

Dec. 8-15—Southwood Park Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.
Dec. 16-22—Christmas Recess.
Dec. 29, 1957 - Jan. 12, 1958—Upper Bay Baptist Church, Santa Ana Heights, Calif.
Jan. 14-26, 1958—Magnolia Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif.

Our class sessions started September 9th and continued for four wonderful weeks. Our classes were very inspiring and helpful to us, and the training we received has been a great help in our work. We not only enjoyed the classes but also the fellowship which we shared in the chapel periods, the delicious meals and fun at the table, and the recreation and talking sessions which were most memorable.

FIRST PRACTICAL WORK

On October 6th we started the last phase of our training and practical work. This was done at the Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. During this week most of us had our first experiences in personal and visitation evangelism. We also held evening services in which we took part by leading the song service, giving testimonies, and furnishing special music. We also had two children's rallies which we enjoyed very much. Dur-

ing the four weeks of classes, we also took part in church services in the vicinity of Sioux Falls.

Naturally, all of us were eager to get to Portland, Oregon, and begin our first campaign. We had quite a time getting our bags packed again, since we all seemed to have accumulated many things during our stay in Sioux Falls. Finally we managed to cram our suitcases shut and, after our last breakfast with the students at the seminary, LeRoy Kiemele and Floyd Roehl packed and squeezed the bags into the rack at the top of the station wagon. After the last goodbyes and a time of prayer with Rev. Henry Pfeifer, the Strauss family and six eager "Volunteers" were on their way to Oregon.

ARRIVAL IN PORTLAND

The trip was a wonderful one for all of us. As we drove through the mountains, we couldn't help but sing, "How Great THOU Art," since all around us was the glory of God's greatness.

Thursday afternoon, Oct. 10th, we reached the beautiful city of Portland. How good it was to see the churches and people with whom we would be working for several weeks! We are grateful for all the prayer partners who are standing behind us in prayer and with their financial support.

BAPTIST BRIEFS

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the church-operated Hotel Salisbury, where the pastorial facilities are located.

● **Baptist Joint Committee.** W. Barry Garrett, Jr., editor of the **Baptist Beacon** at Phoenix, Arizona, has been named associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. Dr. C. Emanuel Carlson, director of the committee which serves six major Baptist conventions in the United States on public affairs matters particularly pertaining to church-state relations, announced that the Rev. Mr. Garrett will begin work January 1, 1958. "Mr. Garrett has a splendid background for this work," Dr. Carlson said. "As an editor and writer he has become known for his thoughtful analyses of denominational life. He has been particularly interested in the meaning of the Christian life as it is related to national and world affairs." Born in Oklahoma and educated at Baylor University and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Mr. Garrett served as pastor of churches in Texas, Indiana, the Carolinas, and Arizona before becoming editor of the Arizona state Baptist weekly ten years ago.

CHURCH EXTENSION AT ST. CATHARINES, ONT.

By Rev. Frank Friesen, Denominational Interim Pastor



Rev. Frank Friesen (behind the pulpit) and the Board of the Immanuel Baptist Church, St. Catharines, Ontario (left). In the center picture the decorations for the Harvest and Mission Festival are shown. The church's youth group is pictured at the right with Rev. Frank Friesen.

MY FIRST assignment as a denominational interim pastor was to go to the Immanuel Baptist Church of St. Catharines, Ont., leaving Chicago on Monday evening, September 30. I wondered what this country in Ontario would be like, since I had been told that it was a very cold place. I was therefore prepared for the worst.

But what a surprise I received when I arrived in Ontario! I wasn't quite sure if I was in Oregon or in California or here in Canada. Everywhere I looked I saw apple trees, peach and pear trees and large vineyards with many men and women cutting the ripe grapes. So I felt at home in Ontario, with beautiful sunshine thrown in.

ST. CATHARINES

St. Catharines is a city in Ontario with a population of about 50,000, located near Lake Ontario. It is a city that is growing very fast. It has many vineyards and fruit orchards and large buildings projects. It is a city of many new homes. It also has quite a number of new factories, among them being the General Motors factory which is working three shifts a day. There are several large fruit processing plants where many people find employment.

It is likewise a city in which many languages are spoken, such as French, Polish, Russian, German, Spanish, and English. During the past 20 to 25 years, there has been a large wave of immigration of German-speaking people from Europe and Asia into this part of Canada. Most of these are firm believers in churches, among them being many Mennonites and Baptists.

BAPTIST CHURCH ORGANIZED

The larger of these groups are the Mennonites, but, in addition, there are also numerous German Baptists. Some beautiful churches have been built in

the city. The German Baptists have come from Germany, Poland, and Russia. Until this time, they have worshipped with other denominations, such as the Mennonites in their churches, and some have gone to Canadian Baptist Churches.

But there has always been a desire in the hearts of some of them to organize a North American Baptist church. At first, some of these families met in their homes. A number of Baptist ministers helped them, among them being Rev. Mr. Gutsche from Poland, who is serving a Russian Baptist Church in the city. In this way the Baptist church moved from place to place, and finally bought a house where they met for a while.

It was about this time that the Mission Committee of the Eastern Conference became interested in the group, and for some time Rev. John Wahl from the Hamilton church nearby served them. The church was organized as a member of the North Amer-

ican Baptist Conference on Feb. 24, 1957. The Church Extension Committee has now taken over the work. Special mention should be made of the fine work done by our general missionary secretary, Rev. R. Schilke, in helping them get started. With the help of the Extension Committee, they have now called a full-time pastor. It was my joy to serve as interim pastor of the church to the time of the coming of Rev. Alexander Hart, of Prince Rupert, British Columbia.

NEW PASTOR ARRIVES

It was during my term as interim pastor in St. Catharines, that they were able to rent a Seventh Day Adventist Church on 298 Scott Street. It is a fine building with room for about 160 people in the main auditorium. This will be their meeting place for some months to come, thus giving them time to grow and to look for a building site of their own. Rev. Alexander Hart took over his duties as pastor on November 10. At 3:00 on that Sunday afternoon he was given a reception to which the German-speaking churches were invited.

CHURCH EXTENSION

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CHURCH EXTENSION

The question sometimes is asked whether Church Extension pays. If you could have been with me during these four weeks in St. Catharines, I am sure that you would come to the same conclusion that I have reached. It is a real thrill to see how thankful the people are for the help that we are giving them. So "let us not become weary in well doing." I believe the future of the St. Catharines Church is promising. Many people are still coming from Western Canada to be added to the encouraging numbers of our North American Baptist people already in this city.



Rev. R. Schilke (left), general mission secretary, turns over the station wagon keys for use by "God's Volunteers" in traveling to the West Coast to Mr. Floyd Roehl.



Some of the members and friends of our Baptist Church in Saskatoon, Sask., following a Sunday morning service, with Gunter E. Rochow, pastor, at extreme left.

You Were Asking About Saskatoon!

A New Look at Our Church Extension Field in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

By Gunter E. Rochow, Student Pastor

SASKATOON is only another city which has grown up in Canada under the strong influx of population within the present century. In 1903, for instance, Saskatoon was a village of 113 people clustered around the banks of the South Saskatchewan River. Now it is a city of 75,000.

Statistics show the remarkable increase of 10,000 in our population during the past two years. Do you understand why our North American Baptist leaders followed the "Macedonian call" to aid in the spiritual rehabilitation program of thousands of new residents of Saskatoon? Saskatoon is YOUR

Church Extension field.

You have already been introduced to some of the early facts about Church Extension work in Saskatoon, so I shall not try to weary you with repetition. But, before I forget, Saskatoon is only a day's journey east of Edmonton, Alberta, where you will go for our 1958 General Conference sessions. Why not plan to be with us on Sunday, July 20, the day before the conference begins? The impressions which you will gain on such a visit to your Church Extension field will not be able to compete with my description, even if it were the best.

However, I fully realize that many of you will not be able to take your way through Saskatoon. For your benefit, we will have to make a second choice. My words and the accompanying photographs will have to be your guide to our mission field.

EMPLOYMENT OPENINGS

First, let us make some general remarks about our environment. Centrally located in the populated southern part of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon marks the crossroads of the Canadian prairies. Agriculture dominates industrial pursuits within a wide circle around Saskatoon.

The city itself enjoys the pleasant reputation of being host to one of America's leading universities, the University of Saskatchewan, and I do not suppose that this reputation claims too much. In connection with the local university, a famous medical research center has grown up which has already established the name of Saskatoon far beyond its borders. Even though Saskatoon's industry is still in its infant stages, officials of the NES (National Employment Services) listed Saskatoon highest in Canada during 1957 with respect to employment openings.

Now, all these factors together account to some extent for the unusually high increase in population. In the future, Saskatoon's prospects appear to be still more glorious, as large industrial firms acquire property in the immediate vicinity of the city.

FORTY-ONE MEMBERS

Our missionary activities are chiefly directed to the German-speaking population. Immigrants from Germany are numerous and receptive to "back-to-the-Bible" preaching. Three baptismal services have been held within the past two years of the church's existence. The charter membership of

twelve has increased to 41. We praise the Lord for each of these souls.

