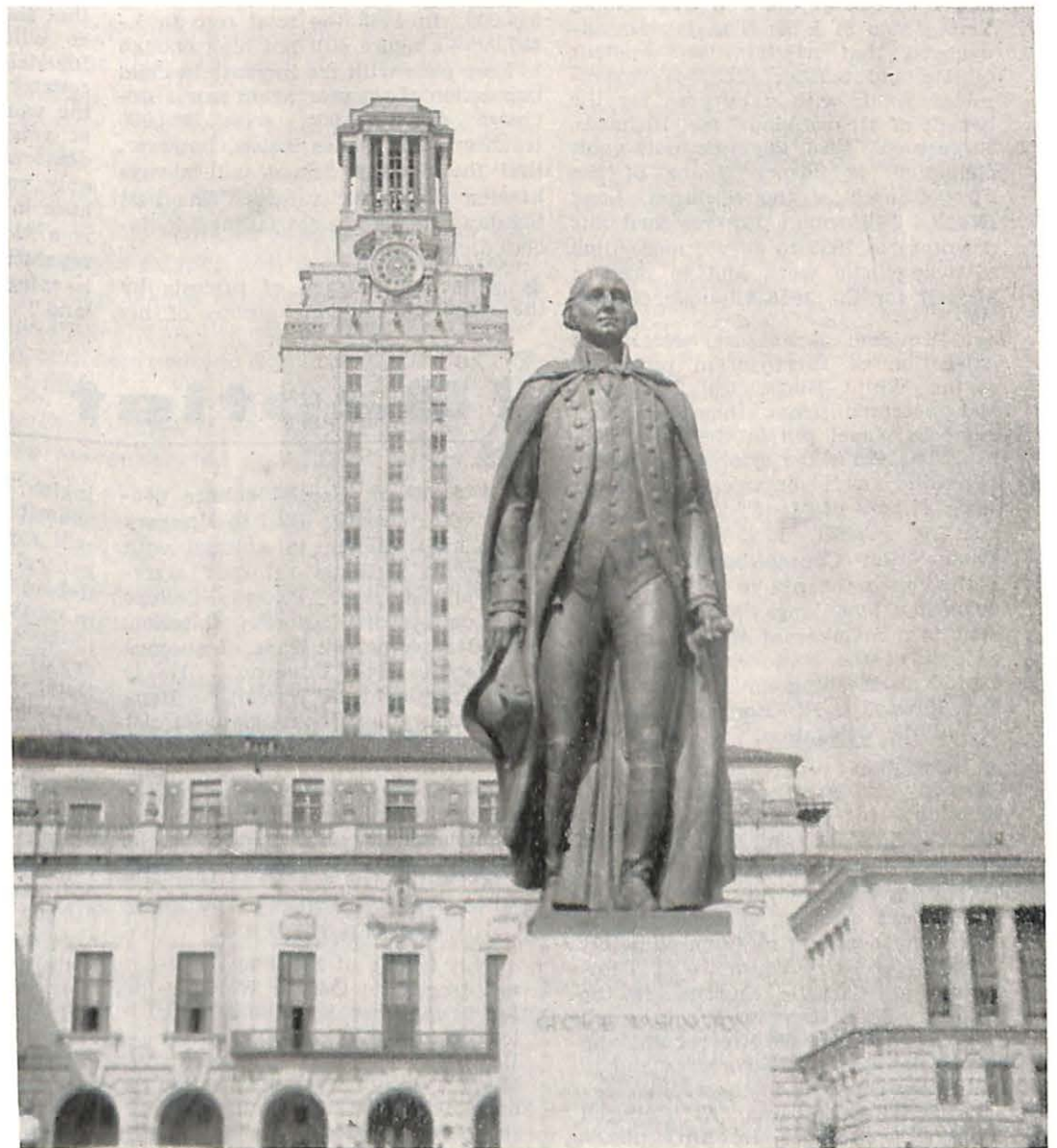


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"Greatheart" of the Old Testament*



# March of Events

● In Germany, would-be suicides in Berlin can ring a telephone number, tell their troubles and get advice. Clergymen and physicians of the Order of St. Luke, an interdenominational Protestant Episcopal group, are heading off suicides with "emergency spiritual aid." The project was initiated to meet the rising suicide rate, which has become a pressing problem in Germany.

● The Rev. Robert Eugene Richards, La Verne, California, was named by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men of 1956. The Jaycees announced that as minister, amateur athlete and teacher Richards "exemplifies youth with a purpose for the benefit of all mankind." Mr. Richards, 30-year-old 1956 Olympic pole-vault champion, is former pastor of the First Church of the Brethren, Long Beach, California. He resigned his pastorate in 1955 to devote more time to evangelistic work and to prepare himself for the 1956 Olympic Games.

● President Eisenhower received a delegation of Presbyterian preachers at the White House last January 4 and accepted from them a green enameled lapel pin in the form of a fish. The pin is the symbol of a Presbyterian men's organization, called "The Fishers of Men." The Rev. David W. Proffitt, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, gave the pin to the President during an hour-long visit. The President is a member of the lay group's chapter of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington. Its pastor, the Rev. Edward L. R. Elson, was a member of the delegation.

● Christian congregations in East Germany are greatly handicapped in rebuilding by the shortage of materials. Such goods cannot be bought on the open market; they are allocated by the government. During 1956 the government assigned materials worth only 2 million marks (approximately \$120,000) to the thousands of Protestant and Catholic churches in the country. This sum is only a small part of what is needed to rebuild and repair war-damaged structures and to build new churches in the rapidly expanding industrial area. At a church building conference in Karlsruhe, a Protestant official pointed out that building funds made available in all of East Germany during 1956 totaled only a fraction of the amount spent by one regional church in West Germany during the same period.

—Christian Century

● The *London Times* has surveyed the place of children in the church and concluded that the name "Sunday School" is no longer in favor. It has discovered some attempts to find such substitutes as "children's church," "junior church" and "family church." But no new designation can hide the bare fact that attendance at British Sunday Schools is steadily dropping. In 1900 there were 3,302,000 children enrolled in the 20,000 free church Sunday Schools in England and Wales. By 1939 the number had dropped to 1,930,000; by 1948, to 1,519,000. In 1953 the total rose to 1,597,000—a figure still not high enough to keep pace with the increase in child population. Last year again saw a decrease to 1,533,000, with 230,000 teachers. The *Times* insists, however, that the Sunday School will always have a distinctive value. "The best Sunday Schools are not failing," it declared.

● Under a barrage of protests by the minority religious groups of his

country, President Ramon Magsaysay dedicated the Philippines to the "Sacred Heart of Jesus." Some six million non-Catholic Filipinos consider this action a violation of constitutional guarantees of separation of Church and State. Prior to the official dedication the press gave wide coverage to the objections of the non-Catholic groups. Typical of the numerous protests published in the national dailies is a letter from Jose A. Yap, executive secretary of the Philippine Federation of Christian Churches, who wrote: "Mr. President, please be reminded that the task which you are about to do will greatly undermine the very foundations of democracy in our country and may cause the people of the world to revise their high esteem of you as the greatest champion of democracy in Asia. For unquestionably your public and official appearance in a Catholic religious ceremony is a violation of the principle of the separation of Church and State which is safeguarded by the statutes of our land."

## Baptist Briefs

● A Southern Baptist college professor who formerly lived in Hungary is in Camp Kilmer to counsel with non-Roman Catholic refugees arriving from Hungary. Chowan College in Murfreesboro, North Carolina, granted a temporary leave of absence with pay to Bela Udvarnoki. He is former president of Hungarian Baptist Seminary and Hungarian Baptist Convention.

● Dr. C. E. Bryant, director of public relations at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., was recently appointed director of publications for the Baptist World Alliance, with headquarters in Wash-

ington, D. C. He assumes his new responsibilities about February 20. He will serve with Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn, general secretary of the Alliance, and Robert S. Denny, associate secretary, in editing "The Baptist World." It is to be enlarged and strengthened under Dr. Bryant's leadership. (Editor's Note: Dr. Bryant provided publicity material and pictures of Baylor University for the "Baptist Herald" prior to our 1955 General Conference in Waco, Texas).

● The Southern Baptist Convention in its 1957 session will be asked to approve a record-breaking 1958 Co-operative Program budget goal of \$16,500,000. Treasurer Porter Routh says this is about \$3,000,000 greater than 1956 receipts through the Co-operative Program. The operating and capital needs section of the budget is \$13,000,000. The anticipated additional \$3,500,000 will be distributed to home and foreign missions.

● Thirty-nine percent of Southern Baptist ministers in Tennessee approved integration of Negroes and Whites in public schools, a survey discloses. The survey was made by students of Dr. Herbert J. Miles, sociology professor at Carson-Newman College, a Baptist school at Jefferson (Continued on Page 23)

### FRONT COVER

This is one of the finest statues erected to George Washington in the deep Southland. It is located on the campus of the University of Texas at Austin, Texas, with the administration building in the background. It shows Washington when he was made Commander in Chief of the American Army of the Revolution on July 3, 1775. His birthday will be celebrated on Feb. 22nd. The picture was taken by the editor.

# Editorial

## The Race of Your Life

SO OFTEN WE THINK of our souls as given to us complete and not as something given to us to win. Years ago the late Robert E. Speer in his book, "Christian Realities," opened my eyes to the challenge of Luke 21:19 in the American Revised Version: "In your patience ye shall win your souls."

This is the most important race of your life, trying to "find yourself", to gain the prize of your high calling in Christ Jesus, to win your soul. Dr. Speer suggested that "the best part of us, as a rule, is far away, and we have to spend all our lives trying to get possession of it and make it our own. Finding ourselves is no simple philosophy at all." It is the race of your life.

The Bible is your best help and Guide to find yourself. The word "find" can also mean to furnish, to maintain, to support, to carry on. In parts of Pennsylvania to this day a farmer will deal with an applicant for farm work in this way: "The wages are ninety dollars and find yourself, or thirty dollars and found". In the latter case the farmer will pay him so much and in addition provide board and lodging for him. This man would be "found".

In a marvelous way the Bible with its revealed truths of God provides for every need. We are supported spiritually on its message. We are furnished by it unto every good work. We are kept in the power of God's love. With Timothy we come to realize that "the holy Scriptures are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." You will find yourself, in this sense of the word, and win the race of your life if you will meditate upon and heed the truths of God's Word. That is the inspirational counsel of Bible Day to be observed by our churches on Sunday, March 10, 1957.

Another meaning of this word "find" is to know, to control, to be assured of. We have not run the race of our lives until we have found the deep reservoirs of achieving power, until we have dug down and pierced through to the buried capacities and potentialities of our lives. Only at the end of the race of the Christian life is a man's best possible self revealed which Christ alone can create and unfold for him. This is coming victoriously "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Ephesians 4:13).

This race of life is won only by close fellowship with Christ, by daily communion with him, by the earnest effectual praying of a righteous man. The World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 8, will remind the Christian women of the need and blessings of sincere prayer, but it is only a reminder. We must learn to pray without ceasing, to walk with and talk to him every day, to make our lives "a sweet savour" unto Christ before we can become like him.

These observances ahead of us ought to be unmistakable reminders of God's important truths revealed to us. If we will strive earnestly after the best gifts, then through Christ we shall win the race of our life!

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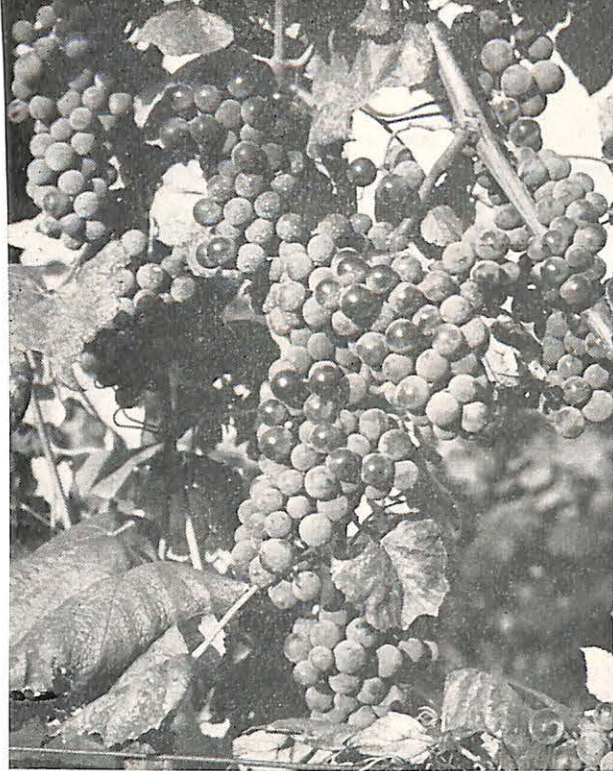
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The spies sent out by Moses into the land of Canaan brought back clusters of grapes and said, "This is the fruit of it." Among the spies were Joshua and Caleb who said, "Let us go up at once and possess the land."

# The "Greatheart" of the Old Testament

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## A Bible Sermon from the Book, "Victorious Christian Living"

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By DR. ALAN REDPATH, Pastor of the Moody Church, Chicago, Illinois

CHAPTER 14 of the book of Joshua contains a very wonderful story, the story of a man who, at the age of eighty-five, interrupted the apportionment of the land among the people of God when he stepped out of the ranks to claim the portion which God had promised to him 45 years before.

Caleb is one of the great Bible characters. How deep, and yet how simple, was the secret of his greatness! Great people are not complicated; they are simplicity itself. You can read a real man of God like a book.

To eyes that have been opened by the Spirit of God it is easy to discern such a man's greatness. How eternal are God's principles and how unchanging the conditions of all spiritual blessing! I am sure that if we learn wholly to follow the Lord our God as did Caleb, the result will be just the same in your life and mine. Caleb's God is our God.

### THE SECRET OF GREATNESS

That the faith which was ours in youth may be undimmed in old age, that the vision of the Lord shall be clearer as we grow older, that when life's journey is almost done we shall not be content merely to survey the past but be ready and eager still for fresh battles with the enemy—surely it is to all this that we aspire. It was the aspiration of this "Greatheart" of the Old Testament. Let us look at him, and see if we can understand the secret of his greatness.

This man of God had a faith that never wavered. Go back 45 years to a fateful day in the history of God's people as recorded in chapters 13 and 14 of the book of Numbers. After a swift crossing of the wilderness they

reached a place called Kadesh-barnea, on the very border of the land of God's promise. But the unbelief which had so often plagued them during the wilderness journey demanded that spies be sent in to survey the land. Twelve men, one from each tribe, you will remember, were sent to reconnoiter.

After a six-weeks' tour of inspection they brought back two reports: a majority report and a minority report. Now, the majority admitted that the land flowed with milk and honey, but spoke fearsomely of giants. "Nevertheless," they said, "the people be strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are walled, and very great; and we saw the children of Anak [which come of giants] there" (Num. 13:28). "We are not able to go up against" them, they said.

The minority report brought by Caleb and Joshua admitted the existence of giants, but they believed God. "If the Lord delight in us, then

he will bring us into this land" (Num. 14:8). "We are well able to overcome it," they said.

They had seen all that the majority had seen, with this difference: the majority measured the giants against their own strength; Caleb and Joshua measured the giants against God. The majority trembled; the two triumphed. The majority had great giants but a little God. Caleb had a great God and little giants.

### A GREAT GOD AND LITTLE GIANTS

Certainly there was an "if" in his belief, but it was not an "if" of unbelief but of humility: "If the Lord delight in us." As he said that, he looked back over a wilderness journey that had lasted a year; he recalled a day when he had been brought out of Egypt by the power of the blood of the Lamb; he remembered the sure leading of the pillar of fire by night and the cloud by day, and he knew that the Lord delighted in his people. "Therefore we are able to overcome."

