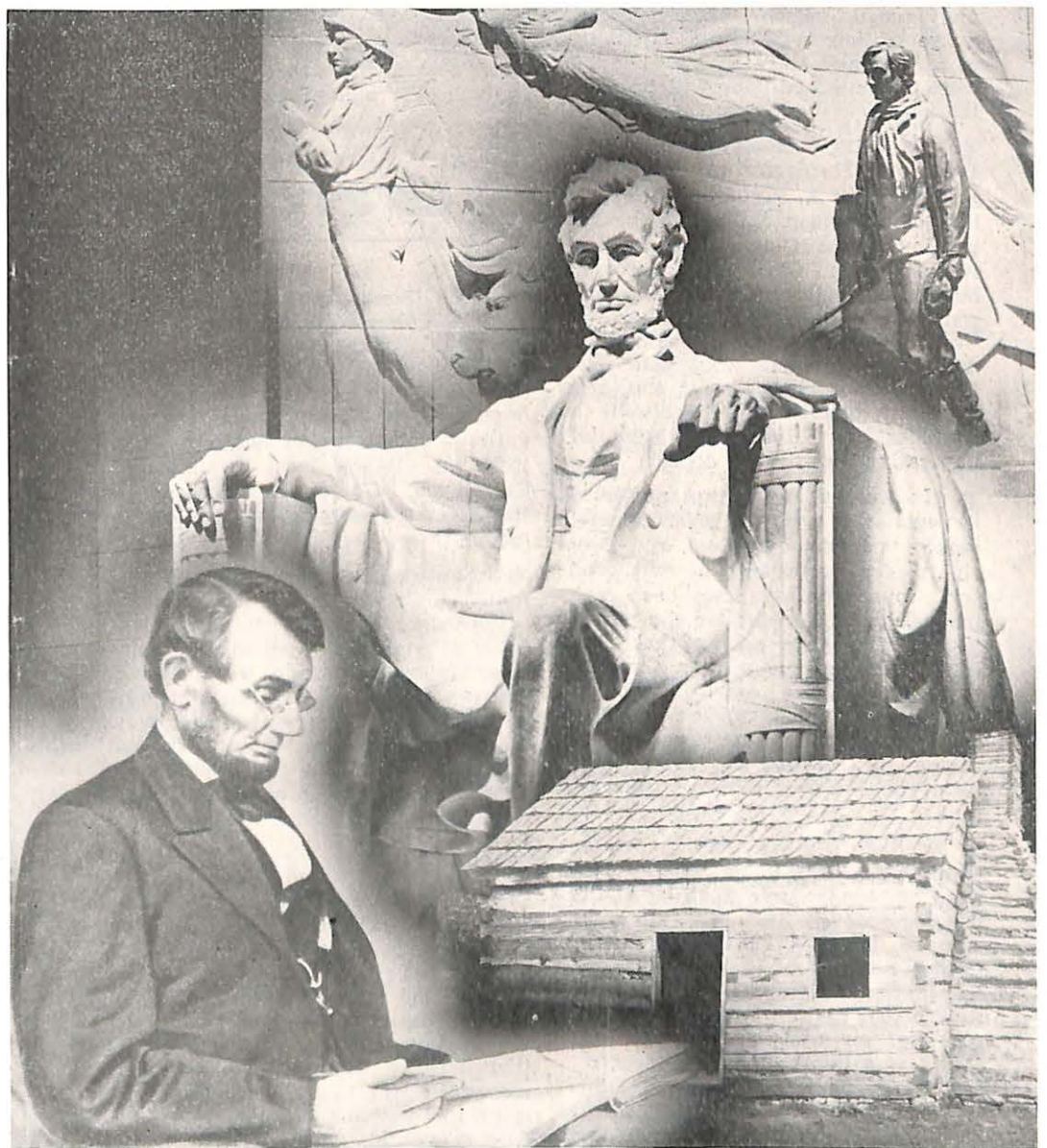


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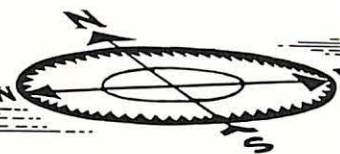


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● Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin, Germany, head of the Evangelical Church in Germany, led a delegation of churchmen who met with Soviet Zone Premier Otto Grotewohl to discuss the situation of the church in East Germany. The delegation reportedly asked that government-imposed impediments to church life in that area be removed.

● In India, the first All-India evangelical magazine will be launched during this year under the sponsorship of the Evangelical Literature Fellowship. The 16-page **Kiran** will be produced in Telugu, Hindi, Tamil and Marathi. Each of the four language editions will have a circulation of 5,000 copies and it is hoped that at least two more editions will be added later.

● Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J., urges that a delegation of American churchmen be sent to Communist China to re-establish contact with Christians there. He notes that contact had been made recently with churchmen in the Soviet Union, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Romania. "But thus far," he said, "the churches of the West have not established contact with the churches in China. It is absolutely imperative that this be done."

● In Austria, the Protestant Church is negotiating with the government to secure "complete freedom and equal rights" for Protestants in that country. Church leaders have been seeking a legal settlement for the past 26 years. They are asking that Protestant churches be put on the same basis as welfare organizations and thus get advantage of the same tax concessions. The Protestants are also asking for assurances that they will have equal rights in every sphere of public life.

● Reuben Archer Torrey, Jr., son of the late Dr. R. A. Torrey, once head of Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, and of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, is director of the Vocational Center at the Korean Amputee Rehabilitation Project in Taejon, Korea. Dr. Torrey, himself an amputee as the result of an accident in 1945 while acting as a liaison officer for Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, has an unusual ministry among the handicapped. Recently 34 Korean amputees professed their faith in Christ and were enrolled as catechumens in preparation for baptism.

● Eugene A. Nida, associate secretary of the American Bible Society in

charge of translations, reports that ABS has plans for extensive expansion during the next 25 years. Dr. Nida believes that within the next quarter-century ABS will "likely" make 110 revisions of whole Bibles, 150 translations of New Testaments and 225 translations of Gospels into new languages. The expansion program is required because of an unprecedented increase in world literacy and a growing nationalism which now makes Bibles in so-called "trade or colonial" languages unacceptable.

● Dr. Martin Niemoeller, German pastor who spent eight years in concentration camps for his resistance to the Nazi regime, was presented with New York University's bronze medal, the school's "highest award to distin-

guished people." The presentation was made by Vice-President Harold O. Voorhis. Dr. Niemoeller, who is president of the Evangelical Church of Hesse-Nassau in West Germany, was cited as "one of the leading figures in 20th century Christendom" and for his "valiant defense of the faith against unspeakable atheistic desecration and tyranny."

● The National Safety Council has received a grant of \$75,000 to enable it to help the religious leaders of America conduct a nationwide crusade for safety. The money will be used over a three-year period to assist synagogues and churches of every denomination in their efforts to influence their members to practice safety

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## Baptist Briefs

● The Southern Baptist Brotherhood this year celebrates its 50th anniversary. It has as its objective "A million men for Christ." A denomination wide rally is being prepared for September 18-20, 1957, being the first national conference of Southern Baptist men. It will meet in Oklahoma City, Okla. George W. Schroeder is the executive secretary of the organization.

● Baptists in Yugoslavia. Accustomed to political and ecclesiastical suppression, Yugoslav Baptists continue to grow in wisdom and numbers. Before the war, the dominant Serbian Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches suppressed them. Now all are only tolerated by the avowed atheistic government. Six Baptist conventions, each composed of a different language group, contain 3,200 members.

● A 10-year development program for Sioux Falls College, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., was launched November 30 at a special assembly attended by more than 200 church leaders from all over the midwest. President R. P. Jeschke outlined the program at the evening banquet session, explaining that it called for the building of two new dormitory units, a classroom-auditorium building, athletic playing-field facilities, additional faculty housing and an increase in faculty salaries, and a 40 percent increase in enrollment.

● Southern Convention and Canadian Baptist leaders will meet in the

near future to discuss Southern Baptist home mission work in Canada. The Southern Convention will be represented by five from its Executive Committee and a group from the Sunday School Board and Home Mission Board. Rev. W. J. McDonald, general secretary of Baptist Union of Western Canada; Rev. T. B. McDormand, general secretary-treasurer of Baptist Convention of Ontario-Quebec, and Jack McKay, Edmonton, Alta., pastor, will represent Canadian Baptists. The present home missions policy of Southern Baptists is to have no missions workers in Canada.

—Watchman-Examiner

● In Brazil, the foreign mission board of the Baptist General Conference of America has chosen the fast-growing city of Fernandopolis, Sao Paulo State, for the beginning of their missionary work. The choice was made after several extensive surveys revealed unlimited opportunities to spread out from Fernandopolis into the surrounding territory. The town itself has some evangelical churches, but as far as could be determined no evangelistic work is being done among the thousands of people working on the many coffee plantations in the nearby areas.

● A total of 75,000 persons attended more than 200 rallies of a two-week Baptist evangelistic crusade held simultaneously in Hong Kong and Macao. The campaign sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board of the South-

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# Editorial



## Enshrined in Human Hearts

GREAT MEN and women are forever enshrined in human hearts. Their noble deeds live after them. Their sublime words continue to inspire others. They seem to touch us with blessing at every turn of the road until we realize how greatly we are indebted to them for their great heritage. We can only thank God in such a moment that "we are compassed about by so great a cloud of witnesses".

How different life in the United States might be today or how the course of the world's destiny might be channeled otherwise if Abraham Lincoln had never lived! There is hardly a person living today on any continent of the world whose life has not been affected, directly or indirectly, by that which Lincoln said and did. The seething turmoil of peoples today in their struggle for freedom and political independence and the tensions in our land growing out of the objectives of desegregation find their modern source in the spiritual idealism and political philosophy of Abraham Lincoln, the great Emancipator!

As you climb the many steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C., and reverently stand before the massive marble figure of Abraham Lincoln, you are made aware of the tremendous molding power of his great example. You read that "in this temple as in the hearts of the people the memory of Abraham Lincoln is enshrined forever". You feel that you are looking through Lincoln's eyes upon the world in desperate need and you see that they were the eyes of a truly humble spirit, "who loved men not for what they were but for what they might become. They were the eyes of an unflinching courage and an unfaltering faith rising out of a sincere dependence upon the Master of the Universe." To look at Lincoln is to look into his eyes and to be challenged by his example as well as to feel his memory and the memory of his noble life enshrined forever in your heart.

His words have the glow of inspiration for us because of our association with his great life. Everyone of us has felt the lofty truths of his Gettysburg address, whether we recited the words in the classroom or heard the echo of them on the Gettysburg battlefields or read them again on the wall of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C. This association with Lincoln's words and life is a very real and dynamic power. It is something enshrined in our hearts forever. For this reason the Lincoln Memorial is one of America's most meaningful shrines, associated with Marion Anderson's singing of "America, the Beautiful" one Sunday afternoon years ago, with presidents and world leaders who have laid their wreaths at the foot of the memorial, and with all kinds of folk from all walks of life who have come to see and then have left with new resolves and an inspirational glow burning brightly in their souls.

All great men and women are forever enshrined in human hearts. That is a great truth which will inspire us to emulate their example and to know more of the inspiration that motivated them. May that mantle of greatness through God's providence also fall on our shoulders!

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—Photo by Pan American World Airways  
The Matterhorn peak in all of its majestic, snow-crowned glory as seen from the village of Winkelmatt, Switzerland.

RECENTLY I read with absorbing interest an outline of the seven wonders of the ancient world. These remarkable objects are usually enumerated as follows—

First, the Pyramids of Egypt, of which there are three near Cairo. Concerning these there has been much investigation and more speculation.

Next the lighthouse on Pharos of Alexandria, which is a most anomalous island in the Alexandrian harbor.

#### THE HANGING GARDENS

Three, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. Who has not heard of these?

Four, the temple of Diana at Ephesus. Of this prodigious structure the Bible speaks.

Five, the statue of Jupiter by Phidias. None of the celebrated, ancient historians is silent about the statue of Jupiter.

Six, the mausoleum erected by Queen Artemisia. Modern architects have made careful studies of this sixth wonder.

Seven, the Colossus of Rhodes, a statue of Apollo towering 120 feet high, which was erected about 280 B.C.

I say these are marvels, indeed. But, my friends, my soul thrills at seven greater wonders in this modern era.

#### GOD'S SALVATION

The first is the fact that God saw my dire need and sent Heaven's best for the salvation of my poor soul. "God so loved the world that he gave . . ." This is inexplicable love.

"That thou shouldst love a wretch like me,  
And be the God thou art,  
Is darkness to my intellect,  
But sunshine to my heart."

The Lord Jesus came and lived and loved and died taking the offending sinner's place. On Calvary's cruel tree he consummated a work which permits me to go scot free. The aggregate sin of the world past, present and future has been atoned for. God exacted from Christ the penalty due my sins. Divine justice has been satisfied. Now, the believing sinner is cleared of every charge.

The second modern wonder is that he heeded my supplication when under the influences of the Spirit I acknowledged my utter spiritual bankruptcy and besought his aid.

It would not be so astonishing if he were to hear the plea of kings but I'm a non-entity; I'm endowed with no superlative gifts. His mercy, therefore, overwhelms me — one stands aghast. He who flung the constellations into space and set them whizzing on their orbits with arithmetical precision, he who is at the helm of the universe, the mighty God of glory, heard my cry and saved me by his grace. I can only adore him and offer the sacrifices of a profoundly grateful heart.