Besides our own members, we enjoy the fellowship of many regular friends of the church. The First German Baptist Church is not, however, a church purely composed of immigrants, as you might have guessed. Several Canadian born young people, who either work in the city or attend the university, hold their membership here. Thus we all praise our Lord and Savior in the unity of the faith, although in diversity of "tongues" and manners. It is not uncommon that in a German service young people stand up to sing—but they sing in English.

A BUSY CHURCH GROUP

The field of service is continually expanding with new doors opening. Shall we not enter in? We are grateful to know that the Lord not only provides a field of service, but laborers also—and all that to glorify his own Name among the people. From the midst of our 41 members and many loyal friends, a choir supports the spoken word, a brass choir of 16 players presently prepares for future service, ten consecrated and responsible members (not to say young people, for most of them are the older members of the congregation such as the deacons, trustees, and Sunday School teachers) volunteer in visitation evangelism, and others function in various fields, such as the Young People's group, the Sunday School, the "Jung Schar," a Ladies'

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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.)

Is not eating in the church forbidden by I Corinthians 11:22 and 34, which asks, "Have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God? . . . And if any man hunger, let him eat at home."

The verses have little or nothing to do with the question of whether it is right or wrong to eat a meal (or anything else) in the church. Actually, if the entire passage is read and the historical situation is known, it will be apparent that eating meals in the church during the time of the apostles was the commonly accepted thing. What Paul is speaking about here concerns various abuses in connection with this practice, especially as it affects the observance of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper.

It was the general practice among Christians in the first century to have a love-feast or common meal before the participation in the communion service. Certain disorders arose with respect to these gatherings, which Paul is here seeking to correct, particularly in view of the unfortunate effects these abuses had upon the administration of the ordinance.

Some of the abuses included gluttony, greed and class distinctions between the rich and the poor. Original-

nally it was meant to be a common meal in which the rich and poor ate alike, regardless of what food they brought or were unable to bring. But these love-feasts, where Christian charity toward the poor was supposed to be exercised, became intemperate and scandalous affairs where the wealthy gorged themselves and the needy Christians went hungry. And this selfish revelry naturally affected the proper and sacred observance of the communion service which was held in conjunction with it.

Aside from the aspect of social divisions (I Cor. 11:17,17), the people were coming together only, or mostly, to eat, not to partake of the holy ordinance (verses 20,21). Although the love-feasts were later discontinued, Paul is not here forbidding them. He is telling them to satisfy their hunger at home before coming to the church so that they do not disgrace themselves by self-indulgence (v. 22). He is also urging them to wait for one another and to share their food with each other without class distinctions, thus making it a truly common meal, as it was originally intended (verses 33,34). Otherwise, what should be a means of mutual good will and friend-

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—Photo by Saskatoon Board of Trade
Second Avenue or the main street in Saskatoon, Sask., a city of 75,000 population which is becoming famous as "the crossroads of the Canadian prairies."

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We the Women

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

INTRODUCTION

Space does not permit lengthy remarks, but as we read this Christmas article so beautifully written by the wife of our Executive Secretary, Dr. Frank Woyke, may we breathe a prayer of "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good New Year!"

C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S

By Mrs. Frank Woyke

C is for Christmas and all that it means,
H is for Holly and other such greens,
R is for Ribbons on gifts we have tied,
I is for Icicles on windows outside,
S is for Santa with presents for all,
T is for Trees so straight and so tall,
M is for Merry, the spirit we love,
A is for Angels in heaven above,
S is for Savior born in a stall,
May we give him our time, our love,
our all!

Through the years Christmas has come to mean so many different things to so many people that it would be easy for almost anyone to take the word "Christmas", and make up his own acrostic.

"C" for example, could be for "cookies" or "candy" or "candles." "T" could be for "toys" or "trimmings." "M" could be for "mistletoe" or "mittens." "M" could also be for "money."

How closely money has become associated with Christmas! In this modern day and age most gifts are bought. And because we want to give more generously than our means, gift-buying has become a chore rather than a pleasure.

What a contrast this is to the Christmases past. People then had the same desire to give generously, but money had very little to do with it.

Rather, they gave generously of their time and their love. It took time to embroider that pillow case or knit those socks and mittens. A lot of love and care went into those gifts.

Well, of course, times have changed and we can't turn back the clock. We no longer live in the horse-and-buggy age but in the atomic age. But let's not make it the aspirin age, too! Let's resolve not to be so frantic this Christmas. Let's not rush around so much. Let's not make the unimportant things important. Let's put more care into the planning and selection of a gift than into the amount it costs.

Once I received a little gift with this message enclosed and I have never forgotten it:

This little gift I here enclose
And though not much you'll find it,
I hope you like it for the sake
Of all the love behind it!

Church Giving for 1957

Statistics show that the North American Baptist General Conference is 13th among all United States churches in per capita giving for all purposes.

FOR THE FIRST TIME in history total giving by churches in the United States has passed the two billion dollar mark. Contributions, for all purposes totaling \$2,041,908,161 were reported this year by 52 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church bodies, for an all-time record. Of this total \$1,655,039,930—or 81.1 per cent—was reported for local congregational expenses (ministers' salaries, building maintenance, fuel and light). Benevolences—including foreign and home missions and overseas relief, totaled \$386,868,231—or 18.9 per cent.

Forty-one of the 62 bodies reported comparable figures both this year and last, the Rev. Thomas K. Thompson

declared announcing the 1957 figures. He is executive director of the Department of Stewardship and Benevolence of the National Council of Churches which cooperated, as in previous years, with the Council's Department of Research and Survey in compiling the figures.

Compared with 1956, congregational expenses of the 41 bodies increased by 10.4 per cent while benevolence showed a gain of 7.5 per cent over the 1956 total. Per-member giving is also up, Mr. Thompson said. The average in the 41 bodies showed a new high of \$56.74 compared to \$52.88 last year. And all 52 bodies reported a total of \$69,609,916 given for foreign missionary work, Mr. Thompson reported.

HIGHEST PER MEMBER GIFTS—ALL PURPOSES

1. Seventh-day Adventist	\$202.02
2. Wesleyan Methodist	197.43
3. Evangelical Free Church of America	165.00
4. Free Methodist	151.23
5. Conference of Evangelical Mennonite	144.65
6. Friends, Ohio Yearly Meeting	142.08
7. Evangelical Mission Covenant Church	141.09
8. Brethren in Christ	133.08
9. Church of the Nazarene	129.94
10. Orthodox Presbyterian	126.89
11. Church of God (Anderson, Indiana)	109.92
12. United Brethren in Christ	100.84
13. North American Baptist General Conference	89.44
14. Presbyterian Church in U.S.	88.56
15. Reformed Church in America	88.56
16. The General Conference, Mennonite Church	82.18
17. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod	80.88
18. United Evangelical Lutheran Church	73.57
19. United Presbyterian Church of N.A.	73.30
20. American Lutheran	72.35

And there we have it—the very essence of Christmas—the L-O-V-E that we put behind it. Not love for money and the things that money can buy, but love for our Savior, Jesus Christ! If we truly give him our time, our love, our all, then the many concerns of our lives will fall into their proper places.

Christmas Song

Why do bells for Christmas ring?
Why do little children sing?
Once a lovely, shining Star,
Seen by shepherds from afar,
Gently moved until its light
Made a manger-cradle bright.

There a darling Baby lay
Pillowed soft upon the hay.
And his mother sang and smiled,
"This is Christ, the holy Child."

So the bells for Christmas ring,
So the little children sing.

—Lydia A. C. Ward

NEW PICTURES FOR MISSIONARY PACKET

Four new pictures have been added to the Missionary Packet of Pictures. There are now 38 pictures in the Packet. These new ones are pictures of Rev. and Mrs. David C. Keiry of the Spanish-American field in Colorado; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Maier and Mr. Joseph Hufnagel of the Indian Mission in Alberta; and Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moore of Japan. If you have secured a Packet recently (for the past year or two) and would like to add these 4 pictures to your collection or exhibit, then please write to N. A. B. Headquarters, 7308 Madison St., Forest Park, Illinois, with your request. Otherwise send \$1.00 for the entire and complete Missionary Packet of Pictures (38 pictures).

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

Plan Now for a Wonderful, Blessed Christmas!

By Miss Ruth Bathauer, Children's Worker

"Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing . . ."

AGAIN at this Christmas season as strains of Christmas carols float out over the air and we lustily sing, "Let every heart prepare him room . . .", let us evaluate plans for our homes to see that we are preparing room for Christ. This is a wonderful time for the Sunday School and the home to work together in building a rich Christian heritage for the boys and girls of our denomination.

THE CHRISTMAS HERITAGE

Can you remember when for you the air fairly tingled with excitement at the Christmas season? Do you remember the small cookies and cakes baking mixed with the smell of fir trees and apples? Finally Christmas Eve arrived and you and your family were bundled up into the car and went to church. As you looked up at the stars twinkling in the clear sky, you thought of another night many years ago when a star stood over another family in a stable where the Christ-child was born. You were thrilled that you and the members of your family could go to church together to worship him. You had a rich heritage, didn't you? We owe that heritage to our boys and girls today. Christmas is a time for the family.