The cry of the people was, "Let us go back to Egypt." They forgot its bondage. In their desire to avoid further trouble and peril in the journey they dishonored God. Therefore he made it perfectly plain that the land of blessing, which can be inherited only by faith and obedience, had to be refused to a whole generation of his people except Caleb and Joshua.

Of Caleb God had said, "Because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went" (Num. 14:24). How Caleb treasured that promise from the Lord in his heart during 45 years of weary wandering, of incessant toil and ceaseless conflict, of unfulfilled hopes.

Amid all the murmurings of the people he retained the fixed purpose wholly to follow the Lord. Like an illustrious ancestor, "he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; . . . being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform" (Rom. 4:20, 21).

### TRUE TO GOD'S PROMISES

There was no use trying to involve Caleb in rebellion against Moses. Never was he found among the grumblers or among those who were skeptical and unbelieving. Never was he found among the people who hankered again for the leeks and garlic of Egypt. Never was he found among those who disobeyed God or among the people who turned to idolatry. He had caught a glimpse of the reward of obedience, and that was sufficient to keep him true for all the rest of his life, and until that brought him at last to the place that God had promised him.

What a moment when, at eighty-five years of age, that man, in all the maturity of godly character, and in all the authority of one who believed God, stepped out of the ranks alone! He had gone through many difficulties and succeeded in the struggle to overcome those who would have done almost anything to dissuade him from his conviction. What a thrill it was to hear him say, "Now, after forty-five years of waiting, after many an agony of soul, after having been tempted by the crowd to pull back—now, give me this mountain whereof the Lord spoke in that day!"

I do not know how many of us will live until we are eighty-five, but God knows how I long that when I come to the eventide of life I shall have a faith like Caleb's, a faith based on an unshakable conviction that the Lord delights in me. Doesn't he delight in us? Look back at Calvary's Cross. Surely God has shown his love toward us beyond all doubt, in that "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

I have caught a glimpse of Jesus,  
I care not for aught beside,  
So enchained my spirit's vision,  
Looking at the Crucified.

### COMPLETE VICTORY

And Caleb's reward was complete victory. In Joshua 15:14 we discover that of all the people who received an inheritance in the land, Caleb was the only one who succeeded in expelling the enemy. The others made poor headway; the last part of the book of Joshua makes sad reading, for over and over again we read, "They were not able to drive them out." The chariots of iron were too strong for them—often that is the record in the book. But Caleb drove out all the enemy, although there were three giants in the portion allotted to him. The

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"I find the doing of the will of God leaves me no time for disputing about his plans."  
G. Macdonald.

man who wholly followed the Lord was the only one who was wholly victorious in the fight.

We are conscious—let us face this together in the presence of God—that so often we have failed to drive out the enemy. He is still lurking in a stronghold within us of which we are bitterly ashamed in our best moments. He still knows the weak points in our armor. But I have always found that failure to drive out the enemy in my life is always due to failure wholly to follow the Lord. There is some flaw, some draining away of spiritual vitality, or else the enemy would be exterminated.

Absolute triumph is achieved only in response to utter obedience. God only knows, as he searches our hearts, the leakage in our consecration, the flaw in our obedience, the breakdown in following him, which have resulted in our failure utterly to exterminate the foe. God forgive us, the Holy Spirit illumine our hearts! Caleb wholly followed the Lord, and he wholly drove out the enemy.

Now you must observe something else about Caleb, that he also had a blessing that never wasted. For again, in the 15th chapter, we are told that Caleb had something to spare for his daughter and her husband. He was able to portion out some of the inheritance that God had given to him, and to give it to this newly wedded couple as they set out together in life. He gave them the upper and the lower springs. Truly it might be said of

Caleb that he was "like a watered garden, full of fragrance rare," such was the condition of his heart. The blessing of his life overflowed to other people, and he had the power to open springs of spiritual blessing for others.

### A CHRISTIAN RADIANCE

Does your heart not hunger, and say, "Lord Jesus, make me like that"? Mine does. Oh, to go into old age with radiance and the ability drawn from experience of the grace of God to pass on to some couple setting out on the journey through life the surplus that God has given to me! To be able to teach someone the way of grace and blessing and victory, and to be able to say these things unashamedly, not only with my lips, but with a life that has become sweet and gracious and Christlike—oh, for an old age like that!

There was a secret to it, and it was simply this: Caleb had a love that never waned. When, at the age of forty, he toured and inspected the land, one place captured his heart. It was not its fruit, its milk and honey that appealed to him. To this giant of the faith such blessings were quite secondary.

The name of the place was Hebron. Situated on a rugged mountain, it was the most powerful stronghold of the enemy, and was guarded by the strongest of the giants. There Abraham had pitched his tent. There God had spoken to Abraham face to face.

The word "Hebron" conveys within itself just this meaning: fellowship, love, and communion. That was the place that Caleb cherished. It is the place all of us must seek and find.

### OUR HEBRON

There is a place guarded by powerful forces, a rugged stronghold which Satan attempts to keep from God's people at all costs. He is prepared to barter portions of the land to the children of God: he will give them the plains and the valleys, he will give them milk and honey. Ah, but when Satan sees a soul pressing toward the mountain of Hebron—the soul that is going to be satisfied with nothing in his life other than love, fellowship, and communion with God—Satan is stirred to a last-ditch battle.

Here was the secret of Caleb's patience, of his faith, and of his complete victory—in Hebron he had caught a glimpse of the reward of discipleship—the greatest reward of all. Here God had met man face to face. Caleb saw the place of communion, of fellowship, of God's infinite blessing, and, regardless of the cost and the hardship, he pressed on until Hebron was his.

"Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenazite unto this day, because that he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel" (14:14).



A modern scene in Jerusalem, the city and land of God's promise to the Jews.





A Hungarian refugee family on the platform of the McDermot Ave. Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Left to right: Rev. Wm. Sturhahn; Mr. Ebenspanger and baby Bela; Mrs. A. Loeber, the interpreter (in background); Susanne; Mrs. Maria and Rev. H. Waltereit.

"I WAS A STRANGER and ye took me in." Ever since this word was spoken by our Lord in behalf of homeless refugees, Christian people have offered loving, helping hands "In the Name of Jesus".

During the Sunday morning service on Sunday, January 6th, the McDermot Avenue Baptist Church of Winnipeg, Manitoba, met its own adopted Hungarian refugee family. They were presented on the platform to our pastor, Rev. H. Waltereit, who greeted them in the Name of Jesus.

#### CHRISTIAN LOVE

It was a touching moment with many an eye tear-filled. It was the culmination of Christian love according to the word of our Lord, and somehow we felt that the Lord Jesus was present.

Since only the head of the family speaks German, Mrs. A. Loeber, one of our own members, translated the greeting of the pastor into Hungarian. The names are Mr. Bela Ebenspanger, wife Maria, eight year old, sweet little Susanne, and fifteen month old Bela Jr. They are not Baptists, but are registered as Evangelical.

We have noticed that all church activity and affiliation in Hungary must be very limited. Only truly reborn Christians survived outside of the highly organized Roman Catholic churches. But we fell in love with our family. They are attracted by the warmth of our Christian love and are responding with gratitude and humility.

#### THE EBENSPANGER FAMILY

It was on our circular letter appeal that the church authorized a special committee, consisting of the deacons, to adopt and to sponsor a Hungarian refugee family. Through our direct contacts with all arriving immigrants, we selected this family. They had

fled from their home exactly two months ago on the date of their new adoption, when they heard the news on a Sunday morning of the new onslaught of Russian troops. It took them one hour to pack up a few necessary clothes and food items, and to walk to the not too distant Austrian border.

Now they find themselves unexpectedly in Canada, comfortably established in a warm new home. From a special fund the church is paying rent and food as long as necessary. By contributions we gathered dishes, bed linens, personal clothes and some furniture pieces. Several newly purchased furniture items will remain property of the church until the family has repaid them in monthly installments. Mr. Ebenspanger is a baker by trade, and has already begun to

work. The total outlay by the church is \$200. Of this, approximately half will be repaid by the refugee. The actual cost of helping this family to become established will be near \$100.

Big headlines have announced the ambitious, official Canadian program in response to the tragic events in Hungary: "Canada will admit 40,000 Hungarian Refugees". The government called on all voluntary agencies, churches and church organizations to make this a national emergency aid program. At the same time came the appeal from Austria through our own Baptist Fellowship Fund Committee, announcing that Baptists have established a special committee for relief of Hungarian refugees in Vienna.

By circular letter contacts were made with our churches, suggesting (Continued on Page 24)



Hungarian refugees help in the kitchen at the Mollardgasse Baptist Church, Vienna, Austria, where evangelical Hungarians have found a temporary refuge.

## "A Stranger and Ye Took Me In"

Hungarian refugees are welcomed by one of our Winnipeg churches

By REV. WILLIAM STURHAHN of Winnipeg, Manitoba

## Christ Died for Others!

By Dr. Sandor Haraszti, a Hungarian Baptist Refugee Physician

A HEART-RENDING incident took place recently in the Balassa Janos Hospital in Budapest, Hungary. Fighting in the vicinity of the broadcasting station had cost the lives of many young people. During the fighting both men and women were brought into the hospital, many of them parents.

Physicians and nurses were deeply moved as they saw the suffering of these people, many of whom were fatally wounded. They had neither the opportunity nor the strength to bid good-bye to their loved ones. Men called for their wives, while women whispered the names of their husbands. Still others cried out for their children. Young children exhibited little emotion.

#### FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM

For us as physicians the lack of emotion in these young children, the color faded from their lips, was most touching of all. The poor children lay there listless, some even unconscious, the only sign of life their constant gasping. Even while conscious, they endured their suffering in a way that would put adults to shame. During the first days of freedom fighting, before it was fully realized that they were fighting for the freedom of their people, thousands of school children had shed their blood.

One of the nurses attending the wounded, approached a seriously injured fourteen year old lad and disapprovingly said, "Why did you not stay at home, my child? You have caused your poor mother deep sorrow by your behavior. You should have been punished."

The young boy opened his eyes widely to the complaining nurse and answered, "And what is your opinion, Auntie? What would have happened if everyone felt the same as you? Then no one would have died for Hungary."

A few hours later the young lad quietly passed away. He died in the happy belief that his fatherland had been liberated.

#### OUR HEAVENLY CITIZENSHIP

What would have happened if no one had given his life for others? . . . We cannot see at the moment how the staggering fight of the Hungarian people will result in the long-awaited freedom, but we do believe that God will not allow the most precious possession of a people, their freedom, to be denied them. Our children and our youth died for this. Many of our intellectuals have been deported to Siberia, and those of our countrymen

who have remained at home are suffering the hunger and cold of winter that they might make an appeal to the conscience of humanity in the hope that their effort will not be in vain.

In the light of this incident, my dear fellow countrymen, I would like to tell you about another who has given his life for our people. Jesus Christ came in order to secure for us the right of citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven. Our fatherland is our most cherished possession during our earthly life, a period of sixty to seventy years, and even for that brief time it has not been ours because we have been driven from it.

Holy Scripture instructs us that "here we have no continuing city, but

a new fatherland in place of our lost one, we will not remain forever.

But Jesus Christ came in order to proclaim to us the citizenship of Heaven and died to the end that we might be members of the Eternal Kingdom. Satan had already considered fallen man as one who had lost his right to inherit the Kingdom of God, but God gave his only begotten Son in order to reconcile the world by the blood of his Cross.

Jesus Christ did not need to leave his heavenly glory. He was rich and did not want for anything. He left heaven and "for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich" (II Cor. 8:9b). He had no other reason for doing this than that he loved us.



Dr. Sandor Haraszti, refugee Baptist pastor from Budapest, Hungary, preaching to a group of Hungarian refugees at a camp near Vienna, Austria. Dr. Haraszti is the author of the accompanying article.

we seek one to come" (Hebrews 13:14). Even in the new land to which we hope now to emigrate, though it will open its doors to us and become

#### HUNGARIAN TRACTS

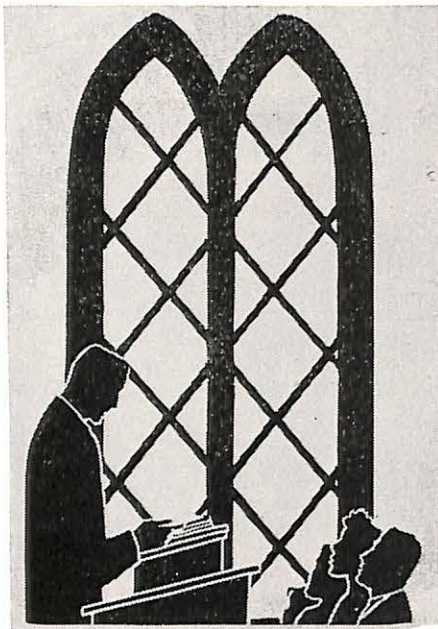
Dr. W. J. Appel, our European director, sent us this translation of a Hungarian tract, prepared by Dr. Haraszti, a refugee physician, who is helping in the Baptist relief work in Austria. It is planned to prepare a series of these tracts to be used in the various refugee camps throughout Austria. EDITOR.

#### CHRIST'S GIFT TO YOU

What would have happened if our Savior had not given his life for others? We would have remained in our miserably lost condition. But "he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world" (I John 2:2). This fatherland which he gave us cannot be taken away from us either by threat or force. From this fatherland we will not be driven, nor will we be deported.

Oh, that you might become a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven! Oh, that you might enter into Eternal Life! Jesus Christ is calling you. Read the Bible and you will find the way to him.





"The word of the Lord endureth forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you" (1 Peter 1:25).

THE POWER of the printed page cannot be overestimated. Like many another instrument, it can be used either for good or for evil, for life or for death. How often through history it has been used as a mighty weapon for truth and right! Yet it has also been used to lead men into moral and spiritual ruin.

We have today an unlimited opportunity to use this tool for God and the Gospel, and we ought to take far greater advantage of it than we do. Even in this television age it is still, next to direct personal address, the most effective means for the spread of the Gospel through the earth.

The apostles reached hundreds of people by their spoken messages. But they soon realized that the Message had to be put in writing, not only to reach other people in that generation, but to reach other generations still to come.

#### THE POWER OF THE PRINTED PAGE

John Wycliffe printed a Gospel tract. It reached the hand of John Hus, and its message touched his heart and made him a flaming evangel for God. In loyalty to the faith, he was burned at the stake as a martyr for Jesus Christ.

Martin Luther, as a monk, shared his convictions about the Bible, the church and the Gospel with those whom he met face to face, but when once he took hold of the printing press, his convictions were read by thousands, and the Reformation was born.

William Tyndale was willing to risk his life that he might by the grace of God place the printed Word in the hand of every lad who walked behind the plow.

Luther wrote a pamphlet on Gala-

tians which, falling into the hands of John Bunyan, was the means of his conversion. The 135th translation (in African) of "Pilgrim's Progress" has just been issued.

This same Martin Luther wrote, among other books, a commentary on the Epistle to the Romans. A layman was reading from the preface to the commentary at a midweek service in London, England, on May 24, 1738. A man by the name of John Wesley slipped into the meeting in Aldersgate Street. He tells in his "Journal" how "about a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation; and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from this law of sin and death." Wesley went out to be the burning and the shining light that called England to a glorious spiritual awakening.

#### THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

Joseph Neesima was converted through the reading of a torn page of the Bible, and his life became a mighty influence for Christ in Japan.