"His is love, 'tis love unbounded,  
Without measure, without end.  
Human thought is here confounded,  
'Tis too vast to comprehend."

But that is only the fringe of the facts—think of it, the Spirit—the Holy Spirit, has condescended to reside in my heart. St. Paul said,

"Know ye not that your body is a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? And ye are not your own, for ye were bought with a price." The Bible indicates that this blessed third person of the Trinity is to be to me in this age all that Jesus would be were he here in the flesh.

#### GOD'S THIRD WONDER

Hear Jesus Christ's statement in John 14:16, 17, "I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive; for it beholdeth him not, neither knoweth him; ye know him; for he abideth with you, and shall be in you." Now the Spirit is a Person for no mere influence could teach, remind, testify, guide and convince. What a wonder that he concerns himself with frail sinners!

It had been enough if Christ had simply saved me and had given the Spirit to help me through this veil of tears but a further honor has been conferred upon saved sinners—that of being coworkers with him.

#### GOD'S MINISTRY FOR US

Angels may not participate in this sacred task and doubtless they are jealous of such a holy apostolate. To born again children of Adam, God has committed the ministry of reconciliation. What a lofty privilege and what a solemn responsibility!

"I would not work my soul to save,  
That work my Lord hath done.  
But I would work like any slave  
For love of God's dear Son."

# God's Seven Wonders

You might miss seeing the marvels of the ancient world and yet live richly, but you can't afford to miss experiencing God's matchless wonders!

By DR. KENNETH L. MILES, Pastor,  
Ballard Baptist Church, Seattle, Wash.

Nor has God asked me to enter the battle against sin and Satan unarmed. He has put into my hands the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. This is the fifth wonder—that he should provide such a love letter and guide book as the Bible. There's no computing its potency. Who can tap its treasures? Its sweetness is unutterable. What true Christian does not bless God for its unerring accuracy?

Consider its own claim, "For the word of God is living, and active [energizing], and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the heart." The child of God would be inestimably poor without the Wonderful Word. "The precepts of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart: The commandment of Jehovah is pure, enlightening the eyes."

"I have a wonderful Treasure,  
The gift of God without measure.  
We will travel together,  
My Bible and I."

#### CHRIST'S SECOND COMING

Again—and my joy knows no bounds as I contemplate it—Jesus Christ is coming again to catch away his bride, the saved ones.

I'm living in the buoyancy of this hope. Could there be any greater incentive to holiness? This is the Christian's blessed, purifying hope. Scoffers have questioned, "Where is the promise of his coming, for since the fathers fell asleep all things continue as they were from the beginning?" This only serves to confirm our belief in the sure return of the Savior, for the Spirit has said that precisely such malicious ridicule will characterize the days prior to his advent.



The breath-taking majesty of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, which is regarded by many people as one of the seven wonders of the world today.



The Lord Jesus came and lived and loved and died on the Cross, taking the offending sinner's place. This "wonder of wonders" is depicted by Jan Styka in his great painting "The Crucifixion" (For the story, see the 1957 ANNUAL).

The angelic messenger said to the wonder-struck disciples, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing into heaven? this Jesus, who was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld him going into heaven." Hallelujah! he's coming again — personally, visibly, gloriously.

#### GOD'S SEVENTH WONDER

This brings us to the final wonder: I shall then be transformed into his likeness. "Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know

that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is."

I'm keenly aware of the fact that I'm very unlike him now, but, wonder of wonders, Jesus "shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of his glory."

My friend, have you really dwelt upon these marvels which I've just cited? Can you say honestly, "Jesus died for my sins"? Have you pled the merits of his blood? Is the Holy Spirit living in your heart? Are you working with him in the vast field "which is the world"? Do you revel in his writings, the Bible? Does your soul cry out to him "even so come quickly, Lord Jesus"? Shall you one day be with him and like him or shall you be consigned irretrievably to perdition, banished from his benign presence, because you rejected his offer of free, full salvation?

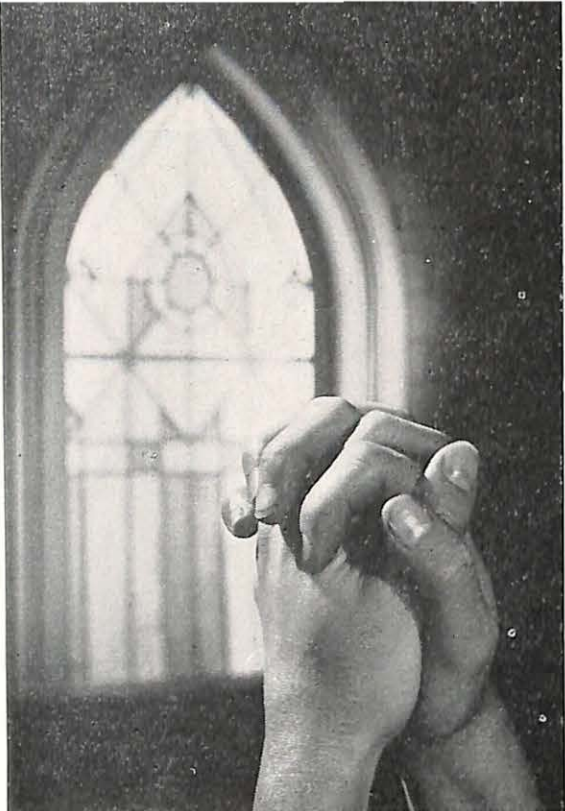
#### "I STAND AMAZED"

Receive him into your heart now by faith and thank him for his gift of eternal life. "Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast."

However deep in sin or in self-righteousness you may be, appropriate his great salvation and thus join the innumerable company of the redeemed as they sing—

"I stand amazed in the presence  
Of Jesus of Nazarene,  
And wonder how he could love me,  
A sinner condemned, unclean."





"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."

## Saints of God

By REV. HAROLD E. WEISS, Sioux Falls, South Dakota

OUR MODERN twentieth century has produced some of the greatest wonders of the world with speed records continually being broken by men and machines with the launching of rocket-satellites which one day may encircle the globe. But the wonder of wonders, the miracle of all miracles, happens when a sinner becomes a saint through the power of God. The world suffers today for lack of true and faithful saints of God.

Let us not be mistaken to think that man can make saints of people. It is God's business to make saints of sinners. John said, "But as many as received him (Christ), to them gave he (God) power to become the sons of God (saints), even to them that believed on his name" (John 1:12). The Apostle Paul identified the saints at Rome as the "beloved of God" (Rom. 1:7). These who are thus "called to be saints" are the "sons of God," the "children of God," the redeemed ones "out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" (Rev. 5:9).

### SAINTS READY TO SERVE

We know that it is not easy to live an exemplary life "as becometh saints" because Satan, as the Prince of this world, is seeking to lead the Christian astray. The Lord, our Savior, was victorious over sin, Satan and death; therefore, we too in his strength can be victorious. This victory for the saints is necessary in order to fulfill God's divine purpose.

Through the centuries, there have been men and women who have been

ready to serve when they were needed to stand in the gap. They were ready to be counted, even to give their lives in life or death for the cause of their Lord. Even today the life-blood of Christians flows because they will not bow their knees to other gods and powers.

These saints were ready to serve because of a strong faith in Almighty God. It pleased the Lord to name the saints as recorded in Hebrews 11 by giving them honorable mention in obedience to God's commands. "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."

To obey God in service often means to forsake loved ones and home comforts, as did Moses in Egypt (Heb. 11:27). This obedience to Christ was demonstrated by the five young missionaries who recently gave their lives in death for Christ among the wild Indians of South America.

## A Peculiar People

By REV. ALFRED WEISSER, Parkston, South Dakota

WORDS, like people and nations, have a tendency to degenerate. Nations change their ideals and their ways. Words change in their meaning, often not for the better, but for worse. Today "peculiar" generally has the connotation of queer in most of our usage. Thus, when we speak of a peculiar people, we think of be-

Praise God for Christians who have been willing even to suffer for the cause of Christ. Of Moses it is said (Heb. 11:25) that he chose "rather to suffer affliction with the saints of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season." There have been many who could be added to the list of those who loved the Lord more than mother or father, brother or sister. Our heritage of suffering saints is rich, indeed. Hebrews 11:32-38 is a dramatic commentary of the Christian's willingness to suffer for the cause of Christ.

### SAINTS WILLING TO SUFFER

The serving and suffering saints of all ages will certainly be honored one great day with glory. It will be a glory that we shall share with our Lord who suffered, yes, who died for us. The Apostle Paul seems to be speaking of the future glory of God's saints when he says with great conviction: "If we share in his sufferings, we shall certainly share in his glory. In my opinion whatever we may go through now is less than nothing compared with the magnificent future glory that God has planned for us."

ing queer; and we do not wish to be counted among them.

All too frequently the world has assumed that God's people are too peculiar to belong to them. They are held in derision and heaped with the scorn of "peculiar" unless they conform to worldly standards and ideals. Indeed, some want to belong without

# The Glory of God's People



"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

seeming to be peculiar, that is, there should not be too much evidence of their belonging.

We live in a day when it's popular to belong to the majority groups, to get on the bandwagon. But God's people have never been a majority group. All through the ages, there has been something peculiar about the people of God—and they glory in it!

### A PURCHASED POSSESSION

When God used the word "peculiar" in describing his people a long time ago, he meant to indicate that they were peculiar in an altogether different sense than that of which we think today. Yes, indeed a minority group, and certainly different, but not odd or queer. Not a museum piece to be stared at by the world, but a living thing throbbing with God-given life and activity for the glory of God! For the glory of God's people is found, not in those who display their goodness, or seek their own glory, but in those who seek the glory of God by doing his holy will, having been redeemed by faith in his only begotten Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

As Paul puts it: "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:20). Thus, when God speaks of a peculiar people, he means "a people for his own possession" or, his own purchased possession, as in Ephesians 1:14. They are a select group because God himself selected them from among all the people of the earth, who were not really a people until they found their places in God's order of things and became his peculiar people above all peoples. They were a people who were as nothing in the total darkness of the world of sin, but they are now a people of real import because they have God's peculiar stamp upon them.

God reached into the middle of heathendom a long time ago, when he called Israel, and selected a people who should "obey my voice, and keep my covenant; then shall ye be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation" (Ex. 19:5). We need be reminded that the covenant was with the people, not with its leaders or priesthood.

### A FAITHFUL PEOPLE

We are inclined to fall into the same temptation into which Israel often fell, that God could surely not reject his chosen people! But history bears out the fact that God has not been slack in casting off an unfaithful people to "give to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof" (Matt. 21:43).

He may do it again! In the time when his people fail him, he may again reach into the midst of heathendom to select a people who do not mind being peculiar for Jesus' sake!

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Ministers in attendance at the 1936 sessions of the British Columbia Association held at Prince George, B. C.  
Left to right, front row: J. B. Kornalewski, Alexander Hart, G. Beutler, Phil Daum and A. S. Felberg. — Back row: John Asman (a layman), G. P. Gebauer and G. Schalm.

## A Royal Priesthood

By REV. FRED SCHMIDT, Madison, South Dakota

SEVERAL YEARS ago a timid old lady entered an insurance office in Minneapolis, Minn. When she was asked what she wanted, she explained that she was unable to make payments on an insurance policy which had been taken out years before. She explained that it was hard for her to get work and that she had difficulty meeting daily requirements in her home apart from making insurance payments.

Upon investigation the clerk found that the policy was valuable. He warned her that it was not wise to stop the payments. Besides, did not her husband have something to say? It was his policy, made out to her benefit. She quickly explained that her husband had died three years ago and that she had to carry on without him.

The company went into action and discovered that she told the truth. Then, instead of cancelling the policy, the company paid her its full valuation. She did not know that it became of value when her husband died.

### CHRIST, OUR MEDIATOR

The greatest benefit of all time came due when our Lord Jesus died on the Cross. As he cried out, "It is finished", and as the veil in the temple was rent in two, the partition between man and his God was forever removed. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself."

But millions of persons continue their attempts to purchase their own salvation and to open their way to the heart of God. It is still difficult for the average individual to grasp the fact that immeasurable grace is provided through the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

What the priests of the old covenant times sought to bring about—to be intermediaries between man and

his Maker—Christ has accomplished for us. He has taught us to enter directly into our Father's presence where we may pray, "Our Father". We are reminded anew of this fact in 1 Peter 2:9 where the apostle assures us: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood . . ."

Ever since man first sinned, he has felt the desolate sense of God's condemnation. When a loving God walked in the Garden of Eden in the cool of the day and called tenderly to Adam, "Where art thou?" Adam hid himself. He had become overwhelmingly conscious that he was not fit to face God.

### NO LONGER STRANGERS

Men have felt themselves strangers to God. No holy angel ever appeared to man to bring good tidings but the first words had to be, "Fear not". Man often has felt the need for a mediator to bridge the gap between him and his Maker. This is why, when God spoke from the thundering and smoking Sinai to the assembled people of Israel, they trembled, and said to Moses: "Speak thou with us and we will hear, but let not God speak with us, lest we die."

When the time was fulfilled, Jesus came. With his own life he tore down the veil in the temple, and the middle wall of partition was broken down. Now any troubled heart anywhere, whether at home or in church, whether in the shop or in the field, whether in the prayer closet or tossing on a bed of suffering, can look to God through faith in Christ. Since Christ desires to remove all barriers between our souls and our Father, "let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need."