How may the church and home work together at this season to place the proper spiritual emphasis upon Christmas? First of all, at the local Workers' Conference plan to have four to six couples, who are parents, share some of their Christmas traditions and customs. This could be done through a panel discussion. Some churches may prefer to do this on a Sunday night early in December.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Departmental superintendents may be most helpful if they will all work together and plan to have all departments and classes hold their Christmas parties on the same evening or same Saturday afternoon. If the parties are in the evening, arrangements should be made to begin and to close early for the benefit of families with young children. The parties may be held in the respective room of the various departments. Some of the younger children will enjoy making and hanging decorations for their "own" tree in their department.

Christmas should be made meaning-

children might learn the more simple carols.

Set aside an evening for playing and listening to some of the favorite Christmas records. Sing Christmas carols as a family. Read one of the old famous Christmas stories.

Some of the Sunday School manuals give suggestions for beautiful worship services to be used by the family in the home on Christmas Eve. Families should be encouraged to use worship opportunities, using the story from Luke and singing Christmas carols before opening their own gifts on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day.

The following home worship service may be adapted to fit the needs of your own family.

A SERVICE OF LIGHTS

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Place three candles on a table. If there are children they may share in the turning off of lights and lighting candles, while the family sings together one stanza of "O Little Town of Bethlehem." (Parent or older child may read the poems.)

Light first candle.

CHRISTMAS STORY, read by a parent. Luke 2:1-20

Light second candle.

The night was dark, the night was

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Book Reviews

By DR. DONALD G. DAVIS, of Los Angeles, Calif.
(Except those marked otherwise)



THE DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL CHURCH by Vernon R. Kraft (Moody Press); 128 pages; paper; \$1.50.

This little manual, while not claiming to be definitive, will be found to be a very practical guide in its field. Pastors would profit from a careful reading of this book, whether or not their churches are large enough to need directors of Christian education, for the well-rounded program of church activity is carefully set forth, and many pastors must perforce handle the education in their charges.

HEICHER FILING SYSTEM by M. K. W. Heicher (Baker Book House); cloth; 95 pages; \$2.00.

The author, editor of (Dorans) *Ministers Manual*, presents here a simplified filing system for ministers, missionaries, church school teachers, and other church workers. Following introductory instructions as to filing materials, two tables occupy most of the book. The first lists in alphabetical order nearly a thousand numbered subjects. The second lists the same subjects in numerical order. The book closes with pages for a record of sermons and addresses delivered. Some system is necessary for Christian workers, and happy is the man who chooses a good one early. Here is one.

THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS by Gleason L. Archer (Baker Book House); paper; 108 pages; \$1.50.

This would appear to be the first in a series of the paper bound *Shield Bible Study Series*. The plan followed results in a brief introduction, a five page outline of the book, and 94 pages of expanded outline. The work is scholarly and yet usable for midweek services, Bible classes, and assemblies.

THE GIST OF THE LESSON by Ralph G. Turnbull (Fleming H. Revell Co.); cloth; 160 pages; 75c.

This concise commentary on the International Bible Lessons, edited for many years by Dr. Reuben A. Torrey, has found a wide use among teachers and students. The book is pocket size and confines each lesson to three pages, including the printed text. Those who are seeking a brief but careful treatment and division of the lesson will appreciate this work.

THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS by Johannes Schneider. (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.) cloth; 139 pages; \$2.50.

The author is Dean of the Theolog-

ical Faculty of the University of Berlin, the only Baptist, and a warm evangelical, on that Lutheran staff. The translation is by Dr. William A. Mueller of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This is not a commentary in the usual sense, for it does not follow the verse by verse plan. The text is rather printed section by section and then discussed. With subdivisions the material is gathered into three sections, "The Uniqueness of the Divine Bearer of Revelation" (1:1-4-4:13), "The Person and Work of the High Priest Jesus Christ" (4:14-10:18), and "Admonitions to Fidelity in the Faith" (10:19-12:29), and ending with "Concluding Words" (13). This reviewer sat in the classrooms of the University of Berlin in the summer of 1926, when the higher criticism was at its height there—how refreshing this exposition from the same institution!

INTERPRETING REVELATION by Merrill C. Tenney (Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.) cloth; 220 pages; \$3.50.

The dean of the graduate school at Wheaton College is the author of this excellent handbook to the book of Revelation. Only some 56 pages are devoted to exposition. Excellent discussions will be found in chapters on introduction, Old Testament background, Christology, terminology, symbolism, and meaning for the present day. The various methods of interpreting the book are presented, the author favoring the futurist view. The bearing of the book on the various approaches to interpreting the millennium is also



A stained glass window from the Conrad Pickel Studio, appearing on the cover of **CHRISTMAS, an American Annual of Christmas Literature and Art, Volume 27.** (See review on this page.)

ably presented. Students of the book of Revelation will want to add this work to their libraries.

HE RESTORETH MY SOUL. Compiled and edited by Rev. H. G. Dymmel (privately printed). 74 pages. 50 cents per copy. (Order from Rev. H. G. Dymmel, 4828 Iowa St., Chicago 51, Ill.)

In this beautifully bound book selling for only 50 cents, the editor has compiled 60 versions of the 23rd Psalm, and he has included several of his own translations and one by his wife. This is an amazingly interesting and spiritually enriching book. You will find it thrilling to compare the Indian version with various modern translations. Included are hymns and poems based on the 23rd Psalm, such as those by Isaac Watts, James S. Montgomery, Clement of Alexandria, and Henry Van Dyke. "The Materialist's Version" is a scathing satire on our modern life. Brother Dymmel has given us a free translation of the Psalm in St. Paul's words and idiom on "My Lord." Another version is entitled "God's Fellowship" which reveals Brother Dymmel's striking language and colorful imagery: "Thou makest me an honoured guest; thou quickenest me when bushed. Indeed, thy goodness and kindness are in hot pursuit of me, and my lines have fallen in pleasant places." The reviewer has read this booklet at least a dozen times, and it sparkles with new truth and revelation with every reading. Get your copy AT ONCE. (Reviewed by M. L. L.)

CHRISTMAS, VOLUME 27. Edited by Randolph E. Haugan. (Augsburg Publishing House.) 68 pages. \$1.25 for Gift Edition, paper; \$3.00 for Library DeLuxe Edition, Bound in gift box.

From the distinctive cover of this magnificent Christmas Annual (10 3/4 by 13 3/4 inches) to the specially commissioned music, **CHRISTMAS** captures the moods of the season and festival in a rich variety of picture, story, poetry, music, and art. For the past 20 years I have not missed an edition of **CHRISTMAS**, but this volume for 1957 is especially inspiring. The Bible story of the first Christmas is magnificently illustrated. The Christmas customs of various lands and peoples are beautifully described in "International Christmas Trees." You will be thrilled by the account of the Christmas decorations in John Wanamaker's Department Store in Philadelphia, Pa., with the emphasis on Scriptural truths. The article on the "Royal Copenhagen Christmas Plates" made in Denmark was a fascinating story for me. This **CHRISTMAS** Annual will enrich your holidays with beauty, truth and melody. You will come back to this beautiful volume again and again and regard this as the best investment you have ever made in your Christmas reading adventures. (Reviewed by M. L. L.)

What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Miller of Parma Ohio, have announced the birth of a daughter on Oct. 17 who has been named Elizabeth Anne. Mr. Miller is the pastor of the Parma Heights Baptist Church in the Cleveland area.

● On Saturday afternoon, November 2, Rev. Harold F. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and Miss Marjorie Mae Fehr of Grand Forks, N. Dak., were married at the Grace Baptist Church of Grand Forks. The former Miss Fehr is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eilert Fehr of Grand Forks and a sister of Dr. Peter Fehr, medical missionary-apointee for the Cameroons Mission Field, who will be leaving with his family for Africa after the 1958 General Conference sessions.

● Rev. Albert W. Wardin, Jr., is serving as the interim pastor of the Southwood Park Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, beginning Nov. 1, 1957. He is also serving on the faculty of the Western Baptist Conservative Theological Seminary of Portland, and last year was the interim pastor at the Bethel Church of Salem, Oregon. The former pastor of the Southwood Park Church is Rev. Frank Friesen of Forest Park, Ill., now serving as one of the denomination's interim pastors.

● The Herreid Baptist Church of Herreid, S. Dak., has extended a call to Rev. Alfred Weisser of Parkston, S. Dak., to which he has given a favorable response. He will begin his pastorate in Herreid on Jan. 1, 1958, succeeding Rev. E. S. Fenske, now of Lehr, N. Dak. Mr. Weisser has served the Parkston and Tripp Baptist Churches since 1947. Dr. John Leopoldt will continue as interim pastor at the Herreid church until Mr. Weisser's arrival.

● On Sunday, Sept. 22, the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, N. Dak., set a new attendance record in its Sunday School on Rally Day and Promotion Sunday. The total attendance was 107 with more than 40 children participating in an interesting Rally Day program. Rev. Bernard Fritzke is the pastor. Mrs. Darlene Hochhalter, reporter, wrote: "The progress being made in our Sunday School is encouraging, and we are grateful for the Lord's blessings upon us."

● Miss Ruby Schindler of Edmonton, Alberta, the former dean of women at the Christian Training Institute, is presently taking a psychiatric Nurses' Training Course at the Provincial Mental Institute in Edmonton. This will require three years of preparation. She is also engaged in practical nursing besides her studies at this government institution. Miss Schindler

stated: "There is much to learn in every way. I believe that, in psychiatric nursing, Christian witnessing plays quite a part".