Adoniram Judson, through his reading of "Star of the East", saw the teeming millions of souls without the knowledge of the Gospel of salvation, and gave the rest of his life to the preaching of that Gospel.

Illustrations of the power and influence of the printed page are legion.

Who are using the printed page to-

#### MISSIONARY PICTURE PACKET

The picture of Mr. and Mrs. William Rentz and their daughter Karen, now serving as missionaries in the Cameroons, Africa, has been added to the Missionary Picture Packet. If you have secured a packet during the past year, and you want to complete the collection of 37 pictures, then request this picture (without charge) of the North American Baptist Headquarters, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.

If you want the entire up-to-date Missionary Packet of 37 pictures, suitable for exhibit on the bulletin board or a missionary map, then send \$1.00 with your request to the same address. EDITOR.

## Mightier Than the Sword!

A Message for Bible Sunday, March 10, 1957  
by Dr. Louis H. Benes

day? The Jehovah Witness cult owns and operates the world's largest religious printing press. Their nine story building in Brooklyn, N. Y., sends out a continual stream of literature in forty different languages. In 1954 they produced and circulated more than 73 million magazines, 43,460,000 Watchtowers, and 29,620,000 Awakes. They spend millions of dollars in their fanatical zeal to win converts to their perverted ideas of Christianity. They believe in the value of the printed page.

The Roman Catholic Press in the United States has a total magazine and newspaper circulation of almost 24 million, according to TIME magazine. Bishop Robert Dwyer of Reno says that the Roman Catholic press is reaching more people and exerting a greater influence over American thought than at any time in the past. The Knights of Columbus spent \$700,000 last year in an effort to convert the people of our country to Roman Catholicism.

#### SEND FORTH THE WORD!

Maybe we lack the spiritual vigor that is needed to meet and win against the error, confusion and corruption that battles with us for the minds of men. Maybe we no longer really believe that we have a Message to give to the world, that the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. Maybe we are succumbing to a former religion that has lost its power. Maybe we have no real willingness to sacrifice for the cause of our Lord. Maybe we have had our day!

The future belongs to those who believe in their cause, and who are willing to deny themselves to advance it. Oh, you say, the future belongs to God, and he will give it his own. Indeed, but God will never give the future to an un consecrated and indifferent church. The gates of hell shall never prevail against the Church of Jesus Christ, but he may raise up others to defend and promote his Gospel, if we through unconcern and apathy fail to work and fight and pray with the weapons at our command.

The children of this world in our generation seem to be wiser than the children of light. They sometimes seem to be also more zealous and aggressive. Their use of the printed page, as well as other methods of reaching and winning others, should shame us and stab us wide awake to a renewed devotion for Jesus Christ, and to a resolve to use every means we have to make him known, loved and obeyed in our world.

## Mary's Alabaster Box

By Rev. J. Sidlow Baxter from "Quiet Talks on the Word of God"

"Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment."—John 12:3.

THIS LOVELY little episode illustrates the meaning of consecration to Christ more appealingly perhaps than any other in the New Testament. Mary's spikenard not only pervaded that long-ago Bethany homestead with its fragrance; its sweet savour ascended to the very angels in heaven; and it lingers on through the centuries; for "whosoever this Gospel is preached" its aroma breaks forth afresh. This very day its sweetness exhales to us again from the leaves of Holy Writ.

We are left in no doubt that Mary's "alabaster box" (as Matthew and Mark identify it) was of most expensive quality. As its name indicates, it was from Alabastron in Egypt, famous for its manufacturing of such vessels and perfumes. Our first two evangelists tell us that this particular spikenard confection was "very precious", while John adds that it was one "pound" in weight and "very costly".

Whether Mary had procured it through a merchant or it had been bequeathed by her mother; whether she had treasured it for a longer or shorter time, we do not know; but it may have been "very precious", for sentimental reasons as well as "very costly" in terms of purchase.

There were four choices open to Mary in her use of it. First, she could have used it entirely on herself—which is what many do with the alabaster boxes of their hearts and lives. Second, she could have poured it on some loved one or loved ones better than Jesus.

Third, she could have distributed it between herself and some other or others, either including or excluding Jesus as a part-sharer. Fourth, there was the choice which she actually made, namely, the devoting of it exclusively to Jesus her Lord. And when she gently unsalted it upon his head and feet, she thereby outpoured the supreme love and devotion of her heart.

There were four motives behind Mary's lovely impulse. First there was reverence. Hers was no mere sentimental adoration of an idol. In that sublime Manhood she had recognized incarnate Godhead and must worship. Second, there was gratitude. While others seemed blind, her tear-clarified eyes had seen that the way to the



Miss Ruby Salzman of Kankakee, Ill., who will soon be returning to the Cameroons, British West Africa, as missionary-teacher.

throne was via the Cross (verse 7). Third, there was faith—faith in him as Son of God, Savior, King. Fourth, there was love, a love which, having

been begotten of the other motives—reverence, gratitude, faith, had now become the strongest of them all.

There are also four traits here which illustrate all true consecration to Christ. Lip-worship was not enough; she must give. The cheap was not enough; she must give the "very costly". A part was not enough; she must give all. The unbroken was not enough; it must be actually out-poured, and Mary must fall at his feet—the respected Mary of all people—and linger there like the lowest slave!

Well; how do you and I compare with that? The same four choices are open to each of us today, with these alabaster boxes of our lives. The first choice, i.e. ego-devotion, self-gratification always turns fragrance to sourness in the end.

The second and third choices affect us for good or ill according to the worthiness or otherwise of the objects on which we spend our devotion, though of course all mere earthly objects are poor compared with Christ. Oh, that ours may be the highest choice of pouring our best love at HIS feet!

—Evangelical Christian

## WHEN WE PRAY

By CAROL ROBERTSON

When we meet together to pray, or when we pray alone, Let us always say, "Not my will, but thine be done." Our prayers should not be centered around just "little old me," But should be praise to the Heavenly Father, and a plea for all humanity. Our missionaries should be constantly remembered before the throne, That divine help, guidance and comfort be theirs in the Lord's work well done. Remembering that only through his help can we or they be made stronger, Our prayers in their behalf should be said more often and longer. We should remember all men, women and children, at work, home, school or play, Knowing that regardless of race, creed or color, we all breathe the same air every day; Remembering, too, that only by the Grace of God were we all so made, The same God whose Son died that the debt for our sins might be paid. Let us remember that life on earth is very, very short, But life is eternal and forever in the heavenly courts; And instead of worrying about today, tomorrow and the next day, We should all do as the Master bade us when he said, "Watch ye and pray."

—Baptist Standard





# Joy to the Indians-- The Lord Is Come!

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The Story of the Christmas festivities  
on the Indian Montana Reservation  
near Hobbema, Alberta  
★

By MR. JOE HUFNAGEL, MISSIONARY

"JOY TO THE WORLD, the Lord is come". Thus rang the voices of our Indian people on the Montana Reserve near Hobbema, Alberta, during the Christmas season.

To many of them this carol, and other Christmas songs, mean much more than merely words set to a joyous tune. They have experienced that Christ has come, indeed, not only to the world, but to them and into their hearts and lives, giving them a song that continues throughout this life and for all eternity.

## OUR INDIAN BRETHREN

It is this fact that inspires us to give the best of our service to the Lord that these precious Indian brethren in Christ may "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ", until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the deep knowledge of the Son of God, to perfect manhood, to the mature measure of the fulness of Christ".

Not only are the Indian Christians a challenge to more sacrificial service, but there are others who are wandering in the shades of night, without hope and without God in this world. On New Year's Day I once more was brought face to face with the pitiful condition of those who have either forgotten God or have never known him.

A young man under the influence of liquor said, "An Indian is an Indian; you can't change an Indian". Though we readily admit that we cannot change either an Indian or a white man, we are thankful to God that there is One who can, even Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. He has proven that he is "able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him", even as he has transformed the lives of men of every race,

including the Indians. We praise God who has "reconciled us unto himself by Jesus Christ".

## THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Christmas program was held jointly with the two schools on December 20th. The Montana Reserve chapel was overcrowded for the occasion and some stood outside, watching through the windows and listening by means of a public address system. In all, there were over 150 people in attendance.

Our school teachers, Mrs. F. Hornby and Mr. Gordon Larson, did a splendid work in practicing with the children. It was a delight to hear and to see the children presenting their numbers as they had learned them. They also spoke up very well.

Besides carol singing, recitations, acrostics, etc., the children presented two challenging plays entitled, "Love

Lights the Christmas Tree" and "The Christmas Spirit at Work". Scripture was read by the ex-chief John Bear, after which he also spoke a few words in the Cree language. The Christmas message was given by Mr. J. Hufnagel, missionary, from Matthew 2:1-18 on the theme, "Three Types of People and Their Attitude Toward the Coming of Christ". At the close of the program Chief Albert Rabbit, a Roman Catholic, expressed his appreciation of the program and of the work of our Mission in general.

## CHRISTMAS TREATS

Through the donations of some of our Baptist churches and those of our Indian people, we were able to give treats to all children at the program. We are thankful to all who had a part in this Christmas giving in which we are reminded of the greatest Gift of all—Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

# God's Glory on the Bull Reserve

By Mr. Leonard Maier, Indian Missionary  
at the Benke Memorial Chapel

IT IS HARD to believe that five months have already passed since we came to the Indian Bull Reserve near Wetaskiwin, Alberta. It seems to us like a dream. In all our planning and moving, everything has worked out so wonderfully, and we say "Thank you, God" over and over again.

## MEETING THE INDIANS

These have been busy months, with never a dull moment. It was as a new world to us, especially to the children. Lynette, a beginner in school, had to begin with sixteen "red skins"; she the only pale face. It was hard for her

at first, but now she loves school and loves her new playmates. Annette had to learn to play alone, but often she would be found at school.

## INDIANS LOVE TO PRAY

We were busy meeting people at the door. Curiosity and different requests brought almost all our people to our house the first week. We enjoyed it, for in this way it was easy to get to know our people, and there was no chance for loneliness or homesickness. The people have been very good to us. Though they hated to see the Neumans go, they have graciously received us. Our people love especially

the prayer services. These we have in the homes of our people.

We find it rather difficult to get our young people active in the church. There are a faithful few who are ready to do their best, and they need much encouragement and prayer. In October we had a young people's social to which everyone came, young and old. It was most amusing to see some of the older stoic people bent over with laughing. It did us all good, and it was a means of bringing us closer together with the people.

On November 11th we had a special remembrance day service for the former Chief Francis Bull who had died exactly a year previously. It was a great service with many people present. Everyone said, "He is a man to be remembered, because of his fine example as a true child of God."

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Our grand business in life is not to see what lies dimly at a distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand."

—Carlyle.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

After much practice, on December 21st, we had our Sunday School and young people's Christmas program. The children recited and sang at their best to thrill the parents. The young people presented a play, "No Room in the Inn," and did well. Then, of course, the gifts and treats became the main event for the children. We say "Thank you" to all the churches that have contributed things and gifts.

From Dec. 29th to Jan. 2nd we had

special services each evening. Several rededicated their lives to God, and there has been a spiritual awakening for many of the people. How we pray that we may now get these people busy to do some service for the Lord.

On Sunday, Jan. 13th, we had an evening service at which I showed a moving picture film with pictures that I had taken since we are here. We had a large gathering and they enjoyed to see themselves on this film. It was also the first time that we used Calgary electric power in the chapel. We had a prayer of dedication and thanks to God for this electricity, which will be a great help to us.

We give God praise for blessing the work done in his Name and to his glory. He gives according to our need, and what more could we wish for!

# The Indian Week of Prayer

## Week of Prayer Services Held on the Indian Muscowpetung Reserve of Saskatchewan as Reported by Rev. R. Neuman, Missionary

THE DECISION to join the millions of other Christians throughout the world in the "Universal Week of Prayer" has brought rich blessings and lasting reward to the Indians on the Muscowpetung Reserve near Edenwold, Saskatchewan. The "Call to Prayer" on Sunday morning was well received. The people favored the idea that the prayer services be held in the various homes on the Muscowpetung Reserve.

Four of these services were held in Indian homes and the other in Mr. and Mrs. Ollenberg's home just outside the Reserve. The Ollengbergs are regular attendants at our Mission services and Mrs. Ollenberg teaches a class in Sunday School.

## THE CALL TO PRAYER

Sheets were mimeographed giving the time, place, topic and Scripture passages for study. These were distributed in advance so that all who assembled for prayer would be familiar with the topic of the evening.

Monday came, but the day showed signs of cold, stormy weather. By nightfall visibility was extremely low. But to prayer meeting we must go! On our way we helped a stranded motorist on his way. We arrived at our destination and, in spite of the storm, the cold and the heavy roads, God met us in the assembly. It was only a taste of what was to follow.

On Tuesday night the weather was cold but not stormy. A goodly number gathered down in the Valley in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patt McNab. The house was full. That was enough. Mothers prayed with tears. A young man poured out his heart to God for forgiveness and returned to

God to live a victorious Christian life.

Wednesday night we were in the Valley but the opposite end. We met to pray in the home of Eric Stonechild. The father was out working and came home only for week-ends. The middle-aged mother with three children at home eagerly awaited our coming. The fourth child was in the hospital. We finished our study and knelt to pray. This mother was not a Christian, but when we knelt she was the first one to cry to God for salvation. Her prayer was brief, but her soul had come in contact with God, and, oh, what a blessing was ours!

The blessings of God continued

throughout the week of services. A young Indian father took sick. First, with a cold. This developed into the flu. He was laid low, confined to bed for several days. We visited him. God had blessed this home with two little girls, Karen, age 4, and Ellen, age 3. We talked about different things and, lastly, sang some hymns, read the Scriptures and then were ready for prayer.

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

I directed a few questions to Ellen who promptly answered all of them. She readily believed that God knew that her father was sick and that Jesus loved "her daddy" and could help him. I then asked her if we should pray for daddy. "Yes" was her reply. "Right now," she said and was down on her knees praying before we could get on our knees.

"Dear God, help my daddy to get better, and help my sister not to fight me any more, in Jesus precious Name, I pray, Amen." Of course we gave our "Amen" to that prayer, too.

There is no substitute for prayer. The week was a busy one but with so many blessings. It was indeed a thrill for us here on the Muscowpetung Reserve to kneel each night in different homes for one week with millions of others in humble dependence upon Christ, as we were enabled by the Spirit to pour out our hearts before God in thanksgiving, confession, supplication and intercession.

We would continue to do so throughout the year in our homes or wherever it might be, thereby getting God to open the windows of heaven and blessing us throughout the year as he did during this special week.



An American Indian with his famous "peace pipe" which was used at the close of hostilities among Indian tribes.





The choir of the Baptist Church, Saskatoon, Sask., (right) at the Christmas program in 1955 singing before a small congregation, and (left) the inspiring church choir at the 1956 Christmas program singing to a large and attentive crowd.

## Church Extension in Saskatoon, Sask.

By Rev. H. Schatz, Northern Conference Worker

WE ARE THANKFUL that the Lord has entrusted to us a wonderful opportunity in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, one of our many Church Extension projects at the present time in our denomination. A brief history of this work, how it started, will be of interest to the reader. In a Northern Conference Committee session, we discussed the possibility of beginning such a work in Saskatoon. So the Committee unanimously decided to send the Conference Worker, Rev. H. Schatz, to Saskatoon to investigate the possibility of such a future project.

### DIFFICULT BEGINNINGS

Rev. K. Korella, a member of the committee, gave me some addresses of families living in Saskatoon who might be interested in starting this work. On visiting these families and giving them the report and decision of the Conference Committee to the effect that if they wanted to start a German Baptist work here we would be willing to support them, but if they would rather join a Canadian Baptist Church we would then abstain from starting this work, we found them deeply interested.