The Arabela Indian women of Peru, South America (left), are chewing and mashing yucca to make a slightly alcoholic beverage. The wooden trough is also used with a heavy wooden rocker to grind their corn. In the picture at the right Mrs. Roland Rich is shown with some Indian women and children with a batch of watermelons. The houses in the background are woven palm-thatched with palm (pona) floors and walls.

## Redeemed . . . Out of Every Kindred

The Amazing Story of Taking the Gospel to Isolated Indian Tribes in the Amazon River Jungles of Peru, South America, by Mr. Roland Rich, Missionary

OVER four hundred years ago, white men arrived on the shores of Peru and in a brief spectacular campaign snatched the rule from the Incas. Today in Lima, capital city of Peru with over one million inhabitants, can be seen the evidence that, although the rule is no longer Indian, there is still a large segment of the population which has changed but little in five hundred years.

These barefoot peasants clad in somber colored clothing still speak Quechua and make out but poorly in the national language, Spanish. Thousands arrive each year from their ancestral mountain homes to be swallowed up in the big city. These people are being partially reached with the Gospel through the Spanish-speaking churches. Their several million kinfolk in the great Andes Mountains are slowly being reached by various evangelical missions.

It is an immense task to preach to these people scattered on their little farms in rugged terrain more than five hundred miles long and a hundred nearly impassable miles wide.

### THOUSANDS OF IMMIGRANTS

Thousands of Europeans and Asians have been pouring into the country for some time. Chinese brought over twenty-five years ago to sweep the streets have inevitably become small shop owners. Many still worship their ancestral gods and speak their own language, knowing surprisingly little Spanish. I do not know of any Christian witness among them.

Walking the streets in downtown Lima, one frequently overhears conversations in German. The names of the best stores and many important

enterprises reveal the prominence of these hard working immigrants. Throughout the land the same thing is seen. Large plantations, oil companies, mining and other important industries are owned by them. To my knowledge, the only effort being made to reach these thousands is being carried on by one sound Lutheran church in Lima.

The North American Baptist churches long demonstrated the truth of the principle that man worships best in his mother tongue. Particularly the younger people who emigrated since the last war need to be reached in German. I met a German saleswoman who had been in Peru four years but still spoke Spanish haltingly. Spiritual things would not have been understood by her. These immigrants are an important part of Peru now and will be increasingly more

influential. It is urgent that they be reached with the Gospel soon.

Radiating from Lima in recent years, Peruvian Christians have spearheaded evangelism of the masses. For years foreign missionaries carried the brunt of the work. Now the indigenous church is eager to take the reins. They are woefully short-handed as yet, but the zeal is encouraging after fifty years of spoon feeding. This by no means indicates a need for fewer foreign missionaries, but those coming should be prepared to remain in the background more and more, serving by prayer, counseling and in other capacities when called upon.

### AMAZON RIVER JUNGLES

On the east side of the Andes lies a vast jungle where the major branches of the Amazon River begin. Twenty years ago there was no easy way to reach this largest area of Peru, still mostly populated as it was hundreds of years ago—by over thirty-five Indian tribes. Nevertheless, evangelical missionaries have been reaching a number of these tribes and the Spanish speakers who moved in. By truck, launch, canoe, mule and afoot they pressed into remote areas, always under great difficulty, often in danger.

Now a road from Lima winds its way upward to 15,000 feet then down and up over two lesser ranges till it ends 525 miles away on the banks of the Ucayali River in the heart of the Peruvian jungle. Regular commercial flights also connect Pucallpa, the town at the end of the road, with Lima just two and a half hours away.

In 1946 the Summer Institute of Linguistics, better known as Wycliffe

Bible Translators, entered the jungle tribes with a government contract. This inter-denominational mission with the goal of giving the New Testament to every language group in the world fitted perfectly into the Peruvian government's endeavor to reach all her subjects with schooling.

Wonderful cooperation these past ten years has produced many native readers. Of twenty-six tribes entered thus far, one already has the complete New Testament. Several others have individual books of the Bible in hand. Believers are reported in twelve tribes.

### REACHING THE INDIANS

Three things contributed to give this mission a distinct advantage in reaching these isolated tribes. Today seven planes fly thousands of miles each month carrying the translators to their isolated spots and servicing them during their six-month stay in the tribe each year. Half the year is spent at the central base with one or more of the Indians for intensive language training away from the distractions of tribal living.

In our case we flew five hours and twenty minutes from the base (near Pucallpa) to the Curaray River where we had left our canoe and outboard motor. Then in two and a half days we traveled twenty-one hours with all our cargo up the small winding river to the Arabela Indians.

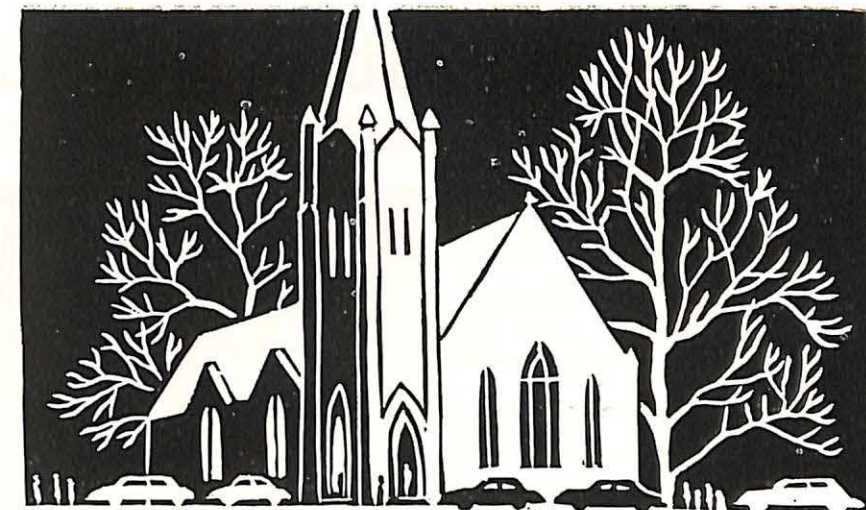
A second advantage is the radio transmitter and receiver with which each tribe location is equipped. This is indispensable in ordering supplies, arranging flights, and consulting with the Base Doctor on any medical problem. Also it is a real morale booster to talk with friends and even have letters read from home. For us this is especially welcome as our mail only comes every two or three months.

### TRANSLATING THE BIBLE

The third and perhaps most fascinating of all is the linguistic training which all members receive at one of the five summer schools conducted annually in the United States, Canada, England, and Australia. (The schools are open to all missionaries and candidates). This training provides up-to-date knowledge and practice in how best to record a strange language in phonetic script, analyze it, produce the most easily readable alphabet, and finally with much study and practice to speak and write the "mother tongue" acceptably.

This painstaking method is obviously slow in producing results, but once established with native readers and the Word of God in their own language the fruit is abiding and self-propagating under the power of the Holy Spirit.

Much remains to be done. More than one thousand tribes have no part of the Word in their language. May we be faithful till Christ comes!



In the Church of Jesus Christ we can be either a blessing or a hindrance, depending on the spirit we show and the service we render for our Savior.

## Ten Little Christians

A Timely Message in Rhyme

*Ten little Christians, standing in a line,  
One disliked the preacher, then there were nine.*

*Nine little Christians stayed up very late,  
One slept on Sunday morning, then there were eight.*

*Eight little Christians on the road to heaven,  
One took the lower road, then there were seven.*

*Seven little Christians got into a fix,  
One disliked the music, then there were six.*

*Six little Christians very much alive,  
But one lost her interest, then there were five.*

*Five little Christians wishing there were more,  
But they quarreled, then there were four.*

*Four little Christians as cheerful as could be,  
One lost his temper, then there were three.*

*Three little Christians knew not what to do,  
One joined a sporty crowd, then there were two.*

*Two little Christians—our rhyme is nearly done—  
Differed with each other, then there was one.*

*One lone Christian won his neighbor true,  
Brought him to church, then there were two.*

*Two earnest Christians, each won one more,  
That doubled their number, then there were four.*

*Four sincere Christians worked very late,  
But each won another, then there were eight.*

*Eight splendid Christians, but nothing rhymes with sixteen,  
So we simply note that in four more rhymes there would be 1042, which would be quite a church full.*

—Reprinted from Gospel Banner.

### BAPTIST BRIEFS

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ern Baptist Convention (USA), resulted in 2,500 conversions. It was the first of its kind in the area. One hundred and fifty rallies were held in churches and 50 in schools and col-

leges. They were addressed by eight speakers, three from the United States, two from Formosa, two from Japan and one from Thailand. The two largest rallies were conducted in football stadiums. One in Kowloon was attended by 10,000 persons and one on Hong Kong Island by 5,000.



# A Visit With Lincoln

BY ADELE PARDIECK AND REPRINTED FROM "THIS DAY"

THERE ISN'T MUCH you can tell about Abraham Lincoln that isn't already known. Every month half a million of his admirers come to the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C., to contemplate the moral and spiritual qualities of this man, whose character guided world events.

The high point of commemoration is reached, of course, on February 12. Again this year, as military honor guards line the way, the President of the United States will mount the wide cascade of steps to place his floral wreath for the birthday of him who did not expect to be long remembered.

In 1954 his birthday held a special triumph for the Great Emancipator. It was then that President Eisenhower interrupted his solemn ascent to extend a warm greeting to a man standing nearby. "Hello, Confederate!" he said.

## WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE

It was true. For the first time the Sons of Confederate Veterans had laid a wreath before Lincoln, a real Southern tribute, made of jasmine and magnolias and Confederate flags.

After ninety years the War between the States was over as Lincoln had wanted it, "with malice toward none."

The Confederates were invited by General Ulysses S. Grant III, and the National Commander of the Sons of the Union marched up the memorial steps beside the representative of the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Air Force Colonel John Virden, whose grandfather was a colonel in



—Photo by Oscar Seidenberg  
The statue of Abraham Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D. C.

the Southern Second Arkansas Cavalry, remarked after laying the wreath of the South: "Mr. Lincoln belongs to everybody, not just to the North. He is more than an Illinois Republican." Jocosely he added: "Did you know that Lincoln's statue is carved of Georgia marble?"

Our gaze shifted from the Lincoln Memorial across the Potomac River to

the Virginia side, where the old home of General Robert E. Lee was plainly visible. The two shrines are connected by Memorial Bridge, and thus is symbolized the union which has been restored between North and South.

## THE LINCOLN MEMORIAL

The echoes of the National Anthem had subsided, and only a few people remained, as we passed between the tall pillars to pay our respects to the great humanitarian on his birthday.

Entering the main rotunda, we were impressed with its simplicity. There was nothing but the gentle, quiet figure surrounded by gleaming marble on which had been carved simply and grandly:

IN THIS TEMPLE  
AS IN THE HEARTS OF THE  
PEOPLE FOR WHOM HE SAVED  
THE UNION THE MEMORY OF  
ABRAHAM LINCOLN IS  
ENSHRINED FOREVER

The statue seemed to draw us across the pink marble floor. So life-like was the carved marble that we felt the spell of Lincoln's personality emanating from it—his vision, patience, lonely courage, and his deep humility.

We studied the effect upon other visitors. It was evident that in the stark simplicity each person saw only what he brought with him. Reactions varied from the wide-eyed wonder of a boy who saw his school history come to life, to the moist-eyed gratitude of a son of slaves who saw what life would have held for him without this man.

## THE PRAYING PRESIDENT

The trouble-worn features of the martyred President, who to the day of his death was surrounded by powerful enemies, brought to mind his words: "I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go."

In the side halls we found that the Gettysburg address and the Second Inaugural conveyed deeper meaning to us from the stone walls than they had from the pages of a book. And from the murals in soft autumn colors we carried away the challenge to apply to our lives the principles by which this great man had lived.

By midnight the shrine always is deserted, but there are no doors to restrain the gaze of the lonely figure sitting high above the marble steps. His eyes are on the dome of the Nation's Capitol as he continues his vigilance "that this government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

## Abraham Lincoln

Up from log cabin to the Capitol,  
One fire was on his spirit, one resolve—  
To send the keen ax to the root of wrong,  
Clearing a free way for the feet of God,  
The eye of conscience testing every stroke,  
To make his deed the measure of a man.

With the fine gesture of a kingly soul,  
He built the rail-pile and he built the state,  
Pouring his splendid strength through every blow;  
The grip that swung the ax in Illinois  
Was on the pen that set a people free.

—Edwin Markham.

# Pioneer Days on the Dakota Prairie

Reminiscences of Almost 50 Years Ago by Rev. Frank Orthner of Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE RECENT church anniversary at Underwood, North Dakota, took me back to the summer of 1903! After my Junior year in our Seminary in Rochester, New York, as a very young and inexperienced fellow, I was sent to the then bleak prairies of North Dakota. The rail trip from Bismarck to Washburn, North Dakota, took about six hours.

The Washburn Church (I mean the building) was about ten miles away. Our Baptist people were newly arrived immigrants from Russia and a few of them from some churches in South Dakota. For the most part they were poor as "church mice," and the good housewives in their hospitality towards me were limited to bread, eggs and tea.