● The First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta, held its Thanksgiving Sunday services on Oct. 27. With beautiful weather prevailing, a fine Sunday was enjoyed by the congregation and friends. In the morning Rev. Fred J. Knalson, pastor, brought a message on the topic, "In Everything Give Thanks". In the evening the Sunday School children presented a program of recitations, vocal numbers and playlets. The offerings for the day amounted to \$665.18 designated for denominational missionary purposes.

● Rev. F. Kenneth Goodman, Cameroons missionary and charter member of the Berean Baptist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., was the speaker at the church's fifth anniversary dinner on October 4. Mrs. Goodman greeted the guests. Mr. Goodman is currently giving a series of messages on "The Indigenous Church" at the Wednesday evening prayer meetings while attending Biola College in Los Angeles. They will return to the British Cameroons, West Africa, in February 1958 for their third term of missionary service.

● On Oct. 18, Miss Christa Lueck of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., oldest daughter of Professor and Mrs. Hugo Lueck, and Mr. Delmer Wiese, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wiese, were married at the Trinity Baptist Church of Sioux Falls, with Rev. David Draewell of Auburn, Mich., a brother-in-law of the groom, performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wiese are serving as the custodian and matron of the North American Baptist Seminary. All of the faculty and students of the Seminary and members of the Trinity Church were invited to the reception. The couple is now residing in Aberdeen, S. Dakota.

● On Sunday evening, Sept. 22, the Round Lake Baptist Church, Gladwin, Mich., shared in the silver wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schultz. The evening service was devoted to the celebration with Rev. Ernest Lautt, pastor, speaking on the topic, "Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped" (1 Sam. 7:12). The program also featured readings and musical selections. Afterwards at the reception, congratulations were expressed to the couple by various guests and representatives of the church. Among several gifts was one presented to Mr. and Mrs. Schultz by the Woman's Missionary Society.

● The Parma Heights Baptist Church near Cleveland, Ohio, has called Rev. Harold F. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., as the assistant pastor to Rev. Edwin

Miller, minister, and also as the Church Extension pastor of the Snow View Baptist Mission which has been opened by the Parma Heights Church in a nearby subdivision area. This action taken by the church has the endorsement of the denomination's Church Extension Committee which is supporting this Snow View work as a new Church Extension project. Mr. Lang is a 1957 graduate of the North American Baptist Seminary and the younger son of Dr. and Mrs. George A. Lang of Sioux Falls, S. Dakota.

● Mr. John N. Kittlitz of Waco, Tex., who suffered a slight heart attack earlier this year, has written that "through prayer and submission to the will of God, God has answered prayers, and given me a good recovery." He can look forward to following his trade and profession "instead of rocking the wheelchair". Mr. Kittlitz and his wife have been frequent attendants at all kinds of denominational conference sessions. He was the genial host of the "Welcome Wagon" at the 1955 General Conference sessions in Waco, Texas. He stated: "It is wonderful to be remembered by those who love the Lord". His address is 1900 Clay St., Waco, Texas.

● On Sunday, Sept. 29, the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas, held its annual Harvest and Mission Festival. The First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas, and the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion, Kansas, were guests of the Strassburg Church for the day. Professor Roy Seibel of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was the guest speaker at the three services. This was also a special day for the church because it was the 20th anniversary of Rev. Roy Seibel's entry into the ministry which he began in the Strassburg Church. Special missionary offerings were taken. "The day was filled with many blessings for all who attended", as reported by Donna Stenzel.

● On Sunday afternoon, Nov. 3, more than 1000 people from our Northern Alberta churches gathered at the Alberta College Auditorium for a Song Festival and Pre-General Conference Rally. Rev. E. P. Wahl, chairman of the General Arrangements Committee for the General Conference, was in charge of the program and introduced the musical numbers. These featured the brass band of the German Zion Baptist Church of Edmonton, the General Conference orchestra directed by Mr. Robert Neske and a mass choir of 150 voices directed by Rev. Edward Link. In addition, there were other musical numbers and announcements about the preparations for the General Conference sessions to be held in Edmonton from July 21 to 27, 1958. Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., brought the address on Colossians 4:16 and 23, calling on the Conference participants to "sing with grace in your hearts to the Lord".

Sunday School Lessons

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 22, 1957

Theme: **CHRIST IN THE LIKENESS OF MEN**

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-11

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: If we would be united in the spirit of Christmas as strongly as we are united in the celebration of Christmas, we would soon discover the real meaning of Christmas.

INTRODUCTION: It is a little strange to read the Christmas story in the letter to the Philippians. Perhaps it is because we love and understand the simple facts of the birth of Jesus better than the theological concept of the Incarnation. We love biography better than philosophy because it is far easier to read the story of life than to delve into the meaning of life.

The apostle Paul was not noted for writing stories for children. Even Peter had to admit that "our beloved brother Paul" had written epistles "in which are some things hard to understand" (2 Peter 3:16). Perhaps Peter had reference to some of the things in today's lesson which are suited more for the mature Christian. In addition to the Scripture lesson, it would be well to read Luke 2:8-20 for a more complete Christmas story.

I. THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

Phil. 2:1-5.

We cannot help but notice the emphasis Paul places upon the oneness of the Christian community — "like-minded . . . the same love . . . one accord . . . one mind." It was a truth which Jesus expressed in his intercessory prayer in John 17, "that they may be one, even as we are one." For a brief season of the year we practice the spirit of unitedness and of unity and then for the remainder of the year we revert to our division and dividedness. The Red Feather Agency advocates giving in a united way. Jesus came that we might live in a united way — united with him and with each other. For the true spirit of Christmas, let us unite in the "consolation in Christ", in the "comfort of love", in the "fellowship of the Spirit", and in "tender mercies and compassion." Our attitude must be threefold: humility toward self; concern for others; and seeking the mind of Christ in all things.

II. THE CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS.

Phil. 2:6-9.

This is one of the "things hard to be understood." Read all of the versions of this text in order to get the clearest meaning. Perhaps we can understand Paul's thought better if we recall the Temptation of Christ. Jesus was tempted by a great display of his power on earth to claim the divine glory

which belonged to him. By using worldly means he could have become a political Messiah and lorded it over the kingdoms of the world. In this way he could have seized, or clutched, or robbed the prize of his lordship. Instead, he took the long, bitter and sorrowful way of birth, humiliation, suffering and death. He denied himself the use of his power for his own behalf and used it in behalf of our salvation. He came not to be like man, but in the likeness of man; not in sin, but to take away sin.

III. THE FULFILLMENT OF CHRISTMAS.

Phil. 2:10-11.

The glory which Christ willingly gave up he received again with greater fulness than ever. When Jesus came on that first Christmas, he had every kingdom against him. In the fulfillment of his coming, he will have every kingdom for him (Rev. 11:15).

The Roman Empire in Jesus' day looked upon humility as a vice rather than a virtue, of weakness rather than strength. (Lk. 22:24-27). It was their pride and their strength which made people subject to them. They gained their power by exalting themselves. Christ came in meekness and in humiliation and God exalted him. The fulfillment of Christmas is the fulfillment of life.

A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: December 29, 1957

Theme: **BROTHERS THROUGH CHRIST**

Scripture: Philemon 1-16.

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: True brotherhood can be experienced by being forgiven by God and by showing forgiveness toward our neighbor.

INTRODUCTION: It is good to end the year on this high note of brotherhood. The word itself has had an adverse connotation, particularly during the past year. There are brotherhoods on a national and racial level which are often more exclusive than inclusive. Social and cultural brotherhoods are formed by those who have the same interests, and often they band themselves together for the purpose of social pride, security and perpetuity. Masons remind us that their organization dates back to the builders of Solomon's Temple. Recently we were reminded of the unbrotherliness of the Brotherhood of Teamsters.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

The 1957 editor of this page of Sunday School Lessons is Rev. Bruno Schreiber, a Sunday School teacher in the Forest Park Baptist Church, Forest Park, Illinois. His address is 1026 S. Harvey, Oak Park, Ill.

There are many good qualities about these organizations, and not all "brothers" are thieves and robbers. But a great deal depends upon the heads of these brotherhoods, for many of them are interested in what they can get out of the brothers and not what they can share with them.

Brother and brotherhood are largely Biblical terms. And so, as we enter into the Christian brotherhood, we unite with the only complete type of brotherhood. "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren" (Matt. 23:8).

I. THE INCLUSIVENESS OF BROTHERHOOD.

Phil. 1-3.

The letter to Philemon is a private letter—a masterpiece of courtesy and intercession. Notice the contrasts in the three persons with which the letter deals. Paul, a prisoner! Personally, he preferred calling himself a prisoner of the Lord. But as a prisoner he would, nevertheless, be looked upon as a lawbreaker, a danger to society and a social outcast. The second is Onesimus, a slave, a runaway slave at that. There was a price on his head. He was considered private property, a piece of merchandise. The third was Philemon, a wealthy merchant, a man who held a position of power and influence. Yet all three became brothers through Christ.

II. THE SOURCE OF BROTHERHOOD.

Philemon 4-7.