After some time of discussion and prayer, God opened a wonderful door to us through a woman in the city who informed Mr. Hellner about the possibility of purchasing a Baptist church building that was on sale at a very reasonable price. On informing Rev. H. Pfeifer, the Northern Conference secretary, and Rev. R. Schilke, the general missionary secretary, about this splendid offer, Mr. Schilke gave instructions to Mr. Pfeifer to go to Saskatoon and there to see this

building. It is now known to us that after much prayer and planning, this church was bought by our General Missionary Committee, for which we in Saskatoon are very grateful.

In comparing the attendance of 12 people on the first Sunday with the present attendance of 55 to 64, we are grateful for all evidences of God's marvelous blessing. On special occasions such as our Thanksgiving program, the attendance rose to 80 and the offering was \$156.00. The attendance at our Christmas program was 101. Our hearts overflow in gratitude to our Master for these blessings. Our congregation includes a number of other believing Christians and friends who attend very regularly and are faithful to this work.

### FUTURE POSSIBILITIES

We have great possibilities in this city for our outreach because we have many German people here. Saskatoon

### CHURCH EXTENSION

This is one of the 17 Church Extension fields receiving financial assistance from the Church Extension Fund of the denomination. It is one of the most recent extension projects begun.

For us as North American Baptists, a goal of \$50,000 has been set for Church Extension work to be reached by March 31, 1957. Church Extension envelopes and material have been sent to all churches.

This is only the beginning in our Church Extension ministry as we reach out with evangelistic zeal into new communities to bring men and women to a knowledge of Christ as their Lord and Savior.

is a very beautiful city, besides being the educational center of Saskatchewan with a population of 70,000. It also has the medical center the University of Saskatchewan, and several theological seminaries. All of this is a great opportunity for our young people.

### NEW MEMBERS

One young woman of a North American Baptist Church is studying at the university and has become a member of our church. Another North American Baptist girl who works at the hospital has become a member and is now our organist. Our little church is also a fine haven for our older people who have come to live in retirement in Saskatoon. This is true of the parents of our missionary, Rev. R. Neuman, on the Muscowpetung Indian Reserve, who are residing here.

We must not overlook the sacrificial work of others like Mr. Hellner who through his untiring labor and working for this cause has contributed much to the early success. Mr. S. Block has used his car repeatedly, bringing many people to church services and being helpful in many other things. We are likewise thankful for the faithful work of Mr. Neuman as well as for the sacrificial ministry of many others.

May God help us to be faithful to his work as it has been entrusted to us here in Saskatoon. May we be willing to sacrifice even more. We are thankful to our brethren who are serving as denominational leaders for their noble support as well as for their understanding of this important work for the Lord in this Church Extension project in Saskatoon.

### ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke

Feb. 17 (Sunday A.M.)—Oak Street Church, Burlington, Iowa.

Feb. 18 (Monday)—Central Baptist Home for the Aged, Chicago, Ill.

Feb. 24 (Sunday A.M.)—King's Highway Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Rev. R. Schilke

Feb. 24 (Sunday A.M.)—Fenwood, Saskatchewan.

Feb. 24 (Sunday P.M.)—Nokomis, Saskatchewan.

Feb. 26-27—Northern Conference Mission Committee session, Yorkton, Sask.

Feb. 28 (Thursday)—Ebenezer, Saskatchewan.

March 3 (Sunday A.M.)—Trinity Church, Warren, Mich.

March 3 (Sunday P.M.)—Bethel Church, Detroit, Mich.

Rev. J. C. Gunst

March 3 (Sunday)—25th Anniversary Program, Bethany Church, Milwaukee, Wis.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner

Feb. 25-March 1—Leadership Training Course, Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C.

March 3 (Sunday)—Dedication of New Parsonage, Ebenezer Church, Vancouver, B. C.

March 5-6—Pacific Northwest Ministerial Fellowship, Vancouver, British Columbia.

### SPECIAL DATES

March 7 (Thursday)—Workshop for Denominational Leaders, Forest Park, Illinois.

March 8 (Friday)—Summer Visitation Committee, Forest Park, Ill.

March 8 (Friday)—Worldwide Day of Prayer.

March 9 (Saturday)—Student Placement and "God's Volunteers" Committee, Forest Park, Ill.

March 10 (Sunday)—Bible Sunday Observance. Program material has been sent to churches. Offerings for Bible distribution.

### CHANGES OF ADDRESS

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Rev. Ernest Frank  
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Rev. J. R. Kruegel  
Trenton, Illinois

Rev. Fred Sonnenberg  
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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.)

1. The Psalmist's statement that his help comes from the hills (Psalm 121: 1) has puzzled me. What does he mean by this?

Actually the Psalmist is not saying that his help comes from the hills, as is evident from the more accurate rendering of this text in the Revised Version, which reads as follows: "I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains. From whence shall my help come? My help cometh from Jehovah, Who made heaven and earth." Notice how these sentences are punctuated, which is the key to the proper meaning of the passage. The Psalmist's first statement about the hills refers to the inspiring sight which a devout Jew would see as he was approaching Jerusalem, viewing the sacred mountains upon which the Holy City was set. However, though his heart would be thrilled by the lofty hills of Zion which yielded "a thousand sacred

sweets," his help nevertheless came from God himself.

2. The idea of man being made in the image of God is not clear to me. Can you explain it?

Essentially what is meant by the Scripture statements concerning the image of God (Gen. 1:26, 27; Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10) is that man was created a personal and moral being. Thus the image consists in a natural likeness to God, or personality (intellect, emotions and will); and a moral likeness, or holiness. Certain other aspects are also included in the image in a secondary way: man's dominion over the lower creation (the animals, etc.); his possession of a body suitable to such a soul made in God's likeness, including the subjection of the physical to the control of the spirit; communion with God and immortality. Through the Fall man lost the original holiness and communion with God. Other elements in his constitution were impaired by sin, but not lost, as personality and the body-soul relationship.

3. In what sense is the Bible the inspired Word of God?

Orthodox Christian thinkers hold that the inspiration of the Bible consists in God's supernatural guidance of the writers of Scripture to the extent that they were held back from errors as they wrote down the truth (Continued on Page 24)

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1957

See article on "Mary's Alabaster Box" on page 9 and "We, the Women" on page 14 of this issue.

### BIBLE SUNDAY

Read the article, "Mightier Than the Sword," on page 8 of this issue. Sunday School material for the observance of Bible Sunday has been sent to all churches.

### FOR THIS I PRAY

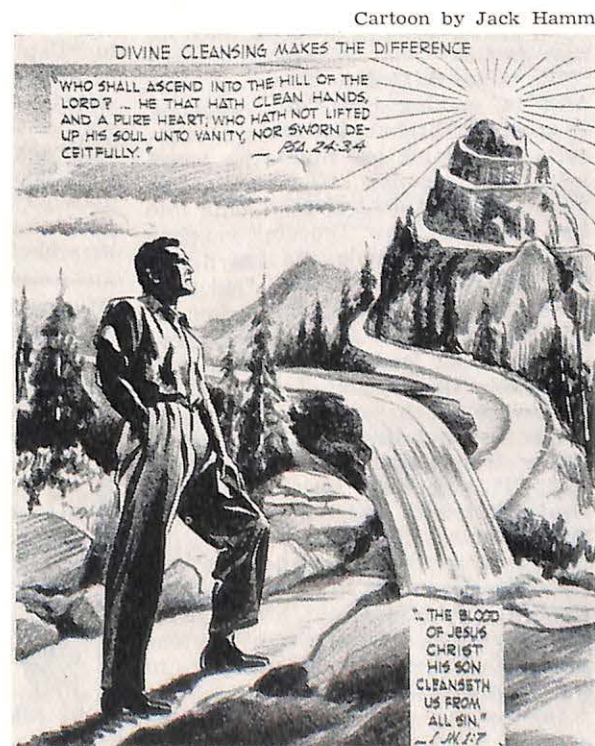
O God,  
For great consistency of thought,  
For steadfast aim that falters not,  
For power to do the things I ought—  
For this I pray.

Make me  
To run the race courageously,  
To falter not, nor fail to see  
The path Thy hand hath set for me—  
For this I pray.

Forgive  
My sin—my inconsistency,  
The pride which clothes my human frailty;  
Greate in me a real humility,  
Dear Lord, I pray.

Give me  
The faith to take Thee at Thy word,  
To know that Thou, who seest each little bird,  
Dost know the way where it to me seems blurred.  
Guide me, I pray.

Help me  
To cleanse and keep my soul from dross,  
To count my righteousness but total loss,  
To point another to Thy blessed Cross—  
For this I pray.  
—Douglas Milburn Parsons





# We the Women

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

Every Woman's Society of our denomination should have received the World Day of Prayer material as set up by the W. M. Union by this time. If you have not, please write: "Woman's Missionary Union, 7308 Madison Street, Forest Park, Ill., and ask for it."

Theme: Who Shall Separate Us . . . ? Romans 8:35

Date: March 8, 1957

For Women all over the World. Please connect this timely thought with the World Day of Prayer material.

## ARE YOU A GOOD CITIZEN?

By MRS. DAVID DRAEWELL  
of Detroit, Michigan

It is true that not too many women ever hold public office. However, we still have our responsibilities as Christian citizens. What is one positive way we help our country?

"Prayer for government is one of the most neglected ministries." This statement was the focal point of an article in a recent Christian magazine. It seems to provide an answer to our question.

In 1 Timothy 2:1, 2 we read: "I exhort therefore, that first of all supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and FOR ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty."

We are commanded by God to pray for our country's leaders as those "that are in authority." How may we best do this?

We may ask God to give them wisdom in making important decisions. A guest of Abraham Lincoln had difficulty in sleeping one night. He heard soft tones coming from the room where the president slept. Going into the room, he saw Lincoln kneeling before an open Bible and heard him pray these words: "O thou God, that heard Solomon in the night when he prayed and cried for wisdom, hear me! I cannot lead this people, I cannot guide the affairs of this nation, without thy help."

Our national leaders today need to follow this example. God has promised, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God: and it shall be given him" (James 1:5).

We may pray that our leaders will have moral courage to be firm in their stand for what is right. They need our prayers also for strength to withstand the temptations peculiar to their public position.

Our prayer ministry might also include a desire for them to have a

# Baptist Men

By Mr. R. E. Engelbrecht of Waco, Texas, President of "Baptist Men"

THIS IS the second appearance of the special section in the BAPTIST HERALD for "Baptist Men." If this section proves to be beneficial, and enough interest is shown, we are hoping to continue with it once every six weeks. For the April issue we are planning to have testimonies of laymen who are active in men's work in various ways and in different capacities in their local church and in our larger fellowship.

On December 7, 1956 the officers of "Baptist Men" met at the Seminary in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, to discuss our work and make plans for the future. The material for the packets was revised and some of it simplified. Upon completion of these packets, one will be sent to each church, and if additional copies are needed they will be sent upon request. (Please send your request to P. O. Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois.)

## PACKETS AND DUES

Again we request that as men's groups are formed or organized that you join "Baptist Men," the national organization. Included in the packet is an application blank that you may use to become affiliated with "Baptist Men." (For additional copies please write to Mr. Robert Pieschke, 8535 Gratiot Avenue, Detroit 13, Michigan, the Secretary-Treasurer, or when you have completed the form, send it to him.)

The Board of Directors of "Baptist Men" have revised the annual dues schedule. In the future local men's groups with less than 20 members are requested to pay \$5.00 per year dues to "Baptist Men" and those with 20 or more members \$10.00 per year. As stated before, we do not have any way of financing the national organization except by the payment of dues from local organizations. Send your dues payment for renewal as well as first time affiliation to Mr. Robert Pieschke.

sense of dependency upon God and his Word. They and we can do nothing

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A jeweler's business card has the following motto inscribed on the back, which might be considered an effective description of the Christian life:

### Our Slogan

"To strive to be like a good watch: open face, busy hands, pure gold, well-regulated, full of good works."

Some questions have been asked by local groups regarding the name that they are to give to their men's organization. Of course, the name of our denomination-wide organization is "Baptist Men," and, no doubt, the name for each of the nine local district conferences is "Baptist Men," but for the local church it is left up to the men to adopt a name that in their discretion will be most suitable for the particular community in which they are located. Some groups have selected such names as "Men's Brotherhood," "Men's Fellowship," "Men's Club" and others are called "Baptist Men." The names of those that are known to us, it seems that more than the majority that have organized are called "Brotherhood."

## NEW LAYMEN'S PAPER

By the time you receive this issue of the BAPTIST HERALD, we trust that the first issue of our publication will have made its entry and received by all pastors and laymen on our mailing list. As mentioned previously, Mr. Herbert Stabbert of Anaheim, California, is serving as editor. We feel that there are real possibilities for this publication to become a useful tool in the future of "Baptist Men."

We welcome suggestions from the laymen and also our pastors, in order that this column as well as our publication might be not only interesting, but of real value and assistance to men's organizations in all of the churches of our denominational fellowship.

There are still a number of churches in our denomination that have not sent in names and addresses of laymen for our mailing list. Unless this information is sent to us, we have no way to get this publication and news letters to the laymen of your church. Please send this information without further delay to R. E. Engelbrecht, 4316 Fort Avenue, Waco, Texas.

ing in our own strength, but with God all things are possible. They too need our prayers that their own lives may be godly. It is important that they be examples of good conduct and inspirational living for the people whom they serve.

We should not forget to praise God for the Christians already in office and ask him to bless their witness for the Lord.

Too often the failure of men in public office is perhaps our failure because we have neglected our duty to pray for them. Let us, therefore, begin today to make "supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving for all that are in authority."

# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 3, 1957

## Theme: THE GREAT CONFESSION

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-27

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: The spiritual truths which we utter are based on what we have learned about and experienced with Jesus Christ.

INTRODUCTION: It was never easy for God to reveal himself to man. He did it many times and in various ways through the prophets (Heb. 1:1), but finally and fully through Jesus Christ, his Son. It was not an easy revelation, nor was it the kind of revelation for which the Israelites looked. Even the disciples, after being with Jesus for a long period of time, did not see God revealed in Christ. They saw him as a great teacher, a healer, a worker of miracles, a potential king of Israel, who would restore the nation and free her from the bondage of Rome. They saw themselves as prime ministers and high ranking officials of the new kingdom of Israel.

It was after much patient teaching that Jesus finally asked the all-important question as to who he was. He had the point of view of the people in general, but he needed, above all, the conviction of his own disciples.

## I. THE CONFESSION OF THE MULTITUDE. Matt. 16:13, 14.

Since Jesus' baptism, followed by his teaching and miracles, there was a tremendous interest and anticipation in his Messiahship. They thought of him in terms of the highest and best in history, yet they never came to the full truth of his Lordship. He was thought of as the son of David (Matt. 23:30); as a reincarnation of John the Baptist; as Elijah in the fulfillment of the prophecy in Mal. 4:5; as Jeremiah or one of the prophets. There was not one mean or low comparison, and yet none were high enough.

## II. THE CONFESSION OF PETER. Matt. 16:15-20.

Jesus was not particularly interested in what people thought of him. But he did want to know how much his disciples had grown in faith and understanding. Peter's confession was not so much a conclusion drawn from the exercise of his intellect, but a gift of God. He seemed to be the spokesman for the whole group of disciples, for there was not one negative vote nor even an element of surprise. The people had an opinion as to who Jesus was; the disciples had a conviction as to who he was. Therefore the Church of Jesus Christ can never be built upon opinions, but only upon the foundation of the Lordship of Christ.