## MANY PREACHING STATIONS

But I had a glorious time, the best vacation ever! The brethren put a young spirited horse at my disposal and use. Besides the centrally located Washburn church meeting house, there were four or even five "preaching stations". The majority of our people lived in sod houses, and the services on the "preaching stations" were held in these sod houses.

Quite often I had fifty to sixty persons packed into one room, without proper ventilation and with only one exit door. By the grace of God we had no accidents of fire or something of that nature which could have caused a panic. But my very crude and simple preaching was appreciated, and we had conversions, also a fine baptismal service and a good addition in membership.

If I remember aright, the town of Underwood came into existence in that year of 1903. It was Brother

C. C. Koenig who built the first grain elevator there. One of the finest "stations" was Turtle Lake, which in the following years became quite a prominent church.

## 80 ACRE HOMESTEAD OFFER

Well, the summer was all too short. I preached about three or four times on Sunday at each of the stations, and quite regularly in the Washburn church building. Then I had to go back to Rochester, New York. The

that for my ministerial future it was important for me to acquire more knowledge and experience. Before I left Washburn and vicinity, a pastor was called, Rev. August Liebig, and the church began to head towards a prosperous future in every respect.

The Washburn church was so poor at that time that all they could pay me was the one way railroad fare. Our General Missionary Committee promised me the other railroad fare and \$125 for the summer. But on the



"Horse and buggy days" on the Dakota Prairies when the minister covered the entire circuit visiting his "preaching stations".

good people tried their very best to persuade me to stay with them and become their pastor. They made me an offer of a house on an 80-acre homestead claim, which should be my property.

But I told them I had set my face toward a full theological training, that I had before me the two most important Seminary years of study, and

day of my departure from Washburn, the majority of the members found some kind of an excuse to make that long trip from their farm to the town of Washburn. As each of them said "goodbye" to me, while shaking my hand, they slipped a quarter or a half dollar into my hand.

## TOKENS OF LOVE

Later, when all alone in my railroad car seat, I went into my pocket, counted all the silver coins, and lo! it was just a little more than the price of my return railroad ticket to Rochester, New York. I was overwhelmed by these tokens of their love and friendship, because I was acquainted with their poverty and lack of ready cash. It was in the midst of the harvest season, and none of their flax or wheat was sold or turned into cash.

About five or six years later, I received a letter from someone in the newly founded and organized church in Turtle Lake, North Dakota, inquiring if I would consider a call from their church. At that time I was in far-off Australia and I was not ready to make that change. But my heart rejoiced to know of the kind and loving remembrance of our good North Dakota brethren in those pioneer days.



Breaking the prairie sod in the Dakotas in "the days of the pioneers."



# What God Has Done in Rapid City

The Story of Our Church Extension Project in Rapid City, South Dakota, by Rev. Merle Brenner, Pastor

THREE YEARS ago Mrs. Brenner and I received a call to begin a new work in a suburb of Rapid City, South Dakota, known as the South Canyon area. We accepted the call, not knowing what to expect but confident of the Lord's leading and direction.

We felt somewhat as Abraham must have felt when he was called out to a place with which he was unfamiliar. But the God of Abraham is the same yesterday, today and forever, and the progress made in the birth and growth of the South Canyon Baptist Church is a vindication of his grace and power.

## GOD'S BLESSINGS

When Paul and Barnabas were set apart for missionary service by the Holy Spirit, after fasting and prayer, the Antioch church commissioned them and sent them on their way. Though it is not mentioned, surely the church members continued in the important ministry of intercessory prayer. The value of such prayer effort cannot be overestimated.

fort. In retrospect, we are led to see more clearly the blessing of God in our midst.

The period from November 1955 through 1956 has seen steady progress in our church life. The greatest numerical growth has taken place during this period. A total of 26 persons were received into membership. Seven were youngsters from our Sunday School who, with six adults, were baptized in four baptismal services. These, with thirteen others who joined by letter or experience, increased the membership from 17 to 43. With the loss of two members our present total is 41.

The Sunday School experienced substantial growth in 1956. Average attendance for 1956 was 65, compared with an average of 45 for the year 1955. New teachers have been recruited who are working steadily alongside of the other faithful members of the teaching staff. There are twelve teachers and assistants.

A piano was purchased for the Beginner Department and an inter-com-

Special projects during the past year have included the installation of an attractive cross on the roof of our building with a matching illuminated sign on the front lawn. These were constructed by two of our capable laymen, Mr. Sorensen and Mr. Kywzila. A major project facing us in 1956 was the installation of 325 feet of curb and sidewalk. Hiring it done would have involved a cost of \$1,000. Only \$300 had been set aside for this purpose in our budget.

While we were praying and discussing ways and means to expedite this project, an inquiry was received from the Men's Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church of Emery, S. Dak., as to a possible project that they could adopt on our behalf. Our proposal that they send out a delegation of men to help us in a joint "do it yourself" sidewalk construction project met with a favorable response. The interest and sacrifice of these men in driving this distance and the tired muscles with which they returned indicated their willingness to further the Lord's work in this practical way. With their help, the cost of the project was less than \$500.

## OPEN DOORS

Our active Ladies' Missionary Circle, under the leadership of Mrs. Merle Brenner, has carried on a vital ministry in our church life. Equipment was purchased for the nursery and also for the kitchen. A lively interest in missions is maintained through their White Cross effort. A Christmas play, *WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR*, was presented in the church to an appreciative audience.

Surely, Paul and Barnabas reported the challenges which they encountered on their first missionary journey. While he was presenting these to the Antioch church, can we not visualize Paul eagerly anticipating the next journey? Likewise there is future opportunity in the South Canyon Baptist Church and community.

However, with the "Open doors" in the fields such as ours, there are also formidable obstacles. We find ourselves asking, "Who is sufficient for these things?" Our confession can only be, "Our sufficiency is in God." He will use the earthen vessels which we supply. The prayer support of our sister churches is an absolute necessity in our labors.

Thus undergirded, we, with our brethren in similar Church Extension projects, will have joyful opportunity to rehearse with you at some future time all that God has done with us.



The South Canyon Baptist Church of Rapid City, South Dakota, with the new bulletin board in the foreground. This is one of our 17 Church Extension projects which have received North American Baptist support.

On the occasion of the missionaries' return from their first journey, they gathered the church together and rehearsed all that God had done with them. This report reminds us of the earlier experience of the disciples returning to tell the Lord all they had done after he had sent them forth to preach and to heal the sick. Likewise the seventy, who were sent on a similar mission by the Lord Jesus, returned with a glowing report.

In this spirit, we present a report of this part of our denominational ef-

system from pulpit to garage (which serves as a nursery during the morning service) was economically assembled by one of our members. With the growth of the Sunday School, space for new classes has become scarce.

A proposed budget of \$2,500 for 1956, estimated when we had only 26 members and adopted with some trepidation, has nearly been reached. Our people have entered into this important ministry with real evidence of heart interest and sacrifice.

## ENGAGEMENTS

Dr. Frank H. Woyke  
Feb. 8-9—General Sunday School Committee meeting, Forest Park, Illinois.  
Feb. 24 (Sunday)—King's Highway Church, Bridgeport, Conn.

Rev. R. Schilke  
Feb. 10 (Sunday)—Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Feb. 24 (Sunday A.M.)—Fenwood, Saskatchewan.  
Feb. 24 (Sunday P.M.)—Nokomis, Saskatchewan.

Rev. J. C. Gunst  
Feb. 17 (Sunday)—Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wis.  
Feb. 24 (Sunday)—Calvary Church, Stafford, Kansas.

Rev. G. K. Zimmerman  
Feb. 8-9—General Sunday School Committee meeting, Forest Park, Illinois.  
Feb. 13 and 20—Leadership Training Classes, Immanuel Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Dr. M. L. Leuschner  
Feb. 12 (Tuesday)—White Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Feb. 17 (Sunday)—Foster Avenue Church, Chicago, Ill.

## CHRISTIAN WORKERS' CONFERENCES IN ATLANTIC CONFERENCE CHURCHES

Rev. L. Bienert and Miss Ruth Bathauer, Leaders

Feb. 18—Boston, Mass.  
Feb. 19—Bridgeport, Meriden and New Haven, Conn.  
Feb. 20—West New York, Hoboken, Jersey City, Grace and Second Churches of Union City, Passaic, New Jersey.  
Feb. 21—Immanuel and Second Churches, New York, N. Y.  
Feb. 22—New York, Evergreen and Ridgewood Churches, Brooklyn, New York.  
Feb. 24 (Afternoon)—Elsmere, Del.  
Feb. 24 (P.M.)—Baltimore, Md.  
Feb. 25—Pilgrim and Fleischmann Churches, Philadelphia, Pa.  
Feb. 26—Jamesburg, N. J.  
Feb. 27—Bethlehem, Pa.  
Feb. 28—Clinton Hill, Walnut and Evangel Churches, Newark, N. J.

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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. Exactly what is the symbolism of the Lord's Supper?

In general, the Lord's Supper represents the saving and sustaining power of the Christian's life. In particular, this involves several distinct truths: First, it symbolizes the death of Christ for our sins (Matt. 26:28)—the bread is broken; the wine is poured out. Second, our personal appropriation of the benefits of his death (I Cor. 11:24-26)—we eat and drink of it. Third, our continuous dependence upon him for spiritual strength (John 6:53)—we should feed daily upon him. Fourth, the consequent union of all Christians in Christ their common Head (I Cor. 10:17). As bread is the unity of many kernels and wine of many berries, so many members make one body. Fifth, the coming joy and perfection of the kingdom of God at the return of Jesus Christ (Luke 22:18; I Cor. 11:26). We observe this ordinance "till he comes"; thus it not only looks back to a past sacrifice but toward the future glory.

## 2. Why does God allow suffering, especially of the righteous?

Suffering is a common experience of the human race. It is indirectly the result of sin, not necessarily a person's individual sins, but from the disorder that has come into nature because of Adam's sin. While personal

sins may increase suffering, all people are subject to the pains and troubles of life because all mankind is under the curse due to sin.

Often the righteous suffer more in this life than the wicked. God allows suffering to test character; that is, to reveal the true inner quality of one's life. He also purifies and refines character through suffering (Job 23:10). It is also a means of discipline to prepare us for something greater and higher in life. Often we are perfected for service to others through tribulation (II Cor. 1:4-7). Much of life's mystery and purpose is realized in this school of faith. C. A. Fox once said, "Life's disappointments are veiled love's appointments."

## 3. Please explain what "existentialism" is.

This is an exceedingly broad term, and there are widely different types of existentialism—religious and atheistic. In general, it is a philosophy stressing the genuineness of real existence, which is something more than our ideas about it. A common slogan is "Existence is prior to essence," by which is meant, the world antedates man's ideas about it. Its roots are imbedded in the life of the individual person; hence, it is subjective to the extreme. It is essentially a philosophy of man as a living in-

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## My Answer

By Edwin C. Swanson

I took a day to travel  
Into the great beyond;  
Into the mental reaches  
Where every new day  
dawns;  
And there I found the answers  
To problems of the soul;  
That puzzle all the living  
While pressing toward life's goal.

I found that God is Spirit,  
That man is spirit too;  
And in God's wondrous  
image  
We find our nature true.  
I found God's love the  
highest,  
His faith! His hope! these  
three;  
Ascend the scale of glory  
Live on eternally.

I heard the angels singing  
All glory to the Lamb;  
God's voice like many  
waters  
The first—the last—I am;  
And then I wakened sharp-  
ly  
My trip came to an end;  
I found Christ Jesus satis-  
fies  
He is man's truest Friend.

—Watchman-Examiner





# Book Reviews



**SPECIAL DAY PROGRAMS AND SELECTIONS.** By Flora E. Breck (W. A. Wilde Co.). 142 pages. \$2.00.

The author has brought together in this volume a fine selection of recitations, exercises, and dramatizations for "special day" programs in the church school, covering all the regular occasions celebrated during the year (except Bibly Day). The book has been planned especially for the busy teachers and leaders with limited time to hunt for recitations. A general opening chapter has helpful hints to Sunday School leaders. A section at the back of the book is devoted to some of the standard, old-time hymns which all should know.

**MODERN ILLUSTRATIONS FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS.** By Robert G. Lee (Vondervan Publishing House). 121 pages. \$1.75.

This Baptist preacher of Memphis, Tenn., who is famous for his thrilling illustrations and exciting anecdotes in his sermons, has given us another volume of stories and illustrations for the preacher, the public speaker, the teacher and general reader. Dr. Lee has gathered from everywhere a wealth of interesting and informative

material and has applied it to the spiritual life of the Christian with telling effect. A complete "Contents-Index" at the beginning of the book is most helpful. Here are many sermon suggestions as well as good ideas for "sermon windows".

**ANIMATED OBJECT TALKS.** By Clyde Foushee (Fleming H. Revell Co.). 159 pages. \$2.00.

These forty object sermons were selected by the author (pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Spartanburg, S. C.) after he had tested them in his church. The talks are keyed to youthful minds and illustrated with easily obtainable objects: a Bible and toothbrush, a jar of applesauce, an old teddy bear. The topic titles are lively: "Keep Your Lenses Clean," "Talking Through Your Hat," "Throwing Monkey Wrenches," "Satan's Traps." They can be easily adapted by pastors, teachers or youth leaders to their own groups, and as such, the book can be warmly recommended to our churches.