It is not surprising that brotherhood depends upon "thy love and faith, which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all saints" (vs. 5). You cannot be a brother unless you are brotherly. If the Lord Jesus is the source of our love, then our brother is also the object of our love. (See also 1 John 4:20).

III. THE CONDITIONS OF BROTHERHOOD.

Philemon 8-15.

The paramount condition for Christian brotherhood is love. Paul has a beautiful phrase here "for love's sake." Some think of the difficulties of agreement, or the legal aspect of justice. But how long will it take before we convince people to be in total agreement with us before we have a brotherhood? Or how long will it take before everyone received his measure of justice? But for love's sake we can unite and much can be done. Legally, Onesimus could have been justly punished according to Roman law. Paul, however, pleads in behalf of the law of God—love and forgiveness.

IV. THE LEVEL OF BROTHERHOOD.

Philemon 16.

Christian brotherhood does not seek to lower a man's position, but to raise it. Onesimus, the former slave, is not to be looked upon as a slave. "Not as a servant, but above a servant, a brother beloved." He ran away as a lost slave; he returned as a saved

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SACRAMENTO CHURCH PRAISES GOD

Report of Dedication of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif.

By Rev. Clarence H. Walth, Pastor

HOW GREAT THOU ART is the praise that will long ring in the hearts of the people of the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., in thanksgiving for what God has done in our midst. On September 29th the completed church edifice was used for the first service. The Sunday School attendance for the opening Sunday was 170.

MISSIONARIES HONORED

On Thursday, October 17th, a surprise birthday party was held honoring Rev. and Mrs. Walter Sukut, missionaries home on furlough from Japan. Following a splendid Japanese meal, prepared under the supervision of the Sukuts, they were presented gifts consisting of travel luggage. Honoring them in this way, the church was seeking to express recognition for their splendid ministry upon the mission field.

On October 20th, the church was pleased to hear the testimony of eleven persons who presented themselves as candidates for baptism. Assisted by the deacons and deaconesses, the pastor, Rev. Clarence H. Walth, led them into waters of baptism and baptized them according to the command of the Lord Jesus Christ.

During the days of October 25-27, the church sought the blessing of God as it dedicated the completed church edifice. "How Great Thou Art" was the theme as friends gathered from near and far. The soul-stirring hymn sung by the choir and congregation accentuated the inspiring messages delivered by the program speakers.

DEDICATION SERVICES

Friday evening was "Community Night." The film, "Angel In Ebony," was shown, and guests offering words of greeting included: Sacramento's mayor, Clarence Azevedo; school principal, Clarence Perry; architect, Ivan Satterlee; and Improvement Association president, Tom Hodges. Saturday evening was "Youth Night." Rev. Lee Toms from the Sacramento Arcade Baptist Church was the speaker, and words of greeting were offered by the bank manager, Arnold L. Mauch.

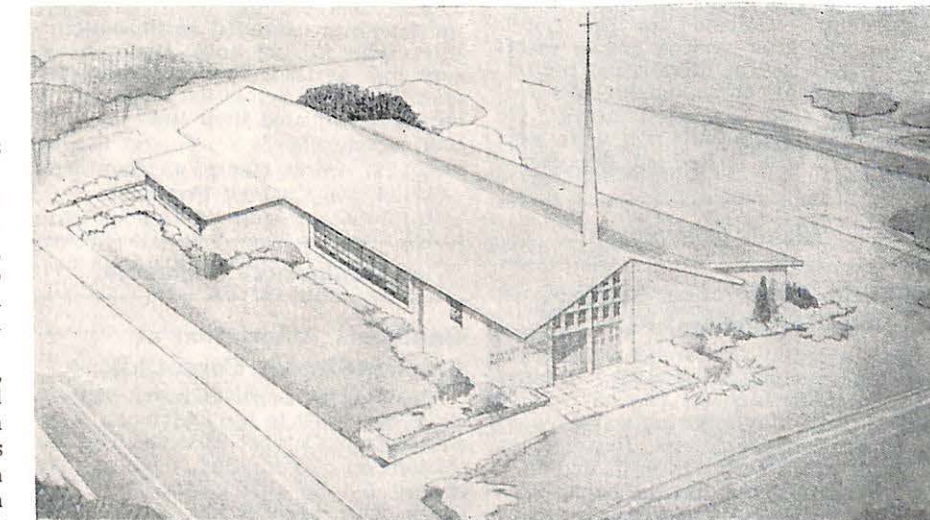
Speakers for the Sunday services were as follows: Dedication Worship Service, Rev. Walter Sukut. His topic was "Christian Love in the Kingdom of God." At the afternoon's formal dedication service Rev. Robert Penner, pastor of the Dallas, Oregon, Salt Creek Baptist Church and mission secretary for the Pacific Conference, spoke from Ephesians 2:11-21.

At the Sunday evening Consecration Dedication Service the newly baptized believers were presented with baptis-

mal certificates with Rev. G. W. Rutsch offering the consecration prayer in their behalf. Following this Rev. Robert Penner spoke, using Jeremiah 6:16 as his text.

\$2,500 GOAL REACHED

The church had earlier set the goal of \$2,500 as its goal during the dedication. The joy and blessing were complete when the announcement was given that the goal had been reached. Our people wish to express their appreciation to all who have helped, especially to our churches at Elk Grove and Lodi. The "fields white unto harvest" and God's faithfulness to bless should challenge every faithful



The architect's sketch for the Willow Rancho Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., which was dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday, Oct. 27, 1957.

North American Baptist to see the needs of Church Extension.

The new building is constructed of wood frame and stucco exterior, and contains seating accommodations for 250 persons, 9 classrooms and a kitchen. Almost 3000 hours of volunteer help were given by members and friends of the church. Construction was supervised by Mr. Edwin Schuh, member of the Elk Grove Baptist Church. Mr. John F. Wright, member of this church, designed and drew the plans.

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WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

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ship becomes an instrument of discord and disunion.

There are many advantages and blessings to be gained from Christian fellowship about the meal tables at church. Cordial times together in eating and drinking can be an effective means of promoting the loving union of God's people and of winning of the lost to the Savior. Only let us make sure that it is Christ-honoring in every respect and that its ultimate aim is spiritual and not merely bodily and physical, or secular and financial.

1958 CONFERENCE DATES

ATLANTIC—April 24 to 27, 1958 at the Fleischmann Memorial Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

CENTRAL—June 26-29, 1958 at Parma Heights Church, Parma Heights (Cleveland), Ohio.

DAKOTA—June 18-22, 1958 at Ashley, North Dakota. (Pending).

EASTERN—Time and place to be determined.

NORTHERN—July 21, 1958 (Morning and afternoon) McKernan Church, Edmonton, Alberta.

NORTHWESTERN—May 29 to June 1, 1958 at First Baptist Church, Steamboat Rock, Iowa. (Tentative).

PACIFIC—July 16-18, 1958 at Bethel Church, Missoula, Montana.

SOUTHERN—June 9-10 1958 at Latham Springs Encampment, Acquila, Texas.

SOUTHWESTERN — Third Week of August. Place to be determined.

Our Denomination in ACTION

Northern Conference

Evangelistic Meetings at McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg

Rev. Otto Patzia of Detroit, Michigan, assisted us at the McDermot Ave. Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, in our soul-winning program by conducting evangelistic meetings in the English language from Oct. 15 to 20 and in the German language from Oct. 21 to 27. To enhance the services, recitations, testimonies and musical selections were provided and, of course, the story for the boys and girls was a special attraction contributed by Mr. Patzia.

Although the importance of accepting Christ was stressed, a special challenge went out to Christians to become more fully dedicated to the Lord's work. The after-service prayer meetings were a source of spiritual revitalization and, of course, when God's people pray earnestly, God hears. We thank him for the souls that were won.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter

Atlantic Conference

Atlantic Conference C.B.Y.F. Rally at Bethlehem, Pa.

The Atlantic Conference CBY Fellowship met at the Calvary Baptist Church in Bethlehem, Pa., on Oct. 12 and 13. Saturday morning was devoted to Operation TFC and Rev. Roger Schmidt of Jamesburg, N. J., led in a very inspiring study on the book, "Every Christian's Job." After a lunch at the church, we went to the Moravian Church grounds where we had a very interesting time learning of its history.

Later that afternoon we had a business session at which we decided to have a conference-wide Youth Banquet during Youth Week on Feb. 1, 1958; and August 26 to September 1, 1958 will be our Summer Assembly at Camp Greenkill, in Huguenot, N. Y. It was announced that our new missionary project is \$500 for the church in Kyoto, Japan; and that our Spring Conference will be held at the Fleischmann Memorial Church, in Philadelphia, Pa., on April 26 and 27.

Our weekend of Christ'an fellowship also included a banquet on Saturday night where Rev. Richard Sparling, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Union City, N. J., was guest speaker. The climax came on Sunday afternoon at our Mass Rally with about 190 present, at which our speaker was Rev. Norman Klann of the Fleischmann Memorial Church in Philadelphia.

Margaret Peters, Reporter

Atlantic Conference Youth Camp, Port Jervis, N. Y.

Young people of our Atlantic Conference enjoyed a week of spiritual and physical refreshment at Camp Green-

kill, Port Jervis, N. Y., August 27 through Sept. 2. There were 38 in attendance for the entire week with 16 joining us on the weekend.