## III. THE GREAT CONFESSION AND SUFFERING. Matt. 16:21-26.

After such an inspiring revelation and confession it must have been difficult for Jesus to speak of his suffering and death. In Peter's confession we see how close he came to the truth of Jesus Christ, but in his rebuke of the Lord we see how far he still was from the full knowledge of the suffering Savior.

The same disciples who moments before were thrilled by the revelation of his Sonship were staggering under the revelation of apparent defeat. In their finite minds the cross and the crown had no association whatsoever. Not only did they not want Jesus to suffer; they expected him to save them from suffering. In spite of the fact that Peter was able to receive such a wonderful revelation from God, he was still not fully free from the influence of Satan.

## IV. THE GREAT CONFESSION AND ULTIMATE VICTORY. Matt. 16:27.

Jesus did not end his lesson on a note of defeat, but on a note of glory and triumph. The cross and suffering are not the end, but the means to final victory for Jesus Christ and the salvation to those who follow him.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: March 10, 1957

## Theme: UNLIMITED FORGIVENESS

Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Only through forgiveness can we be united with God, and only through forgiveness can we be united as children of God.

INTRODUCTION: Lovable, impulsive Peter is speaking again. Some of his utterances are full of inspiration and wisdom, coming from God himself. Others are prompted by Satan, and by ignorance and selfishness. It is very evident that we have a divided Peter who is not yet firmly founded upon the Rock. He wants to

## 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.

pledge his allegiance fully to Jesus Christ, but he is still partly tied to the tradition of his fathers and by his own ignorance and misconceptions.

Fortunately, Peter has the gift of being honestly, though naively, frank. He speaks what is on his mind, whether it is clothed in wisdom or foolishness. He is not aware that he lays himself open to criticism and correction. For it is only when a person speaks what is in his heart that his heart can be changed. When we come to God with our doubts and fears, our questions and ignorance, then he can come in and take full possession of us. There is even an element of faith in the tortoise that sticks his neck out. It may be dangerous, but it is the only way he can make progress.

## I. THE QUESTION OF FORGIVENESS. Matt. 18: 21, 22.

Read the foregoing verses in the chapter to understand better the reason for Peter's question. Jesus was teaching a lesson on forgiveness—the fact of forgiveness as well as the necessity of it. Peter, who was a good talker, was also a keen listener. He thought he detected the danger of such a general law of forgiveness. There were many loopholes, and therefore Jesus should have added some by-laws, particularly a "statute of limitations." He thought of the person who is a liar and could continue to lie and ask for forgiveness in endless succession. The man who steals could follow the same pattern as well as every other sinner. As a person brought up and trained in the tradition of the elders, Peter looked only on the legal aspect of the case.

Forgiveness, however, is based on the nature of God and not on the letter of the law. It goes deeper than mere kindness or goodwill or sentiment or tolerance. Unlimited forgiveness must be given to the genuinely repentant, and then only on godly terms.

## II. THE UNLIMITED FORGIVENESS OF GOD. Matt. 18:23-27.

As usual Jesus explains a difficult spiritual truth by a simple parable. The certain king was portrayed as God; the servants, his children. The debt was about fifteen million dollars and impossible to repay or to be compensated for by work performed. It is a symbol of man's sin for which no atonement can be made and no moral reformation can correct. He faces guilt and damnation unless he bases his hope of salvation in the forgiveness of God. But God cannot forgive unless and until forgiveness is desired. Then the floodgates of mercy and grace are opened and, like Bunyan's Christian at the wicket gate, his burden of sin rolls off and he sees and feels it no more.

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—Ewing Galloway Photo

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

# The Emerald Necklace

By ELISE FRASER



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



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## SYNOPSIS

When John Rowland slips his Bible into his pocket and walks out of the mission hall that November night in San Francisco, he begins a strange adventure. For out of the mist steps a woman of breathtaking beauty who calls his name and brings to his startled remembrance his lovely classmate, Kathryn Greig. Kathryn begs him to have dinner with her, saying she needs help. She asks him to return a small trinket to a friend, hastily scribbling an address on a card. He opens the box and discovers a valuable emerald necklace in it. The next day he finds no such address nor can he again find the apartment room of Kathryn. He can't even remember her married name. He goes back to his hotel room very much frightened.

## CHAPTER FOUR

WITH every ring of the telephone John answered hopefully, thinking it might be Kathryn. But the day passed without any message from her. Contrary to his usual custom, John had dinner at his hotel. After dinner he went up to his room. Taking off his overcoat, he threw it carelessly across the bed. He was startled by a click against the metal bars of the bed. Something small and white slid to the floor. Bending over it, John saw that it was a lady's evening bag of tiny seed pearls. Amazed as he was to see it, he pounced upon it eagerly, hoping that it might contain some solution to the present enigma, some word from Kathryn, some clue to her whereabouts.

But the purse instead of solving the mystery only added the more to it. Diamonds, rubies, pearls, amethysts, emeralds, sapphires and all manner of precious stones were revealed to his astonished gaze. A delicate, elusive perfume stole up from the tiny bag bringing back Kathryn in all her exquisite loveliness.

"Am I John Rowland or Rajah somebody or other from Allahabad or someplace?" John groaned.

So absorbed was he that he jumped nervously when the telephone jangled in his ear. "Yes?" he answered, hoping desperately that it might be Kathryn.

But it was Tom Wiley at the mission. "Say, John, could you help us out tonight? Quincy is sick and we've a crowd of fellows down here now."

"Sure," John said, "I'll be down."

Hanging up the phone, John looked about the room with the thought of finding a hiding place for the jewels. He thought of slipping them inside the mattress but was sure that he would worry less if he had them with him. He placed the necklace and jewels in the lining of his vest and pinned them securely. The seed pearl purse and the jewel box he tossed on the top shelf of his closet.

He then set out for the mission, being careful to keep to well-lighted streets and to walk close to groups of people who looked as if they were going about the ordinary duties of life. He sighed with relief as he arrived at the center without mishap.

John had no sooner entered the room than he saw Paul Ames standing near the literature rack looking at him. John immediately remembered him as the stranger he had bumped into the night before and greeted him cordially, "Hi, there, friend of the night."

Paul wheeled around. "I thought I might find you here." He pulled out the tract John had given him the night before. "See, it had this address stamped on it."

"I'm glad you came," John said. "Are you a Christian?"

Paul laughed derisively. "Me? A Christian? Say, brother, I guess I'm about as far from being a Christian as you are from being an African."

"Well," said John cheerfully, "it would be a lot easier for you to be a Christian than for me to be an African."

Paul chuckled. "Don't you believe it. But I liked the look of your face. I liked what I saw under that lamp."

"Then we're off to a good start," John said. "What do you say if we go upstairs and have a chat? My name's John Rowland."

"Paul Ames is mine. Guess you'd like to hear all about my troubles." Paul gave him a sly look.

"Got any?"

"Man alive, I've got nothing else but," returned Paul.

"Quite natural," John said. "The Bible says that man that is born of woman is born to trouble as the sparks fly upward."

"It's not lying," Paul returned fervently.

"You know there's a man with your name in the Bible," John opened his Bible.

"No kidding?"

"Ever hear of Paul, the apostle?"

"Has a familiar ring," Paul said.

"He was a great man," John said.

"He was a graduate of a great university, the University of Tarsus. He had wealth, position, honor and he was a free man, a citizen of Rome. But you know what he said? He said all that he had he counted but dung, that's manure, that he might attain Christ and the glory of His resurrection."

"Sounds screwy," Paul said.

"No, he wasn't screwy. He knew what he was doing. He said, 'I know in whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.'"

"What was it he committed?" Paul asked.

"Himself and all that he had, his life, his future, his wealth, his honor, his name," returned John.

"And to whom did he give all this?"

"To Christ, the Son of God," John said.

Paul looked up. "What I read last night," he said reflectively. "These things are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."

"That's right. Did you understand it?"

Paul looked griefed. "Yes, I understood it, my friend. But it's not for me. Not now. I've work to do."

"You can have God as your partner if you accept His offer of salvation. You then become an heir of God and joint-heir with the Lord Jesus Christ."

Paul shook his head. "God Almighty wouldn't be a partner in what I have to do, man. It's the work of the devil himself."

"Then you'd better get out of it, my friend, for the devil is doomed to destruction."

Paul looked disconsolate. "I said before, I like your face. It has an open, happy look. You're on the right road, that's for sure. Someday maybe I'll join you, but not tonight."

"Curious thing, a fellow in the Bible said that very thing to Paul."

"Yeah?"

"Yep. Here it is. 'Felix . . . sent Paul and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee.'"

"That's me," admitted Paul.

"Yes," returned John. "The Bible is a mirror and everyone who looks in it sees himself. Paul talked to another who was almost persuaded. King Agrippa said, 'Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.'"

Paul jumped up. "And you almost persuade me. So much so that I'm going on my way right now. I can't afford to be a Christian."

"You can't afford not to be a Christian," John returned.

"Thanks, chum. I appreciate your interest. I'll run along now but I'll be seeing you again. By the way, where do you live? I might like to look you up sometime."

"Hotel Phoenix."

"Mine's the Chancellor. Well, so long."

John looked ruefully after him. He shook his head. "Almost persuaded." This one would take much prayer.

It was close to twelve when John left the mission. For safety, he hailed a taxi. He was home in less than ten minutes.

Upon entering his room it was all too evident that it had been thorough-

ly ransacked in his absence. Some bureau drawers still stood open with ties and handkerchiefs and collars hanging out in alarming disarray. The purse and the jewel case were both gone. As far as John could see there was nothing further missing.

Methodically, John straightened up his room. Someone beside Kathryn knew he had the jewels. Kathryn would hardly resort to this method to regain possession of her property. Thieves had ransacked his room. The jewel case and the purse were evidence enough that he had what they were seeking. His person would be their next line of attack. It was no longer safe for him to carry the jewels.

Making sure that his door was locked and the shades drawn, John looked for a place to hide the jewels. It was then he noticed for the first time the plate over the unused wall socket close to the baseboard. It was painted a dull green and was one with the walls.

Taking his knife, he swiftly took out the two screws and removed the plate. Broken plaster and taped off ends of electric wires were revealed. But the pocket had a floor. It was a cache for the jewels. Quickly John removed the necklace and jewels from his vest and placed them in the cubby hole. He had just finished restoring the plate to its place when he heard footsteps in the hallway. The steps stopped as they reached his door and he heard a gentle knock. John hesitated, wondering whether or not to open his door when he heard a voice, "John Rowland, open the door. It's Paul Ames."

Reluctantly John let him in. "What's up, Paul?"

Paul shook his head. "Don't think one o'clock in the morning is my regular time of calling but I just couldn't sleep tonight. I kept thinking about the things you had told me at the mission tonight. No one ever talked to me like that before. No one ever believed much in me."

Tired though John was, there was nothing he liked to do better than to take his Bible and to talk with someone who was wanting to see Jesus, someone who needed the Savior. Paul listened and time went on. Then John suggested that they pray and he suggested, too, that Paul pray. And Paul prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner. Open my eyes that I may see Jesus."

As they rose from their knees, Paul said, "My friend, I'm worried. There's a lot of trouble in the newspaper and I'm afraid it's a friend of mine who's the victim."

"What happened?" John asked.

"An abandoned car was found on the cliffs near Monterey . . ."

"Yes," John said, "I remember reading about it."

"I'm worried."

"You'd better notify the police," John said.

"Not on your life," Paul said hastily. "I wouldn't get involved in that deal." Paul moved toward the door. "Thanks for everything. I'll be on my way."

"It's your duty to tell the police," John started, then stopped short as he thought of the jewels hidden in a wall of his room.

At the door, Paul paused, looking carefully around the room. John held out his hand and Paul said, "I'm not sure I've salvation, but I'll keep after it."

"If you want it, you can have it," John returned. "Remember Jesus said, 'Whosoever cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.'"

He stood in the door and watched Paul as he walked down the hall.

As John turned back to his room and closed the door, he had an uncomfortable feeling about his late visitor. He had certainly looked about the room with more than ordinary interest.

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When the door of her apartment closed on John Rowland Kathryn stood still for a moment, listening intently. Then softly she moved toward the door leading into the bedrooms. She waited a moment, then flung open the door. But she saw no one and heard no sound. Returning again to her desk Kathryn picked up some note paper and wrote swiftly:

John: Please get in touch with me. Will be at my cousin's, Mrs. Gerald Claxton, Monterey. Kathryn.

Placing the note in an envelope and sealing it, she wrote on the outside "John Rowland."

With the envelope in her hand, she crossed the room and entered the door of her bedroom. Working quickly and without sound, she packed an overnight bag, slipped into a heavy tweed coat and tied a bright blue chiffon scarf over her head. She waited, listening. Then she opened her door a crack and looked into the living room. It was just as she had left it and no one was visible.

Kathryn breathed a sigh of relief when she saw the hall was vacant. Instead of ringing for the elevator, she walked down the narrow, little used stairway. The lobby, too, was empty and she approached the desk.

The clerk turned, looking at her with interest.

"I expect a friend, John Rowland, to call. When he does, please give him this letter."

The clerk nodded, staring at the letter curiously.

Kathryn was about to give him a tip when she thought it might attach unusual significance to the letter. She

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# What's Happening

● Rev. and Mrs. George W. Lang of the Southern Cameroons, West Africa, have announced the birth of a daughter on Dec. 16 who has been named Gwen Frances. This is their second child. Mr. Lang is one of our teachers and missionaries at the Ndu Bible Training Center where he and his family are now stationed.

● Dr. John Leypoldt of Forest Park, Ill., is serving as the interim pastor of the First and Calvary Baptist Churches of Killaloe, Ontario, until March 31. He began his ministry in these churches on Sunday, Jan. 20th. On April 1st the pastor-elect, Rev. Norman Berkan, now of Elmo, Kansas, will begin his work in Killaloe.

● On Sunday, Jan. 20th, Rev. Henry Hirsch presented his resignation as the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Auburn, Mich., formerly the Beaver Baptist Church. The resignation will be effective on April 30th. Mr. Hirsch has served the church since 1952. His plans for the future will be announced later in the "Baptist Herald."

● Rev. Robert Jaster presented his resignation on Sunday, Jan. 6th, to the Victoria Avenue Baptist Church, Regina, Sask. It will take effect on March 31, 1957. He has served the church as its pastor since 1954. His plans for the future are indefinite as yet, awaiting God's guidance. Rev. R. Schilke, general missionary secretary, was a guest speaker at the church on Wednesday evening, January 23.

● On New Year's Eve, Rev. Fred Mashner, pastor of the Bethel Baptist Church, Sheboygan, Wis., baptized four young boys on confession of their faith in Christ, including his son Melvin. The Week of Prayer was observed from Jan. 13 to 20 with special messages by the pastor and with two films presented, "All For Him" and "Talents," on the successive Sunday evenings.

● The Bethel Baptist Church of Ingersoll, Oklahoma, has announced that the Rev. Menno Harms has discontinued his interim ministry with the church early in January. The church has been without a full time pastor since Rev. Leon Bill went to the Zion Church of Okeene, Okla. The Ingersoll church is prayerfully endeavoring to secure a pastor for its pulpit.

● On Sunday, Jan. 27, at the beginning of Youth Week in the Temple Baptist Church of Milwaukee, Wis., two Cameroons missionaries were guest speakers. Miss Ruby Salzman

spoke at the Sunday morning worship service and Miss Esther Schultz at the afternoon fellowship supper. The annual Scout Sunday was observed on Feb. 10 with Boy Scouts as guests and participants in the service. Rev. Rudolph Woyke is pastor of the church.