**BETTER CHURCH BULLETINS.** By Stella O. Barnett (Fleming H. Revell Co.). 128 pages. \$2.00.

The church bulletin is the silent partner in every preacher's ministry. It is the visual part of every worship

service to be carried into the home and passed on to others, who may be inspired by the Word of God. But those preparing the bulletins need assistance as well as suggestions for quick quotes, poems and inspirational pieces to underscore the Sunday sermons as well as for "fillers." This is a most helpful volume with provocative thoughts, worship suggestions, and colorful "inspires" for the Sunday bulletin as well as numerous suggestions for increasing the attention-getting qualities of the outdoor bulletin board. If you get this book, you will use it often!

**EARLY WILL I SEEK THEE.** By Eugenia Price (Fleming H. Revell Co.). 185 pages. \$2.50.

This new devotional book by one of the country's leading Christian women will be welcomed by her ever-increasing host of readers. Her new book offers richer fruits than ever before of her abiding with the Savior. From her own spiritual experiences and those of others she outlines the way to oneness with Jesus Christ, the way to peace. Eugenia Price knows how empty fame and money can be. She knows where and how to find real joy. Her aim in this new book is to stand aside and let Christ speak through her to those whose hearts long to follow him as Lord of their lives, and she believes that "he himself is the end of everyman's search." For five years Eugenia Price wrote and directed the internationally famous dramatic radio (Continued on Page 23)

## The Commission on Denominational Objectives

THE COMMISSION on Denominational Objectives and Organization, authorized by the 1955 General Conference at Waco, Texas, and now serving under the leadership of Mr. Edwin H. Marklein as chairman, is hard at work. Various sub-committees are making a preliminary study of the field and work assigned to them. Most of them are reviewing their findings in an earnest endeavor to prepare their suggestions and resolutions and to present them to the 1958 General Council sessions prior to the next General Conference to be held in Edmonton, Alberta.

The accompanying picture of the entire Commission was taken at the denominational headquarters in Forest Park, Illinois. In the front row (left to right) are Mr. Arthur Schwerin, chairman of the Finance Committee; Mr. Harold B. Johns, chairman of the Publication Board; Dr. Frank H. Woyke, executive secretary; Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, chairman of the commission; Mr. Walter W. Grosser, moderator of the General Conference; and Mrs. Walter W. Grosser, chairman of the Women's and Men's Work Committee.



The Commission on Denominational Objectives and Organization appointed by the 1955 General Conference and scheduled to report in 1958 at Edmonton, Alberta.

Left to right (seated): Mr. Arthur Schwerin, Mr. Harold B. Johns, Dr. Frank H. Woyke, Mr. Edwin H. Marklein, Mr. Walter W. Grosser, Mrs. Walter W. Grosser. Standing: Prof. George A. Dunger, Mr. William Patzia, Rev. L. R. Johnson, Mr. Herman Bleeker, Dr. John Wobig, Rev. L. B. Hinz, Rev. Isador Faszer and Rev. G. E. Friedenberg.



# What's Happening

● The Calvary Baptist Church of Parkersburg, Iowa, has extended a call to Rev. Raymond F. Dickau of Venturia, N. Dak., to which he has responded favorably. He will begin his ministry in Parkersburg on March 10, 1957, succeeding Rev. Ronald C. McCormack. Mr. Dickau has been the pastor of the Venturia Baptist Church since 1949.

● The Bethany Baptist Church, Vancouver, British Columbia, has extended a call to Rev. Isador Faszer of Minitonas, Manitoba. He has accepted the call and announced that he would begin his ministry in Vancouver's Bethany Church on April 1st. He has served the First Baptist Church of Minitonas, Manitoba, since 1952.

● As of Dec. 31, 1956 the West Ebenezer Baptist Church of Saskatchewan was disbanded, as reported by its pastor, Rev. Bert E. Milner. The members will join the neighboring North American Baptist Churches at Springside, Ebenezer and Yorkton. Rev. Bert E. Milner will continue to serve the First Baptist Church of Springside, Sask. A baptistry is being installed in the Springside Church and a Junior Church program has been launched.

● A Christmas candlelight service was held by the Calvary Church of Stafford, Kansas, on Sunday evening, Dec. 23. It was entitled, "Carols and Candles". Mr. Kenneth Howe of the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, led a brief meditation, "The Christ Propheted". Miss Wanda Stalcup, student nurse at the Kansas University Medical Center of Kansas City, Kansas, spoke on the theme, "The Christ Has Come". Rev. H. J. Wilcke, pastor, closed with the meditative thought, "Christ and You". Both the Junior and Adult choirs brought musical selections.

● On Sunday morning, Dec. 23, Rev. E. W. Klatt, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Kenosha, Wis., baptized five converts. Rev. G. Howe, a member of the church, baptized his daughter-in-law on confession of faith in Christ. Open house was held at the new parsonage on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 16. That same evening an original play, "Not In My House", was presented by the Junior Church. On Sunday evening, Dec. 23, the Christmas play, "The Star Grew Dim", was given by the adult department following the Sunday School program.

● Mrs. Hannah B. Lipphardt of Portland, Oregon, a guest in the Baptist Home for the Aged, quietly passed away on Dec. 31st, only seven hours before the close of the year. She had been in serious health for several years. She was the wife of a former evangelist, Rev. William Lipphardt, who served the denomination faithfully for many years, and the step-mother of Dr. William B. Lipphardt, editor-emeritus of "Missions" magazine. Mrs. Lipphardt also served for some time as the missionary of the Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California.

● From Jan. 7 to 11 the Week of Prayer was observed by the Calvary Church of Tacoma, Wash., with cottage prayer meetings held in various homes. By the first week in January the footings and foundations of the new church edifice were completed as well as the arches, that had been put into place, according to the pastor, Rev. Robert S. Hess. The estimated cost of the new church is \$142,000 for the Education Building and Chapel, and \$62,000 for the sanctuary, making a total of \$204,000. The old church building at South 20th and "J" Streets has been sold for \$30,000.

● On Saturday night, Dec. 15, the Baptist Church of Kitimat, British Columbia, held a baptismal service in the Bethel Baptist Church of Prince Rupert, B. C., using its baptistry. Three adult persons were baptized by Rev. G. P. Schroeder on confession of their faith in Christ. Mr. Schroeder also preached at the Prince Rupert Church on Sunday, Dec. 16. Rev. Alexander Hart is the minister of that church. The offerings of the Kitimat Church as well as the challenge of the field continue to be encouraging. Rev. G. P. Schroeder will bring his ministry there as interim pastor to a close on March 31st.

● Rev. Otto W. Brenner who has been living with his wife in retirement at Carlstadt, New Jersey, has thrilled his many friends by becoming

ing the active pastor of the Carlstadt Baptist Church in Carlstadt, New Jersey, and preaching every Sunday. On Dec. 2nd the church helped him to observe his 80th birthday. On that Sunday morning he preached on the theme, "An Early Start That Never Could Be Moved". Mr. Brenner formerly served the Ebenezer Church of Wessington Springs, S. Dak., and the Central Church of George, Iowa, in his last two previous pastorates. His address is 483 Hoboken Rd., Carlstadt, New Jersey.

● Dr. W. J. Appel, our European director who is stationed with his wife in Austria at the present time, supplied the pulpit of the Mollardgasse Baptist Church of Vienna, Austria, on Sunday, Dec. 23, and again on August 30. He also was in charge of the Watchnight Service of the church and preached at the New Year's service. The pastor of the church, Rev. A. Koester, was in the hospital for some time and is under the doctor's care, following a sudden illness in December. These preaching engagements for Dr. Appel were in addition to his heavy responsibilities in behalf of the Baptist Relief Committee for Hungarian Refugees. (See Jan. 24 issue of the "Baptist Herald".)

● The Acacia-Youth Fellowship of the Temple Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., held its annual banquet on Saturday evening, Jan. 19, with Mr. E. Ralph Kletke of Philadelphia, Pa., as the guest speaker. At the Watchnight Service of the church the illustrated lecture on "The Leprous Patients of the Cameroons, Africa" was presented. The church is raising \$1000 annually toward the support of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Stockdale at the New Hope Settlement in the British Cameroons. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Becker of the church observed their 61st wedding anniversary on Dec. 26. Rev. Frank Veninga, pastor, extended the congratulations of the Temple Church to the honored couple on Sunday, December 30.

● Miss Wanda Stalcup of Stafford, Kansas, a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford, was recently selected by the executive council of the Kansas State Student Nurses' Association to represent them at the International Council of Nurses quadrennial congress scheduled to be held in Rome, Italy, from May 27 to June 1, 1957. This is the first time in the history of the organization that Kansas student nurses have been given an opportunity to attend an international nurses convention. Miss Stalcup is at present a student nurse at the Kansas University Medical Center of Kansas City, Kansas. She attended Baylor University and Kansas State College. It is hoped that an article about some of her experiences in Europe can be secured for the "Baptist Herald".

## ANOTHER AUTHOR

The article, "Japanese Youth Facing Life," that appeared in the Dec. 13, 1956 (Christmas) issue of the "Baptist Herald" was prepared by Miss Florence Miller, our missionary now home on furlough, and not by Mrs. Clemence Auch. We want to thank Miss Miller for this inspirational article. EDITOR.



# We the Women

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

FEBRUARY is full of birthdays of people who have become famous because of their love and loyalty to God, to country and to mankind. We would honor them for what they have been. But—we are aware of a keener vision. Back of all love and loyalty comes God. God is love. God is loyal. We look over this "Whole Wide World". We note something. It is people, women and men, full of love and loyalty who are the spiritual backbone of every church and community. Such can be said of the writer of our meditation on "We, the Women" today. Can it be said of you?

## LOVE AND LOYALTY

By MRS. REUBEN BLACK, a member of the Baptist Church Woman's Missionary Society and Tabitha Society of North Freedom, Wisconsin.

The following verses stand out in my mind as I think about the theme, "Love and Loyalty". "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have

## W. M. U. GOLDEN JUBILEE

Have you become inspired to celebrate the Golden Anniversary of the Woman's Missionary Union in your local society? If you are not and have not ordered a 1957 Annual, do so today and you will become inspired. We thank Mrs. Peter Pfeiffer for her part in this inspiration. We would not forget Dr. Leuschner and all others who made this publication possible, yes, those also who have carried out the work in the past.

Mrs. T. D. Lutz, President

everlasting life" (John 3:16), and "greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). What peace and joy are ours when we accept Christ as our Savior and when we can experience this great love which he has for us.

How can we as Christians show our love and loyalty to God? In John 15:12 Jesus says: "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you." In a home where Christ abides, there is love. Father and mother perform their many duties for their families each day. Children love to do things which are helpful. Is it not love that makes each one of us enjoy doing for our

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

By REV. G. K. ZIMMERMAN, General Secretary

A NEW BROCHURE containing the revised edition of the Christian Leadership Training Curriculum has been prepared and made available to our pastors, Sunday School superintendents and youth leaders. Many books for study courses are being suggested along with an extensive list of books for collateral reading. Every teacher and worker in our Sunday Schools will find helpful suggestions and guidance for books which will aid in growing as a co-laborer for Christ.

The Word of God is our constant source of help and guidance toward strengthening the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are reminded in the Scripture that we must become more fit each day to become fruitful workers in his Kingdom. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." These words of advice written by the Apostle Paul to Timothy continue to challenge us to grow in knowledge of God's Word and to present these teachings adequately.

The Sunday School Union is endeavoring to promote Christian leadership training in all of our churches. The most beneficial plan for our churches is to present courses which are accredited. The best available textbooks are being recommended in the revised training course brochure. Suggestions and instructions which appear in this new brochure are being shared with you in order that more of our workers and leaders may become better acquainted with the program of leadership training sponsored by the Sunday School Union and Commissioned Baptist Youth Fellowship of our denomination.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING GOALS

1. Provide at least one leadership training program each year for your teachers, assistant teachers and prospective teachers.
2. Strive toward the goal that all teachers will hold a diploma from our North American Baptist Leadership Training Program.
3. With the help and guidance of our Leader and Savior, Jesus Christ, strive toward the best trained workers possible in your church and Sunday School.

## ACCREDITED COURSES

Accredited courses require the following procedure:

1. Ten periods of fifty minutes each must be held for the successful completion of a single course. Under special circumstances this arrangement may be altered to include eight periods of sixty minutes each.

2. An examination is to be held at the close of every course for which the teacher will be held accountable for the grades which are given.

3. The student is required to read the textbook.

4. One or two of the collateral books should be used by the teacher. Students should be encouraged to do some collateral reading.

5. Fill out two leadership training report blanks furnished by the Sunday School Union and forward one copy to the General Secretary of the Sunday School Union, Box 6, Forest Park, Illinois, and retain the duplicate copy for your church leadership training program records.

## CERTIFICATES AND DIPLOMAS

All students completing a study course according to the requirements will receive a certificate of credit. A diploma will be awarded to those completing one course in each of the four groups: "Sunday School Administration," "The Art of Teaching," "The Bible," and one from any of the "Elective Courses." The required courses toward a CBY Fellowship diploma are also listed in the brochure.

## SECURING TEXTBOOKS

The Headquarters Library in our office has copies of all the leadership training books listed in this brochure. One copy of these books will be loaned to our churches for two weeks in order to review the contents before making a final selection of a course for your church. PLEASE NOTE: Order textbooks to be used by your leadership training class from the Roger Williams Press, 3734 Payne Avenue, Cleveland 14, Ohio. When ordering please give the title and author of the books. Allow from two to three weeks for delivery of these books.