Our theme was, "In the World, But Not of the World." Our Senior Camp staff included Rev. R. Yahn as dean with Rev. J. C. Gunst, Rev. Norman Klann and Rev. Lenox Palin as instructors. These men presented the subjects "Why, Where, When and How's of Soul Winning" which included an introduction of Operation TFC; "Walking in the Spirit" and "How to Study the Bible." Our Junior Camp was under the direction of Jeanne Lewis with Margaret Peters, Ruth Gerstlauer and Mrs. Klann as helpers. A class entitled "Building Temples" was taught by Jeanne Lewis.

The climax to the week was our campfire on Saturday evening. Rev. J. C. Gunst brought us a challenging message and extended an invitation to those who did not know Christ to accept him as their Savior. There was one who made this decision and 14 others rededicated their lives in Christian service.

George C. Gerstlauer,
Past President

Southwestern Conference

Oklahoma Association at Calvary Church, Corn, Okla.

The Calvary Baptist Church of Corn, Okla., was host to the Oklahoma Association from October 23 to 25. The first session on Wednesday evening was opened by the host pastor, Rev. Jack Block. Our speaker for all the three evening services was Dr. Walter Wessel, professor at the North American Baptist Seminary. The theme of the Association was, "Ye Are Epistles of Christ" with the text verse taken from 1 Corinthians 3:3. The five Oklahoma pastors brought a series of messages on the theme. Four excellent messages were brought by Dr. Wessel from choice passages of the New Testament. Another period of time was given to Dr. Wessel to report on Seminary and educational activities of our denomination.

The Association moderator, Rev. Eleon Sandau, led in the regular business sessions. The 1958 summer camp dates for our youth camps were set so as not to conflict with the dates of the General Conference sessions at Edmonton in July. Friday afternoon was a time for the Woman's Missionary Union as well as the pastors with the laymen to meet in separate meetings to attend to business and program activities.

The concluding service was a youth service in charge of the Association CBY. The president, Emanuel Weigand, presided. Dr. Wessel was the speaker, challenging the youth to learn to know more about Christ.

Mrs. LeRoy Schauer, Reporter

Church and Sunday School Programs, Okeene, Okla.

In July we of the Zion Baptist Church of Okeene, Okla., were privileged to have Rev. and Mrs. Leland Friesen and family of Emery, S. Dak., with us. Our pastor, Rev. Leon Bill, attended the Pastors' Conference at Sioux Falls, from July 21 to August 4. We were also happy to have two of our young people, Willis Earl Geis and Miss Fay Ella Westfahl, attend the Christian Leaders' Conference in Sioux Falls.

Sunday, Sept. 29, was Promotion Day for the Sunday School. Mrs. William Geis, Scripture Memory director, presented the awards to eight Scripture memorizers. Mrs. O. G. Graalman, Scripture Reading director, presented awards to five readers. The teachers and officers of the Sunday School for the year 1957-1958 were installed by our pastor, Rev. Leon Bill. Rally Day was observed on Sunday, October 6.

On Wednesday evening, October 2, the Sunday School held a supper, followed by the showing of the film, "Reaching From Heaven", pertaining to Sunday School problems. On October 20, the Immanuel Church of Loyal and the Ingersoll Church were our guests at our Harvest and Mission Festival with Missionary Minnie Kuhn as our guest speaker. On October 22, the men of the church held their Father and Son Banquet.

Esther Weber, Reporter

Central Conference

Church Reception and Baptism At Indianapolis, Indiana

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 15, the Bethel Baptist Church of Indianapolis, Ind., held a reception, honoring the new members who have come into the church since Jan. 1, 1957. The program was opened with a word of welcome by the pastor, Rev. Lawrence W. George. A reading was given by Patricia Hickman entitled, "Prayer."

We have received 16 new members into the church, 12 of whom were present. They were asked to come forward and each one was presented with a bookmark, a beautiful hand-crocheted cross. Then with the congregation standing, everyone joined in singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". A film entitled, "The Hand is Quicker," was shown by Mr. Holderoft. Then everyone went to the newly decorated basement where a wonderful time of fellowship was enjoyed.

On Sunday morning, Oct. 27, two of our young people, Sandra Bredy and Roy Shannon, followed their Lord in baptism. They were received into the fellowship of the church on Nov. 3 along with Mrs. Jeanette Monday and Mrs. Elmira Vermillion, who were admitted by transfer of letter.

Mrs. Mary Presley, Reporter

Baptismal Service and Pastor's Reception, Gladwin, Michigan

The Round Lake Baptist Church of Gladwin, Mich., held a baptismal service on the shore of lovely Pratts Lake on Sunday morning, Aug. 18. Rev. Ernest Lautt, our pastor, brought a message on "Biblical Baptism", after which twelve candidates were baptized by him. They were Mrs. Theodore Wegner, James and Joyce Wegner, Kenneth and Jerry Landenberger, Charlene Emogine, and Eugene Rumminger, Donald Pahl, Nancy Will, Wayne Gertz and Roland Russell.

On June 23, the church held a reception for its new pastor, Rev. Ernest Lautt, and family. The welcoming service was in charge of George Rau, chairman of the deacons. A poem was given by Mrs. John Steinkraus in behalf of the members.

Adolph Wolfe spoke in behalf of the Sunday School, followed by an instrumental solo by Kenneth Palmer. President Harriett Schindler represented the Ladies' Missionary Society. A solo was sung by Mrs. Stanley Wolfe. The trustees were represented by Kurt Landenberger and Mrs. Allen Rau represented the primary department. An accordion solo by Miss Marilyn Will followed, and the deacons were represented by Mr. Sam Landenberger. The charge to the pastor was given by Jacob Landenberger.

Mrs. Rudy Russell, Reporter

Pacific Conference

Dedication Services and 10th Anniversary, Glencullen Church

Eventful in the history of the Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, was the celebration of its tenth anniversary and dedication of the education wing from Sept. 19 to 22. A fellowship dinner was held on Thursday, Sept. 19th. Highlight of the evening was the viewing of motion pic-



The Glencullen Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon, at worship at the 10th anniversary celebration and the dedication of the new educational wing (where the congregation above is meeting) with Rev. Eldon E. Seibold, pastor, behind the pulpit.

Rev. Ernest Lautt (5th from left), pastor of the Round Lake Baptist Church near Gladwin, Michigan, and 12 young people whom he baptized recently in the waters of Pratts Lake near the church.



tures taken by Mr. Eric Pohl of Trinity Church of Portland at the time of the dedication of the building ten years ago, and a series of slides taken by Rev. Robert Penner of the Salt Creek Church during his ministry at Glencullen.

Sunday began with the Rally Day exercises at the Sunday School hour, followed by the worship hour with Rev. J. C. Gunst of Forest Park, Ill., delivering the message. The dedication services were held in the afternoon with Mr. Gunst as the guest speaker. During the evening hour, Mr. Gunst showed us pictures of the Church Extension program as a climax to a glorious day long to be remembered by all who participated. Rev. Eldon E. Seibold is our pastor.

Mrs. Russell H. Jones, Clerk

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"A good conscience is the palace of Christ; the temple of the Holy Ghost; the paradise of delight; the standing Sabbath of the saints."—Augustine.

Interim Pastor Chosen, Bethel Church, Anaheim, Calif.

Members of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., extended a call to the Rev. Henry Hirsch to act as interim pastor for the congregation during the time the church is without a pastor. Mr. Hirsch assumed his duties Sept. 16, 1957.

He is a beloved pastor of our denomination for many years, having in recent months retired from the active pastorate in Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Hirsch moved to Anaheim this past summer unaware that God would be calling him back to service so soon. They have made their home at 619 South Indiana Street.

It is with grateful hearts that we accept the leading of the Lord who has so marvelously provided for our needs with so wise and patient a counselor and shepherd.

Mrs. B. Jacksteit, Reporter

Farewell Service for Dr. B. Jacksteit, Anaheim, Calif.

Members and friends of the Bethel Baptist Church, Anaheim, Calif., gathered on Sept. 15 to honor Dr. Berthold Jacksteit who had recently resigned from the pastorate to accept the position of Director of Youth Publications for the American Baptist Publication Society.

Victor Schmidtman, vice-moderator of the congregation, spoke a word of appreciation in behalf of the church and was followed by Lloyd Kwast, director of Christian Education, who represented the young people. Rev. Kenneth Fischer brought greetings from the Magnolia Baptist Church. Dr. Donald Davis represented the Los Angeles churches, and Rev. William Acton represented the Orange County churches of our denomination. Rev. W. Murford and Dr. Robert Kevorkian spoke in behalf of the Anaheim Council of Churches and the First Baptist Church.

Music was provided by the choir and the male chorus under the direction of Herman Zachary; by the Girls' Trio, composed of Dorothy Burzlaff, Carole Arant and Phyllis Boettcher; and, upon request, a duet by Dr. and Mrs. Jacksteit. Herbert Stabbert, moderator of the church, presented to Dr. and Mrs. Jacksteit and their family a love gift from the church. Dr. Jacksteit replied with a short message and closed the service with prayer.

Program Committee



The 42 people (left) who were baptized by Rev. Norman Berkan and received into the Calvary and First Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario, and (right) the large group of children and teachers at the Calvary Church's Vacation Bible School.