● The Emmanuel Baptist Church of Edmonton, Alberta, has extended a call to Rev. Ernest Frank to which he responded favorably. He is an immigrant Baptist pastor from Germany, who has arrived in Edmonton a short time ago. In the Emmanuel Church he has succeeded Rev. Edward Hornbacher, who is studying at the North American Baptist Seminary at the present time. The reception for Rev. Ernest Frank was held on Sunday, January 13th.

● At the Watchnight Service of the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Wis., Rev. Jothan G. Benke, pastor, baptized eight persons on confession of their faith in Christ. Another baptismal service was held on Sunday, Jan. 20th, and on Feb. 3rd 14 new members were received into the fellowship of the church. The attendance at the church services has been increasing with 113 present for the morning worship service on Jan. 3rd and 70 in the evening service.

● On Sunday, Jan. 13, Mr. August Kaaz of LaCrosse, Wis., was called to his heavenly home. He was one of the spiritual pillars and leaders of the Bible Baptist Church of LaCrosse, formerly known as the Seventh Street Church. Mrs. Kaaz survives him. The funeral service was on Wednesday, Jan. 16. He had two brothers in the North American Baptist Ministry, Rev. Herman Kaaz and Rev. Julius Kaaz. Rev. Julius Kaaz is still very active as a guest in the Home for the Aged, Philadelphia, Pa.

● The Riverview Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., recently published a 24-page brochure of "Annual Reports for 1956" which included a message by the pastor, Rev. S. Don Ganstrom, on "The Four Dimensions of Christian Witnessing," reports from all of the church's organizations, a listing of the "1956 Memories," and a directory of the church. In 1956 the Riverview Church contributed \$19,107.94 for local and missionary purposes, which represents a per capita giving of \$77.23.

● The choir of the Central Baptist Church, Yorkton, Sask., rendered the cantata, "The Christmas Song of Songs," on Sunday, Dec. 23rd, under the capable direction of the pastor,

Rev. Paul Galambos. On Sunday, Dec. 30th, the members of the neighboring Springside and Ebenezer Baptist churches joined the Yorkton church to hear this inspiring message in song in a repeat program. The offerings received at both of these musical services were designated for Hungarian relief purposes, as reported by Mr. Arthur Fritzke.

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, Kansas, held evangelistic services from Dec. 30 to Jan. 6 with an average attendance of 132 persons at the nine meetings. Rev. Herman Palfenier, denominational evangelist, brought the heart-searching messages. Three persons made decisions of faith in Christ, one for baptism, and two families expressed their desire to begin a family altar. The Winter Leadership Study began on Wednesday, Jan. 16, with a consideration of the timely topic: "What Can the Church Do in Days Like These?"

● On two successive Sunday evenings, Jan. 20 and 27, the pulpit of the Clinton Hill Baptist Church, Newark, N. J., was occupied by Rev. Frank Wuest, missionary in Formosa, who formerly served as assistant pastor of the church. An article by Mr. Wuest about Formosa appeared in the 1956 ANNUAL. He is "a spiritual son" of the Bethel Baptist Church of Buffalo, N. Y. The ministers of the Atlantic Conference churches met at the Clinton Hill Church on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 22, for an important conference. Rev. Sidney Larson is pastor of the church.

● The C.B.Y.F. of the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church, Chilliwack, British Columbia, under the leadership of its president, Miss Clara Werk, presented a Christmas program to a crowded church on Dec. 23. A musical reading, "Joy to the World," and selections by the orchestra preceded the evening's highlight, a pageant, "The Abiding King." The pastor, Rev. G. Beutler, brought the theme of the pageant up-to-date in his message, "Christ Is Still the Answer." The offering of \$32 was designated for the British Columbia Youth Camp and Hungarian Relief.

● On Sunday, Jan. 6th, the pulpit of the Calvary Church, Parkersburg, Iowa, was supplied by Dr. William Lang of Cedar Falls, Iowa, the head of the social science department at the Iowa State Teachers' College. He is a brother of Dr. George A. Lang of our seminary in Sioux Falls, S. Dak. On Sunday, Jan. 20, Dr. M. L. Leuschner of Forest Park, Ill., served as guest speaker at the Parkersburg Church with offerings received for North American Baptist missions amounting to \$550. The pastor-elect, Rev. Raymond Dickau, begins his ministry in the Calvary Church of Parkersburg on Sunday, March 10th.

# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Southern Conference

### Prayer Week and Evangelistic Meetings at Donna, Texas

The Central Valley Baptist Church of Donna, Texas, observed the Week of Prayer from January 7 to 12 by having Cottage Prayer Meetings in the homes of members every night except Wednesday, when the meeting was in church. The attendance varied each night but the Presence of the Lord did not. Hearts were touched and melted as each evening we remembered our missionaries before the Throne of Grace, calling the missionaries by name. God is working in our midst down here in the deep South.

The present pastor, Rev. B. F. Taylor, is completing his first year of ministry in the church in February. Although we have not had a great increase in numbers, we have had an increase, nevertheless. Just before Christmas we held two weeks of meetings with Rev. L. H. Smith of Quincy, Illinois. Even though God did not see fit to give us any souls, nevertheless we praise him for what he is doing and for the precious word that Mr. Smith brought to us. This field is, indeed, ripe unto harvest but the Lord of the Harvest will be the One to give the harvest. Therefore, we ask each reader of the "Baptist Herald" to remember us in prayer.

B. F. Taylor, Pastor.

## Southwestern Conference

### Observance of Week of Prayer, Corn, Oklahoma

We of the Calvary Baptist Church, Corn, Oklahoma, experienced a very blessed week in that we met together every evening from Jan. 7 to 11 in fellowship with our neighboring church, the Berghal Mennonite (General Conference) Church, in observance of World Week of Prayer. We used the outlines sent us from our denominational office and found them most helpful. We were pleased to feel that all around the world Evangelical Churches were gathered around the same meditations.

As host pastor I discussed the matter of THE CHRISTIAN AND GOD the first evening, Rev. Tilman Nussbaum the CHRISTIAN AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST the next evening. We alternated with the other topics on the other evenings. After each discussion period there were testimonies, confessions and requests for prayer by members of the audience and then we knelt in prayer in which many took part.

After the last evening of prayer, we had a pleasant hour of social fellow-

ship at the parsonage. Many expressions of blessing through the spirit of unity and warm fellowship were heard, both from the members of the Berghal Church and the Calvary Baptist Church.

Jack Block, Pastor.

## Northwestern Conference

### Tribute to the Rev. Jacob Jordan, George, Iowa

"I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith." With the homegoing of Rev. Jacob Jordan of George, Iowa, on Dec. 31st, another of our faithful contenders for the faith has taken off the armor, and has been called to meet his Savior face to face.

In spite of his ninety years Mr. Jordan attended all church services until two weeks before his death. He remained mentally and spiritually alert to the very last. Although retired from the active ministry since 1929, he never ceased to witness to the saving grace of his Savior.

When I met brother Jordan about six years ago, I determined to heed the Scriptural injunction to "treat older men as father," and try to make the last years of this elderly Christian gentleman's life as pleasant as possible. He made this very easy indeed for me. Consequently a very close friendship came into being between us. He was always an asset, never a hindrance; always encouraging, never critical.

The funeral of this dear saintly man was more of a triumph than sorrowful. Indeed his children, relatives, associates and friends felt the loss most keenly, yet a spirit of victory and of triumph prevailed throughout the entire service.

John Reimer, Pastor.



Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Montie of Chilliwack, B. C., at their golden wedding anniversary celebration.

### Christmas Program and Watchnight Service, Kenosha, Wis.

On Dec. 16th during the Sunday evening service at the Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis., the Junior Church presented a play entitled, "Not in My House," under the direction of Mrs. Joe White. The Sunday before Christmas, it was our privilege to see six converts follow the Lord in baptism—three women, a father and two Sunday School scholars. Both our pastor, Rev. E. W. Klatt, and Rev. Gilbert Howe officiated at this service, the latter baptizing his daughter-in-law, making a very impressive service.

In the evening our Sunday School presented its Christmas program which was climaxed with a play by the Home Builder's Class, "The Star Grew Dim." At this program our pastor was pleasantly surprised with a gift of money from the church.

New Year's Eve will long linger with us. The young people opened the service with Don Kopf in charge, followed by the Ladies' Missionary Society's challenging program, "Walking With Jesus." After a time of fellowship, the Deaconate Board with Dean Ehler in charge brought moments of blessing to us and then in prayer we closed the old year, thanking God for his goodness to us.

Mrs. Hertha Behr, Clerk.

## Pacific Conference

### Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Montie, Chilliwack, B. C.

Following the Dec. 30th evening service at the Victoria Ave. Baptist Church of Chilliwack, B. C., the congregation gathered in the beautifully decorated basement to celebrate the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Montie, charter members of the Chilliwack church.

Rev. G. Beutler was in charge of the program, featuring readings presented by Mrs. H. Studensky and Miss Clara Werk, a solo by Miss Mildred Bresch and a duet by Mrs. Mable Neher and Mrs. Beutler.

On behalf of the two Woman's Missionary Societies, Mrs. F. Schroeder and Mrs. W. Eichstaedt presented gifts to the "golden bride," and Mrs. J. Dyck honored her with a corsage. Mr. D. Falkenberg presented the honored couple with a lovely lamp from the church, and the pastor spoke briefly on Psalm 92.

Their son, Mr. John Montie, gave congratulations and gifts on behalf of the family. Deeply moved, the Jubilee couple expressed appreciation for the honors, and God's blessings since Dec. 26, 1906, their wedding day in Rumania.

Mrs. G. Beutler, Reporter.



## Ordination of Rev. Robert Palfenier at Tacoma, Washington

On October 31 the impressive ordination service for Rev. Robert Palfenier was held in the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Wash. Rev. William Kepple gave us the "Statement of the Council" that had met at our Pacific Northwest Association. Rev. R. G. Kaiser read the Scripture passage. A beautiful duet number, "There's No Friend to Me Like Jesus," was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schmunk accompanied by Miss Ethel Kageler.

Our own pastor, Rev. R. S. Hess, delivered the very fine ordination sermon based on Ephesians 4:1. From Odessa, Washington, Rev. E. Kopf led in the ordination prayer. Then Rev. Walter Dingfield from Startup, Wash., presented the Charge to the Ministry. Rev. H. Barnett from Portland, Oregon, welcomed Mr. Palfenier to the ministry. After the entire congregation joined in the singing of a hymn, Rev. Robert Palfenier closed the service with the benediction.

Our prayer for Rev. and Mrs. Robert Palfenier is that the Holy Spirit might use them mightily as they go as missionaries to Patagonia, South America.

Elsie O. Blandau, Reporter.

## Festive Programs at the Calvary Church, Tacoma, Washington

Recently it was our great joy at the Calvary Baptist Church, Tacoma, Wash., to witness the baptism of 13 candidates by our beloved, consecrated pastor, Rev. R. S. Hess. The Lord willing, we are anticipating being in our new edifice by this fall. Our active building committee has decided to frame and roof the entire building and then concentrate on finishing first the main sanctuary.

On Sunday evening, Oct. 21, our annual Harvest and Mission Program was sponsored by our Bible School. From Oct. 14 through Dec. 30 our Sunday School participated in a contest entitled, "Round-Up the Neighborhood." Every Sunday morning before 9:30 we have a "Sunday Morning Watch" which is a time spent in prayer because we know things begun in prayer, end in power.

Our annual Christmas program was rendered by our Sunday School on Dec. 23rd at 6:30 p.m. The interesting theme was "Tell Me the Old, Old Story." The Christmas offering was dedicated for relief for Hungarian Refugees through the "Baptist Relief Committee for Hungary." We closed the year 1956 by being present in the house of the Lord for our Watch Night service. Our young people were in charge of the 9 o'clock hour. Later we observed the "Lord's Supper."

Elsie O. Blandau, Reporter.

## Atlantic Conference

## Rock Hill Sunday School, Boston, Mass., Celebrates Christmas

This past season our Sunday School decided to do something different in

the way of celebrating Christmas. Since we have birthday parties for our children and bring gifts, so we were going to celebrate Christ's Birthday and bring him gifts. These gifts were to be all sorts of useful and warm clothing for the Hungarian refugees.

Some of the ladies of the Sunday School baked a huge Birthday cake. After the singing of the Christmas carols and the children had given their recitations and just before refreshments were served, all lights were dimmed and this birthday cake was brought in with lighted candles on it, and we all sang:

"Happy Birthday to You,  
Happy Birthday to You,  
Happy Birthday, dear Jesus,  
Happy Birthday to You."

This was truly impressive and the children enjoyed it. A collection also was taken for the Hungarian refugees. Mrs. Tillie Atwater, Reporter.

## Ridgewood Church, New York, Celebrates 102nd Anniversary

Sunday, Jan. 13, was the 102nd anniversary for the Ridgewood Baptist Church, Ridgewood, N. Y. Our own pastor, Rev. Paul Wengel, conducted the worship service. Following the early German service and Sunday School, the congregation assembled for the Family Worship Hour at which our adult and children's choirs rendered appropriate music. Our student pastor, Mr. Robert Rhodes, read the Scripture and led in the opening prayer. Mr. Wengel preached on the topic, "Faith."

Since many of the members live at considerable distances from the church, dinner was served downstairs by our excellent cooks to enable everyone to attend the annual report meeting. This was a happy occasion which opened with the singing of several hymns from the new North American Baptist Hymnal presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schneider. The trustees and deacons of the church gave very salutary reports. One of our members residing in a Home for the Aged had donated a generous sum of money to the church for the repair of our organ.

The various organizations reviewed their accomplishments for the year. Marion von Ahnen, Reporter.

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## Northern Conference

### Missionary Tina Schmidt Visits Winnipeg's McDermot Church

It was a special event in the history of the McDermot Avenue Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba, to have our own missionary in our midst for an entire Sunday on Jan. 13th. Miss Tina Schmidt, who is home on furlough, is a member of our church and the missionary whom we support on the field in the Cameroons, Africa. We took full advantage of her visit and beginning at 9:45 A.M. with Sunday School until 10:30 P.M., end of C.B.Y. meetings, we endeavored to learn as much as possible about our missionary, her work and our Cameroons field.

During the evening service the "King's Daughters" presented Miss Schmidt with a quilt, blocks for which had been sold previously and the names of the buyer embroidered on them. The slides we saw showed us that the climate varies even in that tropic country and Miss Schmidt expressed her appreciation for this thoughtful deed. As Miss Schmidt goes from us, she leaves behind an endearing memory and a greater interest in our missionaries.

Miss E. Redlich, Reporter.

### Last Services of West Ebenezer Church of Saskatchewan

The members of the West Ebenezer Baptist Church of Saskatchewan held a business meeting on Dec. 28th to decide the future of the church. Due to existing circumstances the decision was made to disband at the end of 1956.

On Dec. 30th the last service was held in the West Ebenezer Church. As has been customary, the Sunday School opened at 2:00 P.M. The superintendent, Mr. Rueben Ziolkowski, then called on Mrs. Gladys Goltz to give the children's story entitled, "New Year's Resolutions." The class period followed.

The worship service began with the singing of the familiar hymn, "Oh, For a Thousand Tongues." Rev. Bert Milner, pastor of the church, read the Scripture passage from Acts 16:5-15, and brought an inspiring sermon. Special music was in the form of an instrumental number given by Mr. Henry Hoffman and Dale, a medley of familiar hymns.