## AGE REQUIREMENT

To be eligible for a certificate of credit a student must be 15 years of age or have completed the ninth grade.

## INSTRUCTORS

Christian Leadership Training Courses may be conducted by the pastor. Church leaders who have had training for public school teaching or persons with specific training in Christian Education may also teach these courses.

For many years the program of leadership training has been given a strong emphasis in our denomination. We must continue to reap the benefits derived from a planned program of leadership training in our churches.



# Sunday School Lessons

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: FEBRUARY 17, 1957

Theme: PARABLES OF THE KINGDOM

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-35, 44-52

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Jesus was a master teacher because he was the Master. Our Lord taught not as the scribes and Pharisees, who quoted others, but with authority because he quoted God. In order to teach the wisdom and mystery of God, Jesus had to condense and to simplify so that the human and finite mind could understand it. In many instances he chose the parable method, which translated from the Greek denotes a form of teaching in which one thing is thrown alongside another. It is a simple truth placed beside a difficult truth in order to clarify it. Or as the little girl in Sunday School said, "It is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning."

No one has ever used the parable method of teaching to such an extent and to such advantage as Jesus. In the Old Testament there are a few instances in which parables were used. The best known is found in 2 Samuel 12 in which the prophet Nathan exposes the sin of David. Another is found in Isaiah 5 where the vineyard is compared to Israel.

It is strange that none of the disciples or early leaders of the church ever used Jesus' method of teaching by parable.

## I. THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED. Matt. 13:31, 32.

Nothing seems less significant than a single seed in the palm of the hand. It is beyond our comprehension to imagine that a great and mighty oak is an acorn that weighs only a fraction of an ounce. The most marvelous truth about a seed is the fact that there is life in it which gives it the possibility of growth. The Kingdom of God seemed insignificant in Jesus' time, particularly when compared to the Kingdom of Caesar. Yet kingdoms have risen and fallen, "but the word of the Lord endureth forever" (1 Peter 1:25).

## II. THE PARABLE OF THE LEAVEN. Matt. 13:33.

Leaven implies permeation rather than growth. In this parable we also have a hidden warning, for evil as well as good have the power of permeation. Jesus warned his disciples to "beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees" (Matt. 16:6). Paul also exhorts the Christians to "purge out the old leaven" (1 Cor. 5:7). We are to be permeated with the Word and with the Holy Spirit until we are entirely new.

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Faith and works are like the light and heat of a candle; they cannot be separated."

—Author Unknown.

## III. THE PARABLES OF THE TREASURE. Matt. 13:44-46.

The Kingdom of God is open to those who are alert, who are actively seeking, and who are willing to give up everything else in order to win eternal life. Like the rich young ruler, we are often asked to "sell all" and to follow Christ. It is true that the Kingdom of God is a gift, and it is only by grace that we receive it. But God will not simply dump it into the laps of those who are uninterested, inactive or lazy.

## IV. THE PARABLE OF THE NET. Matt. 13:47-52.

Jesus could not let his hearers go without a final word of warning. Separation and judgment will come. The choice of accepting or rejecting the Kingdom of God is up to us. But we cannot choose the results or the consequences. They go along with the choice, for "whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." You can choose the seed, but you cannot choose the harvest.

## A TEACHING GUIDE

Date: February 24, 1957

Theme: SIGNS OF THE TIMES

Scripture: Matthew 16:1-12

THE CENTRAL THOUGHT: Only those who have God in the inner heart can understand God in the outer world.

INTRODUCTION: Many of us are like the legendary Missourians, who do not easily believe the words of any man. Their constant demand is "show me." They want substantial proof; they want deeds; they want sight.

Since the Pharisees did everything to be seen of men, they set up an outward standard of holiness and righteousness which belied their true inner condition. They did not realize that looking and acting holy was not the same as being holy. We can easily

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGE

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fall into the error of the Pharisees and Sadducees even today by substituting church attendance, ritual, social service and a few pious customs for a genuine inner experience of Jesus Christ.

## I. THE DEMAND FOR A SIGN. Matt. 16:1.

The temptation of Jesus lay in the fact that he could have saved himself much persecution and even death if he had complied with the request for a sign. It was probably the same type of temptation that confronted him in the wilderness when he was asked to cast himself from the pinnacle of the temple. It would have been easy for the people to accept this dramatic sign of his Messiahship. But such a disclosure would have destroyed the spiritual value of his ministry which could only be brought about by suffering and atonement.

## II. JESUS' REFUSAL. Matt. 16:2-4.

By refusing to give the Pharisees and Sadducees a sign, Jesus also exposed their wickedness and ignorance. They were such externalists that they were able to read signs only in nature, yet so blind spiritually that they were unable to see Christ as the Messiah in his gracious words and in his deeds of mercy. Jonah had been a sign to the Ninevites in his preaching. They therefore accepted this sign as coming from God and repented. On the other hand, Jesus' words and deeds were so much more a sign of his Messiahship but they showed no signs of repentance.

## III. A LESSON OF FAITH. Matt. 16:5-11.

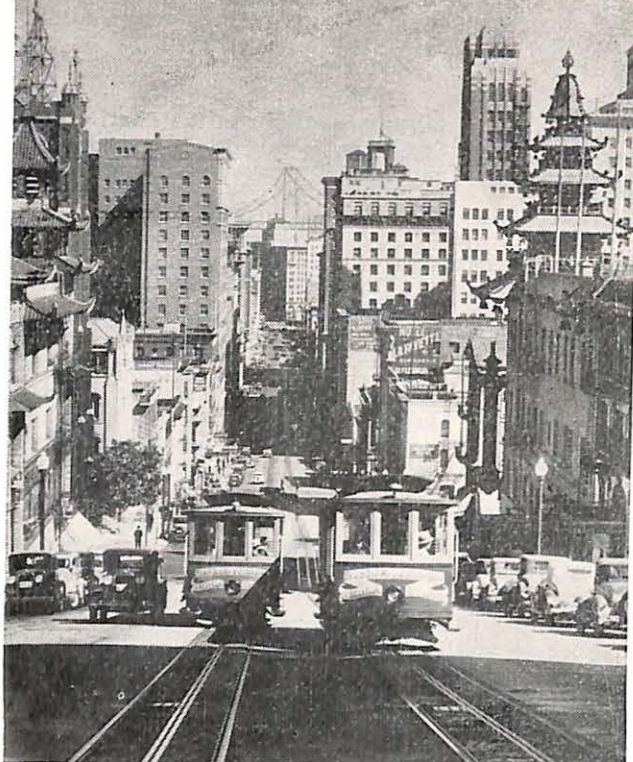
The Pharisees, Sadducees and the disciples had one thing in common—all had a certain amount of ignorance. But whereas the ignorance of the former lay in the fact that they thought they knew it all, the ignorance of the disciples had an advantage because they were teachable.

The disciples were anxious about their daily bread, forgetting how abundantly Jesus provided for them in the feeding of the multitude. They had to learn the lesson of faith regarding their physical needs and to beware of the leaven of evil which could so easily rob them of their spiritual strength. The leaven of the Pharisees had already filled many of the people with fear, bondage and superstition.

## IV. THE IMPORTANCE OF SOUND DOCTRINE. Matt. 16:12.

Today we hear much about doctrine, indoctrination and brainwashing. We must be on guard against false doctrine in the political world as well as in the spiritual realm. Just as Jesus warned against the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees, so we must continue to warn against the doctrine of the many cults and sects today.





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

# The Emerald Necklace

By ELISE FRASER



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



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## SYNOPSIS

When John Rowland slips his Bible into his pocket and walks out of the mission hall that November night in San Francisco, he begins a strange adventure. For out of the mist steps a woman of breath-taking beauty who calls his name and brings to his startled remembrance his lovely 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. In the meantime, Adrienne Lennox, a young commercial artist, and Tom Wiley, a newspaper feature writer, meet with Bruce Farningham, a sly man of the world, and Paul Ames, a jeweler. It looks like trouble ahead for John Rowland with his mysterious "trinket."

## CHAPTER THREE

IN HIS room at the Fairmont, Bruce Farningham paced up and down. Paul Ames sat on the bed and watched him "I've come to San Francisco for only one thing, Paul."

Paul moved restlessly. "For one thing and I intend to have it."

"Yes, yes."

"I warn you, I'll stop at nothing to get it. Nothing." Farningham shook his fist at the empty air.

"What of the woman?" Paul asked. Farningham shrugged. "The world is full of women but there is only one diamond-emerald necklace."

Paul bit his mustache. "Maybe she hasn't it here. Maybe—"

"Don't be a fool. Do you suppose I've followed her around the world for a whim? Venice, Monte Carlo, Paris, London, New York, San Fran-

cisco. Man, she's led me a merry chase."

"Why don't you marry her," suggested Paul.

"Yeah? Why don't I?" Farningham glared at Paul. "But mind you, I'll have the necklace."

Farningham walked to the window and looked out. Then he turned and smiled at Paul. "Now Adrienne. There's a girl. Soft . . ."

"Aw leave that innocent alone," Paul said with disgust.

"The last unsophisticate," said Farningham meditatively.

Paul sat staring at Farningham morosely. He's always been a stooge for Farningham and where had it brought him? Farningham would kick him out the door if he didn't need him, if he couldn't use him. What had Farningham ever done for him?

Paul stood up. "Well, I guess I'll be moving along."

"O.K., Worm. See you tomorrow." Paul walked down the hall, his fists clenched. It wasn't the first time Farningham had called him, "Worm." But tonight it seemed to have special significance. He has no respect for me, Paul thought. Sometimes I hate him, oh, how I hate him!

Ignoring the clang of the Powell Street cable car, Paul started walking toward Market Street. Suddenly he stopped short. Why shouldn't he warn Kathryn? She'd always been kind to him, far kinder than Farningham had ever been. She treated him like a human being. Farningham would surely kill him if he ever found out. But he wouldn't find out. Not from Kathryn. Paul knew the stuff she was made of.

Entering a drug store, he hurried into a telephone booth and dialed a number. A cool voice answered. Paul

bit his lip. He'd forgotten about Sabra Kingsbury. She would answer! "Mrs. Lockwood, please," he said in a distant, detached tone, disguising his voice.

"Just a moment."

He waited, his heart pounding. Then he heard Kathryn's voice. "Yes?"

"A friend is warning you, Mrs. Lockwood. A valuable possession of yours is in great danger. Your welfare, too, even your life may be in danger. Do you know who is speaking?"

The voice at the other end of the wire was calm. "Yes. I recognize your voice."

"You trust me then?"

"Yes."

"Good-bye."

Paul heard the click of the receiver at the other end of the line. He hesitated a moment before going out of the booth. Kathryn would think it was Sabra or Lee if she thought of anyone she knew. It would never occur to her to think of Farningham.

It was queer, Paul thought, what poor judges women often were of men. Take Kathryn, for instance. She'd married a rotter to begin with and as far as Paul knew she'd never had the slightest suspicion of Farningham.

Paul remembered the first time he had met the Lockwoods. It was before the war and on a steamer from China, San Francisco bound.

Bruce Farningham was on that trip also and he and Howard Lockwood took to each other right off. After that wherever that Lockwoods went, Farningham followed. And Paul had had plenty of opportunity to see Kathryn Lockwood. Whatever she thought of her dissolute husband, the

world never knew. Kathryn was not one to whimper or complain.

Sometimes it seemed to Paul that Kathryn must be close to a breaking point. The weariness in her eyes frightened him. Then she would say, "Paul, how about a game of badminton?" And so they would play and afterwards she would chat gaily and the weariness seemed gone from her eyes.

Once Paul had seen Farningham attempt to kiss Kathryn. It was in India. Kathryn had slapped his face and Farningham had apologized. After that, he left her alone.

But Paul could not let himself care too much for Kathryn. She meant nothing to him, could mean nothing to him. And his bread and butter came from Farningham. Farningham seemed pleased with Paul's friendship for Kathryn—as far as it went. No doubt Farningham considered it a good source of information. But Paul told what he pleased and what he didn't he kept to himself and Farningham was never the wiser.

Paul shrugged. Suppose he were to beat Farningham at his own game? Suppose he were to . . . He rounded the corner on Geary and collided squarely with a tall, broad-shouldered fellow. "What the—" Paul exclaimed.

"Sorry, fellow!" The big chap had a pleasant voice. "Hope I didn't knock the wind out of you?"

"Well, just about," Paul grumbled, his wrath dying down. He liked the pleasant voice and the face which showed young and boyish in the lamp light. "But no harm done."

Paul was about to go on his way when the fellow said, "Here, chum, I'd like you to have a little reminder of our meeting." He pressed a paper in Paul's hand and turned onto Powell Street.

"Thanks," Paul muttered. He stuffed the paper in his pocket and continued on his way.

When he reached his hotel room Paul did not immediately take off his coat. He sat for a long time, thinking. Then he jumped up, took off his coat and began to undress. On the bureau beside his watch, key ring, tie pin, collar and cuff buttons were two booklets. One was a Gospel of John and the other was a leaflet, "Four Things God Wants You to Know."

Sitting on the bed in his pajamas, Paul read both booklets through. In the Gospel of John he read the verses that were underscored a number of times, and one in particular. "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."