Eastern Conference

Baptism and Evangelistic Meetings at Killaloe, Ontario

A large number of people from the Calvary and First Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario, gathered at the J. G. Kuehl's Cottage at Round Lake to witness the baptism of 42 candidates on Sunday, Aug. 18, with Rev. Norman Berkan officiating. We were happy to have a former pastor, Rev. E. W. Klatt, and his family from Kenosha, Wis., present. Mr. Klatt very ably led the singing during the baptism. The hand of fellowship was given in the evening to those who had been baptized at the Calvary Church, followed by a joint communion service for both churches. God has richly blessed the efforts of our pastor, Rev. N. Berkan, who came to us from Kansas on April 3, 1957.

A very successful Vacation Bible School was conducted by the Calvary Church in cooperation with the First Baptist Church from July 2 to 12. Enrollment was 124 with an average attendance of 112. There were 17 teachers under the able direction of our pastor, Rev. N. Berkan. Twenty-three pupils made their decisions for Christ.

The days of Sept. 3 to 13 were times of great blessing during the meetings conducted by our evangelist, Rev. Daniel Fuchs, at the Calvary Church. We had an average attendance of about 128 at each of the services. Three persons were saved, and Christians were challenged to a greater service for our Lord.

Mrs. J. G. Kuehl, Reporter

Thanksgiving Service and Music Week, Neustadt, Ontario

As the members and friends of the Neustadt Baptist Church, Neustadt, Ontario, assembled for morning worship on Oct. 13, the decorative display of fruits, vegetables, and grains disclosed to them that it was Thanksgiving Sunday. With this as a background the Sunday School superintendent, Ronald Helwig, led us in a combined program for Harvest and Mission Festival Sunday. The program also included a baby dedication service, a film strip entitled "Giving Thanks Always", and an apt sermonette by the pastor, "Thanksgiving Survey." An offering of \$471.00 was received for foreign missions.

From Oct. 20-27 "Music Week" was

observed. On the first Sunday, following the sermon, "Praise and Worship", the choir rendered the anthem, "The Lord is in His Temple", followed by an organ interlude, and the closing hymn. The evening service was filled with congregational and special music, plus two hymn stories, and a film on "The Hymns of Fanny Crosby," featuring George Beverley Shea. Tuesday night the choir members in teams visited shut-ins, bringing them comfort and cheer through words of song and Scripture.

The Thursday Prayer service was also built around music. There was a synthesis of Scripture and song. The pastor presented a sketch of the life of Charles Wesley and his great hymns. Music Week was climaxed in the second Sunday evening service with the choir, under the leadership of Leslie Helwig, presenting "The Sermon in Music" and narrational interludes by George Derbecker.

Henry G. Ramus, Pastor

Dakota Conference

Church Improvements and Special Meetings, Mercer, N. D.

October was a full and busy month at the Mercer Baptist Church in Mercer, N. Dak. Rev. Ben Lauth, pastor of the church, reported that during the first two weeks of the month the men and women of the church worked hard as they laid the new tile on the floor, getting ready for the special meetings which were held October 21-27 with Evangelist Floyd Dalzell of Thief River Falls, Minnesota. The attendance increased every night until the closing night of the meetings when 165 crowded into the church. The meetings were extended one night, since Mr. Dalzell had an open night. Not only were the meetings well attended but they were blessed of the Lord. On Sunday morning the whole congregation gathered at the altar in consecration before God.

The church has been blessed by Brother Dalzell's ministry and we believe that during the days of special effort God has spoken to our hearts. Not only has the church been helped by the meetings, but decisions have been made that will count for eternity.

Ben Lauth, Pastor

Special Meetings at Leola and Eureka, South Dakota

The annual Mission and Harvest Festival of Leola and Eureka, S. Dak., was observed on September 22 and October 6. The response in both churches was very good in every respect. The attendance at all services was fine and the response in the total offerings in both churches amounted to about \$2500. Guest speakers were Dr. M. L. Leuschner at Leola, and Dr. C. H. Seecamp for Eureka in the morning and Dr. Paul Gebauer, superintendent of our Baptist Mission in the Cameroons, in the evening.

Evangelistic meetings began in Eureka on Oct. 7, and were held through Oct. 18 with Dr. C. H. Seecamp as speaker. During this time the attendance was very good. Special music was provided every evening. Our hearts thrilled to the response given to the call of the Holy Spirit through the comprehensive and forceful messages of Dr. Seecamp. Some precious souls responded to the call and came forward to accept the Lord. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to manifest himself in our midst, so that the good seed will bear fruit for eternity.

Fred C. Wolff, Church Clerk

Ladies' Missionary Rally at Alfred, North Dakota

On Friday evening, October 18, the Woman's Missionary Societies of the Alfred, Gackle, Streeter, and Alfred Congregational churches of North Dakota gathered for a mission-centered program. Mrs. Reuben Metz welcomed this fine group of women along with the husbands and other friends. Three of the visiting societies brought musical numbers and the host society presented a playlet, "A Missionary Clinic". In this play, treatment and prescriptions were given to the patients with various spiritual ailments.

A short recognition service was held to honor and remember Delores Henne, missionary in the Cameroons, who hails from Alfred; and for little Barbara Holzimmer, daughter of the missionaries, Fred and Dorothy Holzimmer, whom the Alfred and Gackle women are supporting.

Mrs. Albert Reddig, Woman's Missionary Union vice-president from Cathay, N. Dak., was our guest speaker and brought us challenging words, stressing the need for every Christian to be a missionary, whether at home or abroad. An offering was taken for the \$40,000 mission project of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. M. Wolff, Reporter

Great Festivals at Wessington Springs Churches, South Dakota

Sunday, Oct. 6th, was a blessed occasion for the Ebenezer and Immanuel Baptist Churches of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., when they celebrated Harvest Mission Festival and the 40th anniversary of the Ebenezer Church. We were happy to have a former pastor and his wife in our midst, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Fischer of Linton, North Dakota. Throughout the day musical numbers were rendered by the Ebenezer choir, students of Sioux Falls Col-

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Obituary

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

MRS. CLORY BRADLEY of McLaughlin, South Dakota.

Mrs. Clory Bradley of McLaughlin, S. D., was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on Nov. 2, 1877. Her parents homesteaded near Conde, S. D., where she spent her childhood. She married Henry E. Bradley and together they lived at Park Rapids, Minn., Conde, S. D., and finally McLaughlin, S. D. Mrs. Bradley was preceded in death by her husband, who died in 1944, and a son, Floyd. Her survivors include four children: Leslie Bradley, Longview, Wash.; Mrs. Dora Lehman, Woodburn, Ore.; Leon Bradley, Robbinsdale, Minn.; Mrs. Rachel Flaherty, Fort Pierre, S. D.; six grandchildren, twelve great-grandchildren, three sisters, and one brother.

Mrs. Bradley was converted and baptized in Green Valley, Minn. It was evident to all who knew her that she knew and loved her Lord. Her faithfulness was an inspiration to her friends and church. She died in the Lord, and we rejoice in the assurance of seeing her again.

McLaughlin, South Dakota
EDWIN MICHELSON, Pastor

MR. ADOLPH PRANG of Humphrey, Nebraska.

Mr. Adolph Prang of Humphrey, Neb., was born on May 21, 1900 at Hastings, Nebraska. He was accidentally killed by a tractor mishap Oct. 25, 1957 on his farm near Humphrey, Nebraska. He was united in marriage on Feb. 2, 1925 to Alma Wetgen at Columbus, Nebraska.

He was baptized upon confession of his faith in Christ on Nov. 22, 1914 under the ministry of the late Rev. A. Transhal. He joined the Creston Baptist Church at this same time, where he was a faithful member until his untimely death. He served the church in various capacities during these years. At the time of his death, he was a deacon, who had met the qualifications set forth in I Tim. 3:8ff. This position he held for over 22 years. He also used his tenor voice in the choir for the glory of his Lord. He shouldered a great responsibility in his church.

He leaves to mourn his departure his bereaved wife, Alma; his brothers: Philip of Columbus, Neb.; Alvin of Creston, Neb.; Elmer of Rochester, Wash.; his sister, Mrs. John Husmann of Leitch, Neb.; also other relatives, friends, neighbors and his church. His favorite Bible passage was Eph. 2: 8, 9.

Creston, Nebraska
R. C. STADING, Pastor

MR. ALBERT HEPPERLE of Plevna, Montana.

Mr. Albert Hepperle of Plevna, Mont., was born March 9, 1904 in South Russia and died Oct. 14 in the Fallon County Memorial Hospital. In 1923 he came to the United States with his parents and settled at Plevna, Mont. He was employed by his brother until he bought and operated a merchandise business. He was mayor of the town at the time of his death, not sparing himself to help the community grow, progress and prosper.

In 1926 he married Louise Bechtold. They were blessed with four children of which one died in infancy. In 1918 he was converted and baptized. He was a member of the Plevna Baptist Church, serving as Sunday School superintendent for several years and for several years as treasurer. Survivors include his wife; sons: Robert in California, Theodore of Plevna; daughter, Mrs. Ella Wood of Miles City, Mont.; one grandson; two brothers: Karl of Plevna, and Henry of Baker; and a sister, Mrs. Barbara Jarvis of California.