Representatives of our neighboring churches were welcomed and asked to speak briefly. They were Mr. Fred Grunert of the Central Baptist Church of Yorkton, Mr. Eddie Bohn of the East Ebenezer Church, and Mr. Ewald Tillman of the Springside Baptist Church. Mr. Edward Jonat, deacon of our church, responded. The service closed with the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." And so another country church has ceased to be, a church that ministered to the spiritual needs of this community in Saskatchewan from 1912 to 1956.

Irving Badke, Reporter.

## Fiftieth Anniversary Festivities at Baptist Church, Southey, Sask.

"What God Hath Wrought" was the theme of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Baptist Church at Southey, Saskatchewan. A fitting message by Rev. Karl Korella of Edmonton, Southey pastor from 1940 to 1944, opened the Golden Jubilee festivities on Saturday evening, Oct. 6.

On Sunday morning, with Mr. John Lang, superintendent of Southey presiding, the importance and scope of the Sunday Schools was stressed. Mrs. Elinor Wiers of Southey, Mr. Arthur Browatzski of Davin, and Mr. Chalmers Wirth of Edenwold spoke. The worship service, presided over by our minister, Rev. E. L. Thiessen, followed. Guest speaker at this time was the Rev. E. H. Nikkel of Swan River, who served in Southey from 1947 to 1952.

The anniversary service was held on Sunday afternoon with Mr. Joseph Hufnagel, assistant pastor, presiding. Greetings were extended on behalf of the village council and various neighboring Baptist churches. Rev. E. L. Thiessen responded on behalf of the Southey Church. Mr. John Butz of Medicine Hat, deacon of the church at Southey from 1930 to 1950, then reviewed the history of the church. Following an anthem by the church choir, our present deacon, Mr. John Lang, led the memorial service with tribute to those who had passed on. This afternoon service was highlighted by the message delivered by Rev. Karl Korella. The Sunday evening service was an evangelistic meeting with Rev. E. H. Nikkel speaking on the question, "What Is the Verdict?"

Of the charter members who organized the work here and met in the mud-plastered church erected on the farm of Mr. Frank Koenigsfeld 50 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kurz, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Senger, and Mrs. Katharina Herz, now 91 years old, still are with us to tell of the small beginnings.

(Anniversary booklets were printed. Anyone desiring a copy can have one for 75 cents while they last by writing to Rev. E. L. Thiessen, Southey, Sask., Canada.)

Mrs. Philip Herz, Clerk.

## Dakota Conference

### Cornerstone Laying Service at West Fargo, North Dakota

It was indeed a memorable occasion for the Grace Baptist Church, West Fargo, North Dakota, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16, on the first anniversary of Rev. B. Fritzke's ministry here, when we held the cornerstone laying service for our new church. Rev. Walter Stein of Grand Forks, North Dakota, was our guest speaker. This was also the first Sunday when we were able to use the church basement for our regular services. There is still much work to be done before even the basement is completed, but



Rev. George Breitzkreuz of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Lehr, N. Dak., and nine converts whom he recently baptized.

we thank God for this progress that has been made.

On December 21 we gave our Christmas program to a large audience of approximately 140 people. It was a real thrill to see that all of the chairs were occupied. The program given was "The Characters of Christmas Meet Christ" and proved very soul-searching.

On New Year's Eve we had a brief business meeting followed by a Fellowship Hour. At eleven p. m. we had a prayer and communion service with our pastor bringing us a challenging message. The presence of God was felt among us as we entered the year 1957 in prayer.

Mrs. Milton Hochhalter, Reporter

### Song Festival for the Central Dakota Youth Union

The young people of the Central Dakota Churches spent a wonderful and blessed day in Christian fellowship at their annual Song Festival which was held at Lehr, N. Dak., on Friday, December 28.

The service was held on Friday afternoon with our rally president, LeRoy Kiemele, presiding. The rally officers were in charge of opening devotions, after which each society responded with a special musical selection. Following the service the mass choir met and rehearsed under the able direction of Rev. George Breitzkreuz.

Our guest speaker for the evening service was the Rev. A. E. Reeh of Eureka, S. Dak., who brought a heart-searching message. The mass choir rendered two numbers, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" and "Balm On Gilead."

We are grateful to the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr for the cordial welcome extended to us and for their kind hospitality. A fine spirit of fellowship, cooperation, and interest

### A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"It is good for us to think no grace or blessing truly ours till we are aware that God has blessed someone else with it through us."

—Phillips Brooks.

prevailed. We thank the Lord for the blessings we received.

Carol Bertsch, Secretary.

### Baptism and Farewell Reception, Ebenezer Church, Lehr, N. Dak.

From Oct. 10 to 24 Rev. G. G. Rauser of Lodi, California, conducted revival meetings in the Ebenezer Church, Lehr, N. Dak. Nine persons made their confession for Christ. Mr. Rauser was also our speaker for Mission Sunday during his stay here.

Sunday evening, Dec. 16, was set aside as Baptismal Sunday. Eight of the nine converts pictured on this page were buried in the baptismal waters that evening, one of the adults having been baptized before. Rev. V. Prendinger of Fredonia and his Berlin congregation were in attendance.

At the Watchnight Service Mrs. John Kranzler's Sunday School class presented a musical program during the first hour. Rev. and Mrs. V. Prendinger of Fredonia and their Berlin congregation were again our guests. The last hour of the old year was set aside for the farewell reception for Rev. and Mrs. George Breitzkreuz. Mr. Prendinger acted as master of ceremonies. Mr. Jacob Kessler and Mr. Fred Ketterling with a gift spoke representing the church; Mr. Ted Kranzler on behalf of the Sunday School, Jackie Stolz for the C.B.Y.F.; and Mrs. John Kranzler on behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society presented a gift to Mr. and Mrs. Breitzkreuz.

Mrs. John Kranzler, Reporter.

### Farewell for Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy Schauer, Mott, N. Dak.

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 23, the members of the First Baptist Church of Mott, N. Dak., held a farewell reception for Rev. and Mrs. LeRoy Schauer and daughters who closed their ministry here on that day. After the morning worship service, there was a fellowship dinner in the church parlors.

At 2:00 P.M. the farewell service began with Mr. C. E. Schwartz, deacon, in charge. The various officers of the church brought words of regret for the leaving of the Schauers who have labored on this field for three and one-half years. Mr. Rudy Fiedler, Sunday School superintendent, spoke in behalf of the school; Mrs. Ben Auch for the Woman's Missionary Society; Mr. Jeffery Auch for the CBYF; and Mrs. C. E. Schwartz in behalf of the church. A duet was then sung by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Auch of Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

A purse of silver was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Schauer in appreciation of their fruitful ministry here at Mott. They responded gratefully and stated they had enjoyed working with us during these few brief years. We at the Mott Church can truly say that our loss will be the gain of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Shattuck, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Walter Auch, Church Clerk.



# Obituary

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

## MRS. PEARL MOORHOUSE of Randolph, Minnesota.

Mrs. Pearl Vally (Miller) Moorhouse of Randolph, Minn., was born on Dec. 18, 1904 to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Miller in Hampton Township, Randolph, Minn., and went to meet her Lord on Dec. 10, 1956. After graduation from the Randolph High School in 1923, she attended the Normal Training School in Cannon Falls, Minn., and from there went out to teach school for several years. On June 1, 1928 she was united in marriage to Arthur J. Moorhouse who preceded her in death in 1926. She joined the First Lutheran Church of Cannon Falls and made that her church home for a number of years.

On June 13, 1946 she followed her Lord into the baptismal waters and at that time united with the Randolph Baptist Church in which she served as an active member until the time of her untimely death. Following her vocation as a teacher, she was teaching at the Randolph Public School at the time of her departure. She went to meet her Maker at the age of 51 years, 11 months, and 18 days.

Randolph, Minn.

BERT A. ITTERMAN, Pastor.

## MRS. LOUISA WEGENER of Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Louisa Wegener, nee Krueger, of Chicago, Ill., the widow of Rev. Otto Daniel Wegener, was born on April 18, 1880 in Germany. In 1900 she came to Chicago, Ill. Here she was married to Mr. Wegener in 1902. Under the ministry of Rev. Jacob Maier, she was led to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, was baptized and added to the First German Baptist Church of this city.

On January 7, while visiting with her son in Denver, Colo., her earthly life came to a sudden end. Left to mourn her passing are her two daughters, Josephine and Viola of Chicago; her son, Daniel, of Denver; two sisters, Berta of Chicago, and Helen of California; one brother, Ernst, of Chicago, and 4 grandchildren of Denver, Colo. May the God of comfort and hope sustain the sorrowing.

Foster Avenue Baptist Church,  
Chicago, Illinois

JOE SONNENBERG, Pastor.

## MR. JOHN RIEDLINGER of Linton, North Dakota.

Mr. John Riedlinger of Linton, N. Dak., son of Christian and Regina Fischer Riedlinger, was born near Bridgewater, S. Dak., on August 30, 1892. At the age of nine years, he came with his parents to the Linton Community, and resided here until his untimely death. In 1934 he was united in marriage to Anna Blasen, who preceded him in death in 1951. He is survived by two sisters and one brother.

Two years ago he made peace with God and at the Watch Night service of 1954 he was baptized and received into the fellowship of our church where he remained a faithful member and regular worshipper. He died on Jan. 5th, after suffering for more than five months of lung cancer.

May the Lord bless those who mourn and comfort us with this hope of life everlasting! Funeral services were held on Jan. 9th, with Rev. A. J. Fischer officiating, speaking on "The Way to and the Assurance of Life Eternal."

Linton, North Dakota

A. J. FISCHER, Pastor.

## MR. EWALD NITZSCHE of Roscoe, Texas.

Mr. Ewald Nitzsche was born in Greenvine, Texas, on February 21, 1887. On January 2, 1918 he was united in marriage to Rosa Engelmoir. Three sons and one daughter were born to them. On July 4,

1926 Mr. Nitzsche passed from death unto life by receiving Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He was baptized by Rev. Julius Ehrhorn and united with the Greenvine Church on July 22, 1926. After living in Washington County, Texas, for a number of years, he and his family moved to Roscoe, Texas, in 1937 where he remained until his death.

Funeral services were held at the First Baptist Church of Roscoe, Texas, with the local pastor, Rev. A. J. Sullivan, officiating. The interment took place at the Roscoe Cemetery. He is survived by his widow, Rosa Nitzsche; three sons: Fred of Roscoe, Texas; Val of Bowie, Arizona; and James of Fort Worth, Texas; one daughter: Mrs. Bert A. Riley of Silsbee, Texas; 9 grandchildren and a host of friends.

Greenvine Baptist Church,  
Burton, Texas

FRANK ARMBRUSTER, Reporter.

## MR. CHARLES YUNGBLUT of Neustadt, Ontario.

Mr. Charles Yungblut of Neustadt, Ontario, was born January 8, 1883. He farmed most of his life, until 1948 when he took up residence in Neustadt. On November 13th at the age of 73 years he went home to be with the Lord. Four days later funeral services were held in the Neustadt Baptist Church with Rev. Henry Ramus and Rev. Delton Glebe of Waterloo ministering.

At the age of 19 he became a child of God and, after having been baptized by Rev. Edward Grutznier, he was welcomed into the Neustadt Baptist Church where he was a life-long member. For many years he served as deacon, and during his retirement years he was made honorary deacon.

We commit those who survive him to the comforting blessings of our Lord. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Neustadt, Ontario

HENRY G. RAMUS, Pastor.

## MR. CHARLES FRITZEMEIER of Stafford, Kansas.

Mr. Charles Fritzemeier of Stafford, Kansas, was born in Gasconade County, Missouri, December 26, 1873, and passed to his heavenly home, December 30, 1956, as a result of a car-train collision while returning home from church. As a 17-year-old youth, he found the Lord as his personal Savior and followed him in baptism at that time. Mr. Fritzemeier married Miss Emily Mueller of Kingfisher, Oklahoma, in 1905. She preceded her husband in death in 1936. Five children were born to them. These are Mrs. Hulda Lichte and Walter, Stafford; Mrs. Anna Eitel, Timken; Martha, Hutchinson; and William, physician in Wichita. During the latter years Mr. Fritzemeier made his home with his son Walter.

Mr. Fritzemeier's life was filled with a desire to do as much as he could for his Lord. With tracts, visitations, attendance and prayer he expressed a deep evangelistic fervor. In the accident that took his life a shower of tracts was strewn about that served as a living testimony even after his death. The memorial service took place on January 2 at the Calvary Baptist Church.

Calvary Baptist Church,  
Stafford, Kansas

HANS J. WILCKE, Pastor.

## MR. JACOB GROSE of Medicine Hat, Alberta.

Mr. Jacob Grose of Medicine Hat, Alberta, was born at Hillsboro, Kansas, on Dec. 11, 1879 and died of a fatal heart attack on Friday, Dec. 21, 1956 at the age of 77 years and ten days.

On Dec. 8, 1901 he was united in marriage with Maria Hogen and this union was blessed with eleven children, of whom one son and one daughter preceded him in death. Shortly after his marriage he left his home town and moved to Harvey, N. Dak., where he farmed for 43 years. In 1953 he retired from farming and moved to the city of Medicine Hat, where he spent the rest of his earthly life.

At the age of 18 he received Christ as his personal Savior and was baptized and joined with the Mennonite Brethren

Church in the community of Hillsboro, Kansas. At Woodrow, Sask., he also fellowshipped with the Mennonite Brethren. In Medicine Hat he joined with the Grace Baptist Church and faithfully continued to serve his Lord. Two weeks before his death he was privileged to celebrate his 55th wedding anniversary.

Grace Baptist Church,  
Medicine Hat, Alberta

R. KANWISCHER, Pastor.

## MR. CARL HENNING, SR., of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Carl Henning, Sr., of Pittsburgh, Pa., was born in Nordhausen, Germany, June 9, 1876 and died Saturday, December 15, 1956. On Oct. 30, 1895 he was united in marriage to Miss Rose Schnell. In the fall of 1945 they were privileged to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. The marriage was blessed with five children.

Mr. Henning came to Pittsburgh, Pa., at the age of sixteen. Early in manhood he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. He was baptized and welcomed into the fellowship of the Temple Baptist Church. In the church he served willingly and faithfully in various capacities. At the time of death he was deacon emeritus and also treasurer of the Communion Fellowship Fund. For many years he taught the Sunday School Bible Class. Mr. Henning earlier in life was instrumental in the founding and developing of two mission churches of the Temple Baptist Church, one in Homestead, Pa., and the second in New Kensington, Pa. Both missions under the teaching and preaching ministry of Mr. Henning developed into self-supporting churches.

Mr. Henning is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Marie Wetzel and Mrs. Elsie Brubach, both of Pittsburgh, Pa.; three sons: Albert of Akron, Ohio, and Herman and Carl, Jr., of Pittsburgh, Pa.; 7 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. His devoted wife preceded him in death a few years ago.

Temple Baptist Church,  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

FRANK VENINGA, Pastor.

## MRS. HANNA B. LIPPHARD of Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. Hanna B. Lippard, nee Ritzman, of Los Angeles, California, was born June 12, 1867 in Wilchingen, Switzerland. In 1882 the family came to the United States making their home in Iowa. At the age of 15 she was converted and baptized in the Fulton River in Iowa. In 1892 she entered the Baptist Missionary Training School. After her graduation in 1894 she was called by the two German Baptist churches of New York City to serve as missionary.

In 1902 she entered the Moody Bible Institute. After graduation she again took up the missionary work in New York City. On Sept. 11, 1917 she was united in marriage to Rev. William B. Lippard. At the close of their ministry in New York and Chicago, they entered the evangelistic work. Mrs. Lippard enjoyed especially the work among the children. In Dec. 1927 her husband preceded her in death. She then made her home in Los Angeles, Calif., and was a faithful member of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church.