Funny that twice in one evening two different men should give him scripture tracts. Maybe it meant something. Maybe there was something in it, something for him. Maybe it was a warning. Paul shivered.

Oh, well, it would not do to get morbid about things. In this world it was every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost.

Paul found a pad of paper and a pencil and crawled into bed. He began to swiftly cover the paper with designs. They were designs for jewelry, bracelets, necklaces and diamond tiaras. It was Paul's favorite form of amusement when he could not sleep.

John Rowland finally fell into a fitful sleep but he awoke unrefreshed and with the memory of troubled dreams. His first thought was for the jewel case. He groaned with relief when he found it was safe.

In the bright light of a new day, he began to think he had exaggerated the problem on his hands. Kathryn, who was used to wealth, conceivably might have a casual attitude toward her jewels. Perhaps in her mind this fabulous necklace was, indeed, little more than a trinket. Perhaps . . . Suddenly John sat up. Kathryn's words came to him with new meaning. "I want to return this little trinket to a friend." Return, she had said. Then the little trinket was not hers?

Well, it was hardly fair to Kathryn to suspect her when he had no evidence against her. Certainly, as far as he knew her reputation was irreproachable. The least he could do was to fulfill his promise to her, to deliver the necklace and to forget about it.

John looked at the card on which Kathryn hastily scribbled an address. It was a number on Leavenworth Street. He dressed, put the card and the jewel case in his pocket and went down to breakfast. The familiar dining room, the usual faces, helped to restore John's equanimity. After all, he lived in a common-place world and his feet were firmly planted on the good earth. Last night might have been an Arabian Nights dream but today was solid reality.

The morning *Chronicle* propped up before him, John read as he finished his toast and eggs. A late news bulletin on the front page caught his attention.

"An abandoned car of foreign make, with all identifications removed was found off the highway, overturned on the rocks south of Monterey. No sign of the driver could be found and it is believed that he or she may have been catapulted into the ocean as indications are that the car was going at a high rate of speed when it jumped the highway. A small white lace handkerchief was found wedged in the upholstered seat of the car. It bore tiny initials, 'K. L.' Police are searching for the driver, investigating both murder and suicide theories."

John shook his head. The world was not common-place. Life was even stranger than an Arabian Nights tale. John was glad that his riches were all

in heaven where thieves could not break through and steal and where moths could not corrupt. He drank a second cup of coffee, then put on his overcoat and hat. He glanced at his watch. Eight o'clock. He should complete his strange errand in an hour. Then back to business.

John boarded a street car which he knew went in the general direction he wanted and rode to the end of the line. Pleased to feel the jewel case safe in his pocket and that so much of his commission had been safely accomplished, John set out to find the number Kathryn had so carelessly scribbled on the card in his hand. To his astonishment he found that the numbers ended two or three hundred earlier than the address Kathryn had given him. There was no such number as the one written on the card.

Baffled and worried, John decided to see Kathryn at once. He could truthfully say that he had tried to deliver the jewel case but that he could find no address such as the one given him. It was simple. John hurried along, feeling an exhilaration at the thought of seeing Kathryn again.

Entering the apartment building where Kathryn had entertained him the night before, he was about to go to the desk and inquire for her when he realized to his consternation that he did not know her married name, that she had not mentioned it at any time.

The clerk at the desk shook his head when John asked for Kathryn Greig. "No, we do not have anyone of that name."

But John was insistent. He described Kathryn. The clerk was polite, bored. The indifference of the clerk angered him. "Could I see the name registry?" he asked.

The clerk nodded and John carefully scrutinized the list. But there was no Kathryn among them, nor in fact was there any writing that he might place as being hers.

He stood a moment trying to recall her floor and room. Then it came to him. "Never mind," he said to the clerk. "I recall the room number now." Without waiting for an answer from the clerk, he hurried over to the elevators. As John got off on the fifth floor, he seemed to remember that last night they had turned to the left as they stepped from the elevator. He did so now but did not find room 508. "Must have been mistaken," he murmured to himself. Then he stood before the door numbered 508 and rang the bell.

John waited. He thought he could hear footsteps. He rang again. An elderly man answered the door. He wore a hearing aid and John shouted. But the man shook his head and pointed to his ears. John put his foot against the door and it swung open. He looked in astonishment at the

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# Our Denomination in ACTION

## Pacific Conference

### Christmas Musical Program at Imman'l Church, Portland, Ore.

The choir of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., presented CHRISTMAS IN SONG on Sunday evening, Dec. 16, at the church. A variation in the program was the lighting of candelabras by Judy Hoelzer and Sandra Miller before the choir processional. Many favorite numbers, blended with some new ones, were rendered under the direction of Hildegard E. Wagner.

On the program were "Silent Night, Holy Night" with the first verse in German, "Christmas Lullaby," a Polish carol, Christmas Street by Mary-ryott, and "Behold! I bring you good Tidings" by Sir John Goss. Special numbers were ably rendered by Joe-hannah Sauer, Florence Ratley, Ann Mazetier, Lois Leppert, Alvin Sauer, Emil Mazetier, and the director.

The organist was Ernest Hager. The pastor, Rev. H. Barnet, took care of all the details such as mimeographing the programs, and Mrs. Paul Schulz did the decorating of the platform with Christmas greens.

Hildegard E. Wagner,  
Choir Director

## Southwestern Conference

### Deeper Life Services at Immanuel Church, Loyal, Oklahoma

Rev. L. B. Hinz of the Strassburg Baptist Church near Marion, Kansas, was God's chosen servant as evangelist at the Immanuel Church near Loyal, Okla., from Nov. 25 through Dec. 7, 1956. We were greatly challenged and inspired by the messages brought to us nightly by our evangelist. The boys and girls were also inspired and often amazed at the object lessons and children's sermons which Mr. Hinz brought each night. These will not be soon forgotten. An added feature of our series of meetings which proved to be of great benefit was the morning Bible studies Tuesday through Friday of each successive week.

On Christmas Eve our Sunday School presented the very beautiful pageant, "The Coming of the Great Light," which was ably directed by Mrs. Kermit Geis. Over 150 people were in attendance. "Prayer Week" was observed during the three days immediately following Christmas. On Sunday night, Dec. 30, we enjoyed the film, "Hidden Treasures," shown to us by Jerry Vilhauer, student at Moody Bible Institute who was home for the holidays.

Eleon L. Sandau, Pastor

## Dakota Conference

### Blessed Revival Meetings at Lincoln Valley, North Dakota

Lincoln Valley, No. Dak., is a small town of about 100 population, with a neat, attractive small Baptist church in the center of it.

It was here that we had a wonderful revival in November, when 24 persons accepted the Lord as their Savior. A whole family (father, mother and 5 grown children), also 3 mothers, several young men and women, and Sunday School scholars responded to the invitation. The weather was in our favor and every evening more people came and were saved.

Rev. John C. Kastelein of Harvey, N. Dak., was our evangelist. He preached plain and heart stirring messages, that young and old could understand and follow. We are now instructing our new converts in the Bible study, "The New Life in Christ," every Tuesday evening. We enjoy our work here very much in Lincoln Valley.

A. Krombein, Pastor

### Baptism of Nine Converts at Isabel, South Dakota

The Isabel Baptist Church, Isabel, S. Dak., experienced another highlight on Sunday, Dec. 9th. Nine converts followed the Lord in baptism and on the following Sunday were taken into the church. Because our own church has no baptistry, we went to Timber Lake Baptist Church and there witnessed a most impressive service. The pastor, Rev. Herbert H. Vetter, spoke on the words, "Baptized in the Name," showing what should be the true meaning of this sacred Christian ordinance. Then we watched as one by one they stepped down into the baptismal waters to be baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



The Mercer Baptist Church and its new bulletin board, Mercer, North Dakota.

We rejoice in those whom God is constantly adding to our numbers. May his blessing continue to rest upon our labors.

Mrs. Arlene Vetter, Reporter

### 50th Anniversary of Baptist Church, Mercer, N. Dak.

The 50th anniversary of the Mercer Baptist Church, Mercer, N. Dakota, came to a climax on Sunday, Nov. 25. The morning service was held in the church with about 105 persons in attendance. The evening service was conducted in the school gymnasium with 500 people present.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Emanuel Broeckel of Bismarck, N. Dak., a former pastor. Rev. Alfred Bibelheimer, presently of Ashley and also a former pastor of the church while it was still in the country, challenged the hearts of the audience with his presentation of the evening message. Other visiting pastors who brought greetings were Rev. Herbert Schauer of Turtle Lake, Rev. Richard Grenz of Underwood, and Rev. F. Trautner of Bismarck. Historical sketches were given by Elmer Peterson and Jake Rust who brought further reminiscences.

The history of the Mercer Baptist Church is the story of the Lord's dealing with his people of this area for these past fifty years. In September 1902, ten people assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Heinrich Wagner to conduct a worship service. This was the beginning of the Tabor Baptist Church. The church went through various stages of development — at times the church would be overcrowded — then again as families moved away the attendance would wane.

In 1946 when a large number of families sold their homes and moved to larger cities and western states, we again decided to move the church into Mercer. In 1951 Rev. E. Broeckel became our first full-time minister, and it was decided to build a parsonage and call a minister and family to serve us. In 1953 a modern parsonage was built and in January 1954 the Rev. and Mrs. Ben Lautt and family became its first occupants.

On October 21st, we were able to dedicate the newly purchased bulletin board. This worthy project was sponsored by our youth group. A young man from our group, Perry Makeeff, is now training for the Gospel ministry. Rev. David Littke of Billings, Montana, and Rev. G. G. Rauser of Lodi, California, are spiritual sons of this church. Miss Martha Mantz who went as a foreign missionary and who gave her life in Africa for her Lord also comes from the church. The only remaining charter members are Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rust, Sr. The present membership is now 71.

B. J. Lautt, Pastor.

### New Home for the Aged, Madison, South Dakota

The South Dakota Association decided about two years ago to look into the possibilities of establishing a Home for the Aged in South Dakota. The decision to raise funds for this project was made about one year ago. Fine progress has been made and the necessary funds for the first unit of the home have been secured.

One of the members of the West Center Street Baptist Church in Madison, S. Dak., offered to donate a four-block site for the project. It is a very desirable location about three blocks from the Madison Hospital and the college. The city of Madison agreed to give much assistance in the construction of the home. The first unit of this North American Baptist Home, including equipment, is estimated at \$164,660. The building will be constructed on a one floor plan. Additional wings to the structure are planned as funds are available.

Fred Schmidt, Reporter

### Christmas Programs and Baptism at Venturia, North Dakota

The Venturia Baptist Church of Venturia, N. Dak., has experienced many blessings in the Christmas season which was a busy and a blessed one. The choir gave its annual program of music on December 23 to a large audience. The choir sang the cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night", by Fred B. Holton. A film strip was shown while the cantata was sung, adding greatly to the message. We were also privileged to sing this cantata in our neighboring church at Eureka, S. Dak.

During our Watchnight services we had a baptismal service at which time 5 converts followed the Lord through the waters of baptism. These five and two others were given the hand of fellowship when we gathered about the Lord's table. These conversions were the result of our evangelistic meetings that Rev. B. Fritzke conducted in our church.

Raymond Dickau, Pastor

## Northern Conference

### Woman's Anniversary Program, First Church of Leduc, Alberta

On Sunday, Nov. 11, the Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church, Leduc, Alta., presented its annual program. The front of the church depicted the purpose and aim of the society and provided an appropriate setting for the program. A missionary map and our motto were on display.

Several musical numbers by the group were inspirational to all. Mrs. J. C. Kraenzler read a poem in tribute to the heroes of war and in silence we prayed for lasting peace.

Mrs. Emma Hein gave the treasurer's report and the secretary, Mrs. Tischer, gave an annual report of the meetings and work done in our com-



Laying of the cornerstone of the First Baptist Church of Auburn, Mich., by the church leaders.

Left to right: Fred Armbruster, Otto Braun, Bob Schmidt, Bert Braun (rear), Loyd Aspin, Bert Rowden (mason), Ed Lempke, Rev. H. Hirsch, Rein Braun, Joe Franko, and Herman Majeske.

munity. Two plays were presented. One was an imaginary scene of Miss Laura E. Reddig in Africa unpacking a White Cross package. A second play entitled, "So You Want to Be a Missionary", touched all hearts and called on us to examine our lives.

Mrs. Myrtle Kern has done a wonderful work as president for another year, and we pray God's blessing as the society continues serving him in the future.

S. Verna Straub, Reporter

### Christmas Season at the Central Church, Edmonton, Alberta

At the Central Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alta., we have every reason to be thankful for the countless blessings which we have experienced recently under the leadership of our new pastor, Rev. Herbert Hiller. All services have been a real source of strength with its deep Christ-centered messages.

This Christmas season was a very blessed one for us. All organizations of our church and especially our choirs had a full share in the activities of the Christmas celebrations. We were privileged to have many wonderful Christmas programs during this festive season, including a hymn pageant, "Watchman, What of the Night?" on Dec. 9th, the young people's White Christmas program with the beautiful play, "Longing for Christmas," on Dec. 16th.

Surely, everybody enjoyed the fine program on Dec. 23rd—Christmas Choral Musicale—in which our four choirs rendered special Christmas songs, blending in a grand mass choir finale, "And the Glory of the Lord" from Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah." On Christmas Eve the Sunday School celebrated Christmas with a special program, in which the chil-

dren of our church remembered that great event of Bethlehem.