Plevna, Montana
R. H. ZEPIK, Pastor
MR. EDWARD ADAM SIELER of Plevna, Montana.

Mr. Edward Adam Sieler of Plevna, Mont., was born Sept. 14, 1914 and died Oct. 19, 1957 of a heart attack. The deceased spent his entire lifetime in this area, where he had his schooling and then settled to ranching. His services in the armed forces were recognized with the Silver Star award

"We have a building of God,
an house not made with hands,
eterna: in the heavens" (2 Cor.
5:1)

for bravery and gallantry. Only those in the service will know how to appreciate such an award.

Edward was born again on Dec. 9, 1933 and was baptized on June 14, 1934 by Rev. A. Stelter. He was a faithful member of the Plevna Baptist Church. The parents, three brothers and three infant sisters preceded him in death. Surviving are two sisters: Miss Ruth Sieler of Plevna, and Mrs. George Huether Jr. of Baker, Mont.; seven brothers: Arthur, Emil, Tony, Simon, Hable, David, all of Plevna, and Benjamin of Billings, Mont.; also two aunts and one uncle. Plevna, Montana

REV. R. H. ZEPIK, Pastor

MRS. LENA KUEHL WALTHER of Killaloe, Ontario.

Mrs. Lena Kuehl Walther of Killaloe, Ontario, was born Sept. 4, 1876 in Lyndock Township and departed this life in Killaloe, Ontario, Oct. 25, 1957, at the age of 81 years, one month and 21 days. As a girl, she made her decision for Jesus, was baptized and united with the Lyndock Baptist Church. She later transferred her membership to the Sebastopol Baptist Church where she remained a member until her death. On Nov. 21, 1900, she was united in marriage to Frank Walther at Lyndock by Rev. Theil. This union was blessed with two sons and two daughters. She lived with her husband on the Walther's homestead at Sebastopol until she came to Killaloe about a year ago.

She leaves to mourn her passing one son, Wilfred of Prince George, B. C.; two daughters: Elsie Walther of Vancouver, B. C., and Bertha Kranz of the home; one brother, William Kuehl of Pembroke, Ontario; 7 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. Services were held in the Sebastopol Baptist Church with Rev. Norman Berkan officiating.

NORMAN BERKAN, Pastor

MRS. MARIE WILHELMINA KOHRS of Burlington, Iowa.

Mrs. Marie Wilhelmina Kohrs of Burlington, Ia., was born in Arneburg, Germany, on March 10, 1876, and died on August 10, 1957 in Burlington. She came to Burlington with her parents in June 1894. On May 18, 1899 she was united in marriage with Christ Kohrs. Mr. Kohrs, together with his brother Will, operated a grocery store on Oak Street, several blocks from Oak Street Church, for 47 years. He passed away on September 10, 1947.

Mrs. Kohrs was baptized by Pastor Meier in Wittenberg, Germany, at the age of 14. After coming to Burlington she joined the Oak Street Baptist Church where she remained an active and faithful member until the time of her death. "Marie," as all her friends knew her, was a shy, retiring person, yet endowed with quiet strength and great courage. She loved the simple things of life—working in her garden, taking care of her home. Above all, she loved her husband, her children and her grandchildren.

She leaves to mourn her passing her four sons: Arthur of Burlington, Karl of Port Chester, N. Y.; Walter of Peoria, Ill.; and Don of Burlington; a brother, P. W. Hartman of Weslaco, Texas; a sister, Mrs. Bert Schroeder of Donna, Texas; and 5 grandchildren.

Oak Street Baptist Church
Burlington, Iowa
EMANUEL WOLFF, Pastor

QUOTABLES

When God measures men he puts the tape around the heart, not the head.

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.

Storms make a strong tree—suffering makes a strong saint.

You are near to God as you are far from self.

—Compiled by
John E. Southard.

MR. JOHN A. FRATZKE of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mr. John A. Fratzke of Minneapolis, Minn., was born in Zehrten, Germany, Dec. 31, 1877 and died in Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 6, 1957 at the age of 79 years, 9 months and 6 days. The deceased emigrated to the U.S.A. at the age of 14 years and lived in Hutchinson, Minn., until 1910. Since that time he resided in Minneapolis, working until retirement for General Mills. Mr. Fratzke was married to Miss Mary Hildebrandt in 1899 and the Lord blessed this union with seven children, all of whom are living.

In 1905 Mr. Fratzke accepted Christ as his personal Savior, was baptized by Rev. John Wendt and joined the Northside Baptist Church of Hutchinson, Minn. Later he transferred his membership to the Faith Church of Minneapolis. He was an active member of the church for 52 years. During these years he served 15 as church clerk and 17 as publication agent. He was always ready to be used for his Lord wherever he could serve.

He leaves to mourn his death his wife, Mary; 7 children: Mrs. Mabel Ruths, Mrs. Laura Wilkins, Mrs. Violet Wiebe, Mrs. Florence Brier, Edward and John, all of Minneapolis, and Mrs. Margaret Heckmann of St. Paul; besides 22 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Faith Baptist Church
Minneapolis, Minnesota
ADAM HUBER, Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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which he occupies which makes the difference, but the relationship which he has with the Lord. He is a brother to the apostle as well as to his master. To make the relationship even more binding, Paul adds that Onesimus be accepted as a brother "both in the flesh and in the Lord." Even ancestry, however aristocratic it may be, has nothing to do with Christian brotherhood.

Therefore, let us not look upon a servant as a servant, but above a servant; not as a foreigner, but above a foreigner; not as red, yellow, black or white, but above color; not as a creed, but above a creed—as a brother beloved.

WESSINGTON SPRINGS, S. D.

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brother. It is no longer the position lege, Sunshine Bible Academy and a ladies' trio from Immanuel Church.

In the morning worship Mr. Fischer spoke on "A Cheerful Church Gives". The afternoon meeting was in charge of the young people with Larry Winter, president of the South Dakota young people's association, in charge. We were happy to have Dr. W. Wessel of the Seminary with us who spoke in the afternoon service and also for the young people's meeting in the evening. Mr. Fischer spoke on "The Eternal God and the Living Church" at the evening service. Offerings during the day were \$748.38. Mission money given during the year was \$1501.47, thus giving a total of \$2249.85 for the year.

On Oct. 4th we had the privilege of having Dr. Paul Gebauer in our town of Wessington Springs. This meeting in the Methodist Church was sponsored by the Ministerial Association of the town. On Oct. 8th Miss Florence Miller spoke and showed pictures of Japan in the Immanuel Church.

Mrs. Ray Wahl, Reporter

MARCH OF EVENTS

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to President Eisenhower the 5,000,000,-001 volume, symbolic of the start of the second half-billion. The Society conducts its work in more than 60 countries and distributes the Scriptures in nearly 200 languages. Of the first half-billion volumes distributed, approximately 51 per cent were distributed in this country and the remaining 49 per cent abroad. The volume presented to President Eisenhower was a large family Bible, bound in red morocco, weighing nine pounds and two ounces, measuring 10½ x 13 inches, and containing 1,051 pages.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

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chill

When suddenly upon the hill
There shone a Heavenly Light,
The shepherds hurried forth to find
The Babe who came to save mankind
Born that First Christmas Night.

All the family joins in singing,
"Away in a Manger."

Light third candle.

O Jesus to us now draw near
And fill our hearts with love and cheer;

Make every darkness bright.
Make this, our home, thy dwelling place.

Be in each heart, shine in each face
On Christmas Eve tonight.

LITANY: All join hands—

We Give Our Thanks

Parent: For Jesus, the Son of God,

Family: We give our thanks today.

Parent: For the joy he brought our world that first Christmas night,

A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL
AND "GOD BLESS
YOU, EVERYONE!"

Family: We give our thanks today.

Parent: For all the children and parents around the world,

Family: We give our thanks today.

Parent: For what we can do to bring peace and good will to others,

Family: We give our thanks today.

Sing together, "Silent Night", or some favorite Christmas song or carol chosen by the family.

Extinguish candles.

ABOUT SASKATOON

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Missionary Society, and a German language school for children on Saturday afternoons.

It is amazing that only a few complain of too much work. The fact that all do their part is sufficient to relieve the pastor of many duties, which would undoubtedly burden him down with a load too heavy to bear. Praise the Lord for such a host of faithful workers!

Now we have tried to introduce you to the "sunny days" in our work, and they are by far the more common. Do not even trials prove to be hidden sunshine? We pray and labor for a worthy testimony of our Lord, whether the days be sunny, or apparent cloudiness wearies our souls. We know he is always there, and that is enough!

Spice of Life

Mistress: But, Matilda, why did you sweep the dust under the rug?

Maid: Because it looked so unsightly on top, M'am.

Margie: "You're kidding! How could your brother play hookey from a correspondence school?"

Sally: "That's easy for my brother: he just mails them empty envelopes."

A very thin man met a very fat man in a hotel lobby. "From the looks of you," said the fat man, "there might have been a famine."

"Yes," was the reply, "and from the looks of you, you might have caused it."

A teacher gave her class this problem in arithmetic: "If there are seven flies on your desk, and you kill one, how many will remain?"

"One," answered her most logical pupil, "the dead one."

"The Rocky Mountains are what everything is higher west of or east of depending on whether you live east of or west of!"

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