In 1947 she entered the Baptist Home for the Aged in Portland, Oregon. Here in the past few years, broken in body, she awaited the call of the Lord whom she served for so many years. On Dec. 31, 1956 she passed from this world to her heavenly reward. She is survived by three stepchildren: Dr. William B. Lippard, New York City; Mrs. Harry Rycroft, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Mrs. Ralph H. Bullard, Geneva, New York. She was laid to rest at Forest Lawn Memorial-Park Cemetery, Glendale, California.

Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church,  
Inglewood, California

EDMUND MITTELSTEDT, Pastor.

## MRS. GEORGE PETERS of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Mrs. George Peters of Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was born on Dec. 14, 1885 near Lennox, S. Dak., and passed away at the Sioux Valley Hospital on Dec. 24, 1956. She was converted in her early youth and baptized by Rev. O. Olthoff in 1904 and united with

the First Baptist Church, Chancellor, S. Dak. She was married to Mr. George Peters on March 6, 1924. The couple lived on a farm near Lake View, Iowa; later they moved to a farm near Monroe, S. Dak. In 1945 they moved to Sioux Falls, S. Dak., and united with the Central Baptist Church, where Mrs. Peters remained a faithful member until her death.

Relatives mourning her departure are: her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Gerbert Bartels, Lennox; two brothers: Ben of Chancellor and Rev. Christian Peters of Wilmington, Delaware; one sister, Mrs. Ted Burma of Chancellor; and 3 grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Maurice Wessman of the Central Church and Rev. Fred G. Moore of Chancellor, S. Dak.

Central Baptist Church,  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

CHRISTIAN PETERS, Reporting.

## MR. SAMUEL REICHERT of Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Samuel Reichert of Los Angeles, Calif., was born Feb. 22, 1881 in Russia and was called to his eternal rest Sunday, Dec. 2, 1956 at the age of 75 years and ten months. As a boy of eleven he came to the U. S. A. with his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. John Reichert. Their first home was established at Hebron, N. Dak. In 1902 he was united in marriage with Miss Lydia Buchholz. The Lord blessed this union with eight children, seven sons and one daughter.

In 1905 the family moved to Spokane, Washington, where they resided for 24 years. Here in 1905, upon confession of his faith in Christ, he was baptized. In 1932 they came to Los Angeles, Calif., and united with the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, now known as the Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church. Our brother has been suffering for some years, having had several strokes. The last one occurred Nov. 29.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his wife Lydia, five sons: Raymond, John, Walter, Howard and Edward; and one daughter, Mrs. Glenn Schlegel (Harriet), besides other relatives.

Inglewood Knolls Baptist Church,  
Los Angeles, California  
EDMUND MITTELSTEDT, Pastor.

## MR. JOHN PRITZKAU of Napoleon, North Dakota.

Mr. John Pritzkau of Napoleon, N. Dak., was born Dec. 16, 1886 at Old Danzig, South Russia, and passed away Dec. 31, 1956 at his home at Napoleon at the age of 70 years and 15 days. He came to this country with his parents in 1887 and settled at Tyndall, S. D., later moving to McIntosh County and living 7 miles south of Wishek. In 1900 the family moved to a farm southeast of Napoleon, until 1956 when he moved into the city of Napoleon.

On December 10, 1926 Mr. Pritzkau was united in marriage with Lydia Reich. This union was blessed with ten children. He leaves to mourn his passing his bereaved wife, Lydia; 5 sons: Julius of Salt Lake City, Utah; Clifton and Richard of Tooele, Utah; Clyde and James of Napoleon; two daughters: LaVerne (Mrs. Cecil Brandt) of Conger, Minn.; and Donna of Napoleon.

Mr. Pritzkau was converted in December 1934. He was baptized by Rev. B. W. Krentz and joined the Wishek Baptist Church from which he transferred his membership to the Napoleon Baptist Church in April 1941. He remained a member here until his death.

Napoleon, North Dakota

HENRY LANG, Pastor.

## MR. BERNARD JOHNSON of Steamboat Rock, Iowa.

Mr. Bernard Johnson of Steamboat Rock, Iowa, was born at Steamboat Rock on June 1, 1890. He spent his boyhood days at home, and later associated with his brothers, L. G. and Henry, in the general mercantile business at Steamboat Rock. Later he purchased this business and conducted it until ill health forced him to discontinue it in 1951. He passed away at the Eldora Hospital on Dec. 26, 1956, at the age of 66 years.

In 1915 he was married to Julia Grieves, and to this union five children were born:



Rev. Jacob Jordan  
of George, Iowa  
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Harold of Manson, Iowa; Mrs. Margaret Eckle of Steamboat Rock; Mrs. Helen Kasparek of Des Moines, Iowa; Mrs. Charlena Martin of Fonda, Iowa; and Mrs. JoAnn Bittner of Liscomb, Iowa.

Upon confession of his faith, he was baptized by Rev. A. G. Lang in 1918 and entered into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church of Steamboat Rock, where he served the Lord until his decease. Over the years he served as Sunday School superintendent and teacher, church organist, and trustee. During the recent construction of the new church edifice he served as chairman of the Building Committee. Funeral services were conducted at Steamboat Rock by the pastor, Rev. Kurt Marquardt, assisted by Rev. Howard Johnson of Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Steamboat Rock, Iowa

KURT MARQUARDT, Pastor.

## REV. JACOB J. JORDAN of George, Iowa.

Rev. Jacob J. Jordan of George, Iowa, was born in Griesels, Eastfriesland, Germany, on Oct. 13, 1866. He passed away on December 31, 1956. He reached the ripe age of 90 years, 2 months and 18 days. In 1884 he with his parents emigrated to this country and settled at Steamboat Rock, Iowa. Having learned the trade of "cabinet making," he made his living as carpenter for some time. Four years after arriving in this country the Lord saved him; upon his conversion he was baptized in the river at Steamboat Rock and united with the Baptist church in that place.

In due time the Lord laid his hand on him and called him into the Gospel ministry. He enrolled in the Baptist Seminary at Rochester, New York, and graduated in 1894. Consequently upon his graduation he received a call to serve as pastor at Sheffield, Iowa. He helped to organize this church in 1895. Later the Association of the Iowa churches appointed him to serve as State Missionary. He remained in this work until 1903. In the same year he accepted a call from the First Baptist Church of George, Iowa. He served this church until his retirement in 1929.

In 1896 he married Miss Klasina DeWeerd, a daughter of Pastor John DeWeerd of Steamboat Rock. To this happy union six children were born. Fred C. Jordan who accidentally drowned in 1921; John M. Jordan, who died in 1954 while pastoring the Mission Baptist church of Worthington, Minn.; Ed. A. Jordan of Los Angeles, Calif.; Jacob C. Jordan of George, Iowa; Carl W. Jordan of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and Mrs. Elizabeth Kruger of Sibley, Iowa. This happy marriage was dissolved by the death of Mrs. Jordan in October 1921. In 1923 he was joined in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Stomberg. He was laid to rest in the German Baptist Cemetery north of George, Iowa, waiting for the resurrection of the just at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

First Baptist Church,  
George, Iowa

JOHN REIMER, Pastor.

## MISS ELDA FRICK of Atlanta, Georgia.

Elda Irene Frick was born Dec. 12, 1916 at Durham, Kansas, and passed away Nov. 13, 1956 at Emory Hospital, Atlanta, Ga., at the age of 39. Miss Frick spent her childhood in the Durham community. After completion of her training at the Wichita Business College, she held positions with the Navy Department in Washington, D. C., and later was attached to the Army at Atlanta, Ga., a position she held until her death.

Elda Frick was baptized on confession of her faith in Christ in 1926 and joined the First Baptist Church of Durham, Kansas, where she remained a member until her death.

Preceding her in death were her parents, John and Naomi Frick; three brothers and four sisters. She leaves to mourn her step-mother, Mrs. Mary Frick of Los Angeles, Calif.; two brothers, Ralph and Elmer of Durham; one nephew and five nieces. Funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist Church of Durham on Nov. 16th. Rev. Norman Miller, pastor of the church, was assisted by Rev. Harold Gieseke of Lorraine, Kansas.

Durham, Kansas

NORMAN MILLER, Pastor.

## MR. R. H. KLEIN of Marion, Kansas.

Mr. Rheinhard H. Klein of Marion, Kansas, was born February 14, 1880 in Driesped, Russia, and passed away at the St. Luke Hospital in Marion, Kansas, on Dec. 27, 1956. He came to America in March 1899 and was married September 11, 1901 to Amelia Stair. In 1902 they moved to Shattuck, Oklahoma, where they lived for 14 years. They then spent two years in Texas, after which, in 1918, they moved to a farm in Kansas and then to Marion.

In 1904 Mr. Klein accepted Christ as his Savior and was baptized shortly thereafter. He was a member of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Marion. Mrs. Klein preceded him in death in 1951.

He is survived by two daughters: Tillie Mehlinger, Marion; Martha Davis, Andover, Kansas; 7 sons: Solomon, Abaline, Kansas; Lepole and Roland, Marion; Edward, Tampa, Kansas; August, Wichita, Kansas; Alvin, San Bernardino, California; and Arthur, Ft. Collins, Colorado. Funeral services were conducted at the Emmanuel Baptist Church on Dec. 29 with Rev. G. Carol Gilbert, pastor of the Evangelical United Brethren Church of Marion, officiating in the absence of the pastor.

Emmanuel Baptist Church,  
Marion, Kansas

FRED J. KNALSON, Pastor.

## BAPTIST BRIEFS

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City, Tenn. The results were announced by the publications department of the Southern Convention at Nashville. A total of 1,005 pastors out of 1,970 answered questionnaires.

● Rev. Earl A. Abel, pastor, Camillus church, New York, has accepted the unanimous call of the Baptist Church, Noank, N. Y. Mr. Abel is a graduate of the University of Rochester and Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He has taught music at the North American Seminary, Rochester, and spent a year on a scholarship in Cambridge University, England. He is a son of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Abel of Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The Christian is like the ripening corn; the ripener he grows the more lowly he bends his head."—Guthrie.



## REMEMBER TO PRAY

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

"If we make religion our business, God will make it our blessedness."

—H. G. J. Adam.

● Pray for our missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Castro, among the Spanish-American people at Rio Grande City, Texas, and for the blessing of God upon the Baptist chapel there.

● Pray for those who work for long, hard hours at Bible translations in many parts of the world and for the ministry of the printed page in making the Gospel of Christ known to people in spiritual darkness.

● Pray for those who are "in authority over us," who serve as our national leaders, that they might look to God for guidance and wisdom and walk humbly before their God.

● Pray for your Sunday School teachers that they might "hide themselves" behind the Christ whom they proclaim and teach and that they might be patient and understanding with their pupils.

● Pray for our missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. R. Neuman and their family of four children, among the Cree Indians on the Muscowpetung Reserve in Saskatchewan.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS

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### III. THE LIMITED FORGIVENESS OF MAN. Matt. 18:28-35.

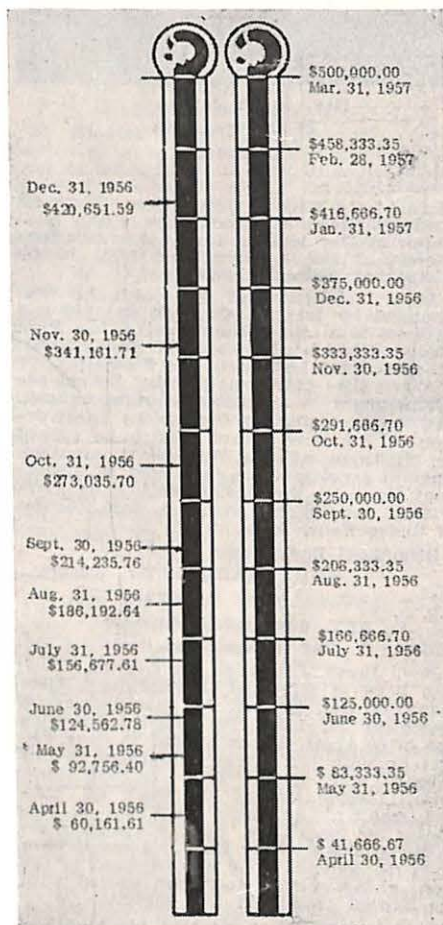
To show clearly how unlimited God's forgiveness is and how limited man's forgiveness is, Jesus contrasts the fifteen million dollar debt, which was forgiven, with the fifteen dollar debt, which was not forgiven. Unforgiveness is an unpardonable sin until we forgive each other as God has forgiven us. See also Matt. 6:14, 15.

# General Conference Missions Budget

December 31, 1956

Amount Contributed for Budget

Amount Required by Budget



## DECEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS—NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES

Conferences	Dec., 1956	Dec., 1955	Dec., 1954
Atlantic	\$ 5,182.78	\$ 6,065.74	\$ 4,164.67
Central	17,866.66	18,475.13	25,118.35
Dakota	14,492.66	16,253.01	13,540.60
Eastern	5,551.71	2,791.17	1,760.65
Northern	16,826.77	6,762.35	10,340.29
Northwestern	11,232.07	9,942.28	13,243.35
Pacific	17,232.33	10,531.79	10,196.88
Southern	2,560.76	3,326.97	5,213.41
Southwestern	5,545.96	6,219.46	7,849.34
Total Contributions	\$96,491.70	\$80,367.90	\$91,427.54

### CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

	Budget Contributions	Other Purposes	Total Contributions
For the Month of December, 1956	\$79,489.88	\$17,001.82	\$96,491.70
For the Month of December, 1955	66,718.47	13,649.43	80,367.90
For the Month of December, 1954	76,399.51	15,028.03	91,427.54

### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

April 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956	\$420,651.59	\$50,359.15	\$471,010.74
April 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955	371,558.66	68,600.77	440,159.43
April 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954	393,643.94	96,006.07	489,650.01

## WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

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which God was leading them to record. God worked immediately in the souls of holy men by his Spirit so that their writings were constituted a trustworthy and sufficient record of divine revelation. This should not be understood in a mechanical way, as though God dictated the words to the Bible writers. The personality of the individual writers was not set aside. We must safeguard the human element as well as the divine. The Bible is both the work of God and the work of man (both natural and supernatural). The writer holds that inspiration extends to the entire Bible (II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1:21).

## THE EMERALD NECKLACE

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didn't want that. She wanted it to be a casual affair. So she merely smiled and said, "Thank you."

The early morning air was chill and Kathryn drew her coat more closely about her. She walked quickly along the block to the garage where her car was kept.

"Is it good night or good morning?" the garage man asked genially as he delivered the car to her.

Kathryn was about to say, "Good night here and good morning in Monterey" when she thought better of it. It was advisable to keep her own counsel. She would have to learn to be wary. To trust only those she knew she could depend upon.

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## "YE TOOK ME IN"

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clothing collections, special offerings and projects. The response has been remarkable. Could the reason for this wonderful response be in the fact that once so many of our people had suffered the same tragic fate? Several thousand dollars in offerings have been raised and forwarded to our headquarters in Forest Park.

For definite action in Canada we suggested that a church or a group of churches sponsor a refugee family. Except for the project reported, we do not know at the present time what other churches have undertaken. There are doubtlessly other groups which are active. Every effort is made to find Baptist refugees, but due to the suddenness of the move, registrations are very incomplete.

In the meantime, we realize that all decent people feel the pain of leaving and losing home as much as we do, and the divine order to us is still: "Do good unto all men, but foremost to the members of the household of faith". Present times and world conditions offer unlimited opportunities for unselfish services of love in the Name of Jesus.