W. Neumann, Reporter

## Central Conference

### Progress of Work on Church Building, Auburn, Michigan

It was a cloudy and dark afternoon on Sunday, November 4, that brought us together in the doorway of our new First Baptist Church of Auburn, Michigan, which was formerly the Beaver Baptist Church, now relocated to Auburn. The church is a partial brick and redwood structure with approximate dimensions of 68 x 105 feet, with a seating capacity for 300, and with seven Sunday School classrooms in the basement.

At the cornerstone laying exercises with Bert Braun as co-chairman of the building committee in charge, the message was given by our pastor, Rev. Henry Hirsch, followed by a trio sung by Mrs. Bert Braun, Mrs. Rein Braun and Mrs. Elmer Harbin. Scripture portions were read by Mr. Herman Majeske, senior deacon, and Edwin Schultz, junior deacon. The contents of the cornerstone were announced by Fred Armbruster, deacon. The cornerstone was laid by members of the Board of Trustees.

In our building project we have come across a number of unique facts. One of our families is now employed in taking part in the building of their third church. A number of families also helped on the construction of the Beaver Baptist Church. Some families have given their homes for security in order to raise funds for our new building. Others have given of their stocks and bonds. It has certainly been a blessing for us to work together in the construction of this fine new church in Auburn, Michigan.

Florence Braun, Reporter.



## Order of the British Empire Conferred on Paul Gebauer, Cameroons' Missionary

On January 1, 1957 Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth, conferred on Dr. Paul Gebauer, the superintendent of the Cameroons Baptist Mission, U. S. A., the Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.) Dr. Gebauer was too modest to say anything about this honor, but the news has been dispatched to our denominational headquarters by missionary-colleagues. However, this award is a great honorary credit to the Mission as well as to the Superintendent. We at home can say most heartily: "Congratulations, Paul Gebauer!"

The official letter from the Governor General of the British Cameroons, Sir James Robertson, is as follows:

Government House,  
Lagos, Nigeria  
31st December, 1956

Dear Mr. Gebauer:

It gives me much pleasure to confirm that Her Majesty the Queen has been graciously pleased to approve your appointment to be an Honorary Officer of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (O.B.E.).

I offer my warm congratulations on this recognition by Her Majesty of your valuable services to the Southern Cameroons. I know that the award of this honour will give great satisfaction to your many friends.

With my best wishes for the future,

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Robertson  
Sir James Robertson  
Governor General.

## REMEMBER TO PRAY

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

"Prayer is the preface to the book of Christian living; the text of the new life sermon; the girding on of the armor for battle; the pilgrim's preparation for his journey. It must be supplemented by action or it amounts to nothing." A. Phelps.

● Pray for these missionaries and remember them on their birthdays: Rev. Fred Holzimmer (Africa) February 13; Rev. Gilbert Schneider (on furlough at Hartford, Conn.) February 14; Mrs. Clemence Auch (Japan) February 18; Miss Ida Forsch (on furlough at Calgary, Alta.) February 20; and Miss Eleanor Weisenburger (Africa) February 23.

● Pray for the Christian Training Institute students and teachers at Edmonton, Alberta. Canada, that decisions for missionary service, the Christian ministry and a greater witness for Christ might be made.

● Pray for the pastor of your church that he might be strengthened from above and encouraged by his congregation, and also for the members of your board of deacons that they might lead your church to new spiritual heights.

● Pray for the missionaries who are home on furlough and are visiting our churches that they might enjoy God's traveling mercies and awaken our people to their responsibilities in missionary service.

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"The men who move the world are the ones who do not let the world move them."

## WE, THE WOMEN

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loved ones the tasks which are ours? As we are performing these tasks in love, we show our love to Jesus. Let our families see the love of Christ for us by the lives we live in our homes.

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Mark 12:31). How many times we have the opportunity to say a kind word or to give a friendly smile to a neighbor or friend. Perhaps there is help needed or a sick call is to be made. So often we will put these things off until tomorrow. Let us be more thoughtful and kind to our neighbors and friends, because we read in Matthew 25:40, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

Let us express our love for our Savior by our witness for him, by being willing to help in the church wherever needed, by our gifts, by studying God's Word, by prayer and attendance at services.

"Jesus loves me, this I know, I love him more'n I used to do" is a song a little girl sang. Can we as women sing it also? Think of the love God has for us. How unworthy we are of it! Let us be willing to let God use us wherever we are, so that we can show our love and loyalty to him for all he has done for us.

## MARCH OF EVENTS

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as a moral obligation and as practical religion. Donors of the grant are Mr. and Mrs. Sherburne Prescott of Greenwich, Conn. Mr. Prescott, a retired financier, is chairman of the Greenwich safety council.

—Christian Century

## A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Look on little deeds as great, on account of Christ, who dwells in us, and watches our life; look on great deeds as easy, on account of his great power." —Pascal.

## THE EMERALD NECKLACE

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room. It was furnished in a conventional American way, with chesterfields and overstuffed chairs. There was no trace of anything Chinese in the room. He backed away, murmuring his apology, staring again at the room number.

On the street John stood baffled, looking at the apartment house. It was true that there were four the same, one after the other. But he had been so sure about this one. Still, he could be wrong. He tried each of the other apartments but without success.

Admitting defeat, John boarded a street car for his office. He had an uncomfortable feeling that he had been duped. He could think of no other explanation than that Kathryn had used him to rid herself of some jewels she did not want found in her possession. What should he do? It seemed a logical thing to turn the jewels over to the police with an explanation of how they had come into his possession. Let the police worry about it.

But no sooner had he thought of this than he decided against it. Kathryn's lovely face came before him and her voice of entreaty, "Promise me you will be my friend whatever—whatever happens!" Maybe there was some explanation. Maybe he had better wait until he could talk with her. In the meantime, he must keep the jewels safe.

Surely Kathryn would let him hear from her within a day or two. Surely she would not be so careless as to lose track of such fabulous jewels. Then he sat up abruptly. Kathryn had not asked his address. But his name with business address was in the phone book.

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## BOOK REVIEWS

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series, "Unshackled!" for the Pacific Garden Mission in Chicago. Recently she started a unique new venture: producing and appearing in person on the nation-wide transcribed radio series, "Visit with Genie."

SELECTED LETTERS OF JOHN WESLEY. Edited by Frederick G. Gill (Philosophical Library). 244 pages. \$4.75.

John Wesley's letters, which number several thousands, provide the most interesting portrait of this great Methodist leader that we possess. The first letter was written in 1721, the last in 1791, thus presenting an interesting panorama of that important century. The letters are addressed to all kinds of people, from the King and the Prime Minister of England, to the humblest Methodist, and were written in the course of crowded days. They were often brief notes penned between preaching services or on the eve of a journey. They have been gathered together from many sources and selected with great care and research for this one volume. John Wesley was a lonely figure, deeply spiritual, mentally provocative, and warmly evangelistic. His intense struggles and his heart-warming victories are intimately seen in these stirring letters. It was said of him: "No other man did such a life's work for England." One could add: "For God also!" That is clearly portrayed in this volume of Wesley's letters.

ON WINGS OF PRAYER. By Glenn Clark. (Macalester Park Publishing Co.) 258 pages. \$2.95.

Not many months ago the Christian world was saddened by the news of the home-going of Glenn Clark of St. Paul, Minnesota. His books and brochures of prayer (The Soul's Sincere Desire, Silver Sandals, The Armor of the Soldier, The Lord's Prayer, etc.) and his booklets on George Washington Carver, Charles M. Sheldon and other Christian personalities, are known to large hosts of people. Several years ago, the author made a global journey to meet with praying people and prayer groups and to establish "a belt of prayer around the world." This fascinating volume is a rare combination of factual reporting of his experiences and of spiritual conditions in the places visited as well as an inspirational prophecy based on his observations. You will see Glenn Clark dealing with a former Hitler youth leader in Germany, with Wilhelmina, former Queen of the Netherlands, with a leper on the Island of Formosa, with Greeks on Mars Hill, etc. This book is more than a travelogue—it is the story of Glenn Clark's lifetime aspirations and of the power of prayer throughout the world.

## Obituary

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

### MR. ADOLPH ZILKE

of Millet, Alberta.

Mr. Adolph Zilke of Millet, Alta, was born Nov. 30, 1880 in Poland. He passed to his eternal rest on Nov. 30, 1956 at the age of 76 years. He came to Canada in 1899 and to the Leduc district two years later. Through the faithful ministry of Rev. Gustav Schunke, our brother was converted and baptized, consequently joining the First Baptist Church of Leduc, Alberta.

In 1903 he was married to Dora Schmidt, who remains to mourn his passing together with two children, Dan of Woodstock, Ontario, and Olga of Millet, Alta. In 1906 they settled in Millet, making the Wiesenthal Baptist Church their home. Here our brother was active and present until his health no longer permitted. He was known to befriend each stranger or visitor who entered the church.

He will long be lovingly remembered and missed in the church and among his relatives and friends. May the Lord comfort the bereaved!

Wiesenthal Baptist Church,  
Millet, Alberta

E. A. HOFFMANN, Pastor.

### MR. LOUIS R. MOELLER

of Stafford, Kansas.

Mr. Louis R. Moeller of Stafford, Kansas, was born November 23, 1880, in Hope, Missouri. During his life span, he resided in Missouri and later in Meade and Stafford, Kansas. His life was brought to a close during a lingering illness on September 14, 1956. His death is mourned by his wife who had shared the blessings of a Christian home with him since the day of their marriage, June 26, 1924. Three sisters and one brother also make up the list of those who survive his passing.

Mr. Moeller found his Lord as Savior during his days as a young man. He was baptized in Hope, Missouri, and always made the church his strength. At the time of his passing he was an active member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Stafford. He was regular in attendance and was noted for his constant punctuality.

The funeral service took place in Stafford, September 17, 1956, with his pastor officiating and bringing a message of comfort and strength. A male quartet brought fitting numbers.

Calvary Baptist Church,  
Stafford, Kansas

HANS J. WILCKE, Pastor.

### MR. JOHN RENNER

of McClusky, North Dakota.

Mr. John Renner of McClusky, N. Dak., was born on Dec. 16, 1880 in Friedental, Russia. He was called to his eternal reward on Nov. 13, 1956. He reached the age of 75 years, 11 months and 27 days. He received his schooling while yet in Russia. As a young man, he migrated to the U. S. A.

On Feb. 14, 1906 he married Miss Pauline Wagner and unto this union three children were born. John met Christ as his personal Savior in 1908 and was baptized by Rev. Herman. For many years he was a faithful member of the McClusky Baptist Church. He spent his life and provided for his family through farming and working for the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Those who grieve his departure are his beloved wife, Mrs. Pauline Renner; two daughters: Mrs. Emma Coutts of Fair Oaks, California; Mrs. Velda Liebig of Ft. Louis, Washington; and one son, Clarence Renner of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. It was the prayer of Brother Renner to be with the Lord. His body was laid to rest in the McClusky Cemetery.

E. R. OSTER, Pastor.  
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# Spice of Life

One: "What's your friend Cyril doing now?"

Two: "Riding around all day with his pockets full of money."

One: "Say, has he inherited a fortune?"

Two: "Nope! He's a bus conductor."

Bill: "What do you mean you 'persuaded' your horse to win the race?"

Jockey: "I just whispered into his ear, 'Roses are red, violets are blue, horses that lose are made into glue'."

"Be kind to insects," says a writer. Certainly. We never lose an opportunity of patting mosquitoes on the back.

Motorist: "How can I ever repay you for your help in getting my car out of the ditch?"

Farmer: "By cash, cheque or money order."

Pretty girl: "Here is your ring; if all those wonderful things you just said about me are true, I should be able to do a lot better than marry you."

"What model is your car?"

"This car isn't no model, it's a horrible example."

## BIBLE SUNDAY

March 10, 1957

Program material is being sent to all North American Baptist churches, as well as Bible Sunday programs (also to be used as Sunday Bulletin inserts.)

Bible Day offerings are to be designated for the distribution of Bibles, New Testaments and Christian literature by the denominational Publication Society.

"I suppose you'll want me to make a speech. What shall I talk about?"  
"Two minutes!"

Aunt Matilda was wrapping a birthday gift for her nephew. "What did you give him last year?" asked Uncle Barney.

"A cheque," replied the aunt, "and he said he couldn't find words to thank me."

"What's that you're giving him now?"

"A dictionary!"

Mother: "Did you get into my pie, Jimmy?"

Jimmy: "No, I didn't, mother. But it got into me!"

"I shall have to give you ten days or \$20," said the judge.

"I'll take the \$20.00, judge," said the prisoner.

## WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?

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dividual, possessed with an awful freedom, living in anxiety, facing despair, and longing for salvation. Man is not only responsible for what he is, but he actually is making himself what he is—he is creating his own essence.

Protestant existentialists tend to emphasize, among other things, the sinfulness and misery of man, personal encounter, faith, revelation, uniqueness of Christianity and supernaturalism.

## A PECULIAR PEOPLE

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Possibly some race or nation may in time to come become a holy nation worthy of God's enduring mercy and love, if we do not! The whole of human history is the account of how God offers this great opportunity to one nation after another, each "called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Thus, it behooves us to be God's peculiar people and to glory in it as we glorify him, for "he gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:14).

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